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A-F-A Celebration Successful Affair

MORRISON READY TO DEBATE PARK PROJECT, SAYS

Would "Swap Fur" With "Reactionaries" — Holder, Page And Others Speak at Road Gathering.

Macon county has come back home to North-Carolina.

And Franklin and this county, at the same time, have found themselves at the very center of a great north-south artery of motor travel.

Completion of the Dillsboro-Franklin road, highway No. 285, was responsible for both, and it was these two co-incident and happy events which 2,000 people gathered here last Wednesday to celebrate.

It was a great day.

Smiling skies, splendid co-operation on the part of all, wide-spread interest, and the presence of distinguished visitors from two states, all combined to make of the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta short cut highway celebration an event that is generally conceded to have been the biggest and most successful thing of its kind ever staged in Macon county, and one of outstanding importance in the history of Western North Carolina and North Georgia.

True enough, the autcade was slightly delayed in the morning, and a brief shower in the afternoon followed a clear sky earlier in the day, but such minor incidents were impotent to rebuff the spirit of keen enjoyment of the day and radiant hope for the future that permeated the big gathering.

Early Wednesday morning, a procession of gaily decorated cars left Franklin, over the new No. 285 highway, for Cowee Gap, where the motorists from Asheville, Canton, Sylva, Waynesville, and Dillsboro were met. The North Carolina delegation, numbering some 75 cars, then formed and sped toward the Georgia line, where approximately the same number of autos, loaded with Georgians, were welcomed and escorted to the Tabernacle, scene of the recent Truett-McConnell meetings.

When J. G. Stikeleather, ninth district commissioner, under whose supervision No. 285 was built, took charge of the assemblage in the big Tabernacle, conservative estimates placed the number of visitors at 1,000 or more, with fully as many home folk.

Commissioner Stikeleather, as master of ceremonies, got the meeting going without delay, and before luncheon, J. Lee Barnard, of Franklin, welcomed the guests; W. G. Meador, mayor of Gainesville, voiced for the visitors their pleasure in being here; and Frank Page, chairman of North Carolina's highway commission, told the crowd something about North Carolina's highway program, and how this State is dancing its road building.

Mr. Barnard's address of welcome put the crowd in excellent good humor. It was thus described by David Rankin Barbee in the Asheville Citizen of the following morning:

"A mountain farmer named J. Lee Barnard stood before two thousand folks from North Carolina and Georgia assembled in the Truett-McConnell revival auditorium here this morning and set in motion a celebration that will long be remembered in these parts. He was the chief welcomer from Franklin and Macon county. A more unprepossessing individual never before undertook such a weighty office. His garb was sui generis. He wore the only derby hat on the grounds, and probably the only one in Western North Carolina. The very atmosphere of his vocation rested like a mountain mist on his stubby frame. He did not appear like a man of mark, but you can never tell by appearances.

"All of a sudden, in the twinkling of an eye, he was master of the assembly. His first sentence provoked a laugh and for twenty minutes he had his hearers roaring, one peal of merry laughter following another until he wound up with a quaintly humorous climax that was like nothing so much as the explosion of a rocket in the heavens on a dark night. Lee Barnard, locally the town wit, had become famous as an orator.

All of the leading men in the crowd, Continued on Page Two

STORM TAKES TOLL OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

The West Indian hurricane which swept the lower east coast of Florida Saturday had taken a known toll of 400 lives, compilations published Wednesday showed. Five thousand persons had been injured and the property loss was estimated at \$50,000,000, according to Associated Press reports.

Passing out of southern Florida the storm Monday night had isolated Pensacola and Mobile, wire communications with these two points having been severed when the gale, traveling at the rate of 100 miles an hour, struck these two cities. Later reports showed no loss of life on the Gulf coast, although the property damage was heavy.

While newspaper men and others struggled to reach the newly stricken cities to the westward, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Dania, Clewiston, Moorehaven and other cities began to get out word of their plight and their needs. The known death list compiled from all sources was set at 400, with estimates of the final total ranging from 543 to 659 and with the known injured fixed at 5000.

Two Associated Press staff men who reached the east coast storm area by airplane Monday, went over the entire zone. They returned to West Palm Beach with reports of 325 deaths, 40 missing, 4,000 injured and 40,000 homeless. They found 125 dead in Miami proper, and 45 known dead in the suburbs, Coral Gables, Miami Shores, Little River and Hialeah. Hollywood reported 75 known dead with a probable death of 100 when all the debris has been cleared and a re-check made.

From Fort Lauderdale they brought a report of 13 known dead, 20 probably fatally hurt, 503 known injured and 7000 homeless.

Ten bodies and 140 injured were at Dania; 5 dead and 40 hurt at Dade, and one dead each, at Progresso and Pompano. Reports of 52 known dead came from Clewiston and Moorehaven, and with many more probable at the latter place.

Stories of wreckage that blocked roads and streets, and of fine homes and buildings in the cities wrecked or badly damaged were brought out. They reported water scarce and supplies short, but with ample supplies coming. Medical supplies of various kinds, especially tetanus serum, are needed in some places. Money to care for those who lost everything is the worst need now, however, officials said.

