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WILL PROMOTE FAIR FOR W.N.C.

Asheville Group Starts Move To Organize Corporation

The Western North Carolina Agricultural and Industrial fair was launched formally in Asheville Tuesday afternoon with the formation of a corporation to promote and operate the fair, and the election of Gene Oehsenreiter as its president.

Immediate efforts will be begun to raise funds to establish the fair, which experts estimated would cost \$100,000 to set up as a going-institution this year. Plans were being laid last night to get a portion of this from government sources.

In addition to Mr. Oehsenreiter, the group named J. G. K. McClure, Jr., first vice-president; C. Vanderhooven, second vice-president; J. D. Earle, third vice-president; Robert Collins, fourth vice-president; E. J. Mitchell, treasurer; Burgin Pennell, secretary, and LeRoy Abernethy, assistant secretary.

Immediately following the meeting of the board, the officers, who were constituted as the executive committee of the board, met to consider the election of a fair manager, but deferred action on this point.

Under the plan of organization, the board of directors will serve until 1941, at which time a board of nine members will be elected by the membership of the fair corporation.

The plan of organization confers upon the executive committee the power to appoint for each county served by the fair two directors, one representing agriculture and the other industry, to serve on the board, and an unlimited number of associate directors.

The corporation will issue non-profit, non-transferable membership certificates at \$10 each, holders of which will be allowed one lifetime, non-transferable season ticket to the fair.

Through this means, it is hoped to raise the money to establish the fair. The president was directed to name within one week a committee of five members to devise ways and means of selling certificates, and arranging to obtain funds from government and private agencies to finance the establishment of the fair.

The president also was authorized to appoint within a week a committee to study the question of a suitable site for the fair. The committee will not be empowered to purchase a site, but its recommendations under the by-laws of the corporation, must be accepted by the board of directors.

G. R. Lewis, Ohio fair expert, said following the meeting that he estimated that more than half the \$100,000 needed to establish the fair, complete with grounds and exhibition buildings, could be obtained from the works progress administration, or other government sources.

In addition, he said, the national youth administration already has promised, if the fair were established, to construct an educational building on the fair grounds.

Services At St. Agnes Next Sunday, Feb. 11

Services at St. Agnes Church on Sunday, February 11, will be Holy communion and sermon by the rector, Rev. Frank Bloxham, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Bloxham will return on Friday from a two weeks' visit to New York and Boston, at which time he served on the speakers bureau of the national council of the Episcopal church, speaking before groups in several cities.

Refreshment Shop To Open Saturday

The new refreshment shop, owned by Carl Howard and Erwin Patton, will be formally opened Saturday in the New Macon Theatre building.

The shop will serve soft drinks, sandwiches and ice cream, and will have a complete stock of candies, fruits, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco.

Commissioners Handle Routine Matters

The board of county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse Monday, but there were no matters of great importance presented for consideration, the business before the board consisting of routine approval of bills and adjusting of tax claims.

Extension

Of Cartoogechaye Power Line Completed

The Nantahala Power & Light company completed last Thursday another rural electric extension in the Cartoogechaye area of Macon county. Approximately one mile of line in the Poplar Cove settlement was built, and eight families are now receiving service from this new line.

The construction of another mile of line up Cartoogechaye creek has been approved. This line will extend to T. B. Enloe's, and will serve four families, including Mr. Enloe and a church. In addition three other extensions in the county are being studied, and work is scheduled on two short extensions in the Gneiss community.

Since the company acquired the electric system from the Town of Franklin, in 1933, it has built nearly 50 miles of rural electric lines in Macon county, and has purchased an additional seven miles of rural line. The number of customers served by the company in Macon county has increased 137 per cent from 1933 to January, 1940, or is now more than double the number served in 1933. These figures include customers in Franklin as well as in the remainder of the county.

In addition, the company sells power to the town of Highlands, which also serves a number of customers in Macon county.

