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FARM TOUR TO BE NEXT WEEK

Leaves Agricultural Bldg. Here Wednesday At 9:00 A. M.

Final arrangements for the 10th annual Farm and Home tour next Wednesday, August 28, are nearing completion, County Agent Sam Mendenhall reported this week.

Every man and woman in Macon county is especially invited to go on the tour, Mr. Mendenhall said. Transportation will be furnished for everyone who will come to the Agricultural building here not later than 9 a. m. Wednesday.

A combine will be in action at one of the stops, saving seed from red top grass. Farmers who are planning to save any kind of legume or grass seed should see this demonstration.

At another stop, a new type threshing machine, adapted to threshing grasses and legumes, will thresh a mixture of grasses, alsike and white Dutch clover. Other stops have been arranged showing the value of lime and the use of tree seedlings for erosion control.

Lunch will be served at the Union church at Prentiss by the ladies of the Asbury Methodist church.

Immediately after lunch, the live stock show will be held at A. B. Slagle's barn on the Hayesville road. Cash prizes will be offered for Guernsey dairy cattle, beef cattle, and colts.

"Anyone living in Macon county who has any of these animals are particularly urged to enter them in the show," Mr. Mendenhall said. "A good live stock show will go a long way toward developing interest in better live stock for Macon county."

Reduced Freight Rates Sought By Mica Firms In Southeast Section

Macon county mica concerns will be materially benefitted if reduced freight rates from the southeast to the Pacific are secured, according to news from Raleigh.

R. M. Pierpont, general agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company, has requested the assistant state geologist, T. G. Murdock, for a list of producers of ground mica in North Carolina in order that contacts on the proposal may be made. The list of producers already furnished to Mr. Pierpont by Mr. Murdock includes: Asheville Mica company, Biltmore; Newdale Mica company, Mica; Southern Mica company, Franklin; Franklin Mineral Products company, Franklin; Marion Mica Mills, Marion; D. T. Vance, Plumtree; Vance - Barrett, Inc., Plumtree; and Philip S. Hoyt, Franklin.

Peek-Henderson

Reunion Held At Cliffside Last Saturday

The 14th annual reunion of the Peek-Henderson clan met at Cliffside Lake last Saturday, with approximately 150 members of the two families present.

Family members from Oregon, Washington, South Carolina, Georgia and other states returned to Macon for the reunion. Some had not seen each other for more than 40 years.

Riley Peek of Charlotte led a discussion on "What Is A Reunion." Other speakers were T. C. Henderson of Brevard; Mrs. Eddie Peek, Mrs. Maybelle Peek Watson, and Mr. Kermit Watson of South Carolina; Rev. I. J. Vinson of Dillard, Ga.; and Rev. Avery Peek of Canton.

Special vocal and string music was furnished by the Dendy brothers, Mrs. Leona Saddler and Miss Ethelene Bryson of Raleigh sang a duet.

Mrs. Frances Newton of Cornallis, Ore., mother-in-law of Mrs. Velma Peek Newton, was welcome visitor.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: J. K. Henderson of Brevard, president; Kermit Watson of South Carolina, vice-president; Mrs. Meri Peek Dryman, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. I. T. Peek, program committee chairman; T. C. Henderson of Brevard, Henderson historian; and Avery Peek of Canton, Peek historian.

The clan voted to have its next meeting at Pine Grove church. New members present at the reunion this year were Mr. and Mrs. James Parker of Washington state, and Mr. Napoleon Moses of Oregon.

Grand Jury Recommends New Court House; Condemns Jail

In its report to Judge Wilson Warlick at the close of the August term of superior court here Thursday, the grand jury condemned the present county jail on three counts.

Specifically it reports that the bedding was not clean; the plumbing needed repairing; and the bars on the windows should be replaced.

"We find the court house as a whole in a general bad state of repair and we therefore seriously recommend a new courthouse," the report also stated.

The grand jury found the county home in good condition.

School Opening Ends Summer Vacation

Vacation for some 4,000 Macon county children will end next Thursday, August 29, as all county schools open with the exception of Highlands.

The first teachers meeting has been set for Wednesday, August 28, in the Franklin high school building.

ALL-STARS LOSE CLOSE GAME 4-1

Hold Visitors To A 1-1 Deadlock Until 10th Inning

In what was easily the closest and most dramatic game thus far this season, Franklin's All-Stars dropped a decision to Easley, S. C., 4-1, after holding the visitors to a 1-1 deadlock for ten innings.

Butch Newton caught Easley flat-footed with a brilliant steal from third to home in the fourth, to score Franklin's only run. Easley's McCall struck out 15 All-Stars and pitched no-hit ball until the ninth when Phantom Phil McCollum beat out an infield roller for the local's only hit.

