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SILER FAMILY HAS REUNION

At Black Place This Year Noted Family Holds 79th Reunion With Uncle Charlie Slagle As Host.

Yesterday at the Black Place on the Nantahala river the Siler family held its 79th reunion, with C. W. Slagle as host. The long tables were set under the immense oak trees on the lawn. Approximately two hundred members of the family and friends were present to enjoy Mr. Slagle's hospitality. The Black Place is located on highway No. 28 about 18 miles west of Franklin. After the excellent dinner was eaten the family assembled in front of the Slagle home and heard reports of the various committees. Attorney T. J. Johnston who has been president of the family organization for the past several years called the meeting to order by rapping on a table with a gavel made from the "Treaty Tree" where Jacob Siler powwowed with the Indians in 1818. Jacob Siler and his three brothers were the first white men to settle permanently in what is now Macon county. James Gray of Raleigh acted as Secretary. Mr. Gray takes the place of his father, the late Thomas R. Gray who was family secretary for fifty-five years. The meeting was opened by singing "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." Rev. Riddle of South Carolina then led in prayer. The minutes of the meeting of last year were read and approved. Miss Laura Jones, chairman of the obituary committee, reported the names of the members of the family who had died since the previous meeting. Among such names were Samuel Edward Bryson, John Corpening and W. W. Sloan. In her report Miss Jones paid a beautiful tribute to the late W. W. Sloan of Franklin.

Mrs. Kate Robinson Hobart of California, daughter of the late Jim Robinson of Franklin, formerly lieutenant governor of North Carolina, made her report of the outlook committee. This report gave information of what various members of the family are now doing.

Mr. Neville Sloan, chief engineer of the Smoky Mountain Survey, submitted an old book of Jacob Siler in which is recorded surveys of the Smoky Mountain area made a century ago. Miss Harriett Kinnebrew of Raleigh, chairman of the Old Maids' committee, though not present sent a letter to the family meeting.

Next Mr. Jule Robinson, now connected with the Asheville Times, was called upon to make his report of the Old Bachelors' committee. Chairman Johnston announced that since Mr. Robinson was becoming old and feeble, the chair considered it necessary to detail younger members of the family to escort Mr. Robinson to the speakers stand. Consequently Mr. Johnston asked Dr. Lyle and Uncle Charlie Slagle to assist Mr. Robinson.

Revs. R. F. Mock, A. J. Flanagan and Rev. Riddle all made short talks and expressed delight at receiving invitations to attend the family meeting.

Mrs. Hattie Moore, 85, of Clay county was the oldest member of the family present. Next in age was Uncle Charlie Slagle who is nearing eighty-two. Mrs. Moore, Mr. Charlie Slagle, and Mr. Jacob Slagle were all present at the first family reunion seventy-nine years ago and they all met again this year at the Black Place. In fact, Uncle Charlie has missed only two meetings of the family in seventy-nine years.

In the late afternoon the meeting adjourned after deciding to meet with Mrs. George Jones of Franklin next year.

Nine States were represented at the meeting this year.

TWO GIRLS INJURED

A hit-and-run driver killed a horse and slightly injured two Camp Tawceth girls who were horseback riding near the camp three miles west of Franklin. Leas Bryson of Macon county was later arrested for the offense and charged with reckless driving. Camp authorities Tuesday refused to reveal the names of the injured girls, though one is said to be Miss Helen Patton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patton of Franklin. Reports have it that the other girl resides in Durham.

Bryson is under bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at court. He will be given a preliminary hearing next Saturday.

REVIVAL COMES TO A CLOSE

Many Join Local Baptist Church—Debt of Church Greatly Reduced.

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday night, August 4th with 46 additions of which 20 were by experience and baptism.

Dr. and Mrs. Huntsberry left Monday morning for Louisiana oil fields for a meeting.

A large congregation overflowed the church Sunday night to see the baptism. The baptistry was beautifully decked and banked with flowers, some of which were sent to the hospital to the sick. Mrs. Wilkie, Mrs. Waldroop, Mrs. Tilly, worked hard to decorate and assist in the baptism. Bro. Cunningham aided the pastor at the pool. J. D. Franks kept the records of those baptized.

Bro. Stallcup and Bro. Crawley sat on the platform. Mr. David Mashburn did a wonderful work with the choir and young people.