ALDERMEN BAN SUNDAY MOVIES

Ordinance Passed Monday Night At Regular Board Meeting

The Franklin board of aldermen at the regular monthly meeting Monday night passed an ordinance forbidding the showing of moving pictures on Sunday, and also banning Sunday exhibitions by circuses or carnival companies. Such an ordinance has been agitated for some time by certain citizens, and there was no active opposition to its passage.

Mayor J. Frank Ray was out of town, J. O. Harrison, mayor pro tem, was too ill to attend, and the meeting Monday night was presided over by Alderman M. L. Dowdle.

The session was rather lengthy, most of the time being taken up with discussions concerning various phases of the street construction program.

Power To Be Off Sunday Afternoon

The Nantahala Power and Light company has announced that it plans to have the electric power in Franklin off from about 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, February 11, 1940, if the weather is warm enough so that the lack of power will not inconvenience customers with motor driven stokers, and if the weather will permit outside work.

At present the substation in Franklin on Iotla street is supplied over the line built by the town of Franklin, extending from the power plant to the Bryson City highway and then down the road along the river, to Iotla street. While there have been two separate sources of power for Franklin, including the Franklin power house and the company's transmission system, this line has been the only line to the Franklin substation, which furnishes the service for all the household and commercial customers in the town of Franklin. The company is building another line to the substation to provide two separate lines into Franklin, so that if trouble develops on the one line, service in Franklin can be re-established quickly by throwing two switches.

The power will be off Sunday to allow the company to install additional equipment in the Franklin substation to receive this new line, as one step in the program. At the same time some of the older equipment will be replaced with up-to-date material. It is regretted that it is necessary to have the power off, but it is impossible to safely do the necessary work with the power on, as is done in many instances.

The supply to customers outside of Franklin will not be affected except for those who live on the Georgia highway towards Prentiss.

The hours of two to four on Sunday afternoon were chosen as those during which the people of Franklin would be least inconvenienced by the lack of power.

Winter Turns Falls Into Ice



—Courtesy of Asheville Times.

Above is a view of Dry Falls, near Highlands, during the recent season of ice and snow. Two streams of water can be seen near the center of the picture, with ice on each side. The picture was made by H. Buckner, of Asheville, an employee of Ivey's.

Gilmer Jones, Jr., Named Alternate Naval Cadet

Announcement has been made of Congressman Weaver's appointments of candidates to the Annapolis navy academy, and it will be of interest to the many friends of Gilmer Andrew Jones, Jr., to learn that he has been named first alternate in a list of four. The candidates will soon be given mental and physical examinations for admission to the academy in mid-summer. Andrew is now a student at Brevard college.

World Day Of Prayer To Be Observed

The World Day of Prayer—Friday, February 9, observed by churches all over the world on the same day, will be observed in Franklin with a service at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock. The service is in charge of the Woman's Missionary society, and members of the missionary societies of the other churches are cordially invited to unite with them in prayers for peace and good will, shared by Christians during the 24 hour day around the world.

As The World Turns

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

The War In Europe

FINLAND

While Finnish successes continue in spite of repeated Russian drives, military observers predict that resistance will be worn down by sheer numbers before the summer unless large reinforcements come soon. From Paris comes a demand for "complete aid" for the Finns and a secret meeting last week of the supreme allied war council portends immediate aid. The Finnish embassy in London is permitted to recruit volunteers, Scandinavia is pouring in soldiers and supplies; airplanes are going in from England, France and Italy. A senate committee in Washington has approved a loan of \$20,000,000 more to Finland for supplies, while there is general approval of Senator Pat Harrison's resolution for the private purchase of bonds issued for this purpose, that would be available for purchase of war supplies.

Relentless Soviet bombings of Finnish towns and cities, causing many deaths, included the bombing on Tuesday of their own men in a Finnish prison. The seven-day drive against the Mannerheim line has reported Red Army dead at 5,000, and 1,500 killed in the northern sector.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE

January figures report at least 84 ships sunk by planes, submarines and mines, both merchant and war craft of belligerents and neutrals. Press and radio report daily additions to this number.

