



LITTLE SYMPHONY TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY—The North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra, shown above, will give two concerts here tomorrow (Friday). This photo was made when the orchestra gave a performance for members of the general assembly in Raleigh. Dr. Benjamin Swalin, the director, is shown (hands upraised) at the right.

Bill Would Require Monthly Meetings Of School Board; Local NCEA Endorses Houk

Present Superintendent Gets Backing For Another Term

The Macon County unit of the North Carolina Education association, at a meeting last Friday night, went on record as endorsing Guy L. Houk for another two-year term as county superintendent of schools.

The endorsement of the superintendent was by a standing vote, taken on motion of J. J. Mann, principal of the Otto school.

Mr. Mann's motion came on the heels of the election of Mr. Houk as president of the local unit for the coming year.

Fifty-five of the county's 105 teachers attended the dinner meeting, held at Norton's cafe. Mr. Houk was the chief speaker of the evening.

"Out Of Order"

Prior to the taking of the vote on the endorsement of the superintendent, opposition was expressed to the unit's taking action, either pro or con, on the proposition. George H. Hill, Franklin principal, said he felt it was "out of order" for the teachers, as a unit, to express their views on the matter, and one or two others indicated their agreement. Mr. Houk, also protested.

Mr. Mann, however, insisted upon the motion's being put, and O. F. Summer, Highlands principal, in a seconding speech, declared that it was proper and fitting. The motion also was seconded by E. J. Carpenter, Cowee principal.

Mrs. Pearl Hunter, president, then put the motion, and announced that it had carried overwhelmingly, but Mr. Houk suggested that the "neys" should be taken. No one arose in opposition.

Text Of Resolution

The resolution read: "Resolved: That the Macon County unit of the NCEA go on record as endorsing the present superintendent, Mr. Houk, for superintendent for the next two years, and that a record of this be sent to the chairman of the county board of education and a copy be put in the minutes."

In the vote for officers, which was by written ballot, Mr. Houk defeated Mrs. Pearl Hunter for the presidency. The nominating committee had presented both names. Mrs. Hunter asked that her name be withdrawn, but Mr. Houk, telling the teachers that he was not seeking the office, insisted that her name not be withdrawn. Mr. Houk also asked that his name be withdrawn.

Other Officers

Other officers elected are: Mr. Summer, vice-president; Mrs. Lucy C. Bradley, secretary; and Mrs. Marie Roper, treasurer.

The nominating committee was made up of Miss Edna Jamison, Mrs. Lovicia Moses, Mrs. Gay Teague, Mrs. Margie Ramsey, and Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Houk, in his address, told the group that the sum spent in this county for instructional service has risen from \$83,000 in 1936-37 to an estimated \$186,000 for the current year.

The teachers are getting more than ever before, he said, and they should do a better job.

The key to the educational problem, he declared, lies in the quality of the classroom teachers.

Favors Delay

Mr. Houk expressed the view that it would be extremely foolish for Macon County to spend the proceeds of its \$400,000 school bond issue for new buildings now. He favors delay until the price of materials and labor comes down, he said.

A feature of the program was discussion of a report, made by Miss Nora Moody, Iotla principal, on the NCEA program for teacher recruitment.

Guests at the meeting were C. Gordon Moore, Ed Byrd, Walter Gibson, and Bob S. Sloan, four of the five members of the prospective county school board, and Mrs. Houk, wife of the superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoyt Ledford, of Sevierville, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mr. Ledford's mother, Mrs. R. M. Ledford, on White Oak street.

Speckled Trout From Hatchery Released Here

A shipment of six barrels of speckled trout arrived here Tuesday from the state hatchery at Balsam and representatives of the State Department of Conservation and Development released them in public streams in the southern end of the county.

The fish released Tuesday are legal size, or "keepers", and will be available to fishermen this season. Pending the opening of the season, the names of the streams were not announced.

