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FRANKLIN P. T. A. HONORED past presidents Monday night. Past presidents attending included Mrs. Paul Kinsland, Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, present president, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. W. E. McGuire, the first president, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. Fred Slagle and Mrs. A. A. Siler.

Past Presidents Of P. T. A. Are Honored Monday Night

Members of the Franklin P. T. A. honored past presidents of the 40-year-old organization at a "Founders' Day" program Monday evening in the school cafeteria.

The estimated 125 present also heard a brief concert of marches by the Franklin Band, under the direction of Theodore Orr; decided to sponsor a dinner March 13 at the school to raise money for a playground; and heard several reports.

Past presidents at the meeting were introduced by Mrs. J. Ward Long, historian, who gave a brief history of the P. T. A. movement and an outline of the year's work under the present president, Mrs. E. W. Renshaw.

Mrs. W. B. McGuire, the organization's first president, was presented a bowl of flowers by Mrs. Long on behalf of the P. T. A. Mrs. McGuire traced the "desperate" beginning (1914) and early activities of the organization, which was first known as the "Mothers' Club" and was organized to clean up the school when an epidemic of whooping cough and other diseases broke out.

"We rolled up our sleeves and mopped the school," the first president recalled. This, she declared, was the organization's first project.

Mrs. McGuire read an article written by Mrs. F. L. Siler, which appeared in a 1914 issue

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NEW QUOTA FOR DRIVE

Red Cross Boosts Amount, But Macon Can Keep More

Macon County faces an increased quota in the 1955 American Red Cross campaign, which opens Tuesday, but will retain a larger percentage in order to continue several programs begun last year.

Previously it had been announced the quota would be approximately \$3,000. But this week the chapter was informed

FILM AVAILABLE

An American Red Cross film is now available for local showing through the Macon chapter office, it has been announced.

The movie, "People, and Only People, Matter," is 16 mm and runs for 11 minutes. It is President Eisenhower's speech to the 1953 national A. R. C. convention.

The '55 quota has been set at \$3,570, a figure \$590 higher than last year's.

At the same time, however, it was noted the chapter is to get 54.6 per cent (\$1,950) of the quota. Last year it got 47.1 per cent.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, executive secretary, yesterday said the increased quota is to finance water safety, first aid, and home nursing programs, all of which met with success here last year.

Volunteer workers this week were handed drive kits and are now preparing to push the drive to a speedy conclusion, Mrs. McCollum said. The rural campaign is being worked through the organized communities.

County Rallies For Centennial Badge Sales

Macon citizens began rallying behind the coming celebration of their county seat's birthday this week as Franklin Centennial badges went on sale.

Although citizens outside the city limits have been invited, but are not required, to purchase the badges, which will be used to finance the celebration in mid-June, centennial officials report they have bought almost half of the several hundred sold so far. The badges cost \$1.

Beard growing, which is mandatory for Franklin males beginning March 1, also is catching on county-wide. Cash prizes for the best beards will be awarded, regardless of place of residence.

Several proposed centennial features were taken up at a meeting Friday night at the Presbyterian church. The more than 50 present decided to place the centennial badges on sale at once to clear the debt for them as soon as possible.

To raise operating funds immediately, it was voted to set March 1 as the deadline for Franklin males to begin growing mustaches, beards, or sideburns. For those not wishing to participate in this advance feature of the town's 100th birthday, "shaving permits" will be sold for \$3 per week. Members of the fire department are in charge of enforcing the "law".

A small committee to investigate

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'Hearts' Hits Second Place In Song Survey

The hit song, "Hearts of Stone," which was written by Eddie Ray, Franklin native, ranked second on the Hit Parade this week.

It jumped to that spot from sixth place last week, and appears headed for a run in the No. 1 position.

Franklin Club Celebrates Rotary Golden Anniversary

In a colorful program, the Franklin Rotary Club last night (Wednesday) celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

Since the organization was formed the evening of February 23, 1905, the observance here came exactly 50 years after the first Rotary meeting.

