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64 PROMOTED TO HIGH SCHOOL

List of Those Passing 7th Grade Examination Announced

One hundred and sixty-four seventh grade pupils passed the high school entrance examination held Saturday, April 11, at the Franklin Highlands and Otter Creek schools, it was announced yesterday.

G. L. Houk, principal of the Franklin school. Two hundred and twenty pupils took the examination. Those who failed to pass will be given another opportunity to qualify for high school admission at an examination to be held late in the summer.

Following is a list of those who passed the April 11 examination, as made public by Mr. Houk:

Franklin
Lucinda Bryant, Dorothy Jones, E. McGhee, Harriett Murray, Ruth Poindexter, Lane Porter, Dorothy Sloan, Dorothy Southards, Elise Southards, Nobia Tallent, Annie Ruth Zachary, Virginia Whary, Henry Cabe, Wilburn Hiley, Homer Greene, Fred Guest, Wald Jones, Clayburne Patton, Gley Pennington, Harris Sanders, Gil Watkins, Glen Tallent, Grover Arvey, Otto Arvey, Haywood Zier, Frank Leach, Joe Mashin, Roy Pendergrass, Bobby Chester, Eston Street, Olatta Edwin, Lorena Greene, Lucille L. Pearl Hyatt, Catherine Nordor, Doris Penland Juanita Thompson, Lucy Thompson, Edith Wallop, Kate Henderson, Arthur Pin, D. L. Johnson, George Lore, Mary Poindexter, Jennie
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Gray Vet Dies

W. Rhodes, Otto, Succumbs at Age of 90

Thomas W. Rhodes, 90, one of the few remaining Confederate veterans in Macon county, died at home near Otto at 8 o'clock Monday evening. He had been ill with Bright's disease for some weeks.

Mr. Rhodes' death leaves only seven veterans of the gray in the county. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at Dryman's chapel on lower Tesenta. The Rev. J. L. Vinson and the Rev. J. B. Ebor, pastor of the church, conducted the rites. Pallbearers were L. Buchanan, M. B. Norton, Albert Ledbetter, Ellard Shook, George Vanhook and M. L. Angel. Mr. Rhodes saw service during the War between the States with Company B of the 39th North Carolina regiment. He was a native of Macon county, but came to this county as a child of five years with his parents.

An unusually active old gentleman, Mr. Rhodes declined to live with relatives and for many years lived by himself, working his garden and preparing his own meals. Several years ago he was married for the second time, but later he and his wife separated and, despite urgent suggestions by relatives, he continued to live by himself until his recent illness forced him to bed. For many years Mr. Rhodes was a subscriber to The Franklin Press and twice each year, in June and December, when he came to town to sign for his state pension, he would pay a visit to the editor, and at the war and leave some helpful advice about making the paper more interesting.

Surviving Mr. Rhodes are two daughters, Mrs. Martha Cabe, of Otto, and Mrs. Sarah Owen, of Texas; a brother, J. M. Rhodes, of Otto; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Long, of South Carolina, and Mrs. Nancy Esser, of Missouri, and ten grandchildren.

Milk Grading

To Be Inaugurated By Health Service

The North Carolina standard milk ordinance has been adopted by the Macon county board of health, paving the way for milk inspection in the county, it was announced this week by M. D. Billings, a member of the board.

The ordinance does not prevent any dairyman or farmer from selling milk, it was stated, but it does provide for grading milk, and requires cafes, hotels and boarding houses to indicate what grade of milk they serve. It is understood that several dairies in the county can qualify as Grade A dairies.

Herman Plemmons, recently appointed sanitary inspector in the county's new public health unit, is charged with inspection of dairies.

TABERNACLE PLAN OUTLINED

Rev. A. A. Angel Sees Need For a More Active Evangelism

Plans for the erection of a large tabernacle "to promote and encourage a greater and more active evangelism in Macon county" were announced this week by the Rev. A. A. Angel, Methodist minister of Franklin.

A wooden structure, 60 by 80 feet, is planned by Mr. Angel, who said he would furnish a site for the tabernacle and assume responsibility for erecting it. He outlined several plans for raising money to buy the necessary materials, and expressed the hope that the work of erecting the building could be done with volunteer labor. He estimated that the materials would cost between \$375 and \$400.

