

PLANS ARE LAID FOR EDUCATION MEMORIAL FUND

Legion Committees Named; All To Have Chance To Take Part

With September 20 set as the date to begin accepting contributions to the Macon County Memorial Education fund, plans were made by the local post of the American Legion, at its meeting Thursday night of last week, to set up an organization that will seek to contact every person in Macon County.

In discussion of the project, several Legionnaires suggested that every person in Macon County should be given an opportunity to do his or her "bit" toward this memorial to the Macon County youth who gave their lives for their country.

The money contributed is to go into a fund, interest from which will be loaned to worthy Macon County students to enable them to obtain a higher education.

With a view to reaching as many persons as possible, the following committees were set up, the first-named in each case being the chairman: schools: W. H. Finley, Bob Sloan; civic organizations and business establishments, D. G. Allison, John D. Aisup, and Clyde Galley; churches, E. G. Crawford, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Arvel Parker, R. E. (Bob) Lee; initial gifts, chairman to be named, A. R. (Alf) Higdon, Mrs. Joe Setser, and G. L. Houk; veterans, Robert L. Porter, Lon Dalton, Frank Reece, Harold Enloe, Erwin Patton, Dan Reynolds, and George Cabe.

Other business discussed during the evening was the organization of a county-wide American Legion junior league baseball for next summer and the holding of a Legion picnic dinner on September 19.

Scout Court Of Honor Is Postponed Indefinitely

The Boy Scout court of honor for the Smoky Mountain district, which had been scheduled for tonight (Thursday) in Sylva, has been postponed indefinitely. The postponement was as a precaution against polio, it was explained, since new cases of the disease have developed in Jackson county.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Capt. C. J. Harris' new roller mill turned on the water Monday and is now ready for business. It is the first roller mill for Macon County. All the machinery is first class and up to date. It adds a new industry to our community.

Workmen have been progressing pretty well with the new parsonage during the past week. They have the frame up and the sides boarded, and commenced nailing on the shingles.

25 YEARS AGO
With the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Finton and Miss Edwina Behere on Monday, the first season of the Artist colony in Franklin came to successful close. The other members had returned to their homes in various parts of the United States during the previous week.

Owenby school is progressing quite nicely under the leadership of Rev. Jud Smith. Although he is quite a bit crowded, he is doing some splendid work for us.

10 YEARS AGO
Highlands played a double-header with Franklin Sunday and Monday, losing the game at Franklin by a score of 12-2, and defeating Franklin in Highlands on Monday with a score of 15-14.

Mrs. Douglas W. Nichols, Jr., entertained with a party Friday honoring her son, Douglas, on his fourth birthday. Those attending the party were: Patty Lou Phillips, Martha Ann Stockton, Julia Moody, Nancy Jane McCollum, Barbara Stockton, Betty Horsley, Mike Wiese, Bobby Tysinger, Allen Cartledge, Pat Pattillo, Robert Finley Bandy Archer, Max Henderson, Billy Zickgraf and Howard Horsley.

Commissioners Asked To Provide Funds For Stadium

A delegation appeared before the board of county commissioners, at its meeting Tuesday, to ask the commissioners to appropriate funds to build a stadium on the grounds of the Franklin school.

The commissioners heard the delegation, but did not commit themselves on the proposal.

The group represented the four civic organizations — the Rotary and Lions clubs, American Legion, and Veterans of Wars — which are cooperating to construct a first class athletic field at the school here, the first phase of which is the building of a 500-seat stadium. Members of the delegation expressed the view that the school is county property, and that the athletic field here would serve a large proportion of the county's children, especially the high school population.

The commissioners also passed on three road petitions and handled routine business.

Petitions asking the state to take over for maintenance the Wingina Place road, near Highlands, the Moss-Hullard road, in Sugarfork township, and the Carpenter road, on Commissioner creek, near the Georgia line, were forwarded to the State Highway and Public Works commission.

A bill from Frank Hyatt, Bryson City jailer, for \$86 was approved. The bill was for keeping Floyd L. Phillips and Bern Garland, Macon County prisoners placed in the Bryson City jail for safe-keeping, both of whom recently escaped, was approved.

Dr. Rimmer Dies; Rites Held Friday

Dr. R. M. Rimmer, pharmacist at Angel drug store for 20 years, died at Angel hospital Wednesday night of last week after a long illness. He was 53 years of age.

