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Four Hundred Persons Make Annual Farm and Home Tour

Livestock Show At Slagle Farm Is Climax Of Day

Forty-eight cars and trucks filled with Macon county people returned late Wednesday afternoon from what County Agent S. W. Mendenhall and Assistant Farm Agent T. H. Fagg termed "the best farm and home tour we've had yet."

More than 400 persons attended the tenth annual combined tour and livestock show which was jointly sponsored by the Franklin Rotary and Lions Clubs. Prize money for the livestock show was donated by the Bank of Franklin, the Lions club, Rotary club, and the Franklin Hardware.

The tour left the Agricultural building here at 9 a. m. and proceeded to a meadow on Albert Ramsey's farm, demonstrating lespedeza sowed in corn for a cover crop.

Passing by A. L. Raby's unit demonstration farm where contrasting strips of grass showed how the use of lime produced a better growth and color, the tour stopped at Frank Murray's farm to watch a combine in action. The machine, operated by Carroll Reynolds and Woodrow Gibson, was harvesting the seed from red top grass.

A field of corn on M. L. Dowdle's farm was the next point of interest. Mr. Dowdle's corn had not fired as badly as some of the corn in the county because a lespedeza sod was turned before planting. The tour also inspected a lespedeza field on his farm, on which lime had been applied and the weeds clipped preparatory to saving the seed with a combine.

The next stop was made at Fred Taylor's farm which demonstrated the results of early and late plowing and the use of lime on lespedeza. The use of lime on soybeans and erosion control by tree planting were shown on Arthur Dowdle's farm.

Another erosion control project was visited on Bob Wiggins' farm, where straw, lespedeza and tree planting has successfully been employed to halt erosion. A demonstration of the use of phosphate on a pasture was also inspected here.

After passing by tree planting erosion control projects on the farms of Mrs. L. C. Holbrook and Mrs. C. H. McClure, the tour stopped at W. C. Ledbetter's farm for a demonstration of the use of lime on clover and erosion control by tree planting.

Lunch was served at the Union Methodist church at Prentiss by the ladies of the Asbury Methodist church. The proceeds will go to building the new Asbury church at Otto.

After lunch, the tour observed two farms owned by Harley Stewart and Bill Mason, which had been purchased and on which homesteads had been built by Tenant Purchase Plan of the Federal Security Administration.

The tour then proceeded to A. B. Slagle's farm on the Murphy road for the last stop of the day. Prior to the livestock show, the tour inspected his modern dairy layout and watched a new type threshing machine thresh a mixture of grasses, alsike and white Dutch clover.

Prizes in the livestock show were awarded as follows:

For dairy cattle, six months to one year class—first prize, Wendell Brookshire; second, LeRoy Koper, third, Charles Ferguson. One year to two year class—first prize, Paul Ammons; second, Grady Garner; third, Jesse Thomas. Two years and over class—first prize, Paul Ammons; second, Bill Lenoir; third, George Gray.

The judges in the dairy cattle division were Professor J. P. LaMaster, head of the dairy department of Clemson College, and John A. Arey, state extension dairymen.

For beef cattle, feeder calves—first prize, Sam Gibson; second, Charles Ferguson; third, Fred Dalton. Fat calves—first prize, Charles Ferguson; second, Bobby McClure. Bulls—first prize, G. W. Owenby; second, Charles Ferguson.

For horse colts—first prize, Charles Ferguson; second, Harris Dreyman; third, Harley Stewart. For mule colts—first prize, Lawrence Ledbetter.

Judges in the beef cattle and colt division were Garland Lackey, Jackson county agent, Jack Lynn, Haywood county agent, and Walt Wiggins, Graham county agent.

Macon County Is Scene Of Educational Motion Film Made This Week

Macon county is the scene of a documentary, two-reel motion picture, made here this week for the Bureau of Visual Education of the University of North Carolina through the cooperation of WPA.

The movie will center about a typical day in the life of a mountain family—the Woods family of Gneiss. Shots of Franklin and the surrounding countryside are also included.

Irving Hartley of New York made the pictures, under the supervision of Miss Elda Keithly of the Bureau of Visual Education. After the picture has been edited and a sound commentary added, it will be brought to Franklin for a public showing, probably about two months from now, Miss Keithly said.

The Bureau of Visual Education, a recent addition to the University's list of public service organizations, seeks to aid education in North Carolina by furnishing educational moving pictures of various sorts to public schools and other institutions throughout the state.

In addition, the Bureau, headed by Charles Milner, is producing a number of movies, similar to the one made here this week, so that eventually public school students will be able to see for themselves what the various sections of the state are like.

