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## JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

Contests To Be Held On Square; Stores To Close

An old-fashion Fourth of July celebration—the like of which Macon county has not seen in several years—will mark the 164th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence here next Thursday.

The program, ranging from a greased pig chase to a horse-shoe pitching contest, is being sponsored by the baseball team. Local merchants are donating the prizes.

High spot of the day's attractions will be a baseball game at 3 p. m. on the high school field, between the Franklin All-Stars and the Knoxville All-Stars. The Knoxville All-Stars are former city champions.

### Razorback Race

Immediately after the ball game, a greased porker, alleged to be the meanest old razorback in the Smokies, will be turned loose in the park to become the property of anyone lucky enough to snare him. Admission to the game will entitle anyone to enter the chase. The pig is donated by Lee Poin-dexter and J. S. Conley.

All contests will take place on the square, under the supervision of W. C. Newton. Beginning at 10 a. m., contestants will strive to shoo a greased pole to secure a \$2.50 watch affixed to the top, given by Angel's Drug Store. A tricycle race will follow at 10:30 a. m. for prizes of \$1.50 knife by Reeves Hardware, and a \$1.00 knife by Macon County Supply company.

At 10:40 there will be an old man's race, for all youngsters 40 years old and over, with prizes of \$1.50 in trade at Cagle's Cafe and a \$1.00 shirt from Joe Ashear's. An egg race for ladies will take place at 11 o'clock, the first two contestants crossing the line with their eggs unbroken receiving a \$2.50 compact from Perry's Drug Store and a \$1.00 bottle of perfume from Angel's Drug Store.

### Tug Of War

A gigantic tug of war, with teams recruited from the crowds, will come off at 11:15, followed by a peanut race in which the contestants will propel the goobers down a stretch of sidewalk with their noses for a prize of a week's pass to the Macon Theatre and \$1.00 in trade at Cagle's Cafe. Promptly at 1 o'clock, there will be a one man show, consisting of an exhibition of feats of strength. Voluntary contributions from the crowd will be taken up, one-third of the proceeds to go to the Franklin fire department.

During the day, the Girl Scouts will operate a refreshment booth at the courthouse corner. All program arrangements are under the direction of W. C. Newton, Kay Swanson and T. W. Angel.

Local merchants are cooperating in an effort to make the celebration as complete as possible. All business places, with the exception of the cafes and drug stores will remain closed during the day.

## Good Neighbor Motorcade Stopped Here Tuesday

A motorcade of 17 cars, constituting the first "Good Neighbor" tour by Western North Carolina counties, paused here briefly Tuesday afternoon.

The purpose of the tour, as explained by Dale Stentz, secretary of the Waynesville chamber of commerce and director of the tour, was to get acquainted and promote closer cooperation in advertising the entire area. The tour was arranged by the Western counties committee, of which J. H. Harwood of Bryson City is temporary chairman. Franklin is represented on the committee.

## Mark Cabe, Macon Native Dies In California

E. N. Cabe received a message Saturday afternoon telling of the death of his brother, Mark T. Cabe, who died at his home in Altoloma, Calif., on Saturday. Death resulted from pneumonia.

Mr. Cabe, a native of Macon county, left here more than 30 years ago and had never been back on a visit. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cabe, of the Clark's Chapel community.

Surviving are the widow and two sons, of California; two sisters, Mrs. Allie Ragsdale, of Delona, Calif., and Mrs. Ransom Ledford, of Prentiss; four brothers, T. B. Cabe, of Gastonia; J. O. Cabe, of Darrington, Wash.; W. H. and E. N. Cabe, of Franklin.

## Accepts Marker



Thad Eure, secretary of state, who accepted the De Soto marker for the state of North Carolina in the absence of Governor Hoey.

## GILMER JONES LEGION HEAD

Local Attorney Succeeds C. T. Bryson As Head Of Macon Post

Gilmer A. Jones, Franklin attorney, was elected commander of Macon Post 108, American Legion, at the Post's monthly meeting here last Saturday. He succeeds C. T. Bryson of Cullasaja.

Other officers elected are W. R. Waldrop, vice commander; A. R. Higdon, adjutant and finance officer; Boise Hall, service officer; T. M. Moss, sergeant-at-arms; Harley Dunbar, chaplain; Lon Dalton, historian; John Wasilik, athletic officer; Dr. W. E. Furr, child welfare officer; Adolph Zoelner, Americanism officer; Sam Murray, graves registration officer; C. T. Bryson, employment officer; W. T. Wright, membership chairman; and Miss Lassie Kelly, publicity officer.

The new officers will be installed at the Post's next meeting, Saturday, July 21.