Among highlights of last night's dinner program, held at the Slagle Memorial Building, were a candle-lighting ceremony, one candle for each country in which there are Rotary clubs, and the showing of a motion picture, "The Great Adventure," which recounts the story of Rotary, and seeks to capture its spirit of "service above self".

In a hall gaily decorated with the Rotary colors, blue and gold, some fourscore persons — Rotarians, their Rotary-Anns, and guests — participated in the "Around the World with Rotary" feature — the lighting of the 89 blue candles, set in a base of gold. At each person's place was a card bearing the name of a Rotary country, and as that country was called, he

FLOOD MEET SET TONIGHT

Citizens To Meet At Otto School To Make Plans

Another meeting to discuss a flood control and conservation project for the Little Tennessee River drainage area is scheduled tonight (Thursday) at Otto School.

Slated for 7 o'clock, the meeting is expected to draw landowners from all sections bordering the Little Tennessee who are interested in seeing a control program worked out. The meeting is a follow-up of one held in January under the sponsorship of the Blue Ridge Soil Conservation District, of Rabun County, Ga., and the Macon Soil Conservation District.

W. L. Harper, Macon conservationist, said the main purpose of tonight's meeting will be to determine public sentiment toward the proposed program. If reaction is favorable, he explained, a request for a survey of the drainage area will be the outcome, and a slate of officers will be elected to prepare the request and submit it to the proper authorities.

Financing of the proposed two-state program would be by the two counties of Macon and Rabun and the federal government under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, the conservationist added.

Mr. Harper said it is hoped that a majority of landowners from the Longview - Clark's Chapel communities south to the state line will be present for the meeting, or have a delegation there to speak for them.

In a nutshell, the proposed project would straighten and clean the Little Tennessee channel and push for the development of a system for terracing and drainage of the area to conserve soil and water.

RUMMAGE SALE SLATED

A rummage sale will be held Saturday on the square by the St. Agnes Episcopal Auxillary, it has been announced.

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Rate Boost Requested By Power Co.

Nantahala Power and Light Company has submitted another request to the State Utilities Commission for permission to raise industrial rates.

President John M. Archer, Jr., Tuesday said the request was the same as the one submitted in 1952, except any increase this time would apply to the Aluminum Company of America, of which N. P. & L. is a subsidiary. He said the '52 request did not include ALCOA.

Although the '52 request was granted by the commission, it was rejected by the State Supreme Court because ALCOA was exempted.

Buell Resigns Pastorate In Highlands

The Rev. John J. Buell, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church for the past 20 months, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga.

Mr. Buell submitted his resignation Sunday. A pulpito committee has been appointed to pick his successor.

Job Applicants Dropping Off

Applicants for the Burlington Industries training program for the Franklin hosiery plant are dropping off, it is reported.

Women between the ages of 18 and 25 may apply for a job through the N. C. Employment Service tomorrow (Friday) at the courthouse at 9:30 a. m. Thereafter, S. P. Davis, of the service, announced that a service representative will be in Franklin every Monday and Tuesday at 1 p. m. to interview applicants for jobs. Women with high school diplomas are preferred, Mr. Davis said, but those who have completed as much as the eighth grade will be considered.

3 FARMING SCHOOLS SET

Events Planned For Agricultural Building This Coming Week

Macon farmers have a busy agenda deal ahead with three special schools scheduled at the Agricultural Building.

The first, a vegetable school, is planned tomorrow (Friday) at 9:30 a. m. and will be under the direction of horticulture specialists from N. C. State College, Raleigh. Such things as production of beans, cabbage, sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, and gardens will be discussed. County Agent T. H. Fagg said some other topics, like fertilization, disease and insect control, and marketing, also will be emphasized. The school will last about three hours.