Nearly one thousand dollars were raised for the budget and for the meeting. There is still lacking one hundred and fifty dollars which must be raised.

The church will be dedicated at an early date. All debt must be cleared away and paid off before dedication.

The following joined the church during the meeting.

Watch Care.

Fred Childers, W. C. Coweta, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Ramey, Gertrude Shope, Lucretia Pruett, J. C. Elmore, Christine Franks, Lake Shope, E. B. DeHart, Mrs. E. B. DeHart, Bernice and Myrtice Dillard, Ella Bryant, Joe Elmore, L. A. Allen, Mrs. Fannie Allen, J. Wymer Hastings, Mrs. Mattie Hastings, Maggie Potts, M. A. Sanders, Annie Hyatt, Fred Kimsey, Morris Mason.

The following joined by experience: Henry Oliver, Helen Oliver, Elmer Childers Bowden Dryman, Frances Oliver, Mary Lou Guest, Charlotte Conley, Mrs. Maggie Sanders, Kathleen Conley, Maggie Dillingham, Fred Jacobs, Mrs. Jessie Oliver, Mrs. Elizabeth Boston, Anna Conner, Annie Laura Sprinkle, Billy Cunningham, John Shope, Reid Elliott and Willard Pendergrass.

The following joined by letter: Mrs. Fannie Allen, Elsie Saunders.

All candidates were baptized Sunday night except Willard Pendergrass. The church has had a record of growth this year which is exceptional.

There have been received during the last fifteen months 182 members of which 94 have come in by baptism. The church roll has been revised. The B. Y. P. U. has delivered 50 diplomas to its members, the W. M. U. has graduated a number in Mission study, a normal course in Sunday school work has been taught, a debt of \$3,600 has been raised on the building, the entire church has been repainted, the roof has been covered, the Sunday school has given liberally to the orphans home, a Y. W. A. has been organized under Miss Willie Mae Ledford. The G. A. under Mrs. Lee has done excellent work. The Sunbeams under Gladys Pannel has grown, two meetings have been held with excellent results, over \$6,000 have been raised for all purposes and the church is in the best condition for work in its entire history of 107 years.

The dedication of the church promises to be a great event. The country pastors will be present on the platform. An accepted leader of the denomination will preach the dedication sermon, former pastors will be invited to be present and a notable event in the history of the church will be observed.

The Franklin Baptist church is the mother and grandmother of 35 churches in the county and section. Out of the Franklin church have come the following churches on about the date named: Dillard's, 1828, Sugar Fork, 1836, Coweta 1830, Cowee, 1828, Cartoogechaye 1831, Mountain Grove, 1845, Burningtown 1845, etc. Nearly all the churches for thirty miles around are daughters or granddaughters of the old Franklin church established in July 1822. The church was very weak in 1880. It now has between 400 and 500 members.

Episcopal Services

Rev. Albert New of Waynesville will hold services next Sunday afternoon at the local Episcopal church at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

NEW NANTAHALA COMPANY PICKS ITS OFFICIALS

Important Hydro-Electric Developments seen In This Section.

The publication Sunday of dispatches from Bryson City announcing the organization of the Nantahala Power & Light company has been the source of no little speculation in Franklin. Officials of the new company were reticent and refused to make any definite statements, other than to tacitly admit that the new organization is a subsidiary of the Tallassee Power company. The parent company has owned for a number of years a power site on the Nantahala river in Macon county. The fact that the name of the new company includes the word "Nantahala," is interpreted here to mean that the activities of the company will be located in Macon county on the river of that name. It is understood here that plans for a big dam have been completed for a number of years. These plans, it is said, call for a dam more than 200 feet in height to be located a short distance below Aquone. The lake formed would extend up the river almost to the Black Place. The power house would be located near the school house just above Nantahala station. The plans also call for boring a tunnel through the mountain from the dam to the power house, it is said. The natural fall of the river from Aquone to Nantahala station is slightly over 800 feet. A dam 200 feet high would give a total head of more than one thousand feet. Reports current on the streets of Franklin for sometime have it that work on the Nantahala dam in Macon county will begin in 1930, though there has been no official announcement to this effect.

