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Legion Commander Rose Hits Fifth Column Menace

Addresses Macon Post Picnic At Cliffside Lake Sunday Afternoon

"This generation is faced with the fact that it has got to fight for its freedom," June H. Rose, state commander of the American Legion, declared emphatically here last Sunday. He was addressing the Macon Post's annual picnic at Cliffside lake.

"Suppose there are one million people—one out of every 30—who do not believe in America and the American way," he continued. "They are organized, they have their orders and know where they want to go. Are we willing to be as sure and definite about our aims as they?"

Fifth Column Threat

According to Commander Rose, the real threat to American freedom comes from within, from the activities of the so-called "fifth columnists" whom he characterized as "worshippers of power." While he minimized the actual present danger, he stated that unless the American people were willing to accept the responsibility of freedom and that unless measures were taken to control subversive activities, democracy in this country would not survive.

Specifically, Rose called for a more stringent enforcement of the Alien registration act. He outlined a plan whereby the American Legion, acting upon Governor Hoyer's invitation, would join with state and national law enforcement agencies to combat the "fifth columnists" in North Carolina.

To Meet With F. B. I.

Three men from each Legion post will meet with representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the State American Legion convention in High Point, June 23, 24, 25. Tentatively the plan calls for an organization in each post town "to listen and turn over information to the legal authorities." "We are not going to take the law into our own hands," Commander Rose emphasized.

Despite an almost constant downpour of rain, approximately 125 Macon county legionnaires, members of the Legion auxiliary, and friends crowded under the big dining shelter at Cliffside to hear Commander Rose speak. An old-time picnic lunch, complete with a gracious plentitude of fried chicken and ham, was served before the speech. Hot coffee, prepared under the energetic direction of Tom Moss, served to take the chill off the occasion.

Stay Out Of War

"It is too late for us to do anything about the war over in Europe," Commander Rose said in reply to a question. "We should direct all our energies to building up an army and navy adequate enough to defend the United States against invasion by any country."

Commander Rose was introduced by Guy Houk, unofficial master of ceremonies for the day. This was his last official visit as commander of the department of North Carolina since he retires after the state convention next week.

Visiting legionnaires from other posts included Commander Ammons, Trampier, Post-Adjutant William Tyndall, and Jack Jackson of the Cherokee post; Captain Frank Swann of the Anderson post; Oliver Ammons and A. V. Deats of the Robbinsville post; and J. C. Odell of the Murphy post.

Mrs. Arie Reece, Of Highlands, Passes

Mrs. Arie Reece, 65, died at her home in Highlands, on Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock following an illness of two months' illness. Death was attributed to Bright's disease.

Mrs. Reece, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Logan Tallent of the Iotla section of Macon county, was born on August 28, 1875 and has lived in this county all her life. She was a member of the Highlands Baptist church.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Highlands Baptist church. The Rev. J. G. Benfield, pastor, was in charge of the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are five children, Robert L. Norman and Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, of Highlands, Mrs. C. P. McElroy, of Montgomery, Ala., and Mrs. Ernest Crunkleton, of Etowah, Macon county; three brothers, Eli, Lee and Jess Tallent of Franklin, three sisters, Mrs. Kettie Poindexter, of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Mrs. Clifford Hood, of Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. Callie Tallent, of Sylva, and 13 grandchildren.

State Legion Commander



JUNE H. ROSE

Commander of the Department of North Carolina, American Legion, who addressed the annual picnic of Macon Post 108 at Cliffside Lake Sunday afternoon.

POWER PROJECT IS APPROVED

Guy L. Houk Represents Company Before Commission

The State Utilities Commission granted a certificate of necessity to the Nantahala Power and Light company Tuesday, for the construction of the Nantahala and Glenville dams.

Guy L. Houk, Franklin attorney, represented the company before the Utilities Commission. The Federal Power Commission waived jurisdiction over the two projects, after informally consulting Governor Hoyer. Since the electricity generated by the two dams will be used in the production of aluminum, the usefulness of the project in connection with the National Defense program was urged before both federal and state authorities.

Aluminum, used in the construction of airplanes and other war materials, is regarded as indispensable to the Defense program.

Work on the two developments, the first large hydro-electric plants to be constructed in the state for over a decade will begin immediately, and will require approximately two years to complete.

Well-Known Citizen Dies At Nantahala

Mark Shields, 66, a widely-known citizen of Macon county, died at his home in the Nantahala section of Macon county, on Tuesday night, after a lingering illness of more than two years.

