

Requests \$103,000 Budget For 1952-53 School Year

A request for \$103,000 for operation of the Macon school system during the school year 1952-53 was turned over to the board of county commissioners Monday by the county board of education.

Of the total amount, \$11,000 was for purchasing four new school buses; \$30,000 for construction of a new Negro school; \$30,000 to cover a deficit incurred during the recently completed school building program; and \$32,000 for operating expenses.

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said the county governing body had committed itself for the amount requested for new school buses, since orders for new ones must be placed with the state this week.

As for the remainder of the budget request, the chairman said it would be studied by the board, but he pointed out that nothing definite could be decided upon until a new county budget is mapped in July.

The school board's request is \$22,200 more than last year's total school levy of \$80,800, according to Macon School Supt. Holland McSwain.

He explained that the \$30,000 asked for pay a deficit in the school building program is the amount needed to finish paying for the new buildings and final grading done on school grounds.

A proposal requesting \$60,000 for new school buses and a new Negro school was presented to the county commissioners by a delegation from the Macon County Citizens' Committee for Education. It suggested that the amount be raised either by an increased tax rate or from the county debt service fund, and listed the two requests as "urgent" for the 1952-53 school year.

The delegation was composed of Harve Bryant, president of the citizen's group, Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, and Jim Gray.

Explaining the disbursement of county funds, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the debt service fund now stands at approximately \$100,000, whereas the county's bonded indebtedness is some \$1,080,000.

"If you have just a dollar, you can't loan 10," he reasoned. Also placed with the commissioners were endorsements of the citizen's committee's recent \$201,000 school-need report, turned over to the commissioners in January.

CHANGE SAFETY CEREMONY DATE

Awards Will Be Made May 6 By State Official

The date for the ceremony honoring Macon County and the towns of Franklin and Highlands for this county's outstanding highway safety record in 1950 has been moved ahead two weeks.

Tentatively scheduled for April 22, the ceremony, in the nature of a joint presentation of certificates to the county and the two towns, instead is planned for May 6. Plans for the event will be announced later. The presentations will be made by H. D. (Tarvia) Jones, head of the State Highway commission's safety department.

Kindergarten Band Plans Concert Today

A rhythm band concert will be presented by Mrs. Joseph W. Fouts' kindergarten children this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church.

Directing the band will be Janice Stewart, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stewart, of Franklin. Mrs. Orvil Murray, pianist will accompany the group. The public is invited to attend.

COMMUNION SERVICE

A communion service will be held at the Franklin Methodist church tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Murray, has announced. Mr. Murray will be assisted by Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor of the West Macon Methodist circuit, and the Rev. R. L. Poindexter, pastor of the Macon circuit.

Curb Market

Opening Scheduled For Friday

The opening date of the Macon County Curb market is set for Friday.

Established in 1937 by county home demonstration women, the market will be in operation for the season every Friday from 7:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., according to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent.

Items for sale on the opening day will include dressed chickens, fresh cauliflower, broccoli, other vegetables, and Easter pastries, cakes, colored eggs and baskets.

Mrs. Ella Peek, of the Walnut Creek H. D. club, is this year's manager, and Mrs. E. M. McNish, treasurer.

The market is situated in the side yard of the Agricultural building.

H. MASHBURN, MACON NATIVE, SUCCUMBS AT 73

Services Held Friday At Sugarfork Church

H. Harley Mashburn, a well-known Macon County native, died at his home here last Thursday morning at the age of 73 after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Sugarfork Baptist church by the Rev. Lee Crawford. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born December 11, 1878, Mr. Mashburn was the son of Harley L. and Mrs. Cynthia Bentley Mashburn. For several years he operated a jewelry repair shop and a general merchandise store in Franklin. He was a member of the Sugarfork Baptist church.

Survivors include his son, W. Henry Mashburn, of Franklin; one daughter, Mrs. Anna Belle DeHart, of Bryson City; one brother, Amos A. Mashburn, of Walnut Creek; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Abernathy, of Asheville, and Mrs. Nell Ramey, of West Asheville; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mack Franks, Lee Poindexter, Edwin Blaine, Tom Johnson, Henry W. Cabe, and Norman Blaine.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts Funeral home.

