

Record Turnout Expected On 4th

Day's Program Lists Parade And Host Of Contests

Weather permitting, a record turnout is anticipated Saturday when Maconites gear themselves to a full-blown Fourth of July celebration.

Pointing to the headline attractions of the celebration—parade, beauty contest, field events and ample prizes—and a baseball game—Dr. G. R. McSween, chairman of a civic committee in charge of the festivities, Tuesday predicted:

"If the weather holds, it looks like this is going to be the biggest and best Fourth yet."

The day's jam-packed program will be launched at 9:30 a. m. with a parade through downtown Franklin. Merchants

'Don't Be 4th Fatality'

"Don't be a Fourth statistic!"

This plea comes from Macon's two highway patrolmen, C. M. Byrd and V. E. Bryson, and it has a lot of foundation.

Last year, from 6 p. m. July 3 to midnight July 6, 492 accidents occurred in North Carolina; accidents which took the lives of 14, and injured, 253.

This Fourth week-end, the local patrolmen and those all over the state are chucking their regular hours and will be on duty every minute "we are physically able" in a do-or-die effort to reduce the state's accident rate.

So cooperate:
"Don't be a Fourth statistic!"

planning to enter floats are asked to have them at the post office by 9 o'clock. The first two winning float entries will be awarded \$10 and \$5, respectively.

Field events—for young and old—will get under way at the Franklin Athletic Field as soon as the parade disbands. Foremost among the events will be the traditional greasy pig and greasy pole features.

But the eye-catcher and main event will be the crowning of the "Queen of the Fourth", who will be selected during a beauty contest by Rotary Club judges. Merchants planning to sponsor beauty contestants are asked to register them immediately with Mrs. Clyde Sanders, president of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. Members of the woman's club will serve as chaperones for contestants.

The "Queen of the Fourth" will receive \$10, the runnerup, \$5.

Winners in all events will be awarded prizes or merchandise certificates by Franklin merchants, according to Dr. McSween.

Topping the afternoon program will be a baseball game between the Franklin All-Stars and the Isabella (Tenn.) All-Stars. The Isabella team is considered tops in its bracket, according to local fans, so a heated contest is anticipated. Game-time will be 2 o'clock. The two teams also will meet again Sunday at 2 p. m.

Nocturnal activities will center around a square dance at the Franklin High Gymnasium at 8 o'clock under the sponsorship of the V.F.W. post, coordinator for the day's festivities. Music will be by the Carson Mountain Hillbilly Band, with calling by "Slim" Williams and "Dangerous Dan" Angel.

At the morning field events, the Lions Club will be in charge of announcing; the American Legion will conduct a flag-raising ceremony; the Moose Lodge will provide the \$5 prize for the greasy pole; and the Jaycees will conduct events.

The V.F.W. Auxiliary will have charge of refreshments.

In all, 25 field events are slated, including a search for the oldest woman present; the ugliest man; and the biggest family.

Motorcyclist Injured In Collision With Truck

A 22-year-old motorcyclist, Clifford A. Fox, of Gneiss, was injured last Wednesday afternoon in a collision with a truck at the intersection of Main and Depot streets.

The driver of the truck, Windle Moore, an employe of Franklin Feed Mill, Inc., is charged with reckless driving, according to Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd, the investigating officer.

Angel Hospital, where Mr. Fox was taken after the wreck, reported he received a compound fracture of the left leg. Yesterday (Wednesday) he was said to be recovering satisfactorily.

In his accident report, the highway patrolman said Mr. Moore, driving a company truck, cut across the path of the east-bound motorcycle.

There was only slight damage to both vehicles, the patrolman said. The accident occurred about 5:45 o'clock.

GRAHAM FILM TO BE SHOWN

Showing Sponsored By
Ministers; No
Admission

The Billy Graham film, "Mr. Texas", will be shown at the Friendship Tabernacle here tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock, it has been announced by the Rev. W. K. Shields.

The picture, described as "the world's first Christian Western", features Billy Graham and Cliff Barrows, and portrays their evangelistic work in Texas.

A sound and color movie, the film lasts 50 minutes. It is being brought to Macon County through the sponsorship of the local ministers, Mr. Shields explained.

There will be no admission charge, he said, but a silver offering will be taken for "the Hour of Decision", the Graham program.

Featured actors in the picture will include Redd Harper and Cindy Walker, who are Billy Graham converts, as twentieth century cow boy and cow girl.

Batemans Set July 12 As Family Reunion Date

July 12 has been set as the date for the annual Bateman family reunion, members of the family announced this week.

This year's reunion will be held at the home of Alex Bateman and all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Deeds Health Center Land



Dr. Edgar Angel is shown signing a deed donating three-fourths of an acre of land on Riverview Street to the county for the site of a proposed health center. Under an agreement with the county, the bulk of the \$30,000 needed to build the center will be provided by the N. C. Medical Care Commission. The county's share of this total will come to about \$6,000, according to county officials. Witnessing Dr. Angel's signing of the deed are (left) Lake V. Shope, register of deeds and secretary to the board of county commissioners, and County School Supt. Holland McSwain, who was instrumental in calling the county's need for a center to the attention of the commission. With the approval of the commission, Mr. Shope said construction should begin at an early date. With Mr. McSwain and Norman Blaine as rodmen, J. Frank Shope donated his time last week to survey the land given by Dr. Angel.

