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FIRST P. T. A. MEETING HELD

W. H. Finley Makes Good Report Of Progress; Fine Program

Members of the first district Parent-Teacher Association made plans to assure the organization of a vital role in the life of the school and community this year, at their first meeting here last Monday following a challenge to active service to meet the needs of the time by Mrs. Fred Slagle, president.

The Rev. Frank Bloxham led the devotions taking as a text for a brief talk the following verse from Philippians. "Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Mrs. Cantey Johnson welcomed the new members, which was graciously responded to by Mrs. Philip Green, a new member of the faculty.

Mrs. Lola Barrington, chairman, gave a happy introduction to each one having a part on the program.

J. Horner Stockton, local attorney and school patron, spoke on the subject of "Preparing Youth for Democracy." His address is printed in another column.

Mrs. James Averell sang and played, receiving an enthusiastic encore. Patriotic songs were led by Rev. Philip Green.

In his report to the parents and teachers W. H. Finley, superintendent, stated that all class rooms in high school and elementary buildings had been painted since the pupils voluntarily began raising funds for that purpose last year. Although much credit is due the pupils for getting this much needed work started, Mr. Finley said, it should be remembered that a large part of the total cost of getting the work done was born by the county office of education.

Besides the class rooms the high school auditorium has been painted. Since school began last year new plumbing has been refitted throughout, improving the general appearance and sanitary conditions of the entire school plant. The moral of the student body is high.

The enrollment at the Franklin school was reported to be 994 at the present. The total enrollment is expected to reach or exceed 1,000 by the end of the first school month. Four hundred fifty-one are now enrolled in the elementary school (first seven grades), and 543 are now enrolled in the high school. The elementary enrollment is slightly less and the high school enrollment is slightly more than at this time last year.

Mr. Finley expressed regret that on account of the smallness of the auditorium it was impossible to hold chapel exercises for the study body, but that time was allowed for the teachers to have a brief devotion in the individual rooms.

Mrs. Slagle announced that she would appoint a committee at the request of Mr. Finley, to work out plans whereby all pupils would have an opportunity to share in some chapel exercises.

Mrs. Slagle also appointed committees for the year as follows:

Membership: Mrs. R. S. Jones, chairman; Mrs. C. L. Cartledge, Mrs. Carl Tysinger, Mrs. Gilmer Crawford.

Program: Mrs. J. C. Barrington, chairman; Miss Mayberry Moody, Mrs. Virgie Ramsey.

Finance: Mrs. John Wasilik, chairman; Mrs. John Archer, Mrs. A. R. Higdon, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, Mrs. Albert Ramsey.

Girl Scout: Mrs. Gordon Moore, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Page, Mrs. Zeb Conley.

Publicity: Miss Underwood, chairman; Mrs. Carl Slagle.

Safety: W. H. Finley, chairman.

A delightful social meeting with refreshments served under the direction of Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, gave opportunity for mothers to meet new teachers and each other.

Verlin Swafford Buys Peoples Market

Verlin Swafford resigned as manager of the Dixie Store here this week to take over the operation of the Peoples Market which he recently purchased from Tony Welch.

The business will be known as Swafford's Market and Grocery Store. He is being assisted by Furman Waldrop.

"I intend to handle first-class groceries and meats, and I invite all my friends to come in and see me," Mr. Swafford said.

Rev. Mayberry Leaves Next Week For Rhodhiss Charge

The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, widely known Macon county Baptist minister, will leave next Tuesday for Rhodhiss, where he has been called to become pastor of the Rhodhiss Baptist church.

Because of the host of friends Mr. Mayberry has throughout the county, he has arranged to preach his farewell sermon in the Franklin Baptist church here on Sunday evening at 7:30, instead of at one of the four churches in his charge.

The public is invited to attend this service on Sunday evening.

A native of the Eastern section of North Carolina, Mr. Mayberry came to Macon county about eight years ago from Jackson county. He had been pastor of the East Baptist church at Sylva prior to his coming here.

