

### PLAN COURSES IN SWIMMING. WATER SAFETY

#### Red Cross Also To Offer Classes In Accident Prevention Here

Arrangements to offer county-wide courses in first aid, life-saving, water safety, and accident prevention were made at a meeting called Tuesday by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, county chairman of the American Red Cross.

The courses will be free, and county-wide participation is urged, Mr. Huneycutt said.

Features of the year-round program will include a swimming instructors' class, swimming classes for beginners, and intermediate groups, and life-saving; and classes in first aid and accident prevention.

The swimming instructors' class will be under the direction of Ellis D. Fysal, Red Cross representative in first aid, accident prevention and water safety for North Carolina. Mr. Fysal has had wide experience in the recreational field, holding an A. B. degree in physical education from the University of North Carolina in 1929. He was All-Southern guard on the 1929 U. N. C. football team, and served as football coach at Elon college, the University of North Carolina, and Wake Forest.

Present plans call for an instructors' class in swimming to be held during the first part of July. This course will offer three hours' instruction daily for two weeks.

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#### Mars Hill Glee Club To Present Program Sunday

The Mars Hill college glee club will conduct the program at the morning service of the First Baptist church Sunday. The glee club, made up of 50 voices, is conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Logan Souther.

On the program are both classical and modern numbers, as well as two spirituals.

### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

There was a good deal of amusement last Friday night at the "Spelling Bee", notwithstanding several of the participants were pretty badly stung. Those who went in bet ten cents on being a good speller. Frank Ray was an excellent model of the "old field" schoolmaster and he organized his forces on the old knock down system. F. S. Johnston and J. S. Sloan were captains to choose out. The two classes numbered about eighteen to a side. It was not long before some of them began to take "bad-spells" and had to retire to rest. In fact, about three dozen, less one, had a bad spell. The only fellow to have a good spell was W. R. Johnston, who took the prize—a bouquet of flowers. The amount realized for the parsonage fund was something over five dollars.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Mr. Walter E. Furr, who is a student at the Atlanta Dental College, will have an added inducement to hurry home this spring. For he is now the proud papa of a baby boy, who made his appearance in Franklin on Monday April 10.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Organization of an active chamber of commerce, which has been under discussion in the business circles of Franklin, now seems to be a certainty. Meetings have been held this week by various groups of business and professional people of the town and directors have been chosen to represent them in forming and carrying on the organization. The following have been chosen by the various groups: Hotels, Miss Lassie Kelly, utilities, John Archer, professional people, not yet selected, petroleum products dealers, John Cunningham, merchants, T. W. Angel, Jr., A. R. Higdon, and J. E. Perry.



**GIVEN STATE POST—Herbert A. McGlamery, Macon County representative in the last general assembly, has been appointed state probation officer, and assumed his new duties Monday. Mr. McGlamery, who will serve in this district, will have headquarters in the courthouse in Asheville. In his new work, he will deal with defendants put on probation by the state courts. He plans to move his family to Asheville about June 1.**

### MISS A. SLAGLE DIES SUDDENLY

#### Well Known Macon Native Succumbs At Niece's Charlotte Home

Miss Annie Slagle, 81, widely known Macon County resident, died suddenly at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. R. Zachary, of Charlotte, Saturday night, following a short illness. Shortly before her death, she had appeared to be in her usual health. Miss Slagle, or "Miss Annie" as she was known to the many local residents and tourists who had stopped for a meal or a summer at her home, a fertile farm located at the foot of Wayah Bald, lived with her brother, the late John Slagle, most of her life. At this historic and well known Macon County landmark, she had offered a haven of rest to all travelers who passed by since the days of wagon trips to "The Bald."

She sold the farm last year and had been residing in Charlotte with her niece since that time.

Miss Slagle, the daughter of the late Elam Slagle and Amanda Crawford Slagle, was born May 11, 1865. She was a member of the Slagle Memorial church for many years and later became a member of the Franklin Presbyterian church.

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church, the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, pastor, and the Rev. J. A. Wallace, former pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the service. Interment followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dick Slagle, Javan Gray, Jim Gray, John Slagle, George M. Slagle, and Cliff Slagle, nephews.

The body was brought to the Bryant funeral home Monday, where it remained until time for the service.

#### Mrs. McDonald

#### Dies At Otto Home At Age Of 83

Mrs. Tishie E. McDonald died at her home at Otto Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock. She was 83 years of age.

A native of Clay county, she was the widow of W. T. McDonald, who died about five years ago. She had lived at Otto for about 35 years, and was a member of the Coweta Baptist church.

Survivors include one brother, Henry Holden, of Otto, and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were set for 3 p. m. today (Thursday) at the Asbury Methodist church, with the Rev. George Cloer officiating, and burial in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers: Tom Gladwell, Charlie Moffitt, John Conley, James Powell, Greenlee Holden, and Rufus Holden.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

### SCHOOL HEAD TO BE NAMED ON WEDNESDAY

#### About Ten Applications On File With Board; Committee Acts

The Macon County board of education will meet next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of electing a county superintendent of schools for a two-year term.

