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## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD

200 Students, Members Of Faculty And Invited Guests Present

A gala evening of entertainment was provided Friday by the junior class of the Franklin high school, complimentary to the members of the senior class, when they gathered at the Tavern for the annual junior-senior banquet, with two hundred students, members of the faculty, and invited guests present.

The banquet hall was attractively decorated with tulips and other spring flowers. The "Indian" theme was used in many attractive ways in carrying out the decorations. Indian baskets, bracelets and bows and arrows were favors.

A wigwam made of blankets further carried out the color scheme.

Members of the freshman class who served the banquet were: Barbara Stockton, Mary Frances Page, John Bryson, Betty Horsley, Inez Crawford, Ida Mae Dowdle, Byrda Nell Southards, Marie Dean, Virginia Bryant, Jesse Mae Barnard, Maggie Sue Reece, Helen Franks and Lucile Calloway.

The program included, Welcome, Jennie Scott, president of junior class; Response, Alex Arnold, president of the senior class; speech, W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin high school; and Turning Through the Album, a speech by Guy L. Houk, superintendent of the Macon county public schools.

Guests invited were Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Houk, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Finley. Others at the speakers table were Jennie Scott; John Wasilik, toastmaster; Miss Catherine Sherrill and Mrs. Kate Rhinehart, junior class sponsors.

Another feature of the evening was the impersonation of the teachers of the high school. Those taking part were:

Mr. Houk, by Harry Higgins; Mr. Finley, by Weaver Hurst; Miss Annie Bailey, Louise Kinsland; Miss Ruby Watkins, Osteen Roberts; Miss Elsie White, Dorothy Penland; Mrs. Katherine O'Neil, Byrda Nell Southards; Mrs. Paul Grist, Catherine Anne Huggins; Mrs. Kate Rhinehart, Lucile Calloway; Mrs. Marie Stewart, Jennie Scott; Mrs. Helen Macon, Doris Penland; Miss Charlotte Young, Catherine Long; Miss Catherine Sherrill, Helen Wurst; Miss Gloria Regan, Mary Evelyn Angel; E. J. Whitmore, Bob McClure; W. C. Newton, Dick Sloan, and J. C. Hawkins, Coolidge Morgan.

## Ruth Vick Everett Speaker Macon Teachers' Banquet

Cullowhee Musicians And Others Are Featured On Program

"There was never a time when education had such a chance—never a time when so many groups have been lined up for the same educational program, Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field secretary of N. C. E. A., told Macon county teachers and guests at the banquet Saturday night.

"As a result, every gubernatorial candidate is wooing the educational vote," Mrs. Everett told her hearers, in a rousing speech that carried her audience into gales of laughter one moment, while delivering wise, terse comment the next.

Mrs. Everett urged school teachers not to let themselves grow "school-teacherish," suggesting that more "glamor" for both men and women teachers may not be amiss in winning the people's understanding of what they are trying to do.

"North Carolina is a rural state, with 9 out of 10 schools in rural communities, and 55 per cent of the teachers teaching in rural schools... teach boys and girls how to live and how to make a living in their own communities," Mrs. Everett urged, as she scored hits for vocational training, saying "We haven't scratched the surface yet. A prison superintendent told me that you do not find carpenters, plumbers or blacksmiths in the penitentiary."

The speaker's plea was for a school service program that would make every school a community center, serving the community in every way—from planning home decorations to weddings. "The eyes of the people would be focussed on a school of this character. Show people that what you are doing is

worth more money, and you will get it," Mrs. Everett predicted.

Address By W. L. Lathan

W. L. Lathan, district president of N. C. E. A. and superintendent of Swain county schools, speaking on "Our Legislative Program" said that the people and not the teachers have fought the battle for education in the past. Two factors that hamper educational progress were cited as ignorance of the teacher of the community and ignorance of the people as to what the schools are doing.

In appealing for a retirement plan for teachers Mr. Lathan referred to the established policy of industries that provided retirement for employees as a business proposition, and that a like provision for the social security of teachers was needed for the efficiency of the schools and for the sake of the children as well as teachers.

