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Unexcelled Climate
Unsurpassed Scenery
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Ideal Dairy County
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Excellent Highways
Cheap Electric Power
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Law-abiding Citizenship

COME TO MACON COUNTY— HEART OF A MOUNTAIN EMPIRE RIPE FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Franklin Press

100,000 H. P. Under-
developed Water Power
Abrasive Materials
Copper, Timber
Precious and Semi-
Mica, Kaolin, Asbestos,
precious Gems
Abundance Good Labor
Ample Transportation
Facilities
Pure, Clear Water
Productive Soils

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FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN MACON'S FETE

County Celebrates One Hundredth Birthday in Regal
Style—Floats Win Praises of Judges and Others—Old
Veterans on Platform.

What was undoubtedly the greatest celebration in the history of the county took place last Saturday when thousands of people flocked here to see and to participate in Macon county's centennial. This celebration was held under the auspices of the county's newest organization, the local chapter of the U. D. C. Mrs. F. L. Siler headed the committee. Plans were well arranged and the entire array of gala events passed off without confusion. The exercises opened with a parade of floats. Ras and Ralph Penland mounted on beautiful horses acted as field marshals. Heading the parade they cleared the streets of pedestrians and prevented any delay in the movement of the floats.

The Sunday Asheville Citizen carried pictures of the parade, speakers and other scenes of interest including one of highway No. 28 where it passes through the Cullasaja gorge. The Citizen also gave the following account of the centennial celebration.

The parade Saturday was most interesting to those acquainted with the history of Macon. Of unusual interest was the pioneer float, drawn by oxen, and carrying ladies dressed in the garments of the long ago. There were also ancient household implements including a spinning wheel. The dresses, some of them nearly 100 years old, offered a great contrast to the modern ones worn by the young ladies who witnessed the parade from the sidewalks as it traveled Franklin's principal streets.

Prizes, announced following the parade, went to the following: pioneer float, first prize; Nantahala Creamery float, second prize; and J. A. Porter and company's float, third prize.

In the pioneer float were a number of the most prominent women of Macon: Mrs. Sallie Cunningham, who prefers to be known as "Aunt Sallie Cunningham," Mrs. Kope Elias, Mrs. A. S. Bryson, Miss Freida Siler, Mrs. Thomas Johnston, Jr., and Miss Nora Moody. Little Miss Margaret Byrd and Master Edwin Cunningham were also on the float dressed in appropriate costumes.

Much Interest

Much interest was shown in other floats in the parade. Amusement was afforded by Tom Porter dressed as a clown and riding a mule labeled "The Spirit of St. Vitus." Mr. Porter came from the Maxwell school for boys, near Franklin. The school was represented by a regular float also.

The Forest Service float was of interest. On it was displayed the following sign:

"One hundred years ago Macon county was an unbroken forest. Today the United States Forest Service is trying to protect the remnants of our forests so that 100 years from now Macon county will still have timber and pure water."

The W. M. Ritter Lumber company's float was a small house on wheels, made of lumber from the Nantahala Forest.

The Nantahala Creamery's float was beautifully decorated and exhibited the products of the creamery.

Other Entries

Other entries in the parade included: Miss Katherine Franks, on horseback; County Forester and Game Warden J. J. Mann; a buggy filled with four boys and girls who merely called themselves "county hicks," J. A. Porter and company's float, filled with "darkies" who constantly sang old familiar songs, Willard Pendergrass, small son of Cecil Pendergrass, and three other children riding in a vehicle drawn by a pony. Mrs. Henry Slagle on horseback, attired in an old-fashioned black dress and riding side-saddle, Ralph and Ras Penland, who assisted the parade marshal, Alvah Pearce, who conducted the event in a most able manner, the Joines Motor and Tractor company, Inc., float, which was a nicely decorated automobile filled with pretty girls, three cars filled with Confederate veterans, and others.

Following the parade, the crowd assembled in the public square in front of the court house and listened to several short addresses. Judge T. J. Johnston presided and introduced the speakers, Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, James G. Stikeleather and Don Elias of Asheville.

Judge Johnston, in his introductory remarks, said that the occasion was not only to celebrate the 100th birthday and anniversary of Macon county but also to pay honor to the soldiers who wore the Confederate gray. He praised the local chapter of the U. D. C. as the youngest, most

active civic organization in Franklin. The speaker also expressed his pleasure over so many people being present on such a happy and worth while occasion.

