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Josiah W. Bailey To Address Macon Democrats At Barbecue

PLAN BIG RALLY TO COME AUG. 16

Prominent Democrats From
Adjoining Counties To
Attend Affair

GOVERNOR IS INVITED

Meeting Will Officially
Launch Campaign In
10th District

Josiah W. Bailey, Democratic candidate for the United States senate; John Queen, Democratic candidate for solicitor from the 20th judicial district; Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, and prominent Democrats from counties adjoining Macon have accepted invitations to attend a rally and barbecue at Franklin on Saturday, Aug. 16, to be sponsored by the Democrat party of Macon.

Invitations are being mailed to prominent Democrats throughout the state, including Gov. O. Max Gardner. Speeches by the more prom-

barbecue. The purpose of the rally is to launch the campaign leading to the general election this fall. The rally will not only officially mark the beginning of the campaign in Macon, but will be the signal for the beginning of activities in the Democratic ranks in the counties throughout this section.

In his letter accepting the invitation to come to Macon on Aug. 16 Mr. Bailey said: "I thank you for the invitation to attend the barbecue and make a speech to the Democratic voters. You may expect me by noon on Saturday, the 16th day of August. I will be in the 10th District for some days, and hope to see our fellow-Democrats and express my gratitude to them for the wonderful vote in the 10th District."

Democrats and all other persons interested, regardless of party affiliation, are invited to attend the barbecue and hear the speeches. The rally will be held just outside of Franklin, probably at the camp grounds.

Franklin Youth's Neck Broken; Dies

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the Bethel Methodist church near Franklin for Ned Jennings, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings who received a broken neck when he dived into the Little Tennessee river at a swimming hole at the forks of the Little Tennessee and Sugarfork rivers at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Jennings was in swimming with 10 or 12 other boys whose ages ranged from 10 to 20 years when he dived from a springboard into water waist deep. His head struck a sand bar and he remained in the river two or three minutes before R. L. Mashburn, 13, wading through the water, stepped on Jennings' body. John Sorrels, one of the youths at the swimming hole, was the first to see the boy. (Continued on page eight)

Fishin' Time



CULLASAJA RIVER rapids, home of the mountain and rainbow trout, by which Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Highlands, just opened, passes.

Work Definitely Resumed On Tunnel Of Nantahala River Power Project

Definite resumption of work by the Nantahala Power and Light company on the tunnel between Nantahala station and Lookout in this county has resulted in the employment of a fairly large force of men on the project. Exact figures are not yet available, but enough workers have moved to Nantahala with their families to necessitate the employment of an additional teacher in the Beecher school which is located near Nantahala station. Professor M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, went to the Beecher school on Tuesday to arrange for the employment of at least one additional teacher.

Six-Mile Tunnel
The tunnel, which is to be approximately six miles long, has been drilled to a length of 900 feet. Serious difficulties which at first were encountered by reason of the fact that the tunnel was being opened through loose rock are no longer faced, due to the

crew having reached solid rock through which the tunnel is being forced.

Officials of the Nantahala Power and Light company have nothing definite to say regarding the time estimated as necessary to complete the tunnel to Lookout, which is near the village of Aquone. Indications are, however, that operations will continue uninterrupted until the passage has been completed. Work is underway at present on only one end of the tunnel.

After this project has been completed and the dam on the Nantahala river constructed, water will be carried through the six-mile passage to a power house to be located near Nantahala station. The power house will be linked with a series of other power houses to be constructed in this section by the Aluminum Company of America, of which the Nantahala Power and Light company is a subsidiary.

FUNDS SECURED FOR EQUIPMENT

Small Station To Be Ready
By Summer Of 1931
For Scientists

ENTERTAIN VISITORS

RIDLEY REVIVAL DRAWS CROWDS

Evangelist Receives Hearty
Welcome From People
Of County

The biblical adage, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," has failed to hold true in the case of Caleb Ridley, evangelist, who recently returned from North Dakota to Macon, his home county, to hold a revival meeting in Franklin.

Since the series of meeting began over a week ago, crowds have filled the court house to overflowing. On many nights as large a number has been turned away as was able to crowd into the building to hear Dr. Ridley.

"My welcome home has been cordial, gracious, more sincere than I dared expect," declared the evangelist. Meetings will be held twice each day during the remainder of this week, the services beginning at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. This will enable many who were unable to hear the evangelist at the night services to attend the meetings in the morning. The revival will come to a close next Sunday night.

Dr. Ridley states that he expects to make Western North Carolina his home hereafter, and that his headquarters will be between Asheville and Franklin.

REGIONAL FORESTER HERE

Regional Forester J. C. Kircher of District Seven, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., is in Franklin for a short inspection of the Nantahala National forest.

IN COUNTY'S SCHOOLS

Annex To Highlands School
Costs \$2560; Teachers
Are Named

Improvements in the equipment of the Macon county schools, additions to the teaching personnel, and a list of the teachers who will be employed in the county's schools this year or who are already teaching, have been announced by M. D. Billings, county superintendent.

