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NCEA PROGRAM IS EXPLAINED

Officials Of Association Speaker At Leadership Meeting Here

The program of the North Carolina Education Association was explained by two officials of the association at a leadership conference at the Agricultural building Monday night. About 20 persons, including leaders of the local NCEA unit and guests, were present.

The speakers were Miss Rosalie Andrews, field secretary of the association, and Miss Mozelle Causey, president of the Classroom Teachers Association, a branch of the NCEA.

A general discussion was held in connection with the talks.

Among the points brought out about the school situation in North Carolina and the association's program were the following:

Of the 25,000 teachers normally employed in North Carolina's public schools, 1,558 were sub-standard when school opened last fall. At that time, there were 439 vacancies.

The proposed increase in teacher's salaries is 20 per cent of the base salary, plus the \$13.33 bonus teachers now are receiving. There also will be an eleventh year increment—an increase for the eleventh year a teacher remains in the profession. Increases now stop with the tenth year.

The present teacher retirement now averages \$25 per month.

The NCEA originally asked for a 25 per cent salary increase, but was told by the finance committee of the State Board of Education that 20 per cent is the maximum that can be obtained.

The request, as it now stands, is for a minimum of 20 per cent, with a proviso that proportionate additional increases will be sought if the cost of living continues to rise.

Guests included Herbert A. McGlamery, this county's representative elect, who pledged support of the program, and George W. Bristol, president of the Clay County unit.

It was announced that both the Macon and Clay units have unanimously endorsed the state association's program.

Massee To Speak At Meet Of Wild Life Club Here

T. M. Massee, president of the Wild Life club of Jackson county, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Macon County Wild Life club at the courthouse here Thursday night, December 19, at 8 o'clock. It has been announced by W. J. Blaine, president of the Macon club.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Macon county has now within its bounds a larger number of officers than ever before in its history.

"Sing a song of politics, Women at the polls; Don't know who to vote for Bless their dear old souls! But they think the ballot Awful cute and sweet, So they vote for every man Named upon the sheet."

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Tom Johnston and Mrs. W. B. McGuire entertained the Woman's Club beautifully at the home of Mrs. Johnston's Thanksgiving week.

The students of the Iotia High school are giving a play, "Phyllis the Beggar Mail," on the night of Friday, the 16th, at the school building. Admission 10c. The proceeds to go for a new boys' basket ball.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Marie Elders and Fred Blaine were quietly married in Clayton, Ga., on Thursday, December 3, in the ordinary's office, in the presence of a few invited friends.

The annual Christmas party of the Franklin Garden club will be held Monday afternoon, December 14, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Rogers with Mrs. R. G. Beshears as assistant hostess.

Macon Woman Is Secretary To The Secretary Of State

Everybody knows that a large number of young men have left Macon County and made good elsewhere—in politics, in business, and in the professions.

But there probably are few persons here who know the success story of a woman who was born in the Shoal Creek community, and reared in this county.

She is Miss Cassie Connor, and her job is that of being the secretary to the Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes. In a recent issue of This Week magazine she was pictured with Mr. Byrnes, and the magazine described her as one of "the women who run the men who run the United States."

Miss Connor became Mr. Byrnes' secretary back in the days when he lived in Spartanburg, S. C. She served as his secretary while he was a representative in congress, then a U. S. senator, and finally Secretary of State. Her job takes her wherever the Secretary of State's duties take him, and she went with him to last fall's Paris Peace conference.

The daughter of the late Ed Connor and Mrs. Flora Guffey Connor, she is a niece of H. Lee Guffey and cousin of Fanny Rogers and Charlie Rogers, and often has visited them here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers prize a long letter she received from Miss Connor when the latter was in Paris.

In the letter, she told of a trip to Stuttgart:

"Mr. Byrnes and his party, which consisted of Secretary and Mrs. Byrnes, the two senators and their wives, Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick and her husband, Mr. Cohen, Matthews, Colonel Bonesteel, Albert Vermont, and I left Thursday morning for Berlin, where the party had lunch with General and Mrs. Clay. After lunch, the women in the party went to

the barter market and the men went for a drive around Berlin." Next, they "drove to a place near Pottsdam, where we boarded Hitler's special train which he had used to 'commute' between Berlin and Berchtesgaden."

"Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes used Hitler's and Eva's suite, which was connected by a lavender bath... We stopped at Frankfurt about 7 a. m. and General and Mrs. McNary and General and Mrs. White joined us and went on to Stuttgart."

Describing a meeting at Stuttgart, Miss Connor wrote: "It was a very moving sight, there in the middle of Germany, to hear the program of American song, including the Star Spangled Banner. It was something you could never forget."

The highlight of the remainder of the trip "was Berchtesgaden and the Eagle's Nest. Hitler's house is not in the town of Berchtesgaden but is about a mile up the mountain on the site where he lived in the early twenties when he was poor. They call the place 'Berghof' (which means Mountain House). Goering, Borman, and Hitler all had houses here and, of course, the SS troops were stationed here for protection. All buildings have been practically destroyed. Most of the damage was done by our bombs but the SS troops attempted to blow up the remains."

"We then drove several miles up the mountain to the Eagle's Nest, which is the retreat given to Hitler as a birthday present by Borman." The road to the retreat "cost \$6,000,000 and it took Italian slave labor two years to build it. Little is left of the 'Nest'—just the shell of the house on the top of the mountain, but there is a wonderful view of the city of Salzburg."

'CORNZAPOPPIN' PERFORMANCES NET PTA \$209

Local Talent Cast Wins Applause Of Two Big Audiences

The "Cornzapoppin" show presented last Friday and Saturday nights at the courthouse, netted the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, which sponsored it, \$209, after all expenses had been paid. The proceeds came from advertising and the baby show, held Saturday night, as well as from the ticket sales.

The event was held to raise money to provide lockers at the school here.

An audience that almost filled the courthouse saw Friday night's performance, and on Saturday night the crowd was even larger.

While Mrs. Allen Siler, who had the leading role as Elvira Judkins, was generally credited with being the star performer, the acting of every member of the cast won applause from the audiences. Those appearing in the show were Mrs. Siler, Clayton Ramsey, Ann Lyle, Ruth Angel, Bill Sloan, Mrs. Henry West, Mrs. Neal Johnston, Jane Setser, Mrs. J. L. Palmer, and R. E. McKelvey.

The singing and dancing of the 22 high school girls, accompanied at the piano by Juanita Allen, who made up the choruses also pleased the audiences.

The first evening's performance was interrupted when the lights went off and the house remained in darkness for some time, but Frank I. Murry, Jr., kept the audience amused with his wisecracking. He also appeared between acts.

In the baby show popularity contest, Martha Angel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Angel, won first prize among the girls, while the boys' first prize went to Douglas Downs, son of Mrs. LeRoy Downs.

The second prizes went to Betty Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bulgin, and Landy Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pendergrass.

Members of the committee in charge of the production—Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, Mrs. R. S. Jones, and Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr.—this week voiced their appreciation for the general cooperation they received. They particularly expressed thanks to members of the cast and the choruses and their gratitude to the merchants for their generous financial support.

"Cornzapoppin" was directed by Miss Doris Hall, who came here for that purpose.

Still Taken, Warrants For Two Issued

Local officers captured a 60-gallon copper still in the Coweta section late Tuesday, and later warrants were issued for Sam Cunningham and Charlie Curtis, who were said to have been present at the time of the raid, escaping just as the officers arrived.

A run had been started that afternoon, the officers said, and two cases of whiskey had been poured up into half-gallon cans. In addition, some 800 gallons of beer was poured out.

The outfit was described as very complete, with the furnace bricked in a mason-like fashion. Nearby was half a truckload of split hickory wood for fuel.

The raid was made by Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., Sheriff J. P. Bradley, and Deputies Walter Dean and H. H. Mashburn.

Sugar Applicants Hereafter To Send Papers To Raleigh

In future, persons desiring to apply for sugar must file their applications direct to the OPA in Raleigh.

The local draft board, which has been receiving the applications, has been notified that, hereafter, all applications should be mailed by the applicants to the District OPA Office, P. O. Box 2718, Raleigh, N. C.