When the board takes up the question of a superintendent, it will have before it approximately 10 applications for the position.

The exact number of applications on file could not be learned, since Chairman C. Gordon Moore is in Raleigh this week. A week ago, however, he announced that he had received eight, and it is known that at least one other person has applied since that time.

Wednesday's meeting will be the second since members of the new board—Mr. Moore, Frank Browning, Ed Byrd, Walter Gibson, and Bob Sloan—were appointed by the general assembly. At its first session, held April 7, the board deferred naming a superintendent, in order to comply with the law requiring 15 days' public notice that a superintendent is to be elected.

Meanwhile, the local school committeemen appointed by the board at its first meeting have been active.

The Franklin committee, after discussing its duties with Supt. Guy L. Houk Friday, held an organization meeting at which John E. Cabe, former member of the school board, was named chairman, and A. R. Higdon was elected secretary. After discussing the committee's first duty, the election of a principal of the Franklin school, the committee set April 30 as the date for a meeting to choose a principal. The committee in each district is responsible for the election of a school principal and teachers, subject to the approval of the school board and the county superintendent.

Also attending Friday's conference with Mr. Houk was Clint May, member of the Nantahala district committee. Two members of the Highlands committee discussed their duties with Mr. Houk at a conference last Thursday.

### Miss B. McGee Dies On Her 68th Birthday

Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Carolyn McGee, much beloved and widely known Macon County resident, died at Angel hospital Tuesday morning, her sixty-eighth birthday, as the result of a heart attack.

Miss McGee had been confined to the hospital since suffering a broken hip on election day last fall. In recent weeks, her condition had been much improved and she had expected to leave the hospital in the near future.

Miss Betty, as she was known throughout the county, was born in Macon County April 14, 1879, the daughter of Charlie W. and Mrs. Virginia McGee. She had spent her entire life in this county, and was widely known for her unflinching cheerful nature.

For the greater part of her life she was a member of the Mt. Zion Methodist church, but in recent years she had transferred her membership to the Franklin Methodist church, having been a member of the F. S. Johnston Bible class and the Woman's Society of Christian service.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mt. Zion church. The Rev. P. E. Bingham officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were W. L. Setser, Bob Tallent, Charles Holland, Harry Willhide, Will Waldrop, and Horace Nolen.

Surviving are two brothers, George McGee of Franklin and Ed McGee of Cleveland, Tenn.; two nephews, Earl Harrison and Ray McGee, and seven nieces.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

### Grand Jury Recommends County Have Full-Time School Superintendent

The Macon County grand jury, in its report this week, recommended that the office of county superintendent of schools be made a full-time position.

The report, which emphasized schools, also suggested that school buses in this county should be equipped with heaters and with tire chains, and made five specific recommendations for improvements at the Franklin school.

Another important feature of the report was the recommendation that a new courthouse be built as soon as possible.

The report, signed by Manson L. Stiles, fireman, was filed in Superior court Tuesday afternoon, at the conclusion of the grand jury's inspection of county offices and institutions.

Pointing out that its school inspection committee had visited the Franklin school plant and county garage, the grand jury's report opens by saying that "as a result of our inspection, we recommend that the following improvements and corrections be made:

1. "Concrete steps placed at the rear of the elementary building so that the student body would have added exit for fire drills and in the event of a fire.
2. "Water connections for two of the urinals in the first floor rest room for high school boys.
3. "Surface on road leading from state highway no. 23 up the rear of elementary building for the purpose of loading

#### Young Folk Here Trail, Get Sign From Eisenhower

Few persons knew it at the time, but Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff of the U. S. army, passed through Franklin Sunday afternoon.

Had it not been for a group of curious young people who happened to be downtown at the time, it might not have been known at all.

Seeing a procession of four cars, with state highway patrolmen at the front and the rear, Lyman Gregory, Anne Cabe, Ruth Angel, Ann Lyle, James Stockton, Howard Horsley, and Neil Mooney decided to find out what it was all about. Jumping into a car, they roared toward Cowee mountain, and soon overtook the motorcade. They sought to drive by in order to see who was in the automobiles, but patrolmen would not allow them to pass, finally explaining to them that it was a military group.

So they followed. And at Sylva, where the party stopped briefly, the young folk took another street and drew up alongside the general's car. From him, they received a smile, a wave, and a "thumbs-up" sign.

Assisting the highway patrol in escorting the procession through this county was Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr.

#### Officers

#### To Be Elected At PTA Meeting Friday

Election of officers for next year and a student program, to be presented under the direction of Principal George H. Hill and some of the teachers, will feature the April meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium Friday night.

A slate of nominees will be presented by the nominating committee. Members of that committee are Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., Mrs. Clinton Johnson, and R. S. Jones.