This week's shipment is the first of five planned for release in Macon County streams this season, it was said.

Planting of more fish in local streams is one of the objectives that have been agitated by the local Wildlife clubs.

Measure By McGlamery Sets First Mondays As Meeting Times

A bill requiring Macon County's board of education to hold monthly meetings was introduced in the general assembly today (Thursday) by Representative Herbert A. McGlamery.

The bill provides that "the Board of Education of Macon County shall meet on the first Monday of each and every month in the year in the county courthouse, and for attendance upon each such meeting shall receive the same per diem as is now allowed for each meeting of said board". (The per diem is fixed by state law at not to exceed \$5, plus five cents per mile for travel to and from board meetings.)

The bill, Mr. McGlamery said, was introduced at the request of a majority of the prospective new boards, as well as many citizens.

The matter of regular and frequent meetings of the board has been one of the school topics that has been widely discussed here recently.

The state law provides that all county boards of education "shall meet the first Monday in January, April, July and October" and that they "may elect to hold regular monthly meetings, and to meet in special sessions as often as the school business of the county may require".

Earlier this week Rep. McGlamery introduced a bill providing that money received by Macon County from the U. S. Forest service, in lieu of taxes on Macon County lands embraced in the Nantahala National forest, shall be allocated, pro rata, to the several county funds, starting with January 1, 1948.

At present such moneys are placed in the general fund.

Mr. McGlamery previously has placed Macon County under the provisions of a similar bill, now enacted, for Clay county, but the earlier bill became effective as of January 1, 1947.

Mr. McGlamery's new measure would defer the effective date of the bill for one year.

Dr. McFall

Talks To P. T. A. On Building Health

Good teeth are the result of good breeding, of what people eat, of using the teeth by chewing with them, and of visiting the dentist "early, regularly, and often". Dr. Walter T. McFall, Asheville orthodontist, told the Franklin Parent-Teacher association at its meeting at the school Monday evening.

Dr. McFall kept his audience laughing approximately 28 of the 30 minutes he spoke, sandwiching serious suggestions on "Building Health Dividends for the Future" in between thick slices of humor.

Mrs. C. E. Parker, reporting the result of a school survey by her parent education committee, said 682 of the children replying to a questionnaire attend Sunday school, while 128 do not. The names of those in the latter group have been turned over to the denominations which the children listed as their preferences.

Mrs. S. H. Lyle reported that the song books for the school and for use at P. T. A. meetings have been ordered.

Mrs. Weimar Jones, the president, appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers to the April meeting. On the committee are a mother, a teacher, and a father. Members are Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., Mrs. Clinton Johnson, and R. S. Jones; with Principal George H. Hill as a member ex-officio.

Mrs. Pearl Hunter's third grade won the attendance prize. The devotional was conducted by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

Among those attending were five guests from Clayton, Ga., officers and members of the P. T. A. there.

Following the program, a tea and social hour was held, under the direction of Mrs. F. M. Killian's hospitality committee.

Clinics For Pre-School Children Are Being Held

A schedule of pre-school clinics to be held this month was announced this week by Mrs. Josephine Gaines, county health nurse.

Next Wednesday clinics will be held at the Cowee school at 9 a. m. and at the Iotla school at 1:30 p. m. Clinics were conducted at Slagle and Chapel schools Thursday. The schedule for April will be announced later, Mrs. Gaines said.

Every child entering school for the first time is required by state law to present a certificate, Mrs. Gaines pointed out, showing that he or she has been immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox.

Tipton Leaving Forest Post To Enter Business

J. E. Tipton, forest engineer for the Nantahala National forest here for nearly a year, has resigned, effective April 1, to enter private business, it was announced this week.

He will be succeeded by A. R. Kinney, who will be transferred from the Atlanta regional office, E. W. Renshaw, forest supervisor said. Mr. Kinney is here this week working in the forest with Mr. Tipton, and will return to Franklin a little later to assume his new duties.