Tuesday at 9:30, a school on the production of feed, with topics including production of corn, silage, pasture, hay, weed control, and fertilization, is planned. This all-day school will be of particular interest to dairymen and beef and sheep producers, the agent said.

Another all-day school on dairying is scheduled Wednesday at 9:30. Continuation of feed production for the dairy animals, marketing of milk, dairy sanitation, artificial breeding, herd management, testing, culling for profitable production, and a number of other subjects are up for discussion.

Mr. Fagg emphasized that all farmers are invited to attend any, or all, of the schools.

\$400 Need To Top Boy Scout Quota

Only \$400 will put the annual Boy Scout fund drive over the top of its \$1,100 quota, F. H. Calloway, local adult membership chairman, reported yesterday (Wednesday).

The chairman said he had \$783.55 on hand. Volunteer workers are canvassing county-wide to raise the quota.

MACONIANS SET PRAYER FOR PEACE

Service To Be Held Friday At St. Agnes Episcopal Church

A community service to pray for world peace will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock at St. Agnes Episcopal Church.

The "World Day of Prayer"

CLASSES CHANGED
All Friday adult night classes at Franklin High will be held tonight (Thursday) in order not to conflict with the "World Day of Prayer" service, it has been announced.

is an annual, world-wide movement. The service here will be marked by talks, special music, prayer, and a film.

The choir will be directed by the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, and a feature of the musical part of the program will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Hatchett.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan will explain the purpose of the "World Day of Prayer", and the Rev. S. B. Moss will tell the purpose of the offering.

The film, on Pakistan and India, will be shown by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and Mrs. Ted Reber will read the script.

A. R. Morgan Heads Youth Organization

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal Church here, is the new president of the Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc., an organization devoted to the problems of youth, the church, labor and industry, and health and recreation in this area.

A long-time associate and member of the council, Dr. Morgan was elected to the post Saturday near the close of a four-day meeting in Gatlinburg, Tenn. It was the organization's 43rd annual conference, and representatives of some 250 mountain counties in nine states participated.

Study Course Slated Today At Cullasaja

A four-hour study course on parent-child relations begins today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at Cullasaja School.

Mrs. Olin Dillard, of Asheville, district P. T. A. director, is in charge of the course.

A nursery for pre-school children will be in operation for the convenience of parents wanting to take the course, according to Mrs. Holland McSwain, study course chairman of the Franklin P. T. A.

Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria.

Pre-School Conferences Set Here During March And April

A schedule for pre-school conferences at Macon schools during March and April was announced this week.

These conferences, to which parents and their pre-school age children are invited, are designed specifically to acquaint children who will enter school for the first time next fall with the activities of school and to prepare them both physically and emotionally for the new experience.

Cooperating in the conferences are P. T. A.'s, schools, churches, Future Teacher organizations, home demonstration clubs, and the local health department.

The schedule:
Chapel School, March 4.
Iotla, March 9.
Union, March 11.
Cartoogechaye, March 18.
Covee, March 23.
Cullasaja, March 25.
East Franklin, March 30.
Otto, April 1.
Nantahala, April 8.
Franklin, April 15.
Highlands, April 22.

Methodists Move To Get Youth Worker

Methodist men of this county are moving to employ a full-time trained person to work with the denomination's youth in Macon and to take over the Wilson's Lick ranger cabin as a youth camp.

At Tuesday's ladies' night dinner meeting of the Macon County Methodist Men's Club, at Union School, a committee was named to work out details for the youth worker. On the committee are J. C. Sorrells, Erwin Patton, and Miss Laura M. Jones. Miss Jones is district president of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, through which the worker will be obtained.

The national W. S. C. S. will provide \$2,000 of the \$3,000 needed annually for the project, and about three years ago the various churches in the county pledged the other \$1,000, and a worker was hired. At the last minute, though, she declined the offer. The club has now been informed that at least two young women trained for this work will be available June 1.