Commissioners Postpone Sale of Land for Taxes

On motion of Mr. C. H. McClure, duly seconded by Mr. W. D. Barnard, it is

Resolved, That no order shall now be made to sell real estate of delinquent tax payers of the year 1928, but that the Sheriff be required to settle for the taxes 1925, 1926 and 1927, on or before the first Monday in October, 1929; That if settlement is not made of the 1928 tax list on or before the first Monday in October, 1929, the list shall be retained in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, and not turned over to the Sheriff until such settlement is made; That any person desiring to pay their taxes prior to such settlement, may do so and the County Commissioners will turn over to the Sheriff the receipts for such taxes as are paid to the end, that the Sheriff may deliver such receipts to the tax payer; This, however, being on the condition and with the full understanding and agreement that the Sheriff shall make the necessary bond to cover the entire tax list on the first Monday in October, 1929, and as soon as settlement of 1928 taxes are made the 1929 list shall be turned over to him; That the Sheriff shall make report of all delinquent tax payers on the 1928 list, on the first Monday in October, 1929, in order that the proper order for the sale of real estate or personal property may be made by the Board of Commissioners to the end, that settlement in full shall be made the first Monday in December, 1929. This order is made in view of the extraordinary conditions prevailing in Macon County, due to the fact that when the present Board of Commissioners came into office on the first Monday in December, 1928 the tax list for 1928 had not been made out nor turned over to the Sheriff, and it was impossible to complete and turn over the same to the Sheriff, until the 26th day of March, 1929, leaving the people only four months to date in which to pay the 1928 taxes, which the law contemplates one year they shall have to settle.

A roll call vote was had on the foregoing resolution as follows: Voting in the Affirmative: I. O. Harrison, C. H. McClure, W. D. Barnard. Voting in the Negative: None. Thereupon the chairman, announced the resolution duly adopted.

L. C. WALDROOP LAID TO REST

Was Man of Sterling Character and Highly Respected and Loved by Entire Community.

On Monday afternoon, July 29, 1929, at the Slagle Memorial Presbyterian church, funeral services for Mr. Leander Creighton Waldroop, by the Pastor, Rev. J. A. Flanagan. The deceased had been very sick for some time with an incurable disease, but faced the end with patience and fortitude and met death calmly and peacefully. The remains were laid to rest in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Waldroop was born in Macon county, February 18, 1857. He was married November 24, 1887 to Miss Betty Leach of Franklin and to this union were born six children, five boys and one girl. For forty-five years he had lived at the same spot in Cartoogechaye community, where he was known and loved by all who knew him.

He was a man of sterling qualities, the essence of honor, and a man of convictions. He tried to do that which was right in all his relationships with his fellowman, willing to suffer rather than fail to do that which was honorable. Respected by his fellow citizens, esteemed by his friends, and loved by those who knew him. He leaves a noble example of unselfish service and devotion to duty. He shall be missed by his loved ones, by the people of the community, and the county, and by his friends everywhere.

He leaves a wife and six children: Messrs. Frank and Fred Waldroop of Atlanta, Ga., Harold Waldroop in the Shipping service; Willie and Charles Waldroop and Mrs. Hal Slagle of the Cartoogechaye community; one sister, Mrs. Grover Lewis of Franklin; two half sisters, Mrs. Frank Reece and Mrs. Ted Gillespie; one half brother, Mr. Jake Waldroop.

THE COUNTY ROADS

I take this opportunity of speaking to my men who have contracted with me and the county for the up-keep of various sections of the county roads.

It is my opinion that you men whom I have contracted with stand among the best citizens of Macon county and men who are interested in a better road movement. While we all are liable and given to neglect, we all have our home interests. And where a man has his hands full of his own affairs and takes on extra obligations he is bound to make some sacrifice in order to carry out his new obligations. Where-as a man takes a contract for maintaining a certain piece of road he couldn't reasonably expect to go on with his own affairs as though nothing had happened and draw the county's money. He must make some sacrifice of his own affairs in order to carry out his new obligations with the county.

I see some men going on with their roads; shrubbing off the banks, ditching, dragging, and doing some real road work, which looks good to me. I will long remember this. But the fellow who disregards his road contract and lets the few months pass until cold weather he has let the golden opportunity pass.

