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REPORTS \$600 RAISED SO FAR IN POLIO DRIVE

Dance Saturday Night At Memorial To Be Held As Benefit

With \$600 already contributed in the campaign to raise \$3,240 in Macon County for the battle against infantile paralysis (polio), activities this week approached a climax.

A dance at the Slagle Memorial Saturday night will be last in a series of four benefits planned for this week-end.

The others are:

A concert by the Franklin High school string band headed by Lester Waldroop, Jr., at the Macon theatre today (Thursday) at 1:30 p. m. The Franklin school will be dismissed in time for the pupils to attend the benefit affair, admission to which will be 10 cents. The concert is open, of course to the general public, as well as the school children.

A box supper at the Cowee school tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock.

And a square dance at the Otto school tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Saturday night's program at the Slagle Memorial is to be sponsored by the American Legion. The entire proceeds will be donated to the polio fund by the Legion, and the caretaker, Mrs. J. A. Cook, will contribute the use of the hall. Music will be provided by Robertson's string band. Both square and round dancing are planned, and even those who do not wish to dance, it was said, can enjoy watching the dancing and contribute to a good cause at the same time. Admission will be \$1.

Approximately 1,000 letters have been sent to persons who usually contribute generously to the public fund, J. H. Stock-will, fa-
con. county campaign director said. He added that responses have been received from only about 140 of these persons, and

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Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Subscribers bringing us pork on subscriptions will please not bring shoulders nor hams as we have a sufficient supply of them. Will take some nice sides if convenient.

It is reported that the construction of a railroad, running from a point in Ohio through western North Carolina to a point in South Carolina, is to be begun in a short time. Albert Boone, of Ohio who is interested in the contemplated enterprise has written to James S. Coleman for a report of a survey of a section of the proposed line made by his father, the late Col. Thad Coleman of Buncombe county. Hon. Kope Elias, of Macon County, will act as counsel.

25 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The most enthusiastic meeting ever held in Franklin and one whose results are destined to be of great benefit to Franklin and Macon County was held at the Junaluska Inn last Friday night. At this meeting over \$100,000 was subscribed toward building a power plant and cotton mill in Franklin. The proposed dam across the Little Tennessee river will develop 1,500 horse power. The cotton mill alone will increase the population of Franklin by 500 inhabitants.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Quote from an editorial: While it seems that statewide opposition will defeat in committee a \$50 tuition increase in the three units of the University to cover a decrease in maintenance appropriation recommended by the legislature's appropriations committee the mere proposal carries grave significance.

Smith Gets 2 Men Sought By Police Of Five States

For the third time in the past six months the alertness and resourcefulness of Pritchard J. Smith, state highway patrolman stationed here, has led to the capture of criminals who were guilty of major crimes and wanted by the police of more than one state.

Last Thursday night Smith arrested two former Virginia convicts, Kenneth Burch Schetz and Robert B. Brady, Jr., who were wanted by the police of five different states in connection with various robberies.

The arrest occurred on highway U. S. 23 about six miles south of Franklin. Earlier in the evening the patrolman had stopped these two men, who were driving a Pontiac, model 1948, when he noticed that they were driving rather carelessly. During questioning the men said that they were going to Virginia

Shortly after he had begun to continue his patrol in the direction of the North Carolina-Georgia state line the same auto passed him driving very rapidly. Since this did not fit into their story that they were going to Virginia Smith immediately gave chase and stopped the car about six miles south of Franklin. After a short search he found burglary tools and \$1,206 in cash and considerable valuable jewelry.

The men were arrested and placed under \$10,000 bond after a session of burglary tools with in-being charged with the post-ent to break and enter dwelling with intent to commit a felony.

At present they are being held in the Waynesville jail for safe keeping.

Franklin Boys Win Close Game In Last 30 Seconds

By scoring in the last 30 seconds of the game the Franklin highschool boys basket ball team eked out a close win from the Hayesville cagers. The score was 35-34. Jack Norton, Franklin's highscoring center, led the local team with 21 points for the evening. Cunningham's 16 points were high for the losers.

In the preliminary clash the Hayesville lassies won over the Franklin girls, 37-21.

