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CHILDREN OF 28 NEEDY FAMILIES AIDED BY CLUB

\$250, Raised By Lions Dime Board, Buys Clothing, Shoes

Nearly \$250, proceeds from the Lions club dime board collections, has been spent to assist needy Macon county families by the health and welfare committee of the Lions club.

Elbert Angel, committee member, said that clothes had been bought for members of 28 different families, and that shoes had been purchased for 19 children.

Dr. G. B. Woodard, chairman of the committee, explained that particular emphasis had been placed on outfitting children who were reported to be unable to attend school, due to lack of clothing. He added that at least 25 children who previously had not been attending school now are going regularly as a result of this work.

The committee worked in cooperation with the County Welfare department. Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, county superintendent of welfare, furnished the names of many of the needy families.

Dr. Woodard also pointed out that considerable food had been distributed to destitute families, most of which had been contributed by individuals, rather than purchased from dime board proceeds.

Mrs. Julia Rhodes, Former Resident Of Macon, Is Dead

Funeral services were held at Morganon last Sunday for Mrs. Julia Carpenter Rhodes, 71, former Macon County resident.

Mrs. Rhodes, the daughter of the late J. P. Carpenter, and Salley Bradley Carpenter, died as the result of a heart attack.

Survivors include one daughter, Clyde Rhodes, and a sister, Mrs. C. W. Scruggs, of Thomasville.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mrs. S. H. Lyle and three children returned home last Wednesday evening from a visit to relatives in Edgecombe county, where they spent the winter.

Jolly John W. Queen was in town last Friday for the first time in many days, but his ringing laugh was as familiar as of old.

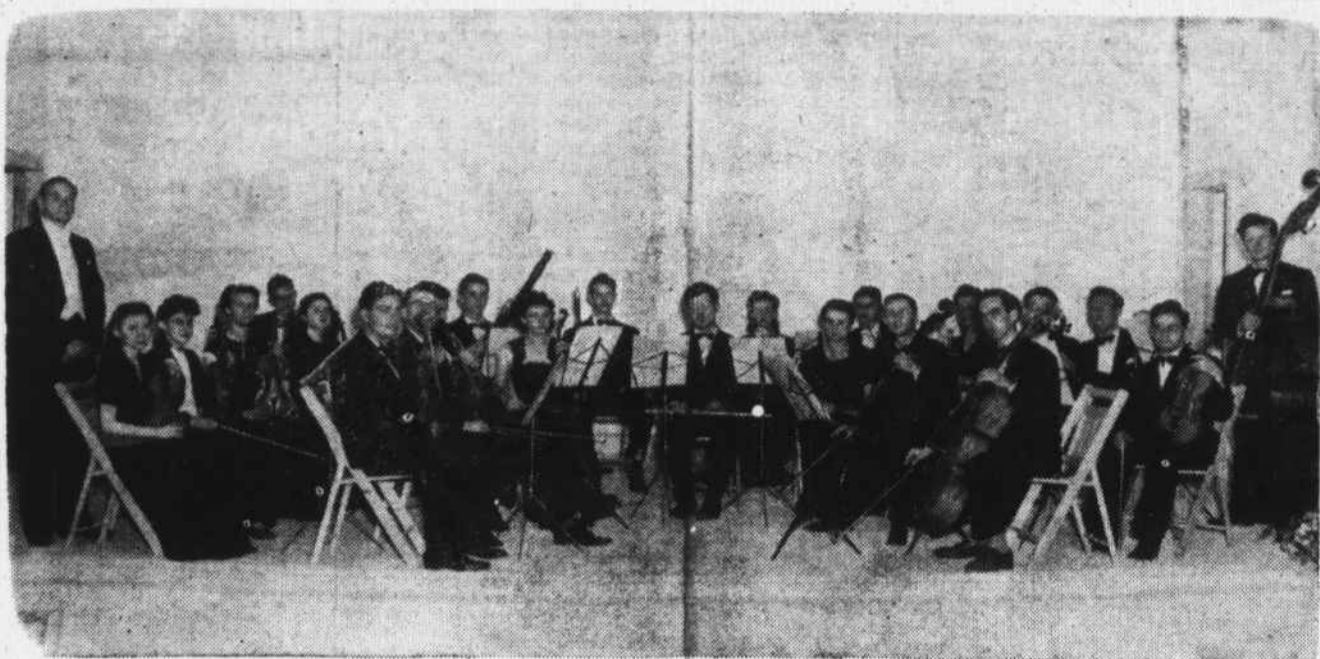
Married, February 13, 1898, in Cartoogechay township, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Henry Southards and Miss Florence Battles, H. H. Dills, Esq. officiating.

