

Franklin Chamber Reelects W. W. Reeves As President

W. W. Reeves has been re-elected president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the organization is now in the process of gearing to the 1955 season.

Elected to serve with Mr. Reeves are A. A. Siler, vice-president, and Sam Gibson, treasurer. Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley has been rehired as executive secretary of the chamber.

At a called meeting last Thursday night, incoming and outgoing directors briefly reviewed the past year's work and then began planning a new program.

First on the chamber's 1955 agenda will be the annual banquet and the installa-

tion of new officers. This event has been tentatively set for early in March. Erwin Patton, Norman Blaine, C. Banks Finger, and Vic Perry are in charge of arrangements.

A 1955 budget, which will be presented to the general membership at the annual banquet, is now being drawn by Mr. Siler and Mr. Gibson.

A budget report prepared by Mrs. Horsley shows the chamber ended 1954 with \$403.51 on hand, following expenditures totaling \$2,823.83. Of the total, \$454.37 went for advertising, \$644.07 for promotional work, and \$1,323.50 for salaries.

In addition to Mr. Reeves, Mr. Siler, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Blaine other members of the 1955 board of directors are Frank B. Duncan, Gus Baldwin, and Charles Conley, Sr.



Mr. Reeves

BAND MEMBERS WIN HONORS

Four From Franklin Get Chairs In Area Band Clinic Event

New musical honors went to Franklin High last week when four members of the Franklin Band were selected to play at the band clinic sponsored for the western division by the N. C. Bandmasters' Association.

Among 55 select young musicians from high schools west of Forest City making up the clinic band were Tony Orr, first chair, first clarinet; Miss Ellen Franks, second chair, first clarinet; Miss Patsy McFall, second chair, tenor saxophone; and Miss Margaret Thomas, second chair, third cornet.

The clinic was held on the campus of Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, Friday and Saturday.

Director Theodore Orr was in charge of the local musicians.

'55 License Sales Total 4,143 Sets

With Monday's deadline, sale of 1955 license plates through the local Carolina Motor Club office totaled 4,143 sets.

Verlon Swafford, manager, said pleas for motorists to buy early and avoid the last-minute rush apparently paid dividends. Some lines formed at intervals Saturday, but Monday was "just about an average day," he said.

A breakdown of the '55 figures shows tags went to 2,580 automobiles; 1,458 to trucks; two to motorcycles; and 103 to trailers.

Local Teams Beat Webster

The Franklin lads and lassies swept to wins Monday night over Webster teams.

A top-sided 40 to 18 score was racked up by the girls, while the boys won 52 to 46.

Audrey Gibson and Jody Lenoir had 17 points each to spark the female squad to its 11th straight victory. Crawford Moore and Willard Smith were tops in the male game with 15 each.

Tomorrow (Friday) night the locals have games scheduled with Glenville, Tuesday night they meet Highlands.

Scouts To Mark Week With Supper

In observance of "National Boy Scout Week", Scouts of the Smoky Mountain District will hold their annual father-son supper in the Franklin High cafeteria next Friday, February 11.

It will be a covered dish supper. Explorer Scouts will have charge of the program.

BOND SALES LISTED

U. S. Savings Bonds sales during the month of December in this county totaled \$30,999, according to H. W. Cabe, cashier at the Bank of Franklin. Accumulated sales during 1954 totaled \$234,569.50, he said.

NIGHT STUDY PLAN BEING CONSIDERED

Meeting Called To Discuss Idea; Public Invited

A meeting to sound out interest in proposed night school courses at Franklin High School is scheduled for Monday evening in the school cafeteria.

All persons who would be interested in "boning up" on a number of subjects are invited to attend and offer suggestions, according to District Principal Ralph L. Smith. The meeting is set for 7:30.

A tentative list of proposed classes includes bookkeeping, business machines, typing, gardening and landscaping, arts and crafts, woodworking, sewing and cooking, simple home repairs, mechanical drawing, interpretation of sports, filling income tax returns, journalism, and elementary photography.