Guy Paul Well-Known Contractor Dies Tuesday

Guy Paul, a well-known building contractor, died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Franklin after a short illness. A native of Caribou, Maine, he was 66 years old and had lived most of his life in Highlands.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Highlands Baptist church.

Born in 1885, Mr. Paul was the son of Hiram Mason and Mrs. Francena Willis Paul. He was married twice, first in 1907 to Miss Ethel Potts, of Highlands, who died in 1933, and then to Mrs. T. C. Everett, also of Highlands. He lived in Tennessee from 1944 to 1947, and recently moved here from Bryson City.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. F. A. Hays, and Mrs. John W. Edwards, of Franklin, and Mrs. W. H. Rice, of Stuart, Fla.; seven sons, James and Frank, of Caribou, Maine, Charles W., of Stuart, Fla., Guy Warren, of Franklin, Clarence and Eugene, of Fayetteville, and Herbert Mason, of Raleigh; four sisters, Mrs. Clara Woodall, of Tokoma Park, Md., Mrs. Susan Scott, of Alberta, Canada, Mrs. Francena Phelps, of California, and Mrs. Sarah White, of Redland, Calif.; and two brothers, Frank, of Redland, Calif., and James, of Thorndike, Maine.

OFFICE WILL CLOSE

The local health department will be closed Easter Monday, officials said this week.

APRIL COURT TERM OPENS HERE MONDAY

Drunk Driving Heads Docket; Armstrong Will Preside

Drunk driving cases, as in the past terms, again dominate the criminal docket for the April term of superior court, which convenes here Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Frank M. Armstrong, of Troy, presiding.

Of the 68 cases listed on the tentative docket, 22 involve persons charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. Other cases probably will be added to the docket before court opens, according to Miss Kate McClees, clerk of court.

Listed on the docket is the first degree murder trial of James Theodore Wood, charged in the mysterious death of a Macon County logger in May, 1950. Following Wood's indictment by a Macon grand jury in April, 1951, the trial was postponed by the state at the August and December (1951) court terms.

The logger, Grady Ray, 43, was found dead in the yard of a Kyle home about midnight May 17, 1950. The case was reopened and Wood was indicted following disclosure that a large amount of mud and debris was found in Ray's throat.

Seventeen civil cases also are scheduled to be heard by Judge Armstrong, resident judge of the fifteenth judicial district.

Cases scheduled for trial are as follows:

(Key to abbreviations: awd—assault with deadly weapon; dd—drunk driving; rd—reckless driving; ab—abandonment; tptnw—transporting and possession of non-tax paid whiskey; sp—speeding; nd—no driver's license; ms—manslaughter; ns—non-support; lc—larceny; dpp—destroying public property; ddc—drunk and disorderly conduct; b and e—breaking and entering; h and r—hit and run; vpi—violation of prohibition laws.)

Bill Reeves, ab; Carlos Adam Rogers, dd and vpi; Fred B. Jacobs, dd; Everett Jenkins, lc; Dock Gibson, ab; Leighton Moss, dd; Otto Grover Brown, dd; Robert Lewis Deal, rd; Eliza Grant, dd; G. D. McClure, ab; Marcellus Wood, ab; Ray Fountain, tptnw; Roy Fountain, tptnw; Norman Clyde Webb, dd; George Corpening, dd; Rufus A. Askew, fraud; Jesse C. Cunningham, sp; Lewis W. Seay, sp and nd; Ray Bates, dd and resisting arrest; Willie Ray Talant, ms; Wiley McConnell, ab; Lax Dills, ab; Eckel Rowland, forcible trespass; Lawrence C. Sanders, ab.

