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TEACHER LIST ANNOUNCED BY SCHOOL BOARD

All Schools Except At
Highlands To Open
August 28

The county board of education, at a called meeting Saturday afternoon, assigned teachers to the schools in the county for the coming year. The assignment list was adopted at the end of a two and half hour executive session of the board with Supt. Guy L. Houk.

The board also set the dates for the opening of schools—Thursday, August 28, for the schools in the Franklin and the Nantahala districts, and Thursday September 4, for the Highlands district.

The board decided to go into executive session when the question of selecting a principal of the Cowee school, an issue that has had considerable public discussion, came up. The list, announced at the conclusion of the executive meeting, revealed that the board had re-appointed E. J. Carpenter as Cowee principal. The other man considered for the post, E. G. Crawford, was assigned as principal of the Slagle school.

Mr. Crawford, a veteran of World War 2, was principal of the school at Cowee the school year before he entered the armed forces in the late summer. In discussing the case, however, school officials said that the present Cowee school is a consolidation of two schools that were in operation in that section prior to the war.

Hears Petition

The board also had before it a petition, bearing some 30 names, asking that Sanford Smith be appointed principal at Higdonville. Mr. Smith was reassigned to the Holly Springs school, while Carl D. Moses, last year's Higdonville principal, and Weaver Shope, principal at Otter Creek last year, were exchanged.

E. R. White, principal at Slagle last year, was sent to Pine Grove as principal, and Mrs. Mildred Richardson was transferred to the Otto school faculty.

Other changes included the transfer of Miss Elizabeth Meadows from Iota to Franklin; Nancy J. Taylor from Oak Ridge to Holly Springs; Mrs. Kathryn Jones, from Pine Grove to Oak Ridge; Miss Mattie Brendell from Otter Creek to Pine Grove; and Mrs. Glee G. Nolen from Slagle at Allison-Watts.

Meeting with the board were members of the Franklin district committee.

Will Draw Contract

After some discussion, the board authorized Superintendent Houk to draw a tentative contract with Lindsey Gudger, Asheville architect, to handle the proposed school building program for three per cent of the total expenditure, without providing construction supervision. Mr. Houk suggested that the regular architect's fee, with supervision, is five per cent, and that the board could employ an inspector for less than the two per cent difference. The contract is to be submitted to the board for approval.

Under the state allotment for the year, the county is entitled to 110 teachers, three more than last year. All three additional teachers are in the Franklin district.

In the list of teachers, seven vacancies remain to be filled, three at Franklin, two at Kyle, one at Slagle, and one at Otto Creek.

The list, as approved by the board upon motion of Ed Byrd and seconded by Walter Gibson, follows, the first named in each case being the principal:

District 1

Franklin: W. H. Finley, Mrs. Katherine O'Neill, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Vesta S. Young, Mrs. Lois Fulton, Miss Vera Pauline Reid, Miss Katherine Long, Miss Mary Raby, Miss Katherine Matthews, Mrs. W. H. Finley, Frank Plyer, Mrs. E. J. Whitmire, W. G. Crawford, Mrs. Virginia B. Ramsey, Miss Mayberry Moody, Mrs. Edith Hempill, Miss Edna Jamison, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Mrs. Margaret Flanagan, Miss Esther Wallace, Mrs. Kate Williams, Mrs. Elsie Franks, Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Miss

Plan To Replace Board And White Crosses With Permanent War Memorial

Plans for removing the veterans' honor roll board and the white crosses, which stand in front of the board, from Rankin Square here, and for replacing them with a permanent memorial to Macon County dead of both world wars were announced this week.

The announcements came from the Franklin Lions club and the American Legion auxiliary here, the two organizations which sponsored these temporary means of recognition.

The honor roll board, bearing the names of Macon County men and women who served in World War 2, was erected in 1944, through funds raised by public donations, under sponsorship of the Lions club.

In May, 1945, the Legion auxiliary sponsored the erection of a white memorial cross for each of those who died in the service of their country.

This unique idea received national recognition.

President Robert R. (Bob) Gaines, of the Lions club, explained that the board was in-

tended to serve as a temporary structure, and that it is beginning to show signs of deterioration. As soon as funds for the purpose can be raised, he added, a suitable permanent monument, listing the names of those from Macon County who made the supreme sacrifice in both world wars, will be erected. If any one objects to this plan, Mr. Gaines said, members of the Lions club wish to have the objections voiced.

Mrs. Eunice H. Church, president of the Legion auxiliary, pointing out that the crosses were made of a temporary type of material, said the Auxiliary has decided to cooperate with the Lions club in the project to build a more permanent memorial. She asked that anyone who objects to the program get in touch with her.

