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am not here to commit myself." At this point the group was told by Mr. Jones that he has a letter from the state superin-tendents office saying that the present salary is \$4,200 a year.

Further discussion brought out the fact that the superintendent also is furnished an office and a secretary, and that he has an allowance for traveling expenses. It was agreed that this re-

muneration is sufficient to enable a man to devote his full time to the work, and on mo-tion of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cook, the group went on system, the new board will be record as recommending that made up of three members from the office be made a full-time one section of the county and position.

Mr. Sloan announced that, if appointed by the general as-sembly, he will vote to make the superintendent's office a fulltime job.

How Superintendent Is Named The procedure by which a cunty superintendent is electcounty ed then came up. It was brought out that, under the law, members of the county board of education are nominated in the Democratic primary in the spring prior to the biennial meeting of the general assem-bly; that the law provides no penalty to prevent the county's representative from submitting to the general assembly an entirely different list of men, if he chooses, when that body gets around to appointing school boards, early the following spring; that it is even possible for the general assembly to ignore the recommendations both of the voters in the primignore ary and of the representative; and, finally, that members of the board are not officially appointed by the general assembly until sometime in March-less than a month before the first Monday in April, the time fixed for the new board to meet, and the time at which it ordinarily elects a county superintendent for a two-year term. (The superintendent's term expires June

30 of each odd year.) Chairman Moore, citing this situation, remarked that he will not know until the general assembly acts whether he will be a member of the board or not. To this, Mr. Angel inquired:

"But we have a board until the new board is appointed? And the present board can act until the new board takes office? And you are on the pres-

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of Mr. Moore, Mr. Browning, Ed Byrd, C. J. Anderson, and John Cabe. They will serve un-til members of the new board appointed and qualify. In are last spring's Democratic prim-Mr. Moore, Mr. Browning, ary Mr. Byrd were renominatand ed, and Mr. Sloan and Mr. Gib-son, were nominated as new members. Shortly before the general assembly opened, Rep. McGlamery announced that he would appoint the five nominated

System Awkward

Citizens attending the conference were emphatic in expressing the view that this system is both awkward and un-democratic; furthermore, it was pointed out that, under this one section of the county and two from Franklin, while the other sections will be unrepresented. While there was agreement that election of board members, by townships, would be a vast improvement, it was recognized that the system is something about which nothing can be done locally-it is set up

by state law As a result of the system, however, the new board will have little time, after its official appointment by the general assembly, in which to consider whom it will elect as superintendent

In view of that fact, the group went on record as urging the board members-even they have to act unofficially-to learn from the present superintendent his plans, so that information can be obtained in advance about other available men.

Men Available

Finding another man, the board chairman remarked, is the problem, and he indicated that he felt it is an almost

hopeless one. Mr. Sloan, however, comment-ed that he had interested himself in the situation, and has learned of at least three men, all recommended by the state department, who might be avail-able. He added that he knows that at least two of the three would be interested in the posi-tion, if it becomes open. If the board is interested, he said, he

will submit the names After frequent reference had been made, during this discussion, to reports that the present superintendent plans to retire from the position, Mr. Moore expressed surprise at the re-ports, stating that he knew nothing about them.

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were a member of the board. he would want to hold frequent meetings, so as to keep informed on the school business, and that he would want the public to know what the board was doing, and would want to know what the public wanted the board to do. He added that he was sure members of the board feel the same way.

Meeting Dates

At this point, the board members were asked how often the board is required to meet. Chairman Moore replied that board is the law provides for meetings the first Monday in April, July, October, and January. Mr. Sloan interposed the information that while the law requires meetings on those dates, it authorizes meetings (with pay) monthly, or even more frequently, in the discretion of the board

"When did the Macon County board last meet?" was the next question "In October", Mr. Moore replied.

And that was five months ago,

someone commented. It was at this point that the motion was made and carried that the board be asked to hold regular meetings, at stated times and at a stated place, not less than eight times a year; and that the meetings be public.

Asks For Suggestions

The chairman next asked for suggestions as to ways in which local schools are deficient, the and how they can be improved. It was pointed out that many counties have courses in public school music, in public speaking, and vocational home economics -a course for girls similar to the vocational agriculture now offered boys at the Franklin High school; and have super-visors to improve the methods of teachers, Motions were made and carried recommending each of these projects to the board. Mr. Sloan, however, called at-tention to the fact that these things cost money; that the

rate. Would those present favor raising the taxes? he asked. Every hand was raised in assent

In the discussion of this topic, two points were made:

It was brought out that the Highlands high school has no vocational courses of any kind, no public school music, and no organized athletics.

And the Rev. C. E. Parker told how a family-a million-aire family, and highly desirable citizens otherwise-seeking ent board?" Turning to another topic, Mr. a home in the mountains, re-The present board is made up Morgan suggested that, if he cently selected Franklin. After

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina up to and not later than 2:00 p. m. April 7, 1947 and opened immediately thereafter for all live timber

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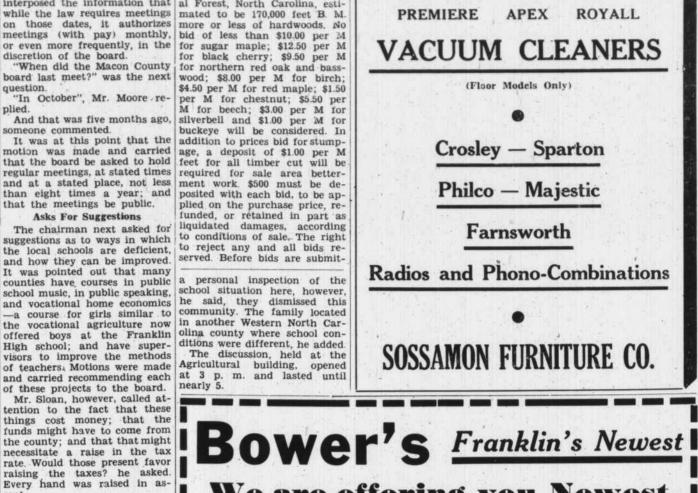
JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB TO HOLD MEETING SATURDAY

The Franklin Junior Music club will meet Saturday at 3 p. m. at the, home of Martha

full information concern-the timber, the conditions All students who are to enter the spring competitive festival of junior music clubs for the tern half of the state, to be held in Asheville March 22, will play their numbers on the club program Friday. Mrs. Weimar Jones, counselor of the club, will be in charge of the meeting.

All interested parents and friends are invited

A total of 120 projects were Ann Stockton. A miscellaneous completed by 4-H club girls in program of music will be pre- Stokes county in 1946.



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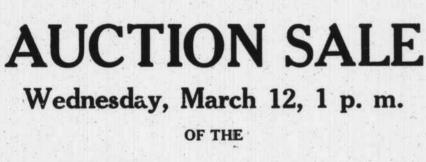
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