



CHATTING AFTER Friday night's Jaycee-sponsored Distinguished Service Award banquet at Franklin High are (L to R) C. Jack Ragan, chairman of the award committee for the Jaycees, Edgar (Red) Gurganus, president of the N. C. Jaycees, Wayne Proffitt, Franklin teacher, who was honored as "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" for 1955, and H. W. Cabe, who received the "Boss of the Year" award.

Agricultural Teacher Gets 'Young Man' Award For '55

For his outstanding service to his community and leadership among the young people, Wayne Proffitt was honored Friday night as "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" for 1955.

Mr. Proffitt, who is vocational teacher at Franklin High, was presented a Distinguished Service Award key for his contributions as a feature of the Franklin Jaycees' annual "bosses' night", "ladies' night", and "D.S.A." banquet in the high school cafeteria.

Presenting the award to the teacher, who was selected from among seven nominated for the honor, was C. Jack Ragan, who had charge of the program for the Jaycees.

This was the second year the award went to a non-Jaycee. Last year's went to Edwin T.

Williams, also a Franklin High teacher.

Others nominated for the award included the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Dr. J. L. Hill, Jack Angel, Woodrow Franklin, Bob Carpenter, and J. L. West, Jr. They were recognized at the banquet and attended as guests of the Jaycees.

Cited For Work

Mr. Proffitt was cited for his work among the young people, particularly the Franklin Future Farmers of America chapter, which took top honors in the state in '55 and for his de-

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Tag Deadline Is Wednesday

An estimated 1,000 motorists in this area must purchase '56 license tags through the local Carolina Motor Club office between now and Wednesday's (15th) deadline, according to the manager, Verlon Swafford.

He urged all who still have to buy plates to come in at once so a last-minute rush will not materialize.

Through Tuesday afternoon, the office had sold a total of 3,524 tags, he reported.

Of this number, 2,336 were automobiles; 1,000, trucks; 100, farm trucks; 84, trailers; and 4, motorcycles.

Delegation From Pakistan Visits School, Community

Pakistan (population, 75,687,000) and Holly Springs (63 families) swapped ideas here last Thursday afternoon.

Although running behind schedule because of bad weather, the delegation from Pakistan — five men and two women — took time to chat with school children at East Franklin before moving on to Holly Springs for a behind-the-scenes introduction to a community development program that won first place in the area rural development contest last year.

"They just refuse to be rushed," declared Morris L. McGough, of Asheville, who accompanied the Pakistanians.

"They told me if I ever visited their country they wouldn't rush me... what can you do?"

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He gestured with an air of resignation toward one of the East Franklin classrooms, where questions and answers were popping back and forth between visitors and children.

"How did you get here?"

"Where is your country on the map?"

"Are your schools like ours?"

"Do all women wear clothes like hers?" (Miss Akhtar Mohyuddin was in native costume).

Out in the hall again, Mr. McGough asked:

"Have you ever seen anything to beat it? They'll answer questions as long as they'll ask them... never seem to mind."

Herding her class back to seats, Mrs. Katherine A. Crawford.

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O. E. S. Officers Coming For Visit

Mrs. Hilda Halliburton, of Clyde, worthy grand matron, and William H. McNeill, Jr., of Aberdeen, worthy grand patron, Grand Chapter of North Carolina, will make their official visit to Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star next Thursday, February 16, at 7:30 p. m., in the new Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Catherine Henry, worthy grand matron of the local chapter, will preside.

The meeting will be followed by a reception at the home of Mrs. Lyman Higdon, for all local members and visitors.



SCHOOL CHILDREN at East Franklin are shown gathering around Miss Akhtar Mohyuddin, who is in native costume, and Ibrahim Shamim, whose field is education. The visitors from Pakistan were among seven who visited the school and Holly Springs community last Thursday.

P. T. A. STUDY PLAN PLACED BEFORE BOARD

Would Operate Schools Without Store Profits And Contributions

A study to put Macon's schools on an independent financial basis — completely divorced from funds raised by school stores and P. T. A. benefits — is now under way.