Building & Loan

Reelect Directors And Officers

Stockholders of the Macon County Building and Loan association last Thursday reelected all directors, and the directors, at a meeting following, reelected all officers.

It was the association's 28th annual meeting.

The 10 directors reelected are H. W. Cabe, H. L. Bryant, L. C. Henderson, H. T. Sloan, A. B. Slagle, W. E. Hunnicutt, George A. Mashburn, Robert Fulton, M. L. Dowdle, and J. S. Conley.

Reelected as officers are: Mr. Cabe, president; Mr. Bryant, vice-president; and R. S. Jones, Secretary-treasurer.

Gilmer A. Jones was again named as the association's attorney, and Mr. Sloan, Mr. Conley, Mr. Mashburn, and Mr. Cabe were again chosen as members of the appraisal committee.

Farm And Home

Meeting Series Planned Here Next Month

A series of important farm and home meetings has been arranged by the farm and home agents' offices, it was announced this week.

A talking motion picture that it is believed will be of interest to both men and women will be shown at these meetings, all of which will start at 7:30 p. m.

The first meeting is set for next Tuesday night, February 1, at Slagle school.

The remainder of the schedule follows:

Wednesday, February 2, Holly Springs school; Thursday, February 3, Patton Methodist church; February 4, Higdonville school; February 7, Pine Grove school; February 8, Oak Grove Baptist church; February 9, Cowee school; February 10, Liberty Baptist church; February 11, Lotia school; February 14, Union Methodist church; February 15, Prentiss Baptist church; February 16, Hickory Knoll Methodist church; February 17, Drynar's chapel; February 18, Otto school; February 21, Otter Creek school; February 22, Olive Hill Baptist church; February 23, Flats Baptist church; and February 24, Tellico Baptist church.

Alfalfa is a deep-rooted crop which frequently penetrates the sub-soil to a depth of five feet or more.

J. L. Higdon Dies Sunday At His Home

Jamés (Jim) Leonard Higdon, 79, life long resident and member of one of Macon County's pioneer families, died early Sunday morning at his home in the Hogdonville community. His death came following a critical illness of four days. He had been in ill health for several years.

Widely known through out the county he served as a contractor, besides owning and operating a nice farm through a large part of his life. As a young man, he had also taught school.

In 1893 he married Miss Lavada Straine, who died five years ago.

He was a member and had served as a deacon of Sugarfork Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p. m. in the Sugarfork church with the Rev. Charles E. Parker and the Rev. William L. Sorrels conducting the service.

ITAO Palbearers were Mapor, Alex. Joseph and Bill Higdon, Max Parrish, and Harley Stewart.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Tom Bryson, and Mrs. Pearl Corbin, of Cullasaja, Mrs. Howard Wilkie, of Skyland, and Mrs. F. R. Holcombe of Klamath Falls, Ore.; three sons, Jeter C. Lloyd M. Higdon, of Klamath Falls, Oregon; three sisters, Mrs. Eva Keener, and Mrs. J. H. Fulton, of Cullasaja; and Mrs. D. C. Higdon, of Sylva; three brothers, J. S. Higdon.

Orchestra's Two Concerts Here Are Set For March 22

March 22 is the date set for the 1949 appearance here of the Little Symphony orchestra.

The free concert for school children of the county is set for 1 p. m. at the Friendship Tabernacle, in the Bonny Crest section, while the evening performance for members of the N. C. Symphony society will be at the Franklin Methodist church at 8 o'clock.

In announcing the date and hours, Miss Laura M. Jones, county chairman, pointed out that, while the number of memberships obtained to date is gratifying, "it will take more than 150 additional general memberships" to raise the amount required to bring the orchestra to Macon County.

The three Methodist churches on the West Macon circuit will have their fifth Sunday all day program Sunday at Gillespie chapel. The Rev. J. Q. Wallace will preach at 11 a. m., and singing is planned in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the grounds at the noon hour.

DAIRIES HERE GIVEN RATINGS

Two Distributors And 18 Producers Get 'A' Listings

Ratings given milk distributors and producers in Macon County for the six month's period ending December 31 were announced this week by W. T. Grant, health department sanitarian for this district.