25 YEARS AGO

A lovely Valentine party was given February 15th at Trimont inn by Misses Brandon and Carrie Corpening. Many delightful games were enjoyed by all present. In the two contests, Thomas Porter and Weyman Crawford were winners, Van Catioway receiving the "booby" prize. Those invited were Misses Lilly Calloway, Emily Kingsberry, Eva Baird, Tim Crawford, Margaret Cozad, Annie Siler, Kate Siler, Betty Sloan, Daisie Siler, Caroline Crawford, Freda Siler, Francine Rhodes, Katherine Hunnicutt, and Messrs. Weyman Crawford, Tom McCollum, Lloyd Kingsberry, Van Calloway, Mims Crawford, William McGuire, Phil McCullum, John Willis Fox, James Porter, Robert Johnston, and Thomas Porter.

10 YEARS AGO

Local officers Thursday February 17, about 8:30 p.m., arrested four Canton men and confiscated 68 gallons of liquor that was being transported. It was reported by the officers Friday. The officers, John E. Edwards, Robert A. Wade, Ray E. Erwin, Thomas Sandlin, and E. W. Hones, said the arrests were made near Mulberry, on the Georgia road, in Macon County. They added that the car had a smoke screen apparatus.



SYMPHONY GROUP TO PLAY IN FRANKLIN—Above is the North Carolina Little Symphony, which will appear in concert here March 15. It will be the orchestra's third appearance here in as many years.

GRADE MOTHERS' WORK REPORTED

Mrs. Johnson Talks, Shows Films At P. T. Meet

A report on the activities of grade mothers at the Franklin school this school year, announcement of an award to be offered the best citizen in the student body, and a program on "Youth Looks at Our Schools" were highlights of Monday night's Parent-Teacher association meeting, held at the Agricultural building. The association also voted to send a delegate to the annual P. T. A. convention in Raleigh.

It was decided to cancel the March meeting of the association, and to hold the April meeting at the school. Recent sessions have been held at the Agricultural building, since it is more comfortable in cold weather. The decision to hold no meeting next month was due to the fact that the regular date conflicts with the appearance here of the North Carolina Symphony orchestra.

It was reported that the Rev. D. P. Grant had weatherstripped and placed latches on the school auditorium doors, and that the cost of material totaled \$8. The secretary was instructed to present the bill to the board of education, with the request that it pay it. Mr. Grant had volunteered to contribute the labor.

A nominating committee, to present a slate of nominees at the April meeting, was appointed by Mrs. Weimar Jones, president. Named on the committee are Mrs. Pearl Hunter, chairman, Principal W. H. Finley, the Rev. C. E. Parker, and Mrs. Sam Alexander.

The report on grade mother activity, prepared by Mrs. Lester Henderson, with the help of grade teachers and Principal Finley, was presented by Mrs. Alexander, in the absence of Mrs. Henderson.

In order to carry out any program, the report explained, it was necessary to raise funds, which was done by the grade mothers of the various rooms by sponsoring food sales, shows, exhibits, saving Blue Horse tablet covers, and selling seeds. Some rooms raised as much as \$70 in this manner.

The money has been spent for room improvements and equipment, such as window shades, dictionaries and library books, recordings, pencil sharpeners, films, lavatory installation, book shelves, record player, hangers for wraps, and bulletin boards.

Among the activities carried out by the various rooms were the painting of Mrs. Hemphill's room, gifts sent to children who have been absent on account of sickness, Thanksgiving baskets sent to the needy, junior Red Cross membership drive, Christmas Seal sales, contributions to the March of Dimes, Parent-Teacher association membership drive, making the scrap books, holiday programs, and parties.

Mrs. Jones announced the award for the best citizen in the Franklin school has been offered by Mrs. Giles W. Cover, of Andrews. Mrs. Cover requested that the travel expense the P. T. A. offered to refund her, when she spoke at the January meeting, be given as a prize to the stu-

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Now You Can Get To Church, Free, Thanks To Taxis

Several Franklin taxi drivers have offered their services in transporting persons living in Franklin and close vicinity to and from Franklin churches on Sunday mornings free of charge. Since the taxis would be able to transport only a limited number, they have expressed the hope that only persons who are unable to get to church without this assistance will take advantage of their offer.