Schools To Close Last Of Next Week For Year Holidays

Macon County's school children will forget books and classes for nine days, beginning Friday, of next week.

The schools will close at the end of the days work December 20 for the Christmas holidays. That date will mark the end of the school months in most of the schools.

Classes will be resumed after Christmas on Monday-morning, December 30.

Seek \$5,125 For College Scholarship

The Young Men's class of the Franklin Methodist Sunday school, under the leadership of W. W. Sloan, class president, has assumed responsibility for obtaining cash donations and pledges totaling \$5,125 to provide scholarships for Macon County students attending Brevard college.

Of the total, \$125 in cash is to be used for a scholarship for the next college year.

The \$5,000 is to be turned over to the trustees of Brevard college for investment. The scholarship, derived from interest on this sum, is to be \$125 per year, to go to a worthy Macon County student to help defray the expense of his or her freshman year.

The students to receive the scholarship will be chosen by a committee made up of the chairman of the board of stewards of the Franklin Methodist church, a representative of Brevard college, a member of the board of stewards chosen by that board, the county superintendent of public instruction, and the pastor of the Franklin church. First preference will be given a student who is a member of the church, second preference to a student who is a member of any Methodist church in the county, and third preference to any Macon County student.

Provision is made that any interest received on the \$5,000 principal, over and above the \$125 scholarship, to be added to the principal until the principal amounts to \$10,000, when two yearly scholarships will be granted.

It also is provided that should Brevard College cease to operate as a Methodist college, the \$5,000 is to revert to the Franklin church.

Plan Forest Fire Survey Of Region

Macon is one of 15 counties in which a survey is being made to determine the requirements for adequate forest fire control.

F. H. Ledbetter, of Buncombe County, former Farm Security Administration forester, has been appointed to conduct the survey, which will require from four to six months to complete.

It is being made by the North Carolina Forest Service, and is the first survey of its kind done on a sectional basis. It was made possible by a cooperative agreement between the Tennessee Valley Authority and the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, of which the state forest service is a part.

All the counties to be surveyed fall in the Tennessee valley.

Counties in the survey area, in addition to Macon, are Buncombe, Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Madison, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Cherokee, and Clay.

Christmas Party Of Eastern Star Set For Dec. 19

The Nequassa chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold its Christmas party Thursday night, December 19, at 8:30 o'clock in the Masonic hall. All members of Junaluske Masonic lodge are invited.

3 ATLANTA FIRE VICTIMS KNOWN TO MANY HERE

Bus Drivers Made Runs Via Franklin And Highlands

Three of the 121 persons who lost their lives in last Saturday morning's disastrous Wine-coff hotel fire in Atlanta were well known in Macon County.

They were drivers for the Smoky Mountain stages, and many persons here had ridden on the buses they drove between Asheville and Atlanta.

Henry W. Sorrels, of Asheville, Route 3, drove the bus that left Asheville at 3:30 p. m. and came through Franklin at 6:30 en route to Atlanta, and came back through Franklin the following day at 7:10.

William Edgar (Bill) Bryson, formerly of Cullowhee but who had just bought a home in West Asheville, drove the bus that left Asheville at 11:15 a. m. and reached Franklin at 2:25 on its way to Atlanta, coming back through Franklin the following day at 1:30.

Cleve D. Sisk, of Asheville, usually drove the bus that went through Highlands, but, through an exchange with the other drivers or as a relief man, often had made the trip via Franklin.

W. J. Blaine, former Smoky Mountain stages employe and close friend of all three men, said that a movement already has been started at Cullowhee to build a home there for Mr. Bryson's widow and two children. His mother, Mrs. Carrie Bryson, is dietician at Western Carolina Teachers college.

The three drivers, having completed their trips to Atlanta, were spending the night in hotel rooms leased by the bus company.

Nolan Russell, lineman for the Nantahala Power and Light company here, and John M. McFalls, also a Nantahala employe, both of Andrews, occupied Room 326, just outside which the fire was believed to have started.

They said they registered in the hotel at 12:15 Saturday morning, went out for something to eat, and went to bed about 2 o'clock. They smelled no smoke then, they said. Later, they were awakened by the fire, and soon a fireman placed a ladder at their window. They climbed down in their underwear, carrying their trousseau.

