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COMMENCEMENT AT HIGHLANDS

Exercises Begin Sunday, May 5th, and End Wednesday

Commencement exercises at Highlands school will begin Sunday morning, May 5, with the baccalaureate sermon at 11 o'clock by the Rev. J. S. Higgins pastor of the Methodist church.

The seventh grade graduating exercises will take place Monday afternoon, May 6, beginning at 2 o'clock. This grade is taught by Mrs. Annie W. Pierson and there are 24 pupils in the class. The program will consist entirely of original work and the people of the community who attend will have a chance to see what the boys and girls are really capable of doing. The play, "Which Will You Choose", was written by Nancy Potts, and stresses the need for further education. The class motto is "Be Square". The class song, "We Will Be Square", written by Awa Nix and Wenona Vinson, will be sung to the tune of America. Lolita Holt has written the class prophecy, "Our Talents." The devotional for the seventh grade exercises will be conducted by the Rev. R. B. DuPree and certificates will be presented by Prof. O. F. Summer.

Interspersed between acts and scenes of the play the seventh grade glee club will entertain the audience with their work.

Reading contests and high school senior class day exercises, in the form of a short play, will be given Monday evening at 8 o'clock. On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the seniors will present a play, "Bashful Bobby". The title in itself is a promise of an entertainment and enjoyable evening. Elmer McDowell in the leading role is supported by Garnell Miller, Charles McDowell, Herman Norton, Lucy Dryman, Margie Waller, Mozelle Bryson, Virginia Mae Edwards, Louise Speed, June Thompson, Eugene Paul and Ala Penland.

Charles K. Robinson, editor of the Asheville Times, will deliver the literary address at the final graduating exercises Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and Prof. Summer will award the diplomas.

Lunch Rooms

Hold Open House As Part Of Celebration

In connection with the Nation Wide Celebration of Women's WPA Projects the Macon county lunch rooms held open house during the last week. This was necessary because the school lunch rooms were closing with the end of these schools and they would all be closed by May 15. Approximately 400 visitors have been registered at the various lunch rooms in the county. It is expected that fully this many will be registered between now and May 15.

Plans for the Open House feature on the other Women's Projects demonstrating "This Work Pays Your Community", are progressing and further announcements as to these plans will be made in The Press.

WPA Allotment For Nantahala Forest

A WPA allotment recently approved by President Roosevelt provided an amount of \$29,084 for forest roads and work on recreational areas in the Nantahala forest.

The Franklin headquarters of the Nantahala National forest states that this allotment includes provision for the work of black-topping the Cliffside Recreational area road and the road to the Wayah depot.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS' RALLY

At a meeting in Asheville last Saturday night 400 Young Democrats of the 11th district cheered three candidates for governor, Broughton, Horton and Gravelly, when they pledged themselves in favor of reappointment. The three candidates for Congress were also present, Congressman Weaver, Judge Cathey and Mr. Donnahoe.

to accompany the President when he comes to dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on June 11.

Read The Franklin Press ads.

Community House For Nantahala Township

Efforts of the people of Nantahala township and the teachers of Otter Creek school to obtain a community house are about to be realized. At a meeting 18 months ago Mrs. Margaret Orday, county supervisor of the National Youth Administration, pledged support of the project if a lot could be obtained. At the solicitation of the Otter Creek PTA, Dr. May of Hayesville donated a lot adjoining the school grounds. This has been deeded to the Macon county board of education.

At the NYA office in Raleigh a blue print has been made from the sketch submitted by the PTA. The building will be 40 x 84, with an assembly hall 40 x 74 and the remaining space made into three rooms each 10 x 13, to serve as cloak-room, kitchen and library.

All the lumber will come from a structure still standing on the site of the former CCC camp at Horse Cove. The roofing will be hand hewn shingles made by the NYA boys. A. L. Wilson of Otter Creek will be in charge and work will start on May 1. All supervisory and labor costs are borne by the National Youth Administration.

Judge Cathey

Candidate For Congress In Town Monday

Judge Sam M. Cathey of Asheville, Democratic candidate for Congress for the eleventh district, was in town last Monday morning, and spoke to a number of citizens while here. Judge Cathey stated that he is much pleased with the support his candidacy is receiving in Macon county and elsewhere, and that he is optimistic as to the outcome. According to his campaign statement, Judge Cathey believes that "our need is for a program... that calls for united, cooperative efforts in building a well balanced economy of abundance for all."