Robert Odell Dryman, rd; Howard Hastings, sp and rd; Gus England, rd; Ernest Edwin Watts, dd and sp; Homer E. Stiwinter, dd; Ralph McConnell, ndl; Ellis S. Conley, sp; Wayne Ledford, ab and ns; Charles E. Wallace, rd; John Jones, dd; Robert Cunningham, dd; Fred Gregory, dd; S. C. Creswell, dd; Charles Burgess, dd; Herman Ledford, aiding and abetting dd; Robert Williams, dd and dpp; J. D. Anderson, dd; Allen Carithers, awdw; Mary Helen Dills, ndl; Marvin McDowell, dd; J. R. Lunsford, ndl; Bennie Queen, larceny of automobile and breaking and escaping jail; Paul Bryson, ms; J. B. Hall, drunk, tptnw, possessing burglary tools; Jake Hall, dd, carrying concealed weapons, and possession of burglary tools; David Lee Overman, Jr., possession of burglary tools; Willard Stamey, dd; Austin Dills, ddc and awdw; Carl W. Tyler, ns; James Hicks, b and e; Walter White, b and e and ddc; Wallace Fuller, b and e and ddc; Jacop L. Knover, ndl; J. T. Moses, ndl; Ralph Vinson, ns; Robert Bingham, h and r; Wesley P. Lee, dd; C. J. Crisp, manufacturing whiskey; Don Raby, dd; Tom Addington, nd; D. L. Burgess, rd and awdw; Russell Kay, tptnw; Henry Everett Rhymer, tptnw.

Bake Sale Planned

A bake sale, sponsored by Circle No. 2 of the Franklin Methodist church, is scheduled for Saturday at 9 a. m. at the Children's shop, it has been announced.

Town Board Sets Parking Time Limit

In regular session Monday night, the Franklin board of aldermen:

(1) set a one-hour time limit on the parking on the outer sides of the county courthouse square and discussed the possibility of installing parking meters in that area.

(2) employed Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill to compile the tax list for the 1952-53 fiscal year.

(3) discussed sewer and water services with citizen delegations. Placing a time limit on parking in the courthouse square, along the east and west sides, followed discussion which centered on complaints of motorists double-parking in that area. It also was pointed out that some motorists leave automobiles there all day. No action was taken on the installation of parking meters.

A delegation from the Hillcrest section, composed of John M. Archer, Jr., C. S. Brown, Roane Bradley, and Allan Brooks, requested fire protection in that area and the board moved to extend the water main and install a fire hydrant as soon as possible.

I. T. Peek and Frank Reece requested sewer service on Maple street and this was taken under consideration by the board. Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey is instructed to write the N. C. League of Municipalities for information on how other towns in the state are solving sewer problems.

Investigation of faulty storm water drainage near Auto Parts and Equipment company, on Palmer street, was turned over to the water committee after Frank L. Henry, Jr., co-owner of the concern, called the situation to the attention of the board.

Local Education Group To Sponsor Opera Here

The Grass Roots Opera company will appear here May 2 under the sponsorship of the Macon County unit of the N. C. Education association. The comic opera, "School for Lovers", by Mozart, is scheduled for presentation, local N.C.E.A. officers said. Final plans for the event will be announced later.

MEMBER OF ARMY CHOIR

Pvt. Bergen B. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boise Hall, of the Highlands road, is a member of the 39th Infantry regiment's choir, which, in conjunction with the 9th Infantry band, is scheduled to broadcast a special Easter program nation-wide over CBS, it has been learned here.

Pvt. Hall is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., with the 39th Infantry, 9th division.

RICKMAN PROMOTED

James E. Rickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rickman, of Franklin, Route 4, recently was promoted to sergeant while serving with the 8th Army in Korea, it has been learned here. Sgt. Rickman is a member of the adjutant general's headquarters section, and has been in Korea since May of last year.

Vatican Diplomatic Representation In Cause Of Peace, Pastors Informed

President Truman "has stated his decision that it is in the national interest and in the cause of world peace for the United States to maintain diplomatic representation at the Vatican . . .", an official of the state department informed the Macon County Baptist Ministerial association this week.