Potts Sworn In As Town Clerk

Louis E. (Bud) Potts was sworn in (yesterday) Wednesday as Highlands town clerk, succeeding V. W. McCall.

Clerk for nearly six years, Mr. McCall recently resigned the post, effective July 1, to accept a job with the Highlands Branch of the Jackson County Bank.

Mr. Potts was appointed to fill the post about a month ago by the town board.

Blaine Family Reunion Is Scheduled On Sunday

The annual reunion of the family of the late Silas A. Blaine is planned Sunday at the old homeplace of Mrs. Z. V. Shope on North Skennah. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

NAME SECRETARY

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill last week was named secretary of the W.N.C. conference Methodist Service Guild at a conference at Lake Junaluska.

Macon 4-H Clubbers Place In District Elimination Contest

In competition with 4-H club members from 14 other W.N.C. counties, Macon's small delegation left no small impression at Tuesday's district elimination contests in Asheville.

Carolyn Waldrop placed first in the news reporters contest; Nancy Cabe was third in public speaking; Anna Setser was third in the girl's song leader events; and Bobby Teague and Paul Smith walked off with second place in the club talent instrumental feature.

Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt was in charge of the local club members.

HOMECOMING SLATED

Homecoming Day will be observed Sunday at the Jofa Baptist Church, the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, pastor, has announced.

Dinner will be served on the grounds and special singing is planned in the afternoon, he said.

Local Boy Wins High Honors At F.F.A. Meeting In Raleigh



Jerry Sutton, 16-year-old Franklin Future Farmer of America, returned home Saturday from the annual F.F.A. Convention in Raleigh with a plaque, \$90 in prize money, and the distinction of having been:

Item: named one of five "Star Farmers" in the entire state, an honor which strengthened his financial standing \$60.

Item: named one of five "Star Dairy Farmers" in the state—a plaque and \$30 for this one.

Item: the recipient of a "Carolina Farmer" degree, the highest F.F.A. award on the state level.

Although Jerry fairly cornered the market on honors, two other local F.F.A. boys left their mark at the convention. Paul Killian and James (Pete) Setser also received "Carolina Farmer" degrees, the three having been selected from 220 applicants for the awards.

Jerry and Paul attended the convention, held Tuesday through Friday, with Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher at Franklin High

P. O. CHANGE PROTESTED, BROWN SAYS

Proposal To Cut Out Prentiss Office Is Explained

A few patrons have protested a proposed economy move by the Post Office Department to eliminate the Prentiss Post Office in this county and the present star route to Rainbow Springs, according to Kenneth Brown, post office inspector.

Explaining that there has possibly been some misunderstanding of the proposal, the inspector said it is part of a program which has been started in other North Carolina counties in recent weeks, and one that will be carried out throughout the entire country.

By extending two short rural routes to more nearly their capacities, Mr. Brown pointed out, that the Post Office Department will be able to eliminate an office which costs \$2,515.01 yearly to operate and a star route contract of \$2,152.75 per year.

The net savings under the proposed plan would amount to \$3,623.86, he said.

Should the proposal be adopted, Mr. Brown said service will not be withdrawn from any patron now on the star route from Prentiss, except possibly some west of the former Rainbow Springs office on US 64.

All patrons now served will have box delivery at the same points and no patron will have to go any greater distance for mail, the inspector emphasized.

The change is proposed in order to more efficiently use the rural service and to effect economies in the delivery of mail, Mr. Brown said.

He explained that it is planned that Franklin, Route 1, will serve the part of the present star route from the approximate site of the former Tere-sita office. The remainder nearer Prentiss and adjacent to US 23 will be served by Franklin, Route 2.

Mr. Brown said it is possible that some patrons will have service at a slightly different hour of the day because of the rural route schedules and other travel, but he emphasized that there will be no withdrawal of service, except as stated above.

Some revisions in mail connections would have to be made to permit rural routes to give improved service, he said.

"It is my personal belief," the inspector asserted, "that after the mail supply schedules are corrected, the entire service in Macon County will be more satisfactory."

4 MACON MEN IN BATTALION

Members Of Marine Unit Composed Of W.N.C. Volunteers

Four Macon County men have enlisted in the Marine Corps' new "Mountaineer Platoon", which is composed entirely of Western North Carolina men.

The local enlistees are Charles Randolph Keener, 24, son of Mrs. Pearl Hedden of Franklin; J. Jack J. Hoglen, 19, Franklin; Jack J. Hoglen, 19, Lin, Route 2; George B. Brown, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brown, of Franklin, Route 2; and Kenneth E. (Stony) Taylor, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Taylor, of Franklin, Route 4.

Mr. Keener just recently ended six years' duty with the U. S. Air Force.

Franklin Represented At District Meeting Of V.F.W. On Sunday

The Franklin post and auxiliary was well represented Sunday at a district V.F.W. meeting in Hendersonville.

