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TREE PLANNED FOR CHILDREN

Community Event To Be Held On Saturday December 23

Preparations are rapidly going forward on the county-wide community Christmas tree that is to be given in the Macon county courthouse on Saturday afternoon, December 23, at 2 o'clock.

This tree, which is expected to be one of the largest ever given, is being made possible through the various organizations in Franklin and the business and professional men, who have always contributed generously to this worthy cause.

Various forms of entertainments are being given in different sections of the county to help with the expenses.

Anyone knowing of needy children or old people who have no one to brighten their Christmas are requested to send three names to Lester Arnold, in Franklin, giving the age, name and sex of each child. The age limit for the children is to be under 12 years.

A committee composed of the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Tom Moss and Lester Arnold was appointed to solicit contributions toward this fund.

Christmas Baskets To Needy Families

Mrs. Eloise Franks, superintendent of welfare, requests that individuals and churches volunteer to give Christmas baskets to needy families.

These will be selected from the rolls of those less fortunate in the county, who could otherwise have nothing to make Christmas a happy day.

Both small and large families, also individuals who are sick or aged, are in need of this cheer. Mrs. Franks wishes to distribute these names to those who will personally prepare and deliver the baskets.

At the Red Cross meeting on Tuesday night, Dr. Furr suggested that all baskets sent be reported to the welfare or Red Cross officers, so that there will not be duplications. The baskets should contain fruits, candies and "joyful gifts."

DEMONSTRATION MEAT CANNING

E. V. Vestal, To Conduct Cutting And Curing Demonstrations

The farmers of Macon county have an opportunity of developing a substantial market for cured meat providing all the meat is trimmed and cured by a method that will give uniform results, is announced by Sam Mendenhall, county agent.

On Thursday, December 21, E. V. Vestal, swine specialist from North Carolina State college, will be in the county to conduct two cutting and curing demonstrations. Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock the demonstration will be at the home of Mrs. Ed Bradley at Otto. Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock the demonstration will be held at the home of Mrs. Ray Bradley near Oak Grove. Every one is invited to attend these demonstrations.

Christmas Eve Services At St. Agnes' Church

Arrangements have been completed for the services for Christmas at St. Agnes' church. There will be a carol service on the afternoon of Sunday, December 24, at 5 p. m., and the usual candle-light Festival Service of Holy Communion with a Christmas message by the rector at 11:30 p. m. the same night. To these services all in the community are invited and will be welcome.



Power Co. Offers

Attractive Prizes For Christmas Lighting

Again the Nantahala Power and Light company offers prizes for the most attractive outside lighting displays during the Christmas holidays.

Due to the increased interest in last year's contest, the prizes have been increased this year to \$25.00 for first prize and \$15.00 for second prize.

The rules of the contest are as follows:

1. No employee of the company, nor his or her immediate relatives, shall be eligible to participate.

2. Each contestant must register his or her name at the office of the company not later than Saturday noon, December 16, 1939. This can be done in person or by telephone.

3. All displays eligible for prize must be outside of the house and arrayed in such manner as can be judged by persons passing in an automobile.

4. The judges will be three disinterested parties who have no connection with the company. The decisions of these judges will be final.

5. The judging will be done at night during the week of December 17 to 23, 1939 inclusive, and the winners will be announced in the next issue of The Franklin Press.

For further information call 56 or 57.

FATHER-SON BANQUET HELD

F. F. A. Celebration Great Event; Attendance Of 200

The Franklin high school chapter of the Future Farmers of America entertained with a Father-Son banquet at the Franklin high school last Saturday evening with an attendance of 200. The "future farmers" wore overalls and the future "farmerettes" who served the banquet, were attired in print dresses and straw hats.

There were the usual admonitions to youth by older heads, appropriate to the occasion both serious and in lighter vein. Also the opportunity was made good in telling fashion by the future farmers of Macon to tell the elders a few things as well as to express fitting gratitude to the proud dads present.

