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BIG BARBECUE FOR FARMERS

Farmers Federation Plans Big Day For Farmers of Macon On July 25—Prominent Speakers.

The directors of the Farmers Federation met last Saturday night and decided to have a big public barbecue on the 25th of this month. The committee in charge was directed to prepare for at least 1,000 people. The federation will pay the entire expense of the barbecue.

Preparations are now well under way to make this the biggest farmers day in the history of the county. Not only will hungry people be provided for but arrangements have been made whereby those present will be thoroughly entertained. Mr. James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation of Asheville will be present with four clowns.

Many prominent speakers from all sections of the state will be present to address the farmers. A news article from the Asheville Times printed below gives the names of the speakers and the subjects that will be taken up at the meeting.

This will be by far the biggest farmers meeting ever held in Macon county. From the standpoint of the farmers this meeting will also be the most valuable. Everybody is invited. Come, learn, be entertained.

Next week's Press will carry an advertisement of the local federation. This advertisement will contain the financial statement of the Macon County Farmers Federation. You will be surprised to learn that all debts have been paid and that the federation now has a surplus in the treasury.

MACON COUNTY TO HAVE RALLY

Farmers of Macon county are planning a big rally and barbecue at Franklin on July 25, according to announcement today by representatives of the Division of Markets, state department of agriculture.

The affair will bring together several thousand men and women of that section for the purpose of discussing agricultural conditions and other matters of interest to the farmer.

Valuable information of building up soil, the foundation of all prosperity; of increasing production in crops which may be made to pay in Western North Carolina; canning surplus fruits and vegetables; promotion of poultry, dairying, and beef cattle industries, will be given by the speakers.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College; James G. K. McClure, Jr., president of the Farmers Federation of this city, and a member of the staff of the Division of Markets, state department of agriculture; George R. Ross, of Jackson Springs, chief of the Division of Markets, North Carolina; and Mrs. Jane McKimmon, head of home demonstration work in North Carolina, will head the list of speakers for the big rally.

Music and other forms of entertainment will feature the gathering.—Asheville Times.

ODD FELLOWS BIG RALLY

On Thursday, July 23, at 3 P. M. there will be a big rally of Odd Fellows in their hall at Franklin. Grand Master David Gaster of Fayetteville will be present to address the assembled brethren. The local officials of the Odd Fellows at Franklin want every member of the organization in Macon county to be present on this occasion. This is an unusual opportunity for the Odd Fellows of the county to get together and hear their distinguished Grand Master. Let every member of the Odd Fellows in the county greet the Grand Master. Come and have a good time. Remember the date—Thursday, July 23rd at 3 P. M.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett Is Leading American Citizen Says Cranfill

WILL CONDUCT REVIVAL HERE

Short Sketch of Life of Dr. Truett—Comes to Franklin For Big Revival Meeting August 14-23.

DR. F. C. McCONNELL TO ASSIST DR. TRUETT

In the next four issues the Press will reproduce a short sketch of the life of Dr. George W. Truett written by his close friend Dr. Cranfill and published in the Daily Morning News of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Truett is coming to the mountains he loves, to the section where he was born and to the people who are, perhaps, closest to his heart, to bring a message of love from the Saviour.

Under the supervision of Rev. A. J. Smith, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, a great tabernacle with a seating capacity of nearly 4,000 is being erected on the outskirts of Franklin in a beautiful shaded grove and in a natural amphitheatre. This tabernacle will be completed and ready for use before the date set for the revival, August 14-23.

Dr. F. C. McConnell of Atlanta will assist Dr. Truett in conducting the great revival.

Franklin is making preparations to take care of the large number of visitors who are expected to attend this meeting.

The first chapter of the sketch of Dr. Truett's life appears below:

Truett Outstanding Figure

George W. Truett is now one of the greatest figures in the religious world. My own conviction is that he is the greatest preacher in the world, but the reader must allow for the fact that he is my pastor and that we have been friends, linked together in many common tasks, through more than a generation.