## Jimmy Thomas

Victim Of Automobile Accident Monday

Jimmy Thomas, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, was killed almost instantly on Monday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, when he was struck by an automobile driven by Wiley Bryson, of Franklin.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

The accident occurred near the Thomas home on the Franklin-Highlands highway about one mile south-east of Franklin, when Jimmy ran out of some weeds at the edge of the highway in front of the automobile.

Bryson picked the child up, placed him in his car and rushed him to Angel hospital, but the child died en route. An examination by Dr. Edgar Angel showed multiple fractures of the skull and severe lacerations of the face and body.

Bryson was en route to Cullasaja with his wife and son, his father, Sam A. Bryson, and Sanford Smith when the accident occurred.

Investigations were made by Ed C. Guy, state highway patrolman for Macon county and John Dills, deputy sheriff for this county, who called in Sargeant Armond Sandlin, of Bryson City, and Ray Erwin, of Sylva.

After investigation, young Bryson was placed under \$1,000 bond, which he immediately made, for his appearance at a preliminary hearing before Magistrate George Carpenter, in the Macon county courthouse on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. I. L. Roberts, pastor, officiated at the funeral, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Hillside Methodist church, Asheville, former pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

The pallbearers were Lester Arnold, Ross Dean, George Gibson, C. Tom Bryson, James J. Mann and George Ramey.

Surviving are the parents; three sisters, Frances, Margaret Ann, and Joan; one brother, Charles; three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thomas, of Franklin, and Mrs. Charles Mallonee of Darrington, Wash., and a large connection of close relatives.

## RED CROSS HEAD PRAISES MACON

Work Of Local Chapter Commended By Field Representative

W. Leslie Calhoun of Washington, D. C., special field representative of the American Red Cross, made a flying trip to Franklin Wednesday morning to confer with Harley Cabe, chairman of the Macon county Red Cross chapter concerning the War Relief Fund campaign.

"American Red Cross national headquarters has instructed me to commend the Macon county chapter for its excellent work in raising funds for war relief," Calhoun stated. "Special praise is due Mr. Cabe, the Franklin Girl Scouts, Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, chairman of the Junior Red Cross, and the Highlands group for their work in this campaign."

According to Mr. Cabe, \$406.38 of the chapter quota of \$600 has been raised to date. He is confident that the quota can be easily reached by July 15, if the citizens of Macon county continue to demonstrate their sympathy and generosity towards the work that the Red Cross is now carrying on in Europe as they have up until now.

Contributions received to date include J. J. Mann \$1; Wayne Moses \$1; Nora Leach \$1; Fannie Conley \$1; A. & P. Tea company \$2.50; Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, \$1; Miss Nina Carpenter \$1; Franklin Baptist Sunday school \$5; Franklin Baptist Daily Vacation Bible school \$7; and the Franklin Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, \$5. A total of \$25.50.

## Singing Convention At Court House Here

On Sunday morning, June 30, beginning at 10 o'clock there will be an all-day singing convention held in the Macon county court house, it has been announced by James M. Raby, president.

A large crowd of visiting singers from adjoining counties are expected to be present and take a part on the program. All classes, quartets, duets and anyone interested in singing, is invited to attend.

## Schedule of Contests

- 10:00 a. m.—Greased Pole.
- 10:30 a. m.—Tricycle Race.
- 10:45 a. m.—Old Man's Race.
- 11:00 a. m.—Egg Race for Ladies.
- 11:15 a. m.—Tug of War.
- 12 Noon to 2:00 p. m.—Horse-shoe Pitching Contest.
- 1:00 p. m.—One Man Show.
- 3:00 p. m.—Baseball Game.

## War Summary

Vanquished France laid down its arms this week, six hours after she had concluded a peace treaty with the second of her adversaries, Italy, while in Germany the strains of the "Horst Wessel" song and the tolling of church bells rang out in celebration.

The order to cease firing marked the end of a 46-day campaign which overran France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The terms for an armistice with Germany were signed in the same historic railway car in the forest of Compiègne in which Marshal Foch dictated the terms that brought the first World War to an end.

In brief the terms of surrender called for immediate cessation of hostilities, the complete demobilization and disarmament of French naval, military and air forces, and the occupation of French territory to "safeguard German interests." Italy gained occupation of a slim border belt in the Alps, demilitarization of French naval bases in the Mediterranean, and control over Jibuti, in North Africa.

Great Britain immediately denounced her erstwhile ally as a traitor, and broke off relations with the Bordeaux government of Marshal Petain. Refugee Frenchmen rallied around the French national committee, in exile in London, headed by General Charles De Gaulle. De Gaulle announced the mobilization of a French "foreign legion" to fight by the side of British troops against Germany.