County Agencies Move Headquarters

The Macon County Welfare Department and the County Health Department have moved from the Higdon house where they have occupied offices since 1935. The new headquarters is in the Ashear Building on the second floor.

The welfare department hours for the present are from 8:30 to 4:30 with office days on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, with Wednesday and Thursday as field days.

The WPA sewing room has moved to the second floor of the Leach building over the Tavern.

The surplus commodity corporation, which works in cooperation with the welfare department, has moved into the basement of the McCoy building with entrance in the alley.

The Macon county health offices have moved from the Higdon building to the second floor of the Ashear building on Main street. Mrs. Gaines announces that office hours, until further notice will be on Tuesday afternoon, 1 to 3 o'clock and Saturday mornings, 8:30 to 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Hedden, Mother Of Ten, Dies In Hospital

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosetta Hedden, 44, were held at her home in the Walnut Creek community, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Frank Holland officiated and interment was in the Stiwinter cemetery near her home.

Mrs. Hedden died in Angel hospital at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning following a three-weeks' illness.

Before her marriage to William Hedden, she was Miss Rosetta Leopard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Leopard, of Jackson county. She was a member of the Walnut Creek Baptist church.

Pallbearers were Stanley Tilson, Ben Hedden, Ranson Leopard, Gus Hedden, Leman Fox and William Berry.

Surviving are her husband; 10 children; Delmer, Elmer, Everett, Arley, Warren, Ernest, Furman, Lewis, Dewey and Irene, all of Macon county; her mother, Mrs. Josephine Leopard; five brothers, Bennie, Lee, Ranson, Alfred and Lambert Leopard; and two sisters, Mrs. Parker Childers, and Mrs. John Rogers of Sylva.

INFORMATION BOOTH BUILT

In two days the information booth being built on the Dowdle lot on Main street has been almost completed.

Franklin Wins

Thrilling 3 to 2 Victory Over Walhalla

A looping double down the right field foul line by Pitcher "Dub" Nichols drove in Phil McCollum with the winning run in the last half of the ninth inning of Franklin's thrilling 3 to 2 victory over Walhalla Sunday afternoon. Nichols' scoring hit came as a climax to one of the finest games ever played on the local field and was a fitting finish to a great game which was featured by two tremendous throws from deep left field by "Fig" Newton, Franklin fielder, which cut off two Walhalla counters at the plate.

Franklin broke the ice in the first of the 6th inning when Archer got on and advanced on a sacrifice. He then came home on "Old Hoss" Duvall's Texas Leaguer back of second base. Walhalla came right back in their half of the inning to draw ahead on a single, an error and Rackley's ground rule double over the short left field fence. Franklin again tied up the score in the 7th when McCollum came riding home on Duncan's ground rule double over the same left field wall. Then came Newton's sensational throws in the first half of the 8th and 9th innings when Walhalla base runners failed to realize the potency of his arm. Both times found men on second and third and attempts were made to score from third after catches in deep left. On both occasions the runners were caught at the plate on deadly accurate throws.

To open Franklin's half of the 9th Sutton beat out a slow infield roller. The fleet McCollum was sent in to run for him. Then came Nichols' pay-off blow to right and the game was over.

Next Sunday afternoon Franklin meets the Asheville All Stars in a double bill at the Franklin high school field. Playing with the Asheville team will be "Chuck" Russell and Leo Manley, former Franklin stars. In view of the excellent ball being played by the local club a large crowd is expected.

Team Standing		
Won	Lost	Pct.
3	0	1.000
Leading Batters		
At Bat	Hits	Pct.
Archer ... 15	7	.466
Newton ... 9	4	.444
Higdon ... 11	4	.382
Duncan ... 16	6	.375
Pitching Standings		
Won	Lost	Pct.
Nichols ... 2	0	1.000
Higdon ... 1	0	1.000

As The World Turns

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

WAR NOTES

ALLIES WITHDRAW ARMIES AND FLEET FROM SOUTH NORWAY

Prime Minister Chamberlain today told the House of Commons that the Allied troops had been withdrawn from southern Norway and that the British and French battle fleets were in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean on their way to Alexandria, Egypt. He stated that the German superior air force had made it impossible to land necessary equipment and troops.

