

SCHOOL WILL BE HELD HERE FOR FOOD HANDLERS

200 From Over County Expected To Take 3-Day Course

A school for public food handlers in Macon County will be held at the Agricultural building here the latter part of April, it was announced this week by C. B. Thomas, district health department sanitarian. The dates will be announced later.

Approximately 200 persons who handle food in restaurants, hotels, tourist courts, school lunchrooms, meat markets, milk plants, and similar establishments in Franklin, Highlands, and other Macon County communities are expected to take the three-day course of instruction, Mr. Thomas said.

In asking the cooperation of the managements of food handling businesses, Mr. Thomas explained that the same instruction will be given at morning and afternoon classes, so that part of a firm's employees may attend in the morning, and the remainder in the afternoon. The classes, lasting about an hour and a half, will continue for three days.

The course will emphasize sanitation, the best and most attractive way to serve food, dishwashing techniques, and personal appearance on the part of waitresses and other food handlers who come in contact with the public, he said.

Films, demonstrations, and lectures will be used in the instruction. No written or oral tests will be required at the completion of the course, Mr. Thomas said.

He explained that, in the future, it will be necessary for an applicant for a health certificate as a food handler to have attended a food handlers' school.

Those who take the course

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Western Auto Store Bought By Swafford

The Western Auto Associate store here this week was sold by Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro to Verlon Swafford, it was learned. While no announcement of the transfer has been made, it was understood that Mr. Swafford will take charge today. Mrs. O'Mohundro has not announced her plans for the future.

Do You Remember ...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Dr. Wiley A. Rogers arrived home Friday from the University at Nashville, Tenn., where he attended the medical department. He is now a full pledged M. D. and will soon hang out his shingle in some locality and commence dispensing pills, powders, and poultices.

Mr. W. A. Leach gave his father, Mr. Frank Leach, a birthday dinner yesterday, and several invited guests were present to enjoy the occasion, among them Maj. N. P. Rankin, J. B. Cunningham and wife, Sherriff C. T. Roane and ye editor. Mr. Leach is 77 years old.

25 YEARS AGO
Prof. R. L. Madison, who for the past 25 years has been president of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial school, yesterday tendered his resignation to the board of trustees to take effect June 30.

The Franklin Ice company, under the management of Paul Newman, is now ready for business. A lot of new machinery has been installed, and the production capacity of the plant has been doubled.

10 YEARS AGO
Each student in the Highlands High school has written an essay on the subject, "The Advantages of American Citizenship." A committee of three, Mrs. Clyde Hentz, Mrs. W. H. Cobb, and Mrs. Frank Bloxham, read these essays and selected the four best to be sent to Franklin and entered in the county competition. The four papers selected were those of Lucy Dryman, Carolyn Potts, Mildred Zachary and Edith Crunkleton.



ENTERS RACE—Charles A. Elmore, above, this week announced that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative from this county. Mr. Elmore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elmore, of West's Mill, is a native of this county. A teacher for the past 10 years, he is principal of the high school at Dublin, in Bladen county.

BAPTISTS MAY BUILD CHURCH

Group Studies Proposal To Sell Present Structure

A First Baptist church committee of about 25, headed by H. H. Plemmons, is studying the feasibility of a proposal that the present church be sold, and a new, larger building be erected at a site yet to be chosen.

The present church, built in 1919, is too small, it is said. The more than 300 who ordinarily attend Sunday school are over-crowded in the Sunday school department, and the auditorium, with a seating capacity of about 300, often overflows at the church services, it was explained.

The committee is charged with seeking a purchaser for the present building, finding a site for a new church, selecting a church plan, and making the necessary financial arrangements.

And each of these steps, it was said, must be approved by the congregation.

Appointment of the larger committee is in line with a recommendation of another committee, also headed by Mr. Plemmons, whose report recently was adopted by the congregation.

Meanwhile, church pastor, the Rev. C. E. Parker, has been given a leave of absence for a rest, and left Monday to visit his father in Eastern North Carolina. Visiting ministers will fill the pulpit during his absence. The Rev. J. F. Marchman, of Rabun Gap, Ga., former First Baptist pastor, will preach at both the morning and evening services Sunday.

W. W. Sloan Elected Head Of Rotarians

W. W. (Bill) Sloan was elected president of the Franklin Rotary club at last Wednesday evening's meeting.

Mr. Sloan, who is rural service engineer with the Nantahala Power and Light company, has served the club as secretary and treasurer for the past two years. He will succeed R. S. (Dick) Jones as president July 1, the date Rotary officials begin their one-year terms of office.

Norman Blaine, office manager here for the Van Raalte company, was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Mr. Sloan.