Mr. Lathan spoke for the protection of teachers in their positions through a tenure provision and also for a 12th year in the public school system as a remedy for the widespread unemployment among young people turned out of the high schools. He urged all teachers to register and vote.

Guy Houk, county superintendent, made an eloquent plea for consolidation of one-teacher and two-teacher schools in Macon county so that the children in the county may have an equal chance with town children.

"Of the 41 schools in Macon county, only two provide elementary school teachers for every grade. Of 3,000 total enrollment of the rural schools, only 150 were promoted to high school last year. This condition never will be remedied until there are teachers for every grade," said the speaker.

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## Golf Course

Officially Opens To The Public April 26

The Franklin Golf Course will be officially opened to the public for the 1940 season on April 26.

The gold course has been put in first class condition and Major Carmack has made many improvements to the course since he took over the property, making it an asset to the community in bringing tourists to Franklin as well as a benefit to the local people.

Golf course, tennis and swimming pool memberships may now be obtained.

## Mattress Project Planned By Extension Service

At a meeting held at the Agriculture building Wednesday evening plans were discussed for setting up a mattress making project in Macon county.

This program, recently inaugurated by AAA, is planned to aid families in obtaining mattresses at small cost.

Miss Florence Stalcup, county home demonstration agent and Sam Mendenhall, county agent, presented the project to the representatives of federal and county agencies, county commissioners and business men present.

The project is sponsored by the N. C. extension service, cooperating with federal agencies in the county. Farm families with an income of \$400 or less would be eligible to work on the project—making their own mattresses under supervision.

The setting up of this project which would benefit a large number of people in the county, depends upon the county commissioners' providing a place to house the project. Several locations were suggested but no definite arrangements were made.

Those present included: Fred Sloan, western district agent; Carl Slagle, of the welfare board; C. L. Blaine, county commissioner; Messrs. Ramsey and Davis, farm security; T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent; B. W. Justice and Robert Fulton, of the AAA committee; Mrs. Gilmer Jones, WPA; Mrs. Margaret Ordway, NYA; Miss Estelle Doyle, home supervisor farm security; Mrs. Eloise Franks, welfare superintendent; Oscar Bryant, Jess Conley, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Furr.

The rainfall on Friday in this section was the heaviest since last summer. Streams throughout the mountain region are swollen. Another week-end with temperatures around freezing followed the excessive rains and high winds.

## Franklin Honor Pupils



Henry W. Cabe, Jr., at left, is valedictorian of the graduating class of Franklin high school. Miss Otella Bryson, at right, is salutatorian. Young Cabe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, of Franklin. Miss Bryson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Bryson of Cullasaja.



## RICH MICA VEIN IS UNCOVERED

J. F. Cunningham Finds Superior Quality At Old Mine

A mica vein which may prove to be one of the richest yet found in Macon county has been opened by John F. Cunningham on his property in the lota section.

About three months ago Mr. Cunningham renewed previous operations by digging a shaft about 50 feet under an old mica mine that belonged to his grandfather which had not been worked since the late 1860's. Digging 209 feet under the mountainside, he has now penetrated to a depth of nine feet into a solid vein of highest quality sheet mica four feet wide and six feet high. If this vein is a continuation of the old mine, it is possible that it may be 50 feet in depth. Some of the blocks of mica will weigh over 100 pounds, it is estimated.

This property, which is located about half a mile west of the Moody farm, was inherited by Mr. Cunningham from his mother, Sally Campbell Cunningham, daughter of Rev. Cole Campbell, a Methodist minister, whose family emigrated from Virginia, and had their home on the property long before the war.

## New Machine Shop Opened Recently

St. Clair Anderson, who for the past two years has been connected with the Bulgin Machine Shop, has recently rented space and opened a shop in the building occupied by the Franklin Service Station Garage on Palmer street, operated by Roy Carpenter.

This new shop is being equipped to handle all kinds of machine work, wrought iron work and general repairing.

Mr. Anderson has had many years experience in fine machine work. Before coming to Franklin, he had been employed for 22 years by the State Department of Health, as chief machinician at its laboratory in Albany, N. Y.