London—The Allies have admitted serious reverses, with withdrawal before strong attacks in the Dombas area, but, on the other hand, report assaults by the Royal Air force bombers on three German airports in Norway and Denmark, inflicting "heavy losses"; following up these raids with a daylight attack on Stavanger. The British people anxiously awaited Chamberlain's speech on the war situation, as a government crisis threatened. Neutral military sources in London yesterday called the allied situation "grave but far from hopeless."

Rome—Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Ciano assured the U. S. and Great Britain yesterday that Italy had no intention "at the present moment" of entering the war.

Paris—French observers are keeping a wary eye on Italy in the light of what they called false German reports of victories in Norway with the purpose of influencing Mussolini to declare himself on Germany's side.

159 PROMOTED TO HIGH SCHOOL

List Of Those Passing 7th Grade Examination On April 13

As a result of the seventh grade tests given in Franklin on April 13, 159 pupils passed and were promoted to high school.

Following will be found a list of those who passed at the examination held in Franklin. This does not include Highlands and Otter Creek, which have not been received:

Franklin

Louise Carpenter, Pearl Huscusson, Rosa Lee Whittington, Harold Carelock, J. S. Cunningham, Paul Huscusson, Bob Jacobs, Frank Murray, Billy Norris, Gordon Porter, Hilton Wallace, Bobby Williams, John Keener, Bobby Thompson, James Boston, Charles Cabe, Gus Leach, Jerry Ledford, Max Roper, Beveridge Sanders, Kate Bowers, Beulah Brooks, Louise Corbin, Inez Crawford, Mary Elizabeth Dobson, Ida Mae Dowdle, Gladys Hannah, Velma Holland, Christine Jenkins, Lillian Jones, Esther Potts, Wilma Russell, Fannie Mae Setser, Phoebe Stanfield, Elizabeth Wasilik, Ethel Zachary, Jessie Ruth Stewart, D. C. Rogers, Clyde Drake, Charles Jacobs, Lemuel Hall.

Allison-Watts

Glenn Beck.

Higdonville

Madge Frady, Mildred Early, Grace Higdon, Christina Crisp, Fredalee Mincy, Earl Teem, Marvin McDowell.

Buck Creek

Ethel Rogers.

Mountain Grove

Paul Taylor.

Holly Springs

Kathaleen Cabe, Mae Deal, Clarence Corbin, Bill Gregory.

Watauga

Eula Cloer, Maxine Brendle.

Oak Grove

Lewis Crunkleton, Dixie Morrison, Charles Browning, Helen Ramsey, Stella Mason, Kinion Welch, Verden Duvall, Esco Gibson.

Union

Ila Mae Gray, George McPherson, Mozell Ledford, Louise Stamey, Anna Jean Penland, Rachel Donaldson.

Slagle

Myra Slagle, Emma Lou Hurst, Nina Rae Waldrup, Edith Williamson, Dorothy Martin, Lucile Setser, Fred Slagle, "Bud" Kenny, Bill Lenoir, Wendell Brookshire. (Continued on Page Eight)

Franklin Business Men Plan Chamber Of Commerce

Boy Scouts

Camporee At Lumpkin Camp This Week-End

The Spring Boy Scout patrol camporee will be held at the Lumpkin Scout Camp on Wayah road, beginning Saturday May 4 at 10 a. m. and closing Sunday, May 5, at 4 p. m.

This camporee includes the scouts of Swain, Jackson and Macon counties. The district court of honor will be held at the camp on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Floyd New of Asheville, assistant scout executive, in charge. All parents and friends are urged to be present at the court of honor and to see the boys break camp.

The scouts will be in full charge, doing their own tent pitching, cooking and other activities. They will be judged for neatness, ability and activity. It is hoped that this opportunity will be taken by citizens interested in the Boy Scouts to be present and see the patrols in action.

Earle Donnahoe

Will Speak In Franklin Saturday, May 4

Earle Donnahoe, of Asheville, candidate for Congress in the 11th district, will be in Franklin on Saturday, May 4, and will speak at 2 p. m. in front of the courthouse. Mr. Donnahoe announces that he will discuss his platform of common sense in government, including the new Townsend old age pension plan.

Mr. Donnahoe will also speak over both radio stations in Asheville Friday morning, May 3, at 11:15 o'clock, at which time he will present his platform to the voters of the 11th district.

JAYCEES VISIT HERE FRIDAY

Good Will Tour Made To Towns West Of Asheville

The Asheville Junion Chamber of Commerce good will motorcade stopped in Franklin last Saturday after dining at Highlands. They were greeted by Mayor Frank Ray, who suggested they make the trip to Wayah Bald. On account of the lateness of the hour, regret was expressed by the visitors that they would have to postpone this pleasure until a later time.