The drivers who have made this offer will turn their names over to pastors of the various churches. Persons who desire transportation will notify their pastors, being sure to give directions as to where they live.

The taxi drivers have requested that persons be ready by 9:30 Sunday morning and plan to return home immediately after the church service.

Praises Folk In Franklin For Kindness

"Your people here seem to possess the characteristic of 'live and let live' more than any other place I know," said Dr. Jay B. MacGregor, dean of Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, who is staying in Franklin while his daughter, Miss Mary MacGregor, of Birmingham, Ala., recovers from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Tallulah Falls two weeks ago.

Miss MacGregor, an instructor at Birmingham-Southern college, Birmingham, Ala., received a skull fracture and a compound fracture of the left leg when the automobile in which she was riding overturned. The car was driven by Jack Adams, of Boston, Ga., a University of Georgia student, who received a fracture of the left arm. Other occupants of the car suffered minor injuries. Miss MacGregor and Mr. Adams were brought to Angel hospital for treatment.

Dr. MacGregor, while visibly saddened by the shock of the accident, said he is grateful that, if the accident had to occur, it happened among "such hospitable people" as he has found in Franklin.

"Everyone that I have come in contact with has just been simply wonderful, and so understanding," said Dr. MacGregor.

He was high in his praise of Angel hospital, remarking that the doctors there seem to be specialists in human relations, as well as professionally competent.

The Iowa college dean said that during his stay here he has talked with many residents and that they had borne out an idea that he had had of North Carolina in general—that the people of this state are ahead, in many cases, in progressive ideas, of the state's political leaders.

Coming from one of the nation's greatest corn growing states, he was surprised to learn that Macon County has 100-bushel-an-acre corn producers and said that the yield made by Fred Deal of 158.7 bushels

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N. C. SYMPHONY COMING MAR. 15

Orchestra To Play Here Third Successive Season

The North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra will appear in concert in Franklin Monday, March 15.

The date for the concerts—a free program in the afternoon for school children, and an evening members' performance—was announced this week by W. W. Sloan, county chairman.

The evening concert will start promptly at 6:30 o'clock, while the children's free program is set for 2 p. m. Both will be presented at the Macon theatre here.

Membership sales will be discontinued at the end of February, Mr. Sloan said. After that date, persons wishing to attend the concert will have to buy tickets at the box office the evening of the performance, at a slight advance in price. In the event the seating capacity is taken by members, no tickets will be sold at the door, he added.

Memberships still are available, and may be obtained from Mr. Sloan, at either of the Franklin drug stores, or from Miss Sara Glider in Highlands.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sloan asked that persons who have sold memberships turn their collections and receipt stubs in to him at his office at the Nantahala Power and Light company.

The orchestra's appearance here will be its third in Franklin in as many years.

The Little Symphony is made up of 23 members of the larger North Carolina Symphony orchestra. Dr. Benjamin Swalin, director, will appear with the group here.

The Little Symphony is now on tour of about 30 North Carolina communities.

The program for the evening concert here will be announced next week.

Time Is Extended For Performance Reports Of ACP

Robert Fulton, chairman of the Macon County committee, Agricultural Conservation program, announced this week that an extension of time for the filing of performance reports under the program has been received.

Instead of February 14 as a closing date, farmers in the county now have until February 28 in which to file reports on the practices carried out last year, he said. This extension of time will give farmers a chance to come to the county office and complete their report on 1947 practices and fill out a 1948 worksheet, Mr. Fulton pointed out.

Mrs. Fred L. Hannah has returned to her home, Franklin, Route 1, after spending two months with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woody in Seattle, Wash., who accompanied her back to Franklin. Mrs. Woody, who is now a patient at Angel hospital, is much improved. Mr. Woody returned to Seattle last week, and Mrs. Woody plans to return home in the summer.

Press 'EXTRA', Believed Paper's First, Popular

Last Thursday's Extra edition of the Press, believed to have been the first "extra" in the paper's 62-year history, proved popular.

It was issued, the day after the regular edition, primarily to get word to every voter in the county that last Saturday's scheduled beer election had been postponed by court order, and every subscriber in the county was mailed a copy, without charge.

Long before the "extra" was put in the post office, however, it was on sale, with boys' cries of "EXTRA" heard on the streets here. Three high school students—Frank Henry, III, John Alsup, Jr., and John Archer, III—sold 50 copies each. Total sales of the extra passed the 200-mark.

Awards Given 37 Scouts At Honor Court

Ten Boy Scouts received promotions, and 27 were awarded a total of 47 merit badges at last Thursday night's Smoky Mountain district court of honor, held at the Franklin Methodist church.