Mrs. McKee Speaks

Judge Johnston presented Mrs. E. L. McKee, who spoke as president of the state division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She paid a beautiful tribute to the Confederate veterans and characterized the celebration as notable event in the history of Macon county and of the state.

No county in North Carolina, Mrs. McKee said, is richer in history than Macon, which is basing its progress on the true foundation of the long and honorable record.

"There is everything to glory in and not a single thing to be ashamed of in the history of the South," the speaker declared.

J. G. Stikeleather in his address declared there is no county in North Carolina closer to himself than Macon. As a loyal Southerner, he said, he wished to pay his tribute to the men in gray who sat upon the speaker's platform. He declared he was proud to fraternize in this "splendid memorial to your splendid worth."

Mr. Stikeleather said Southern people have been remiss in the erection of monuments to patriots. He pointed out that other sections of the country in the past have fought with a sword in one hand and a pen in another.

Praises Beauties

The speaker also praised the beauties of the new scenic highway to Highlands, declaring that in his opinion it offers more picturesque scenery than any other route East of the Mississippi river. He expressed his hope that the new route will aid in bringing progress and prosperity to Macon county.

Don Elias was the next speaker. His mother, Mrs. Kope Elias, dressed in the old-fashioned garment she wore while riding in the pioneer float during the parade, sat upon the platform and listened to her son's speech and heard him relate many interesting stories about his boyhood days in Franklin and Macon county. It is also interesting to note in this connection that Judge Johnston the chairman of the occasion, was Mr. Elias' school teacher.

Mr. Elias said that most every man has an abiding and deep love for his native land. He further said: "Macon county is my own country. I live in Buncombe county, but my home will always be in Macon county. Today I am back home, the land of my fathers, a land endeared to me by recollections of a happy childhood."

"Today we celebrate something more significant than the fact that Macon county is 100 years old. We celebrate the courage and honesty of her people, which have made the county's history one of which its children may well be proud. The people of Macon come of sturdy stock."

"Uncle" Johnny Crawford, of Hayesville, 99-year-old native of Macon county who was scheduled to attend the celebration was prevented from doing so.

In the afternoon a number of cars made the trip to Highlands over highway No. 28. James G. Stikeleather, John C. Walker, Don Elias and Henry Robertson, J. A. Porter and others were the guests of the Mayor of Highlands at a fish fry served at King's Inn. The road between the two towns was in excellent condition considering that the work of grading is not yet complete. While neither Mr. Stikeleather nor Mr. Walker would make any definite announcement as to when this highway will be hardsurfaced, it is estimated that this work may begin within 18 months or two years.

In addition to the prizes announced by the Citizen the survey driven by John Rogers and occupied by Miss Louellen Davis, Chas. Davis and Miss Ruby Wright won fourth prize. The float entered by the forest service was the occasion of much favorable comment. This float was driven by Ranger Byrd. J. J. Mann, county fire and game warden, drove a team of mules hitched to a wagon made by hand in 1868. The wagon contained burned trees and green shrubbery and depicted the ravages of forest fires.

The sandwich stands were liberally patronized. All in all the day was one never to be forgotten. One hundred years from now the descendants of those present last Saturday may hold another celebration. If so, no doubt they will come in airships and aeroplanes. Franklin may then be a city of half a million.

GIBSON REUNION HELD JUNE 9TH.

Two Hundred and Five
Members of Pioneer Fam-
ily Gather at Home of
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Camp-
bell.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Campbell near the city limits on the Bryson City road the Gibson family held its second reunion on June 9. Mr. Campbell states that this reunion will be an annual affair hereafter. More than two hundred members of the family and their friends attended the reunion. Dinner was served in the pine grove near the Campbell residence. It is said that never before have so many good things to eat been assembled at one place.

Many of the family connections came from distant places to take part in the reunion. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Smiley, E. C. Smiley, Mrs. Anna Davis, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gibson and Mrs. Vinnie Carter and daughter, Miss Eveline, all of Bryson City. Robert Carter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carter, Mrs. Margaret Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and children, all of Anderson, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cardon of Dillsboro. J. P. Gibson of Bryson City. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Childers and children of S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holbrook of Asheville, and Sam Grant of Gastonia.