During his stay here he has been pastor of the Cowee, Iotla, Sugarfork and Mt. Hope churches.

He has served as assistant moderator of the Macon county Baptist association and as secretary of the Baptist ministerial association for the past two years. Also as associational Sunday school superintendent for one year. He is noted throughout the county as a revival leader.

Mr. Mayberry received his education at the South Mountain Institute and at Western Carolina Teachers college at Cullowhee.

Baptist Sunday School Convention

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet at the Friendship Tabernacle in Franklin on Sunday afternoon, September 22, at 2:30 o'clock. It has been announced by Paul Swafford, president.

The program will open with a congregational song, followed by the devotionals led by Ralph Angel. A talk will be made by the Rev. R. F. Mayberry. Vocal selections will be rendered by the Angel quartet. The Rev. C. F. Rogers will deliver the principal talk of the afternoon, using for his theme, "Sunday School's Responsibility to New Converts."

The public is invited to attend.

FOOTBALL TEAM TO OPEN SEASON

Panthers Will Meet Long Creek Academy Here Friday Afternoon

Handicapped by lack of heavy practice due to the late arrival of uniforms, Franklin High's Red Panthers will open the gridiron season here Friday against Long Creek (S. C.) Academy at 2:30 p. m.

Nine lettermen make up the nucleus of the squad of 26 players. Coach J. C. Hawkins has been steadily drilling for the past few weeks. Hawkins, a graduate of Appalachian college where he played football under Coach Flucie Stewart, succeeds W. C. Newton as head football coach this year.

"Considering the lateness of the arrival of our equipment which slowed up practice considerably, the boys are shaping up pretty well," Coach Hawkins said. "We've got a tough schedule, but we ought to make out as well if not better than last year."

Fullback Fred Guest and Tackle Curly Pennington will serve as co-captains of the 1940 Red Panther Special. Returning lettermen are: Ends, Claude Leatherman and J. C. Cunningham; tackles, Curly and Golman Pennington; guards, D. L. Johnson and Grover Arvey; backs, Clarence Brooks, Roy Fouts and Fred Guest.

With a veteran line and three seasoned backs remaining from last year's successful team, Coach Hawkins should be able to look forward to the Panther's raw meat schedule, including such formidable opponents as Georgia Military Academy and Waynesville, with a certain degree of optimism. The game against Long Creek Academy tomorrow is expected to go a long way toward shaping the team up for a stiff battle with Brevard High here next week.

The starting lineup will probably be: Cunningham, lg; G. Pennington, lt; Johnson, lg; Garner, c; Arvey, rg; C. Pennington, rt; Leatherman, re; Brooks, qb; Guest, fb; Fouts, rb; and Houk, lb.

In addition, Terrell Ashe, Claude Ashe, George Tessier, Frank Brown, Jr., Paul Huscusson and George Moore will probably see action, Coach Hawkins said.

Rev. Flanagan Presbyterian Pastor Goes To Whitmire, S. C.

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, announced to his congregation Sunday that he was leaving shortly for Whitmire, S. C., where he will be pastor of the Whitmire Presbyterian church.

Mr. Flanagan came to Franklin direct from the seminary in Columbia, S. C., 14 years ago and has been pastor of the local church here continuously since. He also served as pastor to the Morrison Presbyterian church four miles south of Franklin.

Mr. Flanagan has been director of the young people's conferences at Montreat for a number of years and stated clerk of the Presbytery. Not only has he served in his various church duties, but he has always taken an active interest in civic organizations. He has served as president of the Rotary Club, assisted in Boy Scout activities, chairman of the local Red Cross roll drive and other offices in the Red Cross work.

Mrs. Flanagan, who came to Franklin as a bride, has served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary, vice-president of the Parent-Teachers' Association and one of the workers in the Daily Vacation Bible schools held annually.

