

Musical Program Features Valentine Party Held By Rotarians And Wives

Seventy-seven persons — Rotarians and their "Rotary Anns" — attended a Valentine ladies' night dinner of the Franklin Rotary Club at the Slagle Memorial Building last Thursday evening.

A musical program was presented by five members of the choral group at Franklin High School, Misses Helen Cochran, Nancy Siler, and Dwain Horsley and James (Jim) Tysinger, and Darwin Hussey.

Under the direction of Bill Harris, school music director, they sang "Early in the Morning", and "You'll Never Walk Alone". As an encore, they gave "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming".

The table and other Valentine decorations were arranged by Misses Edith Christy, Laura Mae Cabe, and Joan Thomas.

W. A. Hays was program chairman, and Dr. G. R. McSween, president was toastmaster.

2 Are Attending Dairy Meeting

Harry Stoudemire, manager of the A. B. Slagle dairy farm, and Tom H. Fagg, Macon County agent, are in Winston-Salem this week for a meeting of the N. C. Dairy Products Association.

Cowee's Real Estate Values Up 9 Per Cent

Real estate values in Cowee township were raised \$34,000 during this revaluation year, according to J. C. Sorrells, taxlist.

Personal property values were up, too, but Mr. Sorrells said he was not the lister for those and therefore was unsure of the amount.

Value of real estate listed in Cowee township last year was \$381,240. This year's increase represents about a nine per cent gain.

Lodge And O. E. S. Slate Covered Dish Meal Tonight

The Franklin Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star will hold a covered dish supper tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 at the Masonic temple.

The Eastern Star will hold its business meeting afterward, at 7:30.

Raleigh Man Here To See School Work

Dr. John W. Magill, associate director of special education for the State Board of Public Education, visited Macon County last week to observe the work being done in this field.

Dr. Magill visited the special class at Highlands school, taught by Mrs. Roy Kinsland, as well as several other schools where work goes on under the direction of Miss Esther Seay.

According to School Superintendent Holland McSwain, the observations and recommendations made by Dr. Magill to the state board are used in considering the scope of the special education program in this county.

Coweta Engineer Attends Planning Session In Pa.

Don Whelan, engineer in charge of the Coweta Hydrologic Station, returned Saturday from a week in Philadelphia, where he attended a planning meeting on a proposed survey of the Delaware River basin. The survey is to be made by the Army's corps of engineers. They asked that specialists from the Department of Agriculture consult with them, and Mr. Whelan was assigned to attend the conference.

Valentine's Day Was Extra Special For Local Barber

Last Thursday was more than Valentine's Day to Lester S. Conley, owner-operator of City Barber Shop. It was his 30th anniversary of doing business in the same location.

As for barbering itself, Mr. Conley has been plying the trade for 46 years. He says he owned the first pair of electric clippers in Franklin—that was 1920—and tells a story connected with them.

A customer was receiving a trim with Mr. Conley's new barbering

tool and remarked that it was strange that he would have to come from New York City to Franklin, N. C., to see such a modern gadget. The man was here on business and told Mr. Conley it was the first time he had ever seen electric clippers.

The first power clippers had a belt attachment similar to that on a present-day dentist's drill, according to Mr. Conley. He mounted his on a trolley affair so the clippers could be used by other barbers in the shop. The stand which came with the gadget is still around the shop.

Since 1920, Mr. Conley has worked for himself, the previous nine years being spent in the employment of other barbershop owners. Those were the days of the 20 cent shave and 35 cent haircut, he recalls. When he began barbering, before World War I, prices were 10 and 20 cents, respectively.

Mr. Conley marked his anniversary last week with no ceremony except to remark about it to customers. Aside from the price changes (haircuts now are \$1, except \$1.25 for a crew cut, and 75 cents for a shave), there was one thing different about his Thursday of last week and the Feb. 14th of 30 years ago: He and fellow barber Ed Brogden shut up shop and went home at 6 p. m. For a long time, it was customary to stay open until around 10 o'clock on week nights and until midnight on the week ends.

Mr. Conley's record closing time, he says, is the day he stayed open until 3:25 a. m. "They just kept coming that night," he explains.

Minerals Display Prepared By East Franklin

Exhibit First Of 10 To Be Shown By Macon Schools

A display about the minerals of Macon County, their names, locations, and uses, has been prepared by East Franklin School and is on exhibit in a show window of Dryman's Men's and Boys' Store.

Contributing to the display were all 12 rooms of the school. The display is the first of 10 to be prepared by different schools in the county and shown a week at the time at stores throughout Franklin. The project is in connection with the 100th anniversary of the National Education Association.

Locals Are Leaving On Caribbean Cruise

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., left by automobile today (Thursday) for New Orleans where they will board a ship Saturday for a three-week Caribbean cruise.

Their itinerary calls for stops at the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Trinidad, and Jamaica. The vessel will be one of the Alcoa Steamship Line's. Alcoa is parent company for the Nantahala Power and Light Company, of which Mr. Archer is president and Mr. Brooks construction superintendent. They will return March 13.

Premeasurement Deadline For Burley Fields Is Feb. 28

Farmers have through Feb. 28 (next Thursday) to make application for official premeasurement of burley tobacco.

Application may be made to the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, located in the Agricultural Building. There is a premeasurement charge of \$5 for one field and \$6 for two fields.

CORRECTIONS

Two errors in last week's Press are called to the attention of subscribers. The spelling of the name Patten, in the Stephen C. Patten obituary, is with an "e", instead of an "o" as it appeared in print. And, Jean Sutton was identified as "Jean Setser" in the basketball team picture on the front page. Both errors are regretted.

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