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The American Legion And the Celebration

The Local Chapter of the Legion Puts On the Great- est Celebration in the His- tory of Franklin.

Before attempting to record the events of July 3 and 4 it is meet that some mention be made of the excellent conduct of those present. It is estimated that there were between five thousand and six thousand people in Franklin on the Fourth. From this large number only three cases were made in Mayor's court for disorderly conduct. These cases were of minor importance. The principal celebrating not wisely but too well. The remainder of the visitors apparently let John Barleycorn alone and enjoyed themselves in other ways. Considering the number present this record speaks well for the citizenship of Macon county.

On the morning of the third the Franklin ball team crossed bats with a team from Dillard. This game was won by Franklin until the airplane landed on the field during the first of the ninth inning. Our boys immediately soared to heights unheard of and did not come down until Dillard had packed the game away in their knapsacks and departed for home.

On the afternoon and evening of the third the local actors and actresses staged a play at the court house entitled "The Poor Married Man." The court house was filled on both occasions and all present seemed to enjoy the play. This was particularly true of Gilmer Crawford, Fleet Scroggs, George Johnston and a few other bachelors who attended to get data for future use. They got it and some of their friends now claim that these young men are making preparations to depart for the West.

The great Fourth threatened rain but the skies soon cleared and permitted the big parade to come off in all its glory. Dr. Alvah Pearce was commander in chief and likewise field marshal of the parade. In his conduct of the parade Alvah made Von Hindenburg look like a private in the rear rank. Many floats and scores of private cars followed the Doctor through traffic jams that would make Fifth Avenue and Forty-second Street look like Goldsmith's "Deserted Village." The parade came to a stop near the court house where thousands of spectators crowded about the judges to ascertain which float had won the grand prize. After some deliberations the judges announced that the Lake Emory float deserved first honors while Camp Nkwassi received second prize. It is believed that the bevy of beautiful girls that rode on the Nkwassi float had something to do with its winning second place. Camp Taukeetah also had a beautifully decorated float—decorated with streamers, flags and most important of all—pretty girls in bathing suits. In these days of bobbed hair one young lady with an abundance of beautiful long tresses was particularly noticeable.

The Franklin Bakery and Restaurant was appropriately represented by a truck containing a table filled with good things to eat and surrounded with diners who were partaking thereof. There were several other well decorated floats.

All in all the parade on the Fourth was one of which Franklin may justly feel proud.

On the afternoon and night of the Fourth two young ladies of Atlanta were scheduled to give an exhibition of aesthetic dancing. After a couple of numbers at the afternoon performance these young ladies, it is said had a temporary fit and refused to go on with the performance claiming, it is understood, that the audience was not sufficiently appreciative. They likewise announced that they would not appear that night. Those who had assembled to see the dancing (?) got their money back and left in deep thought.

Immediately after the parade on the Fourth the aviators gave the assembled throng on the streets thrill after thrill in the air. Mr. Beeler Belvins piloted the machine while his brother, Lawrence Belvins, hung by his eyelashes from the underwing, stood on his head with the plane going a hundred miles per hour and did other hair raising stunts that kept the spectators below gasping in awe.

The address of welcome was made by Rev. A. J. Smith on the afternoon of the Third. Mr. Smith had prepared an address for former citizens of the county. However these men and women were too busy shaking hands with old acquaintances to list-

en to the address. There being no former citizens in the audience Mr. Smith changed his remarks to suit the occasion and talked of Macon county as an ideal place in which to live.

Mr. J. Frank Ray then introduced Hon. Felix E. Alley of Waynesville who made the Fourth of July speech. Probably never before has such an inspiring address been heard in Franklin. After speaking of the present day tendency to override states rights and the menace of centering all power in the national government Mr. Alley spoke feelingly of the great state of North Carolina and stressed particularly the possibilities and opportunities of Western North Carolina. He rightly stated that our natural resources, climate and potential water power will not, within themselves, develop this section of the state, but that the united energy, power and co-operation of all the people are necessary to make this the greatest section in eastern America.

Mr. Alley then spoke of the accomplishments of the American soldier from the foundation of the American nation, 149 years ago, to the day when the men of Northern South Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina, organized as the 30th division, broke the Hindenburg line and put the Germans to rout.

At no time in his speech did Mr. Alley mention his coming race for Congress against the present incumbent, Hon. Zeb Weaver. There is no doubt, however, that Mr. Alley made many votes for himself by his speech in Franklin.

On the night of the Fourth the dancers still refusing to appear the local talent again staged the play, "The Poor Married Man." They had an excellent house and took in approximately \$150.00.

After the play a great exhibition of fireworks took place on the hill near the school house. Skyrockets, bombs, set pieces, Roman candles and balloons were seen. The balloons, lighted by candles and filled with hot air gracefully rose and continued upward until they disappeared in the clouds thousands of feet above the ground.

The fireworks ended the physical program of the Home Coming Week Celebration.

On Sunday morning Rev. Fritz Rauschenberg, a famous Presbyterian Evangelist of Asheville preached an interesting sermon to the United church membership and hundreds of visitors at the Franklin Methodist church, his subject being "The Home of the Soul."

