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LOCAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE HEADED BY MENDENHALL

Season To Open May 19; Two Double-headers Planned Weekly

Sam Mendenhall was elected president of the Franklin Softball league, with Bill Crawford as assistant, for the year 1947 by a committee consisting of the softball managers of each team, who met at the invitation of the Lions club to organize the softball league for the season.

Proposed teams and their managers are Burrell Motor Company, C. W. Mooney; American Legion and V. F. W., managers not yet selected; Nantahala Power and Light Company, Fred Vaughn; Franklin Rotary, John Archer; Oilers, (Slack's), Jack Allred; Zickgraf Hardwood Company, Herman Teems.

May 19 was set as opening date and two double-header games are to be played each week—Wednesdays and Fridays—for a period of 12 weeks.

The following rules were agreed upon by the committee of managers:

1. The teams may obtain the services of any person they desire, regardless of the organization he belongs to.

2. The games are to start promptly at 8 p. m. If any team is not ready at that time, the game will be played but the tardy team will forfeit it.

3. Any team may pick up as many as two players from the stands in case it does not have sufficient number of players, but they may not belong to another team. If it is necessary to get more than two players from the stands, the game will be considered a forfeit game.

4. If any game is called off due to rain, the game will not be played until the end of the season.

5. The umpires for each game will be selected before each game by the managers of each team and Mr. Mendenhall.

Do You Remember ... ?
 (Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The name selected last Friday for the U. C. V. camp was the name of a brave officer who fell at his post of duty, at the head of his company. Charles L. Robinson was an officer of Co. H, 16th N. C. regiment. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant May 14, 1861, from Macon county, wounded June 26, 1862, at Mechanicsville, and killed May 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville.

Thursday morning Judge Brown called the foreman of the grand jury into the court room and instructed him to call to the attention of the county commissioners the filthy condition of the courtroom and to take steps to have it cleaned up and repaired; to have the floor scoured; the walls white-washed; and have matting up in the bar and aisles.

25 YEARS AGO

The commencement exercises of the Iotla High school will be held on May 18-20. The operetta, "The Pennant" which has been prepared by the students of the high school, will be an unusual feature of program, as an entertainment of this kind has never before been presented at Iotla. The speakers in recitation contest Friday evening are as follows: Guy Bennett, Nellie Buckner, Oda Nina Ray, Laura Jacobs, Oud Keener, Nina Ray, Bessie Swafford, and Hallie Tipsett.

10 YEARS AGO

The annual association meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will meet with the Cowee Baptist church on Thursday, May 20. Speakers for the day will be Dr. Harvey Clarke, missionary to Japan, and Rev. J. C. Pipes, missionary of Western North Carolina. Mrs. Edna Harris, state secretary of WMU, and Mrs. J. B. Morgan, superintendent of Asheville division of W. M. U., will also be present.

HONOR STUDENTS



HAZEL ROBINSON
 Valedictorian



FREDRICK CORBIN
 Salutatorian

Hazel Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson, of Franklin, Route 1, will deliver the valedictory address at Friday night's Franklin High school graduation exercises. Her four-year average grade was 95.9. Fredrick Corbin, who will give the salutatory, has a four-year average of 94.6. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Corbin, of Cullasaja.

SCHOOL FINALS SET FOR FRIDAY

Graduation Exercises To Be Held At 7:30 At Auditorium

The more than three score members of the graduating class of the Franklin High school will be presented their diplomas by County Supt. G. L. Houk in exercises in the school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) night.

The valedictory and salutatory addresses—by Hazel Robinson and Fredrick Corbin, respectfully, the presentation of awards by Principal George H.

School Will Continue Through Next Tuesday

Friday night will mark the close of the Franklin school commencement, but it isn't the end of school for non-seniors. Examinations will be held all day Monday, and students will report at the school Tuesday at 2 p. m. to receive their report cards.

Hill, and special musical numbers will be other features of the program.

The mathematics award will go to Furman Corbin; that in agriculture to Hayes Gregory; home economics, Virginia Brookshire; citizenship, Mary Frances Dairymple; social science, Howard Horsley; English, Marjorie Constance; athletics, Howard Penland; science, Mac Duncan; and commercial, Imogene Moses. A special certificate for perfect attendance will go to Elizabeth DeHart. And a \$100 award has been offered by Dr. Furman Angel to the student in the entire school making the highest general average for the year, but the student selected has not been announced.

A musical feature of the program will be a girls' chorus, directed by Mrs. Helen Manning, which will sing "Nepolitan Nights".

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IS ENLARGING FACILITIES AT AIRPORT HERE

Zickgraf Buys Interest Of Meyer; Field Being Raised, Extended

The following statement, explaining the work now under way at the Franklin airport, was made this week by the owner:

Much interest has been aroused by the vast amount of work that is being done at the Franklin Airport. Oscar A. Meyer, Jr., who for the past three years has been operating the Myer Flying service at the Franklin Airport, recently sold his interest to Grant L. Zickgraf, whose intentions are the enlarging of the present facilities, and offering to the town of Franklin, and the surrounding territory, a modern airport and training facilities.