The program was presided over by Roy Fouts, toastmaster, who gave the "Dads" a royal toast, to which Jim Gray responded. George Martin reported the State Fair trip, Oscar Ledford and Sam Gibson, Jr., discoursed on the all-important subject "Increasing Farm Incomes." A humorous skit on "Living in the U. S. A." by George Gray, delighted the audience. E. J. Whitmore, teacher of agriculture in Franklin high school and advisor of the local chapter of F. F. A., introduced the guests and also talked on the vital topic of "Keeping the Boys on the Farm." (Best shot: "Keep the girls on the farm and the boys will stay.")

Home talent enlivened the evening with music in their best manner by "Pop" Anderson, "Doc" Corbin, the Carpenter "Boys" and "Adopted Son," Vivian Carelock. A. J. Gribble and Vivian Carelock tap danced to the band's music in a manner worthy of Major Bowes "Amateur Hour."

The evening was topped by the bountiful banquet prepared and served by Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, home economics teacher and her class of 30 girls. Baked chicken and ham, candied sweet potatoes, tomatoes, salad, ice cream and cake, with all the "fixings", were on the menu.

Colored Lights Are Great Attraction On Main Street

The Christmas lighting on Main street gives Franklin a gay and festive air, making by far, the most beautiful of all decorations.

For these the town is indebted to the Nantahala Power and Light company, who have made the lighting possible by their donation of the current during the period of the holiday season.

An effective criss-cross design of wires, strung with red, green and white electric bulbs, extends through the entire business section of Main street, from the postoffice to Harrison avenue. The glittering lights can be seen in a fairy-like design from quite a distance outside of town.

The 1,520 feet of wiring was put up under the direction of John Archer and Joel Thompkins by Messrs. McGlamery, Messer and Reed.

Alex Monroe Truitt, 75 Passes December 13

Alex Monroe Truitt, 75, died at his home in the Etna community on the Bryson City highway, Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. Death was caused from heart ailment and complications, following an illness of five days.

Mr. Truitt, the son of the late John W. and Marie McGaha Truitt, was born in Swain county, November 16, 1865. He was a farmer and well known in his county. On October 9, 1902 he was married to Miss Dolly Green of Bryson City.

Funeral services will be held at the Tellico Baptist church on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. D. C. McCoy, a Baptist minister of the Oak Grove community, and the Rev. Judd Smith of Tellico will be in charge of the services. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers will be, T. C. Roper, Billie Welch, Judd McGaha, Veltou Davis, P. M. Bowers and Virgil Davis.

Surviving are the widow and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Judd McGaha, of Etna, one brother, Charlie Truitt, of Etna, one sister, Mrs. Callie Welch, of Nantahala.

Dramatic Club Sponsoring Play

The Dramatic Club of Franklin high school is sponsoring a play, "The Light on Beacon Hill", to be given at the courthouse next Saturday night, December 16. The admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

BRITISH CATCH NAZI RAIDER

The two months hunt for the German pocket battleship, Admiral Scheer, ended yesterday in a spectacular battle off the coast of Uruguay, within American territorial waters.

A 14 hour running sea fight between the sleek Nazi raider which has sunk a number of British ships, and three British cruisers ended when the badly-hit German warship took refuge in Montevideo harbor. Thirty of her crew were killed and 60 injured. One British cruiser was put out of commission.

LEAGUE TAKES STEPS TO EXPEL RUSSIA

Russia has curtly rejected the "invitation" of the League of Nations to cease hostilities in Finland.

Calling the Russian invasion of Finland "aggression" a committee of 13 nations drafted resolutions which declare that Russia has placed herself outside the covenant, which presages expulsion from the League.

The delegate from Argentina announced that this South American republic would resign if Russia were not expelled.

League action authorized the secretary-general to invite the U. S. to cooperate with League states to help the Finns.

FINNS REPULSE ENEMY

Finnish invasion of Russian soil is believed to have already taken place, while Soviet troops have been repulsed on two fronts with heavy losses. Also Finn sources report new attacks by air and sea turned back.

LINER BREMEN DOCKED

The German 51,000 ton liner Bremen is safely docked at Bremerhaven. The luxury ship made a safe journey from New York to Murmansk, Russia, after the war started and was within the range of an English sub on its way home. It is not clear why the submarine did not capture or sink the vessel.

