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C OF C DIRECTORS ARE REELECTED

Gus Leach Resigns—Steve Porter Chosen in His Stead—Treasurer's Report—Much Accomplished.

Re-election of the board of directors which has served since the body was created last summer featured the general meeting of the members of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce held Monday afternoon of last week. Gus Leach, re-elected, offered his resignation, and, on his motion, J. S. Porter was elected in his place.

At the meeting of the board Monday night, the old officers were re-elected: Henry G. Robertson, president; W. N. Sloan, treasurer; and Weimar Jones, secretary. The committee appointments, also, were unchanged, J. S. Porter becoming chairman of the advertising committee, formerly headed by Mr. Leach.

In calling the meeting to order, President Robertson spoke briefly, stressing the necessity for a chamber of commerce, and reviewing the history of the organization.

Mr. Robertson told something of the publicity Franklin has received in recent months through the organization's efforts, and informed the meeting that the board of directors has met each Monday night, with a single exception. The organization has accomplished much, he said; many desirable things "could not be reached," largely on account of lack of funds. Among the latter, he mentioned road signs.

One of the best things done by the organization recently, he said, was the tour to Asheville on December 7, which was suggested by Gilmer A. Jones. It should be repeated, Mr. Robertson suggested, and he expressed the opinion that a similar trip to Atlanta would be a good idea.

"The Chamber of Commerce cannot fail. The work begun must go on," he declared, in concluding his remarks.

The treasurer's report, made by W. N. Sloan, treasurer of the organization, showed a balance of \$7.52 in the treasury, with all but one or two small bills paid.

When the question of election of directors arose, there were several motions to re-elect the board, but the motion of W. N. Sloan that each member write the names of seven candidates on a ballot, was put and carried. Mr. Leach asked to be relieved, but was re-elected. He then resigned, Mr. Porter being chosen in his place. Expressions of regret at Mr. Leach's resignations were voiced for the entire body by Gilmer A. Jones.

O. E. Kimsey suggested that the organization stage another supper at an early date, and the matter was referred to the entertainment committee, headed by A. H. Higdon.

F. Y. McCracken reported that his committee on agriculture was working with County Agent J. V. Arrandale, and asked the co-operation of farmers and townspeople alike.

Major S. A. Harris moved that the organization go on record as endorsing the work of Mr. Arrandale, and as favoring his retention. After considerable discussion, two resolutions were substituted for Major Harris' motion, one endorsing the work of Mr. Arrandale as county agent, and one to the effect that the organization favors continuation of the office of county agent.

Gilmer A. Jones then offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that there be incorporated in the by-laws a provision prohibiting the chamber of commerce as a body, or its board of directors, from passing any resolution either commending, endorsing or condemning any individual for any act, or acts performed by him, other than in connection with the chamber of commerce."

The resolution was adopted, and was unanimously affirmed by the board of directors at that body's meeting Monday night.

Following conclusion of the business of the meeting, Gilmer A. Jones brought up the subject of a war memorial for this county. He pointed out that a considerable sum had been raised for this purpose, and never expended on account of a disagreement as to the form the memorial should take.

Mr. Jones' suggestion, made, he said, simply for the members of the organization, as individuals, to con-