BALKAN CONFERENCE

A three-day week-end conference of the Balkan entente—Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey, ended with their determination to remain united in their purpose to keep southeastern Europe out of

war, and for their mutual economic and friendly relations with other powers.

BRITISH-IRISH TENSION

Following the execution of two IRA zealots, condemned for a bomb blast at Coventry last August, guards have been increased around public buildings and other precautions taken against further violence in England from the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The extreme Irish nationalists may force resignation of their president, De Valera, as a result of the trouble.

RUSSIAN U. S. RELATIONS STRAINED

The house on Wednesday voted down two attempts to sever diplomatic relations with Russia.

LOANS TO FINLAND AND CHINA

A senate committee has approved a \$100,000,000 increase in the Export-Import bank's capital, permitting loans to Finland and China.

ECONOMY FORCES DEFEATED

Coalition of western and south-american reducing air navigation amendment reducing air navigation maintenance facilities of the civil aeronautics authority from 12 million to 11 million. Other proposed reductions were reversed by the senate.

JAPAN PREPARES FOR TROUBLE WITH U. S.

In Tokyo yesterday the Japanese government told parliament that it was preparing for "anticipated difficulties" in its economic relations with the U. S. and was considering the question of abrogating the nine-power treaty of 1922. This discussion centered on

Girl Scouts

Raise \$31.42 For Finnish Relief Fund

Two troops of Franklin Girl Scouts joined in the drive for Finnish relief funds Saturday and raised \$31.42 during the day.

The two troops were headed by Mrs. Charles Melichar and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., and tables were placed in the postoffice, Bank of Franklin, Perry's and Angel's drug stores, Cagle's Cafe and the New Macon Theatre.

The girls made all the arrangements themselves, planning the details of organization and work as part of the scout program of community service and development of individual responsibility.

Below is a list of those who gave the girls 50 cents or more, which totals \$12.50. Smaller contributions amounted to \$18.92, making the whole sum collected \$31.42:

L. H. Page, \$1.00; J. E. Perry, .50; Clyde West, .50; Mrs. John Angel, \$1.00; J. R. Franklin, .50; H. W. Cabe, \$1.00; Mrs. McCarty, \$1.00; W. C. Ledbetter, \$1.00; Rev. J. I. Vinson, \$1.00; R. N. Stiles, \$1.00; Dr. Edgar Angel, .50; C. M. Moore, .50; M. D. Billings, \$1.00; Harley Dunbar, .50; James L. Averell, .50; L. J. Dalton, \$1.00.

The box supper which is to be given at the agricultural building Friday night is expected to realize a nice amount, and Mayor J. Frank Ray, who is chairman of the campaign, expects to remit to headquarters in Raleigh a sum which will make a creditable showing for Macon county.

NEW CO-OP UNIT FOR SWAIN CO.

Nineteenth Warehouse Of Federation To Open February 17

Warehouse No. 19, latest addition to the Farmers Federation's growing system of cooperative farm stores, will be formally opened in our neighboring town of Bryson City on Saturday, February 17. The brick building was recently completed and is conveniently located on Main street.

Fixtures have been installed in the building and it is now being stocked with farm supplies—plows, implements, poultry and livestock feeds, seeds, harness, hardware and a number of other lines. The building has been specially designed for handling farm supplies and storing agricultural products, which the Federation plans to buy from Swain county farmers.

Opening exercises, it was announced, will start at 10 o'clock in the morning. James G. K. McClure, president of the cooperative; Guy M. Sales, general manager, and a number of other executives of the organization are expected to attend and to make brief addresses. Music will be supplied by the Federation's string band.

John R. Jones, formerly assistant manager of the Federation's Sylva warehouse, has been appointed manager of the Bryson City unit, and Frank Smiley, of Bryson City, has been named assistant manager.

Bunco Party For Library February 14

A Bunco party at Miss Lassie Kelly's tea room will be given on Wednesday evening, February 14—Valentine's Day—beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The entertainment will be sponsored by the Eastern Star, for the benefit of the Franklin library.