SOVIET ENVOY TO ITALY

The Russian ambassador to Italy after only 15 days stay has been abruptly recalled, before presenting his credentials to the King. Repeated anti-Soviet and pro-Finnish demonstrations by the Fascists is the reputed cause of the envoy's hasty departure.

BRITISH SECRET SESSIONS

The British House of Parliament held secret joint sessions yesterday. It is understood that sharp differences concerning the conduct of the war were to be threshed out.

In open session the Lords cheered Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax. In his speech he said: "Hitler's speech to the reichstag has been

Christmas Press Out Early

The Christmas issue of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian will be placed in the postoffice on Wednesday, December 20. This will enable all county subscribers to receive their paper a day earlier, and advertisers to reach their customers in time for the three last days of Christmas shopping.

Medal Awarded Macon County Man

David Lawrence Conley, an employee of the Atlantic City Electric company for the past 15 years, was presented a medal last week for saving the life of Ernest Baum, a fellow employee, who came in contact with a 4,000 volt line, and of which Mr. Conley used his knowledge until the company surgeon arrived, and took over the case.

The medal being a gift of the Edison Electric company and which was awarded by the institute, was supervised by the late Thomas Edison. It is a silver plated copper alloy, the base being part of the salvaged copper in the first underground transmission in New York. This medal, which is the second of its kind to be presented to a member of the Bridgeton group, in Bridgeton, N. J., was awarded for "saving human life through the prone pressure method of resuscitation."

Mr. Conley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conley, of the Otto section of Macon county.

Miss Elizabeth Fitzsimmons Passes

News has come to friends in Franklin of the death on Thanksgiving day, of Miss Elizabeth Fitzsimmons in New Rochelle, N. Y., following a heart attack.

Miss Fitzsimmons lived in Franklin a number of years, during the residence of Miss Mary C. Bissell, with whom she lived as a companion. For a number of years she practiced her profession as trained nurse. Her many friends enjoyed seeing her again when she returned for a visit in the early fall, as the guest of Mrs. Thomas J. Johnston.

A person of rare goodness and charm, Miss Fitzsimmons, during a long life, spent herself in loving service. She was a member of the Episcopal church. Her interment was at Woodlawn cemetery, New Rochelle, in the Bissell family plot.

1940 ROLL CALL GREAT SUCCESS

Reports Made At Dinner; 435 Memberships During Drive

The Red Cross Roll Call for 1940 has been a great success, according to the Rev. Harry S. Williams, chairman of the Roll Call for the Macon County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Members exceed any roll call since 1919.

At a victory dinner at Hotel Edwards, Highlands, of workers and officials on Tuesday evening, the announcement was made that 435 memberships had been received during the drive, with 347 of these coming from Franklin and the surrounding communities and 88 from Highlands township. This represents a 30 per cent increase over last year's total. Funds received during the drive amounted to \$504.97 with \$124.00 of this coming from Highlands and \$380.97 from Franklin and communities around.

A round table discussion based on experience of workers and improvement of Red Cross service to the county brought many helpful suggestions.

Points discussed included plans for increasing the service, especially to children, with extension of roll call in rural areas. What can be done to help people see the good of the Red Cross, why some refuse to give to the Red Cross, greater publicity, were among the many phases talked about.

The Chairman, Rev. Harry S. Williams, presided and guided the discussion in a helpful way. He recalled that the Master always approached relief of human suffering in a realistic way, and urged that we face facts and accept responsibilities for those among us who need help.

Mrs. Robert Gaines, county nurse, reported pellagra patients furnished yeast, undernourished children cod liver oil, and other health work.

Mrs. Eloise Franks, superintendent of welfare, also reported on the assistance given by Red Cross to needy cases.

O. F. Summer, principal of the Highlands school, suggested that a detailed report be printed so that members may appreciate the value of the work accomplished.

Mrs. Henry Slagle suggested first aid kits for buses not already supplied and also for schools, with training in first aid.

Rev. J. A. Flanagan pointed to the need of life saving training for young people.

