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## TOWNSHIP FARM TOURS PLANNED

Series Of Demonstration  
Farm Tours Begin  
August 5th

Beginning Monday, August 5, a series of tours to demonstration farms and homes in each township in Macon county will be made under the supervision of Sam W. Mendenhall, county agent, H. T. Fagg, assistant county agent, and Miss Florence Stalcup, home demonstration agent.

All Macon farmers and farm women are invited to go on as many as possible of the tours of inspection of the work accomplished by both men and women, working in cooperation with the Tennessee Valley Authority, the extension service, and the agricultural conservation program.

Transportation will be furnished in so far as possible, and all persons owning trucks or cars are asked to bring them along. Each tour will be an all-day affair, leaving from the designated meeting place at 8 a. m. Picnic lunches will be carried to eat along the way.

The schedule of tours by townships and the meeting places are as follows:

Cartoogechaye, Monday, August 5th, Cartoogechaye Baptist church.  
Sugarfork, Tuesday, August 6th, O. C. Corbin's store.  
Millshoal, Wednesday, August 7th, Jack Talley's home.  
Smithbridge, Thursday, August 8th, J. E. Cabel's store.  
Ellijay, Friday, August 9th, Wiley Clark's Service Station.  
Flats and Highlands, Monday, August 12th, J. D. Burnett's store, 8 o'clock; R. J. Cobb's home 10:30 o'clock.  
Cowee and Burnington, Tuesday, August 13th, Tom Rickman's store.  
Franklin, Wednesday, August 14th, Agricultural building.

## Hunter Anderson

To Represent N. C. In  
National Finals

Hunter Anderson, Cartoogechaye farm youth, will have the distinction of representing North Carolina at the national general livestock judging contest in Kansas City in November.

Teams from 47 states and Hawaii will take part in the national finals.

The North Carolina team—composed of Hunter and two other farm boys, one from Mecklenburg county and one from Northampton—will be coached and accompanied by E. J. Whitmire, agricultural teacher at Franklin high.

At the state-wide finals at State college, Raleigh, last week, Anderson judged dairy cows, beef cattle, and swine like a veteran to make the highest score of any of the contestants. In addition to placing on the state team, he won \$25 in cash and 800 pounds of nitrate of soda.

Another Macon county boy, George Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Gray of Route 1, placed eighth in the field of 36.

Hunter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of Cartoogechaye and a second-year agricultural student at Franklin high, was also high score man in the district finals at Hendersonville several weeks ago.

## Bryson City Man Caught Transporting Whiskey

Early Thursday morning, James Slag of Bryson City was overhauled by Deputy Sheriff John C. Dills about one mile south of Franklin on the Georgia road, who found 45 gallons and quart of non-tax paid whiskey aboard Slag's car, a model A Ford roadster.

Slag was placed in the county jail here to await a hearing on the charge of transporting non-tax paid whiskey.

## CAMPS BUILT BY UTAH CO.

Two Construction Camps  
Being Erected Near  
Aqune

Construction of two camps for workers engaged on the Nantahala Power and Light company's hydroelectric project on the Nantahala river near Aqune has begun by the Utah Construction company, contractor for the dam.

One camp is situated at the dam site, three miles below Aqune, on what is known as the old "Muster Grounds." Second growth timber has been cleared away, and the erection of 10 bunkhouses, a mess hall, offices, and sheds is proceeding rapidly.

The second camp is being built in Nantahala gorge where the five-mile tunnel is to be driven into the mountain, near the railroad. A power house is also to be erected here.

It is estimated that it will take two years to complete the whole project.

Offices of the Utah Construction company—who were among the companies engaged in the construction of Boulder Dam—are still situated in the Junaluska Terrace hotel near Andrews.

Persons desiring work on the project are requested to apply to the State Employment service which has a branch office in Bryson City. A representative of the employment service is in the auditorium of the courthouse here in Franklin every Tuesday.

## Final Plans

Completed For Flower  
Show Here Saturday

The annual county-wide flower show, sponsored by the Franklin Garden club, will open in the Burrill Motor company building on Main street here at 1 p. m. Saturday, July 20, remaining open until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

All persons entering flowers are requested to have them in the building by 10 a. m. Saturday, in order that they may be properly classified and judged.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ray, prominent Waynesville florists, head the committee of judges. Mrs. R. G. Beeshears and Mrs. Lola P. Barrington are official flower hostesses.

Mrs. Frank Killian is chairman of the flower show. The arrangement committee consists of Miss Mary Willis, Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Rogers and Mrs. I. T. Peek.

## Large Crowd Attends Rose Creek Dedication

Dedication services for Rose Creek Baptist church were held last Sunday, presided over by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Welch.

More than 200 people from every section of Macon county crowded into the little church and overflowed into the church grounds for the services.