Persons who wish to contribute to a fund for the erection of the permanent memorial are requested to see Mr. Gaines, Mrs. Church, E. L. Hyde, or A. R. Higdon.

Win Honors For Macon At 4-H Camp

Individual honors were won by a number of Macon County 4-H club members at the Swannanoa 4-H club camp last week.

Nancy Cabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cabe, of Franklin, Route 4, and member of the Holly Springs 4-H club, was selected as co-winner of the honor of being the best girl camper.

Max Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Henderson, of Franklin, broke the camp record, which had existed for the past six years, in rifle marksmanship.

June Teague was the highest scoring girl in rifle marksmanship for the week.

Billy Teague, Nancy Cabe, and Roberta Snyder were high scorers in their groups in the shooting contests.

The twenty-seven Macon boys and girls competed against boys and girls from Jackson and Swain counties.

Commissioners

Get Road Petitions, Refuse Tax Cut

Petitions, asking that the county commissioners request the state highway commission to place three rural Macon roads under state maintenance and that the highway department be requested to finish graveling one road, were heard and approved by the county board of commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday.

The Deweese road on Otter creek, Cunningham and Moore branch road, and Zeb Taylor road on Rabbit creek are those requested to be placed in the state highway system for maintenance.

The road connecting North and South Skeenah community roads is the one requested to be graveled.

A request to reduce the tax on the Highlands Briar, Inc. filed by M. Monderer, president of the company, was denied. Reasons being given for the denial were that taxable valuation was listed by the company or its agent, that this by law was a matter for the state board of equalization, that the board of county commissioners could find no legal right to reduce these taxes.

Request for an on premises beer license was granted John Carl Drake, Jr., of Aquone.

Upon the request of the clerk of the court, it was decided to authorize the clerk to purchase a mimeograph machine for the county office.

The final action taken at the meeting was authorizing the tax collector to sell for taxes all property on which 1946 taxes have not been paid. Sale will be held the first Monday of September.

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ADD 16 ACRES TO CEMETERY

Bought For Use When Needed; More Than Doubles Size

Trustees of the Franklin Cemetery association have purchased a 16-acre tract on the Murphy road, adjoining the cemetery, it was announced this week.

The cemetery property contains 10 acres, so that this addition more than doubles its size.

The tract, which lies between the Roten road and the east side of the cemetery, was bought from the Thomas M. Slagle estate. It is to be held and developed when needed, it was explained by Gilmer A. Jones, chairman of the board of trustees.

The present cemetery contains 709 lots, each large enough for four graves. About two-thirds of these lots have been sold to date, Mr. Jones said, and about one-third of the space in the cemetery already has been used for graves.

The association, a non-profit corporation, is owned by its members, and its membership is made up of lot owners. The association was formed and the cemetery established in 1922.

Trustees, in addition to Mr. Jones, are W. N. Sloan, John Bulgin, J. S. Conley, and George Dean.

Highlands

Theatre Drama Tickets To Go On Sale

Tickets for the play, "Night on January Sixteenth", to be presented by the Highlands Community Theatre, will go on sale Friday of next week it has been announced. Ticket headquarters will be the Wick Photography shop.

Bobby Curry, ticket chairman, announced that reservations may be made and tickets purchased there between 10 a. m. and 12 noon from August 15 through August 20, the date of the play. Tickets are \$1.50 for the reserved section and \$1 for unreserved, both afternoon and evening performances.

"Night of January Sixteenth" will be directed by Sara Little, of Macon and Thomasville, Ga., who has been associated for many years with both the Macon Little Theatre and the local group.

PLAN FOOD SALE

The Past Matrons club of the Nequassa chapter order of the Eastern Star, will hold a benefit food sale tomorrow (Friday) at 9:30 a. m. in the downstairs office of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

L. H. Page, manager of the Franklin Mineral Products company, returned last Friday from an extended tour of India, where he has spent the last five months contacting sources of supply for scrap mica.

C. A. SETSER, WIDELY KNOWN IN MACON, DIES

'Uncle Gus' Had Served
As Teacher, Mail
Carrier, J. P.

C. A. Setser, 85, Macon County pioneer school teacher and well known public figure, died of a heart attack at his home in the Bonny Crest section of Franklin Monday morning.

"Uncle Gus", as Mr. Setser was known to hundreds of friends throughout the county, was in apparent good health until shortly before his death. He had risen that morning with the intention of performing his usual duties as justice of the peace, an office he had held since 1937. Shortly after eating breakfast, he was stricken with the fatal attack.

A life-long Macon resident, Mr. Setser taught in 32 schools in the county, although he did not learn to read or write until he was 19 years of age. Starting at that age, he continued his studies until he was graduated from Commerce college at 32, when he returned to the county to teach. No place was too remote for Mr. Setser, who learned the value of education after reaching maturity, to serve. It is said that he moved 42 times, and that most of these moves were made in order that he might serve some isolated community in offering education to its youth.