## As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

### BRITISH BOMB NAZI AIR BASES

LONDON.—Showers of British bombs on five Nazi air bases over a 400-mile radius in Germany, Denmark and Norway blasted the way yesterday for new allied offensive action on the soil of Norway while British infantrymen, fighting off a vigorous German counter-attack, were officially stated to have clung to their rocky positions in the Trondheim area.

### CANADIANS AND FRENCH BATTLE FOR NARVIK

STOCKHOLM.—Stiff fighting was reported yesterday from snowy Rombak heights at Narvik where Canadian troops and French "blue devils" sought to deliver a knock-out blow to 2,000 Germans holding the besieged iron ore port on Norway's Arctic coast.

### NAZIS CLAIM AREA AROUND OSLO

BERLIN.—German authorities reported last night that their troops controlled southern Norway between Oslo and the southwestern

## COURT CLOSES THURSDAY NOON

Judge Alley Presided Over Civil Docket; Many Cases Continued

Macon county civil court, presided over by Judge Alley of Waynesville, adjourned at noon Thursday after continuing a number of the cases on the docket, and several being settled out of court.

Divorces were granted to the following parties:

Myrtle White from Charlie White.  
Margaret Anderson from James Anderson.  
Lyman Moss from Mamie Moss.  
Edith May Reynolds from Glover Reynolds.  
Vernie May Franks from Charlie Franks.  
Mattie Sanders from John Sanders.

In the case of O. E. Lawrence vs. Francis C. Cary and Gladys Mary Cary judgment was granted in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$575.

Judge Alley issued a restraining order on complaint of residents in the vicinity that the sheriff close the place operated on the Highlands road by N. A. Johnson.

## Gibson Caught

By Deputy Sheriff Dills Tuesday Night

Howard Gibson, 20, who escaped from Macon county jail on Tuesday night, April 16, after he had been tried and sentenced to 90 days on the road for larceny of chickens, was captured on Tuesday night about 11 o'clock by John Dills, deputy sheriff of Macon county and Colonel Howard, who deputized to assist in the search.

Mr. Dills said that young Gibson was found at the home of his uncle, Jim Gibson, in the Clark's Chapel community about seven miles from Franklin, and that he was alone when captured, and that he found the outside doors locked and had to force his entrance.

## Lions Club

Take Steps in Establishing Information Bureau

The Lions Club, at its meeting Monday night, took initial steps to promote the tourist trade in Franklin and render service to tourists after their arrival here by establishing an information bureau.

The meeting discussed the organization of a Chamber of Commerce, all Lions agreeing that this agency is urgently needed in Franklin now before the summer season reaches its height. Lion Frank Bloxham was called upon to tell of his experience as secretary of the Highlands' Chamber of Commerce, which he served for several years without remuneration. He stated that he would be glad to do the same for Franklin.

It was pointed out that a Chamber of Commerce is a community undertaking, and that such an organization should assure an equal chance to all business and interests to share in its activities. Incidental to the setting up of the information office, a committee was appointed to solicit funds to get things started, all contributions to be credited to membership dues, if and when the Chamber of Commerce gets going. This committee is W. C. Burrell, Bob Gaines, W. T. Moore.

An important point discussed informally was the problem of parking, suggesting that much good could be done if merchants and other business citizens would park their cars at the back of the store, leaving Main street space for out-of-town cars, as is the usual custom of resort towns. Many have had the experience of driving on to the next town because there was no parking space.

With the object of getting tourists to stop here an information office with telephone, electric lights, a list of places to eat and lodge, with a possible guide service and driver service to be developed, was planned.

The Lions Club urges the cooperation of other organizations in the important work of getting the Chamber of Commerce started.

The following committee was appointed to establish the information bureau: Frank Bloxham, Fred Montony, Joel Tompkins, Jim Averell, Woodrow Reeves.

## WPA PROJECTS DISPLAY WORK

Women's Division To Join In Nation Wide Celebration

At a meeting held at the Agriculture building Wednesday afternoon, plans were made to join in the nation wide celebration of Women's Projects of the Works Progress Administration to be held May 20-25.

Mrs. Verayle Franks, district WPA officer from Asheville, presided and presented the plans for the celebration to the meeting. Mrs. Parks, area library training director, Asheville was also present for the meeting.

