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2 CLUBS RAISE MORE THAN \$600 AT DANCE EVENT

Fund To Be Used Toward Memorial Furnishings; Crowd Jams Building

The carefree crowd of between 300 and 400 persons that jammed the Slagle Memorial for last Friday evening's benefit program of fun square danced, bid on girls' boxes, cake walked, and voted in the various contests from 8 o'clock until after midnight—all to the tune of more than \$600 realized by the sponsors, the Franklin Rotary and Lions clubs.

The exact amount raised had not been determined Tuesday, but members of the inter-club committee in charge said it would exceed \$600. The money will be used toward furnishing the Memorial.

The crowd, which came and went during the evening, represented points throughout Western North Carolina and North Georgia, as well as various communities in this county.

A score or so of cakes were won by cake walkers, and a dozen prizes were awarded.

The most vigorous voting—at 10 cents per vote—probably was in the contest to select the prettiest girl, an honor won by Miss Pauline Reid, but there was plenty of interest, too, in the selection of the ugliest man, and in other votes.

Among prize winners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Queen, the couple married the shortest time; Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Anderson, the couple present married the longest time; the E. J. Carpenter family, with six present, the largest family in attendance; Mr. and Mrs. George Shytle (Mr. Shytle is 71), the oldest couple present; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassister, the youngest couple; Mrs. Roy Geoghegan, the oldest woman present; W. J. Darnell and Mrs. —Continued on Page Eight

Large Sum Raised By Lions' Auction For Playgrounds

Between \$300 and \$400 was netted at the auction sale conducted by the Franklin Lions club last Saturday on the town square.

The proceeds of the sale will be used for the development of community recreation playgrounds, according to R. K. Gaines, Lion club president.

Mr. Gaines added that he "wished to take this opportunity to thank all persons who contributed articles for the sale and particularly those merchants who gave large quantities of new merchandise for the sale.

"It was through the generous cooperation of these merchants that we were able to raise such a large sum of money," President Gaines said.

DRIVE STARTED FOR SYMPHONY

Membership Solicitation Launched To Bring Orchestra Here

With memberships already coming in by mail, the campaign to bring the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra to Franklin next spring got under way Monday morning.

It is hoped that the total of \$750 in memberships can be obtained within a short time.

Meanwhile, W. W. Sloan, Macon County chairman, announced the names of additional persons added to the county committee.

A regular membership, which entitles the holder to attend any concert the orchestra gives in North Carolina—in addition to the one to be presented here about March 1—is \$2. Other memberships are provided for persons who wish to contribute more.

The orchestra will give two concerts here, the one in the evening for members, and a free one in the afternoon for children. Any child, Mr. Sloan announced, who obtains as many as 10 memberships will be given a ticket to the evening concert, and thus will have the opportunity to hear both performances.

Tickets are on sale at Angel's and Perry's drug stores and at Frances' shop in Franklin, and groups from the Junior Music club, whose members will be active in the campaign, will be stationed in the lobby of the Bank of Franklin all day Friday and Saturday until noon.

The campaign in Highlands is being directed by Miss Sarah Gilder.

Members of the county committee, in addition to Mrs. Allen Siler, Mrs. Weimar Jones, E. J. Carpenter, and Miss Gilder, all previously announced, are:

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, Mrs. Reby S. Tessler, Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., Mrs. Ross Zachary, Mrs. Eva Cunningham, Mrs. Carl Cabe, and Mrs. Charles E. Parker.

For the solicitation, Franklin and environs has been zoned, with a worker assigned to each section, as follows:

East Franklin, Mrs. Tessier; Depot street, Rogers Hill, and Bonny Crest, Mrs. Wasilik; Murphy road, Mrs. Zachary; old Georgia road, Palmer street, and the Georgia road from the Cojo station to Palmer street, Mrs. Cunningham; West Main street, Bidwell street, from Main to the top of the hill, and Sunset drive, Mrs. Siler; Bidwell street from the top of the Hill to Harrison avenue, Mrs. Cabe; White Oak, Riverview, and Iotla streets, Mrs. Parker; Georgia road, from Cojo station south, and side streets, Mrs. Gilmer Jones; and the business district, Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Sloan said additional workers will be assigned for solicitation in the rural sections.