A life-long resident and farmer of Macon county, Mr. Shields was born on May 7, 1874. He was the son of the late Richard and Margaret Caylor Shields.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Briartown Baptist church. The Rev. Theodore D. Denny, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Edison Garey, Carl Dills, Arthur Dills, A. L. Williams, R. B. Hampton and W. S. Dills.

Surviving are several children and a host of relatives and friends.

Librarian Lists Reference Material Available Here

We wish to stress the fact, that there is available in our Franklin Public Library, much valuable non-fiction material on practically any and every subject. We are most anxious that our patrons take advantage of this.

For your information we list the following general reference material:

Britannica Encyclopedia, Comptons, American University Encyclopedia, Fish; Dictionary of Dates, Tillinghast; Vocabularies, Hart-rampf; Outline of Man's Knowledge, Wood; Practical Handbook of Business and Finance, Cromwell; Modern Encyclopedia for Young People.

During the next few weeks we plan to list in the paper, the outstanding volumes in each classification. Remember when information is needed it will be a pleasure to serve you.

Mrs. Mae P. Stallcup, Ass't. Supv. Library Projects Area Nine, Sylva, N. C.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quadracentennial Celebration of De Soto Expedition

Wednesday, June 26

12:00 Noon—Unveiling of De Soto Marker by the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames. On U. S. Highway 23, near Little Tennessee River Bridge.

Invocation. Greeting.....Mrs. Walter J. Williamson, President, North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames Unveiling.....Mrs. Peter Arrington and Mrs. Egbert Jones

Benediction.

1:00 p. m.—Pageant, "Waters Flowing West".....Macon Theatre

1:45 p. m.—Luncheon.

3:30 p. m.—Motorcade Leave from Chamber of Commerce building. No. 1—Follows the De Soto route along U. S. 64 to Shooting Creek. No. 2—U. S. 64 to Wayah road and on to the top of Wayah Bald.

Mrs. Katherine Ammons Passes At Ellijay

Mrs. Katherine Ashe Ammons, 85, died at the home of her son, James B. Ammons, on Ellijay, a section of Macon county, about 12 miles from Franklin, on Sunday morning about 7 o'clock. Death resulted from heart trouble and complications, following a lingering illness of more than three years.

Mrs. Ammons, a native of Jackson county, was born on Savannah, April 22, 1855. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Sallie Ashe. She married D. T. Ammons, of the Ellijay community, who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Ellijay Baptist church.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Ellijay Baptist church. The Rev. Zolly Fox, of Ellijay and the Rev. William Breedlove, of Savannah, Jackson county, pastor, were in charge of the services.

Pallbearers were Henry Corbin, Fred Fox, Walter Young, Weaver Fox, James Taylor and Robert Fox.

Surviving are two sons, J. B. at Ellijay, and John T. Ammons of Winston-Salem, one brother, John Ashe, of Savannah, and one sister, Mrs. Allie Ashe Cole, also of Savannah, and 14 grandchildren.

Franklin

Represented On Western Counties Committee

(From The Bryson City Times) Mayors and Chamber of Commerce representatives from Franklin, Murphy, Andrews and Waynesville met with a similar Bryson City civic group in the Cordell hotel there last Friday night and elected a committee made up of one member from each of the towns in the seven western counties.

This committee will meet in Bryson City Friday night, June 21, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization and making specific recommendations as to what projects these counties cooperating together might undertake to the best advantage.

Rev. Frank Bloxham and Bill Sloan were present from the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

The group went on record favoring cooperation with the Georgia citizens in having a 12 mile stretch of highway from the N. C. state line to Blue Ridge, Ga., federalized so that federal aid can be secured in having this road surfaced. The group also favored the publication of a regional folder, to be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, towns and counties in the region.

War Summary

This week saw an almost virtual abandonment of the fields of France to the German invaders.

Sweeping into Paris for the first time in 70 years, the Nazi troops immediately launched a sweeping flank and rear attack on the famous Maginot line from which the French safely withdrew all but a skeleton rear-guard. Elsewhere the French army was steadily being pushed back.

Marshal Henry Philippe Petain, 84-year-old World War hero, succeeded Paul Reynaud as head of the French government.

Premier Petain immediately asked Germany for an "honorable peace," but fighting did not cease along the fronts. Hitler and Mussolini met at Munich to consider terms of surrender, but the actual terms were not revealed.

Reports were being widely circulated—without official confirmation—that Germany's major peace terms were unacceptable to the French, and that the French government was being moved to Africa.