After retiring from the teaching profession, he served as a rural mail carrier, from 1921 until 1936. He was retired from this work in 1937, when he became a justice of the peace, a position he held until his death.

Mr. Setser was widely known for his knowledge of early country history. Possessed of a remarkable memory and having spent a lifetime in public service, his mind was a storehouse of early Macon county history.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Franklin Baptist church, with the Rev. C. E. Parker and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan conducting the service. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Methodist church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Paul Long, Gilmer Setser, Joe Setser, John Blaine, Wade Setser, and M. B. Donaldson, all nephews of "Uncle Gus".

Honorary pallbearers were Ras Lewis, Lawrence Setser, Oscar Lewis, Bud Blaine, Bruce Blaine, Fred Setser, Alex Setser, Bryan Setser, Fred Lewis, George Patton, G. A. Jones, R. S. Jones, Horner Stockton, Guy L. Houk, Walter Dean, Alex Moore, Frank Reece, J. P. Bradley, Pritchard Smith, Dr. Edgar Angel, Dr. Furman Angel, Lake Shope, Clinton Brookshire, and Benny McGlamery.

Mr. Setser was married three times, first to Miss Callie Johnson, and following her death, to Miss Adella Pink Dalrymple. He was married the third time to Mrs. Lenora McKay Seay, who survives.

Surviving children, all by the second marriage, are two sons, Claude, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Robert, of Carey; and three daughters, Mrs. Walter McCloud, of Roland, and Mrs. Kirk Morrison and Mrs. Alex Shives, the latter two are missionaries to the Belgium Congo, Africa.

Also surviving are four stepchildren, Paul Seay and Mrs. Derald Ashe, of Franklin, Miss Helen Seay, of Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. Roy Robinson, of Waynesville; four sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Blaine, of Franklin, Mrs. John Stanfield, of Andrews, Mrs. Homer Long, of Norcross, Ga., and Mrs. Weymer Donaldson, of Canton.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Plan Vacation Bible School At Morrison

A Vacation Bible school will open Monday at the Morrison Presbyterian church. The school, which will continue for two weeks, will be held daily, Monday through Friday, starting at 9 a. m. Miss Daisy Hunnicutt, representative of the American Sunday School Union, will be in charge.

Production of peaches in the Sandhill area of North Carolina is estimated at 1,522,000 bushels.

Town Watershed, Gravity Pipeline Studied By Board

Value Of Recent Rains To Crops Put At \$50,000

Heavy rains which fell last Saturday and Monday may have saved the county from \$40,000 to \$50,000 in crop damage, according to S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent.

By last Saturday the corn crop was damaged 10 to 15 per cent by dry weather, and another week of drought would have cut the corn yield in half, Mr. Mendenhall said. He added that, on the basis of a yield of 11,000 to 12,000 bushels for the county, valued at \$2 per bushel, more than \$32,000 worth of corn alone was saved.

Estimating similar saving in pasture and vegetable crops, the county agent pointed out that rains of the week-end meant a saving of at least \$50,000 for the county.

27 Laid Off By Highway Commission

Twenty-seven men were laid off here by the maintenance division of State Highway commission early this week.

Joe Setser, local maintenance superintendent, said he did not know whether the lay off was temporary or permanent, but that he had received instructions from officials of the highway commission to curtail maintenance expenses approximately \$3,000 per month, thus making this reduction in personnel necessary.

In complying with these instructions, he added that 21 laborers, five truck drivers, and one machine operator were dropped from the payroll.

Dr. Horsley, Hurt In Fall In Bathtub, Is In Hospital

Dr. H. T. Horsley is a patient at Angel hospital, suffering from four broken ribs. He was injured when he fell in the bathtub at his home Sunday morning, and was immediately taken to the hospital. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

2-Day Gospel Singing Meet Planned At Scaly

The annual meeting of the southern division of the Macon County gospel singing convention will be held August 8 and 9 at the Scaly Baptist church. Picnic lunch will be served both days. President Ernest Vinson said, adding that all singers are invited.

Jerome Will Preach Here Sunday Morning

The Rev. Robert Jerome, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church at New Bern, will be guest minister at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will preach on the topic, "A Moral Pioneer." Mr. Jerome is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results

Friday, August 1:—
NP&L Co 15; Zickgraf 13.
Burrell 19; Veterans 14.

Monday, August 4:—
All games rained out.

Coming Games

Friday, August 8:—
Oilers vs. Rotary.

Burrell vs. Zickgraf.

Monday, August 11:—
NP&L Co. vs. Oilers.

Zickgraf vs. Rotary.

Standings

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