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SCOUT LEADERS FROM 4 STATES TO MEET HERE

Expedition Headquarters To Be 'Hangover' On Wayah Bald

Senior Boy Scout leaders from four states — North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida—will converge on Franklin June 21 for a week's Senior Scout Leaders Expedition, headquarters for which will be "Camp Hangover" on Wayah Bald.

Gilmer A. Jones, Franklin attorney, who is the owner of the camp, and the Nantahala National forest, will be hosts to the gathering. Some 40 or 50 adults and senior Scouts are expected.

The expedition is for the four-state Region 6, Boy Scouts of America, and the staff and the advisors and instructors include men high in the ranks of the Scout movement.

Herbert Stuckey will be expedition physician. On the staff of advisors and instructors are George E. Chronic, national director of senior scouting; Wes H. Klusman, national director of camping; W. A. Dobson, regional executive; Capt. R. L. McCauley, national field commissioner; Claude Humphreys, Atlanta council director of training; E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, and J. D. Alsop, Nantahala forest administrative assistant.

Hiking and training in camping methods will be features of the expedition, with emphasis on a back-to-nature program.

Four From Macon To Be Graduated From Mars Hill

Jeanette Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison, of Franklin, Route 1, will graduate from the Mars Hill Junior college, tomorrow (Friday) in a class of 267.

Others from Macon County in the graduating class include Clyde Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Drake, of Franklin, Route 3, Cecil Tallent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tallent, of Franklin, Route 3, and Barbara Zoellner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zoellner of Highlands.

Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Henry Hamilton Mashburn and C. A. Ridley have our regards for an invitation to attend the commencement of Wake Forest college May 24-27, 1897. The programme is a very neat one and we note that Mr. Mashburn will take the degree of Master of Arts at this commencement.

Mat Davis, Bob Davis, El McConnell and Sandy Monday went to Nantahala fishing Monday.

25 YEARS AGO

Sealed proposals for the construction of a brick school building at Franklin, North Carolina, will be received by the school board until 12 o'clock, noon, Thursday, June 8, 1922. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$500. Plans may be obtained from the architect, Frank B. Simpson, Raleigh, North Carolina, or from the chairman of the school board, Frank T. Smith, Chairman.

10 YEARS AGO

Construction of the Dugout, heralded by its owners, L. G. Appley and Dinty Dennis, as the super roadside tavern, was started with a large crew of laborers last week. The Dugout is located on the Highlands-Franklin federal highway, two miles from the center of Highlands.

The crash of a biplane, said to belong to the Joe Muesler, air circus, of Jacksonville, Florida, here Monday afternoon about 6 o'clock resulted in the almost instant death of Harve Shiddles, 25, of Franklin, a passenger, and fatal injuries to Robert Williams, 19, of Jacksonville, Fla., the pilot, who died about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Macon County Jury Trying Messer And O'Dear In Sylva

A jury of Macon County men was selected last Wednesday to try Robert Messer, 21, of Dillsboro, and Earl O'Dear, 24, of Sylva, charged with the murder of Jack Hall, Sylva taxi driver, and his wife, Mrs. Margie Hall, April 21.

Members of the jury, chosen from a special venire of 133 that reported from this county in Jackson superior court Wednesday afternoon, are Harley Stanfield, E. B. Beck, W. R. Pressley, T. A. Keener, Carter Henson, J. B. Ammons, Wiley G. Smith, Tom Gladwell, Kirk Chastain, Lee Poindexter, Youel Bradley, and Grover Angel. J. H. Cabe, Sr., was picked as a thirteenth juror. Sixty-seven names were drawn from the venire before the jury was chosen.

The Macon veniremen, drawn from the box by the county commissioners on order of Judge William H. Bobbitt, presiding in Jackson superior court, was taken to Sylva in three school buses sent here for the purpose. The jury was completed about 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Eight veniremen summoned failed to appear and were fined \$20 each.

Jack Hall, slain in his taxi and robbed, was a brother of W. L. Hall, of Franklin.

PLAN HIGHLANDS BRANCH OF BANK

Sylva Institution Will Expand Service In Near Future

Detailed plans for the opening of a full power branch bank are now being worked out by officials of the Jackson County bank, of Sylva, it was announced this week by R. L. Ariall, executive vice-president of the institution.

