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Dr. McDonald Favors W. C. T. C. Expansion

Democratic Candidate For Governor Speaks In Franklin

Dr. Ralph McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, spoke to an enthusiastic crowd at the courthouse here on Monday afternoon, placing strong emphasis on Western Carolina public schools, particularly stressing the importance of expanding Western Carolina Teachers college at Cullowhee—thus providing wider educational opportunities for the people of the western area.

With Cullowhee the only state educational institution in this section and not having adequate facilities for the large number of students entering college each year, many of our boys and girls are forced to go to another state or university to get their education, he therefore proposes an enlargement for Western Carolina Teachers college and a broader curriculum, which will enable our boys and girls to receive an advanced education in their home region.

Mr. McDonald pledged his administration, if he is elected, to help the tourist trade in three ways. First, he proposes to improve the highways; second, to establish small state parks throughout the Western region, and third would be the program of state advertisement. He further proposed a highway improvement program after the war, which would get the farmers out of the mud and enable them to get their produce to a ready market.

One of the principal reasons Mr. McDonald is so interested in public schools, is that it is one of the best ways to build a greater state and thus give a more abundant life for the average family. While a tremendous progress has been made in all educational phases, there are several counties that have not gone as far as they could have and especially in that of erecting more and better school buildings.

Mr. McDonald proposes an agricultural test farm west of Asheville. Also an institution or hospital for the feeble minded children like the institute at Caswell Training School at Kinston.

There are also two kinds of taxes that Mr. McDonald is opposed to. The first is that on real estate and the second is the sales tax.

Mr. McDonald was introduced by J. Lee Barnard, a merchant of Franklin.

Enlists War Workers In Franklin, May 16-17

Frederick Sheets, civil service representative for the Norfolk Navy Yard and other agencies in that area, will be at the local United States Employment Service Office in Franklin on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16-17 for the purpose of recruiting workers from this section to fill essential positions in Washington, D. C. Clerical and professional workers are particularly needed to fill positions in numerous government agencies, and especially the stenographers are urgently needed for employment in government agencies in Washington, it was stated.

WARNING! Keep Your Tire Inspection Record

It is being circulated over the county that since the periodic inspection of tires has been removed, that it is not necessary to keep the tire inspection record any longer. This is causing the War Price and Rationing Board and car owners a good deal of unnecessary trouble as this record is still to be used when applying for tires and gasoline. Also a new car owner cannot get gas unless he holds the receipt for the gas which was issued to the previous owner and the tire inspection record of the previous owner.



Ralph McDonald

SCHOOL SERMON SUNDAY NIGHT

Graduation Exercises To Be Conducted On May 19

The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to members of the graduation class of the Franklin high school Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Macon Theatre.

Invocation which will be given by the Rev. J. F. Marchman, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and the Rev. Carl W. Judy, pastor of the Franklin circuit, will give the scripture reading, after which a prayer will be given by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church. Benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Marchman.

Commencement exercises will be held May 19, at Franklin high school, beginning at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Carl W. Judy will give the invocation and the salutatory address will be made by Marie Waters. Talks will be made by Myra Slagle, Bill Raby, Lillian Jones and Inez Crawford, followed by the announcement of awards by J. F. Pugh, principal.

Music on both programs will be furnished by the Glee club.

Boy Scouts To Present Play At Iotla Schoolhouse

"Turkey Stealing of Watermelon County," and "Eliza Rosenwater's Divorce," negro farce entertainment of two court cases, will be given by the Boy Scouts of the Iotla elementary school, at the Iotla school house on Friday evening, May 12, at 8:30 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged and the public is invited to attend.

Special Mother's Day Program Franklin M. C.

A special Mother's Day program will be given at the Franklin Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with "Mary, The Mother Of Jesus," used as the subject by the pastor, Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

"Mother, Mine," a special girls quartet will be rendered and the music will be under the supervision of Miss Virginia Slagle, organist.

Guy L. Houk Elected Lay Leader

Guy L. Houk was elected Lay Leader of the Waynesville District at the District Conference held last week at the Bethel Methodist church, near Waynesville. Mr. Houk succeeds J. Robert Long of Bryson City, who has held this office for approximately twenty years. This office carries the responsibility of supervising lay work in the District.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



1st Lieut. Mack S. Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser, is stationed somewhere in the Pacific area.



2nd Lieut. George H. Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser, recently spent a short leave at home. He got his wings while stationed at Selma, Ala.



Pfc. George F. Waldrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Waldrup, is now stationed in England. He has been in service since 1941.



Pvt. Thomas E. Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser, is now stationed at Harlington, Texas. Continued On Page Two.

4-H Leaders—Members Attend Special Lecture On "Food For Freedom"

The eleven 4-H clubs were represented at the council meeting held last Saturday in the Agricultural building by ninety-two club members and 4-H adult neighborhood leaders.

The members of the council invited leaders and other club members to attend the special lecture demonstration "Food For Freedom", given by H. R. Niswonger, in charge of Horticultural Extension, State College Station, Raleigh.

Miss Violet Barnard, president of the 4-H council, presided at the meeting with Margaret Setser acting as secretary. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Johnny Smith of Pine Grove club; Vice President, Frances Crunkleton, of Highlands; Secretary, Mary Frances Dalrymple, of Cartoogechaye club.

The Rev. Jackson Hunnicutt gave the devotional. Miss Doris Dalrymple of Cartoogechaye, reported on the 4-H church Sunday program that was given by her club last year.

At the end of the program, recreation was directed by the president, Miss Barnard.