The reunion was held on Aunt Betsy Grant's 89th birthday. She was the oldest person attending the celebration.

Little Billy Angel Meningitis Victim

The body of little Billy Angel, three and a half years of age and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Angel of Haines City, Fla., was laid to rest in the new cemetery here Monday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. R. F. Mock, pastor of the local Methodist church, conducted a simple though impressive funeral ceremony. The child was ill only three days and passed to the beyond Saturday. In addition to the parents the deceased child is survived by a sister, six years of age. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds of Albany, Georgia, grandparents of the little boy, their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Jr., and J. W. Reynolds, Jr., attended the funeral.

A large number of cars made up the funeral procession while the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

WORK STARTS ON WAYAH ROAD

Grady Siler, in charge of the road work on the Nantahala forest, has begun work with a drag line and crew on the Wayah road between Kiser's store and the Slagle home at the foot of Wayah Bald. Forestry officials announce that this section of about four miles will be graded and made an all-weather road. The work will probably be finished in the early fall. The gravel for the road will be obtained near the home of Jesse Slagle on Wayah Creek.

To Coast and Through Canada

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Rogers and Mrs. W. T. Moore have returned from the Shriners Convention at Los Angeles. They left Charlotte May 29 and went over the Southern and the Southern Pacific to Los Angeles, stopping off at the Grand Canyon and Juarez, Mexico, and several other places. From the Southern California city the party went up the west coast to San Francisco, Portland, Vancouver, B. C., and then over the Canadian Pacific to Winnipeg and back through Minneapolis and Chicago. They were gone 19 days and report a delightful trip.

HAYESVILLE YOUNG LADY TO WED LOUISBURG MAN

Hayesville, June 15.—Mr. and Mrs. John V. Arrendale of this city have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Clyde Ellen Arrendale, to Mr. Miles Otis Pleasants, of Louisville, N. C. The marriage is scheduled to take place at the home of the bride's parents on July 14.

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BELL PRAISES ZEB WEAVER

Congressman Tom Bell of the 9th Georgia district, Mrs. Bell and a party of friends paid a short visit to Franklin Monday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bell have hundreds of friends in Franklin and Macon county. While here Mr. Bell made the statement that this congressional district at the last election defeated the best congressman, in the person of Zeb Weaver, that ever represented the 10th district. Mr. Bell has been in the House for more than 20 years. He was there when Mr. Weaver first went to Congress and is of the opinion that Mr. Weaver was one of the most efficient members of the North Carolina delegation.

In speaking of the new farm relief measure just passed by Congress Mr. Bell expressed doubts that it will benefit to any considerable extent the farmers of this section.

FARM NEWS

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Goodman, the district agent, and Mr. Shay the Swine extension specialist, arrived for a two day stay with the agent to assist in giving information about profitable pork production and starting and conducting some swine production demonstrations. In spite of the good weather the farmers showed their interest in pork production by coming out to the meetings. We had a very interesting and successful meeting at West's Mill, at Mr. John Ferguson's on Rabbit Creek and at Mr. Will Parrish's far mat Otto. Several of the farmers who attended these meetings plan to run a demonstration so they will know just what it costs them to produce pork. Some of them will not start until next fall but others intend to start now. Mr. Ferguson has twelve he intends to put on the September market and will start keeping records on them next week.

Birthday Party

Mrs. Van Frazier entertained a number of little folks on Thursday afternoon, June 6th with a birthday party, honoring her little daughter, Jena V. who was six years of age. The little folks played games until 3 o'clock then they were called into the dining room. The table was beautifully decorated with roses and a big birthday cake, with six burning candles. The children gathered around the table. Then Haywood Frazier gave thanks. Mrs. Frazier served them with cake, peaches and lemonade. The children enjoyed themselves very much.

Pictures were taken of all the children present. Those present were: Mary Jane, Modith, Imogene, Francis, and Alberta Greene, Josephine Walldrop, Francis Mashburn, Lattie Jones, Jena V. Frazier, J. D. and Johnny Reece, Ellis Greene, Jr., Wiley Greene, Clayborne Patton, Haywood Frazier.

B. Y. P. U. STUDY COURSE WAS GREAT SUCCESS

The B. Y. P. U. Study course which was held at the Franklin Baptist church the past week was a great success. About 35 passed the examinations Sunday night. The diplomas will be given in about a month.