Chamber Of Commerce To Hold General Meeting

A general meeting of all members of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of receiving reports and for a general discussion of the work will be held in the courthouse next Tuesday, September 24, at 8 p. m., Rev. Frank Bloxham, secretary, announced this week.

All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Irene Bryson Is Named County Chairman At Postmasters' Meeting

At a dinner meeting for postmistresses of the eleventh district held in Sylva last Saturday night, Mrs. Irene Bryson of Cullasaja was chosen to serve as county chairman of Macon county for 1940.

Mrs. Bryson was chosen by a nominating committee who named S. K. Yelton of Spindale district chairman, as well as selecting county chairmen for each of the 13 counties in the eleventh district.

J. H. STOCKTON ADDRESSES PTA

Speaker Discussed The Preparation Of Youth For Democracy

The Franklin Press is glad to print the following address by J. Horner Stockton, local attorney, in answer to a number of requests by those who heard it at the meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Association last Monday afternoon.

The speech follows:

What is Democracy? Simply phrased in the words of Lincoln, it is "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

"Preparing" means making ready or fit for something.

Our greatest inheritance is Americanism and Democracy. We are a Democracy, but it is on trial. It is probably at the crossroads.

Every emergency brings compensating opportunities. Right now, our country is facing the immediate calling out of millions of young people to the service of the country in various phases. In these days of emergency the one group vitally affected above every other group is our young people.

Preparation For Defense

Whether war comes to our land or not, we are apparently committed to a program of preparation and defense which will, to say the least, affect definitely the entire age span of the young people's group. Eight years—a generation of young people. They will be called upon to give time and energy, to bend every effort, to prepare in every way to meet threatened conditions facing our country. They will train, they will study, they will drill and maneuver. Our country calls for youth and it has been well said, that what you want this country to be the next generation, put it in the schools now! Today is yesterday's pupils.

So our discussion today is how to prepare youth. The concern of parents, teachers and all good Americans today is for youth, for it is youth who will bear most of

Peacetime Conscription Bill Passed; Signed By Roosevelt

Wednesday, October 16th Is Day Set For Registration

Peacetime conscription—affecting approximately 16,500 men between the ages of 21 and 35—became the law Monday as President Roosevelt set his signature to the Burke-Wadsworth bill.

A moment later he set October 16 as the day on which all men within the age limits will be registered, and called on the governors of the several states to provide "suitable and sufficient places of registration and to provide suitable and necessary registration boards."

(No official word had been received here Thursday but it was thought that Governor Hoey would set up a three-man board, consisting of the clerk of the superior court, the superintendent of schools, and the chairman of the county board of elections, to recommend a non-partisan draft board of three members for this county.)

Each man registering will be given a card bearing a number certifying that he is registered for military service as part of the system for checking on draft dodgers. Then, probably around October 30, a public lottery will be held in Washington at which time numbers will be drawn from a jar. If a registrant's number is drawn, he will receive from his board a questionnaire. His answers will be the basis of his classification—he will be placed in the "one" category if he is eligible and has no dependents.

The registrant will then take a physical examination and if found acceptable will be classed as "one-A." When the call for men comes, the board will fill the quota with men in this classification.

Appeals may be taken from the county board to a district board by either the potential draftee or the government appeal agent, who will look after the interests of both the government and the registrants.

If the registrant is inducted into Federal service, he will be reexamined by army physicians and begin his year's service.

War department officials estimated that men between 21 and 35 make up 14 per cent of the population, and only one out of 40 of these would be drafted this year. On that basis, less than 75 men from this county will likely see military service this year.

Rozzelle Will Conduct Last Revival Service In Tabernacle Friday

A capacity audience, the largest thus far in the present revival series, filled Angel Tabernacle Sunday night to hear Rev. Excellence Rozzelle, pastor of the First Methodist church, Gastonia, who is conducting the revival services under the sponsorship of the Macon county ministerial association.

