

ROTARY CLUB HEARS DANIELS

Former Secretary of Navy Diagnoses Depression

OUTLINES REMEDIES

Raps 'Frenzied Finance,' Urges Adherence to League

Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy during the world war, diagnosed the country's ills and prescribed a remedy in a scholarly address to the Franklin Rotary club at its weekly luncheon at the Scott Griffin hotel Wednesday.

Mr. Daniels, who is editor and publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, came over from Lake Junaluska, where he has been spending the summer, to speak to the Franklin Rotarians on "What Is the Matter with the Country?"

Honors Macon Men

First he paid tribute to leaders, past and present, of Macon county. "I am not a stranger here," he said. "Through close associations Franklin and Macon county are near and dear to me. I treasure my associations with that fine, able gentleman, Kepe Elias, friend of Cleveland, a man Cleveland thought so much of he appointed him collector of internal revenue; Sam Rogers, whose ability and fidelity to purpose found for him a place in Washington as director of the census and of whom it was said, he held office from the time he was two years old until his death; "Yes, I remember the day when it was said down at Raleigh that the government was run by Macon county."

Mr. Daniels also recalled memories of J. Frank Ray, whom he called one of the most brilliant minority leaders he had ever known; "Old Bill" Stallcup, Fred Johnston; Representative Horn, Dr. W. A. Rogers, this county's representative in the last General Assembly; Lieutenant Governor Robinson—"in whose family," Mr. Daniels said, "my own brother found his dear wife"—and to whom he said credit was largely due for the establishment of the Western North Carolina railroad. He also paid tribute to the late W. A. Curtis, for many years publisher of The Franklin Press, whose editorial wisdom bore influence not only in Macon county but throughout the state.

Discusses Depression

Mr. Daniels ascribed the long period of depression to three principal causes: Failure of the United States to join with other nations of the world in an international association to bring about world peace and disarmament; to "frenzied finance" and to government by privilege.

"What is the matter with the country?" he asked, then proceeding to outline its ills. "We are suffocating with too much. We are starving with plenty. They say it is all because of the war, in which 10 million men were killed, 20 million more maimed, and the wealth saved by Europe over a whole century, destroyed. Of course such a heavy loss of life and property could not occur without a violent wrench to the world.

"But of the past 13 years we have done nothing, absolutely nothing to heal the wounds of the war and restore the world to international peace and tranquility. And the United States has been the sinner of sinners. After the war (Continued on page six)

A CORRECTION

The Franklin Press wishes to correct an unintentional error appearing in a report in last week's issue under the heading "AUGUST COURT OPENS MONDAY." In this article it was stated:

"The civil calendar is scheduled to be taken up Thursday, August 27. The first cases listed are those of W. L. McCoy, Franklin attorney, vs. J. B. Justice, Sheriff A. B. Slagle and various attorneys who appeared for Justice in a damage suit in which Justice alleged alienation of the affections of his wife."

Mr. Justice is involved in the case only as administrator of the estate of Perry Hyatt, in whose name the original suit was brought. It was Mr. Hyatt who charged alienation of the affections of his (Hyatt's) wife. Mr. Hyatt died while his suit was still pending and Mr. Justice was named his administrator. The editor of this newspaper wishes to make public apology to both Mr. and Mrs. Justice and to assure them that this regrettable error was unintentional.

The case of McCoy vs. Sheriff A. B. Slagle is in connection with enforcement of a judgment obtained against McCoy in behalf of Hyatt's estate. McCoy has obtained a temporary injunction restraining the sheriff from carrying out the judgment.

The Franklin Press is glad at all times to correct errors which might in any way injure the reputation of any individual.

Young Tar Heel Farmers Back from Camping Trip

Franklin Rotarians Win Golf Tournament

The Franklin Rotary club walked away with the golfing honors at the inter-city Rotary get-together held at Lake Junaluska, near Waynesville, Monday afternoon and evening. Scoring an average of 95, the local Rotary golf team beat Asheville, the closest contender, by 2 points.

Members of the Franklin team were J. E. Perry, Fred and Harold Sloan, G. L. Houk, Steve Porter and J. S. Conley.

PARK PLANS TO BE DISCUSSED

Gov. Gardner To Speak At Banquet in Asheville

ASHEVILLE, Aug. 26.—Business and professional leaders from all over Western North Carolina are expected to be present at a banquet at the George Vanderbilt hotel here Friday night, when Governor Gardner will speak on the Great Smoky Mountains park. Another address will be made by D. Hyden Ramsey, assistant to the publishers of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

The purpose of the banquet is to make plans for advertising the great Smokies as a national playground and for handling the thousands of visitors and tourists who are expected to swarm to the park after it is opened.