The course was given by Mr. David Mashburn and Miss Ruby Wright of Andrews, N. C. These B. Y. P. U. workers were loved by all who knew them. Everyone who heard the splendid talks by Mr. Mashburn has a great interest in B. Y. P. U. work and it is believed that more work will be done as a result of the past week than has ever been done before. We hope it will be possible to have them back with us sometime.

CARRIE LEE PANNELL, Corresponding Secretary.

ENTERTAINED B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Franklin Baptist church was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. G. Wilkie last Friday night. Many of the parents as well as young folks were there. Everyone reported a nice time. We urge that all the young folks of B. Y. P. U. age visit our union and see just what we are doing.

CRAWFORD REUNION

Mr. Lee Crawford announces that the annual Crawford reunion will take place this year at Topton on Sunday, July 14th. At first some consideration was given to holding the reunion on Christmas day at the home of Uncle. On that date Mr. Crawford will be 100 years old.

THOMAS WRIGHT

Miss Omah Hazel Thomas and Mr. William Taylor Wright married at Highlands on Saturday, the 8th of June nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

EARLY MASHBURN WRECK VICTIM

Fred Blaine and Newton
Cunningham Seriously In-
jured When Car Goes
Into Railroad Cut Near
State Line.

Early Mashburn is dead and Fred Blaine and Newton Cunningham are seriously injured as a result of an automobile wreck that occurred about 10:00 o'clock Monday night on the Georgia road a short distance north of the State line. The three are said to have been going in the direction of Georgia. While rounding the last curve before reaching the state line the car left the road and ran for a hundred yards along the fill and finally plunged through the woods and over the railroad cut, a sheer drop of forty feet, and landed on the cross ties. The car was a complete wreck. About daylight Tuesday morning Blaine made his way to the home of Sam Corn who notified the sheriff's office. Sheriff Ingram immediately proceeded to the scene and found Mashburn dead beside the completely wrecked car. Cunningham was still in the machine. Both Blaine and Cunningham were brought to a local hospital. According to reports both have a chance of recovery. Blaine is a resident of Franklin as was also Mashburn, a former citizen, now resides in Akron, Ohio. The car is said to belong to Cunningham who is believed to have been driving at the time of the wreck.

ATTEND HARDWARE CONVENTION

Gus Leach and Alf Higdon returned latter part of last week from Blowing Rock where they attended the convention of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas. The convention was held at Mayview Manor, one of the finest hotels in the South. R. C. MacMahon who was here a year or two ago in charge of the Ontario Rod and Gun club is connected in an official capacity with the hotel. Alf reports that Mr. MacMahon treated the Franklin delegates with the greatest consideration and made inquiries about the Franklin people. Mr. MacMahon expressed the intention of visiting Franklin in the near future.

Tax Rates Fixed

The county commissioners have fixed the general tax rate this year as follows: Ordinary fund, .15; Pauper fund, .05; Interest and sinking fund, .60; General road and bridge fund, .30; General school fund, .54. This totals \$1.64 as against \$1.53 last year for the same purposes. In this connection, however, it must be noted that the townships have no road taxes this year and at least one or two have no special taxes of any kind. Where the townships have no special taxes the rate of \$1.64 will cover all taxation. In Franklin township the taxes will be lowered approximately 49 cents on the hundred dollars. Other townships can ascertain whether or not their taxes are lowered by adding their road taxes of last year to \$1.53 and then subtracting \$1.64 from the total. It is believed that most townships will find their taxes lower this year than last.

Forestry Officials Here

L. King, assistant fiscal agent, and L. T. Mahurin from forestry headquarters at Washington, will be in Franklin for approximately two weeks installing a new cost system for the Nantahala National Forest. It is understood that the new system is an experiment and will be first tried out in the local forestry office. Should it prove satisfactory the system will be extended to the entire district and perhaps through all the national forests.

Garden Club Notes

During the past two weeks more than 500 zinnia plants have been distributed over town. We still have more plants for anyone who desires them.

Two garden club circles have been formed, and two others are to be formed at once, so that every woman in town who is interested may be affiliated with one of these circles.

Mr. Sam Angel and family of Gastonia were visitors at the centennial. They also visited relatives and friends for a few days last week. Mr. Angel states that the mills in Gastonia have all the help they need regardless of the few who remain on strike.