The dedication opened by a devotional led by the Rev. Lee Crawford, followed by "Whose Church is This?" by the Rev. W. L. Bradley of Etna. Robert R. Rickman made a short address on "The Layman's Duty to this Church," and the Rev. J. I. Vinson of Dillard, Ga., spoke briefly on "Love."

After a bountiful picnic dinner on the grounds, served by the ladies of the church, the afternoon session opened with a prayer by the Rev. Wiley Connor of Knoxville, Tenn.

Rev. R. C. McCoy delivered the principal sermon of the afternoon, followed by the Rev. C. F. Rogers of Franklin and the Rev. R. F. Mayberry of Franklin.

The Jones quartet from Jackson county and the Morgan quartet of Macon, sang various selections throughout the day.

Officers of the new church, the first to be built in the Rose Creek community, are W. D. Welch and B. M. Hughes, deacons; Mrs. Marjorie Downs, clerk; and W. F. Welch, Buel McCall and J. W. Houston, trustees.

## Masonic Lodge To Confer Third Degree Tuesday

A special communication of Junaluska Lodge Number 145, A. F. and A. M., for the purpose of conferring the third degree—the Master Masons—will be held at the Masonic hall here Tuesday, July 30, at 8 p. m.

All members and visiting Masons are urged to attend.

## McClure Urges Development Of County At Farm Picnic

Near - Record Crowd Of  
1,400 At Annual  
Affair

"I want to see every member of the audience work, with the strongest purpose in him, to develop Macon county to its fullest extent," James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, told a near-record crowd at the annual Federation picnic here last Saturday.

A throng of 1,400 Macon farm citizens filled the high school auditorium and grounds for the annual county-wide event. Loud-speakers carried the program to those who were unable to obtain seats within the building.

**Home Production**  
Sam Mendenhall, county farm agent, urged the audience to save your seed and "produce as much as possible of what you need on the farm at home." He predicted a tremendous shortage in European seeds as a result of the war, and corresponding large increases in seed prices.

Other speakers on the program, presided over by McClure, included Fred Sloan, western Carolina district farm agent; Horace Nolan, manager of the local Federation warehouse; S. C. Clapp, head of the Federation seed department; and E. J. Whitmire, Franklin agricultural teacher.

Selections by the Federation string band and by local musicians were interspersed with the speeches during the morning.

**Dinner On Grounds**  
At noon, after thanks had been returned by the Rev. Dumont Clark, the crowd had picnic lunch on the ground, supplemented by watermelon and lemonade from the Federation.

After lunch relay races were held on the lawn in front of the school, followed by a singing convention in the auditorium. Joe Higdon, Jr., Ralph Carpenter, Bill Gregory and Junior Elliott won the junior boys relay and Lucille Kinsland, Elizabeth Moore, and Bertha Carpenter, the junior girls relay.

**The Winners**  
Garland Woody and Joe Roper were the victors in the young men's relay, as were Eva Waldrup and Ina Bell Elliott in the young ladies race. Edward Ellis, Felix Hall, Dewey Elliot and Frank Elliot composed the winning team in the men's relay race, and Aruna Hedden and Pauline Elliot captured the race for ladies over 18.

A tug-of-war team composed of R. L. Scott, Moses, H. B. Scott, W. C. Hawkins, Buster Mashburn, Frank Crisp and R. L. Bennett, vanquished their opponents in short order.

**Long And Short Of It**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson of Franklin, Route 4, who have been married seven weeks, took the prize for the couple married the least length of time, while Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shook of Bethel, who have been married 50 years, were the longest-married couple on the grounds. Ed Higdon of Lotia was adjudged the baldest-headed man present.

Henry Corbin of Route 4, had the largest family present, 9, while Theodore Elliot of Route 4 brought the largest truck load of people, driving in with 75 persons aboard.

At the singing convention, the Ridgecrest choir won first prize of a complete set of song books, while the Holly Springs choir won second prize of 24 song books. Cash prizes for quartets were taken by the West Quartet and the Tellico Quartet.

The Ridgecrest choir and the West quartet will represent Macon county at the district Federation picnic at the Mountain Experiment farm at Swannanoa, August 14.

**Macon County To Have Delegation At Farm Week**

Ten Macon county farmers, under the leadership of Sam Mendenhall, county agent, will leave here this week-end for the 37 annual Farm-Home Week in N. C. State College, Raleigh.

(A complete story on the Farm-Home Week program is carried on page six of this issue.)

Members of the county AAA committee making the trip are B. W. Justice of Mill Shoals and Robert Fulton of Cullasaja. Township AAAa committeemen on the trip will include C. I. Gaines, Franklin; John C. Ferguson, Mill Shoals; J. L. Clark, Ellijay; M. S. Burnette, Flats; Bob Wiggins, Smith Bridge; General Owenby, Nantahala; Roy Southerds, Cartoogechaye; and E. P. Picklesimer, Highlands.