When the day of settlement comes the answer will be, "Depart, I know you not." I will not feel I am responsible for this answer as I am looking after the county's interests, but at the same time regarding every man's interest and wishing to deal justly with him.

I will mention a few of the things that will be expected and are required on March 1, 1930.

1. Road banks brushed off during August.
2. Roads be kept smooth before cold so they will become firm.
3. All tile, culverts and drain-ditches to be kept clean of trash and in working condition.
4. The road must have the appearance of some one's interest and oversight.

My chief object in writing this article is that no one will fail to know their respective duties toward their road.

I will be at the cannery at Franklin a part of the time for awhile, not on road duty but will be glad to discuss any road problem at any time you call around.

I am yours for better roads,
C. W. TEAGUE,
Road Sup.

TOURNAMENT IS BIG SUCCESS

Alan Smith of Asheville Walks Off With First Prize in Flight One—Lyle Wins Prize in Flight Two and Downton in Flight Three.

The invitation tournament held last week on the local golf course resulted in much publicity for Franklin. Alan Smith of Asheville who won first prize in flight one spoke very highly of the local links and suggested some improvements that could be made at little cost. The men entrants were classified into three flights. In the first round in flight one John Drake of Sylva eliminated Steve Porter of Franklin 2 and 1. Alan Smith took the measure of Gilmer Jones to the tune of 8 and 7. Jack Sewell of Miami beat G. L. Houk of Franklin 3 and 2, while Hugh Leach of Franklin beat his fellow townsman, Frank Murray, 2 and 3. In the semi-finals Sewell mastered Leach, 6 and 4 while Smith was whipping Drake 2 and 1. In the finals Smith bested Sewell 4 and 3.

In the second flight S. H. Lyle, Jr. had the best of Tommy Angel 3 and 2. Dick Jones won from Thompson 8 and 7. John Randolph of Bryson City took the printer, Street into camp by 4 and 3, and Dr. Jarrell of Cornelia mastered Jim Early of Tampa 2 and 1. In the semi-finals Lyle beat Jones 3 and 2 while Jarrell won from Randolph 3 and 2. In the finals Lyle was master of Jarrell 3 and 2.

In the third flight Baldwin drew a bye. Downton beat Hunnicutt 6 and 5. Buck Mastered Carter one up while Conley was giving Harris a drubbing to the tune of 8 and 6. In the semi-finals Downton won over Baldwin 6 and 4, Conley over Buck 2 up. In the final round Conley was eliminated by Downton 6 and 5.

In the women's tournament Mrs. Drake had the better of Miss Elizabeth Causey. Miss Sinclair made Miss Mattie Angel very sad and Mrs. Gilmer Jones became exceedingly exuberant when she drew a bye. In the final roundup Mrs. Drake won first prize; Mrs. Jones, second; Miss Sinclair, third; Miss Causey, fourth and Miss Angel fifth.

All those living away from Franklin who took part in the tournament expressed their surprise that little town like Franklin has such a good golf course. Gilmer Jones, manager of the course, was constantly on the job instructing the caddies and otherwise seeing that the tournament went off without a hitch.

Meeting of the Macon County S. S. Association

The Macon county Sunday School Association met in session at the Morrison Presbyterian church on Thursday, July 25, 1929, with more than a hundred delegates from more than 18 Sunday Schools over the county. Miss Flora Davis, General Superintendent of the N. C. Sunday School Association and Miss Daisy Magee, a field worker, were present for the day. They brought very helpful and inspiring talks and helped in many ways to make the day a success. Rev. A. S. Solesbee and Rev. R. F. Mock, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church led the devotional services for the day.

The Snow Hill Sunday School won the attendance banner, given for the Sunday School sending the largest delegation the greatest number of miles. Mr. Ralph West was elected President of the County Sunday School Association for the coming year. It was voted to go to the Newnan Sunday School for the next meeting of the association, which will be held during the summer time next year.

BISHOP COLLINS DENNY COMING

Bishop Collins Denny, one of the most beloved bishops of the Southern Methodist church, Mrs. Denny and their son, Attorney Collins Bishop, Jr., all of Richmond, Virginia, will arrive here August 14 and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Porter. The bishop will preach at the local Methodist church on the fourth Sunday in August which falls on the 25th. A cordial invitation is extended to all to hear Bishop Denny's sermon.