Backed by several P. T. A.'s, the study plan was presented Monday morning to the Macon Board of Education. According to its framers, its purpose is two-fold:

- (1) To find a way to operate the county's 11 schools without having to rely on selling soft drinks and candy to children in school stores and P. T. A. donations.
- (2) To supply adequate equipment for the schools to do a good teaching job, working toward accreditation of each.

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., representing the Franklin P. T. A., pointed out that schools are depending more and more on "outside funds" (non-budgeted) to finance many things the county should be responsible for; things like supplies, window shades, stage curtains, sweeping compound, and equipment.

At most of the schools, these items are being purchased with profits from school-operated stores and through school and P. T. A. benefits, he said.

"Our purpose right now is to get an idea of how much the schools need to operate without this outside help," Mr. Gnuse added.

How Much Extra

In line with this, the delegation bringing the plan before the school board suggested that a survey be conducted at the schools to determine how much money these extra aids are turning over annually.

Also requested was an accounting of operational costs in the schools for the past three years for purposes of correlating the study.

Estimates Given

In a preliminary estimate, Mr. Gnuse said principals figure \$14,985 is spent in the schools for "operating expenses" above the budgeted figure. Most of

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Operating Costs For Schools Are Given By McSwain

For the year 1954-55, it took \$93,763.71 to operate the county's 11 schools.

Supt. Holland McSwain said slightly more than half the amount, \$48,080.20, represented the schools' share of the tax rate and that the remainder came from other sources, including state and federal.

Of the \$1.40 tax rate, the schools get a total of 38 cents; 23 for current expenses and 15 for capital outlay.

Within the fiscal year '54-'55, the superintendent said money coming in for current expenses totaled \$29,040.79. Capital outlay brought in \$19,039.41, although actual expenditures under this latter item reached \$21,120.95.

Biggest items under current expenses for the year were \$15,840 for school bus driver salaries; \$16,948 for repairs to buildings and replacement of furniture; and \$8,927 for fuel, water, and electricity.

In this fiscal year ('55-'56), \$28,000 has been borrowed from the state and applied to finishing the high school gymnasium, Mr. McSwain said. In addition, \$17,000 is budgeted in capital outlay for the gymnasium and \$15,000 more in back taxes.

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'Walk-Up' Bank Window Opened

A "walk-up" window for afternoon banking went into operation Monday at the Bank of Franklin in the building lobby.

Cashier H. W. Cabe described it as an "added service", primarily for businessmen who run short of change or would like to make deposits or payments on loans. He emphasized that no loan applications will be handled at the window.

On banking days, the window will be open from 2 to 4.

Highlands High Will Host Conference Boys' Tourney

Highlands High School will be host to the '56 boys' basketball tournament of the Smoky Mountain Conference, which gets under way next Wednesday night (Feb. 15).

A tourney schedule is expected to be prepared this week-end, according to Coach Howard Barnwell.

The girls' tournament is scheduled for Robbinsville High

this year. Play is set for the 16th, 18th, 22nd, and 24th.

Boys' games will be the 15th, 17th, 23rd, and 25th.

Fifteen schools will enter teams in the tournament. They include Franklin, Highlands, Nantahala, Swain, Sylva, Webster, Cullowhee, Cherokee, Murphy, Andrews, Robbinsville, Hiwassee Dam, Hayesville, Glenville, and Stecoah.

Steady Rains Break Grip Of Drought During Week

Steady rain this past week at least temporarily broke the hold of a drought which has gripped most of the area.

Nantahala Power and Light Company yesterday (Wednesday) reported the downpour had "greatly improved" its power dam outlook.

For the six-day period from last Wednesday to Monday, 2.83 inches of rain fell in the Franklin area; 4.69 inches at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory; and an unofficial 4 to 5 inches in the Highlands area.

Rivers and streams became only slightly swollen as the parched ground soaked up most of the downpour.

Farmers viewed the long overdue wet spell with relief.

Few people, if any, grumbled about the inconvenience of leaden skies.

A Nantahala power official, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., said the rain brought water reserves at Nantahala and Thorpe dams out of the critical stage.

Since February 1, 5.40 inches had been recorded at Nantahala and the water level has climbed 12 feet. About four inches at Thorpe has pulled its level up five feet, he said.

As a result of the extended rain, stream flow at the dams is four to five times over what it was at the first of the month, Mr. Gnuse added.