## Notice To Rural Subscribers

The Franklin Press has engaged the services of J. E. Harwell, who comes to us from the Covington, Ga. News as special subscription solicitor and takes this means of introducing him to the people of the county.

Mr. Harwell will cover all rural routes and communities, and, for the present he is the only authorized rural subscription solicitor. We will appreciate your giving him your subscription or renewal. Subscriptions are payable in advance.

The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian has a wide coverage of the county and strives to give local news of every section as well as live news of momentous happenings in the nation and the world.

## Red Cross Drive

By Girl Scouts Saturday  
To Complete Quota

The Senior Troop of the Girl Scouts under the direction of Mrs. Ben McGlamery will collect contributions on Saturday, July 27, to complete the Macon county quota for War Relief of the American Red Cross.

"Many citizens have not yet made their gifts, and others will want to make an additional contribution," states Harley Cabe, county Red Cross chairman, who says that the drive will be continue actively until the quota is complete. The list of contributors will be published in next week's paper.

## Legion Auxiliary Elects Officers For Coming Year

Mrs. A. R. Higdon was elected president of the American Legion auxiliary of Macon Post 108 at a special call meeting here this week.

Other officers elected are Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Perry, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. T. C. Bryson, sergeant; Mrs. J. H. Slagle, chaplain; Mrs. G. A. Jones, hospital chairman, and Miss Lassie Kelly, publicity.

These officers will be formally installed, along with the recently-elected Legion officers, at the American Legion hall Saturday, July 27, at 8 p. m.

## Walter Hart Temporary Sanitary Engineer Here

Walter Hart, the sanitary engineer for Transylvania county, has been serving Macon county since the resignation of H. H. Plemmons, who has recently accepted a position with the Nantahala Power company. This arrangement will continue until the state appoints a permanent successor to Mr. Plemmons. Mr. Hart is in Franklin two days a week and in Highlands once a week.

## ALL-STARS CLIP CORNELIA 4-1

Seek Sixth Straight Win  
Against Demorest  
Here Sunday

Featured by a homer inside the park by Martin, who led his mates at bat with three hits for four trips to the platter, the Franklin All-Stars extended their winning streak to five games by annexing Sunday's game with Cornelia 4 to 1 at the local field.

Nichols, going the distance, allowed six hits and was unscored on until the ninth when the visitors pushed across their lone tally on a double and an error. Fonclara of the visitors allowed seven bingles but errors by his mates at crucial times spelled the difference. Each pitcher whiffed nine.

The winning run was scored in the fifth when the Cornelia inner defense collapsed and sent the tally across without a hit being recorded. "King Carl" Tysinger was recipient of the "gift-horse" score.

This week-end will see a premier production when the Demorest, Ga., team rumbles into town for their first visit.

Two base hits, Fonclara, Duval, Fonclara, Newton, Martin 2, Base Home run, Martin. Runs batted in, on balls off Fonclara 1. Off, Nichols 1. Stolen base, Carey, Martin, (Continued on Page Eight)

## BUDGET WAITS FINAL WORD

Must Be Approved By  
State Commission  
To Be Effective

Macon county's budget for the 1940 fiscal year has been passed by the county commissioners and sent to Raleigh where it must be approved by the local government commission before becoming effective.

The new budget provides for a total outlay of \$82,267,000, divided into appropriations of \$10,685,000 for the general fund; \$4,582,000 for the special fund; and \$47,000,000 for debt service.

Macon tax rates for 1940 will be \$1.30 per \$100 valuation, an increase of 2 cents over last year's rate. Residents of Franklin township will pay an additional 3 cents on the hundred for township debt service, as in 1939.

The \$1.30 tax levy will be spent as follows: 15 cents for general purposes; 5 cents for pauper funds; 5 cents for courts and jails; 5 cents for health funds; 18 cents for social security funds; 3 cents for current school expenses; 75 cents for county-wide debt service; and 4 cents for the school debt on state loans.

The general fund, one of the three chief divisions of the budget, provides for the upkeep of the courthouse; salaries for the county attorney, farm demonstration agent, and home demonstration agent; and clerical salaries and supplies.

Money from the special fund goes for the upkeep of the county home, pauper burials, and supplies; salary of a juvenile judge, court stenographer, juror and witness fees, costs and supplies; upkeep of the county jail; fire prevention; salary of the county physician and medical supplies; and the salary of the superintendent of welfare, old age assistance, dependent children, etc.

The debt service fund is used for the retirement of the \$896,000 issue of county bonds in 1937, which mature June 1, 1967. The 1940 appropriation of \$47,000 is in accord with the county's agreement with the bondholders and with the local government commission.

