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GIRL'S CENTER NOW ASSURED

NYA Project Will Teach Cooking And Sewing In Franklin

Gus Leach, chairman of county commissioners, yesterday announced that the sewing and cooking center for girls, offered the county by the state division of the National Youth Administration, could be accepted, thanks to the voluntary support of church organizations and individuals who have pledged their support for sponsorship for the next four months.

A recent ruling of the Washington office is requiring every county which receives the benefit of National Youth Administration funds to set up a girl's center for the teaching of sewing and cooking. Unless a county is willing to put up the necessary funds for the operation of such center other aid is apt to be withdrawn.

In the case of Macon county, this would be a real calamity for the young people, who must be from families needing the financial help, and who would be deprived of the aid the government is striving to give to underprivileged girls and boys between the ages of 16 and 24 who have no other chance.

Pay Roll Of \$20,000

At present, this pay roll totals about \$20,000 a year, which would be no small loss to many others besides the young people themselves.

This project, which will employ about 40, requires the county to furnish a building rent free, heat, lights, electricity, and materials to be made into garments which will be used by the welfare department largely to clothe children who have no clothes to enable them to attend school.

A house on Main street on the lot adjoining the Macon Theatre and which belongs to the county, will house the project.

Equipment Furnished

The offer of complete equipment for the center, for a limited time only, has been hanging fire for the last few weeks. This equipment consists of sewing machines, cutting tables, refrigerator, stove, cutlery, dishes, and other necessities for a complete teaching center. Surplus commodities are obtained through the county welfare for food used in teaching cooking and for the noon day meal. A small fee paid by the girls out of their \$16 monthly for 80 hours work will supplement this for necessities. Full time forewomen are paid by NYA, the sewing room being operated similar to the WPA sewing room and the cooking school similar to lunch rooms.

Because the county had no available funds to meet the amount required for materials—approximately \$2.00 per girl per month, for the next four months when a new budget is adopted—the county was about to lose this great benefit, aiding 40 young people, and bringing an additional pay roll into Franklin of \$700 a month.

Now the project has been assured since Mr. Leach has the promise of support of a large number of interested citizens and of church organizations to give Macon county's needy young people this chance for a start in life. They have promised to unite behind him to open the door of opportunity to neighbors in need of a helping hand. To know the need is to supply it, so he is counting on the voluntary sponsorship of the Christian forces of Franklin to make this work possible.

Methodist Zone Meeting Wednesday

Mrs. Fred S. Slagle was re-elected Zone chairman of the Macon County Zone meeting at a meeting held in the Franklin Methodist church Wednesday. Mrs. Joe Seiser was re-elected secretary.

Mrs. F. E. Branson of Canton, district secretary of the Waynesville district, in an inspiring way explained the new duties of officers and members. Mrs. J. B. Tabor, of Canton was welcomed by old friends and gave an interesting talk on mission study. Mrs. W. L. Hutchins of Waynesville, urged the importance of children's work, while Mrs. Henry Slagle of Cartoogechay, stressed the importance of Bible reading.

A social-hour and an enjoyable lunch was served at noon. The meeting was dismissed to meet in the fall with the Union society.

The following churches were represented: Bethel, Cashiers, Highlands, Mt. Zion, Union, Iotla, Spow Hill, and Franklin.

Possible Routes of Hitler's Promised 'Knockout'



This map shows the several routes by which Adolf Hitler may try to land his forces in England if he carries through his threatened invasion of Britain. The loss of life would be terrific and the question of whether the Nazis could hold the territory they land on can only be answered when the invasion occurs. Increased U-boat warfare for a tight blockade of the British Isles to prevent U. S. aid from reaching Britain was also indicated.

Nantahala Forest Ranks Second In Timbers And Other Products

Cutting seventy-nine one half million board feet of sawtimber and other forest products during the six month period ending December 31, 1940, the National Forests in the Southern Region, as reported today by Regional Forester Joseph C. Kircher, received \$493,198 in payment for stumpage. Of this sum, 25 per cent, or over \$123,000 will be returned to the counties in which the National Forests are located, and an additional 10 per cent, over \$49,000, will be spent by the U. S. Forest Service on roads in the National Forests.

