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PTA TO SPEND MONEY TO HELP LOCAL SCHOOL

Organization Works To Make Grammar Accredited

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association Monday evening voted to buy the equipment required to give the Franklin grammar school an accredited rating, decided to take whatever steps necessary to get the lunchroom kitchen screened at once, and heard Bob Sloan, county school board member, in a talk appealing to the members to exert their influence in behalf of a school building program.

Mr. Sloan urged the teachers and parents to do two things: insist that the legislature provide state aid to the counties for new school buildings; and urge local officials to get a Macon County school building program under way.

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, association president, placed, before the meeting the question of whether funds on hand should be used to buy equipment for the grammar school rooms, so that state accreditation can be obtained. Mrs. F. M. Killian pointed out that the teachers have been at work on the project for months, and that comparatively little remains to be done. The major items still needed, she said, are a full-length mirror in each grammar school room, and more library books in each room.

In the course of the discussion, it was brought out that several of the rooms in the grammar school are entirely without facilities for artificial light, and that this "also" probably would have to be remedied to obtain accreditation.

After some discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the project, even though funds on hand may not prove sufficient, and, if necessary, to ask the county board of education for assistance.

Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, Mrs. Elsie Franks, Mrs. C. E. Parker, and Mrs. E. W. Renshaw were appointed as a committee to determine what equipment is necessary and how best to obtain it.

Because the lunchroom kitchen is so small, the cooks have to open the door and window on account of the heat, and in warm weather the flies swarm in, since neither window nor door is screened someone pointed out.

J. J. Mann suggested that 10 per cent of the lunchroom fund

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Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

We learn that Dr. Lyle's two kids, Dr. Higgins' kid, and Wiley Zachary's kid enticed a victim into Bob Williams' barn Friday night, and putting a rope around his neck proceeded to draw him up to a girder and let him hang until he was dead! The victim was Sam Womack's dog, and Sam is mad as Toney about it. The dog is not kicking, however.

25 YEARS AGO

The following boys of Macon County are now at Chapel Hill taking advantage of some of the many opportunities offered by the University of North Carolina: Edgar Angel, Cyrus Fouts, Lofton Fouts, Russell Cabe, Dick Jones, Pearce Meadows, C. C. Poindexter, Dick Slagle, Claude Tallent, and Haywood Trotter.

10 YEARS AGO

The Press received Wednesday night, through the office of Congressman Zebulon Weaver in Washington, notice that a WPA allotment of \$37,492 had been made to the town of Franklin for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks of the town.

Health Dept. To Receive \$1,000 More

The controversial Health Department budget was the main item of business discussed by the County Commissioners at their Monday meeting.

Following a discussion of a request from the health department for a \$2,000 supplement to their present budget figure of \$4,000, the board ordered that the clerk to the board be empowered to issue a \$1,000 supplement if and when the money is available. W. E. Baldwin, chairman, said that this kept Macon's share in proportion to the other counties in the district. The only other matter to come before the board was the payment of routine bills.

Chairman W. E. Baldwin and Member John Roane were the only members present.

New Dealership For Farm Machinery With Service Department To Open

The announcement of a full service John Deere tractor and farm machinery dealership will be made by Jim Dillard, owner of the Dillard Builders Supply stores in Franklin and Dillard, Ga., and part owner of Edwards-Dillard store in Highlands, at a gathering of farmers at the Dillard, Ga., store on Wednesday, January 26. All three stores will serve as outlets for the farm equipment.

Included in the afternoon's program will be a field demonstration of farm machinery and equipment, an old fashioned sar-be

becue and a free movie. One of the principal features of this dealership will be the establishment of a complete service shop operated by factory trained mechanics to service farm machinery.

Mr. Dillard cordially invites the public to attend the opening of his new plant and added that he expects a large group of farmers and agricultural workers from Macon, Rabun and Jackson counties to be on hand.

Basketball Team Receives Twenty-two New Suits

New basketball uniforms are now being worn by both the boys and the girls teams of Franklin high school. In the early games this season the teams have had to play in their practice gym clothes.

The project to procure new uniforms was started by Guy Sutton, new principal at Franklin, and the bill was financed by two local men. However, if any person wishes to contribute to the purchases of the uniforms they may leave their contribution with John Archer, Frank Henry, Jr., or Mr. Sutton.