Mr. Smith said assistance in other fields by professional men in the county will be welcomed and he expressed the hope that they will step forward and offer their services so a well-rounded program can be adopted.

While the courses are being offered primarily for adults, the principal said students will be allowed to take them. However, no high school credits will be given for the work.

Some members of the high school faculty will be on hand to discuss most phases of the program at Monday's meeting, he added.

CRUNKLETON DIES

Thomas Newton Crunkleton, 22, formerly of Highlands, died Sunday night in a U. S. Naval hospital. It has been learned by relatives here. He was the son of Lawrence Crunkleton, of Fairfax, Va., and Mrs. Christine Crunkleton, of Washington, D. C. Details of his death were not available.

'Repeat' Wants No Repeating!

"Repeat", pet parakeet of Edd Coates, of Franklin, doesn't want to take her name too seriously.

She and her mate, "Pete", were swinging serenely in their cage while Edd cleaned things up a bit for them. Suddenly, "Repeat" disappeared.

A frantic Edd retrieved her from the tank of the vacuum cleaner he was using.

"She's missing a few tail feathers," the relieved owner reports, "but she sure raises a fuss when the cleaner starts."

Public Invited Monday To Basket Making Event

The public is invited to attend a basket making and chair bot-toming demonstration Monday at 10 a. m. at the Agricultural Building.

Sponsoring organization is the Franklin Home Demonstration Club.

'Mothers' March On Polio' Brings \$187; Events Slated

Members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club collected \$187.76 in a concerted "Mothers' March on Polio" Friday night, as the March of Dimes drive began picking up steam county-wide.

To date, roughly \$500 of the \$3,000 goal has been reported, according to G. A. Jones, Jr., county chairman. Possibly double that figure has been collected, he pointed out, but has not been reported.

And, as the drive moves closer to the February 12 deadline, community organizations and civic groups are planning fund-raising events.

Two benefits are scheduled for Saturday night. A square dance will be held at Otto School beginning at 7:30 with music by the Blackrock Mountain String Band. Bingo and cake walks will feature a polio

benefit at Cowee School at 7:30.

Last (Wednesday) night, the Rotary Club sponsored a Bingo party at Slagle Memorial Building following a supper meeting. The amount raised was not known at presstime.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary plan to raise funds for the polio drive through a subscription sale arrangement with The Press.

Boy Scouts will have charge of the two dime boards in downtown Franklin over the week-end. Brownies and Girl Scouts raised approximately \$80 last week-end at the boards, Mr. Jones reported.

Mrs. Louise Ledford, treasurer of the woman's club, said her organization also is turning over an additional \$139.71 to the drive. This money was realized in an "emergency" polio fund drive last fall.



Four-year-old Tommy Roper and his sister, Audrey, 7, are shown presenting G. A. Jones, Jr., county March of Dimes chairman, 1,000 pennies they saved during the past year for the polio campaign. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roper, of Route 3.

Club Casino Consumed By Fire Monday

Fire destroyed the casino at the Highlands Country Club late Monday afternoon, despite a two and a half hour battle in freezing temperatures by volunteer firemen to save the structure.

Loss of the building and its contents was estimated at \$15,000.

The blaze was reported by Ray Reece about 5:20 and by the time the fire truck arrived it had consumed about one-third of the structure, which had been used in recent years as a recreation center for the club.

Firemen had to break through the ice on a nearby lake to get water after the supply on the truck was exhausted. Spray was frozen on several of the volunteers' clothes and helmets.

Chief Carlton Cleveland said the fire possibly was started by a gas stove in the building, which was built about 1937.

He Saw It!

Ol' Brer Groundhog saw his shadow yesterday (Wednesday) morning. So, it looks like six more weeks of winter, if you hold to the old belief.

For Yankees — who contend that the 14th is "Groundhog Day" — this newspaper will again pry on the little critter, just to be of service.

Weatherwise, the week was cold in Macon. The low readings bobbed from the high 20's to 6 degrees in Franklin and Highlands on Monday.

An unseasonable thunder storm shook the county Tuesday night, supposedly as a result of a series of tornadoes that hit earlier in the day in the Mississippi area.

