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PLAN CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK FOR N. C. SYMPHONY

Ticket Sales Will Be Restricted By Lack Of Seating Space

The campaign to bring the North Carolina Symphony orchestra here again next spring will get under way Monday, W. W. Sloan, Macon County chairman, has announced.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sloan has appointed Mrs. Allen Siler, E. J. Carpenter, Mrs. Weimar Jones, and Miss Sara Gilder, of Highlands, on his committee. The committee will meet the latter part of this week to map plans for the canvass.

Workers are needed, and Mr. Sloan this week asked for volunteers, requesting persons interested in bringing good music to this community to see him at once. For the Highlands area, Miss Gilder will select workers. The county's quota is \$750, and Mr. Sloan expressed the conviction that the entire sum can be obtained in memberships.

A regular membership is \$2, and persons joining the Symphony society, he pointed out, not only bring good music to Macon County and make possible a free afternoon orchestra concert for school children, but more than get their money's worth in their ticket for the evening performance. Symphony concert tickets, it was pointed out, rarely can be obtained for as little as \$2. In addition, a member is entitled to attend any concert given in the state this season without additional charge.

For persons who wish to give the movement more substantial support, special memberships are available at \$5, \$25, and \$100. (Funds so invested, it was said, are deductible for income tax.)

The orchestra, which played here in the spring of 1946 and again last spring, is scheduled to come to Franklin about March 1.

It is hoped, however, to raise the entire quota during the campaign starting Monday.

The total number of tickets that may be sold is restricted to about 375, it was pointed out, due to the limited seating capacity of any auditorium in Franklin. After the seating capacity has been sold out, tickets will be withdrawn from sale.

It is planned to have tickets on sale next week at Perry's and Angel's drug stores and in the lobby of the Bank of Franklin from 9 a. m. to noon Saturday of next week.

WILL HOLD RUMMAGE SALE
Mrs. R. F. Hemphill's fifth grade room of the Franklin School will sponsor a rummage sale on Rankin Square Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Dr. N. F. Howard, of Dahlonega, Ga., has recently visited his brothers, Col. L. Howard and Mr. P. Howard of this county. It has been six years since he visited them before. These highly respected citizens are advanced in age, and in all probability may never again see each other in this world as they live so far apart and the journey is so fatiguing. . . . On the eleventh day of the eleventh month Dwight Carver was eleven years old and had eleven children at his birthday party.

25 YEARS AGO
Plans are rapidly being brought to perfection for starting work on the big lake and summer resort development on Rabbit Creek, to be known as Lake Emory. Delay was caused in completing the organization by the State Insurance Department waiting until it had fully investigated before it granted a license to do business. The following well known business men have been elected as officers of the organization. Lee Crawford, president; John S. Trotter, treasurer; E. S. Hunnicutt, secretary; W. L. Higdon, general manager; directors, the above officers together with Frank Williams and Gilmer Jones.



Pictured above is a group of the 713 school children, that are transported daily from all parts of Macon County to the Franklin school, loading into eight school buses. In order to bring these children to the consolidated Franklin school, five of the buses make two round trips making a total of 13 bus loads of children being brought daily to the Franklin school. These eight buses are a part of the fleet of 21 buses operated by the Macon County school system. Mr. T. E. Glass, assistant director of transportation, has praised this group as being one of the best maintained and operated in the state public school system.

TALKS, REPORTS MARK PTA MEET

2 From W.C.T.C. Heard; 400 Members Reported To Date This Year

Committee reports and talks by two guest speakers, both from Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, marked Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association. Between 75 and 100 persons attended.

Both speakers discussed the relations of parents, teachers, and the community.

Miss Fannie Goodman, a director of the W. C. T. C. training school, outlined some of the ways in which the P. T. A. serves parents and teachers. Miss Alice Benton, director of the college's physical education department for women, discussed what a teacher has a right to expect from the community. The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Weimar Jones, association president.

Mrs. Allen Siler, program chairman, reported that the December meeting will be featured by a Christmas program, to be presented by pupils of the lower grades in the elementary school.

Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, membership chairman, reported that 399 persons have joined the association this year. Miss Goodman remarked it would never do to stop short of 400, and asked that her membership be accepted.

The PTA magazine chairman, Mrs. R. S. Jones, reported 29 paid subscriptions to the magazine. It was announced that the present education committee will hold an all-day study group meeting, with a covered dish lunch, at the Agricultural building sometime before Christmas.

Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannanoa, past state president of the P. T. A., has been asked to lead the discussion.

The devotional program was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., Methodist pastor here.

For the third successive month, William Crawford's eighth grade room won the award for the largest representation of parents present.

Hotel Hearn

Lease Is Purchased By Florida Woman

Miss Dorothy E. Bartman this week purchased the nine-year lease on Hotel Hearn here from F. S. McConnell, and Tuesday took over active management of the hotel. No changes in staff are contemplated, Miss Bartman said.

The new operator of the Hearn formerly was manager of the Canton hotel at Canton, Ga., and later of the Montezuma hotel at Sanford, Fla. She comes to Franklin from Daytona Beach, Fla., where she operated a guest home.

Miss Bartman, who arrived here Monday to look over the situation, bought the lease that day. The deal was handled by Barfield brothers, Atlanta brokers.

Lions Club Will Hold Auction For Recreation Fund

The Lions club's auction sale, which was to have been held last week, will be held this Saturday, according to R. R. (Bob) Gaines, Lions president.

The sale, which will be held on Rankin square, beginning at 10 a. m., was postponed until this weekend, due to bad weather last Saturday. This extra time has allowed club members to collect one of the largest assortments of articles ever to be placed on sale here at an auction of this type, it was said. Auctioneer Benny McGlamery will knock down everything from cars and trucks to old shoes and bookends.

All profits received by the club will be used toward developing a community playground.

PLAN FOOD SALE
A food sale will be conducted Friday from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. in the downstairs office of the Nantahala Power and Light company. Grade mothers of Mrs. J. H. Williams' second grade in the Franklin school will conduct the sale. Proceeds will be used to buy equipment or furnishings for the room.

Franklin Defeats Andrews 13 To 0; Teams Play Good Ball, Despite Rain And Mud

Despite the fact that the game was played in a quagmire of mud and that there was a constant downpour of cold rain throughout the game, Franklin and Andrews played some of the best football seen here this year on the local field last Friday night.

Combing a powerful ground game with passing, the Franklin eleven proved too strong for the hard-fighting and determined team from Andrews. When the game was called, due to terrible weather conditions, with five minutes of playing time remaining in the final quarter, Franklin was leading Andrews by a score of 13 to 0.

Approximately 200 fans braved a rain storm to witness the game and were treated to an exceptionally clean and hard-fought game.

After receiving the opening kickoff, Franklin scored on the second play from scrimmage. Lyman Gregory, fleet Franklin back, broke through the left side of his line and ran 67 yards for a touchdown. Gregory broke into the secondary so quickly that it appeared that he was across the mid-field stripe before Andrews realized who was carrying the ball.

A pass, Flanagan to Moses, was good for the extra point.

Andrews made their most determined bid for a score during the second quarter after recovering one of the few fumbles made by the Franklin eleven deep in scoring territory. On a series of line plunges and end sweeps, Andrews drove to the Franklin five but were stopped cold by the strong Panther line.

Midway the third quarter, Franklin received the ball on its 30-yard line and on a series of

Square Dancing To Strains Of Genuine Mountain Music To Feature Friday Benefit

Seed Store Is Sold By Blaines To Mrs. McKelvey

Blaine's Seed Store, which had been operated by the Blaine family for 23 years, last week was sold by Mrs. C. T. Blaine and W. J. (Bill) Blaine to Mrs. R. E. McKelvey. The deal was closed late Wednesday, and Mrs. McKelvey took over Thursday morning.

The store, established by the late C. T. Blaine, long-time Franklin business man, developed from a small side-line to what is probably the largest retail seed business west of Asheville.

W. J. Blaine, who has managed the business since January, 1945, has not announced his plans for the future.

Mrs. McKelvey, who is the wife of the manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, announced plans to add gifts and souvenirs to the seed and other lines the store has carried in the past.

Noted Figures In Folk World To Take Part In Event Here

"Swing your partner! Ladies circle to the left . . ."

With Sam Queen, noted caller, directing the figures, and to the strains of mountain music played by genuine mountain musicians, persons from far and near are expected to gather here tomorrow to participate in square dances that were old, in England, when America was discovered.

The occasion will be the benefit program of entertainment prepared by a committee from the Franklin Lions and Rotary clubs.

The time will be Friday evening, starting at 8 o'clock.

The place will be the Slagle Memorial.

The purpose—other than entertainment—is to raise funds to complete the furnishing of the unique community center that is at once a memorial and the product of community-wide effort and cooperation.