WASHINGTON

Noon broadcasts announced that President Roosevelt has formed a coalition cabinet. He has appointed John Knox, Chicago editor, former Republican candidate for vice-president, as secretary of the navy; and Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state under President Hoover, as secretary of war, to succeed Secretary Woodring. Both men have given their unqualified support to President Roosevelt's defense program. Knox advocates offering of all our facilities of production to the Allies, acceleration of plane manufacture, opening the U. S. to war refugees. He also urges the U. S. not to be fooled by Nazi promises and the combating of defeatist propaganda that is asserting that Hitler cannot be beaten.

The federal communications commission ordered the 100,000 commercial and amateur radio operators to submit proof of their citizenship.

U. S. WARNS EUROPE

The United States cautioned

Germany and Italy to keep hands off British, French and Dutch possessions in the Western Hemisphere and moved to array the 21 American republics in a great united front for economic and military defense.

WAR PROFIT TAX PASSED

The senate passed the defense revenue bill tonight after adding an excess profit tax to raise between four and five hundred millions annually and inserted a drastic war profits tax which would provide additional billions in the event of war.

CRUISER SENT

The Navy has ordered the cruiser Quincy to Montevideo, Uruguay, where the Uruguayan government has taken steps to suppress Nazi organization and has arrested 11 Germans alleged to have plotted to overthrow the government.

MADRID

A radio broadcast from a source which was not identified said today that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain had resigned as premier of France and had designated Pierre Laval as his successor. The action was said to have occurred after plenipotentiaries were named to meet with Germany. (A similar report was broadcast by the Rome radio, attributing the information to the newspaper Messagero.)

LONDON

Churchill enunciates England's defiant decision to fight on alone, "until the curse of Hitler is lifted from the brow of mankind." Bombing raids on the east coast of England and reprisal raids deep into Germany may mark the beginning of the "battle of England."

MOSCOW

Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania agree to the passage of Red troops and the formation of new governments which would insure "honest implementation" of Soviet Russia's mutual assistance pact with these countries. Russia was reported moving troops to the German border.

'Waters Flowing West' To Feature All-Macon Cast

Farmers

Should Apply To F. S. A. For Farm Loans Now

The Farm Security Administration announced today through William G. Davis, county supervisor, that applications may now be filed from farm tenants who want to purchase farms next year.

The applications should be made at the FSA office in the Agricultural building, Franklin.

Congress has authorized a fund not to exceed \$50,000,000 from which tenants may borrow for the purchase of farms although the money has not been actually appropriated and made available. The loan funds were set up under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, according to Mr. Davis' statement.

Farms Listed For Sale

Mr. Davis also announces for the benefit of Macon county tenants, the following information in regard to these loans, and those who have farm property to sell:

Any farm land for sale in Macon county can be listed for sale with the Farm Security Administration for consideration under the FSA tenant purchase program.

This means any real estate agent or farm land owned in Macon county can register farms for sale at the FSA office in Agricultural building, Franklin. Funds for the sale of farm lands to tenants seeking to become owners under the FSA program have been appropriated by Congress under the Bankhead-Jones Act, and purchase of these farms is under supervision of the Farm Security Administration.

Mr. Davis said each county FSA office wanted as large a selection of farms as possible in aiding tenants to purchase farms, and asked that local farm real estate men file their lists of suitable farms for sale with the FSA office. The prospective purchasers, who expect to borrow from FSA, will be referred to the owners and agents of suitable farm lands.

Allen Jones Green

Has Joined Staff Of The Franklin Press

Allen Jones Green of Coolemeec arrived Saturday from Chapel Hill to accept a position with The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian. During his four years at the University of North Carolina Mr. Green has majored in English, with courses in journalism. He was editor of the Carolina Magazine and last year's Summer School News. During the past spring he received the exceptional honor of being tapped by the Order of the Golden Fleece.

Mr. Green is making his home at Dixie Hall.

Life-Long Resident Of Macon Passes At Home

Mrs. Rue Emma Arcella Duvall Woody, 82, died at her home at Tellico on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, following an illness of several months.

"Aunt Emma," as she was widely known, was a life-long resident of Macon county. She was born October 26, 1857. She was married to C. B. Woody, of the Tellico community on November 9, 1879. She was a member of the Tellico Baptist church, having joined in early girlhood, and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Tellico Baptist church. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, of Iotla, and the Rev. J. S. Stanberry, of Albemarle, were in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers included Willard Woody, Harry Woody, Harold Woody, Garland Woody, Roby Woody and Floyd Ramsey.

