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SET C. OF C. ANNUAL MEET FOR FEB. 25

Dr. Greer To Be Guest
Speaker At Dinner
At Memorial

Friday, February 25, is the new date set for the annual meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. The date was set by the board of directors at a special meeting Monday night.

The meeting, which previously was scheduled for January 14, had to be postponed, due to the illness of Dr. I. G. Greer, guest speaker for the occasion.

Dr. Greer, who is executive vice-president of the Business Foundation, University of North Carolina, has recovered from his illness and will speak at the dinner meeting, which will be held at the Slagle Memorial at 7 p. m.

Every member who contributed to the support of the organization will receive a letter inviting him or her to the dinner, president B. L. McGlamery said. He added that any person who is interested in the work of the chamber of commerce is invited to attend.

Tickets will be placed on sale later.

2 Franklin Teams Split Honors With Cherokee Indians

Franklin boys and girls split a two-game basketball encounter with the Cherokee Indians Tuesday night on the Indians' court. The score in the boys' game was Franklin 34, Cherokee, 24; girls, Cherokee 26, Franklin 9.

Jack Norton, Franklin's high scoring center, garnered 32 of the 34 points scored by Franklin boys.

The two schools will meet tomorrow (Friday) night in a return engagement on the court at the Franklin High school.

34,806 VETS PLACED
Veterans, practically all of them of World War II, numbering 34,806—of whom almost 10 per cent were disabled or handicapped—were placed in non-agricultural jobs through the Veterans Employment service during the year 1948.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL - T. J. Johnston, principal. Miss Irene Weaver, English, history, geography. Miss Annie Weaver, primary department. Mrs. F. S. Johnston, voice culture. Miss K. A. Robinson, instrumental music. Tuition, payable monthly, \$1 to \$3. Contingent fee, 50 cents each term.—From an advertisement on the front page.

25 YEARS AGO
At a meeting of the board of directors of the power and cotton mill proposition, Mr. W. B. McGuire was chosen as stock sales manager and has opened an office for the purpose of receiving subscriptions in stock.

Mr. Bill Brown and Mr. Frank Cane have traded oxen and mules. They met at Hickory Gap Friday to make the change.—Broadway news item.

10 YEARS AGO
Funeral services for Mrs. Frank Siler, 85, outstanding educator and leader in Southern Methodism, were conducted at Lake Junaluska Sunday morning.

A western district meeting of all those interested in a more adequate school law will be held February 4 in the Buncombe county courthouse.

Jake W. Henry, 70, widely known farmer and cattle raiser of the Ellijay section, died last Thursday morning.

"Look! I can walk again"



Join the
MARCH OF DIMES
JANUARY 14-31

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, FOUNDER

\$175 Raised At Scaly In Polio Drive

The little community of Scaly has raised \$175 for Macon County's March of Dimes fund—the dimes and the dollars sought in the battle against infantile paralysis (polio).

Although Flats township, in which Scaly is situated, is by far the smallest township in the county in population, the Scaly contribution is the largest to come from any township, with the exception of Franklin and Highlands, J. H. Stockton, March of Dimes county director, said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Stockton announced yesterday that the campaign for \$3,240, this county's 1949 quota, will be continued for another two weeks, or until February 14. It originally was scheduled to close January 31, but only a little over two-thirds of the quota has been raised.

The folk at Scaly, Mrs. Edith Norton, principal of the school there, told Mr. Stockton, wanted to do something substantial for the March of Dimes. But they lacked either the facilities or the population for the conventional "birthday ball."

So they decided to have a box supper. But there was no place in the community suitable, except the school, and it had no lights.

First of all, therefore, the Scaly people contributed enough money and labor to install electric lights in the school.

Then they held their box supper last Saturday night, and it proved both popular and successful. After the supper the leaders in the movement gathered to count the money. That raised at the box supper, plus the nickels and dimes school

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TWO CONFESS

Two men arrested near here by Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., January 23, yesterday at Waynesville confessed to a \$60,000 burglary in Knoxville, Tenn., Christmas night, via chartered plane from Washington, and to at least 25 other robberies in four states. The men are Kenneth Scheetz and Robert Brady, Jr., both 28, and both of Norfolk, Va.