The concluding service will be held at the Tabernacle Friday night of this week. A large crowd is expected to hear Mr. Rozzelle's final address. The volunteer choir will be under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Green.

Mr. Rozzelle addressed the regular Rotary Club luncheon Wednesday morning. Members of the ministerial association were the guests of the Rotarians for the occasion.

ALL-STARS WIN ONE; TIE ONE

Season Closes With Game Against Robbinsville Here Sunday

Handling a pitching assignment for the first time this season, "Banjer" Sutton kept nine hits well scattered to collect a 5-3 win for the All-Stars in the first game of a double-header here last Sunday afternoon.

The second game was called at the end of the seventh inning with the score tied at 4-4.

In the first game, Archer, Newton and Duvall led the All-Stars with two hits each, while Gentry was the only Baker to get more than one hit. The Bakers were handicapped by the absence of "Goon," their first-string catcher, who became separated from the team in Sylva.

"Gomez" McCollum held the Bakers to six hits in the nightcap, while his teammates, trailing by three runs until the last half of

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events in State, Nation and Abroad.

LONDON

The largest city in the world this week was hidden under a tremendous pall of smoke as large scale Nazi air-raids continued with unabated fury. Bombs rained down on the fashionable West End section as well as on more thickly crowded tenement areas. A large delayed-action bomb fell near historic St. Paul's cathedral, which undoubtedly would have destroyed it, had not a daredevil squad of Royal engineers carefully dug it up and carted it away to be exploded in a deserted marshland. Buckingham Palace was hit several times with minor damage. Broken water mains and sewage systems constituted a major hazard with several cases of typhoid reported. Yet the morale of the British people remained at its heroic pitch.

Official sources denied that appreciable damage had been done to military and supply depots, food supplies, or transportation facilities. Yet foreign observers noted a slowing down in Britain's airplane production, while asserting that the Royal Air Force still remained master of Britain's skies. German losses, both of pilots and ships still outweighed the English, while a good percentage of British pilots shot down were able to parachute safely to earth.

Meanwhile the British military arm was giving good account of itself. The heaviest anti-aircraft fire of the war blasted Nazi raiders from the sky. Royal Air Force squadrons abandoned their attacks on Berlin to drop their bomb loads on the opposite shores of the English Channel where Hitler's ships and men are reported concentrated, still awaiting the favorable moment to launch a full-scale invasion of England which experts say must come within the next few days if it is to take place before next spring. Heavy shore batteries on the English and French coasts exchanged volleys of shell. And for the greater part of the week a freshening gale in the Channel barred any German at-

tempt at invasion for the time being.

BERLIN

The controlled German presses asserted Thursday that Great Britain would pay "in English blood, in English tears, in English misery," for her bombings in the Ruhr and indicated that Germany would no longer limit her bombing to purely military objectives.

Meanwhile another well-informed German spokesman said last week that Britain must hand over London to the armed force of Germany or see it suffer the fate of Warsaw.

Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, whose presence in France along with other important Nazi military chiefs lends credence to the belief that an attempted invasion of England is impending, flew over the British capital in a bomber and reported that he was well satisfied with the German airforce's showing.

CAIRO

Italy, the long inactive member of the Axis, this week launched what appeared to be a full-fledged attempt to cut the British lifeline by capturing the all-important Suez canal. Columns of motorized Italian troops under Marshal Graziani fought their way beyond Sidi Barrani, almost 60 miles inside Egypt from Libya. The British fought a retreating, guerilla-type action, apparently content to let the Italians advance into the desert, necessitating the maintenance of vital supply lines. The British airforce found no trouble in driving off Italian air attacks and in bombing Italian bases of supply in Libya and Egypt. And Thursday Britain's Mediterranean fleet swung into action, bombing the Italian's newly won positions at Sidi Barrani.

ROME

Axis plans for "important political territorial" changes in the Balkans brought Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to Rome

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