Surviving are five children, Man-liss Woody, Grover Woody, Mrs. Maude Breedlove, Norman Woody and Miss Emeline Woody, all of Macon county, and 16 grandchildren.

Mr. Anderson Injured In Fall From Truck

St. Clair Anderson, of Franklin, is in Angel hospital suffering with a broken arm and bruises as the result of a fall from a truck late Thursday afternoon.

Missionary Society To Hold Rummage Sale

The Mary Johnston Allman Missionary Society will hold a rummage sale Saturday morning, June 22 on West Main street near the curb market.

GIVE NOW!

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

Premiere Of Pageant At New Macon Theatre Wednesday

"Waters Flowing West," the epic story of Hernando De Soto's historic march from the coast of Florida to the Blue Ridge mountains, written especially for next week's quadracentennial celebration and starring an all-Macon county cast, will have its premiere on the stage of the New Macon theatre here next Wednesday afternoon, immediately following the unveiling of the De Soto marker.

Authored by Miss Edith Russell of Russell-Harrington studios of Asheville, the stirring pageant-drama depicts the story of De Soto in three episodes—from his departure from Cuba until his decision to follow the waters of the Little Tennessee river westward in hopes of discovering the Pacific. Clever use is made of a Chronicer, Gey Houk, to provide background material and cover the transitions. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce building and at both drug stores.

First Rehearsal

All members of the cast are asked to be present at the first rehearsal, Monday afternoon at 3:30, in the Franklin high school. It is imperative that each member of the cast be present at all rehearsals.

As the pageant opens, a gorgeous fiesta is being held in Havana for De Soto, played by Hall Swain, just prior to the departure of the expedition. Stately Spanish courtiers in the costumes of the time are whirling through the measures of a fandango while De Soto and his lady, Isabella, Anne Allstaeter, watch. A dancer, played by Miss Mary Solari, professional rhododendron festival dancer, enters and performs a solo dance. De Soto and his men leave to embark, leaving Isabella to rule over Cuba until his return.

Lady Of Cofitachequi

The second episode, "Lady of Cofitachequi," deals with De Soto's meeting with the beautiful Indian princess, played by Nancy Jones. The lady of Cofitachequi, daughter of the Indian ruler of the province, fetes the weary Spaniards as they pause on their westward journey. The Spaniards kidnap the princess and force her to accompany them.

In the last scene, De Soto and his men are encamped on the Plains of Franklin. The lady of Cofitachequi escapes with two of the soldiers, carrying with them a chest of pearls. But De Soto does not pursue them. His mind is occupied with the river they have just discovered, which flows, not to the east, but to the west.

Miss Russell and her associates of the Russell-Harrington studios, producers of the famous Rhododendron festivals, are giving three days to the training of the cast. She will be assisted by the local pageant committee, headed by Mrs. Richard Jones, and Miss Margaret Franks.

The remainder of the caste, consisting of ladies in waiting, nobles, soldiers, and Indian maids and men, will be composed of Lane Porter, Jessie Mae Barnard, Lucille Calloway, May Belle Bryant, Emogene Landrum, Marie Dean, Mary Angle, Marie Addington, Sam Mendenhall, John Archer, Bill Sloan, Jimmy Perry, Andy Patton, Louis Patton, Carl Tysinger, Kenneth Cabe, Henry Cabe, Jr., George Hunnicutt, Sloan Sanders, Charlie Slagle, Kenneth Bryant, Clell Bryant, John Wasilik, Jr., Harry Higgins, Keny Conley, Wilburn Conley, Jack Angel, Fred Houk, and Bobby Sloan.

Mail Arrival and Dispatch From Franklin Postoffice

For the convenience of our summer visitors, we are printing the schedule of mail arrivals and departure from the Franklin post office.

Incoming

10:00 a. m.—From Cornelia.
1:00 p. m.—From Asheville.
2:20 p. m.—From Cornelia.
7:00 p. m.—From Asheville.

Outgoing

6:30 a. m.—To Asheville.
10:15 a. m.—To Cornelia.
2:15 p. m.—To Cornelia.
3:00 p. m.—To Dillsboro.

Sunday Incoming

1:00 p. m.—From Asheville.
2:20 p. m.—From Cornelia.

Sunday Outgoing

8:30 a. m.—To Asheville.
2:15 p. m.—To Cornelia.