Mr. Tipton goes from here to Elizabethton, Tenn., where he plans to enter the construction business. His family has remained in Elizabethton during his assignment here, due to his inability to find housing in Franklin.

Plan Nursery And Junior Choir At Methodist Church

Plans for operation of a nursery during the morning service and for organization of a junior choir were announced Sunday at the Franklin Methodist church.

Mrs. T. W. Porter and Miss Annie Bailey will be in charge of the nursery, the purpose of which is to care for small children during the 11 o'clock service so that parents can attend the service. Two ladies will be in attendance each Sunday to care for the children, it was explained.

The junior choir is to be organized by Mrs. Louis Manning.

Fourth Sunday Sing To Be Held At Watauga Baptist

The Fourth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the Watauga Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Pritchard Russell, president. Officers for the coming year will be elected. All singers and others interested are invited.

Representative Herbert A. McGlamery spent the week-end here visiting his family and conferring with constituents.

Pick Jurors For April Court Term

The jury list for the April term of superior court was drawn by the board of county commissioners Monday.

The court term, at which both criminal and civil cases will be tried, will open Monday morning, April 14, with Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, presiding.

The new solicitor for the twentieth district, Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, will prosecute the docket. It will be Mr. Moore's first court here in the capacity of solicitor.

The 36 jurors for the first week—from which list the grand jury will be named—are as follows:

J. L. Cabe, of Franklin, Route 2, Robert Ledbetter, of Route 2, J. A. McCoy, Gneiss, I. A. Ledford, Route 3, S. W. Bowers, Gneiss, D. J. Baldwin, Route 3, Frank Raby, Route 3, Mark Haney, Kyle, Joe Angus, Cullasaja, H. S. Talley, Highlands, Manson L. Stiles, Franklin, J. E. Hicks, Highlands, Ervin Bradley, Otto, Dennis Ghornerly, Route 3, T. L. Williamson, Route 1, G. R. McConnell, Highlands, S. L. Calloway, Highlands, W. Raymond Sanders, Prentiss, A. M. Morgan, Flats, J. M. Emory, Route 1, A. R. Higdon, Franklin, Edd Odell, Route 4, J. C. Brown, Dillard, Ga., Route 1, Frank Johnson, Route 1, Osborn Younce, Kyle, Arthur Drake, Route 3, W. E. Hodgins, Prentiss, Fred Lowe, West's Mill, Sam Bryson, Jr., Cullasaja, J. L. Sanders, Prentiss, Norman Reece, Highlands, E. P. Moffitt, Route 2, Harley Ramsey, Tellico, David A. McCall, Highlands, C. E. Williamson, Route 1, and H. R. Penland, Route 2.

Jurors drawn for the second week are:

Burlin Duvall, Franklin, W. A. Justice, Route 2, T. T. Vinson, Scaly, J. M. Raby, Route 4, W. R. Bradley, Etna, Beulon Peck, Route 3, Harvey Carnes, Stiles, Henry Waldroop, Route 1, Lem Holland, Gneiss, A. M. Wilson, Highlands, C. W. Parrish, Route 3, Marion Deal, Route 4, Canton Henry, Ellijay, Frank Hunnicutt, Franklin, Dean Mashburn, Cullasaja, W. F. McDowell, Cullasaja, Carl Donaldson, Prentiss, and H. C. Miller, Scaly.

Red Cross

Within \$500 Of County's Quota Of \$2,410

The 1947 Red Cross campaign in Macon County is within \$500 of its quota, it was announced Thursday by the Rev. C. E. Parker, fund chairman.

To date, \$1,911.39 has been reported, Mr. Parker said. The quota for this county is \$2,410. Thus \$498.61 remains to be raised.

A number of committees, however, have not reported, and Mr. Parker urged all workers to get their reports in promptly.

