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## John Temple Graves Speaker At De Soto Celebration Here

### Colonial Dames Society To Unveil Marker; Pageant Follows

Word has been received by the local committee for the De Soto celebration from Mrs. S. Westray Battle of the Buncombe county committee, that John Temple Graves II, distinguished columnist and speaker of Birmingham, Ala., will make the address at the occasion of the unveiling by the Colonial Dames of the historical marker to be placed in Franklin on June 26. Invitations have been sent out by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames to many prominent citizens of the state to be present on this occasion. The unveiling ceremony will take place at noon on Wednesday, June 26, at a point near the bridge over the Little Tennessee river in Franklin on U. S. Highway No. 23.

**Program Outlined**  
The program will include a pledge to the flag of the United States and greeting from Mrs. Walter J. Williamson, of Wilmington, president, who will also make the presentation of the memorial. Mrs. Peter Arrington of Warrenton, assisted by Mrs. Egbert Jones, will unveil the stone. The public is invited to attend the celebration. Invitations are being sent to the mayors of Franklin and Highlands and to officials and heads of civic clubs. Through them an invitation is sent to members of the organizations and groups they represent.

**"Saga Of De Soto"**  
Immediately following, the pageant "Saga of De Soto" will be presented at the Macon Theatre which Messrs Tomlin and Gailey have generously offered for the occasion. This presentation will be under the direction of Miss Russell of the Russell-Harrington Studios, Asheville, who has written the pageant and will come to Franklin several days ahead of time to train the cast.

Mrs. Richard Jones is chairman of the pageant committee, assisted by Mrs. Charles Melichar who is helping the girl scouts with their parts, and a group of older boys and boy scouts. A number of young people will take part in the cast of about 40. Authentic costumes of the Spanish conquistadors rented for the purpose will be worn.

One scene of the pageant will be a Spanish fiesta in Havana as De Soto took leave of the island of Cuba, of which he was governor; and his beautiful wife, Isabella, whom he left to rule until his return. Fred Hearn and Miss Mary Solari, who do some of the beautiful solo dancing in the rhododendron festival, will dance in the fiesta scene.

Admission will be by card which will be in charge of T. W. Angel, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee.

Another feature of Franklin's en-

### Chamber Of Commerce On The Job

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce have met several times since the organization meeting. Much has been accomplished and it is confidently hoped that the work will be of great benefit to the community.

The information booth has been furnished and is open daily from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. and from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m. and all day on Sunday. It is planned to keep it open till 11 p. m. in July and August.

The information booklet is in the hands of the Press and will be out at the end of the week. Much time and thought is being given to the whole question of advertising and soon we hope to erect signs at strategic points to direct tourists to our community.

Again it is asked of all citizens that by courtesy, kindness and consideration the tourists may feel at home with us and enjoy their visits. The thanks of the Chamber is tendered to the Franklin Garden club for the fine work they have done in beautifying the lot around the information booth, and so making it attractive to all.

Inquiries for real estate are being received, and it would be a great help if anyone who has land for sale will leave a complete description at the information booth.

### Slagle Sells Registered Guernseys In Ala. and Ga.

The American Guernsey cattle club, Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of registered Guernsey cows by A. B. Slagle to E. E. Pureell of Lavonia, Ga., C. M. Browden of Atlanta, Ga., and C. L. Coe, of Dothan, Ala.

### AMERICAN REFUGEES RETURN TO SAFETY

Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, whose husband—a son of Theodore Roosevelt—is a commissioned officer in the British army serving at Narvik, Norway, was among the refugees safely returning to the U. S. last Sunday. Her husband, who retains his American citizenship she reports as "proud to be fighting shoulder to shoulder with the men who are defending our civilization and all that it means."

Participation of the guests will be a motorcade on U. S. Highway No. 64 to Shooting creek valley, part of which was traversed by the De Soto expedition; and another to Wayah Bald.

As the azaleas are expected to be in profuse bloom at this time, these trips under guides who know the mountains will be especially enjoyable to visitors from other sections.

James Averell, chairman of the hospitality committee of the chamber of commerce and Mr. Bloxham, chairman of the motorcade, will have charge of the visiting cars and the motorcade.

### Bridge Over Little Tennessee



Near this spot on U. S. Highway 23 entering Franklin the National Society of Colonial Dames will erect a stone marker commemorating the crossing of the river by De Soto in 1540.