McGlamery

Invited To Legislators' Meet With WNCAC

Herbert A. McGlamery, representative-elect from Macon County, has been invited to a meeting of legislators of this region with the executive committee of Western North Carolina Associated Communities at the Battery Park hotel, Asheville Monday night.

The meeting has been called, it was explained, for a discussion of matters relating to the general development of this end of the state.

Senators and Representatives from Asheville have been invited.

Seek Addresses Of All Former AAF Personnel

GREENVILLE, S. C.—With a good response already noted in "Operation Roger", AAF project to obtain the latest addresses of 2,500,000 former army air forces personnel, ninth air force officials this week urged all veterans of the AAF, desiring to keep up with the post-war air force, to cooperate in the project by giving their latest mailing addresses.

For convenience to the AAF veteran, 15,000,000 post cards have been distributed throughout the United States through the cooperation of the civil air patrol and the Boy Scouts of America.

The cards are distributed to colleges, high schools, theaters, stores and other places where former AAF men and women can obtain them conveniently.

In the number of doctors per 100,000 population, North Carolina ranks forty-fifth in the nation. Only states having fewer doctors are Alabama, South Carolina, and Mississippi.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	62	18	...
Friday	64	20	...
Saturday	63	23	...
Sunday	67	22	...
Monday	70	22	...
Tuesday	60	27	...
Wednesday	69	42	...

Temperature

Stood At 11 Degrees Year Ago Today

The high temperatures of this week, and particularly of Wednesday and Thursday, were in sharp contrast with the weather a year ago.

A year ago today, December 11, this county had the second coldest day of the winter, records of Guy L. Houk, local weather observer, show. The low temperature on that day was 11 degrees above zero. And the thermometer never once during the day climbed as far up into the forties as today's low reading.

Another contrast occurred during the seven-day period ended today. The past week saw the coldest morning this season—18 degrees last Thursday—and also high readings of 67, 69, and 70.

November, to date, has had no rain.

The rainfall so far for 1946 totals 52.51 inches, Mr. Houk said.

Panthers

Win 4 Games, Lose 4, And Tie 2

The Franklin Red Panthers completed the season with four wins, two ties, and four defeats, Coach William Crawford announced.

The Thanksgiving day game here, when Franklin defeated Clarksville 48 to 0, completed the season's schedule.

Jack D. Cabe Completes Training For Patrolman

Jack D. Cabe, of Franklin, is one of the 41 young men to complete the training course at the University of North Carolina for commission in the State Highway Patrol, and was presented a certificate of award that entitles him to his commission December 16 from Gov. R. Gregg Cherry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cabe and husband of Mrs. Joann Bryson Cabe, all of Franklin.

Death Claims Mrs. Ledford At Age Of 90

Mrs. Annie Olivia Ledford, 90, died at her home in the Coweta community Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following a serious illness of two weeks.

Born Nov. 7, 1856, Mrs. Ledford, the former Miss Annie Olivia Allen, had lived through four wars—the Civil, Spanish American, and two World wars. She had seen the railroad come to Macon County, and had witnessed the succession of the saddlebag era by the horse and buggy days, and the latter period by the automobile and good roads.

She had been a life-long resident of this county and was a member of the Asbury Methodist church. She was married to Bill Ledford, of this county, who survives.

Funeral services were held at the Asbury Methodist church at Otto, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers: Tom and Bill Shope, Nelson and Russell Cabe, George A. Ledford and Alec Wooten.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three children, Charlie Ledford, of Otto, Mrs. Martha Shope, of Coweta, and Mrs. Mary Cabe, of the Otto community; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

P. T. A. To Have Yuletide Program At Meet Mnday

A Christmas program has been arranged for Monday night's monthly meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association. The program is set to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The business will be kept to a minimum, to give time for the pageants, carols and other Christmas music, and readings by members of the Mrs. R. S. Jones' expression class.

Following the program, a social hour will be held, when refreshments will be served.

Only 31 per cent of North Carolina doctors live in rural areas, but 73 per cent of the state's population is rural.