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Highlands Honor Students



DOLLY W. MCCALL
Valedictorian



JUANITA ALLEY
Salutatorian
(Story on Highlands Page)

PLANES FROM 6 STATES HERE FOR BREAKFAST

Hundreds Witness Air Show At Franklin Port

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Fifty-eight private pilots from four states flew to Franklin Sunday for a meeting here of what is known as the South Carolina Breakfast club, an organization of air enthusiasts which meets each Sunday morning at some airport for a breakfast session. The Macon Flying Service played host to the meeting here. Dr. (Dock) Summers, of Orangeburg, S. C., is the club's president.

The fliers and their craft, plus some stunt flying, attracted a local audience that Grant L. Zickgraf, owner of the Franklin airport, and George B. Perkins, manager and flight instructor, estimated at 2,000.

An exhibition by a number of stunt fliers, which had been scheduled for 9:30 a. m., was canceled, due to late arrival of some of the planes and the possibility that the exhibition might interfere with church services. J. D. King, well-known flier of Hendersonville, Mr. Perkins, and others, however, did precision flying during the afternoon that delighted the crowd of observers.

Guy L. Houk, Macon County superintendent of schools, served as master of ceremonies at the breakfast. Introduced to the group by Carl Tysinger, Mr. Houk presented the numerous prizes with appropriate wit; the first pilot to arrive received a rooster as a prize; the last, an alarm clock; and the pilot with the oldest ship was given material with which to patch it up.

The breakfast, featuring country ham, was served to 110 persons at the airport's own grill.

Later in the day, some of the visitors were taken on sight-seeing trips to Cliffside Lake, Highlands, and other points of interest, while others boarded Zickgraf Hardwood company's army amphibian, generally known as a "duck", for the ride to and on Nantahala Lake.

The breakfast program brought visitors here from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia. Among the fliers were five women pilots.

Following the Sunday program and entertainment for the visitors, officials of the Macon Flying Service expressed appreciation to the many persons who helped to make the event a success.

Child, 2, Drinks Wintergreen, Dies; Rites Held Friday

Death came to a two-year old child here last Friday, as a result of drinking wintergreen oil—between a quarter and a half an ounce of wintergreen oil.

The child was Homer Lewis Hedden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hedden, of the Leatherman community. Unobserved, the child found and drank the wintergreen while he and his mother were visiting at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Riley Gregory, also of Leatherman. Brought to a Franklin hospital for treatment, he died early Friday morning.

Funeral services were held at the Liberty Baptist church Friday afternoon.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are a sister, Carolyn Louise Hedden, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hedden, of Franklin, Route 3.

Funeral arrangements were directed by the Bryant funeral home.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	78	37	0
Thursday	80	36	0
Friday	86	39	0
Saturday	84	36	0
Sunday	79	41	0
Monday	84	47	0
Tuesday	79	33	0
Wednesday	80	38	0

Franklin Honor Students



ANN LYLE
Valedictorian



MARIE JENNINGS
Salutatorian

FINALS SERMON SET FOR SUNDAY

84 Franklin Seniors To Be Graduated

In caps and gowns, Franklin High school's 84 prospective graduates, along with relatives, friends, and the general public, will gather at the Macon Theatre Sunday evening at 7:30 to hear the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Franklin Presbyterian pastor, deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

They will receive their diplomas at graduation exercises set for the same hour on Tuesday, also at the theatre.

Meanwhile, Franklin school students will have final examinations today (Thursday) and Friday. School will end Friday afternoon, but all students, except seniors, will return Tuesday morning for their report cards.

At the baccalaureate service, the seniors will enter to the strains of the march from "Aida", by Verdi, with the audience seated.

The service will open with the audience singing "Holy, Holy, Holy", and the invocation, by the Rev. J. H. Brendall, local Methodist pastor. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal minister, will read the Scripture lesson and lead in prayer.

Immediately preceding and following the baccalaureate sermon, a girls' chorus will sing.

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Seven-Acre Forest Plot To Be Dedicated Sunday To Cpl. Potts' Memory

In a simple but impressive ceremony Sunday—Memorial day—a seven-acre white pine plantation of the Nantahala National Forest will be dedicated to the memory of C. L. Potts. Cpl. Potts was the only employee of the Nantahala Forest to give his life for his country in World War 2.

The forest plot to be dedicated is in the Cliffside recreation area, just off the Highlands road. The area was planted in white pines in 1917—about the time World War 1 began.

A memorial plaque, bearing Cpl. Potts' name, has been set in a big rock that stands in the plantation.