Two distributors in the Franklin area were given "A" ratings, and 18 dairies were given "A" ratings as producers for pasteurization.

The "A" distributors are Nantahala Creamery (Grade "A" pasteurized) and Jake Addington (Grade "A" raw).

The 18 listed as "A" producers for pasteurization are:

William Byrd, Frank Cabe, Quince Corpening, Jake Deal, George Doster, Harold Enloe, R. C. Enloe, Jim Gray, Gilmer Henson, Holly Springs Stock farm, Bill Higdon, H. C. Hurst, A. B. Slagle, Carl Slagle, Harley Stewart, Charlie Sutton, Ned Teague, and Woodrow Teague.

Dairies that produce "C" milk for manufactured products are under regulations of the State Department of Agriculture, Mr. Grant explained.

Mrs. H. Baldwin Dies Sunday, Leaving 67 Descendants

Mrs. Harriet Hattie Baldwin, 80, of Kyle, died Sunday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. George Lee Bateman, of East Franklin. Mrs. Baldwin had been in ill health for some time and suffered a heart attack from which she was unable to recover.

She was the former Miss Harriet Jacobs and the widow of William Baldwin who died 18 years ago.

A native of Macon County, she was a member of the Lotia Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Monday at 10:30 a. m. at the Aquone Baptist church with the Rev. T. D. Denny, pastor, conducting the service.

Palbearers were Hubert Bateman Ewell, Frans, Earl and Harold Baldwin, and Luther Jacobs, all grandsons of Mrs. Baldwin.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bateman, and Mrs. Lilly Hicks, of Aquone; four sons, Harley E. Baldwin, of Franklin, Lee, B. A. and Lyle Baldwin of Aquone, two brothers, Charlie Jacobs, of Franklin, and Burgess Jacobs, of Naples, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Laura Townsend, of Portland, Oregon, 31 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Bryant Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Auto Inspection Deadlines By N. C. Inspection Div.

Arthur T. Moore, director of the mechanical inspection division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, has requested all motorists who do not have to meet a January 31 inspection deadline to wait until the lanes are less crowded in order that motorists who DO have to meet the deadline may get their vehicles checked.

Moore said he had received numerous complaints and demands from motorists that something be done in order that vehicles facing the deadline can get their inspections. He added that the lanes had been crowded all this year, many of them with vehicles which failed to get their 1948 inspections, are now rushing to the lanes to have their checks before they are apprehended by enforcement officials.

The Inspection Regulations state that all vehicles of the year models up to and including 1936 must be inspected by January 31.

Moore stated that the complaints he had received were from motorists who owned vehicles in this group, who had been forced to wait in long lines filled mostly with newer model cars, which do not have to meet a deadline until later this year.

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Slagle Introduces 2 Local Measures

Attendance Improves In Schools Here

School attendance is showing marked improvement in Macon County, Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, county superintendent of Pub. welfare, said this week, following a conference with G. L. Houk, county superintendent of schools.

Approximately 90 per cent of the children enrolled are attending school, though the average daily attendance has been cut well below that figure, due to the measles epidemic. It was said.

Mrs. Potts commented that a considerable number of children who previously were not enrolled have entered school, following widespread discussion of compulsory school attendance and adult literacy here.

Figures throwing light on increased enrollment will not be available until the reports of the county's schools for the fourth month have been received, Mr. Houk said.

Mrs. Potts, who has made it clear that she intends to indict parents who are keeping their children out of school without legitimate excuses, said her office has been busy checking on reported absences. In many cases, she added, it has been impossible, because of impassable roads, to make home visits to families who are reported delinquent in sending their children to school. All of these homes will be visited as soon as road conditions permit, she said, but explained that she will not issue an indictment in any case until a home visit has been made in order that her office may know first hand what the conditions are.

Junior Music Club Will Hold Contest For Its Members

Plans for a "sharp" and "flats" attendance contest were adopted by the Franklin Junior Music club, at its meeting Saturday, held at the home of Rebecca Reeves.