Arrest Of Men Solves Break-in

The arrest of two young men in Kings Mountain late Sunday night solved Saturday's break-in at Talley's Service Station in Highlands, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Both admitted they broke into the service station, he said.

Carter Talley, station owner, reported about \$7 in small change and some other small articles missing. Sheriff Thomas said. Entry was made by breaking a pane of glass in the front door.

Officers were furnished a lead on the two by Fate Walls, distributor of the Asheville Citizen. The sheriff said Mr. Walls saw the two in a faded maroon 1951 Ford on Main Street near the station between 5:30 and 6 the morning of the break-in and was able to give a description of the automobile.

About 6:30 the two drove off without paying for gasoline at the Sharptop Service Station and Grocery on US 23-441 (south), the sheriff said. Roy Price, owner, reported the men asked the nearest route to Charlotte, requested \$1.50 worth of gas, and then drove away before his son could collect.

The two — Donald Keith Carpenter and Donald James Oliver — were picked up the next night by Kings Mountain officers. Sheriff Thomas said they probably will be tried in Kings Mountain since they have several cases outstanding there.

The sheriff, S. B. I. Agent P. R. Kitchen, of Waynesville, and Chief E. O. Gordon, of Highlands, worked on the case.

Mrs. Lichtenstein Wins Hot Point Stove In Decorations Event

Mrs. R. G. Lichtenstein, of Franklin, has been announced as a state winner in a kitchen interior decorations contest sponsored last fall by the General Electric Supply Corporation, advertising Hot Point appliances.

Franklin Hardware Company, the local store handling Mrs. Lichtenstein's entry in the contest, Monday delivered her prize — a \$499.95 Hot Point "Colo-range".



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

4-H LEADER SCHOOL SET

Scheduled Saturday At Agricultural Building, Franklin

A leader training school for 4-H neighborhood leaders and club officers is slated Saturday morning at the Agricultural Building.

Set to begin at 9:30, the school will be featured by the presentation of three short skits on the work of a 4-H leader by club members and leaders.

Extension agents Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe and James Flanagan will be in charge. They will be assisted by G. L. Carter, Jr., of Raleigh, assistant state 4-H leader.

"What it Means to be a 4-H Member," will be discussed by Miss Nancy Cable, president of the county 4-H council. Mrs. Jack Cabe, of Holly Springs, and Mrs. Harley Stewart, of Patton, will review what has been done at neighborhood 4-H meetings in the past year.

GETS COMMITTEES

Macon Representative G. L. Houk has been named to the Judiciary No. 1 and Education

CAKE SALE SLATED

A cake sale will be held Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12 noon at the Nantahala Power and Light Company building under the sponsorship of the Higdonville Home Demonstration Club. Proceeds are earmarked for the Higdonville Baptist Church.

Plant Program Starts Tuesday

The Burlington Mills training program for loopers got under way Tuesday morning in the V. F. W. Building on Palmer Street.

C. B. Hussey, who is in charge, said yesterday (Wednesday) he was not at liberty to comment on the extent of the program.

Construction of the hosiery plant just outside Franklin has slowed in recent weeks because of the weather.

The plant supervisor, Stephen A. Bundy, was here yesterday for an inspection.

SLATED FOR MID-JUNE

Centennial Framework Is Up

The framework for a centennial celebration in Franklin in mid-June was erected by interested citizens Friday night, and at another special meeting tomorrow (Friday) night additional work is expected to be tackled.

All interested citizens are urged to turn out for tomorrow's meeting in the town council chamber in the Bank of Franklin building at 7:30.

Last Friday's organizational meeting saw a tentative three-day program for the centennial roughed out and the election of Holland McSwain and J. P. Brady as co-chairmen of a steering committee charged with overseeing the centennial. C. O. Ramsey was named treasurer. The co-chairmen recently visited in Jackson County to learn how a centennial was conducted there two years ago.

"Teams" from the steering committee plan to devote their time in February to outlining the centennial proposal to local civic organizations. The co-chairmen briefed the Rotary Club last (Wednesday) night.