Will Hold Benefit Dance Friday Night

Grade mothers of Mrs. Houghton Williams' second grade room have announced plans for a benefit dance at the Slagle Memorial Friday evening. Funds raised will be used for the purchase of books for the room's library.

The dance, a "record" affair, will be from 8:30 to midnight, Mrs. Sam Alexander, chairman, said. The admission charge will be 50 cents per person.

LAUNCH DRIVE FOR HOSPITAL IN HIGHLANDS

Funds Sought To Build Small, Non-Profit Institution

Active solicitation started last Wednesday for contributions to the Highlands Community Hospital, which recently was chartered by the State of North Carolina as a non-profit corporation.

Highlands has long felt the need of a small clinic with a reasonable number of beds, X-ray facilities, and operating room for emergency cases.

The project has been under discussion for several months during which efforts have been made, without success, to obtain a suitable site for the building. It is hoped that this important feature may be settled in the near future.

The hospital will operate under the supervision of a board of trustees, elected each July, under the charter's provisions. The trustees chosen for the fiscal year 1947-48 are Harvey S. Talley, Charles C. Potts, Eugene C. Wood, Robert Hager, Stacy C. Russell, George W. Woodruff, Douglas M. Robertson, W. F. Lewis of High Hampton inn, Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland and Dr. William A. Matthews.

Officers for the year have been named as follows: Dr. William A. Matthews, president; Robert Hager, vice-president; Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland, secretary; and S. C. Russell, treasurer. Under the charter, all members of the board of trustees must serve without compensation.

All local residents will be approached and asked to sign pledge forms indicating whether they will contribute cash, labor or material. Solicitors who have volunteered their services include Mrs. C. C. Potts, Mrs. Harry Holt, Col. and Mrs. Elliot Caziarc, Mrs. Jack Brockway, and several members of the board of trustees. C. C. Potts, H. S. Talley and Eugene C. Wood are in direct charge of the solicitation, and all pledges will be tabulated by H. S. Talley as received.

Announcement will be made next week of the progress of the campaign and a description given of the building. Names of additional volunteer solicitors, not available at this time, also will be announced next week.

Georgia Prison

Escapee Gives Self Up To Sheriff Here

Percy Webb, fugitive from a Georgia prison for the past 18 months, voluntarily surrendered to Sheriff Perry Bradley at the jail early Tuesday morning.

Although Webb denies it, he is suspected by local officers of having been one of the participants in the robberies which have been occurring in the Highlands section of Macon County.

Several years ago Webb was sentenced by a Georgia court to serve from five to seven years on a breaking and entering charge. He has escaped several times, and on at least two occasions has been returned to Georgia by Macon officials, according to Deputy Sheriff Walter Dean.

Sloan, In 'Open Letter', Calls On State To Clean Up Cemetery's Approach

A movement seeking improvement of the approaches to the national cemetery in Raleigh, where many World War 2 dead returned to the States are being buried, has been launched through the state press by Harold T. Sloan, of Franklin.

In an "open letter to the people of North Carolina", Mr. Sloan points out that the cemetery, soon to be filled with the bodies of North Carolina boys, itself is a place of beauty, but that its surroundings are indescribably ugly, dirty, and depressing.

"Common decency", the letter declares, "demands that we do something NOW to clear up the approach to this cemetery".