Officials of the 18 Western North Carolina counties have been invited to attend the banquet. Members of the various chambers of commerce, the Rotary, Kiwanis and other civic clubs also have been asked to attend.

The banquet is sponsored by the Asheville Merchants Association and the civic clubs of this city.

J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the park, has been invited to attend and in all probability will outline some of the things which should be done by the communities on the North Carolina side of the park to get ready for the opening of this great scenic area.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogan, and their daughter, Ruth, of Lincoln, Ga., were visiting in Franklin Thursday. Dr. Hogan is pastor of the Baptist church there.

Group Visits Raleigh, White Lake and Coast Resort

Seven members of the Macon county chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers returned home Monday after a glorious week spent in sight-seeing in Raleigh, camping at White Lake, near Elizabethtown, N. C., and surf bathing at Carolina Beach, near Wilmington. E. H. Meacham, vocational agriculture teacher in the Franklin high school, accompanied the boys on the trip. Those who made the trip were Jeff Enloe, Jr., John Bryson, Roger Dalton, Lester Arnold, George Slagle, Henry Mashburn, Sexton Vinson and James Hanes.

See Raleigh

The boys spent the first night at State college in Raleigh. Monday the party visited Pullen Park; Dix Hill, the state institution for the insane, State college, Meredith college, the agriculture buildings and the governor's mansion.

Colonel Fred A. Olds of the N. C. Hall of History conducted the party through the capitol building pointing out the places of interest. The party was led into the governor's private office and permitted to sit in the governor's chair, with hopes that some day one of the boys might claim the chair as his own. In the governor's office the Y. T. H. F. club was presented an autographed picture of the governor, and a gold seal of North Carolina. The next places of interest visited were the state museum and the Hall of History. Colonel Olds explained in detail the history back of the most precious possessions of North Carolina.

The next tour was of the State prison. The boys were allowed to sit in the electric "air. Here each boy was given a copy of the paper published by the prisoners. From "Death Row" the boys were conducted to the night cells, and from there to the dining room to watch how the inmates were fed.

The party reached White Lake Monday afternoon and began the regular schedule of camp life. On Thursday the boys spent the day at Carolina Beach enjoying a swim in the ocean. From there they visited Fort Fisher, and on the way back to camp they went through the beautiful parks of Wilmington.

The Y. T. H. F. camp is owned and operated by the agricultural students of North Carolina and is valued at around \$5,000. It is situated on the shore of the crystal waters of White Lake and is the only one of its kind in the United States.

BRYSON FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

Many Attend Gathering Of Large Clan at West's Mill

OFFICERS ELECTED

Professor Madison and Dan Bryson Make Addresses

About 100 members of the Bryson family of Macon and relatives from other counties attended a reunion Sunday at the home of Mrs. James L. Bryson at West's Mill. This reunion was one of the Samuel Bryson descendants of the fifth generation. Another Bryson family reunion, inclusive of all the Brysons and their relatives originating in the western part of the state, will be held in October at the old Bryson homestead at Beta. An invitation for all the Macon county Brysons to attend was extended by Mr. Dan Bryson of Sylva.

The principal speakers of the reunion last Sunday at West's Mill were Mr. Dan Bryson and Professor R. L. Madison of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, Judge Thad D. Bryson, of the Duke University Law School, and Professor H. T. Hunter, of W. C. T. C., also, had been invited to attend but other duties prevented their presence.

At a business session held in the afternoon it was decided to hold the next reunion of the descendants of James L. Bryson one week earlier next year; that is, on the third Sunday in August instead of the fourth. The place will be the same, at the home of Mrs. James L. Bryson at West's Mill. Plans also were made for erecting a stone marker over the grave of James L. Bryson.

Officers Named

Following are the officers elected by the clan to serve during the coming year; Mr. Robert Ramsey, of Tellico, president; Mr. Robert T. Bryson, of West's Mill, vice-president; Mrs. Lester Conley, of Franklin, secretary; Mr. C. A. Bryson, of West's Mill, treasurer; Mr. T. C. Bryson, of West's Mill, historian.

The reunion was held on the beautiful lawn of the Bryson home on a hill just above West's Mill looking out upon the Covees, a section of the county whose history is inseparable from the Bryson family. Across the road is a large Baptist church, property, for which was given by a Bryson.

Serve Bountiful Dinner

A beautiful dinner with all the good things to eat which Macon county's fertility can yield was spread on a 50-foot picnic table erected under the beautiful oak trees in front of the home. There was food aplenty for all who came and after all had finished there was several well filled baskets remaining.