The choirs of the four Franklin churches were united and rendered some excellent music. Mrs. Smith Harris sang a solo which the audience enjoyed very much.

This ended a celebration which will be long remembered in Franklin. The local chapter of the American Legion is to be congratulated on the success which characterized the Home Coming Week and Fourth of July in the good year 1925.

S. S. Meeting at Snow Hill Methodist Church

Officers of Macon county Sunday school association are of the opinion that one of the most interesting and helpful, as well as one of the most largely attended, Sunday school meetings ever held in the county will be the annual County Sunday school convention at Snow Hill Methodist church, on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. Programs of the convention have been mailed to pastors and Sunday school superintendents in the county, with special invitations to attend, the convention themselves, and requesting that they try to get all of their Sunday school teachers and officers to attend.

The convention program includes addresses and conferences on practically all phases of the work of the modern Sunday school.

Wesley Bible Class Meeting

The seventh annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Wesley Bible Class Federation to be held at Lake Junaluska July 13, 14, 15 promises the best line of discussion and the largest attendance in the history of the Federation, according to O. V. Woosley, superintendent of Sunday school work in the Western North Carolina Conference. The initial session of the Federation will be held in the large auditorium at Lake Junaluska Monday evening, July 13, the leading speakers for this session being Dr. Thomas Carter, of Vanderbilt University, and Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, president of the Federation.

WILL DEVELOP SUMMER RESORT

Work on New Project Well Under Way—E. S. Gallo- way Heads New Develop- ment Company.

E. S. Galloway, vice president and general manager of the Texas Mica corporation has acquired an option on the holdings of that company located 5 miles from Franklin known as the Willis Cove property. Mr. Galloway has tendered his resignation as vice president and general manager of the Texas corporation in order to give all his time to the lake and summer resort development.

Mr. Galloway explains that the Texas Mica corporation was chartered to engage in mining and timber work and cannot under their charter engage in or develop this summer resort project. In order for Mr. Galloway to proceed with the new development and comply with state laws, it has been necessary to form a new company. To enable him to form this company and become head of it Mr. Galloway has accordingly severed all relations with Texas Mica corporation which leaves him free to head the new company and purchase holdings of old company.

Mr. Galloway has brought Mr. Chas. C. Allen, consulting engineer, Dallas, Texas, to Franklin to make a careful check of development work. In commenting on the situation Mr. Allen said:

"I am immensely pleased with what Mr. Galloway has accomplished to date and think he has now gotten his plans so well formulated that success is assured. My clients all appreciate the hard work Mr. Galloway has performed for them here and the many difficulties he has had to overcome. We all feel that he is entitled to a well earned rest from his arduous labors and knowing his ability in development work of this character, they are glad to give him their hearty co-operation and support."

"This is my first visit to your beautiful hill country and I have immediately fallen in love with it. I feel Mr. Galloway's plan of development is an excellent one and heartily endorse what has been accomplished. A resort such as Mr. Galloway proposes should be of tremendous benefit to this community and I am certain will have the hearty support of the Chamber of Commerce and business men of North Carolina. With the many natural advantages this section possesses a development of this character should be a splendid success and place Franklin in the position its climate, altitude and wonderful scenery entitles it to have as a resort center."

Mr. Galloway advises that he is closing down all operations and will from now on devote his entire time to the development of this summer resort. Mr. Galloway stated:

"It is indeed a source of gratification to me to have my plans approved by an engineer of the experience and reputation of Mr. Allen. Now that I have been relieved of the burden of operations I can give my entire time to this development and the people of this community can expect progress to be rapid. I expect to get my plans in such shape that we will be ready to bring tourists here by next summer. With a wonderful lake, well stocked with fish, mountain scenery, springs, etc., we will have a development second to none in North Carolina. This can be divided into acre tracts and bring to your community a class of permanent summer residents that will be a wonderful source of development to this territory."

Mr. Galloway advises that a new company will be chartered at an early date to acquire the holdings of the Texas Mica corporation and that his plans have the hearty support and co-operation of his present associates, some of whom will be associated with him in new company. He also will have associated with him some of the best known resort men in the country.

The Lake Emory Property On Sale

Mrs. Hunter Gives Sunday School Class Picnic

Last Sunday evening Mrs. Pearl Hunter took her Sunday school class on a picnic to the Allman springs near the railroad "Y."

The party left Union church by automobiles immediately after the preaching service in the afternoon.

The party reached the springs about five o'clock. Songs were sung, stories were told and afterwards a delicious dinner was served. A very delightful time was reported. Among the invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Van Harrison, Misses Bertha Cunningham and Ganes, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mann.

Franklin and Macon County

A special edition of The Franklin Press, in its issue of June 26, is admirably executed from the standpoint of the printer's art and a variety of information about the natural wealth and the development now in process in Macon county.

In the twenty-eight pages of this development issue, Editor-Publisher S. A. Harris has presented a comprehensive history of Macon county since its first settlement and fine summaries of the county's wealth in agricultural, mineral, timber and game resources. The county's progress in education is not overlooked, and in this respect Macon has always been one of the leaders among the 100 counties. A good map shows the topographical relation of the county and its seat to other towns and cities of this and adjoining states; the map is accompanied by a sketch on the highways traversing the county, with their connections.