Dr. Rimmer, who was a native of Person county, was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1920, and came to Franklin in 1926 after several years' with Blantley's drug store in Raleigh. He was well known here, and had many friends throughout the county.

He was a member of the Masonic order, of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association, and of the First Baptist church here.

Dr. Rimmer's death followed sulphuric acid burns suffered May 15.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Alice Rigdon, originally of Tifton, Ga.; his mother, Mrs. J. M. Rimmer, of Mebane three brothers, Walter L. Rimmer, of Mebane, Graham B. Rimmer, of Greensboro, and J. M. Rimmer, Jr., of Martinsville, Va.

Funeral services were held last Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church, with the pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, and the Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, officiating. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Lee Barnard, Quince I. Hauser, T. W. Angel, Jr., Fred Cabe, W. J. (Bill) Blaine, and John Kusterer.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Home-Coming Program Planned September 19

An all-day home-coming program will be held at the Burningtown Baptist church Sunday, September 19, starting at 10 a. m. The program, which will open with music by the choir and prayer, will be featured by a talk by J. H. Stockton, Macon Baptist association moderator, music by the Everyready choir of Bryson City, and sermons by the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Welch, and the Rev. C. E. Parker, of the First church here. The afternoon devotional will be conducted by the Rev. G. A. Cloer. Dinner will be held on the grounds at noon.

PLAN REUNION AND PICNIC
The Angel family reunion and the Mashburn's Branch picnic will be held jointly at the Mashburn's Branch school Sunday.

County's Tax Valuation Jumps \$286,000 In Year To Pass 11-Million Mark

The taxable valuation of property in Macon County increased by more than a quarter of a million dollars during the 1947-48 fiscal year, figures made public by Lake V. Shope, county tax supervisor, show.

The increase of \$285,442 pushed the county's total beyond the 11-million-dollar mark.

This year's total is \$11,053,993, as compared with \$10,768,551 last year.

The exact valuation figures were not previously available, awaiting the report of the State Board of Assessment, which sets the valuation figures for corporations.

All Macon County corporation valuations remained at the same figure as last year, with the exception of the Western Carolina Telephone company. That firm's taxable valuation was reduced by the board from \$28,595 to \$23,422, a cut of \$5,173.

Nantahala township, where the Nantahala Power and Light company has hydro-electric de-

velopments, with a total tax valuation of \$4,093,785, is the county's richest township in the value of taxable property. Its taxable wealth represents 37 per cent of the county's total.

Franklin township stands in second place with \$3,210,953, and Highlands is third with \$1,434,415.

The figures for the county's other eight townships follow:

Cowee, \$429,400.
Millshoal, \$415,885.
Smithbridge, \$389,005.
Ellijay, \$344,985.
Cartoogechaye, \$342,525.
Burningtown, \$152,295.
Sugarfork, \$142,380.
Flats, \$98,365.

The compilation of tax values is by races, and the breakdown by races shows that Negroes own property valued at \$50,205, or slightly less than one-half of one per cent of the total. Property owned by Negroes is confined to four townships, Franklin, Millshoal, Ellijay, and Cowee.

392 Registered To Date For Draft; 68 Available

A total of 392 young Macon County men had registered for the draft at the end of Tuesday's registration.

Of this number, only 68 are unmarried and are non-veterans, and therefore are subject to the draft under present regulations, it was said at the draft board. The number available for draft represents 17 per cent of the total registered to date.

The men registered so far, however, are in the 25, 24, and 23 year old groups; and as younger men register, the proportion of single men who have not served with the armed forces is expected to be larger.

During the first two days of registration, 100, most of them in the 25-year group, registered; 151 were given registration

cards Thursday and Friday of last week, the days set aside for 24-year olds; and on last Saturday and Tuesday of this week, the days fixed for registration of men 23, 141 signed up.

Yesterday and today (Thursday) men born in 1926 will register; those born in 1927 will register tomorrow and Saturday; those born in 1928 will register September 13 and 14; those born in 1929 will register September 15 and 16; and those born in 1930, prior to September 19 of that year, will register September 17 and 18.

Meanwhile, preparations were being made at the draft board office to mail questionnaires to registrants who are unmarried and are not veterans.

Space Rented For Extra Classroom In Highlands

School authorities have rented floor space over Doyle's self-service grocery, across the street from the Highlands school, to be used as an additional schoolroom this year.