Monteith pitching for the All-Stars struck out 10 men and gave up six hits.

The visitors scored in the second on two singles and one error. Franklin came back in the fourth to tie it up when Newton lived on an error, Duvall and Whitmire walked, and Newton stole home. From then on, both teams went scoreless until the tenth inning when Easley pushed over three runs on two hits and errors.

Next Sunday at 3 p. m. the All-Stars meet the Knoxville Kiser Baseball Club, a strong team from Knoxville, Tenn., playing in the same league with the Knoxville All-Stars, and the fans can expect to see plenty of action as these Tennessee boys are plenty hot.

Team Standing table with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., AB, R, H.

FRANKLIN team statistics table with columns for Player, AB, R, H.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF AN 'UNLOADED GUN'

Gerald Fisher, 13-year-old boy of Brevard, died of wounds received when the gun "went off" after the boy "thought he had unloaded all the bullets when he handed it to a playmate."

STONE MAY SOLVE LOST COLONY MYSTERY

A stone bearing the name of Eleanor Dare and the message that she was "here since 1593" was found last Saturday in a cave on the Chattahoochee river in Georgia. It is announced by authorities of Brenau college who deciphered the characters. This may prove to be the final chapter in the mystery of the "Lost Colony" of Roanoke Island.

Crops Suffer \$50,000 Damage In County

Approximately \$50,000 damage was done to crops in the county by heavy rains and flooded streams last week, County Agent Sam Mendenhall estimates.

Corn suffered heaviest damages of any crop in the area. The annual western North Carolina farm meeting, scheduled for Boone this week, has been postponed indefinitely because of conditions in Watauga county. A number of Macon farmers were planning to attend the meet.

S. P. RAVENEL DIES WEDNESDAY

Former Summer Resident Of Highlands Passes In Charleston, S. C.

S. P. Ravenel, 72, retired lawyer of Charleston, S. C., who formerly spent his summers at his home in Highlands, died yesterday at Riverside Infirmary in Charleston. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 1 o'clock, at his residence, 126 Tradd street. Burial was in Magnolia cemetery.

Mr. Ravenel was born January 12, 1868, in Paris, a son of Dr. Samuel Prioleau Ravenel of Charleston, and Mrs. Margaretta Amelia Fleming Ravenel of Philadelphia.

Among the survivors are his widow, the former Miss Witte of Charleston, three sisters, Miss Margaretta Ravenel and Miss Claire Ravenel, of Highlands and Philadelphia, and Mrs. Douane, widow of the late Dr. Douane, professor of chemistry of Harvard University faculty, who worked in Paris with Madame Curie. There are no children.

Mr. Ravenel was the member of a distinguished French Huguenot family. His father, the late Dr. Ravenel of Charleston and Highlands, owned 30,000 acres of land in the Highlands section, including the famed Primeval Forest. His son, Prioleau, has not been able to come to Highlands for some years, it is said, on account of his health. Mr. Ravenel practiced law in Asheville as a member of the firm of Davidson, Bourne and Parker, for 20 years, retiring to his home in Charleston in 1934.

As The World Turns A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

War News

Highlights in the European war news during the past week include:

Proclamation by Germany of a "total blockade" by air and sea around the British Isles. "Every neutral ship sailing in this region in the future is running the risk of being destroyed." Germany announces, with the disclosure that three big ships had already been sunk in the Irish Sea.

Germany has hurled countless bombers against Britain as the Royal Air Force claims increased destruction to Nazi bases and troop concentrations, planes penetrate as far as Berlin. Duff-Cooper, after the first let-up of air raids of last week, dared Hitler to carry out his plan to invade Great Britain.

Following mass plane attacks have been hit-and-run attacks by single or small groups of planes, air torpedo bombs dealing death and destruction yesterday as victims were buried beneath the ruins of smashed houses in England. Steady counter attacks were kept up on German bases, as the British continue on the offensive, and German attacks are reported to change their tactics on account of weakening from mass attacks.

The neutrality of Eire was menaced yesterday when German bombing planes carried the war into the Irish sea with attacks on four ships in St. George's channel. Retreat of the British and occupation of British Somaliland by the Italians.

The bombing of Gibraltar and increased threats in the Mediterranean as Italy declares "total, unconditional blockade between England and the vast British-African areas."

Threat of invasion of Greece by Italy "to defend" Italian Albania, while Turkey is reported ready to help defend Greece.

British report bombing of Italian-held African territory. Worst naval disaster of the war reported by Britain when 1,074 were lost on the aircraft carrier Glorious on June 9.