Leading all the other Forests in the Region, the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas cut 21 million board feet, the Nantahala of western North Carolina taking second place with nearly 11 million feet. In addition to yellow pine and hardwood sawtimber, forest products cut during this period included white oak for high quality barrel staves, pine and hardwood pulpwood and fuel wood, chestnut acidwood, and such materials as poles, posts, and cross-ties. Less usual products included fern leaves and Spanish moss from the Florida Forests, and tanbark, shrubs, sasparilla bark, and physic root from the mountain Forests.

Timber sales on the National Forests, Mr. Kircher explained, utilize mature or decadent timber and in many cases dead trees whose removal benefits the stand. Timber is cut according to the principles of sustained yield, the annual cut never being permitted to exceed the annual growth. In fact, the present cut is far below growth, because in general the timber stands are young and many of them not yet merchantable. These sales give employment to many people, including woods workers, teamsters and truckers, and employees of plants which work up forest products into their final form.

National Forests, by providing a continuous source of raw materials, are helping to insure the permanence of local industries and the communities which depend upon them. With continuing protection and development of the National Forests in the South, future years will bring very much larger returns than 1940.

Valentine Carnival At High School

The junior class of the Franklin high school is sponsoring a costume valentine carnival in the high school auditorium Friday evening, February 14.

The public is invited to come and bring his valentine, and to patronize the varied entertainment offered for his enjoyment. Booths will include refreshment, games, trysting and hearts. There will be an A. and P. exhibit also.

The cake walk will be a feature of the evening in which all are invited to participate.

DEDICATION AT OTTER CREEK

May Community Building Constructed By N. Y. A.

The new community building at Otter Creek, constructed by the National Youth Administration, will be dedicated on Sunday, February 23. The ceremonies will be held in the building beginning at 10 a. m.

The community hopes that all friends and former teachers and pupils of the school will be present to rejoice in the completion of this undertaking. Basket lunches will furnish a good dinner.

The building which is 40 x 84 feet, has been constructed with NYA labor entirely. Last summer the buildings formerly used by the CCC camp which was located in Horse Cove were wrecked and brought through Highlands and down the Cullasaja Gorge and across Wayah Bald 60 miles to Otter Creek by truck. Those who have traversed this terrain can envision this as no small feat.

The land on which the building is erected was given for that purpose by the late Dr. May, with the understanding that the building would be dedicated to his mother, "Aunt Jane May." It will be called the May Community Building.

As The World Turns

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

BRITISH AND GERMAN REPORTS OF DESTRUCTION

During the past week Great Britain has bombed Genoa and Pisa, gained on all African fronts, and bombed Germany's invasion ports—also Hanover and munition centers with intensified destructiveness. The loss of four RAF planes is reported.

These new all-out assaults on Hitler's massed invasion strength and U-boat bases have used Britain's sea and air strength with savage intensity.

Germany claims further destruction of British shipping and planes in the Mediterranean, and a convoy of war materials destroyed off the coast of Spain, and two ships in the Suez canal. The high command says 38 British planes have been shot down over Germany.

PETAINE APPOINTS DARLAN

Chief of State Marshall Petain replaced Foreign Minister Flandin with Admiral Darlan, whom he also named vice-premier and his successor. The efforts to place Pierre Laval, Hitler's man in this position have been withstood by Petain.

Union Service

On World Day Of Prayer Planned By Churches

Under the leadership of the Franklin pastors, Rev. C. F. Rogers, Rev. J. L. Stokes II, and Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, The World Day of Prayer Friday, February 23, will be observed this year in Franklin with a special union service in St. Agnes Episcopal church, at 3:30 p. m.

At the request of the ministers, the women's missionary societies of the four Franklin churches are arranging the program for this worldwide day of prayer.

At a meeting of the presidents of the societies held last Tuesday afternoon it was decided to order the literature and programs prepared for this annual observance, and to have each society share in the exercises.