For the past three weeks, a large crew of bulldozers, road patrol, trucks and men have been busy raising the level of the present landing field some 18 inches, and extending to a field 2,800 feet and a new taxi strip on the east side of the field, some 50 feet in width, in addition to the main landing strip. The main runway is being so constructed and drained that at all times most any size planes can be accommodated in any type of weather.

A repair shop or hangar has been erected containing some 2,000 square feet of floor space with concrete floors so that any plane landing here can be serviced and repaired on the spot.

Mr. Zickgraf states that he has leased the flying field to Mr. Robert A. Cooper, who for the past three years has been operating the Meyer Flying service at this field.

Mr. Cooper, during the past war was an army primary instructor and is a licensed pilot and instructor under the Civil Aeronautics administration, having had his license and been actively engaged in flying and instructions since 1935. During Mr. Cooper's time at the local airport, some twenty-four enthusiasts have received their instructions and learned to fly. At this time there are 15 airplanes based at this airport, many of them privately owned by business men of Franklin and the surrounding communities.

Mr. Cooper states that he is busy constructing, in connection with the office, lounges and built in lockers for his students. In the office will be maps and bulletin boards giving weather data and other information to the flying public.

There will always be someone on duty to give the general public information as to flying schedules and connections with the commercial air lines in other cities.

Upon the completion of the work now in progress, the local airport will receive a "Government Non-Schedule Air Carrier Certificate".

About June 1, a "GI" training program will begin. This program, which is for the benefit of veterans, will enable them to secure private pilots license, covering between eight and fourteen weeks of instruction.

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Elect Gaines As President Of Lions Club

Robert R. (Bob) Gaines was elected president of the Franklin Lions club at Monday night's regular meeting. Mr. Gaines succeeds Mac Whitaker. He and the other new officers will start their one-year terms next month.

Other officers elected are: W. V. Swan, first vice-president; John Kusterer, second vice-president; Dr. G. B. Woodward, third vice-president; E. L. Hyde, secretary; Grover Jamison, Jr., treasurer; and Pritchard Smith, Jr., tail twister; and D. G. (Red) Stewart, Lion tamer.

Claude Bolton, J. Ward Long, and C. N. (Joe) Dowdle were elected as directors. Lawrence Simmons and Clarence Cooke were admitted as new members.

Macon's Mayors



T. W. ANGEL, JR.



JAMES O. BEALE

Above are the men chosen in last week's elections to head the municipal governments in Macon County's two towns during the next two years. Mr. Angel, who defeated two opponents to win his second term as mayor of Franklin, started his new term at an organization meeting of the new board of aldermen Wednesday night. Mr. Beale, GI, led a field of four candidates to become mayor of Highlands.

ALLOT \$10,000 MORE TO FOREST

Plan Changes In Wayah Tower, Will Be Open Year Around

An additional \$10,000 has been allotted to the Nantahala National forest for expenditure during May and June, as a part of the forest's post-war rehabilitation program, it was announced this week by Supervisor E. W. Renshaw.

A phase of the program of special interest to the public is the plan for alterations to the tower atop Wayah Bald. The tower is to be abandoned as a fire lookout station, and will be maintained for the benefit of the public.

The program calls for construction of a stone stairway on the outside of the tower, with a platform at the top. The tower, which will be reduced from 24 to 18 feet in height, will be open to the public the year around.

Approximately \$6,000 of the new fund will be spent on the forest telephone lines, fire lookout towers, wardens' residences, etc., while the other \$4,000 will be used for repairs and refurbishing of facilities at Arrowood Glade and Cliffside recreation areas, construction of new picnic tables, and similar work.

The program is a continuation of that begun last fall, following the slackening of maintenance inevitable during the war years, forest officials explained.

Bishop Purcell Will Dedicate Iotla Church May 25

Bishop Clare Purcell will dedicate the Iotla Methodist church in services at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 25, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant.

Also taking part in the special service will be Dr. Walter B. West, Methodist district superintendent.

The church, which cost approximately \$8,000, was completed in 1945, and now the debt has been lifted.

New pews recently were installed, and the floors are being sanded in preparation for the dedicatory service.

The general public is invited to attend the service.

Water Line Work To Start Monday On Depot Street

The laying of approximately 22,000 feet of water line in Franklin will start Monday, it was said this week by J. M. Richards, Jr., Harwood Beebe engineer in charge of the town's water-sewer-street improvement program.

The first line to be laid will be the 6-inch main on Depot street.

Since completion of the sewer project about three weeks ago, workmen have been building curbs and gutters on East Franklin street and at the intersection of Wayah and Phillips streets, Mr. Richards said.

