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W. N. C. FARMERS MEET AT BOONE

Important Speakers Will Be Heard; Many To Go From Macon

A large group from Macon county expect to attend the Western Carolina Farmers meeting at Boone on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. They will assemble on Monday morning, August 25, at the Agricultural building, leaving from there at 10 a. m. daylight saving time. Many distinguished speakers and discussion groups will feature the sessions which will begin Tuesday noon and last through Wednesday noon.

Each discussion group will be headed by a specialist from the Extension Service at Raleigh, as follows:

Agronomy, E. C. Blair; dairy, F. R. Farnham; poultry, C. F. Parrish; swine, E. V. Vestal; home beautification, John Harris; forestry, R. M. Graeber; beef cattle, L. I. Case; sheep, S. L. Williams; agricultural engineering, H. M. Ellis; AAA, E. Y. Floyd; farm records, C. D. Thomas; farm organization, W. B. Collins; and horticulture, H. R. Niswonger. Speakers of importance for the joint meetings will be Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president Appalachian Teachers college, Dr. L. D. Baver, head agronomy department, N. C. State college, Mr. J. C. McAmis, director of agricultural relations department, TVA, Dean, I. O. Schaub, director of agricultural extension service, and Dr. H. A. Morgan, chairman, board of directors of TVA.

It is possible that never again will our farmers have the opportunity to hear and come in contact with as many outstanding men who are all interested in our farming situation and are anxious to help in any way possible. Every farmer in Macon county who possibly can should plan to take this trip, see the farming and livestock in Watauga and adjoining counties, and attend this important meeting," says Sam Mendenhall, farm agent. Transportation will be furnished by the Macon county soil conservation and water control association. The total cost for room and board while at Boone will be \$2.75. All farmers will be expected to take bed linen, towels and other necessary toilet articles. All farmers who plan to make this trip should notify the county agent's office so that transportation can be arranged for them.

State Representatives Of Blind Commission Here

Mrs. Madeline M. ... Mary Douville ... representatives of the ... for the blind, ... to Franklin this week ... them was Miss Anna Thomas, of Gastonia, superintendent of public welfare of Gaston county.

Mrs. McCrary ... a representative of the ... that the work of the ... which is supported ... the rate, is devoted to the promotion of eye health and the prevention of blindness which involves corrective work, as well as the training of the blind in useful vocations.

Bishop St. George Tucker To Preach In Highlands

The Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Episcopal church, of Virginia and New York, will preach at the Church of the Incarnation Highlands, at the Sunday morning service.

Beginning his ministry as a missionary to Japan, where he was first consecrated Bishop of Kyoto, Bishop Tucker became bishop of the diocese of Virginia, in his home state, before being elected presiding bishop. He is known throughout the world as a Christian statesman and an authority on Far East social problems and as a great preacher.

B. T. U. Meeting At Holly Springs August 29

The B. T. U. meeting will be held at Holly Springs, Friday, August 29 at 8 p. m.

The program for the evening will be as follows: Song services led by the Holly Springs B. T. U.; devotions conducted by Mrs. Williams; minutes and roll call; "How to Conduct a Training Course" by Paul Swafford; message by Rev. G. W. Davis.

4-H'ers Sell Cartoogechaye to Raleigh



Left, Emma Lou Hurst, Macon county 4-H winner of title, "State Health Queen", and right, Myra Slagle, 4-H member from Cartoogechaye, selling cook books of Cartoogechaye Home Demonstration Club on the grounds of the Y. M. C. A. on State College grounds, Raleigh, while attending Farm-Home Week. Sixty-eight books were sold by them.

MACON SCHOOLS TO OPEN AUG. 28

Many Changes In System By Consolidation Of Rural Schools

All Macon county public schools with the exception of Highlands will open August 28. The Highlands school will open September 11. This announcement was made today through the office of G. L. Houk, superintendent, who also stated that there would be a meeting of the teachers of every school in the county Saturday, August 23 at 10 a. m. in the Franklin high school building to discuss plans for the coming year.