The letter is known to have been published in at least two of the state's larger dailies—The

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

THANKSGIVING

THE SPIRIT AND SEASON OF THANKSGIVING GO BACK TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS... BUT OUR CELEBRATION OF IT AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WE OWE TO —

SARA JOSEPHA HALE



FOR 17 YEARS SHE WORKED TO HAVE A DAY OF THANKS SET ASIDE TO BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

HER GOAL WAS ATTAINED IN 1864 WHEN PRESIDENT LINCOLN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION ASKING "MY FELLOW-CITIZENS IN EVERY PART OF THE UNITED STATES... TO OBSERVE THE LAST THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE... FROM THAT TIME ON, THIS DAY HAS STOOD AS A SYMBOL OF FAMILY UNITY AND NATION-WIDE THANKSGIVING."

Seek Trace Of Two Men Missing From Home Seven Weeks

Members of the families of Ralph Elkins and Charley Collier have notified local authorities here that the two men have been missing from their homes for more than seven weeks.

The two men left here to take two trucks to Knoxville, Tenn., where they planned to sell them. According to information received here, it is known definitely that Mr. Elkins was in Knoxville on October 18. However, neither of the families has received word from the men since their departure.

A member of the sheriff's department said that the Knoxville police department had been contacted in an effort to locate the men.

4-H 'Achievement Day' Program To Be Held Saturday

Plans for the 4-H Achievement Day program, which will be held Saturday at the Agricultural building, have been announced.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various contests, and games and stunts are planned.

All Macon County 4-H neighborhood leaders, teachers and visitors are invited.

PARKWAY POPULAR

Final reports on the 1947 travel year, ending October 1, show the Blue Ridge Parkway drew more visitors than any other facility of the National Park service, with 1,314,353 visitors.

PLAN PROGRAMS THANGSGIVING

Methodists Will Hold County-Wide Meet Tonight At 8

Special Thanksgiving church services will be held here Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

A service at the First Baptist church will be conducted at 7:30 this (Wednesday) evening, marked by special music and a message by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Parker.

Holy Communion will be observed at St. Agnes Episcopal church Thursday at 8 a. m., the rector, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, announced.

And at the Methodist church at 8 p. m. tonight a county-wide service will be held, to which members of the Presbyterian church have been invited as guests, in the absence of the Presbyterian pastor.

The program will be in the nature of a special "Thanksgiving for harvest, land, and liberty", marked by the responsive reading of appropriate material; a presentation of fruits and soil; and special music. Ministers participating will be the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Brindall, Jr., and the pastors of the Franklin and West Macon Circuits, respectively, the Rev. D. P. Grant and Mrs. R. H. Hull.

Miss Harriette Kinnebrew will make the presentation of the fruits of the harvest, and Mrs. Carl P. Cabe will present a tray of soil.

The offering will be divided between a fund for the assistance of Methodist ministers in Europe and the Methodist Children's Home.

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Panthers

Defeat Andrews 7 To 0 In Hard-Fought Game

In a game, declared by Coaches Frank Plyler and William Crawford to have been the hardest played contest of the year, Franklin defeated Andrews on the latter's field last Friday afternoon by the score of 7-0.

Andrews, by using 6-3-2 defense, stopped the Franklin attack throughout most of the game.

Franklin was able to make one sustained march, however, featuring gains by Gregory and Mason, and score on a short line plunge by Cabe.

Playing up to its usual standard of defensive ball, the Franklin line held Andrews scoreless throughout the game.

Franklin will play Clarksville there on Thanksgiving in what may be the final game of the season, although efforts are being made to procure a post-season game for December 6.

DECEMBER TERM OF COURT WILL START MONDAY

Judge Alley To Preside; 13 Seeking Divorces; Women On Jury List

The December term of the Macon County superior court will open here Monday morning with Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, presiding.

On the docket are 62 criminal cases, 20 civil cases, and one appeal.

More than one-third of the criminal cases deal with prohibition law violations. In 24 cases defendants are charged with drunk driving. Four cases charge other prohibition law violations.

Of considerable local interest is the case of W. L. Reed vs. Katherine Otto and Gordon Otto. Mr. Reed is asking for \$50,000 damages in the death of his son, Sheridan Reed Young. Reed was killed last summer as the result of the collision of an automobile in which he was riding and one driven by Miss Otto.