Highlands this year was entitled to an additional teacher, County Supt. Guy L. Houk explained, and no room was available in the school building there for another classroom.

The space in the two-story frame building was rented from C. J. Anderson, the owner, for \$200 for the school year. A partition has been taken out to provide a single, large room, Houk said. The second floor has two exits.

The rental will not be paid by the county board of educa-

tion, but by the Highlands district school committee from funds derived from rental of the school auditorium for theatre purposes, the superintendent said.

The auditorium is rented to O. F. Summer, who is principal of the Highlands school, for theatre purposes, with the understanding that its use as a theatre is not to interfere with any school needs.

Mr. Summer pays a sliding rental, varying with the season, that ranges from \$25 per month for the three mid-winter months to \$200 per month in mid-summer, Mr. Houk said. All of the equipment was purchased by and is the property of Mr. Summer, Supt. Houk added.

Half A Dozen Octogenarians Prove 'Life Of Party' At Tea

Approximately half a dozen ladies who had passed their 80th birthdays, all of them active, alert, and keenly interested in everything that goes on in today's fast-moving world, were among the guests at a tea given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. James A. Cook and Miss Harriette Kinnebrew, at the Slagle Memorial in honor of their aunts, Mrs. George A. Jones and Mrs. Lee Crawford.

(The number of those past 80 of course must be an approximation, for what mere reporter would dare go about at a tea asking the ladies present their ages!)

The affair was in the nature of a birthday event, Mrs. Jones having celebrated her 86th milestone August 25, while Mrs. Crawford was 84 Tuesday. To them and to two others—Mrs. Myra Allman, 84 last Saturday, and Mrs. Betty Waldrop, who will be 82 next Sunday—the some 80 guests present sang "Happy Birthday".

Nobody had a better time than the octogenarians, and Mrs. Crawford was especially active—she helped lead a Virginia Reel, played a number of piano selections (including "Turkey in the Straw"), and she and Mrs. Harold T. Sloan

sang "Whispering Hope" as a duet. With Mrs. H. W. Cabe at the piano, Mrs. Sloan sang "O Promise Me", and the entire group, for the benefit of the oldsters, sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold". Mrs. Cabe also played a number of piano solos, and Mrs. Weimar Jones and her pupil, Miss Freda Siler, played Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 6 as a piano duet.

Mrs. Reby S. Tessier and Miss Laura M. Jones assisted the hostesses in entertaining, and Miss Caroline Crawford and Miss Elizabeth Jones and Margaret Mitchell Crawford and Margaret Jones, granddaughters of the honorees, served.

Smith, Roane Buy Refreshment Shop

The Refreshment shop, situated next door to the Macon Theatre, changed hands the latter part of last week. The business was bought from Parker Norton by Ellis Smith and Curt Roane. The new owners, who are redecorating this week, said the business will continue under the same name. No beer or other alcoholic beverages will be sold, they added.

Padlocking Proceedings Against 'Dugout' Planned

Linking L. G. Appley, socially prominent Highlands resident, with Asheville's liquor-gambling racket, allegedly headed by Vaughn Cannon, Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., has issued warrants for Fred J. Cannon, Vaughn Cannon's brother, Fred Morris, and Appley, and announced he will institute proceedings to padlock Highlands' "Dugout".

The "Dugout", formerly owned by Mr. Appley, sometime ago was sold by him to Fred Cannon and Morris. Recently, it is said, it has been managed by Mr. Appley.

The warrants charge violation of the prohibition laws and operation of illegal gambling devices. Efforts to find the defendants and serve the warrants have been unsuccessful, Sheriff J. P. Bradley said yesterday.

The padlocking proceedings, Mr. Bryson said, will be instituted in Macon County and brought before Judge Dan Moore in Sylva next week.

Mr. Bryson, apparently referring to the situation in Asheville, where private prosecution was employed, commented that he will handle the cases himself.

Fence Issue Again Before Town Board

With all members of the board present at the monthly meeting Tuesday night, the Franklin board of aldermen did little other than transact routine business, hear a delegation's request for water, and hear a report from Elbert Stiles on "the fence."

A delegation of citizens from East Franklin, consisting of Bill Cabe, Cecil Poindexter, Joe Tyler, Clay Henson, and Arthur Kinsland, appeared before the board to ask that a water main be extended from the Highlands highway on the new street recently cut through the old Sloan property to the city limits. It was pointed out that at least six families would be served at present, and that several more people planned to build in this area in the near future.