The reply was in answer to a letter sent to the president in January by the Baptist group, protesting the appointment of an ambassador to the State of Vatican City. The protest contended that such an appointment is the first step toward the destruction of religious freedom in this country. It was approved by this county's 42 Baptist pastors before being sent to the White House.

Following is the reply, signed by Francis H. Russell, director of the office of public affairs:

"The White House has referred to this department for acknowledgment, your communi-

BOARD STUDIES PLAN FOR NEW NEGRO SCHOOL

Appoints Committeemen, Files Budget Request With County

The county board of education requested \$103,000.00 operating and capital outlay money for the year 1952-53; added three members to the Franklin district school committee; and inspected plans for the Negro school building at its regular meeting Monday morning.

The budget request was filed with the County Commissioners following a discussion of school problems with the commissioners. Of the total figure requested, \$71,000 was marked as capital outlay money and \$32,000 was for the county's part of the expense of operating the schools next year.

In order to have a committeeman for each school building, three additional members were added to the Franklin school committee. They are, Ed Bradley, Tolia; Bert Mashburn, Cullasaja; and J. W. Addington, Union. Committeemen have the responsibility of seeing that the buildings are properly cared for and will be asked for recommendations concerning teachers for their respective schools.

The Negro school plan, which will be submitted to state officials for approval, contains three classrooms, auditorium, kitchen, boys' and girls' toilets, and a principal's office. The auditorium will also serve as a lunchroom. The plans were drawn by H. H. Plemmons.

Asheville Baptist Pastor Will Begin Revival Series Here

The Rev. J. Lester Lane, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in West Asheville, will begin a week-long series of revival services at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Services are planned nightly during the week at the same hour. Music will be presented by choirs from Baptist churches throughout the county, according to the church pastor, the Rev. M. W. Chapman.

Pvt. Frank Smith Is Now Serving In Korea

Pvt. Frank A. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith, of Franklin, Route 3, is now serving in Korea with the Third division's 15th infantry. He is a member of Company M, a heavy weapons unit.

Pvt. Smith, who arrived in Korea January 27, has been awarded the combat infantryman's badge.

He entered the service March 5, 1951, and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

BIG FISH!!

Lake Emory yielded a nine and a quarter pound bass Friday that measured 23 inches from stem to stern and 12 around. The lucky angler was Arthur Drake.

Mountain Sunrise Services Planned For Easter Here

Mack Ramey Named Secretary Of N. C. Future Teachers

Mack Ramey, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Ramey, Franklin, was elected secretary of the North Carolina Future Teachers of America at a recent meeting in Asheville.

A junior, he is secretary-treasurer for the Western Carolina Teachers college chapter of the Future Teachers of America.

Active in college life, Mr. Ramey is president of the Macon County club, first vice-president of the Baptist Student union, council member of the Men's House government, and an active member of the Science club, the Radio club, and the Future Business Leaders of America.

He has been named on the Alpha honor roll and the Dean's list, two of the college's highest scholastic honors, for the past two quarters.

Jacksonville Man Opening New Restaurant Here

R. N. Walker, of Jacksonville, Fla., has leased the section of the Dean building on Main street formerly operated as Townsend cafe, and plans to open a new restaurant under the name "Coffee Shack" at an early date.

Mr. Walker, connected at one time with the dining car service of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, and operator of several restaurants in the Jacksonville area, said this week that the building is being completely modernized and will operate as a grade "A" restaurant.

He and Mrs. Walker and their small son are living in the Neil Childers' home on Baird Cove road, which they recently purchased.

Cpl. Dover, Korea Vet Spending Leave Here

Cpl. Jackson G. Dover, who recently returned from duty in Korea, is spending a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Lou Dover, of Prentiss.

He has been assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C., and at the end of his leave will report there for reassignment.

RABIES CLINICS SET

Following are rabies clinics in the county for the coming week:

Monday: (April 14) Six Killer store, 8:30 to 9 a. m.; Burningtown Baptist church, 9 to 11 a. m.; Moody farm, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.; Floyd Roper's barn, 1 to 2 p. m.