There are 13 divorce cases on the docket this term.

Both criminal and civil dockets for this term of court are slightly smaller than for the August court.

For the second time in Macon county history, there is a possibility that women will serve on the juries. The names of two women, Mrs. Reby Tessier and Mrs. Ruth Carter Rice, were drawn for jury duty at this term of court.

Depot Street Improvement To Be Begun

The Asheville Paving company, which has the contract to pave Depot street here, plans to start work on that project the latter part of this week, it has been learned.

The Franklin board of aldermen let the contract to the Asheville concern September 15, and it had been expected that work would begin soon after that date.

A letter received the latter part of last week from D. M. Furr, of the paving concern, explains, however, that "we have the equipment that we plan to use on Depot street tied up on a job at Old Fort. This job should have been done a month ago, but the rainy weather that we have been having has delayed the job".

He added that "three or four days of sunshine will let us finish and we will move from there to Franklin and put the base on Depot street. So I believe we will be in Franklin the latter part of next (this) week".

It is proposed to Machine Depot street with a grader and add enough stone to the gravel on the street to provide a stone base six inches thick.

This work will be done now, and next spring asphalt will be placed on the stone base. The Asheville firm is expected at that time also to pave Main street. The latter is a State Highway commission contract.

Charge Day

Service Planned Sunday For Franklin Circuit

An all-day charge day meeting of the Franklin Methodist circuit will be held at Clark's Chapel Sunday, with the Rev. Carl W. Judy, former pastor of the circuit, as guest preacher. It was announced this week by the circuit pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant.

Following the Sunday school service at 10 a. m., Mr. Judy, who is now serving as pastor at Bethel, in Haywood county, will preach at 11. Dinner will be held at the church at noon, and the afternoon will be devoted to singing.

In addition to local singers, the Smith family, frequently heard on a Greenville, S. C., radio station, will take part. The trio and quartet from this family is remembered by many persons who heard them at a similar gathering here last year.

The fall edition of Trailways Magazine contains a full page ad. promoting travel to North Carolina. It is a contribution to travel in the state by Trailways carriers in North Carolina.

Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Following are the appointments made for the Franklin district by the Methodist conference at Asheville Monday: Franklin district, T. E. Wagg, presiding elder; Franklin station, C. F. Sherrill; Franklin circuit, J. J. Edes, Highlands circuit, G. J. Owen; Macon circuit, R. B. Shelton; Waynesville station, T. J. Owens. . . . The Nantahala mountains are on fire and it is so smoky that one can't see the mountains around. . . . Mr. J. J. Hooker of Webster now owns the telephone line between Franklin, Dillsboro and Webster, and dispatches can be transmitted any time on reasonable terms.

25 YEARS AGO

On Wednesday evening the students from Macon and Jackson counties attending the University of North Carolina met in the club room of the University Y. M. C. A. and organized a club to be known as the Macon-Jackson club. The following officers were elected: T. W. Angel, president; C. C. Poindexter, vice-president; Roy Enloe, secretary and treasurer; F. B. Mann, reporter. Those present were H. C. Stilwell, Frank Henderson, M. B. Madison, Bud Parker, Roy Enloe, Carl Buchanan, Dan Allison, C. W. Finton, George Patton, Dick Jones, C. L. Fouts, C. C. Poindexter, Cyrus Fouts, Price Meadows, Claud Tallent, Ed Angel, T. W. Angel, Jr., Haywood Trotter, and F. B. Mann.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. W. David Bruner was elected president of the Parent Teacher association in place of Mrs. Carl Slagle, who was unable to accept the office. The meeting, at which 32 members were present, was held at the Franklin school. . . . The Highlands school closed for two weeks upon the advice of the district health officer, Dr. Sisk of Waynesville. Some alarm has been felt by the parents of school children, due to the few cases of diphtheria here in town and the attendance has been so low that it was considered advisable to close the school for a short time. It will reopen on December 6.