ROZELLE WILL HOLD REVIVAL

County-Wide Evangelistic Services At Tabernacle, September 8-22

The county-wide evangelistic services for the year 1940 will be held as usual in Friendship Tabernacle beginning on Sunday night, September 8. These services are for all the people and denominations of Macon county. They are a cooperative effort on the part of the churches of the county, both rural and city, to bring the gospel to the attention of the people of the whole county. By such a united effort of the several denominations a spirit of Christian brotherhood can be developed, an outstanding evangelistic preacher can be obtained, and the power for doing good can be greatly augmented.

When the late Rev. A. A. Angel constructed the tabernacle, he believed it could supply a need in the religious life of the county that was not being supplied by the individual churches. Such a belief seems convincing, and these special services carry with them the possibility for much good.

Gastonia Pastor To Preach

The Evangelist for the coming services will be the Rev. C. E. Rozelle, pastor of Main Street Methodist church in Gastonia. Mr. Rozelle is a man of ability, wide experience, attractive personality, well trained mind, and great preacher of the gospel.

The meeting will last for two weeks which is shorter than last year. Those who want to profit most from it should begin attending at the first and come regularly. Every person who will is invited and urged to come. Rev. and Mrs. Philip Green will lead the singing.

Fire Department Answers First False Alarm Of Year

Members of the Franklin fire department answered their first false alarm of the year Tuesday morning when the siren atop the county jail galvanized a court-wrecker crowd into action.

The fire truck got as far as Main street in its search for the blaze before it was discovered that a child playing around the jail had accidentally set the alarm off.

CHUNKING, CHINA

Flames started by Japanese incendiary bombs rendered 25,000 homeless and many lives lost in the fifth air raid in three days on this thickly populated Chinese city. The American Methodist church was destroyed.

TROTSKY ASSASSINATED IN MEXICO CITY

Leon Trotsky, famous exile of the Russian revolution, died Wednesday in Mexico City of a head wound inflicted by a "friend" with a pickaxe, and who, the dying man whispered, was an agent of the OGPU, Soviet secret police. The assassin was a 36-year old native of Iran. A machine gun attack was made on Trotsky's home last May.

S. S. AMERICAN LEGION IN SAFE WATERS

The Army transport American Legion steaming homeward with nearly 900 Americans from Petsamo, Finland, was announced by government authorities today to be out of the danger zone of mines in the Atlantic.

U. S. AND CANADA TO FORM JOINT DEFENSE BOARD

A joint board will be created between Canada and the U. S. following an agreement between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister MacKenzie King last Sunday, thereby permanently linking the interests of this nation with its northern neighbor, should a hostile army attack either country.

HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES 18-64 DRAFT

The house military committee has tentatively approved a conscription measure calling for the registration of men 18 through 64 years of age with those from 21 to 45 inclusive subject to immediate training. Senator Maloney (D., Conn.), introduced his compromise as the senate continued debate on the Burke-Wadsworth bill.

President Plans To Dedicate Smoky Park

President Roosevelt plans to dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National park on Labor day, September 2, he told United Press representatives at his Hyde Park home Tuesday.

Discussing travel plans for the immediate future, the president said he expects to travel directly to Asheville from Hyde Park, after spending the week-end of August 31 there attending a meeting of the Roosevelt Home club.

The date of the park dedication may be postponed if the president's plans are changed by national or international developments.

TOWN PROJECT PLANS READY

Erection Of Community House Should Begin In Few Months

Construction of the community building on Palmer street is ready to begin as soon as local agencies sponsoring the project can unite their energies to fulfill the specifications called for in the project proposal.

Washington has already approved the \$27,110 project and earmarked \$17,932 in federal funds to be used in its construction. Complete specifications and blueprints have been drawn up by John G. Owens of Asheville, the consulting engineer.

P. L. Threlkeld, county WPA superintendent, estimates that WPA forces will be available to begin work on the community house as soon as they can be released from the Otto school and the high school gymnasium projects here.

The county board of commissioners, the local government agency sponsoring the project, has donated a lot on the south side of Palmer street, immediately above the Sinclair station. The actual sum yet to be raised locally is not large, since a great part of the fund called for from the sponsor is already available in materials and equipment.

The specifications call for a two-story building of native stone. On the main floor will be an auditorium 46 by 47 feet, a 20 by 13 foot stage, a kitchen, two dressing rooms, a lounge, and toilet facilities.

Also included in the project are plans for construction of tennis courts and shuffle-boards and landscaping of the lot.