The following changes in the school system were also announced. The new Otto school is to be a consolidation of the recent Academy, Upper and Lower Tesenta, Mulberry, Mountain View, and Hickory Knoll schools. The children who were attending the ... and the pupils who were to attend the Beecher school will be transported by bus to the Andrews school.

1000 Pupils

Expected At Opening Of Franklin Schools

On Thursday, August 28 at 9:15, Eastern daylight saving time, 1,000 children and young people will begin the fall term of the Franklin schools. An attendance of 450 is expected in the elementary school and 550 in the high school, according to the estimate of the principal, W. H. Finley.

The first two days, pupils will be dismissed at the noon hour, so that hot lunches will not be needed until the following Monday, when the usual plan for hot lunches will be resumed under the supervision of Miss Ethel Hurst.

There are few changes in the faculty this year, according to the principal. New members of the high school faculty include Miss Nancy Haywood, of Concord, who will teach English; Miss Marie Haass, of Kentucky, English and history; H. C. Fouts, Iota, history; Miss Laura Thomas, Greenville, S. C., mathematics.

The successor of Miss Dorothy Plonk, teacher of chemistry and geometry, who resigned to accept a fellowship in research work in biological chemistry at the University of North Carolina, has not yet been announced.

America is in a state of emergency. Every citizen is urged to do his part by buying Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

Grand Jury Recommends Voting On Courthouse Bonds

The following report was made today by the Macon County Grand Jury:

To His Honor Wm. H. Bobbitt, Judge Presiding. We, the grand jury of the aforesaid county for August Term, 1941, most respectfully report the following:

We have passed on all bills, before us and have marked them true bills or not true bills according to the evidence, except those that have been continued for lack of evidence.

We divided into committees and visited the County Home, Court House, Jail and Prison Camp, and make our report as follows:

Conditions of the County Home: The toilets of the County Home aren't in first class shape. The front porch needs repair work done on it. The balance of the County Home is in fair shape.

We recommend that the school building at Highlands is in fair condition. The school buses are all in good shape. Also the school building at Franklin is in good shape.

Court House and Jail: We find the prisoners are all well kept and fed. Jail is fair condition.

We find the Courthouse in fair condition considering the condition of the building. We recommend that all voters register and vote on the bonds for a new courthouse and jail.

The prison camp we find in A-1 condition. We appreciate the support and cooperation extended us by your Honor and Solicitor.

August 21st, 1941.

S. P. PIERSON, Foreman.

Other members of the grand jury are: Carl Donaldson, Chas. A. Rogers, R. E. Limer, U. N. Carpenter, Frank Peek, W. W. Edwards, Robt. Brown, Cline Edwards, Davis Morgan, D. L. Clark, Fred Dills, T. V. Shields, George Anderson, Jack Cansler, M. S. Burnett, J. E. Allen, and W. C. Arvey.

Singing Convention To Be Held August 24

The Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will hold their regular meeting on the fourth Sunday in the month, August 24, instead of the fifth Sunday according to J. M. Raby, chairman of the convention. The meeting will be in the Macon county courthouse at Franklin. The public is cordially invited to attend.

W. O. W. Promotes J. H. Brookshire

J. H. Brookshire of Franklin has been promoted to the office of field representative in this district of the Woodman of the World. He succeeds V. M. Johnson who recently resigned.

FALL PLANS OF 4-H'ERS

Miss Hurst, State Queen Of Health, Will Go To Chicago

Emma Lou Hurst, Macon county 4-H winner of the state title of queen of health, who attended the recent 4-H short course and Farm and Home week at State college, Raleigh, made a brief talk on the Farm and Home Tour program last week. Others who attended the short course from Macon county's 4-H clubs were Myra Slagle, Faye Dills, Mary Alice Rickman, Clayton Ramsey, Leroy Roper, Cecil Kinsland and Newell Owenby.