The chapter officials attribute the increase in this year's memberships to the work of the solicitors and the generous response of the public to Red Cross needs at home and abroad in the many fields of service. Half of the dollar memberships go to the National Red Cross.

These memberships were added since last week's report: J. E. Jennings and Homer Stuman, Cullasaja; Miss Florence Stalcup, J. Roane Bradley, Miss Amanda Slagle, Mrs. Herbert Angel, Miss Nancy Jones, Charlie W. Moore, J. J. Mann, T. T. Love, Miss Ruth Byrd, Miss Christine Browning, Mrs. Bess Stewart, B. W. Woodruff, Mrs. B. W. Woodruff, and Miss Marie Womack.

The following memberships are from the CCC Camp at Otto: Leon Abbott, Capt. E. H. Strickland, Lieut. John L. Kennedy, Alvin Davis, G. J. Setzer, W. R. Waldrop, Kenneth Koristan, Ezra Constance, M. C. Waters. The other boys gave donations of less than a dollar making a total of \$22.37 from the Otto camp.

MACON COURT ENDS TUESDAY

Judge Pless, Of Marion Tries Criminal And Civil Cases

The civil term of the Macon county superior court, which convened Monday with Judge Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, presiding, closed Tuesday evening. All criminal cases were dispensed of last week.

Among the sentences given on some of the criminal cases tried last week were:

Charlie White tried for assault with a deadly weapon on Charlie Chambers, was sentenced to 12 months on the road. Sentence suspended on payment of \$100 fine and one-half of the court's cost. He was given until the next term of court to pay the fine.

Jake Waldrop and Lester C. Waldrop tried for an assault with a deadly weapon on Clifford Cruise. The three men involved were all given from 18 months to 24 months on the road.

Bill Munger who was tried for breaking and entering the residence of Mr. Calhoun of Highlands, was sentenced to serve from 5 to 7 years in state prison at hard labor. This is the third time the prisoner has been sentenced to serve a term of this offence, once in the state reformatory and once in state prison.

Wayne Lowe was given four to six years in state prison at hard labor for breaking and entering at the same time as an accomplice of Bill Munger.

The civil case of the Town of Highlands vs. W. S. Davis was non-suited.

Funeral Rites For George B. Hurst

Funeral services for George Bascom Hurst, 67, were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Cowee Baptist church, five miles north of Franklin on the Bryson City highway. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hurst, a well-known citizen of Macon county, died at his home near Iotla Bridge, Thursday night at 8 o'clock following an illness of two years. Death was due to rheumatism and complications.

Mr. Hurst, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hurst, was born and reared in Macon county. On January 7, 1912, he was married to Miss Arie Tippett, of the Iotla community. He was a farmer.

The pallbearers were: Ed Duvall, Sam Gibson, Ralph D. West, John T. T. Martin, Claude Sanders and C. M. Duvall.

Surviving are the widow; three children, Mrs. Edith Pickens and Rogers Hurst, of West's Mill community, and Mrs. Nina Morgan, of Pennsylvania; two brothers, John and Fid Hurst, of Sylva, and 12 grandchildren.

Macon County Supply Company In New Dress

The Macon County Supply company's store looks like a 1940 model streamlined, new paint, and all dressed up for Christmas.

The entire interior of their building has been re-decorated, with extensive improvements and rearrangement of stock. New display counters and show cases exhibit their varied lines and departments to exceptional advantage.

This kind of improvement by business firms is an advantage not only to the owners but to the general appearance of the town. This particular store now would do credit to any city.

Lyman Higdon and Harve L. Bryant, partners of this firm, are progressive business men who have built up their service to the community steadily by carrying standard products and full stocks in a variety of lines.

These include radios, electric appliances, sporting goods, table ware and a nice display of Christmas goods, besides the usual hardware and paint needs of the building trade and farm.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Croom announce the birth of a daughter, Joyce Lee, at their home on Franklin Route 4, on Friday, December 1, Mrs. Croom is the former Miss Emma Elizabeth Hyatt, of Canton. A son, Charles Robert, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earl Dills on Tuesday, November 28, at their home on Skenah.