REYNOLDS AND WEAVER REPLY

Acknowledgment Of Petition For Aid To Britain Received Here

The following letters have been received by R. S. Omohundro in acknowledgment of the petition forwarded to them, signed by citizens in favor of material aid to Britain as the best insurance to keep America out of war:

United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations August 22, 1940

Mr. R. S. Omohundro, Franklin, N. C.

My dear Mr. Omohundro:

Thank you very much for your letter together with petition signed by citizens of Franklin with reference to the matter of aiding England.

In reply I beg to advise that this matter is being given my most sincere and careful study and consideration, and I appreciate more than I can tell you your writing to me concerning same.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Robert R. Reynolds, U. S. S.

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

August 18, 1940.

Mr. R. S. Omohundro, Franklin, N. C.

Dear Mr. Omohundro:

Your joint letter to Senator Reynolds and myself has been received, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in securing and presenting the views of so many of the citizens of Macon county. I am thoroughly in favor of assisting Britain just as far as we can, and you may be assured of my continued and thorough cooperation in this connection.

Thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Zebulon Weaver

"Panorama Court" To Be Name Of Tourist Camp

"Panorama Court" was the name selected for the tourist camp now being erected on the Georgia road by A. G. Cagle and Charlie Bradley. The name was submitted by J. C. Marsh of Franklin.

The partners have not as yet set the date for the opening of the camp, preferring to wait until the construction is nearer completion.

Baptist Ministers To Hold Conference

The Macon County Baptist Ministers Conference will be held on Monday morning, September 2, at the Franklin Baptist church it has been announced by the Rev. R. F. Mayberry. All ministers are invited to attend.

Court Of Honor Will Be Held Here Next Wednesday

The regular monthly court of honor for the Smoky Mountains District of the Boy Scouts will be held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church on Wednesday evening, September 4, beginning at 8 o'clock.

A local Rotarian will be guest speaker as this will be Rotary night. All members of the club are especially urged to be present. Friends of the Boy Scouts, who are interested in their activities, are invited.

Members are expected from Cherokee, Bryson City, Cullowhee, Sylva and Highlands and A. W. Allen, Scout executive from Asheville, will preside. James Hauser is the local Scout Master.

Morris Brothers Will Present Show Here

"You Can't Fool Me," starring Sambo and Hezy of the Morris Brothers radio team, will be presented in the courthouse auditorium here Saturday night, August 31, at 8:30, sponsored by the Mary Johnston Allman society of the Franklin Methodist church.

The Morris Brothers are heard daily over Station WWNC of Asheville. They promise a program of old time hymn singing and good old mountain music that the whole family will enjoy.

As The World Turns

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

War News

LONDON

A week of fierce raids over Britain was climaxed last night by incendiary bombs starting many fires in London while many of the eight million people were huddled in shelters during a sleepless night. It was London's 6th consecutive night of attack and 20th air raid alarm of the war.

British airmen continue their raids into Germany, Italy, Libya, and Ethiopia.

BERLIN

British planes attacked Berlin for nearly two hours yesterday, apparently flying over the center of the city, while anti-aircraft guns blazed and booming explosions like bursting bombs rolled in from the outskirts.

The air raid alarm, Berlin's 7th of the war and 3rd in a week, lasted 3 hours.

Planes were heard distinctly over central Berlin, above the government buildings in the Wilhelmstrasse and Unter Den Linden.

VIENNA

Following continued clashes between Hungary and Rumania over Transylvania, Germany and Italy rushed diplomatic shock troops to Vienna for conferences in an effort to keep quiet in the Balkans. Russia was missing from the conference.

RUSSO-RUMANIAN CLASH

Dispatches report Russian-Rumanian fighting. Russian troops were said to have crossed the new border which Russia established in July when annexing Bessarabia and Northern Bucovina. Two planes were shot down and several hundred casualties were reported.

AXIS REPORTS

Axis claims and communiques touching on the Mediterranean and Middle East disclosed a destructive foray by German surface raiders in the Indian ocean and violent give-and-take aerial thrusts by Italian and British naval forces over a wide area.

The German high command said its naval forces had sunk the 6,900-ton tanker British Commander, described as "armed," in the Indian ocean.

Italy acknowledged, however, damaging British air raids from northern Italy to Ethiopia.

Fascists admitted the British bombed Derna, Libya, "in large numbers," hitting an Italian timber-carrying ship, and raided the northern Italian provinces of Piedmont and Lombardy.