The site Mr. Angel has offered for the tabernacle is on Wayah street in the Bonny Crest section.

Outlines Purposes
Mr. Angel, who for the past six years has operated a stone-cutting business in Franklin, said his idea of the inter-denominational tabernacle had been prompted by a realization of the need for more evangelism. He gave the following outline of the purposes of the proposed tabernacle:

"To promote and encourage a greater and more active evangelism in Macon county.

"To encourage a closer walk with God and a deeper spiritual Christian life.

"To be sanely evangelistic in its efforts.

Non-Sectarian
"To be strictly inter-denominational in its preaching, teaching and doctrines.

"To offer no membership to anyone.

"To encourage affiliation with and loyalty to the church of one's choice.

"To be a place of welcome and reception for the man in his overalls, as well as for the wealthiest man in the world. Another place where the rich and the poor may meet together on a common level.

"To avoid conflicting with the regular services in town as much as is reasonably possible, so as not to affect the regular attendance in the churches."

Mr. Angel said he intended to enlist the assistance of churches and church people throughout the county to raise funds for the tabernacle. He also proposed a contest for naming the building, each person submitting a name to send one dollar with his or her suggestion. A picture of the person submitting the name accepted would be framed and hung in the tabernacle as a memorial.

SCHOOL TERM ENDS FRIDAY

39 Graduates To Receive Diplomas at Final Exercises

Diplomas will be presented to 39 graduates—19 girls and 20 boys—at commencement exercises starting at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow night in the auditorium of the Franklin high school.

Final exercises of the school year began Wednesday night with a baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class by the Rev. W. M. Burns, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Tonight the elementary grades were scheduled to present an operetta, "The Three Bears," in the school auditorium. One hundred children are to participate in the operetta, which will be directed by Mrs. R. M. Hudson. Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., will be the accompanist.

Presentation of the diplomas Friday night will be made by G. L. Houk, principal of the Franklin school, and a list of pupils who passed the recent seventh grade examination, entitling them for admission to high school next fall, will be read by M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools.

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, has been invited to deliver the graduation address, but it had not been definitely learned today whether he would be able to be present.

Dr. W. E. Furr will present four cash prizes, ranging from \$1 to \$3, to winners of a highway safety

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GOP NOMINATES COUNTY TICKET

Prospective Democratic Candidates Still On Fence

The past week brought out Republican candidates for county offices by the convention route, but found prospective Democratic office seekers still on the fence.

Meeting Saturday in the courthouse at the call of their new county chairman, T. W. Angel, Jr., Republican precinct committeemen pulled a surprise by nominating two men to file for each of the positions of representative, sheriff and register of deeds. They also nominated three to run for county commissioners and one each for surveyor and coroner.

For representative they nominated Odell Hall and A. S. Solesbee; for sheriff, J. W. Hastings and W. A. Berry; for register of deeds, T. Gaston Dean and Ed J. Carpenter; for commissioners, Jim Holbrooks, as chairman, T. C. Vinson and J. J. Corbin; for surveyor, Wayne Higdon; and for coroner, J. M. (Fiddlin' Jim) Corbin.

The action of the Republicans in nominating two candidates to file for representative, sheriff and register of deeds caused some Democratic leaders to scratch their heads. One expressed the opinion it might be a shrewd move for the purpose of causing the Democrats some trouble in their June primary. It was pointed out that this would enable Republicans to enter the polls and, after entering, they could take a hand in selecting the ticket of the opposing party with view to nominating the weakest candidates.

Thus far not a single Democratic candidate has announced himself, but the week brought considerable talk of the possibility of Wade Arvey seeking the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

Highway Body Asks For Bids on No. 286

JURY UPHOLDS MUNDAY WILL

Returns Verdict Giving Contested Estate To Widow

After a three-day trial which necessitated a one-day hold-over of the April term of court, a Macon county jury late Monday afternoon brought in a verdict sustaining the holographic will of T. S. Munday, which left his estate variously estimated from \$6,000 to \$10,000 in value to his widow, Mrs. Maretta F. Munday.