In the local delegation were Commander Jack Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. William, Mr. and Mrs. James McCollum, Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, Paschal Norton, and Robert Pearl.

Nantahala Forest Erased By Merger

REAPPOINTED



JUDGE G. B. PATTON

Judge Patton, of Franklin, Monday was reappointed as a special Superior Court judge by Gov. William B. Umstead for another two-year term. He took his oath of office yesterday (Wednesday) at the governor's office in Raleigh.

W. R. LEDFORD DIES AT HOME

Services For Former Federation Manager Held Saturday

William Ranson Ledford, former manager of the Farmers Federation store in Franklin, died last Thursday at 11 a. m. at his Prentiss home.

Sixty-six years old, Mr. Ledford, who was a native of Habersham County, Ga., had been in declining health for the past year.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 11 a. m. at the Union Methodist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. R. L. Poindexter, pastor, and the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, were the officiating ministers. Burial followed in the Union Cemetery.

Born May 5, 1887, Mr. Ledford was the son of Melvin and Sara Ledford. In 1916 he was married to Miss Elsie Cabe, of this county, who survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Herrell Ledford, of Greenville, S. C., Gordon, of Prentiss, and Sgt. Kenneth Ledford, who is stationed with the U. S. Air Force in Japan; a daughter, Mrs. George Buchanan, of Breward; a brother, Zimmery, of Prentiss; and seven grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Gribble, Carey Cabe, Weaver Shope, Woodrow Teague, Sanford Mann, and Milo Cabe. Honorary pallbearers included J. W. Addington, Frank Shope, Horace Nolen, M. L. Dowdle, Ralph Waldrop, Thad Nichols, and J. H. Stockton.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Four Franklin Students Attend Youth Music Camp

Four Franklin students were enrolled in the three-week Summer Youth Music Camp which ended Saturday at Western Carolina College.

They were Nancy Angel, Charles Baldwin, Holland McSwain, Jr., and Norma Jean Welch.

A number of student and faculty recitals were held during the past week, including a full band concert, led by Dr. Frank Simon, well known band director who was visiting the campus.

W.S.C.S. Sub-District Meet Slated For July 9

The Macon County sub-district meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service is slated for next Thursday, July 9, at the Bethel church, it has been announced.

District officers will make reports and conduct workshops. Mrs. Eva Cunningham, chairman, will preside.

Wednesday Sees Office Consolidate With Pisgah Forest

After 33 years' service, the Nantahala National Forest yesterday (Wednesday) was erased as a separately administered unit by an economy-directive from Washington, D. C.

The large 414,123-acre forest will still keep its name, but its administration will be carried on from the supervisor's office of the Pisgah National Forest in Asheville.

Protests lodged by local citizens with North Carolina members of congress soon after the consolidation order was received on April 1 apparently were ineffective.

Eying the July 1 consolidation deadline, moving vans rolled into town Monday and movers began the job of stripping the forest's offices over the post office building. By Tuesday the bareness of the headquarters was comparable to Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

Meanwhile, District Ranger John Waslik and his rangers moved from the Burrell Building into two offices in the old forest headquarters.

Most of the Nantahala personnel have reported for new assignments, either in the Asheville office or in other states.

Supervisor E. W. Renshaw, who has received no new assignment as yet, plans to remain in Franklin for about two more weeks. Assistant Supervisor Paul H. Russell reported this week for a similar job on the Cherokee National Forest, with headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn.

John D. Alsop is on a temporary detail to the Asheville office, awaiting assignment.

The Nantahala forest was established in 1920 by a presidential proclamation issued by Woodrow Wilson, and the forest payroll was one of the largest in this county.

Highlands Churches Plan Joint Vacation Bible School July 6

The Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches of Highlands will join in an annual two-week vacation Bible school, beginning July 6 and continuing through July 17, Monday through Friday of each week.

The school this year will be held at the Methodist church with Mrs. Robert E. Early as director, assisted by Mrs. R. B. DuPree, the Rev. Robert M. Hart, and the Rev. Robert E. Early. The services of other helpers are expected to be enlisted before the opening date.

The kindergarten group, primaries, juniors, and intermediates will range in age from four to 14 years. The hours will be from 9 to 11 a. m. Mr. Hart said.

Sutton Is Panelist At Dairymen's Meet

Charlie Sutton, dairymen of the Clark's Chapel community, was a panelist at the Dairymen's Field Day at Enka on Friday.

He spoke on "Better Forage Crops for Dairy Cattle". Others attending the session from here were County Agent S. W. Men-denhall and George Doster, of Clark's Chapel.

Team Breaks Losing Streak; Has Two-Game Series With S.C. Team

Highlands climbed out of a four-game losing streak Sunday when Centerfielder James A. (Jimbo) Potts scored in the 11th to give the locals an 8 to 7 victory over Cullowhee.

Wally Henry started on the mound for Highlands and was relieved in the 9th by Richard (Snook) Thompson.

The team's business manager, C. C. Potts, yesterday (Wednesday) announced a two-game series with the Itica Mohawk team of Seneca, S. C., here Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's game will start at 3 p. m., Sunday's at 2:30.

Jerry Sutton In Action