The following women were present at the meeting: Mrs. George Slagle, representing the Presbyterian societies; Mrs. T. T. Hall, society of Christian service of the Methodist church; Mrs. Carl Cabe, Mary Johnston Allman society of the Methodist church; Mrs. Derald Ashe, Baptist women's missionary society, and Mrs. Ben W. Woodruff, of the woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal church.

These officers will announce the full program later and hope that a large attendance of Franklin women will unite in this prayer service that will be held around the world on that day.

FRANCE-SPAIN-ITALY CONFER

Marshal Petain has met Generalissimo Franco at a secret place on the Riviera, and the Spanish dictator has also met Mussolini in Italy. Out of censored rumors it is suggested that there may be a French-Spanish alliance in the making and a new Spanish-axis accord.

WILLKIE TESTIFIES

Wendell Willkie's return from his whirlwind trip to Britain has held the spotlight as he has testified before the senate foreign relations committee on the lend-lease bill and the immediate need for all-out aid to Britain. He advised some modifications, but urged the sending of "five or ten destroyers" a month to stem the onslaught of the "mad men who are loose in the world."

JAPAN'S NEW ENVOY ARRIVES

Japan's new ambassador, Admiral Nomura, arrived in Washington Tuesday. Formerly Japan's foreign minister, he thinks U. S. and Japanese difficulties can be unraveled.

VOLUNTEERS GO TO FORT BRAGG

Quota To Be Entertained By Legion, With Dan Tompkins Speaker

The American Legion will give a supper and a grand send-off to the volunteers who have been called by the local draft board to fill the quota to leave for Fort Bragg next Wednesday, February 19.

The supper will be served in the Legion hall, and Dan Tompkins of Sylva will be the principal speaker of the evening. Arrangements are being made by S. Tom Bryson and the program is directed by Legion Commander Gilmer Jones. A string band will furnish music.

The young men who will be honored by this occasion are all volunteers, and are listed as follows: Zero Theodore Webb, Sealy; Thomas Earl Browning, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; Robert Laxton Brabson, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; Herman Leander Gibson, Cullasaja; Charles Lewis Shope, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; David Grayson Higdon, Cullasaja; William Harley Rogers, Route 2, Route 1, Franklin; Billie Carl Long, Route 2, Franklin.

Kenneth Ansel Dowdle has been selected as an alternate.

The local board has also been notified that a call for negroes will be made from this county, but no date has been given.

TEACHERS' BILL NEAR PASSAGE

Approved By Senate To Retire Teachers And State Employees

The past week was the busiest, so far, of the 1941 session of the Legislature in Raleigh.

A retirement bill for school teachers and all state employees advanced another step toward enactment tonight when the senate approved the measure on second reading, 47 to 0.

The bill previously had been passed by the house, and will be ordered ratified into law tomorrow, if the senate passes it on third reading at that time.

The house of representatives, meanwhile, received the revenue bill, which was reported out of the joint finance committee this afternoon in record time. The measure, which now contains a clause exempting foods for home consumption from the sales tax, will be considered by the house at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The retirement bill was described by Senator Stacy of Robeson as the "dream of the teachers of North Carolina and state employees." He said the measure would benefit children, since "the efficiency of our schools is now reduced 25 to 50 per cent because the humane policy of the school boards is to allow old teachers to stay on."

Senator Cherry of Gaston urged passage of the bill "as is." "This may not be a perfect measure," he added, "but if after ratification kinks are discovered I will be among the first to join with you in ironing them out. This bill means security for 24,000 school teachers and 9,000 other state employees."

Cherokee Bill

A measure to enable out-of-state electric utilities to domesticate for the purpose of providing rural electrification was passed by the senate and ordered ratified into law. Senator Whitaker of Swain said the bill, while state-wide in scope, was introduced to enable a Georgia utility to provide lines in Clay and Cherokee counties.

The senate also passed a house bill to validate deeds from which seals were omitted.