The visit to Franklin was part of a tour made by the Jaycees to towns west of Asheville to create good will and promote closer relationships between Asheville and the other communities throughout the recreational area.

Register For The Primary

All voters in the different precincts in Macon county are again reminded that a new registration is required this year and that registration books will be open on Saturday, April 27 at 9 a. m. and closed on Saturday, May 11 at sunset.

It will be necessary for all voters to register during this period to entitle them to vote in the coming primary on May 25, 1940, according to notice given by R. S. Jones, chairman of Macon county Board of Elections.

Forest Service Buying Additional Land

Information has just been received from the Franklin office of the Nantahala National Forest that limited funds are again available for the purchase of lands for National Forest purposes. Timbered tracts, cut-over lands, and worn out mountain farms are being examined by the Forest Service when offered by the owners. These lands upon purchase are included in the Nantahala National Forest which is being maintained for timber protection, watershed protection, recreation, and wildlife protection. Any inquiries concerning the sale of such lands should be directed to the Forest Supervisor, Franklin.

Have you been counted in the census yet? If you live in Franklin and the census enumerator has missed you in Uncle Sam's 1940 roll call, notify officials at the city hall.

Meeting Next Tuesday Night; Information Booth Started

A group of Franklin business men met Monday night in the office of Burrell's garage to discuss the organization of a Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

The interest and enthusiasm shown at this meeting has promoted the calling of a general meeting in the courthouse next Tuesday evening, May 7, at 2 o'clock to which all citizens are invited. A chairman and speaker for the evening are being selected. All organizations are urged to have representatives at the meeting.

If sufficient interest in a Chamber of Commerce is shown at this meeting, a membership committee will be appointed to solicit memberships and plans will go forward at once to get an active, live chamber working. The policy will be to keep the price of membership low so that every business or individual in town can afford to invest in a Chamber of Commerce membership. Also a nominating committee will be appointed at this meeting and an election of officers held.

Because the tourist season has already started, it was decided to proceed with the construction of a small but attractive white building to serve as an information booth. Jim Perry offered to find the lot on which to put the building. It will be located on Mark Dowdle's lot between the old bank building and the Kelly Gift Shop. Fred Montony, W. C. Burrell and Woodrow Reeves offered to underwrite the construction and build it. Already this is a visible step and one that the town greatly needs.

The Chamber of Commerce will find plenty of support, if present indications continue. The Asheville Harness company has offered to paint a canvass "Information" sign for display over main street. Mrs. Orday of the NYA has offered to select several of her most competent NYA youths to manage the booth from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. The Western Carolina Telephone company has offered to make arrangements for a telephone.

Dr. Rogers Calls County Democratic Convention

Dr. W. A. Rogers, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Macon county has called meetings of Democrats in each precinct to elect their chairman and other township officers. The time for these meetings is set for Saturday May 4, at 2 p. m.

These representatives are called to meet on the following Saturday, May 11, at 2 p. m. to hold the county Democratic convention. At this meeting a county chairman of the Democratic executive committee will be elected.

Nichols Named Assistant Supervisor of Pisgah

The following item from the Asheville Citizen will be of interest to friends of Mr. Nichols who was formerly connected with the Nantahala National Forest:

Homer P. Nichols has been named executive assistant supervisor of the Pisgah national forest, H. B. Bosworth, supervisor, announced yesterday Mr. Nichols arrived in Asheville to assume his duties.

The new executive assistant succeeds J. W. Werner, who was transferred last month to the Ouachita national forest in Arkansas. Mr. Werner came to the Pisgah forest from the Nantahala national forest.

Mr. Nichols, until his transfer here, was executive assistant supervisor of the Mississippi national forest, with headquarters in Jackson, Miss.

Pre-School Clinic Examines 45

At the pre-school clinic held Tuesday under the auspices of the county health department, 45 children were examined. Miss Margaret Squires, district supervisor, spent three days in Macon county assisting Mrs. Robert R. Gaines, county nurse. Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer, directed the clinic.

FIRST LADY SPEAKS IN ASHEVILLE

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt delighted a large audience in the Asheville auditorium last Friday evening. She spoke for more intelligent education of youth and more knowledge of government, county, state and national. Mrs. Roosevelt stated that she expected