Professor Madison paid high tribute to the family in his address. He said that as a school teacher in this county he had taught many of the younger generation of Brysons and knew them all to be fine, unassuming Christian gentlemen and gentlemen. He traced the Bryson lineage back to the Greek mathematician, Bryson, who discovered the formula for squaring the circle and who was one of the most outstanding leaders of thought in the third century before Christ.

Mr. Dan Bryson of Sylva traced the history of the family since the early settlement of Western North Carolina. The Brysons were among the first pioneers to cross the Balsams. He urged all those present to attend the Bryson family reunion to be held at Beta.

Visitors present at the reunion last Sunday were Professor R. L. Madison and daughter of Cullowhee, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bryson and little grandson, Dan Bryson Hooper of Sylva, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Kate Simkins of Asheville, Mr. Redford Adair and son of Asheville, Mrs. Verna Jones of Asheville, Mr. Ballard Bryson of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Grace Scroggs Mrs. Annie Pressley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maloney of Sylva, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Cox of Canton, and Mr. Blackburn W. Johnson.

Governor and Party Pay Franklin Visit

Governor O. Max Gardner made a surprise visit to Franklin late Saturday afternoon and while here chatted for a few minutes with old friends, among them Bob Patton, who was a fellow student with him at State college.

Those in the Governor's party were Mrs. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jeffress, the former being chairman of state highway commission; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Neal and son of Marion, Mr. Neal being a member of the highway commission; State Senator A. D. McLean of Washington, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva.

The group traveled in two automobiles and came to Franklin after visiting the Great Smoky National Park. They were bound for Highhampton Inn at Cashiers.

Members of the party were greatly impressed with the scenery of Western North Carolina this side of the Balsams, despite the fact that the day was marred by showers and low hanging clouds.

ALLEN LEDFORD DIES IN CRASH

Car Strikes Telephone Pole on Georgia Highway

Allen Ledford, 38, of Walhalla, S. C., formerly of Macon county, was instantly killed at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning when the automobile, in which he was riding, left the highway and hit a telephone pole, 14 miles south of Franklin near the North Carolina-Georgia state line. The accident occurred on the North Carolina side.

A man, said to be Tom Williams, 20, also of Walhalla, was driving the car. He escaped serious injury, and, following the accident, was taken to Clayton, Ga., where he received treatment at a drug store for lacerations and bruises.

Macon county officers are making an investigation, but as yet no arrest has been made. They said they learned from men at the filling station on the state line, near where the accident occurred, that the car came down the road, going from one side to the other, and that a little later two wheels left the concrete. In the position, they said, the car ran some distance and then hit a telephone pole.

The accident occurred near the spot where Early Mashburn was killed about two years ago in an automobile accident.

Mr. Ledford is survived by his widow and one child, a girl of 12. He was the son of the late Men Ledford, of the Cavetta section.

The telephone pole which the car struck was snapped in two by the impact. Telephone service between Franklin and Clayton and Dillard was disrupted for most of the day.

Ledford's skull was crushed. His body was taken to Clayton in R. E. Cannon's ambulance.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Dillard. Among those attending was Mack Ledford, of Franklin, an uncle of the deceased.

Boys Hitch-Hike from California in 10 Days

Frank and Dick Johnson, sons of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, returned to Franklin last Friday morning after hitch-hiking from California in 10 days.

The boys left Glendale, Calif., where Frank had been working at the Grand Central Airport, to get to Phoenix, Ariz., they separated because they found it was easier for them to catch rides singly. Although they followed somewhat different routes from Phoenix, they arrived home only a few hours apart.

Frank, who is 20 years old, left for the west two months ago and on his trip out got two "lifts" in airplanes besides catching automobile rides. Among those who gave him automobile "lifts" were Ramon Navarro, motion picture star. Dick, who is 15, left Franklin about six weeks ago. He made the trip out, as well as the return trip, in 10 days, catching one ride

Movement Started To Seek Paving of Highway No. 286

HIGHWAY HEAD REVEALS PLANS

Surfacing of No. 28 To Be Completed When Advisable

The state highway commission intends to proceed with surfacing of N. C. 28 west of Franklin as soon as advisable, according to E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the commission, who passed through Franklin Tuesday afternoon on a tour of inspection of the highways in this section. Mr. Jeffress was accompanied by district engineer Walker of Asheville.

Asked if the commission would begin work on N. C. 28 west of Franklin after completion of surfacing from Caneels to Highlands, Mr. Jeffress replied that he thought it unlikely that anything would be done before next spring except on the link beginning one mile this side of Rainbow Springs and extending to Glade Gap. A contract already has been let for work on this 7-mile stretch and machinery is being moved into position. This work is being done with federal funds.

Mr. Jeffress definitely stated that the highway commission hoped to push the completion of surfacing on highway No. 28 through to Hayesville but he indicated this would be inadvisable during the winter.