Twenty-two uniforms were purchased at a cost of \$15.65 each.

Plan Benefits As \$3,240 Is Sought In Polio Drive

March Of Dimes Quota For County Double Last Year's

With this county assigned a quota exactly double that of last year, several fund-raising projects this week were under way or planned in the annual March of Dimes campaign.

The campaign is to provide funds for the fight against infantile paralysis (polio).

A number of polio benefits are planned. Under the direction of E. G. Crawford, district polio chairman, a square dance is to be held at the Otto school Friday evening of next week. A polio ball also has been tentatively scheduled for next weekend at the Slagle Memorial. And the Cowee district committee headed by E. J. Carpenter, plans to hold a box supper at the Cowee school at 7:30 o'clock Friday night of next week.

Letters have been mailed by County Director J. H. Stockton to several hundred persons in the county, coin cards have been distributed to the school children, and coin collectors have been placed in many public places. A dime board is to be operated on the public square Saturday of this week and the following Saturday. And Mr. Stockton said as many business and individuals in Franklin as possible will be personally solicited.

Persons who are not reached by any of these means, he added, are urged to forward their contributions to C. H. Bolton, fund treasurer, or to the director.

Meanwhile, checks began arriving Tuesday, in response to the letters mailed on Monday.

This county, which always has oversubscribed its polio quota in the March of Dimes, this year has a quota of \$3,240, as compared with last year's figure of \$1,620. The increase, Mr. Stockton explained, was made necessary by last summer's polio epidemic.

It cost \$5,000 to hospitalize and care for Macon County's cases last year, he said, and two still are under treatment. Seventy-three per cent of this total cost, he added, was provided by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Local Basketball Teams Divide With Bryson City

The boys basketball team of Franklin high school continued their fine offensive game by defeating Bryson City 42 to 25 on the local court Tuesday night. This was their third straight win in seven days. Last Friday night the local boys, led by their lanky center, Jack Norton, trounced the Stecoah boys team by a 37-26 score.

The girls team lost two close

games this past week. Tuesday night, Bryson City edged out a close win by a 19-14 score while last Friday night the Graham county girls from Stecoah proved too much for the local lassies in defeating them 26 to 18.

The next home game will be next Tuesday night with Hayesville. Both boys and girls teams will meet the Clay County teams.

\$100 In Prizes Offered For Best Articles On Macon County History

Prizes totaling \$100 are offered in a contest announced this week by the Macon County Historical society.

The purpose of the contest is to collect and preserve in written form significant historical information about Macon County, and, incidentally, to stimulate interest in this county's history.

While the contest is sponsored by the historical society and will be conducted by it, cooperating firms and individuals are donating six of the seven prizes.

Prizes are offered as follows: For the best article on Macon County history, a prize of \$25 offered by the society, plus a \$25 piece of luggage given by Belk's Department store.

For the second best article on Macon County history, a valuable fountain pen, offered by Angel's Drug store.

For the best biography of a

Macon County man or woman (not now living) who played an important role in Macon County history, \$10 in cash. This prize is offered by Miss Lassie Kelly

Here Are The Rules In History Contest

Here are the rules of the Macon County historical contest:

1. All entries must be in the hands of Miss Cecile Gibson, Secretary, Macon County Historical Society, Franklin, N. C., not later than June 15, 1949.
2. All articles must be typewritten, double-spaced, on one side of the paper only.
3. No article is to be signed or carry any mark of identification. Instead, the name and address of the contestant submitting the article is to be written on a separate sheet of paper and

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Hot Air Furnace Is Installed In Slagle Memorial

An automatic hot air furnace, using oil, has been installed in the Slagle Memorial building, and was in use the first time at last night's meeting of the Franklin Rotary club.

The responsibility for financing it was assumed by the Rotary club.

Installed, it has a value of approximately \$2,000, but much of the installation work was done by Rotarians, headed by H. H. Gnuse, Jr., committee chairman.

In the past, the building has been heated by the huge fireplace at the south end of the auditorium.

WOOD BUYING STOPPED HERE BY CHAMPION

Purchasing Expected To Be Resumed In 30 Days

The purchase of acid wood by the Champion Fibre company has been stopped here for a period of thirty days, local representatives of the company announced here Monday morning.