Members of the board promised that the work would be done when they could obtain the pipe necessary for the job. A 2-inch main is planned for this section.

Elbert Stiles appeared before the board and reported that the "disputed fence line", which lies between the property of Randolph Bulgin and a street right-of-way, shown on the map as Wilkie street, in the Bob Davis sub-division, had been only partially removed from the street right-of-way. The board at the last meeting had directed the clerk to write Mr. Bulgin that unless the fence was moved within 10 days, the town would move it, and the mayor was directed to take the proper steps for its removal, if necessary, at the end of the 10-day period. Mr. Stiles said that the fence is at present fastened to trees and saplings growing within the right-of-way.

At this point, L. B. Phillips, board member, said there were two sides to the question, and that other fence lines were in the street also.

A heated discussion between Mr. Phillips and Mr. Stiles followed, the former contending that the survey made by James Denman at the board's request does not agree with survey made by W. B. McGuire when the sub-division was laid off, according to the records and plat recorded in the register of deeds office. Mr. Stiles countered saying that there was no error in

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Higdon Family To Hold Annual Reunion Sunday

The annual Higdon family reunion will be held at the old Major Higdon home place Sunday. All members and friends of the family are invited to come and bring picnic baskets.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE
The local chapter of the Eastern Star will hold a rummage sale on the public square Saturday morning, starting about 9 a. m. Funds raised will go toward building a hospital at the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro.

BOARD WILL BUY SITE FOR NEW ELLIJAY SCHOOL

Orders Materials Bought For Heating Plant At Cowee

The county board of education Monday authorized purchase of a building, site for the proposed Ellijay consolidated school and instructed the county superintendent to order the materials for a heating system in the Cowee school.

The site chosen for the Ellijay school is known as the Alice Thompson property. A tract of approximately seven acres, it is situated at the junction of Highway 64 and a road that runs along the right side of the Cullasaja river. Nearby are a number of other road intersections. The property faces the highway from a point near Burt Mashburn's mill to the upper Cullasaja bridge.

Supt. G. L. Houk told the board he had a 30-day option on the property from the owner, DeWitt Thompson, for \$2,500, and the board authorized him to proceed to exercise the option. Meanwhile, the board agreed to his suggestion that he obtain bids on the grading that will be necessary before construction can start.

Under the plan worked out by Mr. Houk several years ago, it is proposed to consolidate at the new school, when it is built, Gold Mine, Pine Grove, Higdonville, Salem, and Mashburn's Branch schools. It also will serve a group of children who formerly attended the old Bethel school, but now go to Franklin.

Bob Sloan brought up the subject of the heating system for the Cowee school, which was built in 1941-42, and which contains a boiler, but in which no heating system has ever been installed. Mr. Sloan made the point that the walls are being smoked by the stoves now in use, and said he felt the job at Cowee should be completed.

Mr. Houk told the board it may be months before pipes, radiators, etc., can be obtained. The board members agreed that the material should be ordered now, so that the heating system can be installed when materials are obtained.

The latest estimate on installation of steam heat in the Cowee school, the superintendent said, placed the cost of materials at \$3,655.77, which includes a stoker.

The motions to buy the Ellijay site and install the Cowee heating system were made by Mr. Sloan and seconded by Frank Browning. Chairman C. Gordon Moore presided. The other two members of the board were absent.

Mr. Houk told the board that E. J. Carpenter, Jr., of Franklin, who has been studying at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, has been employed to fill the vacancy in the principalship at Kyle.

In response to a question from Chairman Moore about employment of Miss Nora Moody, former principal of the Iota school, Mr. Houk said Miss Moody was not under contract to teach in this county and that there was no position such as she desired vacant.

21-Year Old Man Of Oak Dale Area Is New Polio Case

Howard Swafford, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swafford, of the Oak Dale section of Macon County, Sunday night was taken to the Asheville Orthopedic home. Physicians diagnosed his illness as poliomyelitis.

Since his is the only case from this county now in the active stage, schools will open this morning as scheduled.

Reports from Asheville are that Mr. Swafford's condition is good.

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	81	57	.00
Thursday	84	50	.00
Friday	78	50	.00
Saturday	68	58	1.17
Sunday	70	58	.87
Monday	82	62	.45
Tuesday	78	58	.06
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