## LONDON

Increasing German air raids, six in nine days, spread destruction and death over isolated sections of England. So far, the bombers have done no great damage. Reports from Gibraltar today (Thursday) indicate that perhaps the greater

## Principal Speaker



John Temple Graves II, author, lecturer and columnist, delivered the principal address at the De Soto Quadracentennial.

## CENSUS SHOWS 2,222 INCREASE

1940 Returns Give Macon Total Population Of 15,894

The population of Macon county has been increased by 2,222 persons in the last 10 years, according to figures released by Charles Z. Flack of Asheville, district supervisor of the 1940 census.

Preliminary figures show the total population of the county to be 15,894 as compared with 13,672 in 1930.

There are 26 less farms in Macon now than there were in 1935, but there is an increase of 410 over the number of farms in the county in 1930. The total figures give 2,257 in 1940, 2,583 in 1935, and 1,847 in 1930.

All the 1940 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

## CCC Enrollment Now Open To Unemployed

Unemployment and the need of training available rather than a family's need for relief funds will broaden the third quarter Civilian Conservation Corps acceptance operations in North Carolina, T. L. Grier, state CCC selection supervisor, said this week.

Acceptance of 2,405 enrollees will be held at Raleigh, July 1; Wilmington, July 2; Asheville, July 9 and 10, and at all North Carolina CCC camps from July 1 to 20.

## War Summary

part of the French Fleet has steamed to North African ports for a fight to the finish despite the armistice.

British landing parties harassed German coastal bases along the channel.

## HONGKONG

British troops dynamite bridges leading to Hongkong as Japanese troops near the city as a "precautionary measure."

## BERLIN

Destruction of the British empire was predicted anew by the German press, but first will come a "thousand-fold" counter-blow for nightly British air-raids on Germany. DNB, official German news-agency, acknowledges that the British dropped 371 bombs on German soil on the night of June 20 alone, killing 16 persons and wounding 41.

## WASHINGTON

Secrecy thrown about the sudden departure of the main United States fleet from Hawaii heightens uncertainty over official intentions towards Japanese moves in the Far East. Panama Canal is reported mined.

Ford's refusal to manufacture air-plane engines for Great Britain causes furor. Canadian parliament demands that Ford's interests in Canada be taken over by government.

## PHILADELPHIA

The names of four Republican candidates for president, Wilkie, Taft, Gannett and Dewey were placed before the Republican national convention meeting in Constitution hall. Republican presidential contest appears to be Wendell Wilkie against the field.

## Many Distinguished Guests Attend De Soto Celebration

### Notice

More than ever, before we need this year to emphasize the true spirit and meaning of July 4th. We should be truly grateful for all that the day brings to us as American citizens.

To make the day more meaningful to the citizens of Macon county all business houses and stores with the exception of the drug stores and cafes will be closed for the day.

### Pageant

Adds To The Beauty Of Quadracentennial

The splendor and grandiloquence of a by-gone Spain was temporarily recreated on the stage of the Macon theatre here Wednesday afternoon, when "Waters Flowing West," the story of Hernando De Soto's discovery of the Little Tennessee, was staged for the first time.

Miss Edith Russell of Russell-Harrington Studios, Asheville, the author, directed the performance. She was assisted by Mrs. Charles Melichar and Mrs. Benny McGlamery.

The pageant ably depicted the trials of De Soto and his men in their march from Florida, seeking for a store of gold that did not exist. Beautifully-designed sixteenth century costumes added to the realism of the scenes.

### Solo Dancer

Fred Hearn's solo performance as the fiesta dancer in the first scene and as the Indian dancer in the second was the hit of the show. Hearn was formerly with Ted Shawn's famous troupe of men dancers. Music was furnished by Mary Glass at the piano.

In commenting on the pageant, Miss Russell remarked, "The story of De Soto furnishes grand dramatic material. There are almost unbelievable incidents."

Miss Russell has completed the framework for a more complete play, embracing the whole story of De Soto, which she plans to entitle "Saga of De Soto." She hopes to be able to present it at future De Soto celebrations in other states.

### Last Minute Difficulties

Due to last minute difficulties, some of the leading characters had to be trained and brought from Asheville. The cast, in order of appearance, was as follows:

Miss Russell as the chronicler; Leroy Love as Hernando De Soto; Mary Jane Bell as Isabelle de Bobadilla; Kitty Sale as the Lady of Confitachequi; Harry Coble and Clarence McCall as followers of De Soto; Fred Hearn and Alice Weaver as dancers at the fiesta; Fred Hearn as the Indian ceremonial dancer, and Nancy Jones and Dorothy Morrison as ladies-in-waiting.