Despite unfavorable weather, approximately 125 persons witnessed the impressive ceremonies.

Franklin Troop No. 1 and the troops at Cherokee, Sylva, and Alarka were represented by Scouts promoted or given merit badges.

Promotions were as follows: Kenneth Sutton, Sylva, to first class Scout; Paul Killian, John Henry, Don P. Henry, and Emory Crawford, all of Franklin, to second class; and Darrell J. Allison, Cherokee, Floyd E. Summer, Jr., Sylva, and Leiland Greene, Wesley Herron, and Jesse Herron, all of Alarka, tenderfoot.

Merit badges were awarded to the following:

Robert W. Dowdle, John M. Archer, III (four badges), Jack Reece (two), Claude McFalls, Burton Leach, Alvin Stiles (two), Allen Cartledge (four), and Richard Jones, Jr., (four), all of Franklin Troop 1, and Thurman L. Blaine (two), and James J. Moore, both of Franklin Troop 6.

Frank Crawford, Jr., Eddie Buckner, Lambert Hooper (two), Jimmy Stovall (three), Franklin Fricks (two), Mack Monteith, Tommy Ferguson, Jim Bales (two), and Neil Wilson, all of Sylva.

Robert Hyatt, Don Tynall (two), and John Tyndall (three), all of Cherokee. Sidney Cochran, Elijah Fortner, Winifred Fortner, Roy E. Barker, and Talmadge Wiggins, all of Alarka.

Paul Russell presented the merit badges; the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., the first class award; John W. Edwards the second class award; and Avery Means Scout field representative, the tenderfoot awards.

Cub Scouts and their den chiefs were recognized, and Richard Jones, Jr., led the cubs in the cub law and promise. Awards for the largest percentage of promotions went to the Alarka troop for December

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VOTE ON BEER APPEARS OUT UNTIL SUMMER

Hearing On Injunction Set For Monday In Sylva

Last week's court order postponing the Macon County beer-wine election that had been scheduled for Saturday left in its wake considerable confusion as to the status of the issue.

Legal opinion, however, is that no beer-wine election can now be held in this county earlier than next summer.

The injunction was signed by Judge H. Hoyle Sink in Asheville late last Wednesday. A hearing to determine whether it shall be made permanent or dissolved will be held before Judge F. Donald Phillips in Sylva Monday at 2:30 p. m.

At the hearing, R. S. Jones, county attorney, will represent the county and the county board of elections, which was named as defendant in the suit. And it is understood the dry forces in this county will be represented by J. B. Gray, Murphy attorney. The dry leaders have had two conferences this week, and have consulted with Mr. Gray.

In the event the county board of elections wins the case, it is understood the plaintiffs will be required to reimburse the county for election expenditures to date.

Whether winning the case, however, would have any bearing on an early election remains in doubt.

Under the state law, it is necessary, prior to conducting an election, that the date be advertised for 30 days, and that the registration books then be open for a similar period. And the law providing for special county elections on the beer-wine issue sets out that no such election shall not be held within 60 days of a regular election. It would appear impossible to comply with these provisions and hold an election prior to the primary election May 29.

When a similar case, from Avery county, came before Judge Dan K. Moore in Yadkinville Monday, Judge Moore dissolved the injunction. He gave as his grounds the fact that the date of the election had passed, but, so far as the dispatch indicated, did not rule on the validity of the petition upon which the Avery county election was called, nor did the dispatch say whether the plaintiffs or the county would have to bear the pre-election expenses.

The dispatch did quote Judge Moore, however, as advising the petitioners they would have to draw and obtain signatures for a new petition in order to have an election.

Legion To Pick

New Commander, Act On Memorial Tonight

Two important items of business are on the agenda for tonight's meeting of the local Legion post.

The post will elect a new commander, to succeed Paul Nave, whose work has taken him elsewhere.

And the members are expected to act on the recommendations of the post's memorial committee.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 tonight (Thursday) at the Slagle Memorial, and post officials are urging a full attendance.

OPENING EARLY

Snowbird Lodge, near Robbinsville in the Smokies, will open April 24, stay open to Monday, November 1. No increase in prices.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Co-weta Experiment station, follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	44	34	0
Thursday	55	40	2.06
Friday	58	50	.49
Saturday	46	31	2.13
Sunday	56	20	tr.
Monday	52	30	0
Tuesday	66	36	0
Wednesday	28

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