The service, which has been set for 8 p. m. Sunday, is open

The Voters Have A Choice

(EDITORIAL)

It is the duty of each voter to decide how he will vote in Saturday's primary election—a matter for his individual judgment and conscience. He, and he alone, must pass upon the issues. But it is the duty of his newspaper—of any newspaper, in any election—to outline issues, and to point out facts that bear upon those issues.

In the vital matter of public schools, two issues, among others, long have been debated in this county:

1. Should the county board of education adopt a policy requiring any person holding the office of county superintendent of schools to devote his full time and attention to his official duties?

2. Should the county board of education require the superintendent to visit the schools?

In the past, citizens voting for members of the board of education have had little chance to express their views on these issues; because there generally have been few candidates from which to choose, and in most instances the voters have had no way to know which candidate stood for what.

This year it is different. In Saturday's primary 14 Democrats are seeking nomination for the five seats on the board of education. That is a healthy situation; it is a good sign when 14 citizens are willing to do an important community job for which the pay is purely nominal. And the 12 men and two women who filed are due the community's appreciation for giving the voters the opportunity to select from so large a number.

Furthermore, in this primary the two issues mentioned above are clearly drawn. It is true that some of the candidates have availed themselves of their privilege of not publicly stating their position. But eight of the 14 candidates HAVE committed themselves on these two issues—five of them by their records, and three in public statements.

Last spring, when the present board took office, Bob Sloan moved that the board, before considering the election of a county superintendent, make the office of superintendent a full-time position. The other four members—Chairman C. Gordon Moore, Frank Browning, Ed Byrd, and Walter Gibson—vetoed the proposal.

Mr. Sloan moved that the superintendent be required to visit the schools. None of the other four members—Mr. Moore, Mr. Browning, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Gibson—would second the motion.

Mr. Sloan then urged the board to REQUEST the superintendent to visit the schools. Mr. Moore, Mr. Browning, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Gibson again said no.

The voters know, by their records, where these five candidates in Saturday's primary stand.

Three other candidates—Frank B. Cook, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and Mrs. Margaret Ordway—in public statements appearing in this issue of The Press state their positions. Each unequivocally promises, if named on the board, to vote to make the superintendent's position full-time and to require the superintendent to visit the schools.

Thus the voters this year, for the first time, have an opportunity to say by their ballots how they want their board of education to answer these two questions.

FOREST MEET OPENS FRIDAY

Approximately 150 foresters, from the states of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina, will converge on Franklin tomorrow (Friday) for the annual meeting of the Appalachian section of the Society of American Foresters.

The sessions will continue through Saturday morning.

The two-day meeting will open with a picnic at Cliffside Lake, in the Nantahala National Forest, tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. A brief evening session, in the Cliffside outdoor amphitheatre, will follow.

The water resource management research being done at the Coweeta Experiment Forest was a major attraction in bringing the annual meeting to Franklin, and Saturday morning will be devoted to a study of the work being done there, with field trips, demonstrations, etc., on the schedule.

Officers of the section are Tom Barron, chairman, of Franklin, Va., and Harold F. Bishop, of Columbia, S. C., secretary. Arrangements for the meeting are being made by E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Pisgah National Forest.

Kelly's inn will be hotel headquarters for the meeting.

While the program will close at 1 p. m. Saturday, a number of the visitors and their families are expected to remain here over the week-end.

Teachers' Group Called To Meet On Primary Eve

The Macon County unit of the North Carolina Education association, official organization of public school teachers, will hold a banquet meeting at Cagle's cafe at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) night.

This will be the first regular meeting of the local NCEA in more than a year. At the last meeting, held March 14, 1947, G. L. Houk, who was the speaker of the evening, was elected president. At that session, too, the 55 teachers present, by a standing vote, endorsed Mr. Houk for reelection as county superintendent of schools.

Members of the association said this week that it is pure coincidence that tomorrow's meeting has been called for the eve of the primary election in which members of the county board of education will be nominated.

A feature of the banquet session is expected to be the election of officers for next year. President Houk will preside.

\$842.50 Raised In C. Of C. Membership Campaign

A total of \$842.50, cash, has been raised in the Franklin Chamber of Commerce membership campaign, it was announced this week.

The campaign, being conducted by about a score of interested men and women, is continuing, and officials expressed confidence that the goal of \$2,000 for this year's chamber activities will be reached. It certainly will be raised, they said, if all business houses and business and professional men and women join the chamber. Solicitors report quick cooperation from most of those they have called upon. Persons who have not been solicited are asked to join at the chamber booth.

A complete list of members will be announced when the campaign is completed, it was said.

POLLS TO OPEN AT 6:30
The polls at Macon County's 12 voting places will open at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning and remain open until 6:30 p. m.