As the crowning feature of the celebration — tentatively scheduled for June 16-17-18 — arrangements are now being made to have Gov. Luther Hodges come here and dedicate the new city hall. Mayor W. C. Burrell has assured the completion of the building by that time.

Members of the steering committee include Bill Horsley, the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Bob Sloan, Hall Callahan, and Sam Gibson. Other members will be added later, it was said.

Franklin Teacher Honored As 'Young Man' By Jaycees

Speaker Declares Church, Home, And School Are 'Keys'

A rededication by the human race to three basic fundamentals—church, home, and schools—would minimize the number of problems faced by the world today as well as making these problems easier to solve.

Such is the belief of Gene Ochsenreiter, of Asheville, who addressed the annual awards banquet of the Franklin Jaycees Monday night.

Calling upon his audience to review this somewhat different approach to the world's problems, the former Jaycee state president labeled the church, home, and schools as "keys to human action."

Introduced by Jaycee John Cogan, Mr. Ochsenreiter had this to say about each:

Church: "Certainly I am not afraid to tell you that all of us here recognize the importance of Christianity. We realize that importance in the wording of the Constitution of the United States and the American Creed, where particular reference is paid our creator. It is true all over our nation that our strength is found in our church, but our real problem is not with those who attend, but with those who don't. The latter category runs into millions."

Home: "The great artist, Michelangelo, did not learn to paint by watching television. nor did Mozart become a child prodigy by playing cowboys and Indians all day. For a more current example, we need but look at Helen Keller. She did not overcome her handicap by sitting down and hoping."

Schools: "They are the bulwark of all teachings... I ask you to give your support to your schools... to wake up to your responsibilities in bringing up the future citizens of America."

The speaker said he was not advancing his program to eliminate all difficulties, but consideration of it "will improve our position."

"... We are the little people, but we are actually the real power behind the throne... while freedom still is ours, protect it. It is our greatest gift."

Williams Selected For Award; Callahan Is 'Boss Of Year'

Edwin T. Williams, 31-year-old Franklin High teacher and active civic and church leader, is Macon County's "Young Man of the Year for 1954."

Selected by a secret committee from among eight nominees for the honor, the Andrews native was awarded a Distinguished Service Award key and certificate for his outstanding community service at a banquet held by the Franklin Jaycees Monday night.

Other highlights of the annual Jaycee event included the naming of Troup H. Callahan, manager of Bell's Department Store, as "Boss of the Year"; an address by Gene Ochsenreiter, former state Jaycee president; the presentation of Key Man awards to Dr. J. L. Hill and James Roper by Jaycee President Dr. G. R. McSweeney; and the presentation of certificates of appreciation to The Town of Franklin, Franklin Schools, and The Franklin Press.

Nominees Recognized

The seven other D. S. A. nominees attended the banquet as special guests of the Jaycees and just prior to the announcement of Mr. Williams' selection were recognized. They were Jack Angel, nominated by the Franklin Lions Club; the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, by the Rotary Club; Dr. J. L. Hill, by the Presbyterian Men; G. A. Jones, Jr., by Prentiss community; Harry Kinsland, by Holly Springs community; Z. Weaver Shope, by Methodist Men; and Gilmer Henson, by Otto community.

Nominated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, Mr. Williams was presented the community service award by Jaycee Calvin Henson, who served as contact man between organizations submitting nominees and the secret committee of non-Jaycees that picked the winner.

A teacher at Franklin High for five years, Mr. Williams' in-

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Sales, U. S. weather observer, and at the Cowetta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 26	52	12	
Thursday	47	29	
Friday	44	12	
Saturday	39	15	
Sunday	40	21	
Monday	46	6	
Tuesday	49	22	trace

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 26	49	20	
Thursday	36	30	
Friday	36	17	
Saturday	38	10	
Sunday	40	16	
Monday	38	6	
Tuesday	46	24	

COWETTA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 26	50	15	
Thursday	42	29	
Friday	43	13	
Saturday	38	13	
Sunday	41	19	
Monday	43	9	
Tuesday	50	22	1.16