Those who knew Macon county in the days before the good roads era will be astonished at the number of fine lateral roads leading off from Franklin, in addition to the main highways into Macon that are being constructed by the State. All that was ever necessary to bring tourists into Macon was easy access and that is being achieved. Once in Franklin, the visitor finds himself within easy distance of numerous waterfalls and high mountain peaks; he is near such delightful resorts as High Hampton, Highlands, and the Toxaway country. Perhaps no other county in Western North Carolina has more attractive farm houses for the accommodation of summer guests who wish to leave town life behind them altogether for a season. It is not strange, therefore, to find that Franklin and its territory have in a few years become a resort favored by increasing patronage from the lowlands of the South.

With Franklin as a progressive center, with a countryside rich in farm land, minerals and timber, with many water power sites still undeveloped, with streams offering good fishing, Macon county should be at the beginning of a period of splendid growth in many directions.—Editorial in The Asheville Citizen.

Franklin Wins and Loses

Last Friday Franklin lost a perfectly good baseball game to Dillard. In the beginning of the 9th the score was 5 to 3 in favor of Franklin. With two down and two strikes on the batter some one yelled that the airplane was coming. Within a few minutes the game was called to allow the plane to land on the field. The Franklin team immediately decided that it ought to go up in the air. It did and lost the game 8 to 5.

On the Fourth after the Franklin team had become somewhat used to the airplane the team played better ball. Instead of making imaginary trips in the air the Franklin boys decided that the ether was the natural home for the ball. Consequently they threw the ball to all corners of the river bottoms to beat Hazelwood to the tune of 11 to 8.

Smith & Rankin, Realtors, of Atlanta, in Charge— Lake Emory Float Wins First Prize.

With a view to calling the attention of the thousands of visitors who were here on the Fourth to the excellent opportunity for investment afforded by the Lake Emory company this company entered a float in the parade on the Fourth and won first prize.

On the sides of the float were paintings of Lake Emory as it will appear when filled with water. The hood of the car was arranged as a miniature lake with cottages around the shore and bathing girls diving from a spring board. The entire float was a work of art and was prepared by Mrs. Frank W. Connell and Mrs. W. B. McGuire. Mrs. Connell arose at 5 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth to put the finishing touches on the float while Mrs. McGuire began making preparations 12 years ago for her part of the decorations.

All who saw the float agree that both Mrs. Connell and Mrs. McGuire did their work well.

Mrs. McGuire's decorations consisted of her twin daughters, Virginia and Margaret, who rode on the running boards in bathing suits and completed the artistic touches to a beautiful float.

On or before July 15th the holdings of Lake Emory company on the east bank of the river near the dam will be placed on sale by Smith & Rankin a big real estate company of Atlanta. This land has been surveyed and staked off and blue prints made.

Mr. W. R. Sheppard, general manager, Mr. Frank W. Connell, sales manager and Mr. O. L. Taylor, director of sales will have immediate charge of selling these hundreds of lots. Probably nowhere else in the western part of North Carolina are there such desirable lots on sale. The concrete road from the Georgia line to Franklin which will be opened by August 5th and the extension of this road to Dillsboro across the Cowee mountains, work on which is to begin at once, will make Franklin easily accessible from all states south, west and east. A road across the Great Smoky mountains, now under construction in North Carolina, and which is to be extended to Knoxville by Tennessee, will open this section to tourists from all the great cities of the middle west, such as Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Louisville and Toledo. It is expected that this road will be open before the tourist season of 1926. Thus Franklin will be on the most direct route from the middle west to Miami. Combined with our beautiful scenery, altitude (2250 feet), and excellent all year climate, Franklin's system of highways leading to all points of the United States, will make this the mecca of thousands who will come to enjoy the many advantages offered here.

Not the least of these advantages will be the lake itself. The Little Tennessee and tributaries above the dam and for a short distance below are already stocked with Muskellunge. Nowhere else in the south can this "Tiger of the Waters" be found. There are skeptics who deny that the Muskellunge is found here. Let such "wise guys" come to Franklin and Derald Ashe or Jim Koper or most any other of our local fishermen can have a Muskie on exhibition within an hour. People of the country travel for hundreds of miles to the lakes of the north to have a try at Muskie fishing. The Little Tennessee in the corporate limits of Franklin is well stocked with this, the gamest of all fresh water fish. Come to Franklin and be convinced.

Plans are now under way to place thousands of Muskie fry in the lake after the dam is completed to augment the already bountiful supply of this kind of fish. For those who like trout fishing the streams in the adjacent mountains are well stocked with rainbow and eastern brook trout. These streams are easily accessible by auto from Franklin.

Thus it would appear that those who now invest in a lot of the Lake Emory company are getting in on the ground floor with every indication that their investment will double in value within a year.

Big Sale

The Home Realty & Auction company conducted another big sale last Friday when it sold the John Trotter property on Palmer street. Mr. Trotter and those who bought lots seem to be thoroughly satisfied with the results of the sale.