SYMPHONY WILL BE HERE FRIDAY

Concerts Set For 2:30 And 6:30 At Macon Theater

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, on a tour of Western North Carolina, will play here twice tomorrow (Friday). Both performances will be at the Macon Theatre.

A free program for school children will be presented at 2:30 in the afternoon, and the concert for adults is set for 6:30 in the evening.

It was necessary to change the hour of the afternoon concert from 1 to 2:30, due to a change in the schedule in Waynesville. A flu epidemic caused the closing of the Waynesville schools, and the free concert that had been scheduled there for Tuesday afternoon will be given Friday at 10:30 a. m.

The change to 2:30 here is unfortunate, Miss Nora Moody, committee chairman, said, because it will not be possible for children from rural schools to attend the concert and get back to their schools in time to catch the school busses. She expressed the hope, however, that as many children as possible will attend the concert.

The orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will be in Franklin for its second appearance. It gave two concerts to capacity audiences here last spring.

Miss Moody said this week that the ticket sales have been somewhat disappointing so far, but expressed the hope that the full \$750 will be raised. Ticket sales reported through Wednesday totaled just under \$300, but some individuals and organizations had not reported.

Tickets for the evening concert are \$2 (75 cents for high school students). They are on sale at Perry's drug store. Tickets also may be obtained at the theater box office, but purchasers at the door will be required to pay the federal tax of 40 cents.

In addition to members of the committee, the home economics class at the high school, the Girl Scouts, and the Junior Music club have sold tickets, the last named organization having reported sales of more than \$125.

The program for the evening concert has been announced as follows:

Bach (arr. Kelberine), Chorale Prelude, "The Old Year Is Past"; Mozart, Symphony No. 36, in C Major ("Linz") (K.425); Adagio—allegro spiritoso; Poco adagio; Menuetto; Presto; Bull, "The Shepherdess' Sunday"; Kreisler, "Liebesfreud"; Mendelssohn, Andante, from Violin Concerto in E Minor, Opus 64; Bizet, Farandole, from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 11; Benjamin, Jamaican Rumba; Strauss, Waltz-zicato Poika; Strauss, Waltz: "Wine, Women, and Song".

FREEZER PLANT PROJECT BEGUN

Excavation Completed, Foundation Work To Be Started

Work has started on construction of the \$40,000 freezer locker plant to be erected on West Main street by Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc.

Ground was broken several days ago, and excavation work has now been completed. The pouring of concrete for the foundations will start as soon as the materials arrive, it was announced. Orders have been placed for practically all materials for the structure, it was added.

The 2-story building, to be 40 by 60 feet, will be erected on a lot just west of the Leach residence, on the south side of West Main. The property was bought from Lawrence Limer and Glenn Ray.

E. J. Whitmore, Jr., Charles Siler Slagle, and Oscar Ledford are the incorporators of the frozen foods firm.

Death Claims J. L. Baldwin At Age Of 86

John L. Baldwin, widely known Macon County farmer who had lived at the old Baldwin home in the Burningtown community for more than half a century, died at his home early Friday morning of last week, following a long illness. He was 86 years of age.

He had spent his entire life in Macon County. He and Mrs. Baldwin, the former Miss Allie Ray, celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary shortly before her death, in 1944.

Mr. Baldwin was a member of the Burningtown Baptist church, where the funeral services were held Friday afternoon.

Survivors include three sons, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, Cecil Baldwin, who lives at the home place, and Don Baldwin, of Franklin, Route 3; four daughters, Mrs. W. T. Tippett, of Franklin, and Mrs. Perry Swafford, Mrs. A. J. Edwards, and Mrs. Gene Jacobs, all of Franklin, Route 3; one brother, Dave Baldwin, of Texas; one sister, Mrs. Frank Fouts, of Franklin, Route 3; 33 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Norman E. Holden, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers, all grandsons of Mr. Baldwin, were Carl Baldwin, Lee Tippett, Robert and John Edwards, and Carroll and J. C. Jacobs.

The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.