Born in North Carolina

George W. Truett was born May 6, 1867, in Clay county, North Carolina. His parents were C. L. and Mary Truett. His father, who recently died at the advanced age of 95, was himself a man of mark in his community and his mother, whom I had the pleasure of knowing, was one of the most estimable Christian women it has ever been my joy to meet. George W. Truett was reared to farm work, and many is the day that he plowed and hoed and pulled corn and picked cotton on that quiet farm up in the North Carolina hills.

His father, while a quiet, humble, unostentatious tiller of the soil, was a man of inquiring and virile mind. He accumulated a valuable library in which were such classics as Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Baxter's "Saints' Everlasting Rest," Pendleton's "Christian Doctrines," and kindred volumes.

Founded Hiawasse College

At the age of 18, although George W. Truett had received no literary training beyond that furnished by the mountain country schools, he began teaching. The following year he founded Hiawasse College in Georgia, of which he was three years president. While so engaged he visited the Georgia Baptist State convention at Marietta, an account of which was written by Dr. John E. White, of North Carolina and from which the following extracts are made:

"George W. Truett sprang out of the mountainous territory of the Old North State, drew his breath from its hills, received its birthmark on his spirit. It is a rude, rough country,

but its crops are men. Think of the hardest, stubbornest land, the simplest, most backward section of modern American life—untouched by railroads, not a half dozen comfortable churches, less than seventy days' annual free school term, supported out of less than \$1 per capita free school fund and yet the land of red blood and new brain cells, and you have Clay county, North Carolina, as George Truett knew it in his youth."

Spoke at Convention

Dr. White goes on to say that at that Georgia State convention a transcendent scene occurred. F. C. McConnell had come down from the mountains of Rabun county, with a story of the struggles of the mountain boys and girls at Hiawasse.

"They are there," he shouted, "like gold for the touch of the miner's pick and they are fit to stand in the presence of kings, packed full of brains and character waiting for a chance. If you don't believe it I'll show you! George! Where is George Truett?" George not being forthcoming immediately the orator called again: "Brethren, I do believe he's got skinned and run off."

Then some one in the rear of the courthouse said, "Here he is!" A pale, 22-year-old mountain youth was forced in the aisle and obediently up to the prisoners' dock, looking half-frightened and vastly embarrassed by the focus of eyes. "Brethren, this is George Truett and he can speak like Spurgeon. George, tell them what the Lord has done for you and what you are trying to do up in the mountains."

Speech Thrilled Hearers

Then George began. It was a simple story, but epic in its pathos of quiet recital of the hopes and passions of an unsung heroism. It was of struggle for the lives of others who might have what had been denied to him—a college education. It grew larger with each word—till every heart was thrilling with that plaintive, pleading sort of voice which carries so well the burden of tears which seem ever laid on it. But the speech was no pitiful plea of poverty—who ever heard that out of a Southern mountaineer? It was rather the cry of the youth who bore the banner with the strange device—Excelsior, the strong persuasion of a just cause, the appeal of one who, denied himself, was resolved to let his lack plead for others.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, himself an incomparable pulpit orator, then at the zenith of his great career, was one of those who sat deeply moved over the mastery of that speech. This was his testimony:

"I have heard Henry Grady at his highest, but never in my life has my soul been swept as that boy from the mountains swept it that day in the courthouse in Marietta."

Scouts on Camp

The local boy scout troop returned last Saturday from the Nantahala mountains where they had been spending a week camping. Rev. E. J. Pipes, scout master, Gilmer Crawford and Derald Ashe, assistant scout masters, had charge of the boys on this trip.

The boys and those in charge report a profitable and pleasant vacation.

The scouts received instruction in swimming, first aid, woodcraft, setting up exercise, etc. They also caught many mountain trout during the encampment.

Mrs. E. E. Watkins and four children of Albany, Ga., are spending a week with relatives in Franklin.

THE NANTAHALA FOREST ROAD

Work Starts at Nantahala Station—Will Improve the Road to Wilson Lick Near Top of Wayah Bald.

At the request of Mr. R. W. Shields, local Forest Supervisor, the government has sent Mr. S. M. Ripley, Road Foreman in the Civil Service, to this district to supervise the construction of the government road from Nantahala station to Aquone. Mr. Ripley is now on the job with 20 men and is working from Nantahala toward Aquone.

