

INVEST NEW GIRL SCOUT TROOP HERE

29 Presented Awards At Court Here Tuesday Night

A court of awards here Tuesday night was highlighted by the investiture of a new Girl Scout troop and the presentation of advancements in rank and proficiency badges to 29 Scouts and Brownies.

The court was held at the Methodist church with Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, troop committee chairman, presiding. Presentation of awards was made by Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, city scout chairman.

First Class badges were awarded to Joy and Jean McCollum, Jeanne Russell, Beverly Stockton, Ruth Snyder, and Joan Thomas. All of the above, with the exception of Scout Thomas, are scheduled to receive Curved Bars, the highest rank in intermediate Girl Scouting, at a district court of awards Sunday in Cherokee.

Margaret Jones and Carolyn Dowdle received Second Class badges.

All members of the new scout troop, under the leadership of Mrs. Ann Murray and Mrs. Myra S. Waldrop, were awarded Tenderfoot rank following investiture ceremonies. They were Alice Angel, Luana Baker, Harvey Linda Bryant, Beverly Bryson, Jacquelyn Clark, Jo Ann Cruse, Barbara Duncan, Dwan Horsley, Jane Long, Sue Reece, Rebecca Reeves, Nancy Siler, Ann Sutton, Martha Womack, Judy Wurst, and Jane Zickgraf.

As yet the new unit has not been assigned a number, scout officials said. It is the second intermediate troop to be formed here.

Brownie pins were presented to Linda Tallent, Betty Lou Wallace, Sue Matthews, and Janice Bowman. Pat Gaines and Genevieve Whitmire were awarded pendants for membership in the troop.

Brownies receiving "Fly Up" pins were Carolyn Dowdle, Betsy Russell, Nancy Siler, Rebecca Reeves, Jane Long, Barbara

Mrs. Roper Resigns As Principal

Mrs. Marie G. Roper, principal at Iotla school for the past five years, has resigned the position, effective at the end of the school year.

Her resignation has been submitted to the Iotla school committee, the county board of education, and to County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

Mrs. Roper said this week that she plans to devote her full time to first grade work.

'OLD SOUTH' BLOSSOMS AGAIN AT FRANKLIN JUNIOR-SENIOR

The atmosphere of the "Old South" blossomed forth Saturday night at the annual Franklin High junior-senior banquet, attended by some 250 students and special guests.

Many of the guests attending said the banquet could "hold its own" against those given by many colleges and other institutions of higher learning.

Held at the school cafeteria, the banquet carried out the "revival" of the Southern way of life with Spanish moss (Orleans variety) and spring flowers. Girls were favored with miniature Southern figurines, the boys with "brown jugs", once the outstanding musical instrument among men of the true South.

From the porch (rocking variety) of an old colonial mansion the Durham Hi-Hatters, an 18-piece orchestra imported from the Piedmont section of the state for the occasion, supplied a musical background appropriate to the antebellum days when men were men and the women knew it.

The meal was prepared by members of the school parent-teacher association and served by sophomore students, chosen for the honor on the basis of

Wins Creative Writing Award At Davidson

R. M. (Mac) Bulgin, grandson of Mrs. W. B. McGuire, of Franklin, has been presented Davidson college's highest award for creative writing, the Vereen Bell award.

An announcement from the college news bureau said that young Bulgin, a member of the junior class, won the award in



R. M. (MAC) BULGIN competition against some 25 other students with his short story, "The Latin Student".

Dr. James S. Wilson, dean emeritus of the graduate school of the University of Virginia, judged the finalist's papers and made the presentation to young Bulgin.

The Vereen Bell award is presented annually to the Davidson student who turns in the best piece of creative writing for the year. Mr. Bell, who was killed in World War II while serving in the navy, was a well-known novelist and short story writer.

PLAN PRECINCT MEETS MAY 10

County Convention Set For May 17; Will Pick Delegates

Democratic precinct meetings will be held Saturday, May 10, at which precinct organizations will be set up and delegates elected to the Macon County Democratic convention, according to Jess Shope, county Democratic chairman.

The county convention will be held the following Saturday—May 17—at the courthouse, when a county organization will be perfected and delegates will be chosen to the state convention of the party.

The chairmen elected in the county's 12 precincts make up the county executive committee.

AUXILIARY WILL MEET The American Legion auxiliary will meet Monday at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Joe Setser, on Cartoogechaye. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Charles Waldrop and Mrs. Bob S. Sloan.

Next week's issue, The Press will publish the views of three candidates for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress from this district.

The three men—Frank M. Parker, George A. Shuford, and L. Dale Thrash, all of Buncombe county—have outlined their stands on some of the major national issues, and their articles will appear next week.

The three candidates are expressing their views in response to an open letter addressed to them recently by the editor of The Press.

42 Attend School For P. T. A. Officials

Forty-three officers and workers in parent-teacher associations of this county attended a school of instruction for P. T. A. leaders at Iotla school last Friday evening.