PLAN BOX SUPPER

The Holly Springs 4-H club will hold a benefit box supper and cake walk at the school Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes fund.

DEATH TAKES W. J. WEST, 86

Once Served As Deputy
Marshal, State
Senator

William Jefferson West, one-time U. S. deputy marshal and state senator, died at his home in the West's Mill community last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. He was 86 years of age.

Death followed a long illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Snow Hill Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Generally known to friends and acquaintances as "Will", Mr. West during his active years was prominent in the Republican party in this county and section. He served as U. S. deputy marshal for the western district of North Carolina for several years, at a period friends placed at about the turn of the century, and in 1908 he was elected state senator from this district (now known the thirty-third district, made up of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, and Swain counties), and served in the 1909 general assembly.

The son of William and Nancy Dobson West, he was a native of this County, and had spent most of his life here. He was born during the Civil War—November 6, 1862.

Mr. West was a member of the Junior Order and of the Snow Hill Methodist church.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lulu Elizabeth Amburn, of Bryson City. His second wife, who survives, is the former Miss Emily Sarah Shepherd.

Two sons and three daughters, all by his first marriage, survive: William Claude West, of

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QUEEN'S CREEK POWER PROJECT IS COMPLETED

Waters Of Stream Drop
1,000 Feet From Dam
To Power House

The waters of Queen's Creek, harnessed by a 65-foot high earth-fill dam near the top of the Winding Stairs, last Friday were turned into a pipe line approximately 6,000 feet long, to fall more than 1,000 feet to the power house at Nantahala station and makes possible the generation of an additional 1,800 KDW of electric current.

Work on the project has been under way more than a year, the contract having been let by the Nantahala Power and Light company late last summer to T. M. Strider and company, of Andrews.

The dam, approximately 400 feet long, creates what is said to be one of the highest heads of water in Eastern America, the water in the reservoir being 1,005 feet higher than the power house, on the Nantahala river. A 24-inch steel pipe is used to channel the water from the reservoir to the power house.

The long, narrow lake back of the dam, though it covers only 35 acres, is about a mile long.

Interest High In Historical Body Contest

Widespread interest has been shown in the contest, announced two weeks ago by the Macon County Historical society, for articles dealing with the history of Macon County.

One entry has already been received by Miss Cecile Gibson, secretary of the society.

While the contest will be conducted by the Historical society, cooperating firms and individuals are donating six of the seven prizes offered.

The contest divisions and the list of prizes, totaling \$100 in cash and merchandise, follow:

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 Lizzie Kelly as a memorial to her sister, Miss Elizabeth Kelly.

Any of three prizes listed above may be won by any person anywhere.

The following prizes are re—

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PLAN P. T. A. SUPPER

The Otto P. T. A. will hold a covered dish supper Friday night, February 11, at 7 p. m., at the Otto School. Everyone is asked to come and bring a dish.

Press Becomes 7-Column Newspaper

With this issue, The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian expands from a six-column to a seven-column newspaper.

The Press has been published in a six-column size since the first issue in July, 1939, nearly 10 years. For five years prior to that, the paper had been a tabloid (five-column) size. And in its long life—the Press was established in 1885—the paper has been issued in a variety of sizes and forms.

The enlargement to seven columns has long been planned by the management, and the necessary equipment was bought several months ago. The change had to await, however, availability of the right size paper, for the manufacturers of newspaper, which is still serious-

ly short, not only ration the amount newspapers may buy, but allot it in sizes by the year.

In the new size, Press readers will get an eight-page newspaper the equivalent of more than nine pages of six columns; an eight-page, seven-column paper contains 56 columns, whereas nine pages of six columns would total 54 columns.

In the same way, six pages of seven columns is the equivalent of seven pages in the old size. And a 10-page paper of seven columns will lack only two columns of having the same amount of material as 12 six-column pages.

The new size will make possible both a more attractive news makeup and a better arrangement of advertisements.