WILL NOMINATE 6 SATURDAY FOR COUNTY POSTS

Macon Democrats To Vote In State Races, Too; 2 G.O.P. Contests

With interest centering in the local races for county board of education and representative, and in two top state-wide contests, Macon County Democrats will go to the polls Saturday to cast their ballots for the party's nominees to stand in this fall's general election.

The party nominees to be chosen in the state-wide primary are those for U. S. senator, governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and state treasurer.

The Republicans, who usually pick their nominees in convention or caucus, this year have two state-wide contests, and Macon County Republicans will vote to help select that party's nominees for commissioner of agriculture and for commissioner of labor.

The representative, the school board members, and the county surveyor are the only county officials to be elected this year. Ray Norton, of Highlands, candidate for county surveyor, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for that office.

Democratic Candidates
Democratic candidates for this county's representative in the 1949 general assembly are Carl S. Slagle, Cartoogechaye farmer, and C. F. (Ferd) Burrell, trader, of near Franklin. This is the first time Mr. Slagle has ever been a candidate for public office. Mr. Burrell, who held public office in Georgia prior to his removal to North Carolina, sought the Democratic nomination for sheriff two years ago, but withdrew before the primary election was held.

Fourteen Democrats seek nomination for the five seats on the county board of education. They follow, the names being listed in the order in which they filed:

Bob Sloan, of Franklin, Luther Jacobs, of Aquone, Frank B. Cook, of Highlands, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, of Franklin, Route 1; C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin, all of whom filed prior to the April 17 deadline; and Clint May, of Flats, Lee Mason, of Franklin, Route 3, Owen Ammons, of Route 4, J. M. Raby, of Route 4, Mrs. Margaret Ordway, of Franklin, F. A. Edwards, of Highlands, E. B. Byrd, of Stiles, Walter Gibson, of Route 3, and Frank Browning, of Oak Grove, all of whom filed on the last day.

Mr. Sloan, a member of the present board, is serving his first term, having been nominated in the 1946 primary. He has been an employee of The Franklin Press since January, 1947.

Mr. Jacobs, who lives in the Nantahala section, is an employee there of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

Mr. Cook, a resident of Highlands, is engaged in the real estate and insurance business there.

Mrs. Sherrill, a former teacher, for many years was county home demonstration agent in this county.

Mr. Moore, the present chairman of the board of education, has served on the board since 1941. He is an employe here of the State Highway and Public Works commission.

Mr. May, another candidate from the Nantahala country, is a farmer and engages in hauling.

Mr. Mason for many years has been engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Ammons is a farmer of Mill Shoal township.

Mr. Raby, also of Mill Shoal, is a farmer and has long been active in musical activities.

Mrs. Ordway, who is an employe of the Zickgraf Hardwood Lumber company, formerly was NYA supervisor for this county.

Mr. Edwards is a merchant in Highlands.

Mr. Byrd, farmer of the Stiles community, is serving his third two-year term on the board.

Mr. Gibson, a farmer, is a former member of the county board of commissioners. He is serving his first term on the county board of education.

Mr. Browning, farmer of the Oak Grove community, also is on the present board, on which he is serving his fourth term.

No G. O. P. Contests
The Republicans have no local

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Rev. Elwood Bulgin and wife and George Bulgin, of Chicago, are visiting their father's family here and will remain a few weeks.

The Macon County Democratic convention met in the court house at 2 o'clock Saturday, and was called to order by the chairman of the county executive committee, N. L. Barnard. On motion, the following were appointed as delegates to the convention at Asheville May 24: G. A. Jacobs, J. T. Berry, C. L. Ingram, W. W. Moses, Barak Wright, S. P. Ravenel, Jr., R. L. Long, Wymer Penland, J. L. McDowell, T. M. Slagle, B. W. Dobson, T. S. Munday, W. J. Evans, P. C. Wild, J. A. Hall, F. S. Johnston, A. S. Bryson, S. H. Lyle, Lee Crawford, J. S. Sloan, J. L. Barnard, W. A. Curtis, J. O. Harrison and S. L. Rogers.

25 YEARS AGO
The Cullasaja river on last Wednesday reached the highest mark known to the oldest residents here.

With completion of the work on the Bryson City-Franklin route, and the last link on the route from Franklin to the Georgia line and the pushing of the work on the Franklin-Dillsboro route, it will be but a short time till Franklin will be more closely connected with Asheville and will have the most direct scenic route to Atlanta.

10 YEARS AGO
As a result of the open election of last week, the following were chosen as directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year: T. W. Angel, Jr., John Archer, J. E. Perry, R. V. Miles, Jr., Miss Lassis Kelly, Jess Conley and W. T. Moore.