Nieces and nephews of Mr. Munday, who died in February, 1935, had contested the will, claiming that it was forged.

The trial attracted scores of curious persons to the courtroom, arousing more interest than any civil action tried in Franklin in a number of years. Both the caveators and the propounder of the will, Mrs. Munday, placed handwriting experts on the stand to testify as to the authenticity of the will, which had been found in an old grandfather desk in the Munday Hotel, which was Mr. Munday's home and the principal item in his estate. The caveators introduced into evidence photostatic enlargements of the will, written in hand on the Munday Hotel stationery, and other specimens of Mr. Munday's handwriting in an effort to show that the will was not a true one.

The jury in the case was completed Thursday afternoon and hearing of evidence began Friday afternoon. Court remained in session until 9:30 Friday night and resumed trial of the case Saturday morning. Hearing of evidence was completed late Saturday afternoon and Judge Felix E. Alley, who was scheduled to open court in Hayesville Monday, agreed to a one-day postponement of adjournment so the case could be disposed of. After four hours of argument and the judge's charge, the case went to the jury about 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The jury returned its verdict in favor of the widow at 6:30 o'clock and attorneys for the caveators filed a formal notice of appeal.

The caveators were represented by McKinley Edwards, of Bryson City; G. L. Houk, J. Horner Stockton and R. D. Sisk, of Franklin. George B. Patton, of Franklin, and J. Newt Moody, of Murphy, represented Mrs. Munday.

OF COURSE NOT

News Dealer—See here, you. You've been standing there for the past half hour looking at those papers. If you want one, buy one.

Chisler—What! Do you think I have nothing to do but read newspapers?

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed hens and fryers; lb. 15c
Chickens, light weight; lb. . . 13c
Eggs, doz. 16c
Irish potatoes, No. 1; bu. . . 85c
Corn, bu. 75c
Wheat, bu. 90c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 26c

9.2 Miles of Road To Be Improved at Cost of Over \$120,000

Bids for grading and surfacing of 9.2 miles of state highway No. 286 in Macon county—from the Iotla bridge to the Swain county line—will be received by the state highway and public works commission Thursday of next week, according to information received from Raleigh.

Specifications advertised by the highway body call for a traffic bound macadam road of similar construction to highway No. 28 west of Franklin but with heavier courses of stone.

A map of the proposed project has been posted for the past five or six weeks in the lobby of the courthouse. The new road is to follow the old one most of the way, but the worst turns on the old road and some of the heavier grades are to be corrected.

The project is roughly estimated to cost more than \$120,000, including grading, surfacing and erection of structures.

High Wages Likely

Higher wages will be paid on this project than on many other road jobs, it was revealed this week by a contractor who came to Franklin to look over the route. He pointed out that the money for this project was set aside about a year ago under a federal grant which carried with it a requirement as to wages. The contractor receiving the contract, he said, will be required to pay a minimum of 30 cents an hour for common labor.

The highway commission has not announced when it would select routes and award contracts for surfacing the Swain county end of No. 286 or the link from the Iotla bridge to Franklin. Several routes have been proposed for the road into Franklin, and persons who are more interested in seeing the road built than they are in any particular route see a shrewd move on the part of the highway authorities in avoiding a conflict on the Franklin entrance at this time. By including in the present project only that section of the road from Iotla to the Swain county line, possibility of further delay in construction of the road, work upon which has been promised for five years, is eliminated. After the main body of the road has been regraded and surfaced, the highway commission then can decide upon the routes to be selected for entering Franklin and Bryson City. Thus far, the commission has given no indication as to which of the proposed routes it favors for entering Franklin.

One suggested route is to leave the old road at the Iotla bridge and come up the east bank of the Little Tennessee river, making a junction with No. 285 at A. W. Reid's store or just the other side of the Franklin bridge. Considerable opposition has been voiced to this proposal.

Funeral Services Held For Little Peggy Sloan

Funeral services for Peggy Sloan, 11-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Sloan, of Franklin, were held at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. Sloan, the child's grandmother.

The child died of bronchial pneumonia at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning in an Asheville hospital to which it had been taken Tuesday night in a last effort to sustain its life after an illness of 10 days.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.