All friends who are interested in the library are earnestly requested to attend and enjoy the party, thereby aiding the library in raising necessary funds for running expenses. The use of the library is entirely free, so that money must be given from time to time. Refreshments will be served and prizes given.

Baptist Church Items

Sunday morning at 11 a. m. the pastor, Rev. C. F. Roberts, will preach on the theme, "Scriptural Leaven", and at 7:30 p. m. will continue his series of messages on "The Seven Letters of Jesus and His Seven Parables."

Services will be held at the prison camp at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Next week is Baptist Training Week in our church activities. Executive meeting with Mrs. I. T. Peek Tuesday night at 7:30.

Mrs. Clyde Gailey and daughter, Lela Jo, visited friends in Clayton, Ga., last week.

LOYALTY DRIVE AT M. E. CHURCH

Crusade To Begin Sunday Feb. 25 And Continue For Ten Sundays

For two or three weeks the Methodist church has been preparing for a Loyalty Crusade which will begin on Sunday, February 25. The Crusade will continue for ten Sundays, February 18 is to be observed as roll call day. Every member who possibly can is expected to be present for the roll call.

Next week the plans will be furthered by a number of group meetings, as follows:

On Monday night the stewards and their wives will be the guests of the pastor and his wife and a dinner meeting. The Rev. W. L. Hutchins, district superintendent of the Waynesville district, will be the guest speaker. On Tuesday night the council of the church school, together with the class of young adults will meet at the church for a supper followed by a business meeting.

Children of school age, not including high school, are meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a party. Mrs. Pearl Hunter and Mrs. Zeb Conley will be in charge.

Thursday night all the young people will meet for a combined social and business meeting. This group will be directed by the teacher of the young people's class, K. S. Jones.

The women of the two missionary societies and the adult Sunday school class will meet at the church on Friday at 3 o'clock for their crusade enlistment. It is very important that this meeting be well attended.

The following persons are being asked to assist the pastor with special work for the crusade: Mrs. R. G. Beshears, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Harley R. Cabe, Miss Grace Baird, Mrs. P. F. Callahan, Mrs. Zeb Conley, J. S. Conley, Mrs. J. S. Conley, Mrs. Roy Cunningham, Miss Margaret Cozad, Dr. W. E. Furr, Harold T. Sloan, Mrs. W. T. Moore, Mrs. Carl Tysinger, Mrs. Gordon Moore, Mrs. Grace Omohundra, Miss Mildred Roper, and Miss Dorothy Sloan.

Each of the ten Sundays will be featured by a special sermon by the pastor, and a list of the sermon topics with their respective dates will be provided for each home. Watch The Franklin Press for further announcements.

Ritter Co. To Observe Golden Anniversary

The W. M. Ritter Lumber company has issued invitations to a golden anniversary dinner on the evening of February 24, at the Deshler-Wallick hotel, Columbus, Ohio, at which Mr. William McClellan Ritter, the founder of the company, will be the guest of honor.

The year 1940 marks the 50th anniversary of Mr. Ritter's entry into the lumber manufacturing business.

Mr. Ritter, a native of Pennsylvania, as a young man, became the pioneer lumber manufacturer of the Appalachian hardwood region, soon after coal was discovered near Bluefield, W. Va., and when the Norfolk and Western Railway extended but a few miles westward of Bluefield.

The company is sending invitations to the anniversary celebration to its various division and plant superintendents and managing personnel and their wives at its various plants in West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky; to all sales representatives and their wives, and the staffs of its affiliated companies.

This announcement will be of much interest in North Carolina, as the company has operated extensively in this state for more than a third of a century. In fact, its operations, with the exception of West Virginia, have been more extensive in this state than any other one state. It has operated large properties in Swain, Macon, Clay, Caldwell, Burke and Avery counties.

S. M. Wolfe, of Swannanoa, is its division superintendent, having in charge its plants in North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. Landon C. Bell, secretary and general counsel of the company, was formerly a resident of Asheville.

Mrs. Walter W. McConnell was called to Highlands Saturday on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Martha McLeod.

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