For the past 12 years the Jackson County bank has maintained only a "teller's window" at Highlands.

While the exact date for the opening of the Highlands branch has not been fixed, office supplies for the branch bank have been ordered, and it is hoped to officially open the branch in the near future, Mr. Ariall said.

Application for the change from "teller's window" service to a branch bank already has been approved by the State Banking department.

For the time being, the new branch will occupy the old Bank of Highlands building, which is owned by the Jackson County bank, but it is hoped that a modern new bank building can be erected at Highlands before a great while, Mr. Ariall said.

The Sylva banker also announced that the capital stock of the Jackson County bank is to be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and that \$25,000 is to be spent in modernizing the bank building in Sylva.

Siler Slagle

Hurt In Tractor Mishap, Is Improving

C. Siler Slagle, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slagle of Franklin, Route 1, was seriously injured last Friday when he fell from a tractor which he was operating on his father's farm. He received multiple fractures of the pelvis when the left rear wheel of the rubber-tired tractor ran across the middle of his body.

Mr. Slagle's fall from the tractor was said to have been due to a jolt from the tractor, caused by the vehicle's crossing a small ditch. Then the speed was due to the fact that governors on the motor automatically came open when the tractor began to climb a slight incline. The jerk threw Mr. Slagle across the left rear wheel, which pulled him down to the ground.

Just prior to the accident he had unhooked a disc harrow from the tractor with which he had been working in a nearby field.

He was taken to Angel hospital immediately and his condition was reported Thursday as good.

65 Students Get Diplomas In High Finals

Thirty boys and 35 girls, making up the first 12-year graduation class of the Franklin High school, were presented their diplomas by County Supt. G. L. Houk in graduation exercises at the school last Friday evening.

Present for the program was an audience of parents, brothers and sisters and relatives, fellow students, and well-wishers that packed the auditorium to the doors. Scores stood in the side aisles and at the rear of the auditorium.

Prior to conferring the diplomas, Mr. Houk presented a cash award of \$100 to Mary Frances Dalrymple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dalrymple, of the Cartoogechaye community. The award was offered by Dr. Furman Angel for general excellence, and the winner had not been announced until the presentation of the check.

Other awards were presented by Principal George H. Hill as follows: Valedictory, Hazel Robinson; salutatory, Fredrick Corbin; president of senior class, Hoyt Bryson; mathematics, Furman Corbin; agriculture, Hayes Gregory; home economics, Virginia Brookshire; citizenship, Mary Frances Dalrymple; social science, Howard Horsley; English, Marjorie Constance; athletics, Howard Penland; science, Mac Duncan; commercial, Imogene Moses; and a certificate for perfect attendance during the four years of high school, Elizabeth DeHart.

The program opened with the seniors filing onto the stage to the March from "Aida", with Mrs. H. W. Cabe at the piano. Following the singing of "America" by the audience, the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, and Fredrick Corbin delivered the salutatory address.

A girls' chorus of about 50 voices, directed by Mrs. Helen Manning, with Mrs. Cabe at the piano, then presented "Neapolitan Nights", and Mr. Hill presented the awards.

After Mr. Houk had delivered the diplomas to the 65 graduates, Hazel Robinson gave the valedictory, and the seniors sang their class song.

Following the benediction by Mr. Evans, the seniors marched from the auditorium to the March from "Tannhauser", the audience remaining seated.

Marshals for the commencement activities were Anne Cabe, Katherine Furr, Barbara Childers, Ruth Angel, Maxine Roten, Ann Lyle, Juanita Allen, and Grace Tallent.

The list of those who received diplomas follows:

Sallie Sue Bingham, Virginia Brookshire, Dorothy Conley, Marjorie Constance, Blanche Crisp, Mary Frances Dalrymple, Elizabeth DeHart, Wilma Edwards, Betty Jeanne Foster, Dessie Mae Fouts, Leah Franks, Alene Gregory, Willie Henson, Iahka Henson, Mary Sue Jones, Dorothy Keener, Betty Leatherman, Betty Ann Mashburn, Betty Meadows, Dorothy Moore, Ruth Moore, Imogene Moses, Betty Myers, Mary Sue Norton, Betty Peek, Joyce Ramey, Hazel Robinson, Marie Roper, Thelma Sanders, Jane Setser, Sarah Smart, Evalue Vanhook, Irene Vinson, Geraldine Womak, Ruth West.