School Athletic Association In Red Because Of No Gym

Largely because of the unfinished gymnasium, the Franklin High Athletic Association is operating in the red, according to Principal Harry C. Corbin.

For the period September 1-January 5, the principal said the association paid out \$6,505.16 while taking in only \$3,704.95. This leaves a deficit of \$2,800.21.

Had the new gymnasium been ready for use by the beginning of the basketball season, Mr. Corbin said the association's financial picture would be brighter.

He said the absence of revenue from basketball games has helped create the present situation.

Also, football gate receipts for the '55 season (\$2,415.20 for five

home games) were about \$1,000 under average, he added.

Some relief may be forthcoming if the gymnasium is ready for use in early March. The principal said two schools have agreed to schedule basketball games here after the conference tournament.

"With these helping," Mr. Corbin declared, "we can probably cut this deficit to \$2,500 by the close of school."

In reviewing the association's financial statement, the principal noted it began the current school year last fall with a deficit of \$1,667.68. This also was attributed primarily to the lack of a gymnasium, he said.

"Seems that since the gym burned we've been going down hill."

'Kersplash!' Went The Jars As Chase Reached Cowee

"Kersplash!" went a half-gallon jar on the highway.

At least seven more followed suit, according to Highway Patrolmen H. T. Ferguson and A. A. Lewis.

The episode of the breaking jars took place near the Cowee Baptist Church Saturday afternoon as the patrol car in which the officers rode reached speeds of nearly 100 m.p.h. in running down a '47 Buick.

Twenty-four-year-old Mrs. Gladys Ensley was tossing the jars out the window of the speeding Buick, the officers re-

ported, while her husband, Ross, 35, tried to outdistance the pursuing patrol car.

Patrolman Ferguson said Mrs. Ensley's anxiety stemmed from the fact that the half-gallon jars were filled with white liquor.

The chase, which wound across half the county, began on Blossomtown stretch, (US 23-441, south) when the patrolmen heard the Buick going toward Franklin. Its muffler "was loud", they reported, so they took after it to make a check.

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RED CROSS DRIVE PLANS UNDER WAY

Slated For March; Quota Increased; Hatchett Chairman

Organizing for the annual American Red Cross drive here during March is now under way.

An increased quota of \$3,730 has been assigned the county this year because of the recent floods over the country, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, executive secretary. Last year's quota was \$3,570.

The Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Presbyterian pastor, will lead the campaign.

Volunteer workers are now being signed to assist over the county. Mr. Hatchett this week said he plans to work the drive with the assistance of home demonstration clubs and organized community groups. Volunteer teams will solicit funds in Franklin and Highlands.

Of the total quota, 45.60 per cent (\$1,700) will remain for A. R. C. work in the county, according to Mrs. McCollum. The rest will go to national work.

Z. Weaver Shope is chairman of the Macon chapter.

Regular Meeting Not Held By Aldermen; Session Set Tonight

Because of the unavailability of several members, the Franklin Board of Aldermen did not meet Tuesday night as scheduled.

A make-up session is set for tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the town hall.

COWEE P. T. A. MEETING

The Cowee P. T. A. will meet tonight (Thursday) at the school at 7:30. Mrs. Claude Leatherman, publicity chairman, has announced.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 1	42	17	.061
Thursday	54	32	.38
Friday	56	49	.76
Saturday	53	42	.53
Sunday	63	46	.04
Monday	59	46	.86
Tuesday	61	32	

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 1	34	28	
Thursday	48	34	
Friday	50	44	
Saturday	48	39	
Sunday	56	40	
Monday	50	36	
Tuesday	47	25	

* Figures on rainfall for Highlands not available.

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 1	41	23	1.04
Thursday	57	31	.76
Friday	55	49	.87
Saturday	53	40	.64
Sunday	63	43	.91
Monday	57	52	.47
Tuesday	59	26	



TWO KOREAN STUDENTS at Brevard College appeared as guests at Monday night's meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship sub-district at the Snow Hill church. They're pictured here talking with two M. Y. F. leaders — (L to R) Charlie Cho, James Park, Frank Nolen, chairman of the Christian outreach committee, and Gary Clark, sub-district president.