## As The World Turns

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

### WAR SUMMARY

Since last Thursday the Hitler war machine has moved relentlessly on its wide path of destruction over the fair land of France. On a 300 mile front, in spite of the desperate resistance of Allied forces and incredible losses, the mechanized army has reached the outskirts of Paris.

Mussolini's long threatened advent into the war on the German side came Monday with a gesture described as a "stab in the back" of France. The seat of the government of France fled Monday night to Tours.

Yielding to pleas for aid this government has moved under the direction of President Roosevelt to make available at once to Great Britain and France at least 340 army and navy planes and huge quantities of war materials.

Henry Ford is in consultation with government authorities looking to mass production of airplanes. Increase in taxes to meet the billions needed for national defense is being rushed by Congress with all possible speed. Senator Byrd stated that the present bill would yield only "chicken feed" as the senate suggested Congress double or the house billion dollar bill.

With the sympathies of her Fascist government on the side of Italy and Germany, Spain has announced her attitude of non-belligerency instead of neutrality.

Princess Juliana of Holland with her two children have arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, en route for Quebec—refugees from German-occupied Holland.

### PARIS ABOUT TO BE TAKEN

Dispatches late Thursday afternoon report the line outside Paris is holding in spite of heavy onslaught. But Commentator Kaltenborn states that surrender of the city—now declared an "open city"—technically inviolate against bombing or shelling—appears imminent, and that Ambassador Bullitt is within the city prepared to hand over the government to the invaders.

**LONDON**  
Great Britain poured men and guns across the English channel to the aid of her hard-pressed French ally today, backing up far-ranging air raids pressed against the enemy from Equatorial Africa to Arctic Norway.

"Every gun that could shoot," every available soldier and tank headed for the continental battlefield to fight the Germans, while Italy replied to British air forays with deadly attacks on Malta, Britain's island fortress in the Mediterranean.

### TOURS

German troops have crossed the Marne at Chateau-Thierry last night as they half ringed the city by a three headed drive. Fighting raged over the gardens of the American ambassador's chateau, while Ambassador Bullitt is reported to be still in Paris. Nazi losses are reported enormous as they threw a new mechanized force of 80,000 men, 3,000 tanks and other equipment into yesterday's battle. There is little hope of saving Paris from falling into German hands, but the French will continue to fight, on lines beyond the city.

### BERLIN

Tens of thousands of German troops saw the Eiffel tower of Paris clearly just a little way ahead, drew tighter their circle of fire and steel about that French capital yesterday.

The city—doomed in German eyes—was within easy range of German guns from three directions.

### ROME

Italy has moved to cut the Mediterranean in half with a wide new mine belt intended to box in completely the British fortified island of Malta—Italy's first announced objective of the war.

Her other activities against the allies on the side of Germany is largely an unknown quantity.

### ANKARA, TURKEY

Turkish government decided last night to stay out of the war at present, but to redouble its defensive preparations.

Turkey is especially interested in the Russian attitude and certainly will not enter the conflict, despite her mutual assistance agreement with the allies, until she is assured she will not have a hostile Russia at her back.

### CAIRO, EGYPT

This morning Egypt moved toward war on the side of the Allies after unanimous vote of both houses of parliament severed diplomatic relations with Italy. Last September Egypt broke off diplomatic relations with Germany and interned 200 German residents.

### ETHIOPIA

Ethiopians are already reported to be fighting the Italians with modern arms.

### BUCHAREST, RUMANIA

All Rumanian ships today were ordered to return immediately to home ports and diplomats attributed the order to government fears the war soon might spread to other Mediterranean countries such as Turkey.

### JAPS DESTROY CHINESE CAPITAL

In a brief 23-minute raid yesterday 124 Japanese planes destroyed two-thirds of old Chungking City, provisional capital of China, and caused casualties probably numbering 1,500.

American missionaries said the havoc was the worst single devastation caused by Japanese bombers since the start of hostilities nearly three years ago, and probably was one of the worst ravages of a city in history.

Between 800 and 900 demolition bombs were dropped.

The German ultimatum "surrender or be destroyed" against the beautiful French capital is expected tonight. The French came to the decision to surrender their capital to save it from complete destruction.

### FATHERS DAY

Sunday, June 16, has been designated Fathers Day.