Poultry Meeting To Be Held On May 17

Farmers and farm women who are interested in Poultry Extension for the State will be glad to know that C. F. Parrish who is in charge of Poultry Extension for the State will be in Franklin on Wednesday, May 17, at 2:30 in the afternoon of that date he will conduct a meeting at the Agricultural building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the poultry situation and to make plans for the year's poultry work. Everyone who is interested in poultry is urged to attend this meeting as Mr. Parrish will have valuable information for all of us.

Mrs. Amanda Gibson, 100



OLDEST WOMAN IN MACON DIES AT AGE OF 100

Funeral Service For Mrs. Amanda Gibson Held At Buck Creek Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda Elvira Gibson, 100, were held on Thursday afternoon, May 4, at 3 o'clock, at the Buck Creek Baptist church. The Rev. J. Oscar Nix, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gibson, the oldest living woman in Macon county, died at the home of her son, Ben Gibson, in the Cullasaja section, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, following an illness of three months. Her death was attributed to the infirmities of old age.

December 5, 1943, Mrs. Gibson celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary with a dinner at the home of her son and was able to enjoy the occasion.

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N. C. Board Of Assessment Replies To Commissioners

KILLED IN ACTION



Tech. Sgt. George C. Gray

TECH. SGT. GRAY DIES IN ACTION

Son Of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray Franklin, Route 2

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray of Franklin, route 2, have received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Technical Sergeant George C. Gray, 21, was killed in action in England on April 22.

The message read, "The Secretary of War advises me to express his deep regret that your son, Technical Sergeant George C. Gray, was killed in action on April 22 in England. Letter follows."

Sgt. Gray volunteered for service in the Army Air Corps on October 25, 1942, and received his basic training at Gulf Port, Miss. He also took special advanced training at Lorena, Texas, where he received his Silver Gunnery Wings on May 14, 1943. He was then transferred to Tucson, Arizona, for a three-weeks training course and his final training for combat duty overseas was completed in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

T/Sgt. Gray had served as aerial engineer on a B-24 bomber overseas since October 24, 1943. In March of this year he wrote his parents he had been on his 19th mission.

Sgt. Gray was one of the promising young men of Macon county, and had helped his father on the farm for two years after graduating from Franklin high school in the class of 1942. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a boy well liked by all who knew him.

In many of his letters home he spoke of wanting to finish the fight before returning home and of how the Red Cross was ever ready with their assistance. Surviving are the parents and two sisters, Misses Catherine and Betty Sue Gray and one brother, Eugene Gray, all of Franklin, route 2.

Sgt. Gray was a first cousin to Cadet Henry W. Cabe, Jr., who was killed in training at Valdosta, Ga., in August, 1943, and Lieut. Kenneth R. Cabe, who was reported missing in action over enemy territory in Europe, in November, 1943, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe of Franklin.

Lions Club Receive Charter For Cub Scouts

The charter for the Cub Scouts was presented to the Lions Club, the sponsoring organization, in a meeting held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church on Friday night.

The presentation was made by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, who is an official of the Daniel Boone Council.

Francis Smith, of Asheville, assistant executive of the Daniel Boone Council, was present and took part on the program.

Several membership cards were presented to the Den Mothers and Den Chiefs. Also badges were presented to Cub Scouts and the requirements to receive the badges was that the parents be present at this meeting.

Upholds Taxpayers' Right To Appeal On Power Co. Assessment

Gus Leach, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Macon county, has received the following answer to a letter written to the State Board of Assessment in regard to an appeal to the County Board of Assessment to increase the assessment on the property of the Nantahala Power and Light Co. This appeal was printed a few weeks ago. The correspondence concerning the matter is here given in full:

Franklin, N. C.,
April 17, 1944.

State Board of Assessment,
Raleigh, N. C.
Gentlemen:

Will you please advise what power, if any, that the Local Taxing authority has in the matter of the assessment of the Hydro-Electric property of the Nantahala Power and Light Company in Macon County.

There is some dissatisfaction among our citizens, in the assessed valuation of this property, some saying that the local board has the power to assess this property others saying that this power is in your body.

Thanking you for your attention and for an early reply.

Yours very truly,
Board of County Commissioners of Macon County.
By Gus Leach, Chmn.

April 27, 1944.

Mr. Gus Leach, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Macon County
Franklin, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 17th, in which you inquire as to whether the County or the State Board of Assessment should value the property of the Nantahala Power and Light Company in Macon County. and 1612 fully cover the operations of the State Board of Assessment in regard to the valuations of public utilities. The power company returns all physical or tangible properties to the local County Tax Supervisor, that are within the bounds of the County where the property is located. The valuation of this property is assessed by the County Tax Supervisor. The power company files a report with the State Board of Assessment, which board makes an over-all valuation of the company, which takes in consideration their physical and tangible properties, and if this valuation is larger than the value made by the various counties in which the property is located then the State Board certifies to the local units the corporate excess along with the local valuations. If the State Board does not find that the over-head valuation should be any greater than the value approved by the County Tax Supervisor, the State Board merely certifies the local listing back to the County.

In 1943 the Nantahala Power and Light Company's local valuation in Macon County was \$2,563,959. As the State Board did not increase the total valuation listed locally of \$4,335,442, there was not any corporate excess to certify back to Macon County.

If the County Board of Commissioners and the power company could not agree on their local valuation then, of course, the taxpayer would have the right to appeal to the State Board of Assessment for a review and a final decision as to the value of this property.

I trust that this letter fully answers all the questions as set out in your letter of April 17th and if there is further information or any help that the Board may render to your County Board of Commissioners, do not hesitate to advise us.

Very truly yours,
Signed,
J. C. BETHUNE,
Secretary.

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