## Mattress Project Benefits Many Macon Families

A large crowd was assembled at the Agricultural building on Wednesday morning where 106 mattresses were being delivered to farmers who have received loans from the Farm Security Administration. Albert L. Ramsey, assistant supervisor for Macon county, who was superintending the distributions, explained that the farmers receiving the mattresses had paid the sum of \$1.50 to cover expenses of ticking, etc., the cotton having been furnished by the Surplus Commodities Corporation. These mattresses were made in Charlotte by a WPA project for the blind.

## Macon's Mattress Project

At the same time the auditorium of the building presented a busy scene as more than a dozen people were working on mattresses in the various stages of manufacture—from cutting the ticking to finishing the tacking of the cotton filled ticks made fluffy by beating. "We have already completed about 60 mattresses, and are now making about three a day," said Mrs. Martin, forewoman of the project.

## Town Asks Citizens To Observe Parking Areas

Under the direction of Jim Fowler, engineer in charge of the street construction here, parking areas and pedestrian lanes are being laid out in the business district of Franklin.

The spaces are being marked out in white paint along Phillips street between Main and Palmer streets; on Courthouse square, and on Lotia street to the front of the Baptist church.

Town officials asked Franklin citizens to cooperate in observing the parking areas, explaining that the areas are laid out to provide the maximum amount of parking space with a minimum of trouble due to carelessly parked cars, as formerly was the case.

According to C. D. Baird, local chief of police, the penalty for a traffic violation, including double parking or parking across the lines on the square, is a red ticket (\$1.00 for the first offense and \$2.00 for each subsequent offense).

Motor vehicle accidents at railroad grade crossings killed 1,197 people in this country last year.

## As The World Turns

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

### The Political Line-Up

In spite of the popularity of Rep. Bankhead and Paul V. McNutt with the Democratic convention for the nomination to the vice-presidency, the political wisdom of the selection of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is evident. With Senator McNary chosen by the Republicans as the Willie running mate, both a westerner and a candidate strong with the farmers throughout the country was indicated.

As Solicitor General Francis Biddle said in a radio forum, "Generally speaking the Republicans have been the great conservative group, representing big business," and that "this year the old tradition is dramatically evident—the ex-president of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, adored by big business, is the Republican choice." It is increasingly evident, that although Willie was a Democrat until some far-seeing Republicans saw in him the possible qualities that could stand up against President Roosevelt, he is the exponent of the old line Republicans and private utility companies who ran the country under Harding, Coolidge and Hoover.

The President's declaration through Chairman Rayburn that he has no desire to carry through a third term the heavy responsibilities of his office did not deter the convention from drafting him, and his acceptance was compulsory in the face of conditions facing the nation and the world. The President declared that his duties would prohibit campaign tours, yet the campaign is off to a good running start with issues clearly defined.

The third term bugaboo kept alive by Republicans and a small group of bolting Democrats, does not seem to scare the rank and file. The "Stop Hitler" urge has pushed the "Stop Roosevelt" drive into the limbo of forgotten things. Therefore the issue to be decided in this campaign is, which man is better prepared to handle the situation?

### The War

Increased activity in the air has marked this week's war in Europe. Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, answered Hitler's threat of total war and offer of "peace" last Monday with "Britain will not stop fighting until freedom for ourselves and others is secure."

Relays of British bombers are blasting Nazi bases from the Arctic circle to the Bay of Biscay, as British defense reports more than 3,000,000 men under arms. Great damage with small losses are reported as the Royal Air Force bombs Nazi military bases deep in the Reich. A squadron of German torpedo boats is reported driven back in the English channel. Twelve German planes are reported shot down yesterday in a battle of 100 planes over the Thames, with two British planes lost.

### VICHY, FRANCE

The Nazi-controlled government of Marshall Petain has ordered the arrest and trial of former Premier Daladier and other former government leaders because of their roles in "declaring and continuing war against Germany."

### BERLIN

The Germans report greatly increased air raids by British since Hitler's peace offer last Friday.

The German high command reports 31,000 tons of British shipping destroyed yesterday, as bombers over Britain combine with the voice of the German radio propaganda as a prelude to the zero hour for Britain.

### BUCHAREST

Rumania's pro-Nazi government has seized British and Dutch owned oil wells, thus making available for Germany's use huge stores of oil.

### Havana Conference

Nations of the Western Hemisphere opening a momentous meeting in Havana this week with a call to the American republics by President Bru of Cuba to defend their common rights against the European war's "march toward destruction."

Highlights of the conference: Hull's speech urging Americas to hold guardianship over foreign colonies in the New World, the U. S. offer of loans to Latin American countries; a program to relieve distress and make preparations to meet post-war world conditions; disposition of stagnant surpluses piling up in all American countries; firm measures to stamp out "fifth column" activities by foreign diplomatic agencies and others; means of establishing unified action among the 21 republics to resist foreign efforts to influence American policies.

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