T. W. Angel, III, George Blaine, Lawrence Brendle, Hoyt Bryson, R. W. Burnett, Wiley Cabe, John G. Cloer, Bob Cochran, Furman Corbin, Jr., Kenneth Corbin, George Crawford, Lee Downs, Mac Duncan, Sam Fulton, Billy Gibson, Hayes Gregory, Wilburn Hoglen, Howard Horsley, W. J. Mason, David Lee McDowell, Tommy McKay, David Moses, Byron Nicholson, James Patterson, Howard Penland, J. L. Smith, Roy Smith, Harold Welch, Kenneth Welch, and Fred West.

Memorial Poppy Day To Be Observed On Saturday

Annual memorial poppy day will be observed here Saturday, sponsored by the local Auxiliary of the American Legion. Members of the Girls Scouts will sell poppies on the streets. All the money contributed by those who wear poppies Saturday, in memory of the war dead, will go to aid the war's living victims, it was explained, these include disabled veterans, their families, and the families of the dead.

Will Figure In Dedication



BISHOP CLARE PURCELL



DR. WALTER B. WEST



REV. D. P. GRANT

Dr. Burnside, Veterinarian Locates Here

Dr. O. H. Burnside, of Birmingham, Ala., has located in Franklin for the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Burnside, who was discharged from service in the armed forces earlier this month, arrived here May 15. For the present, he has opened an office in the Agricultural building, but announced that he plans to build a veterinary hospital here, and will have his office in the veterinary hospital when it is completed. He was brought to Franklin through the efforts of the local and state farm extension offices.

Graduated from Alabama Polytechnic institute at Auburn, Ala., with the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine in 1942, he engaged in practice in Butler county, in South Alabama, until 1944, when he entered the army. As an officer in the veterinary corps, he attended an army school for veterinary officers on meat and dairy hygiene, and during his subsequent service was engaged in inspection of food products of animal origin, general veterinary work, and surgery on army war dogs and horses. At present, he is a captain in the army veterinary corps, reserve.

Dr. Burnside said he plans to make Franklin his permanent home.

\$2,181 Is Allocated For Highway Work Here

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has allocated \$2,181 for the maintenance of highways through Franklin during the fiscal year starting next July 1, Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., has been notified. A portion of the highway fund is set aside each year for maintenance of state highways through municipalities, and this amount is Franklin's share.

Hill Presented Gift By Franklin Teachers

George H. Hill, who is retiring as principal of the Franklin school, was presented with a handsome pen and pencil set by the teachers of the school at a ceremony Tuesday, the closing day of the school year. The presentation was made by William Crawford, of the faculty. It was the second gift Mr. Hill had received in connection with the close of school, students having presented him a watch chain with knife attached at the Junior-Senior banquet.

WILL DEDICATE IOTLA CHURCH SUNDAY AT 11

Methodist Bishop To Conduct Impressive Service

The Iotla Methodist church will be dedicated by Bishop Clare Purcell in an impressive service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The building, the third since the organization of the church, prior to 1900, will be presented by Lawrence Ramsey, representing the trustees, "to be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of men."

Also on the program, as announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. D. P. Grant, is Dr. Walter B. West, district superintendent, who will present Bishop Purcell. Special musical numbers have been prepared for the service.

The church was built, Mr. Grant explained, with the help of friends of other denominations, and the general public is invited to be present for the service, and to bring basket lunches and participate in picnic dinner to be spread on the grounds. A program also is planned for the afternoon. A crowd that will tax the church's seating capacity of about 200 is expected.

Just prior to the act of dedication, Bishop Purcell will preach the sermon.

Short talks by those who care to speak and singing are planned for the afternoon. Visiting singing groups will be welcomed, Mr. Grant said.