Martial law is in force in most of the communities to prevent flooding of the district with persons whose presence is not necessary.

Mrs. Belle Jacobs Died September 15

Mrs. Belle Jacobs died at her home in the Iotla community September 15, aged 36 years. She was laid to rest at the Iotla cemetery.

Mrs. Jacobs, a member of the Iotla church, is survived by her husband, two children, her mother, three brothers, and five sisters. A devoted Christian and loyal friend, she had many friends who deeply regret her death.

LEE'S DERBY

This famous derby rare, Caused two thousand men to stare; The correspondents mentioned this old hat; And David R. Barbee Called attention to "Ole Lee," The man that put our town upon the map.

It was battered, it was worn, It was dented, it was torn, This old black derby hat that Barnard wore; But the speech that Barnard made Put that hat plumb in the shade And brought our little town much to the fore.

A scribe from Asheville town Said no other could be found, Lee had the only derby in the State. Lee sent the derby free To David R. Barbee, That Asheville might be numbered with the great.

FRANKLIN GOLF CLUB ORGANIZED; SEEKS LOCATION

Starts Off With 25 Members And \$625 Membership Fees — Plans to Lease Property And Develop With Fees

Construction of a golf course in or near Franklin on a par with those in other Western North Carolina towns appears certain as the result of the organization, Monday night, of the Franklin Golf Club. The Club's purpose is to provide for Franklin a good golf course—one of the town's most urgent needs, it is generally felt.

While no definite site had been chosen late Tuesday, the general plan was to lease suitable property for a considerable term of years, and, after payment of rental and other expenses, to expend all receipts on improvement of the course. In this way, it is felt, an A-1 course can be built here in a few years.

Twenty-five memberships had been pledged at the organization meeting. The membership fee is \$25 per annum, so the club starts with \$625 in cash. Additional memberships will increase this amount, it is felt, as will also greens fees paid by visitors and non-members.

At the organization meeting, the club members elected Judge John Awtrey president, and T. W. Angel, Jr., secretary and treasurer. The board of directors is composed of these two and S. H. Lyle, Jr., Dr. Alvah Pearce and R. S. Jones.

This board was authorized to look over available sites and conclude the most satisfactory arrangement possible for leasing a desirable piece of property. It was understood Tuesday that they had under consideration several propositions from property owners in the vicinity of Franklin.

The organization grew out of a preliminary meeting Monday morning. At that time, a temporary organization was set up and a committee, composed of T. W. Angel, Jr., Judge John B. Willis, and Robert Johnston, was appointed to solicit members. The committee reported Monday night with 25 memberships pledged, and the club was organized.

WASHINGTON PEOPLE HERE

Among the out-of-town guests here for the highway celebration on Wednesday, was a party from Washington, N. C., at the extreme eastern end of this state. In the party were Miss Elizabeth Warren, sister of Congressman Lindsay Warren; Miss Sybilla Griffin and Roy Peterson.

School Children To Receive Cash Prizes

PLAN CONSTRUCT DISPOSAL PLANT

The engineers' plan and estimate for the construction of a sewer line from near the residence of Jesse Ray on West Main street, along the course of the town branch to near the mouth of the McConnell branch, and the erection near the mouth of the McConnell branch of a sewerage disposal plant, was approved by the Board of Aldermen Monday night, provided a satisfactory method of financing the undertaking can be found.

The estimate of W. N. Sloan, who made the preliminary survey, and Mr. Moneypenney, representing Spoon, Lewis & Camp, of Asheville and Greensboro, placed the cost at approximately \$10,000.

The sewer line proposed would take care of the sewerage from all that section of town south of Harrison avenue. The proposal is to build a disposal plant large enough to take care of the needs of the town for five years, with provision made for the addition of another unit when it might become necessary.

Members of the board Tuesday expressed the belief that execution of the disposal plant proposal would provide a more sanitary method of disposal than that now followed—dumping the sewage into the river; and would at the same time, serve to protect the town from suits now pending, or said to be contemplated. These suits are against the town on the ground that dumping the sewage into the river creates a nuisance. A single one of these suits is for \$30,000.

Also at Monday night's meeting the board considered the application of the Franklin Mineral Products Company for from 50 to 150 H.P. electric power to be used by that concern in mining and washing mica, kaolin, and other minerals. It desires the power delivered at its proposed plant near West Mills. The board took the matter under advisement, without taking definite action.

P. T. A. TO ENTERTAIN ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Franklin Parent-Teacher Association will entertain from 4 to 6 next Friday afternoon (September 24) at the home of Mrs. T. J. Johnston. All members and those who are interested are being cordially invited to attend this social meeting, the first of the year.

10 VALUABLE PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS

Subject: "How Can I Use The Building and Loan To Pay For a College Education."