BOB S. SLOAN

SLOAN BECOMES PRESS PARTNER

Local Man, Employee Two
Years, Buys Interest
From Jones

Bob S. Sloan has purchased an interest in The Franklin Press from the owner, Weimar Jones, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Sloan becomes a partner in the business after two years as an employee.

In future, Mr. Jones, who will continue as editor, will devote more of his attention to editing the paper, and Mr. Sloan, in his capacity as business manager, will give most of his time to the business and mechanical ends of the business. During his two years as a veteran on-the-job trainee, Mr. Sloan has had some experience in almost every phase of the newspaper and commercial printing business.

The son of W. N. Sloan, of Franklin and Atlanta, and of the late Mrs. Sloan, Mr. Sloan is a native of this county, as were his father and his paternal grandfather, the late J. S. Sloan, before him.

He was educated in the Franklin public schools, at Christ School, and at the University of North Carolina.

Following 37 months' overseas service in the 9th infantry, he returned to Franklin at the end of World War 2, and served for about a year as Macon County veterans service officer. He then went to Chapel Hill and completed the few months' work he lacked, when he entered the service, to obtain an A. B. degree. In January, 1947, he joined the staff of The Press.

He is active in the Franklin Lions club, the local post of the American Legion, and the Franklin Methodist church. In the Democratic primary last spring, he was nominated for his second term as a member of the county board of education.

He married Miss Mary Jo Setser March 16, 1946. He and Mrs. Sloan make their home in East Franklin.

Dr. E. Angel To Spend 3 Days In Philadelphia

Dr. Edgar Angel will leave for Philadelphia Sunday to attend post-graduate lectures on cancer at Jefferson Medical college and hospital from February 7 to 10. He plans to return to Franklin February 11. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Angel.

Macon Tails Area In School Money Spent Per Pupil

Name 'Bryson'
Commonest In Area,
Phone Book Shows

What is the commonest name in Southwestern North Carolina?

Smith? Brown? Jones?

Wrong! All three wrong! The commonest name in this area is Bryson, if the new telephone directory of the Western Carolina Telephone company, placed in the mail to subscribers Tuesday, is a fair index.

The name "Bryson" appears 22 times in the approximately 1,900 listings for the seven exchanges served by the company, as against a mere 17 Joneses, 15 Browns, and 12 Smiths.

Allison and Cannon, with 15 listings each, are as popular as surnames as Brown, a directory count of names reveals, while Rogers, with 14 listings, and Davis, with 13, outrank Smith in popularity, and Angel and Wilson, with 12 listings each, are tied with Smith for sixth place.

In the new directory, Sylva is listed as having the largest largest number of telephones, 529, while Franklin is a close second with 520. The numbers at the other exchanges are: Bryson City, 272; Clayton, 265; Highlands, 181; Cullowhee, 68; and Cashiers, 65.

The new directory, unlike those in the past, lists all names at the seven exchanges together, alphabetically; that is, all those whose surnames begin with A are listed under the A's, all beginning with B under the B's, etc. This consolidation system is in general use over the country in cases where several towns in one area are served by one company, Russell E. McKelvey, general manager, said.

Farm Women Elect 1949 Club Head

Officers for 1949 have been elected by the 11 home demonstration clubs in this county.

Following is a list of the clubs with their new officers. The first-named in each case is the president, the second the vice-president, the third the secretary-treasurer, and the fourth the assistant secretary-treasurer (for clubs that have an assistant):

Carson Chapel club: Mrs. Frank Reese, Mrs. Homer Green, Mrs. Charlie Conley, and Mrs. Zeb Casler.

Cullasaja: Mrs. Graham Grindstaff, Mrs. Tom Bryson, Mrs. Marion Bryson, and Mrs. Billy Norris.

Olive Hill—Burningtown: Mrs. Carlos Rogers, Mrs. Arlessa Roper, Mrs. Jess Tallent, and Miss Jessie Roper.

Watauga: Mrs. J. P. Shuford, Mrs. J. H. Long, Mrs. Gordon Smith, and Mrs. John Smith.