### MAXWELL'S CONDITION UNCHANGED

Revenue Commissioner Maxwell who suffered a stroke a few days before the primaries in which he was a candidate for nomination for governor, is still an ill man in Rex hospital in Raleigh.

## Federal Power Commission Approves Building Dams

### Red Cross

#### Relief Fund Donations Received This Week

Harley R. Cabe, Macon county chairman of the American Red Cross, announces that all contributions to war relief will be used solely for that purpose and sent direct to war refugees in the stricken Allied countries.

The following donations received since last week's report are acknowledged:

Franklin Methodist Sunday school, \$21.73; Miss Mayberry Moody, \$2.50; John Norton, \$1; Oak Dale Sunday school, \$2.50; Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, \$2.40; Miss Willie Mae Corpening, \$1; O. C. Corbin, \$1; Miss Nettie Henderson, \$1; Mrs. Annie Henderson, \$1; Union Sunday school, \$6.31; Patton Methodist Sunday school, \$3.10; Mrs. Albert Ramsey, \$1; Mrs. L. H. Page, \$1; Miss Lassie Kelly, \$1; Mrs. Myza Crawford, \$1; Mr. Blumenthal, \$5; J. E. S. Thorpe, \$5; George Prescott, \$1; Robert Sloan 25c.

Total \$37.06.  
Total this week, \$58.79. Previously acknowledged, \$88.07. These amounts total \$146.86. The original quota asked from this chapter was \$300.

## LEGION PICNIC AT CLIFFSIDE

### State Commander Rose And Other Guests To Attend

On Sunday, June 16, the American Legion and members of the Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual picnic at Cliffside Lake.

Commanders, adjutants and special guests are expected from Bryson City, Andrews, Murphy, Waynesville and other nearby towns.

All ex-soldiers and their families who do not have conveyances to the picnic are asked to meet at the courthouse Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and transportation will be furnished free. Picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 and the speaking will begin at 2 o'clock. June H. Rose, department commander of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

### Franklin Hardware Enlarges Store

Alf Higdon, owner of the Franklin Hardware company, has completed extensive improvements in his store that have modernized both building and service.

A masonite ceiling and fresh paint on all surfaces make the interior like new, while the rear floor space has been enlarged by including part of the adjoining store room. Display cases have been placed in the center with service counters to the rear, giving better sales facilities and display advantages for the large and varied stock carried by this firm. Anything in the hardware, farm implement, household utensil and building line can be furnished.

A lumber mill, large warehouse and storage facilities enable the company to give quick delivery service to both large and small orders for anything in the building line. Mr. Higdon stated that his firm has adopted the motto, "You Get What You Buy."

### Franklin Boomers Win With Score Of 28 To 0

The Franklin Boomers, the new name of the Clark's Chapel club, won an easy victory over the Shortoff nine last Sunday on the Clark's Chapel diamond, before a large crowd of fans, with a 28-0 score.

Little Man Poindexter pitched his first no-hit-no-run game of the season. The old reliable hands backed him, such as G. D. Buchanan on first; P. L. Davis and Mut Teague around the old key-stone bag; Albert Cabe on third; R. Angel catching; H. Angel, Anderson and Reno Moses in the field.

The public is cordially invited to Sunday's game with the Otto CCC boys. The Boomers plan to supplement the Franklin All-Stars' schedule so that Franklin fans can see a Franklin team on the home diamond every Sunday afternoon. There will be a small admission fee to pay for use of the ball park.

### GIVE NOW!

To the Red Cross to help war victims in France. Thousands are wounded, sick, starving, homeless!

### Projects Will Provide Nantahala Power Co. Water Storage

The Federal Power commission in Washington has approved the application of the Nantahala Power and Light company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum company of America, for the right to build two hydro-electric projects at Nantahala and Glenville on the Little Tennessee river system, it was announced Monday at the offices here of the Nantahala company.

While it was stated that two other governmental authorities would have to pass on the proposal, there is no difficulty anticipated. It is hoped that positive assurance that work will begin soon may be announced by the company at an early date.

The news of this proposal which would furnish employment for a large number of people in Macon, Jackson and Cherokee counties, has been received in this section with great interest.

### Provide Water Storage

The two locations would provide water storage against low water periods and would assist in leveling out the flow of water and power in the company's hydro-electric developments on the Little Tennessee river system in Western North Carolina.