The Iotla Methodist church was organized in the latter part of the nineteenth century, and the congregation first worshipped in a frame structure, which was used until 1923. At that time a brick church was completed and dedicated, but in 1943 it burned.

The present building, which cost approximately \$8,000, was completed in 1945, and now is free of debt. It is built of tile and stucco. New pews recently were built and installed, and the floors have just been sanded in preparation for the dedicatory service.

Mr. Grant, pastor of this and the other churches on the Franklin Methodist circuit, is now serving his third year.

Trustees of the church, in addition to Mr. Ramsey, are R. L. Poindexter and J. E. Myers. Members of the board of stewards are Arbie Daves, J. C. Myers, J. E. Myers, Verlin Poindexter, J. C. Canler, W. L. Ramsey, Miss Vera Rogers, and Miss Irene Sloan.

Mrs. W. L. Ramsey is superintendent of the Sunday school, and Miss Virginia Canler is president of the Youth Fellowship.

Annual Meeting Of W. M. U. To Be Held Wednesday

The annual associational meeting of the Woman's Missionary union will be held next Wednesday at the Ridgecrest Baptist church, starting at 10 a. m., it has been announced by Mrs. Fannie Gibson, association superintendent.

Morning and afternoon sessions will be held, with a picnic lunch to be served at noon. Prominent speakers are on both morning and afternoon programs. The latter will be devoted to young people's work.

Miss Ruth Edwards, who is employed by the Western Carolina Telephone Company here, left Wednesday for East Lansing Mich., where she will spend a week or ten days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bryant.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results

Monday, May 19:—Rotary, 18; Zickgraf, 0. Nantahala Power, 33; Oilers, 5. Coming Games

Friday, May 23:—Nantahala Power vs Legion. Zickgraf vs Burrell Motor.

Monday, May 26:—Legion vs Oilers. Burrell Motor vs Rotary.

Prize for this week's games given by Norton's cafe.

PLAN \$50,000 CIVIC CENTER

Highlands Legion Tells Community Meeting About Program

Plans for a \$50,000 combination Legion home and community building at Highlands were outlined by members of Highlands Memorial Post No. 370, American Legion, at a community meeting Thursday night of last week. The meeting, held at the school theatre, was called by the post, and was the second Highlands community meeting held in recent months.

Edward Potts, who discussed the post's program, explained that the Legionnaires have subscribed \$2,500, and that it is hoped the remainder of the money can be raised by the community. Subscriptions are now being sought.

The building, he said, is proposed as a living memorial to the men of Highlands township who gave their lives in the two world wars. It is designed to serve as a meeting place for the Legion and Legion auxiliary, for the Boy Scouts, and for other organizations; as a gymnasium and recreation headquarters for the youth of the area; and as a community center for business, civic, and social groups. A sketch of the proposed structure was then shown the audience.

The proposal provoked lively discussion, with many members of the audience asking questions and a number indicating they plan to contribute to the fund.

The group voted to hold periodic community meetings, under the direction of a community meeting board, and John Westbrook was elected chairman of the board. Other members are Edward Potts, Mrs. H. P. P. Thompson, W. A. Hays, and Mrs. Valentine.

W. W. Alexander, city attorney of Thomasville, Ga., and Highlands, visitor, was the guest speaker. He explained that Thomasville also is a tourist town, and gave the audience the benefit of some of Thomasville's experiences.

He offered Highlands a single suggestion:

"Plan and zone the town, now. It would be a simple matter today."

"But Highlands is going to grow. It is a national tendency for communities to grow, and for business to spread out in a town."

"And someone is going to come in and disturb your pattern of life unless you have already set the pattern to which he must conform."

He explained that Thomasville, a town of 12,000, is now going through the throes of community planning and city zoning, and we are exactly 20 years too late."

Geographic Editor, Seeking TVA Data, Visits This County

Frederick Simpich, assistant editor of the National Geographic magazine, who is in this region preparing an article on the TVA, spent Monday in Macon County.

The Washington writer was taken by the County Agent S. W. Mendenhall to the Rabbit Creek and Cat Creek communities, and was shown a number of unit test demonstration farms in this county.

Mr. Simpich, who has traveled all over the world, was highly complimentary of the farm methods and results he saw in this county.