Those attending were Mrs. Gilmer Jones, supervisor of the sewing room, who has been appointed county chairman, Mrs. Fred Slagle, representing the board of education, sponsor of the lunch room projects, C. L. Blaine and Lester Arnold, of the county commissioners, sponsor of other women's projects. Mrs. Carl Slagle, member of adult education advisory committee; Mrs. Frank Murray, in charge of the Bookmobile project, and the following supervisors: Mrs. Leona P. Duncan, adult education; Mrs. Shirley Belk, surplus commodities; Miss Ethel Hurst, lunch rooms; Mrs. Carrie Holt, library projects; Horace Hurst, historical research.

Mrs. Franks, in addressing the meeting, announced that the slogan for this nation wide celebration is "This Work Pays Your Community," and the purpose is to show how these projects are enriching the life of the communities.

### "Open House" Big Feature

"Open House" on every project during this week will demonstrate to the public just what each project is doing. All the people of the county are invited to visit the projects on these days and see the women actually at work. This opportunity will be given to interpret the work and accomplishments of the women's WPA projects to the general public.

The projects will hold "Open House" in the Higdon building on Main street, and will have displays and exhibits of work done as well

## HIGHLANDS GETS WATER SYSTEM

WPA Allotment Approved Impounding Dam And Reservoir Included

Congressman Weaver has announced presidential approval of a WPA project allotment to build a water system for Highlands as follows:

To construct and install a water system in Macon county throughout and near the town of Highlands, an allotment of \$34,066 is provided. Included in the project plans is the construction of an impounding dam and storage reservoir. The funds are expected to be adequate to supply necessary fittings for the water lines. Permission already has been secured from the forest service by the town of Highlands for the work on federal property.

## Col. John S. Sewell

Resident Of Highlands Dies In Hospital

News has come to The Press from Highlands of the death of Col. John Stephen Sewell, United States Army Engineer, retired, in Lydia Memorial hospital, Brevard, Saturday evening, April 20. Funeral arrangements had not been made public, but it is understood that interment was to have been at Arlington National Cemetery, with official army honors. Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Jean Menger have proceeded to Washington with the body.

Col. and Mrs. Sewell have been residents in Highlands for a number of years since Col. Sewell's retirement. A distinguished engineer and architect, Col. Sewell designed some of the notable public buildings in the nation's capital.

## Pre-School Clinic

To Be Held By Dr. Sisk April 30

Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer, will conduct a pre-school clinic in the first grade room of the Franklin school next Tuesday, April 30, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Parents are urged to bring their children who will begin school next September. It is the health department's desire to make these examinations as helpful as possible, and those in charge are anxious to have parents accompany the children to discuss the findings.

The purpose of the clinic is to determine the child's fitness to enter school next year. Common defects looked for are tonsils, adenoids, defective sight, hearing and teeth poor, posture and faulty nutrition. These defects when found are referred to the family physician and effort made to have correction made during the summer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey and Mrs. Joyce Cagle, first grade teachers will care for and entertain the visiting children.

## P. F. Callahan Buys Interest In Spindale Press

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Callahan left Wednesday for Spindale where they will make their home. Mr. Callahan has bought an interest in the Spindale Press, a commercial printing company owned and operated by Joe Moore, formerly of Franklin. Mr. Callahan will become a partner in this business which has had a phenomenal growth. The best wishes of their friends follow them in their new home.

## "Lost Ad" Finds "Rin"

Quick response came from Joe Ashear's classified advertisement of his lost dog, Rin, in last week's paper.

Mrs. O. E. Lawrence, a subscriber in Sylva, read the "ad" in The Press and promptly called Mr. Ashear. She had learned from a newsboy that a dog answering this description had been picked up on the street in Sylva.

The dog turned out to be "Rin", then Mr. Ashear went Sylva and got his dog. The boy who received the reward, "Rin", and Mr. Ashear are all glad of the find.

## Clayton Hotel Destroyed By Fire

The Earle House, oldest hotel in Clayton, which had been operated about 40 years by the late J. F. Earle and Mrs. Earle, burned last week. The hotel, on main street, had 35 rooms.