The Nantahala project would provide one turbine developing 60,000 horsepower and Glenville a turbine developing 30,000 horsepower. This horsepower would be added to the 274,000 horsepower already capable of being generated by the company's existing developments on the Little Tennessee river at Santeetlah, Cheoah, and Calderwood and would give the company a total generated capacity on its Little Tennessee river developments of 364,000 horsepower.

### On Two Tributaries

The Nantahala dam would be on Nantahala river, a tributary of the Little Tennessee river, in Macon county. The Glenville project would be in Jackson county, on the west fork of the Tuckasegee river, a tributary of the Little Tennessee river.

Nantahala and Glenville would have the highest heads of any dam in the United States east of the Rocky mountains. The head at Nantahala would be 999 feet and that at Glenville 1,215 feet. The Nantahala dam would be 260 feet high and the one at Glenville 130 feet in height. At Nantahala, a lake of 1,631 acres would be created for water storage while at Glenville the lake would cover 1,470 acres.

Construction of the dams would be done by the company's own organization. The dams would be earth-faced, rock-filled. Cubic yards in the Nantahala dam are estimated to be 1,829,000, while the cubic yardage in the Glenville dam would be 458,000.

### W. Pierce Deal, 87 Passes At Home

William Pierce Deal, 87, died at his home in the Holly Springs community on Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock following an illness of six months.

Mr. Deal, a widely-known citizen and farmer, was born on January 20, 1853 and had lived his entire life on the old Deal homestead. He was the son of the late William Deal and Martha Jennings Deal. On December 6, 1883 he was married to Miss Lydia Berry, of this county, who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Holly Springs Baptist church and took an active interest in all church and community affairs as long as his health would permit.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Holly Springs Baptist church. The Rev. James I. Vinson, pastor, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, assisted by the Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor of the Iota Baptist church and the Rev. Joseph A. Bryson, of Columbia, Mo., were in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Nephews were the pallbearers, they included T. W. Angel, Jr., James Berry, Elbert Bryson, Marion Deal, William Crawford, Astor Deal and Dewey Rochester.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Furman Angel, Dr. Edgar Angel, Dr. W. A. Rogers, J. B. Justice, John C. Ferguson, Wayne McCracken, Mrs. C. L. Ingram, Mrs. R. E. Pattillo, Mrs. Addie Cabe, Frank Cabe, Mrs. Sam Crawford, Jack Cabe, Walter Elliott, Weaver (Continued on Page Eight)

## 'Full Speed Ahead' In Help To Allies, Says Roosevelt

### President Rebukes Italy's Cowardice In Address At U. Of Va.

The peoples of the Americas have backed up President Roosevelt's stern message to the world given in an address before the University of Virginia's graduating class at Charlottesville on Monday afternoon. Revealing his futile efforts to keep Italy at peace, a world hook-up carried the President's words in many languages only two hours after Mussolini declared war upon the Allies.

Cheers and rebel yells greeted every reference to sympathy with Great Britain and France.

Accusing Italy of "plunging a dagger in the back of its neighbor" President Roosevelt pledged the Allies "the material resources" of the United States. He painted a grim picture of consequences to America should "the gods of force" achieve world dominance.

**Highlights In Speech**  
Here are some excerpts from the address:

Let us not hesitate—all of us—to proclaim certain truths. Overwhelmingly we, as a nation, and this applies to all the other American nations, are convinced that military and naval victory for the gods of force and hate would endanger the institutions of democracy in the western world—and that equally, therefore, the whole of our sympathies lie with those nations which are giving their life and blood in combat against those

forces. Our hopes to those beyond the seas who are maintaining with magnificent valor their battle for freedom.

Perception of danger to our institutions may come slowly or it may come with a rush and shock as it has to the public of the United States in the past few months. This preception of danger has come to us clearly and overwhelmingly; and we perceive the peril in a world wide arena—an arena which may become so narrowed that only the Americans would retain the ancient faiths.

Some indeed may still hold to the now obvious delusion that we of the United States can safely permit the United States to become a lone island in a world dominated by the philosophy of force. Such an island may be the dream of those who still talk and vote as isolationists. Such an island represents to me and to the overwhelming majority of Americans today a helpless nightmare of a people without freedom.

In our American unity, we will pursue two obvious and simultaneous courses: We will extend to the opponents of force the material resources of this nation and, at the same time, we will harness and speed up the use of those resources in order that we ourselves in the Americas may have equipment and training equal to the task of any emergency and every defense.