For the contest, suggested by Mrs. Weimar Jones, the club counsellor, the club membership will be divided into two teams, to be known as "sharps" and "flats", competing for the highest attendance of each meeting. The contest will continue for six months, at the end of which time the winning team will be entertained in some appropriate manner by the losers.

At Saturday's meeting, Mrs. Jones gave short biographies of and told anecdotes about Mozart and Schubert, illustrating the talk with brief excerpts from the work of both of these composers, and club members presented piano selections, as follows:

Nancy Siler, "Hickory Dickory Dock"; and "Swans on the Lake"; Rebecca Reeves, "The Doves" and "A Little Song"; Nora Jean Baldwin, "A Greeting to You"; Margaret Allison, "Big Shins"; Margaret Jones, "Home on the Range"; Jo Ann Henderson and Beverly Stockton, a duet; Martha Womack, a waltz by Strauss and "Dainty Scherzo"; Elizabeth Jones, "First Valse" by Durand; and Martha Stockton and Laura Lyle, a duet.

The club accepted an invitation to hold its next meeting, the fourth Saturday in February, with Nancy Siler. In the absence of the president, who was still ill, Elizabeth Jones, vice-president, presided.

YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

There will be a joint meeting of the Methodist and Presbyterian and young peoples groups Sunday night at 6:50 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Foreign Mission will be the main topic of the evening's program.

Would Increase County Commissioners Pay To \$10 Per Day

Representative Carl S. Slagle yesterday (Wednesday) introduced a bill in the lower house of the N. C. general assembly to increase the per diem paid members of Macon county's board of commissioners from \$5 to \$10.

Mr. Slagle's bill would make no other change in the present law, passed in 1943, affecting the commissioners' pay.

Under the present law, the commissioners are paid \$5 per day for meetings, plus five cents per mile for travel from their homes to Franklin and return, with the chairman paid the same amount per day plus mileage, for as many days as his duties as chairman require him to work for the county. The law provides, however, that neither the chairman nor any member of the commission may receive pay for more than 10 days in any one month.

The measure was the second local bill introduced in the legislature by Macon County's representative.

He offered a measure Thursday of last week to place the Woodlawn (Franklin) cemetery within the corporate limits of the Town of Franklin. The Franklin Cemetery association had requested that the cemetery be placed inside the incorporation so that it could be afforded town police protection.

The bill would not affect the town limits, except to place Highway 64 west of Franklin (the Murphy road) inside the incorporation from the present town limit to the western boundary of the cemetery and include the cemetery itself. No private property is affected.

Franklin Business Firms Make Quick Response To Buy Basketball Uniforms

Recently John Archer and Frank L. Henry, Jr. discussed with Guy Sutton, principal of the Franklin high school, the possibility of obtaining uniforms for the boys and girls basketball teams.

The three men agreed on the need, and decided to order 25 uniforms, and to count on support from the business firms and people of Franklin for the money to pay the bill.

Just a week later this is the response that they have received—money enough for 27 uniforms. Contributions from the following firms and individuals made this possible: Nantahala Power and Light Company, Slack Auto Parts and Equipment Co., D. A. Stewart, Auto Parts and Equipment Co., Angel's Drug Store, Western Auto Associate Store, Norton's Cafe, W. W. Reeves, The Quality Shop, Burrell Motors, Inc. Martin Electric Co., Sossamon Furniture Company, Macon County Supply Co., Bower's, Bank of Franklin, City Market, Macon Insurance Agency, Perry's Drug Store, Fred Moore, Western Carolina Telephone Co., Zickgraf Hardwood Company, J. S. Conley, E. J. Whitmire, W. R. Waldroop, W. A. Hays, Earl Ward, S. and L. Store, Duncan Motor Co., Macon Dry Cleaners, Roy F. Cunningham and W. R. Pendergrass. In addition to this the teachers at Franklin high school contributed an undisclosed amount.

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	64	50	.88
Thursday	53	24	.00
Friday	47	35	.13
Saturday	57	44	.33
Sunday	61	51	.12
Monday	68	48	.T*
Tuesday	64	46	.00
Wednesday	—	43	.T1

*Trace.