The Wilson's Lick cabin, on Wayah Bald, is no longer used by the U. S. Forest Service, and a committee has been assured the club can obtain a use permit for it. An application for such a permit has been filed. James L. Hauser reported for the committee. Charles W. Nolen, club president, has volunteered to be responsible for the camp's operation.

Women of the Union Methodist church served the dinner to the approximately 75 persons attending the meeting.

Barnes To Hold Study Course At School Here

Dr. Henry F. Barnes, Cullowhee physician, will lead a family life and mental health study course Tuesday and Wednesday nights, March 1 and 2, at the Cartoogechaye School.

Set for 7:30 nightly, the course is being sponsored by the school parent-teacher association.

The public is invited, according to P. T. A. officials.

Pre-School Program To Be Nurse's Topic At Iotla P. T. A. Meet

The pre-school program will be discussed by Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse, at a meeting of the Iotla P. T. A. Monday night at 7:30.

The Franklin Band also will take part in the evening's program.

SING IS SLATED

The fourth Sunday sing of the northern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held at the Rose Creek Baptist Church beginning at 1:30 p. m., it has been announced by Lon Thompson, sing vice-president. All singers are invited.

MACON TEAMS MAKE TOURNEY SEMI-FINALS

Girls Of Franklin And Nantahala Meet Foes In Bryson City

The lassies of Franklin High and Nantahala High tonight (Thursday) will fight their way through the semi-finals of the Smoky Mountain Conference Girls Tournament in the Swain High gymnasium in Bryson City.

Nantahala takes on Andrews at 7:30, and Franklin meets Glensville at 9 o'clock.

Win or lose, the two Macon girls' teams will play Saturday night; in the consolation game at 7:30, or the championship clash at 9 o'clock.

The odds place the undefeated Franklin lassies against Andrews in the championship spotlight.

Others Fall Out
Excluding the above, the past week of tournament play saw Macon boys' and girls' teams fall out under the pressure.

The Highlands girls spun out in the opening clash on the 16th against Cherokee. The score, 36 to 30.

In boys' tourney play in Andrews, the Highlands team downed Cullowhee 54 to 34 on the 17th in opening play, but was bootied out of the tournament on the 19th by Andrews, by a score of 85 to 37.

Franklin's lads rolled over Hiawasse Dam 59 to 40 in the opening round, and then, in the quarterfinals, lost to Murphy by a slim five-point margin, 48 to 43.

Nantahala's boys fell victim to Hayesville in the opening tilt, 53 to 35.

The Long Road
These were the obstacles in the way of the Franklin and Nantahala girls on the rough road into the semi-finals: Franklin downed Cullowhee 61 to 13 on the 16th and outclassed Murphy 48 to 34 on the 18th, Nantahala handed Stecoah the short end of a 52 to 35 score on the 16th, and squeezed by Cherokee 30 to 27 on the 18th.

New Center Open House Is Planned

An invitation to Maconians to visit their new \$30,000 Macon County Health Center during a special open house on March 13 was issued this week.

While no formal program is planned, the public will have an opportunity to inspect the new building and facilities and meet a number of state and western district health department officials, according to Sanitarian H. T. Collins and Registrar of Deeds Lake V. Shope, co-chairmen of the event. Open house hours will be 2 to 5 p. m.

The new health center, erected on Riverview Street on land donated by Dr. Edgar Angel, was financed by the county and the Medical Care Commission, a state agency which allocates

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 16	52	18	.03
Thursday	51	40	.22
Friday	63	24	.....
Saturday	60	25	.....
Sunday	61	32	.....
Monday	58	32	.....
Tuesday	56	51	.064

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Thurs., Feb. 17	60	.....	3.8
Friday	56	26	.....
Saturday	50	25	.....
Sunday	54	36	.....
Monday	48	43	.....
Tuesday	49	46	.36

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 16	56	22	.325
Thursday	60	40	.....
Friday	61	25	.....
Saturday	58	26	.....
Sunday	60	37	.....
Monday	56	47	trace
Tuesday	55	51	2.22