Miss Hurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hurst, first won the 4-H health championship at the district meeting in Asheville on June 9, making a perfect score of 100, while Myra Slagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slagle ran for a close second with a score of 99. During the week spent in Raleigh the two girls, both from the Cartoogechaye community, saw 68 copies of the recently published Favorite Recipes of the Cartoogechaye Home Demonstration club, which has received favorable recognition from other sections of the state.

To Attend Chicago Meeting: As State winner of the title of Health Queen, Miss Hurst will represent North Carolina at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago to be held the last week in November. She will join the other state champions, food preservation, clothing and dairying champions, for the trip. Miss Hurst won over contestants from five extension districts of the state.

Macon county 4-H Clubs and Home Demonstration Clubs are planning to assist in meeting the expense of the Chicago trip of their delegate by the sale of cook books and other activities.

Summer Activities

During the summer each club is holding an all-day canning of vegetables and fruits which she brought from home, learning to use the pressure cooker. Twenty-three boys and girls from the county clubs attended the 4-H camp at Swanannoa.

Regular meetings will be resumed in September, according to an announcement by Mrs. Florence Sherrill, under whose supervision the 4-H work is carried on.

Mrs. Sherrill states that a county-wide exhibit to be held in the Agricultural building is now being planned for September, the prize winning exhibits to be sent to the Western North Carolina fair in Hendersonville.

The 4-H Clubs, which were first organized in 1910, now number 360 members in Macon county. Their motto is "To Make the Best Better." The four "H's" stand for, "Head, Heart, Hands, Health."

The membership pledge is: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking; my heart to greater

loyalty; my hands to larger service; my health to better living; for my club, my community, my country."

Simonds Gets Two Years In Leach Assault Case

Bond Election Registration Books Close August 23rd

Saturday, August 23, is the last day for registration for the bond election to be held Tuesday, Sept. 2. The registration books will be open in the various precincts until 6 p. m. Saturday, August 30, will be challenge day.

Due to the fact that all previous registration records were burned in the Bank building fire, every citizen will be required to register before voting in this election.

The Macon county commissioners have asked the citizens to vote on a \$60,000 bond issue necessary for the construction of a new courthouse and jail. If the \$90,000 will be furnished by WPA to be used for the building of a \$150,000 courthouse and jail.

N. C. Library Head Visits Franklin Library, Bookmobile To Operate

Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission, has visited Franklin during the past week and arranged for the purchase of a new bookmobile to take the place of the one wrecked some months ago.

Steps have been taken to purchase a truck which will be converted into a bookmobile, with part of the funds allocated to the county from the library commission funds appropriated by the last legislature, according to Miss Lassie Kelly, chairman of the local library board. The amount thus appropriated to the county is \$900, which is supplemented by a county appropriation of \$200 and \$200 by the town of Franklin. The salary of a librarian and bookmobile librarian will be paid by WPA funds.

Mrs. Cox Continues Gifts: Mrs. Angie Cox, library benefactor, continues her generous contribution of books to the library, which, Miss Kelly says, makes it possible to operate the bookmobile for the benefit of citizens in the county who live too far from Franklin to enjoy the use of the town library. Books are delivered to every section of the county and collected according to a regular schedule. Mrs. Frank I. Murray will have charge of the bookmobile, which will begin to operate as soon in September as the truck can be equipped.

Members of the board besides the chairman are: Mrs. Lela P. Barrington, Mrs. W. Angus, Mrs. Virginia Ramsey, Miss Nora Moody and Mrs. Charles Mellichar.

School Bus Drivers To Report Monday

W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin school, has requested all school bus drivers of District No. 1 to report at the county school bus garage at 1 o'clock Monday, August 25.