Mr. Charlie Wright of Highlands is engaged with the same number of men on the road from Kiser's store to Aquone. Mr. Shields estimates that the road to the top of Nantahala gap should be completed by October 1st and that the entire project should be finished within one year from date.

When finished this road will be of great benefit both to the county and to the government. It will permit the citizens of the county who live on the west slope of the Nantahalas to reach Franklin with ease. The road will likewise open up a great timber reserve in the Nantahala Forest.

The road from the Nantahala gap to Wilson Lick, the site of the forest camp, will also be improved. It is the intention of the government to lay off several lots near Wilson Lick for lease as summer homes. These lots are 5,000 feet above sea level. Other sections of the government lands in the Nantahalas along the road now under construction will also be laid off into lots for leasing purposes. The cost of these leases will range from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per year.

Each building lot will contain approximately half acre.

LOCAL FIRM GETS CONTRACT

Franklin Furniture Company Gets Contract to Furnish Road Workers With Beds and Mattresses.

The Franklin Furniture company in competition with several big furniture companies throughout the south recently received a government contract to supply beds and mattresses for the camp to be used in connection with building a government road from Kiser's store to Nantahala station.

Mr. Hunnicutt in speaking of his successful bid stated that he is closely connected with furniture men who sell him supplies at a price low enough to enable him to compete with much larger concerns. He says that all his stock is bought in the same way and that the public who trades with him is getting the benefit of these low prices.

Bovine T. B. Eradication

To include June 30th Dr. Castleberry had tested for tuberculosis 2082 cattle in Macon county. Of this number 10 were found to be infected with tubercular germs. The Doctor began this work about April 1st. During April and May state records show that Dr. Castleberry inspected more cattle than any other inspector in the state. No doubt the June statistics will show the same result.

So far the test shows that a little less than one half of one per cent of the cattle in the county have tuberculosis. At least two of the ten found infected have been imported from other counties. Therefore people who live in the county and those who come here for the summers may reasonably assume that they are drinking milk entirely free from tubercular germs.

Judge Willis is an adept at entertaining his summer guests.

PROGRAM S. S. CONVENTION

County Sunday School Convention to be Held Next Saturday and Sunday at Snow Hill.

Beginning at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night, July 18, and continuing through Sunday, the Macon county Sunday school convention will be held at Snow Hill Methodist church, near West's Mill.

Participating in the convention program will be Mr. R. D. Webb, Atlanta, general superintendent Georgia Sunday school association, and Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, general superintendent North Carolina Sunday school association.

One feature of the convention will be the presentation of a beautiful pennant to the Sunday school having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. The contest is open to all Sunday schools in the county. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Sunday afternoon.

An unusually large attendance of workers from the entire county is expected. All sessions of the convention are open to the public, and all who are interested in the advancement of the Sunday school, whether they are active workers or not, are invited to attend.

The full convention program is as follows:

Saturday Night, July 18

Song.
Scripture reading and prayer.
Song.
The challenge of Youth, R. D. Webb.
Song.
Trained Workers, D. W. Sims.
Record of attendance.
Adjourn.

Sunday Morning, July 19

Song.
Scripture reading and prayer.
Song.
How to Get People in Sunday School and How to Keep Them There, R. D. Webb.
Business Period:
Reports of officers.
Appointment of committees.
Record of attendance.
Song.
Better Results Through Co-operation, D. W. Sims.
Offering for Support of County and State Sunday school associations.
Announcements.
Adjourn.
Dinner at the church. Everybody come and bring a basket.

Sunday Afternoon, July 19

Song.
Scripture reading and prayer.
Song.
Lesson preparation, D. W. Sims.
Song.
Drafting adults, R. D. Webb.
Suggestion and problem solving period.

Business period:
Reports of committees.
Election of officers.
Place of next meeting.
Presentation of attendance pennant.
Adjourn.

Sunday Night, July 19

Song.
Scripture reading and prayer.
Song.
Piloting the Sunday School, D. W. Sims.
Song.
Key to a greater Sunday School, D. W. Sims.
Adjourn.

Pump Here

The pump for the new well arrived last Saturday. The city authorities are making every effort to have this pump installed and placed in use at the earliest possible moment.