The cutting, hauling, and selling of acid wood to this company employs approximately 500 to 600 men here in Macon County.

However, as the stoppage of purchasing is not expected to be permanent, some men may continue to work in the cutting operation.

Local representatives of the Mead Extract Corporation said that their company would continue to purchase wood as long as there was yard room to store the wood on, but that an anticipated shut down of the plant in Sylva for a short while might cause them to stop purchasing for a little while later this Spring.

N. C. Assembly Asked To Allow Public To See Old Age Rolls

R. R. Rickman, of the West's Mill community, this week forwarded to Rep. Carl S. Slagle a petition asking the N. C. general assembly to repeal that section of the state law under which taxpayers are forbidden to "see and know upon demand to whom and where their money is going where taxes are levied for old age assistance and aid to dependent children."

Mr. Rickman said the petition was signed by 214 persons, almost all of whom are property owners. He said he could have obtained more signatures, but did not try when he learned that Mr. Slagle probably could do nothing about the situation.

Having obtained signatures, however, he said he felt duty-bound to send the petition.

Under a federal law, Mr. Rickman explained, this state cannot share in federal funds for old age assistance and aid to dependent children unless it has on its statute books a law requiring secrecy as to the names of persons on the old age and dependent children rolls.

The petition quoted the state law as reading: "It shall be unlawful . . . for any person or persons to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of any list of names or of any information concerning persons applying for or receiving old age assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the papers, files, or communications of the State Board of the County Welfare Board."

HARRY ANDERSON DIES

Harry W. Anderson, of Otisville, N. Y., brother of St. Clair Anderson, of Franklin, died Monday at a hospital there. Mr. Anderson's death came following a long illness. Members of the family living here were not able to attend the funeral.

VAN RAALTE TO EMPLOY 50 MORE AT LOCAL PLANT

Most Jobs To Require Women Workers; Special Openings Now

There are to be a large number of employment openings at the Van Raalte plant in East Franklin according to a recent announcement by company officials.

According to the statement the company expects to add 50 additional workers, mostly women, in the coming months. Persons interested in this work are requested to file their application and take the aptitude tests Friday, January 21, at the Agricultural building.

The U. S. Employment Service representative will continue to give tests on the first and third Friday of each month.

Age limits for women seeking employment are from 18 to 40 years and for men from 18 to 26 years.

There will be a number of special openings available immediately for women between the ages of 18 and 24 who are five feet and five inches in height or taller.

Promotions Announced By Power Co.

The promotions of W. V. Swan and E. L. Hyde, both of Franklin, were announced this week at the headquarters here of the Nantahala Power & Light company.

Mr. Hyde becomes electrical engineer in charge of maintenance and operation of generating plants, major sub-stations, and the repair shop. Prior to his promotion, he was plant maintenance and test engineer.

Mr. Swan was promoted to superintendent of overhead lines in charge of the overall planning, design, construction and maintenance of transmission and distribution lines. His previous position was that of distribution and transmission engineer.

A native of Taunton, Mass., Mr. Swan was graduated in 1935 from Alabama Polytechnic Institute with the B. S. degree in electrical engineering. Formerly with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company and the Georgia Power company, he joined the Nantahala firm in 1941 as distribution engineer, and moved up to the position of distribution and transmission engineer in 1943.

Mr. Hyde, who is a native of Andrews, obtained his technical training at N. C. State college, from which he obtained the B. S. degree in electrical engineering in 1936. After work with the Carolina Power and Light company, R. H. Boulligny, contractors, and the Bethlehem Fairfield shipyard, he went with the Nantahala company in 1942 as assistant electrical engineer.

'49 Chevrolet Will Be On Display At Burrell's Saturday

The new 1949 Chevrolet will be on display Saturday at the Burrell Motor Company it was announced today by W. C. Burrell, president.

Considerable emphasis has been placed on re-styling this new year's model and according to Mr. Burrell it is the finest car that he has had the opportunity to offer the public in his 12 years as a Chevrolet dealer in Franklin.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	61	47	.00
Thursday	63	24	.00
Friday	66	31	.00
Saturday	61	28	.00
Sunday	58	44	.00
Monday	61	52	.16
Tuesday	61	46	.25
Wednesday	61	50	.88