Lane Porter, Mary Evelyn Angel, Lucille Calloway, Emogene Landrum, Jessie May Barnard, Marie Dean, and Mary Addington as Indian maidens, and J. C. Cunningham, Harry Higgins, and Andrew Jones as Indian Warriors. H. R. Harrington was stage manager.

## Mrs. Annie Mae Browning Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Mae Browning, 42, were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home in the Millshoal township. The Rev. Buchanan, of Cullasaja, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Browning died at her home on Tuesday night about 11:30 o'clock following an illness of eight-months.

Mrs. Browning was born on May 11, 1898, in Lenoir. She was a member of the Lenoir Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband, Will Browning; four step-children, of Macon county and one sister in Lenoir.

## Boomers Win Double Header From Cullasaja

The Franklin Boomers captured both ends of a double header Sunday afternoon, defeating Cullasaja 16-7, and Holly Springs, 7-0. Woodrow Franklin pitched both games for the Boomers.

Jimmy Angel pitched for Cullasaja in the first game, which was played on the Clarks Chapel diamond, and Deal and Elliott pitched for Holly Springs in the night-cap, played on the high school field here.

## GIVE NOW!

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

## Graves, Williamson And Eure Pay Tribute To Macon County

Commemorating the 400th anniversary of the coming of the first white men to Macon, Franklin joined with the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames to celebrate its quadricentennial here Wednesday with the unveiling of a marker to the De Soto expedition, an address by John Temple Graves II, a pageant and a motorcade.

"Our task is to prove that there are things in our country that are not made to die; things as eternal and lasting as this marker and the tradition that is behind it," said Mr. Graves, the noted Southern author, lecturer and columnist, in his address in the Macon theatre immediately after the unveiling of the De Soto marker on U. S. 21 at the Little Tennessee river bridge.

Continuing, he praised the Colonial Dames for causing the marker to be erected, saying: "The Colonial Dames are the most objective of all patriotic societies. Their love of history is pure. The patriotism that these beloved Colonial Dames serve is patriotism in terms of appreciation, a patriotism of love." He was introduced by Rev. J. B. Flanagan.

### Refers To War

Referring to the present European crisis, Mr. Graves said: "Hitler and Mussolini have betrayed mankind as it hasn't been betrayed in 1900 years. That fact stands beside us today. It makes us love our country as we never have before."

"Unless we have such a spirit of adventure now as De Soto had, unless we can recover that spirit, this America can not withstand the great competition that it is shortly to be subject to."

He paid tribute to the natural beauty of Macon county in no uncertain terms, saying, "God hadn't invented mountain laurel in De Soto's day, or at least he hadn't taught it to explode in all its beauty upon your hillsides... the white wine of your air hadn't aged properly then... If it had been as it is today, De Soto would never have left this beautiful, living Macon county."

### Congratulates Community

"I congratulate this state, its people, and this community for this emblem of eternity that has been placed here by your river this morning," he concluded.

The unveiling ceremony began at noon with an invocation by the Rev. Frank Bloxham. Mrs. G. Lyle Jones of Asheville, chairman of the Buncombe county committee of Colonial Dames, extended an official greeting to the several hundred visitors.

Mrs. J. Walter Williamson of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Society, presented the marker to the state. In the absence of Mrs. Peter Arrington of Warrenton, the marker was unveiled by Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Jones.

### Eure Accepts Marker

Secretary-of-State Thad Eure accepted the marker in the name of the state of North Carolina, and expressed Governor Hoey's regrets at being unable to be present. Rev. Ambrose Rohrbacker of Asheville pronounced the benediction.

Immediately after Mr. Graves' address, a luncheon for the visitors was served at the Franklin Terrace.

At 2:30 p. m., "Waters Flowing West," the pageant written expressly for the celebration by Miss Edith Russell of Asheville, was presented in the Macon theatre.

After the pageant, a 15-car motorcade, led by the Rev. Bloxham, left Franklin for a tour of the De Soto route through Macon county. It followed U. S. highway No. 64 and up to the top of Wayah Bald.

Among the Colonial Dames who were present for the celebration were Mrs. Evans Baxter, Mrs. William R. Robertson, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. John E. Schley, Mrs. Harvey Heywood, Mrs. Robert Redwood, Mrs. Curtis Bynum, Mrs. Elizabeth Bourne, Mrs. Howell Cobb Barwick, Mrs. Thomas Creighton, Mrs. C. C. Carr, Mrs. Cameron MacRae, Mrs. George Stephens, and Mrs. John C. Cheesborough, all of Asheville.

Mrs. Mary Graver, of Columbus, Ga.; Mrs. Hugh M. Morris and Miss Emma Bellamy, Williamson, of Wilmington; Mrs. Frank E. Jennings, ex-president of the Florida society; Mrs. R. D. Jenkins.

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