Liquor Referendum

Introduction of a bill calling for a state-wide referendum on liquor was postponed again, but dry sources indicated the measure would be sent forward tomorrow. Representative Edwards of Swain may be the sponsor of the prohibition legislation.

The house committee on roads gave a favorable report to a senate bill which would exempt from "for hire" licenses all trucks used exclusively to haul agricultural limestone under the AAA program.

Sales Tax

Most significant development of the day was a sweeping victory won by Governor Broughton when the joint finance committee, reversing its action of last week, voted to exempt all foods for home consumption from the state's three per cent sales tax.

After finally deciding to follow the governor's recommendations, the committee gave unanimous approval to the tax measure, and sent it to the house for floor consideration.

Highway And Construction

Two of Governor Broughton's "must" bills—which would make the terms of the state highway and public works commission and the state board of conservation and development coincide with his own—probably will be introduced tomorrow.

At present, members of both the board and commission have six-year staggered terms. The effect of Broughton's proposals would be to allow each governor to appoint his own board and commission.

Broughton disclosed today that the membership of the conservation board would be increased from 12 to 15.

Defense And Motor Inspection

A number of national defense bills have been introduced, involving sabotage, housing, army draftees and volunteers and uniforms. A stage wage-hour bill with minimum wages of 25 cents and maximum hours of 44 per week was introduced.

A motor vehicle inspection bill would require all motor vehicles to semi-annual inspection, and rule those found unsafe off the highways.

A bill to raise compulsory school attendance from 14 to 16 is sponsored by Gov. Broughton in a recommendation in his inaugural address.

Fred Montony

Dies In Hospital Following Brief Illness

Robert Frederick Montony, 31, died Friday night, February 7, at Angel hospital, after a week's illness following an operation.

Several hundred friends from Franklin attended the funeral held in Andrews, Mr. Montony's former home, where a host of friends gathered on Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Montony, to pay final tribute. The Rev. E. F. Baker, pastor of the Andrews Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. G. N. Dulin, of the Methodist church, conducted the funeral services. Interment was in the Andrews cemetery.

Mr. Montony was a graduate in electrical engineering from the University of North Carolina engineering school in Raleigh, and had been employed by the Nantahala Power and Light company for eight years, the last five of which were spent in Franklin. He was a tireless worker in his profession and as a public spirited citizen. In spite of premonitions of the serious malady that caused his death, he did not give up his active duties until a few days before he succumbed to fatal illness. He was active in organizing the Franklin Chamber of Commerce last spring and was serving as president of the Lion's Club at the time of his death.

Active pallbearers were Henry Turpin, Charles Stewart, E. R. Bullock, L. W. Manning, Mack Ray Whitaker and W. A. Hyde. Honorary pallbearers were J. E. S. Thorpe, W. C. Penn, C. E. Thompson, H. E. Church, J. B. Ray, H. J. Gnuse, Allan Brooks, H. H. Plemmons, John Cary, Robert T. Ward, J. M. Farrar, Winston Perry, Fred C. Vaughn, C. H. Bolton, J. Ward Long, Joel Tompkins, John M. Archer, J. A. Sutton, B. L. McGlamery, John H. Christy, L. McGlamery, John H. Christy, H. A. Sinclair, Walter Brown, C. E. Hyde, Ray Anderson, John Waldrop, Noah Johnson, C. W. Corn, F. M. Allen, Richard Conley, L. B. Nichols, Elmer Childers, W. W. Woody and K. E. Hyde.

Surviving besides his parents are two sisters, Miss Winifred Montony and Mrs. Morris Bush, both of Andrews.

LEND-LEASE BILL WILL PASS SENATE

With some additional limitations accepted by the administration the lend-lease bill is expected to pass in two weeks.

FAR EAST EVENTS THREATENING

Reports from the far east have indicated that Germany was pressing Japan to attack British interests even at the risk of war with the United States. Japan's encroachment on the Dutch and French islands and French Indo China are other threatening signs. President Roosevelt has stated that if the U. S. were forced into war in the east, aid to Britain would not be curtailed.