At Highlands a two-story addition is being added to the rear of the school building at a cost of \$2560. The addition will have rooms on the upper and lower floors that will be used by both high school and grade classes. O. F. Summer, principal, and F. C. Hentz will compose the high school faculty at Highlands. The grades will be taught by Mrs. A. W. Pierson, Miss Bertha Williams, Miss Sue Rucker, Miss Beatrix Moseley and Miss Amy Henderson. The Highlands school will open on the second Monday in September.

At Franklin a course in vocational agriculture is being added to the high school courses of instruction. E. H. Meacham, graduate of N. C. State college at Raleigh, will be the agricultural instructor. An additional primary grade teacher will also be added this year, to bring the total number of teachers in the grades and high school to 20. No changes will be made in last year's faculty. The Franklin school will open on the first Monday in September.

Except for the Franklin and Highlands schools, the other schools in Macon are now open. Prof. Billings announced that the first county-wide teachers' meeting for instructors in (Continued on page eight)

LIGHTS FAIL AS AUTO RUNS INTO ELECTRIC POLE

The heavy automobile belonging to Dr. Furman Angel, parked Monday night in front of Angel Brothers' hospital, rolled backward down the hill from the hospital into Riverview street and crashed into an electric light pole about 8:45 o'clock. The pole was knocked flat, a transmission line broken, and Franklin was without lights for nearly an hour before repairs could be made.

The car was unoccupied when it rolled into the pole. The rear end of the machine was badly damaged.

COMPLETE JAIL REMODEL WORK

Total Cost Will Be Less
Than \$5,000, States
Commissioner

Completion of the remodeling of the Macon county jail is expected this week, according to J. O. Harrison, chairman of the board of county commissioners. To date the cost of remodeling the jail has reached the total of \$4,070.05, according to figures released by Mr. Harrison. Other bills are yet to be paid, but the chairman expects the total cost to be several hundred dollars less than \$5,000.

Plumbing expenditures were \$549.78. Other costs represent expenditures on remodeling the inside and outside walls of the jail, pouring of concrete floors in two new compartments constructed downstairs, building of a kitchen and dining room annex, and various other items. The jail now meets the state requirements in all respects, states Mr. Harrison. Five compartments have been constructed or remodeled for prisoners, toilet and other sanitary requirements have been met.

Commissioner Harrison and Jailer William Edwards invite the public to inspect the remodeled jail, and Mr. Harrison states that figures on remodeling costs are open to inspection in his office.

HIGHWAY NO. 28 OPEN

Highway No. 28 was opened to traffic between Franklin and Highlands on Monday afternoon of this week.

Several advantages to be gained from the fact that Highlands itself is surrounded by the Nantahala National forest.

Quoting from the secretary's report of the conference of biologists: "Dr. I. F. Lewis of the University of Virginia." (Continued on page eight)

Three Are Taken On Liquor Charge

Two men and a woman, Ted Whitaker and wife and C. H. Head, all of Asheville, were arrested by Deputy Sheriffs R. M. Coffey and Frank Norton on Highway No. 285 with 11 gallons of liquor early last Saturday morning. The three were driving in the direction of Dillsboro in a large roadster. At a preliminary hearing here they were released on bonds of \$500 and bound to the August term of Macon county superior court.

Deputy Sheriff Coffey arrested Lem Stewart, 20, of Jackson county on Sunday afternoon at a point on Highway No. 28 about six miles east of Franklin, after Stewart was reported by residents of the locality to have been drinking and guilty of disorderly conduct. The young man was bound to the August term of superior court at a preliminary hearing Monday morning and released on bond of \$200.

Sixty Entrants In Second Annual Flower Show Sponsored By Macon's Garden Club

Flower lovers of Macon county who had been looking forward to the second annual Flower Show sponsored by the Garden club were not disappointed in Tuesday's exhibit, as it was a most unusual display of cut flowers, ferns, potted plants and wild flowers. The Flower Show last year was said to be equal to any display in this immediate section, but the show this year far surpassed even that. A real garden was the outstanding feature. It was laid out with

flagstone walks, dotted here and there with flower beds and shrubbery, and had a lovely lily pool in the center surrounded by growing ferns and moss. The entrance to this garden was a beautiful trellis covered with vines. Garden seats occupied important places. This successful feature was due to the artistic ability and ingenuity of the floor committee, Mrs. Steve Porter, Mrs. Jess Conley and Mrs. Ed Cunningham. Last year 25 persons entered

exhibits; this year 60 persons entered the competition, each making a number of entries into different classes. Sponsors of the Flower Show were pleased with the better showing of this year, and stated that it was proof of increased interest in making Franklin and Macon county beautiful. Besides a profusion of many beautiful and rare flowers, four decorated tables were displayed. (Continued on page eight)