DATE SET FOR W. N. C. FAIR

Macon Will Be One Of Twenty-Two Counties Participating

Macon county has been asked to cooperate in staging the first annual Western North Carolina Industrial and Agricultural fair at Hendersonville in September.

Twenty-two western counties have been contacted by fair officials and advance reports indicate that all are going to take part.

Construction Started

Clearing and grading work was started Tuesday at the fair site on the Hendersonville-Spartanburg highway about two miles from Hendersonville. It is estimated that the initial cost of structure and of equipment will be around \$35,000.

Fair officials also announced that the dedication ceremony of the grounds had been set for September 18 when Governors Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina and Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina, a summer resident here, are expected to attend and take part on the program.

Tentative Program

The tentative program for the fair week includes: school day on Tuesday; Governor's day on Wednesday; Farmers' day on Thursday; Agriculture-N.Y.A. day on Friday and Auto Race day on Saturday.

The Cetlin and Wilson shows with 22 riding devices and 20 midway shows; the Pearl Haynes Glamour Girls revue and the Watkins circus, including the Zaccini cannon act will appear at the evening performances.

Macon Directors Two permanent fair directors and

COURT CLOSES FOUR DAY TERM

Only One Offender Sent To Roads By Judge Wilson Warlick

After disposing of both the criminal and civil dockets in less than four days, the August term of Macon county superior court adjourned sine die at noon Thursday.

A good percentage of the cases on the criminal calendar were continued until the December term of court for lack of evidence or prisoners. Judge Wilson Warlick sent only one offender, Hershel Williamson, to the roads. Williamson was found guilty by the grand jury of driving while intoxicated and sentenced to 75 days.

The grand jury was composed of Jerry R. Franklin, foreman; F. B. Vinson, Lonnie Grant, C. B. Vanhook, J. E. Dowdle, Charlie Moore, Frank Dalrymple, L. P. Patterson, Hansel Bennett, Grady Henry, Carter Henson, George R. Conley, Denver Morgan, L. L. Denny, Weaver Cochran, R. D. Rogers, S. W. Wowers and Dewey Hopper.

The case against Bill Southards, Ransom Flemings, Leo Sanders, and Wilbur Sanders, charged with allegedly setting fire to the Maple Springs schoolhouse, was continued for lack of evidence. Wayne Underwood was also given a continuance while a capias was issued for Herbie Bradshaw.

G. F. Burrell pled guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and was given a two-year suspended sentence. His driver's license was revoked for two years.

Robert Sanders pled guilty to illegal possession of whiskey, prayer for judgment continued until December term of court. Sanders also received an 18 months sentence on a charge of transporting.

Cecil Tallent was fined \$50 and had his driver's license revoked for 12 months for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

A \$50 bond, put up by a finance company on an automobile captured transporting whiskey, was declared forfeit, and the money order paid to the school board. The driver, Sam Pittman, escaped at the time of capture.

Robert Williams was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon by the grand jury.

James Shields and Lem G. Rice pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and were both fined \$50 and had their operator's licenses revoked for a year. Leonard Houston was fined \$75 and had his license revoked for the same offense.

Martin Rochester, Alvis McCall, Wofford Rochester and Fred York pled guilty to forcible trespass on each other. They were each fined one-fifth of the costs and a prayer for judgment was continued for 18 months on good behavior.

Carl Evans pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$25 and costs.

Dassie Moody pled guilty to forcible trespass and was sentenced to six months in the county jail, sentence to go into effect if she violates the law at any time during the next two years.

T. J. Chavis, negro, received a suspended sentence on an abandonment charge on good behavior and the condition that he contribute monthly to the support of the child.

Revival Services Began At Cowee Sunday

A series of revival services began at the Cowee Baptist church on Sunday night, August 18, and will continue through this week and next, it has been announced by the Rev. A. F. Mayberry, pastor.

The Rev. M. L. Lewis, of Dana, will do the preaching. Services will be held each morning at 11 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evenings. The public is invited to attend these services.

11 associate directors for Macon county have been selected. They are C. S. Slagle, Route 1, and J. S. Conley, Franklin, permanent directors; and A. B. Slagle, Franklin; John Ferguson, Route 4; W. C. Taylor, Route 4; C. W. Henderson, Cullasaja; H. W. Cobe, Franklin; M. S. Burnette, Sealy; G. W. Owenby, Flats; Mrs. B. W. Justice, Route 4; Mrs. E. B. Byrd, Stiles, and Mrs. J. N. Finley, Sealy, associate directors.

Officers of the fair association are: M. M. Redden, Hendersonville attorney, president; E. D. Mitchell Biltmore, and H. E. Buchanan, Hendersonville, vice - presidents; Sam Pickard, Flat Rock, treasurer,