Cartoogechaye: Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple, Mrs. Fred Slagle, and Mrs. T. H. McNish.

Liberty: Mrs. Carol Gibson, Mrs. Della Mae Brendle, Mrs. W. R. Gibson, and Mrs. Zella Dalton.

Oak Grove: Mrs. Ralph Bradley, Mrs. Ray Bradley, and Mrs. Pearl Childers.

Unkon: Mrs. Homer Johnson, Mrs. L. C. Stevens, and Mrs. J. W. Teague.

Italia: Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. J. R. Morrison, and Mrs. Lawrence Limer.

Otter Creek: Mrs. Grace Queen, Mrs. S. C. Franklin, and Mrs. Vestal Cochran.

Holly Springs: Mrs. George R. Pattillo, Mrs. Paul Ammons, Miss Homer Justice, and Mrs. George Crawford.

Expenditures Here Total
Only 69 Per Cent Of
N. C. Average

Less money per pupil is spent on public schools in Macon than in any county west of Asheville.

In only one county, in fact, in the entire 19-county mountain region are expenditures per pupil as low as in Macon. That county is Madison, which is tied with Macon for the bottom rank among mountain counties.

These facts are revealed by a 1947-48 school year report made public by the State Board of Education.

All expenditures for public school purposes in Macon County last year averaged \$75.77 per pupil, according to the report. This is \$32.73 less than the average for the state's 100 counties.

Stated in different terms, only 69 cents is spent for the education of a child in Macon County when an average of \$1 is spent over the state as a whole.

In Cherokee county last year, \$15.27 more was spent for each pupil than in Macon.

In Clay, \$14.52 more was spent than in Macon. (Figures for Graham are missing).

In Swain, \$38.71 more was spent.

In Jackson, \$13.37 more.

In Haywood, \$23.71 more.

Of the total amount spent for school purposes in Macon County, 86 per cent was provided by the state and 14 per cent by the county.

All other counties in this area provide a larger proportion.

Cherokee put up 21 per cent of the total spent on schools in that county, Clay 30 per cent, Swain 32 per cent, Jackson 16 per cent, and Haywood 27 per cent.

Only three of the 19 counties in the whole mountain region provided a smaller proportion of the total amount spent for schools than Macon, and in two of those counties expenditures per pupil were higher, even with the smaller proportion put up by the county.

Madison, where the same amount—\$75.77 per pupil—was spent as in Macon, provided 9 per cent of its total. In McDowell, which put up 12 per cent, the average spent per pupil was \$31.15. And in Yancey, which put up 8 per cent, the amount spent per pupil was \$76.77.

The amount spent per pupil, and the percentage (placed in parentheses) provided locally, for the county systems in the 19 mountain counties follow:

Ashe county, \$94.07 (21 per cent); Avery county, \$110.19 (36 per cent); Buncombe, \$93.72 (20 per cent); Burke county, \$88.62 (18 per cent); Cherokee county, \$91.04 (21 per cent); Clay county, \$90.29 (30 per cent); Haywood county, \$99.48 (27 per cent); Henderson county, \$101.45 (21 per cent); Jackson county, \$89.14 (16 per cent); Macon county, \$75.77 (14 per cent); Madison county, \$75.77 (9 per cent); McDowell county, \$81.15 (12 per cent); Mitchell county, \$81.81 (19 per cent); Polk county, \$109.75 (26 per cent); Rutherford county, \$100.73 (28 per cent); Swain county, \$114.48 (32 per cent); Transylvania county, \$173.96 (62 per cent); Watauga county, \$101.35 (27 per cent); Yancey, \$76.77 (8 per cent).

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 | 66 | 43 | T* |
| Thursday | 64 | 50 | .01 |
| Friday | 66 | 38 | 1.12 |
| Saturday | 40 | 29 | .00 |
| Sunday | 34 | 27 | .00 |
| Monday | 57 | 29 | 1.72 |
| Tuesday | 53 | 19 | .00 |
| Wednesday | — | 23 | .00 |

*Trace.