The program of fun will include, in addition to the dancing, a box supper; cake walks; and the awarding of dozens of prizes. Prizes are offered for the prettiest girl, the ugliest man, the couple present who have been married longest, the couple married the shortest time, the oldest couple, etc.

Soft drinks, sandwiches, and hot coffee will be on sale.

All the prizes and the materials for the refreshments were donated by business men of Franklin and vicinity.

Among the performers will be "Smilin' Red" Raper, soloist, who is considered one of the most popular individual stars of the annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville.

Providing instrumental music for the dancing will be such well known figures as George and Dick Farthing, the latter a former USO performer; "Doc" Corbin, well known as a banjoist; St. Clair Anderson, lifelong drummer; Bill Land, old time fiddler; and the Carpenters—Ed, fiddler; Jack, pianist; Dean, guitarist; and Ed, Jr., mandolinist.

Master of the ceremonies for the evening will be Benny McGlamery, and when the time comes for auctioning the boxes, he and George Mallonee will take over. Judges for the various contests will be Dr. Furman Angel, Lake V. Shope, Dr. Ben P. Grant, and William (Bill) Tippet.

Members of the Rotary-Lions committee in charge of the event are Grant Zickgraf, John Crawford, Mack Franks, Benny McGlamery, J. C. Jacobs, Johnny Kusterer, Rufus Snyder, and Pritchard Smith, Jr. A number of other persons, including several ladies, have assisted with various phases of the preparation.

Mrs. Mack Franks and Mrs. Grant Zickgraf arranged for the refreshments and prizes; Mrs. J. Ward Long is in charge of decorations; Mrs. Claude H. Bolton is responsible for obtaining

GROUP FORMED FOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HERE

Will Investigate Steps Necessary To Obtain U. S. State Aid

A temporary organization, to investigate the steps necessary to obtain federal and state aid for a community hospital in Macon County, was formed at a dinner meeting of local business men at Riverview inn Tuesday evening.

If federal and state officials find that a need exists here for such a hospital, and if the hospital, as proposed, meets certain specifications and standards, the federal government will provide one-third of the funds necessary, and the state government 48 per cent, it was explained to the group. Thus, it was added, the community would have to raise only about 9 per cent of the total.

Following this explanation and some discussion, a temporary organization was formed, with a view to obtaining complete and detailed information, with Dr. G. B. Woodard chosen as chairman, and C. J. Mooney as vice-chairman. Bob Sloan, who attended the meeting in the capacity of a reporter, was asked to serve as secretary.

The group decided that its first step should be to write federal and state officials to inquire just what steps are necessary in order to obtain federal and state aid for a non-profit community hospital.

When this information has been received, it was said, the plan is to call a county-wide meeting of interested persons for the purpose of setting up a permanent organization.

Meanwhile, members of the North Carolina Medical Care commission were here the early part of this week to inspect the hospital facilities in this county. Commission representatives who visited this county included H. E. Hamilton, hospital administrator with the commission; G. R. Berryman, consulting architect; W. H. Newell, construction engineer; L. D. Conway, architect; and R. E. Blaisdell, sanitary engineer.

Alex Berry, 79, Dies Of Heart Attack

J. Alex Berry, well known retired farmer and contractor, died suddenly at his home on totla street about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Berry, who lacked exactly two months of reaching the age of 80, recently suffered an attack of pneumonia. He apparently had recovered, however, and was able to be up and about at the time he was stricken. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Mill Shoal township, Mr. Berry spent most of his life in the Ellijay community. He moved to Franklin about five years ago. He would have observed his 80th birthday January 18.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bryant funeral home, with the Rev. D. P. Grant and the Rev. W. C. Pipes officiating. Burial was in the Holly Springs Baptist cemetery.

pallbearers, all nephews, were T. W. Angel, Jr., Alex Deal, —Continued on Page Six

Next Week's Issue Of The Press To Be Published Tuesday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, next week's issue of The Press will be published on Tuesday, 24 hours earlier than usual.

Because there will be no mail delivery on the rural routes Thursday, rural readers would not receive their copies of the paper until Friday if the usual Wednesday schedule were followed. Accordingly, the time of publication is being moved up one day, for next week only, so that all Macon County readers will receive their copies of The Press about the same time.

Advertisers and persons who have news items for the paper are requested to bear the change in mind. The Press office will be closed all day Thanksgiving.

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