John M. Archer, Jr., T. H. Fagg, William (Bill) Waldroop, and John B. Ray were elected as directors.

Mr. Jones, the retiring president, automatically will become vice-president.

The three officers of the club are ex-officio members of the board of directors.

Trimont Inn Opens For Summer Season

Trimont Inn, Harrison avenue summer tourist hotel, has opened for the season. The inn, one of the oldest tourist hotels in Franklin, is operated by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lyle.

QUESTIONNAIRE SEEKS IDEAS ON PUBLICSCHOOLS

Public Is Asked To Aid Group In Study Of N. C. Education

What's wrong with public education in North Carolina? What's right with it? And how can this state's schools be made to do a better job?

The North Carolina State Education Commission is asking the general public for aid in finding the answers to those and similar questions.

The commission has prepared a brief questionnaire, which is being published in the newspapers of the state, and which citizens are asked to fill out and mail to the commission at Raleigh. The questionnaire appears in this week's issue of The Press.

As a result of widespread dissatisfaction with public education in this state, the 1947 general assembly authorized the appointment of a commission to make a thorough study of the state's school system and report its recommendations to the 1949 general assembly. The commission, appointed by Governor Cherry, has been at work for several months, and now is asking the cooperation of the average citizen in the study.

Because the schools belong to the people, and because the average parent may see the schools in a different light from that of the teacher or the educational expert, citizens all over North Carolina are being asked

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Kerr Scott Makes Brief Political Visit Here

Kerr Scott, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, was here for a short time Tuesday, conferring with friends. Mr. Scott was accompanied by Dale Thrash, of Buncombe county, who, reports say, will be named Scott district manager, and other friends. Coming here after visits to Murphy, Hayesville, and Robbinsville, Mr. Scott went from Franklin to Waynesville.

Take Warmth Out Of Earth At One Point Here, While Heat Is Put In At Another

At one point in Franklin they are preparing to extract heat from the earth, while at another, nearby, they are artificially heating the ground.

Using a reverse refrigeration technique, Dr. Edgar Angel plans to utilize the sub-surface warmth of the earth to heat the home he is building on a hill in West Franklin. And on "Knowledge Hill", only a few hundred yards southeast, E. J. Whitmire's vocational agriculture students are electrically heating the surface of the ground to speed the growth of plants in hot beds.

Tests have shown, Dr. Angel explained, that the water in deep wells in winter is consist-

ently warmer than the surface air—warmer by about 20 degrees. The heating system he is installing will take the warmth by gas compression. The heat obtained will be distributed through the house by a forced air system.

A 250-foot well, now being bored, and a 7½ h. p. motor are major features of the system, Dr. Angel said, adding that it will be much more economical to operate than conventional heating systems. The unit will be the first of its kind installed in this section.

The some 20-gallons-per-minute of water to be pumped out of the ground will be used for

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Bodies Of Four Macon War Dead To Arrive Friday

The bodies of four Macon County men who gave their lives for their country during World War 2 are being returned from European battlefields, and will arrive in New York tomorrow (Friday).

They are among 2,805 war dead being returned to their native soil aboard the USS army transport Robert F. Burns. The Burns originally was scheduled to arrive last Friday, but was delayed, and will dock in New York tomorrow.

The four, with the next of kin listed on their records, are:

Pfc. Clyde L. Crisp, Henderson Crisp, Franklin; Sgt. Harry S. Higgins, Jr., Harry S. Higgins, Franklin; Pvt. Wayne R. Vanhook, Roy Burton Vanhook, Prentiss; and 1st Lt. Charles M. Hunter, Mrs. Pearl D. Hunter.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

A benefit rummage sale will be held by the Wesleyan Service guild of the Franklin Methodist church on the Public square Saturday from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

150 On Wayah For Service, Despite Cold

Approximately 150 persons Sunday morning braved sub-freezing temperatures, snow, and ice to attend an interdenominational Easter sunrise service on Wayah Bald.

The service, though it probably was the most unusual held in this region, was one of many Easter observances in this county.

Special services were held in churches throughout the county, including several sunrise programs, and the choirs of the Franklin Presbyterian and Methodist churches united Sunday evening for a well-attended Easter musical program at the Methodist church. Mrs. Helen Manning directed the 14-member choir, and Mrs. Gilmer Jones was organist.

On Wayah, a skiff of snow, and fog that had frozen over every twig, created a beautiful, if un-springlike, setting. Due to an overcast sky, however, there was no sunrise, and icy winds drove the crowd indoors at

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR N. C. SCHOOLS?

Here's your chance to express your opinion—and have it count!