He said that an oil binder would be put on the gravel between Caneels and Highlands but that the stone will be allowed to settle during the winter before the oil is applied. However, he added, this road will be put in first class condition before tourists begin to come in next year.

To Hold Another Union Service Sunday Evening

The Rev. G. Clifton Ervin will preach next Sunday morning at the Methodist church on "How Far Are We Christian?" Special music will be rendered by the choir. There will be the last of a series of evening union services at the Episcopal church next Sunday evening. The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan will preach at this service.

Services are being conducted each evening this week by Mr. Ervin at Carson's Chapel. They will continue through next Sunday evening.

Potts Family Holds Reunion at Highlands

An all-day reunion of the Potts family was held Sunday, August 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potts and family at Highlands. A delicious dinner was served to the family and their friends, who numbered over a hundred people.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. W. L. Pool and William Sims, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. J. Williams, Miss Meta Ammons, and Roger Paul Ammons, of Franklin, and Mr. Allison McKinney, of Birmingham.

Bryson City Men Ask Aid of Franklin Rotarians

OUTLINE PURPOSE

Highway Is Important Route To Great Smoky Park

A delegation from the Bryson City chamber of commerce headed by McKinley Edwards appeared before the Franklin Rotary club at its weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday seeking cooperation in efforts looking toward improving and hard-surfacing of state highway No. 28, from Franklin to Bryson City.

Mr. Edwards and other speakers from the group pointed out that with the opening of the Great Smoky park, this highway will be the logical route of travel for tourists approaching the park from the south and also for those coming from Tennessee across the Smokies by Newfound Gap, down the Great Smoky trail through Bryson City and thence to Florida and the southern resorts. Mr. Edwards pointed out that unless this highway is improved the greater part of this tourist traffic will be by Murphy instead of Franklin.

Asks Cooperation

"Our interests are the same as your interests," Mr. Edwards said, "all we ask is your cooperation."

State Senator Kelly Bennett pointed out that 286 has another "pulling point," as it connects two of the state's main highways—N. C. 10 and N. C. 28. He said that bus routes over the Great Smoky trail had been worked out with some of the leading bus companies. These buses, which in due time will carry thousands of visitors to and from the Smoky mountains, will come by Franklin, Mr. Bennett said, if they have a good road from here to Bryson City. He pointed out that improvement of this highway would make it possible for Florida-bound tourists to spend one day in North Carolina, passing through the park, without loss of time in reaching their ultimate destination.

Scenic Advantages

J. E. S. Thorpe, another member of the Bryson City delegation, pointed out the scenic advantages of N. C. 286, explaining that this road in all likelihood will pass the largest number of hydro-electric power lakes already completed or contemplated.

The Bryson City group received a hearty response from Franklin Rotarians and were assured cooperation on the part of the local club. Later the executive committee of the club met with the Bryson City men to discuss more detailed plans.

Will Rogers Picks A Story For This Spot

By WILL ROGERS

The doctors often have very weird tales to tell about the guys that come in to see them. Also they sometimes have very funny ones to tell about the patients that

they have or heard about. Old Doc Sawbones up in New York State was the friend of the entire community and people always came to him for advice as well as treatment.

One day Hiram Jones came slowly sauntering up to his office and sitting in the easy chair started to stretch and yawn.

The Doc spied him and said, "Well Hi, what can I do for you?" "Oh, not much," said Hi, "but I was wondering if you would do me a favor."

"Sure thing, Hi. Just tell me what's on your mind."

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DE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONGRESS AN' A STREET CAR IS—WOMEN HAS A CHANCE TO GET A SEAT IN CONGRESS. Dimah SAYS

Preaching Prisoner Gets 18 Months Road Sentence

Bill Banes, 30, of Swain county, known as the preaching prisoner of the Macon county jail, was sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads by Judge W. F. Harding at noon Tuesday after the jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault on a woman. The original charge against Banes was attempted criminal assault on a 12-year-old girl.

Banes, who had been attracting large crowds to the county jail each Saturday afternoon to hear him preach from his cell on the second floor, declined the court's offer of legal aid.

Pleads Own Case

In dramatic style and with frequent references to the Bible, he

pleaded his own case, denying any guilt.

Replying to the prosecution's charge that he had served three terms in prison or on the roads—once of bigamy and another time for desertion and non-support of his wife—Banes likened himself to the apostle Peter.

"Peter spent a lot of time in prisons," he declared, "but he wasn't guilty of any crime."

Girl Testifies

The principal witness against Banes was the little girl whose honor he was charged with attempting to destroy. She accused him of coming to her room late at night and making an improper

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