Out-of-town attorneys here this week for the April term of superior court included George H. Ward and Walter Haynes, of Asheville, John M. Queen, of Waynesville, McKinley Edwards, of Bryson City, J. B. Gray, of Murphy, T. M. Jenkins, of Robbinsville, J. M. Bailey, Jr., of Marshall, and Edwin Hyde, of Murphy.

### MARTIN GIVEN 18-25 YEARS IN FLATS ROBBERY

#### Officers Leave At Once With Him For Raleigh; Many Cases Handled

Carl T. Martin, 24, Tuesday was sentenced to from 18 to 25 years in State prison for the assault robbery of Weaver Cochran at the latter's store at Flats the night of last December 12.

Officers left with Martin for Raleigh soon after sentence had been passed by Judge William Bobbitt, presiding over Macon superior court. The defendant has been held in jail in Bryson City since his capture in Georgia, a short time after the robbery.

Martin, said to be part Indian, pleaded guilty to the charge. The bill of indictment charged him with robbing Mr. Cochran by force of arms and taking about \$2,000. The Flats merchant struck in the head was left unconscious on the floor of his store.

Witnesses testifying in the case included Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, J. H. Grant, Bruce Smith, Patrolman Pritchard

#### Scores Of Cases Handled But Not One Reaches Jury

This week's criminal court probably was the first in many years in which not a single case went to a jury. During the two days scores of cases were disposed of, but in every instance, except the few cases not processed, the defendant plead guilty.

Smith, Jr., T. A. Sandlin, and Wymor Cochran.

#### Big Sum Collected

In handling the criminal docket, completed Tuesday afternoon, the court collected in fines and costs a total estimated by J. Clinton Brookshire, clerk of the court, at approximately \$4,000.

Most of the cases were for driving intoxicated, violations of the prohibition law, and abandonment.

Judge Robbitt ordered suspended sentences of 18 months and 90 days, given Frank Raby at a previous court term for robbery, placed in effect.

Banister Middleton plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the automobile accident death of Mack Allen Adams, and judgment was continued until the next court.

For violation of the prohibition law, William J. Berry and Edison Hedden were fined \$300 each and the costs, and were given suspended sentences of eight months.

#### Other Fines

Earl Munday was fined \$100 and costs, and given a six months' suspended sentence.

Fines of \$50 and the costs were imposed on Monroe Watkins, Nelson Jones, Lee Long, Clifford Hammond, and Mary Lee York, Charlie C. York and Mrs. Charlie C. York, indicted

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### COURTHOUSE IS CALLED 'WORST'

#### Judge Bobbitt Recalls Many Recommendations For New Building

The Macon County courthouse is considered the worst, with one exception, in Western North Carolina, Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, told the grand jury in his charge Monday.

The April term of superior court, which opened Monday morning with Judge Bobbitt presiding, was expected to adjourn late today (Thursday).

After concluding a heavy criminal docket, prosecuted by Solicitor Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, Tuesday, the court turned to the trial of civil cases Wednesday and Thursday. Among cases disposed of were a number of divorce actions.

In the case in which the town of Highlands seeks a court order to require Frank B. Cook and J. Harvey Trice to remove the front porch of Highlands inn, Judge Bobbitt granted in part and denied in part a defense motion to strike out a part of the complaint. The case was then continued until the next term of court.

Following the opening of court by Deputy Sheriff Walter

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#### Young Men's Class Will Hold Dinner Meet Friday Night

The Young Men's class of the Franklin Methodist church will hold its annual election of officers at a dinner meeting to be held in the church basement tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30.

All the young men of the church and others interested are invited.

The dinner will be served by members of the Wesleyan Guild, the funds earned to go into the guild's treasury.

#### Plans Going Forward For Boys', Girls' Week

Plans for the observance here of National Boys' and Girls' Week are rapidly being whipped into shape, and details for the various programs the week of April 27-May 3 will be announced in The Press next week. The observance is being sponsored jointly by the Franklin Rotary and Lions clubs.

#### PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held on the Public square Saturday morning, sponsored by the Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church.

### Jones Named President Of Rotary Club

R. S. (Dick) Jones, Franklin attorney, was named president of the Franklin Rotary club at the club's annual election of officers Wednesday night. He will succeed Harmon H. Gnuse when the new officers are installed in July.

W. W. Sloan was reelected secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Gnuse, as immediate past president, automatically becomes vice-president and a member of the board of directors.

Elected to serve on the board of directors, in addition to the three officers, are John Alsip, H. W. Cabe, J. C. Jacobs, and Carl S. Slagle.

John B. Ray was chosen president on the first ballot, but Mr. Ray, explaining that his work with the Nantahala Power and Light company will keep him out of town much of the time, insisted that he was unable to serve.

Mr. Alsip reported briefly on plans for the observance of boys' and girls' week here April 27 to May 3.