The school was conducted by Miss Blanche Haley, field representative from state P. T. A. headquarters, and Mrs. Weimar Jones, director of this P. T. A. district.

The meeting here was the final one in a series conducted last week by Miss Haley and Mrs. Jones. During the week, they held meetings in six of the 11 counties in the district.

Dancing, with music by the Durham orchestra, followed the program.

Colds And Influenza Cost School System 19,338 Days

That mysterious ailment called the "common cold" caused the loss of 11,102 pupil-days in the Macon County school system during the first seven months of the 1951-52 school year, figures in the county school superintendent's office reveal.

Running a close second on the days-lost side of the ledger was "flu" (influenza), taking a toll of 8,236 days.

A combination of the two illnesses produced an average of about four days lost over the seven-month period for each child enrolled in the school system. Total enrollment is roughly 4,000.

The highest number of cold and flu "casualties" occurred in elementary schools since the largest majority of school children are in the lower grades.

Dr. Jordan Will Be Revival Speaker Here This Summer

The Rev. G. Ray Jordan, of Emory university, Atlanta, will be the guest preacher at the annual interdenominational revival at the Friendship tabernacle here this summer. The dates for the series of evangelistic services are July 20 through 27.

Dr. Jordan, now professor of homiletics in the Candler school of theology of Emory university, has served as pastor of some of the largest Methodist churches in North Carolina. Among churches served by him are Wesley Memorial at High Point, College Place at Greensboro, and Centenary at Winston-Salem, where he was pastor for seven years.

The Franklin churches take turns in selecting the guest speakers for these annual meetings. This year it is the Methodists' turn, and Dr. Jordan's acceptance was announced by the Rev. C. E. Murray, Methodist pastor here.

12 Roads Added To Macon System By Commission

Twelve roads have been added to the Macon County highway system, according to information received by the board of county commissioners from the State Highway and Public Works commission, Raleigh.

One road, the old Upper Younce Creek strip, has been abandoned, the announcement said. Additions to the system include Rowland road, Posey Wilds road extension, Younce Creek road, Picklesimer road, Burleson road, Hudson road, Queen Creek road, Bryson Branch road, Gibson Branch road, Morgan road, Check Spartman road, and Cabe Mill road.

Will Organize Committee For Good Government

A meeting to organize a local citizen's committee for good government is scheduled to be held at the Macon courthouse Monday night at 8 o'clock, according to Horace T. Nolen.

Everyone interested in good government is urged to attend.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for a local unit, which will be an affiliate of the state-wide organization, it was explained.

Miss Plemmons Presents Recital At Mars Hill

Miss Edith Plemmons, of Franklin, who is majoring in church music at Mars Hill college, presented her graduating organ recital at the college auditorium April 24, the college news center has announced.

Miss Plemmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Plemmons, will be graduated from Mars Hill May 26.

McClure Slated As Speaker At Education Meet

James G. K. McClure, of Asheville, head of the Buncombe County citizen's education committee, is scheduled to be guest speaker at a meeting of the Macon County Citizen's Committee for Education here tonight (Thursday) at the V. F. W. building on Palmer street.

Mr. McClure who also is president of the Farmer's federation is expected to discuss the organization and projects undertaken by the Buncombe education group.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

McClure will be accompanied by Dan Moore, Bobby Henry, Victor Teague, and Wayne Stewart, alternate, made up the local team which took third place in dairy judging. First place was won by Hayesville and second by Crabtree.

In individual judging Paul Killian was awarded first place and Pete Setser, second, in the livestock feature. Second place in dairy judging went to Dan Moore.

Judges for the livestock event were E. J. Whitmire, of Franklin, and Siler Slagle, of Franklin, Route 1. Homer Sink, extension service specialist, of Waynesville, and T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, judged the dairy feature.

The first place livestock team will enter competition in the District 5 contest slated for May 3 in Asheville. The two top winners of this contest will advance to the state contest.

Local judging teams were coached by Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher, and Siler Slagle.

Two performances of Mozart's comic opera, "School for Lovers", will be presented tomorrow (Friday) at the East Franklin school by the Grass Roots Opera company.

A children's matinee is planned for 1:30 p. m. and a performance for adults at 8 o'clock, through the auspices of the local unit of the N. C. Education association.

"School for Lovers" tells the story of Don Alfonso, an elderly bachelor, who tries to convince two young soldiers, Fernando and Gratiano, that their sweethearts, Leonora and Dora-bella, if given a fair chance, will prove disloyal to them. The young lovers deny this and a wager of \$100 is laid that, if the men follow Don Alfonso's instructions, the girls will accept.

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County Short On Disaster Fund Quota

Macon County still needs \$50 to meet its \$195 special disaster fund quota, according to Mrs. J. Ward Long, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter.

The special fund constitutes this county's share of a national fund to give aid to victims in six southern states, left homeless in the wake of a series of tornadoes in March.

Persons who wish to contribute to the fund are asked to contact the local A.R.C. office in the Bank of Franklin building.

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