Macon Epworth Leagues Meet At Asbury Church

The Macon County Epworth Leagues meeting at the Asbury Methodist church last Thursday evening presented a discussion on the "Writings of the Early Scriptures". In a business session conducted by Lillian Jones, Sarah Conley was elected president. Mary Frances Page, vice-president; Lotis Bradley, corresponding secretary; Jo Bradley, secretary; Mary Evelyn Moore, treasurer.

Louisa Chapel League invited the Union to meet with them the second Thursday in September.

The social hour was directed by Don Caba after which iced watermelon was served.

Carlisle Bros. Show At Court House Aug. 26

Carlisle Brothers with "Sonny Boy Tommy," Hot Shot Elmer, and I. Blanchard, will appear at the Court house with a brand new show on Tuesday night, August 26, at 8:30 p. m. daylight saving time.

The show is sponsored by Asbury church and the Girl Scouts public is invited to attend.

Clifton Parker Receives Critical Injuries In Slide

Clifton Parker, of Hayesville, was injured at the Utah Construction Company rock quarry when he was caught in a slide of loose dirt and rock at 4 a. m. Tuesday, August 19. He was rushed to Angel Hospital where his condition was pronounced critical by Dr. Edgar Angel. Mr. Parker received a fractured skull, fractured back, and fractured ribs according to Dr. Angel.

Catholic Lecture At Court House

The Rev. Dr. Louis Motry, of Washington, D. C., will deliver a lecture on the Catholic church at the court house on Saturday afternoon, August 23, beginning at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Carson Chapel Revival Continues Next Week

Stereoptican pictures depicting scenes in the life of Christ, will be shown on Saturday night, at 8 p. m. at Carson chapel where revival services are now in progress. Rev. J. L. Stokes II, who is the preacher at these services, has announced that there will be a children's and young people's service every night, beginning Monday, August 25, at 7:30 o'clock, preceding the regular service.

Other Criminal Cases On Docket Completed Wednesday

Arvil Simonds who was charged with an assault on Tom Leach, well-known Franklin citizen, was found guilty by a Macon county jury in the August term of the Superior Court and was sentenced to serve two years on the roads of the state of North Carolina, by Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte.

Simonds, who maintained a plea of not guilty throughout the trial was without counsel, while the State was represented by John M. Queen, of Waynesville, solicitor for this district.

Mr. Leach, although in an enfeebled condition was able to appear on the witness stand and identify the defendant as one of the persons who attacked him Saturday night, July 26. He further testified that Arvil Simonds came up to him on the night of his attack about 9 p. m. and after greeting him in a friendly fashion walked with him until they came to an alley where Simonds seized and dragged him into the alley, then knocked him unconscious. He also stated that there were several other people there who took part in the attack, and that he does not know what happened between this time and when he regained consciousness behind Glen Ray's store, some 300 yards from the spot of the first attack.

Other witnesses who testified as to having seen Simonds and Mr. Leach together around 9 p. m. that night are Roy Cunningham, Hazel and Carrie Lee Pannell.

Other Cases: The following persons were found guilty of drunken driving and received sentences of a fine of \$50 plus court costs and a 60-day suspended sentence: Geo. Reed, Aaron Miller, Wiley Scott, Leonard Miller, Bill Lenoir, Gordon Leftis, and Don Mulkey.

Harlie and Lemmie Houston who attacked Marshall Officer, the local night policeman, Saturday night, August 16, were found guilty of assault and resisting an officer. Harley received a six-months sentence while Lemmie was sentenced to serve two months by Judge Bobbitt.

Two divorce cases in which Troy A. Lewis was granted a divorce from Ethel Lewis and Beulah C. Howell was granted a divorce from Vance Howell were settled.

J. T. Moses, George Hall, Charles Burgess all faced charges of larceny and received 4 months sentences.

The grand jury returned a true bill of indictment against William Elliott who was charged with criminal assault upon a girl under twelve years of age. This case will be referred to the next term of Superior court.

The criminal docket was concluded Wednesday and the court proceeded to the civil docket Thursday.