The North Carolina State Education Commission, authorized by the last legislature and appointed by the governor, wants to know what you think is right, and wrong, with the schools, and how to improve them. The commission is making a study of all phases of education in the state, to determine problems and recommend improvements. One method of study is a state-wide survey of public opinion, being made through the newspapers. The blank below is your opportunity to offer suggestions and comments.

The commission asks that you fill in this blank and mail it. Do it now while you are thinking about it. It will take only a few minutes. Your name will not be made public.

Occupation..... County..... Town.....

1. How good do you think the schools of North Carolina should be? (Check One Space.)

..... Among the best in the nation
..... About as good as the national average
..... Above the average for the Southern states (that is, below the national average)

2. If you believe the schools should be at least equal to the average for the nation, would you be willing to pay the taxes necessary to reach this goal?
..... Yes No

3. What do you think about salaries now being paid teachers in North Carolina?
..... About right
..... Should be raised slightly
..... Should be raised considerably

4. For what purposes should school facilities be used?
..... For school purposes only
..... For both school and community purposes during the regular school year only
..... For both school and community purposes on a year-round basis as needed

5. Which should receive more emphasis in the schools of North Carolina? (Check none, one or more)
..... The fundamental skills (reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling)
..... Education for citizenship
..... Education for earning a living
..... The development and use of the resources of the state

6. In your opinion what are the two or three most serious weaknesses or handicaps of the schools of the state?

7. In your opinion what are the two or three strongest or best features of the schools of the state?

Please complete, clip out, and mail to:
The State Education Commission, W. H. Plemmons, Executive Secretary, Senate Chamber, Capitol Building, Raleigh, N. C.

MACON PEOPLE OVERSUBSCRIBE REDCROSSFUND

Donations To Date Total \$2,655, 19 Per Cent Above Quota

Macon County exceeded its quota in the 1948 fund drive for the American Red Cross, it was announced, this week by Harmon H. Gnuse, chapter chairman.

With reports still incomplete, a total of \$2,655.38 had been turned in by workers Tuesday. This is 19 per cent above the quota of \$2,230 assigned to this county.

In announcing the figures, chapter officials urged workers who have not made their reports to do so promptly, so that the campaign, which got under way here March 8, can be completed and the Red Cross chapter can turn its attention to other activities.

Of the amount reported to date, \$1,538.30—or 57 per cent of the total contributed in this county—came from the Highlands community. Summer residents gave a considerable proportion of this, and the remainder was raised from among year-round residents in a campaign conducted by Highlands Boy Scouts.

Business houses on Main street in Franklin contributed \$432.50, it was announced. This does not include office buildings on Main street, the courthouse, or a number of larger firms, which were solicited by special workers. The Main street solicitation was conducted by T. W. Angel, Jr., and Pritchard Smith, Jr.

Nearly three-fourths of the amount over-subscribed will remain in Macon County, it was announced. In the past, all funds raised have been divided in the proportion of 55.6 per cent to the local chapter, and 44.4 to the area Red Cross office. That same proportion will apply to the quota of \$2,230, but 72.5 per cent of the overage will be kept for work in this county, with 37.5 per cent going to the area office.

It also was announced that the national Red Cross has adopted a new slogan or theme: "Keep your Red Cross ready. As the voluntary auxiliary of the armed forces, as the nation's agency for disaster relief, let's keep the Red Cross strong."

Basketball

Trophies Won By Slagle And Cowee

Winners in the county-wide boys' and girls' basketball tournament for the elementary grades were the Slagle school girls' team and Cowee boys' team.

The Slagle girls' team won the handsome trophy by defeating the Cowee girls in the final game of the finals last Saturday night.

Cowee boys defeated the Nantahala elementary five to annex the boys' championship.

Before entering the finals, the girls from the Cartoogechaye section had defeated teams from Nantahala and Highlands.

In fighting their way to the finals the Cowee boys defeated Higdonville and Highlands.

E. G. Crawford, principal of Slagle school, was coach of that winning team, while Ed Carpenter, principal of Cowee school, coached the winning boys' team.

Well Digging

Operations Moved To Bryson Site

The Franklin board of aldermen, at a called meeting last Friday, instructed the Gainesville Well Drilling company, which has been boring a new town well on the property of Harry Thomas, to cease operations there and move to a site on Dan Bryson's property, back of the Highlands Briar plant.

Representatives of the Gainesville firm reported that, at the Thomas property site, it continued to strike muck and quicksand, making drilling so expensive as to be impractical.

Both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Bryson had offered sites without cost to the town.

Drilling at the new site will be started, it was said, as soon as the firm completes a deep well it is boring for Dr. Edgar Angel at the site of his new home.