SENATE PASSES DRAFT BILL

By a vote of 58 to 31, with N. C. Senators voting with the majority, the Senate last night passed the draft bill, requiring all male citizens between 21 and 30, inclusive, to register for the draft, to become liable to one year military train-

LABOR DAY IS PARTNER DAY

Everyone Is Invited To Compete For One Of The 100 Prizes

Franklin's first "Partner Day," sponsored by the chamber of commerce in an effort to extend the goodwill of the community, will get under way here next Monday, September 2.

Everyone in the county is invited to come to town on Labor Day and take part in the contest for the one hundred prizes that are to be given away.

A square dance on the Public Square at 8:30 p. m. will bring the day to a close.

All that anyone has to do to win a prize is to come to the chamber of commerce building on Main street and get a tally bearing a number. As soon as your "Partner" is found, wearing the same number as you are, bring him or her to the chamber of commerce and both will receive prizes.

In addition to persons along the street, all merchants and clerks will be wearing a number.

Special numbers will be provided for colored people.

RAIN, RAIN

Heavy rains Thursday threaten more flood in this section.

Roosevelt, Hoey, Cooper Will Speak At Park Dedication

Evangelist



Rev. Excell Rozelle Who Will Conduct Revival at Friendship Tabernacle in Franklin.

Revival

Arrangements Being Made By County Pastors

Plans are being made by the pastors and people of Macon county for the cooperative meeting at Friendship Tabernacle during the period of September 8-22. All ministers of the county are asked to meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Baptist church to complete plans for the revival. Committees will be announced next week.

The Rev. C. Excell Rozelle will be the evangelist for this series of services. He is a man acquainted with religion, scholarly and eloquent, who speaks the language of the common people. He is a popular speaker at Rotary clubs, reunions and other gatherings. Macon county is fortunate to secure his services for this meeting. All are reminded of the importance of attendance from the first so as not to miss any of the services.

The Rev. Philip Green, pastor of the Franklin circuit, and Mrs. Green will direct the singing.

24 Macon County Firms Receive "A" Rating By Sanitary Inspector

Twenty-four Macon county firms received an "A" rating in the July inspection of all food-handling establishment in the county, according to W. F. Hart, sanitarian for Macon and Transylvania counties.

Mr. Hart said that he was especially pleased with the showing of the hotels and restaurants here in Franklin.

Firms receiving the "A" rating were: Angel's Drug store, Arnold's Cafe, Cagle's Cafe, City Market, Edwards Hotel, Fairview Inn, Franklin Terrace, Highlands Country Club, Highlands Manor, Hotel Bryson, Kelly's Tea Room, King's Inn, Laurel Lodge, Pierson Inn, Pendergrass' Market, People's Market, Potts Brothers Meat Market, Potts House, Sandwich Shop, Sloan's Market, The Dugout, The Tavern, Tricentennial Terrace, and Trimont Inn.

Stamey Family Reunion Held On Sunday

The 9th annual gathering of the Stamey family was held on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stamey on South Skeenah with approximately 300 relatives and close friends in attendance.

Prior to the bountiful picnic dinner spread on a table in the grove, a sermon by the Rev. Claude Ledford, was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon talks were made by the Rev. Mr. Dillon, of Cherokee county, and the Rev. Lester Sorrells, visiting ministers.

The large crowd of relatives present decided that they would meet again at the same place on the 4th Sunday in August next year.

The out-of-county and state visitors present included Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Spencer, Mrs. General Mote, and Clyde Stamey, of Demorest, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders and family, of Buncombe county, Mr. and Mrs. Bass Cowart and family, of Piedmont, S. C., and a Mr. Davis of Buncombe county.

"We've got prospects for a good defensive team this year," Coach Newton said. "I don't know about the offense yet."

Mother men to chicks: "Mustn't bother papa now! He has to rehearse for his sunrise broadcast tomorrow morning."

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Final preparations are being made this week for the dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by President Franklin D. Roosevelt next Monday afternoon.

The dedication ceremonies will take place on the rock platform of the Rockefeller Memorial in Newfound Gap, exactly on the North Carolina-Tennessee line, presided over by Secretary-of-the-Interior Ickes. The governors of both states, Clyde R. Hoey and Prentice Cooper will speak prior to Mr. Roosevelt's address.

Arrangements have been made to have Mr. Roosevelt's speech broadcast over both major networks.

The ceremonies will begin at 4:30 p. m. with the arrival of the President and his party. About one hour before the dedication the approach road will be closed at a point about 10 miles from the Gap.

All the usable area at the Gap will be required for the audience during the dedication. Cars will be parked on the Clingsman's Dome road, leading off the Newfound Gap highway. Passengers may be discharged at the dedication site, but the driver will be required to take his car to the parking place.