Tuesday: Paul Swafford's store, 8 to 9 a. m.; Tom Rickman's store, 9 to 10 a. m.; J. R. Holbrooks, 10 to 11 a. m.; Old Leatherman post office, 11 to 12 noon.

Wednesday: Ed McCoy's store, 8:30 to 9:30 a. m.; Carl Morgan's store, 9:30 to 11 a. m.

PLAN SUNDAY SING

The second Sunday sing of the southern division of the Macon County Singing convention will be held at the Wells Grove Baptist church beginning at 1 p. m., Tom Henson, president, has announced. A service is planned in the morning and lunch will be served prior to the sing, it was pointed out. The public is invited to attend.

TO CONDUCT SCHOOL

A good grooming school for 4-H girls, home demonstration club members, and interested women will be conducted here April 14 and 15 by Mrs. Hallie Matthews, chief registrar of the Harper Method Beauty school in Atlanta, Ga., it has been announced. Mrs. Matthews will hold a class the 14th at Nantahala school, and at the Agricultural building the following day at 2 p. m.

Boy Scouts Ben Edwards, Tommy Gnuse, Lewis Cabe, Tom Hunnicutt, and Bruce Bryson camped over the week-end at Blue valley, in preparation for the coming Scout jamboree.

Special Events To Mark Observance In Macon

As in the past, the observance of Easter Sunday in Macon County will "come from the heart" as worshippers of all denominations join for sunrise services and special church programs.

Two mountain sunrise services are planned in the county—one in the awesome setting of mile-high Wayah Bald, the other atop spectacular Whiteside Mountain, near Highlands. The sun will rise at 5:57 a. m.

It is suggested that those planning to attend the Wayah dawn service allow about an hour for traveling.

A special program of Easter music will be presented at the

Wayah Sunrise Service Listed In Auto Magazine

Chrysler Events, a publication issued at Detroit by the Chrysler corporation and distributed to Chrysler automobile owners, lists Sunday's annual Easter sunrise service on Wayah Bald among April events scheduled in the South. The dawn rite here is listed along with those at Winston-Salem, Daytona Beach, and Hot Springs, Ark.

Franklin Methodist church's church choir at 8 p. m., under the leadership of F. W. Beck. Organist will be Mrs. H. W. Cabe.

Another sunrise service—the observance of Holy Communion will be conducted at the St. Agnes Episcopal church by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan at 6:45 a. m. Tomorrow (Friday) a Good Friday service will be held by Mr. Morgan at St. Agnes from 12 to 3 p. m.

Easter services also will be conducted at the St. Cyprian's (Negro) church at 8 a. m. and at the Highlands church at 11 a. m. by Mr. Morgan.

An all-day Easter program is scheduled for the Prentiss Baptist church. A highlight of the program will be the appearance of quartets from Macon and adjoining counties. Lunch will be served on the ground.

An out-of-schedule special Easter worship and preaching service will be held at the Highlands Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Early, at 11 o'clock.

This year's Wayah Bald service, attended last year by an estimated 250 persons despite a temperature of 22 degrees, will be the fifth annual interdenominational dawn program on Wayah. Held at "High Haven", a camp owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, of Franklin, the service annually draws a capacity crowd of all denominations.

The dawn program on Wayah includes a reading by Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor of the West Macon Methodist circuit; a reading, "The Empty Tomb", by Mrs. R. S. Jones; and a trumpet solo by S. F. Beck, Franklin school band director. The sunrise sermon will be delivered by the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. The Rev. R. L. Poindexter, pastor of the Macon Methodist circuit, will pronounce the benediction.

Sunday's service on Whiteside SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Covetta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	71	41	.15
Thursday	66	30	—
Friday	65	43	.08
Saturday	46	39	.02
Sunday	60	47	.33
Monday	60	42	.01
Tuesday	69	34	—
Wednesday	—	45	—

Franklin Rainfall (As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA) Wednesday, .10; Thursday, Friday, none; Saturday, .02; Sunday, trace; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, none.