Freeze Damages Beans, Potatoes, Apples, Grapes

The freeze the latter part of last week did considerable damage in this county, with beans and potatoes hardest hit among vegetables.

Beans were almost a total loss, but a warm rain should bring out the potatoes, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall said. The yield on the earliest potatoes, however, probably will be cut in half, he said.

The yield of early apples probably will be reduced a fourth, Mr. Mendenhall said reports indicate, but late apples seem to have been little hurt.

The grape crop was cut by about half.

No small grain damage has been reported.

F. F. A. Team Is Winner Of District Meet

The parliamentary procedure team of the Franklin chapter, Future Farmers of America, took first place in the district competition in Statesville last Saturday, and thereby won the right to compete in the state contest in Raleigh this summer.

Members of the team are Hayes Gregory, Lewis Penland, Hoyt Bryson, Bobby Tippett, and George Crawford. E. J. Whitmire, vocational agriculture teacher in the Franklin school, is chapter adviser and coached the team.

The group already had taken first place in a regional contest. In Raleigh, the boys will compete with winning teams from the other four districts in the state.

Lewis Penland, who earlier had won first place in a regional public speaking contest, took third place in the district public speaking contest at Statesville.

At last week's meeting of the Rotary club, the boys presented a demonstration of how they use their knowledge of their parliamentary procedure in their club meetings, and Lewis Penland gave his talk, on "A Farm-Minded People."

Frank Jamison Buys, Will Operate Cafe

Purchase of Rodney's cafe, situated on the northeast side of the Courthouse square, by Frank Jamison from T. L. Stanfield was announced this week.

Mr. Jamison, new owner, announced that he has remodeled the kitchen and that he plans to open for business Saturday.

This Month's General Clinic Set For May 30

This month's county health department general clinic, usually held on the fourth Friday, will be held instead on the fifth Friday, May 30, it has been announced.

The clinic is set for 10 a. m. in the health department office in the Ashear building.

ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD BY NEW BOARD

Burrell Vice Mayor; Water, Parking Discussed; Buy Garbage Cans

Franklin's new board of aldermen, at a two-hour organization meeting Wednesday night, elected W. C. Burrell, one of the six aldermen, as mayor pro tem, reappointed R. S. Jones as town attorney, reemployed the fire chief, the city plumber, and the two street cleaners, and deferred action on the selection of a town clerk and two policemen and on the naming of an electrical inspector.

The board also discussed: The water supply, and the possibility of digging an additional well.

The parking problem, and the suggestion that parking meters be installed.

And produce peddling. On this topic, it was suggested that an arrangement be worked out with the county for use of the county's lot between Main and Church streets for a produce row.

The board voted, upon motion of L. B. Phillips, seconded by W. C. Burrell, to buy 10 garbage containers, with the swinging-type tops, to be placed in the business section to provide the public a place to drop papers, banana peels, etc. These containers, unavailable during the war, have only recently come back on the market.

Committees Named

Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., appointed regular committees as follows:

Street committee: L. B. Phillips, chairman, Erwin Patton, and E. J. Whitmire.

Water committee: W. C. Burrell, chairman, T. H. Fagg, and Russell Cabel.

Budget committee: Mr. Whitmire, chairman, Mr. Burrell, and Mr. Fagg.

A special committee—Mr. Fagg, chairman; Mr. Whitmire, and Mr. Patton—was named to confer with the county commissioners on use of the county's lot for a produce row. The proposal grew out of the discussion of the parking problem.

4 File Applications

The board received four applications for the position of town clerk. The applicants are E. W. Long, the present clerk, who seeks reappointment at the present salary of \$200 per month; Frank I. Murray; Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill; and Frank Leach, who offered to work for \$95 a month, but specified his hours. On motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Burrell, action was deferred until the first regular meeting, June 2.

The only applicants for the two police positions were the incumbents, C. D. Baird and T. W. Phillips, each of whom applied at the present salaries, \$200 each. Action was deferred. The town in recent months has had no electrical inspector, and it was decided to defer action on this item of business also.

Reemployed

A. C. Tysinger was reemployed as fire chief at a salary of \$20 per month, and as building inspector, for which he receives no remuneration from the town. W. G. Hall was reemployed as town plumber under the present arrangement—\$75 per month for reading meters, checking water pumps, and collecting delinquent water bills, and \$1.25 per hour for work on meters, etc. And Lester Thomas and James Thomas were reemployed as street cleaners at their present salaries of \$115 and \$110 per month, respectively.

Mayor Angel pointed out that the town has outgrown its present water supply, and that some action must be taken in the near future to provide more water. In recent weeks, he said, there have been complaints from users that there is little water pressure, and it has been necessary to halt the washing of cars by local garages.

Problems Discussed

Mr. Phillips suggested as an immediate remedy that the pumps at the town's three wells be checked for efficiency. As long-term measures purchase of a watershed or construction of a filter plant were discussed, with the suggestion offered that, meanwhile, it may be necessary to halt the washing of cars by local garages.

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