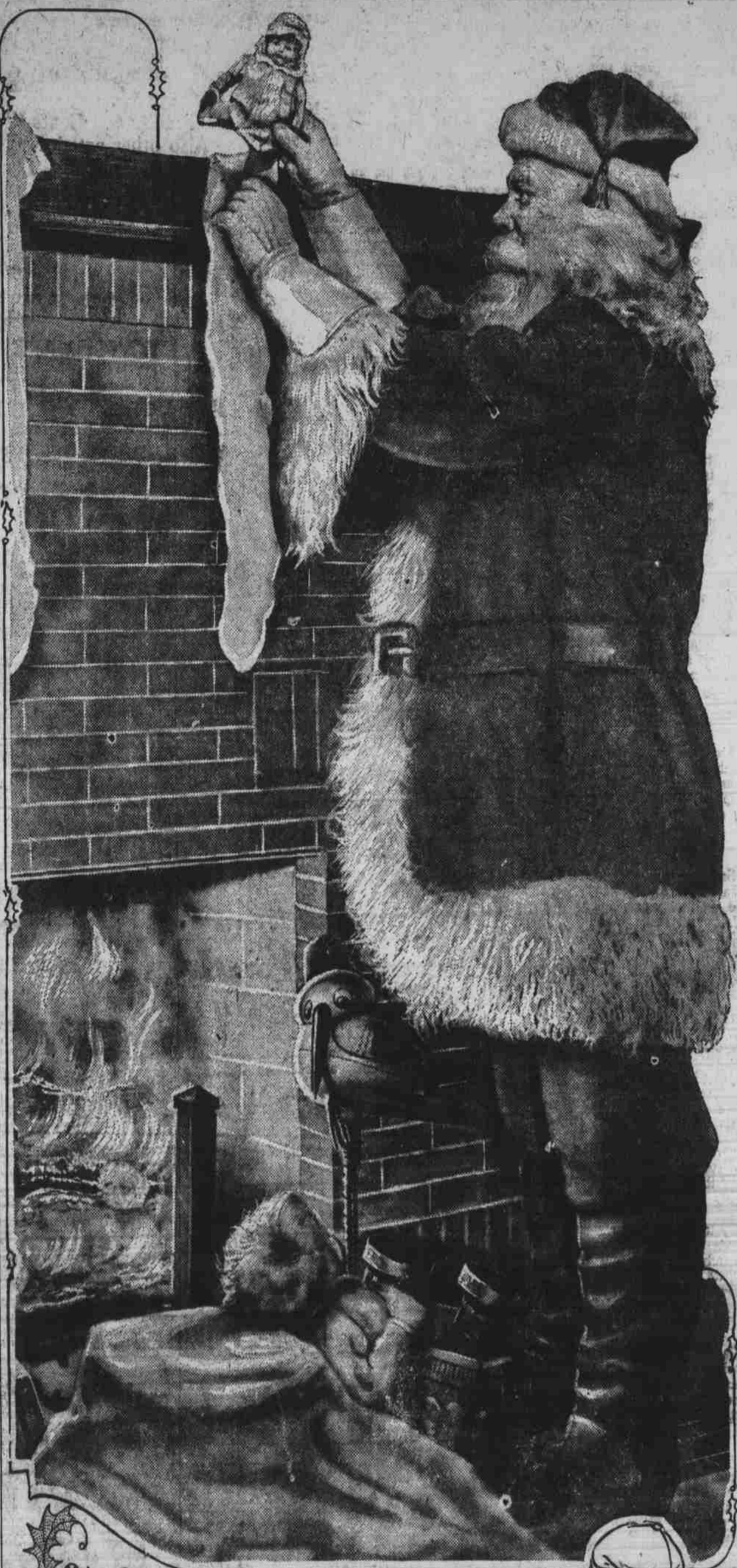


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WHEN SANTA COMES

SANTA WILL USE HISTORIC TREE

Giant Hemlock From Field Of Manassas Will Be Used As Christmas Tree By Descendants Of Those Who Fought In That Memorable Battle.

Its roots soaked in blood, a tiny hemlock switch quivered 'neath the roar of artillery at Manassas, more than 60 years ago. Thursday night, standing upon North Carolina soil, it will play the reading role in another drama, a comedy this time.

For, gaily streamered with multi-colored Christmas lights, its towering height will look down upon the smiles of happy children. A giant grown, it will serve Franklin Boy Scouts as their Christmas tree—this thriving old hemlock that gives promise of seeing many another decade's history enacted beneath its wide-spread branches.

Decorated as befits a Christmas tree with such a history, around its mighty trunk will be stored the yuletide gifts, gifts gathered by the Boy Scouts for the community's youngsters, especially the needy.

The celebration Thursday night will be unique, perhaps, in addition, is the glamor of romance, cast by the stirring history of the hardy old pioneer.

Uprooted from the Virginia field on which north and south twice battled, it was brought here by a cavalry doctor, in his saddlebags, was planted, and grew to great proportions, to play its part in a Christmas festivity here Thursday night.

The old hemlock stands in the yard of the Munday hotel here, once the home of the late Dr. J. B. Lyle.

Chosen as Macon county's representative in the State legislature during the Civil War, Dr. Lyle made the trip to Raleigh on horseback, there being no railroads in this end of the state at that time.

The second battle of Manassas was fought while the legislature was in session, and Dr. Lyle concluded that on his return, he would ride back to the Virginia battle field, to the Macon county Confederate Army, and news of the home-county.

While visiting the State, he requested Captain W. ... in command of this ...

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FRANKLIN GETS MEETING JOURNAL

District Meeting Convened At Franklin January 14 to 15—First Meeting Held in District in Seven Years.

From two hundred to 500 members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics are expected to gather in Franklin January 14 and 15th for a district meeting. The district is composed of extreme southwest North Carolina—Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Jackson, and Macon counties. The local lodge, Cullasaja Council No. 158 will be host to the gathering.

Among the State officers expected are State Councilor C. W. Snyder, of Winston-Salem, and State Secretary Sam F. Vance, of Kernersville.

A feature of the assembly will be a public address by Mr. Snyder at the Macon county courthouse on the first day of the meeting.

The district has 12 councils, two in Cherokee, two in Jackson, and eight in Macon county. There are no councils in either Graham, Clay, or Swain.

The meeting in January will be the first district meeting held in seven years, the last one having met with Higdonville council, this county, in 1920.

The business sessions of the order are expected to be held on the afternoon of the fourteenth, immediately following the address of Mr. Snyder, the same evening, and on the morning and afternoon of the fifteenth.

The sessions will be featured, it is stated, by committee and other reports and general discussion of the work of the district.

The district meeting was brought to Franklin largely through the efforts of Cullasaja council and of District Deputy Sam Murray, of Franklin, officers of the local council say.

sider, was that an open air auditorium be constructed, each column to bear the name of one of Macon county's war dead.

The treasurer's report follows:

Total receipts	\$948.31
Expenditures	940.79
Balance on hand	7.52
Expenditures:	

Secretary's Salary	386.25
Printing folders, stationery, etc.	138.44
Large road signs	110.19
A. F. A. road celebration	140.31
First C of C dinner	56.75
Office furniture	35.55
Office rent	20.00
Postage and miscellaneous	53.30
Total	940.79

Out On Bail

Omar Williamson, captured Tuesday of last week by Chief of Police R. M., and jailed on a liquor charge, Thursday was released on \$300 bond.

Advertising keeps old customers.