School children of Macon county are offered prizes valued at more than \$100, it is announced by the Macon County Building and Loan Association. The prizes will be awarded for excellence in essay work. The prizes are offered through the co-operation of the Building and Loan Association, the Franklin Press, and nine other business institutions in Franklin.

A total of ten different prizes are to be awarded. They will go to the 10 school children submitting the best essays on the subject, "How I Can Use the Building and Loan To Pay for a College Education."

The contest is open to all children regularly enrolled in the public schools of Macon county, and to no one else.

The prizes, which follow, are not listed as first prize, second prize, third prize, etc., but the school boy or girl submitting the best essay will be entitled to first choice of the prizes offered. The child submitting the second best essay will be given the second choice of the prizes offered; the winner of third place will have third choice, and so on throughout the entire list of ten prizes.

The order in which the prizes are listed does not necessarily indicate their relative value.

Here are the prizes 10 Macon county school children are going to win:

- \$25 in gold—offered by the officers and directors of the Macon County Building and Loan Association.
- Fast color, all wool "Lumber Jack," for boy or girl, choice of any in stock, offered by Sloan Bros. & Co.
- \$12.50 in cash—offered by the Citizens Bank.
- All wool Sweater, for boy or girl, choice of any in the store—offered by the Cash Store.
- Rain Coat, for boy or girl, size interchangeable—offered by John S. Trotter.

Parker Duofold Fountain Pen, for lady or gentleman—offered by Smith's Drug Store.

Schaeffer Fountain Pencil, for lady or gentleman—offered by Franklin Pharmacy.

Card Table and Set of Rook Cards—offered by Franklin Furniture Co.

Large size D-12 Automobile Horn—offered by Joines Motor and Tractor Company.

Boyce Chevrolet Motometer—offered by Perry-Jones Chevrolet Company.

In addition to these ten prizes, the Franklin Press is offering \$25 in cash.

The Press will pay \$10 in cash to the child submitting the best essay provided the essay is accompanied by one new one-year subscription to the Press, or two renewal one-year subscriptions. A new subscriber is one who is not now taking the paper. A renewing subscriber is one who is taking the Press and pays for another year.

To the winner of the second place in the essay contest, the Press will pay \$7.50, if the essay is accompanied by one new one-year subscription, or two renewal one-year subscriptions.

To the winner of the third place, the Press will pay \$5.00, if the essay is accompanied by one new or two renewal one-year subscriptions.

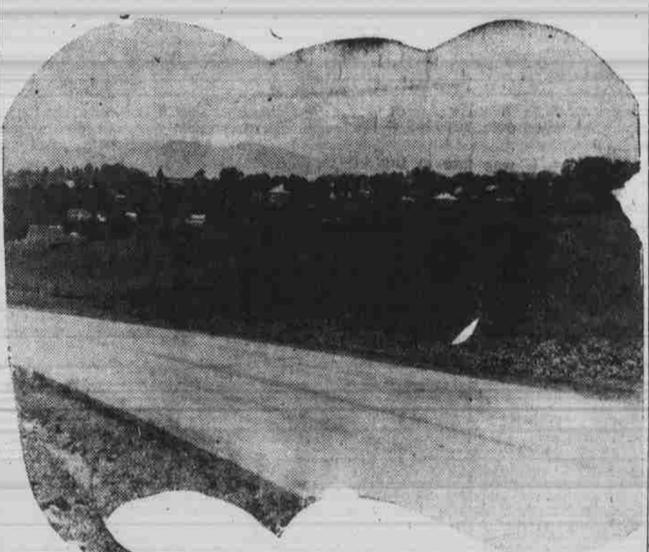
And to the winner of the fourth place, the Press will pay \$2.50, if the essay is accompanied by one new or two renewal one-year subscriptions.

These four awards offered by the paper are in addition to the ten prizes listed above. These four prizes are offered, in addition to the ten other prizes, as rewards to the boys and girls who will secure subscriptions to the paper.

Here are the rules of the contest:

1. Essays must be not longer than 500 words.
2. They must be written legibly in ink, or typewritten, and on one side of the paper only.

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VIEW OF HIGHWAY 285, A PART OF THE A-F-A ROUTE, CELEBRATED HERE LAST WEEK. FRANKLIN IS SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND.

Perfect A-F-A Organization

Coming at the close of the day's celebration of the opening of Highway No. 285, the connecting link in the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway, A-F-A motorists from Georgia and North Carolina in Asheville last Wednesday night, perfected an organization to advertise the route.

John S. Trotter, of Franklin, was named President; Dr. Dover, of Clayton, vice-president; C. C. Poindexter, of Franklin, secretary; and representatives of the boards of trade and chambers of commerce in the towns

along the route from Atlanta to Asheville, are to be named to act as a board of governors.

The organization came at the close of the banquet tendered the A-F-A motorists by the Asheville chamber of commerce. The banquet, at Kenilworth Inn, proved to be a most delightful affair. The dinner is generally described as having been "perfect," and the addresses of Asheville and prominent men from North Carolina and Georgia proved both interesting and inspiring, those in attendance declared.