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Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

Data for this column should reach
The Press by not later than noon on
Tuesday. In order to keep the calendar
accurate, secretaries of organizations are
requested to notify the newspaper
promptly of changes in the time or
place of meetings.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

6 p. m.—Nequaqua Chapter
No. 43, Order of the Eastern
Star, banquet at Panorama
Court.

7 p. m.—Eastern Star regular
meeting at Slagle Memorial
building.

7:30 p. m.—Post No. 109, Ameri-
can Legion, at Memorial
building.

8:30 p. m.—Eastern Star instal-
lation of officers at Memori-
al building.

FRIDAY

7 p. m.—Troop No. 1, Boy
Scouts, at Memorial building.

SATURDAY

7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club
party at Hotel Hearn.

8 p. m.—Dance (American
Legion benefit) at Memorial
building.

MONDAY

10 a. m.—Board of county
commissioners at courthouse.

7:30 p. m.—Franklin Parent-
Teacher association at the
school.

TUESDAY

10 a. m.—4-H Neighborhood
leaders at Agricultural building.

1 p. m.—N. C. Little Sym-
phony children's concert at
Friendship Tabernacle.

8 p. m.—N. C. Little Sym-
phony concert at Franklin Me-
thodist church.

8 p. m.—American Legion
Auxiliary at home of Mrs. H.
W. Cabe.

WEDNESDAY

7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary
club at Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Memorial Post
No. 7339, Veterans of Foreign
wars, at Agricultural building.

Graeber To Show Movies
On Blister Rust Friday

R. W. Graeber, N. C. Extension
service forester, will be in
this county tomorrow (Friday) and
will show motion pictures on
blister rust control. The pic-
tures, which adults as well as
children are invited to see, will
be shown at Coopers school at 9
a. m.; at Slagle school at 2 p. m.;
and at Higdonville school at 7:30 p. m.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
In the Legislature: An act
supplementary to an act incor-
porating the Ohio River, Frank-
lin and Tidewater Railway Com-
pany passed.

From an advertisement:
Champion Steel Frame "Cut
Out Disc" Harrow. 10 discs, 5
feet, with cleaners, doubletires &c. complete, \$18 delivered to
your nearest depot. T. S. Mor-
rison, Asheville, N. C.

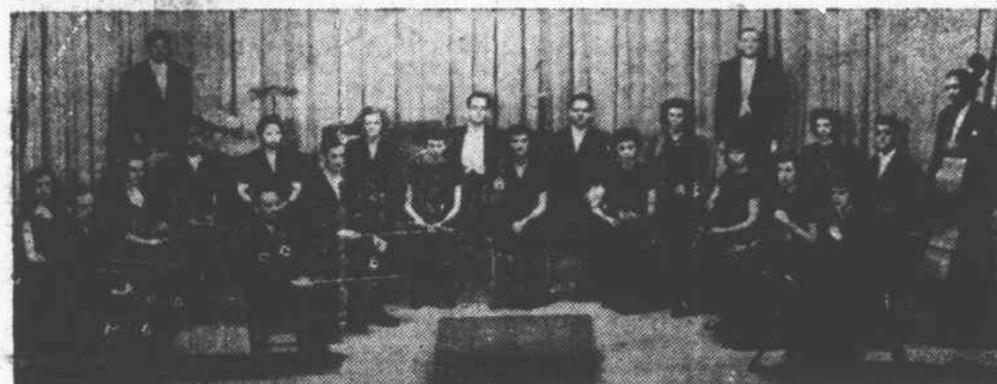
Doorkeeper W. R. Stallcup (of
Franklin) was presented with a
gold-headed cane by his assis-
tants in the legislature, pages
and laborers.

25 YEARS AGO
We congratulate our neighbor,
Mr. John Corbin, on winning
one of the more important
prizes given at the poultry show
at Franklin—from Ellijay Items.

We, the undersigned mer-
chants of Franklin, realizing that
time, strength, and health can
be conserved by early closing,
do hereby agree to close our
stores to all customers promptly
at 7 o'clock, p. m., on all days
except Saturdays.

10 YEARS AGO
A message was received Saturday
at WPA area headquarters in
Franklin stating that the
water and sewer extension proj-
ect has been approved:

Locke Steppie is valedictorian
and Irene Wright is salutatorian
of the graduating class at
Otter Creek High school.



ORCHESTRA TO PLAY HERE—Above is a photograph of the North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra, which will give two concerts in Franklin, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, next Tuesday, March 22. The free matinee for Macon County school children is set for 1 p. m. at the Friendship Tabernacle, and the evening performance for Symphony members will be given at 8 p. m. at the Franklin Methodist church.

VAN RAALTE TO HOLD OPENING

300 Guests Expected
At 'House Warming'
At Plant Here

The Van Raalte company
will hold a "house warming"
party at its Franklin plant,
which now employs more than
100 persons, Saturday evening
of next week.

Approximately 300 invited
guests are expected to attend
the event, which is in the na-
ture of a formal opening of
the Van Raalte plant here. The
plant was completed early last
year, and now has installed
10 huge and intricate machines
for the making of full-fash-
ioned nylon hose.

In addition to the party in the
evening, it is tentatively planned
to open the plant sometime
earlier in the day—the hours
are yet to be fixed—for inspection
by the general public.

Some 30 or 35 public officials
and civic and business leaders
here will be invited to the even-
ing "house warming", and a
score or more of officials of
the company will be present.
In addition, each of the 111
employees will attend the party
and each employee has the priv-
ilege of inviting one guest.

High officials of the Van
Raalte company are on the pro-
gram for talks at the dinner
and employees will present two
skits. Later, Bingo will be played.

The dinner is to be prepared
by members of the Franklin
P.T.A. and served buffet style.

P. T. A. and served by them at
the plant buffet style, the P. T. A.
having taken on the task as
a means of raising funds for its
work.

The Van Raalte company
started operations here in 1946,
when 12 employees were put
to work mending hosiery in a
room on the second floor of the
Beach building.

Work on one wing of the
East Franklin structure got un-
der way later that year. Some
months after its completion,
work was resumed and the pres-
ent plant was completed early
in 1948.

In addition to hosiery, the
plant here also manufactures
women's dress gloves.

The knitting room, where the
10 big hosiery machines have
been installed, is large enough
to accommodate exactly twice
that number of machines, but
the company has made no an-
nouncement of its plans with
reference to the remaining
space.

**HIGHLANDS SENIORS SEEK
FUNDS FOR CAPITAL TRIP**

The senior class of the High-
lands High school will sponsor
a square dance at Helen's Barn
tomorrow (Friday) night at 8
o'clock, the proceeds to be ap-
plied to a fund the class is
raising to finance a trip for
class members to Washington,
D. C.

**Mrs. FINLEY TO JOIN
HUSBAND IN GERMANY**

Mrs. W. H. Finley and chil-
dren, Rebecca and Robert, will
leave Franklin about April 1
for Anderson, S. C., where they
will visit relatives while await-
ing orders to sail for Europe
to join Major Finley, who is
stationed at Erding, Germany.

Symphony To Give Two Concerts Here Tuesday

Asks Cooperation
In Making Tourist
Booklet Complete

The Franklin Chamber of
Commerce is preparing to
issue a new tourist booklet
listing accommodations in
and near Franklin, and the
organization this week asked
the cooperation of the
public in making the list-
ings complete and accurate.

All persons who will take
tourists this summer—whether
they operate a hotel or have a single room
for rent—are asked to get in
touch with Frank I. Murray,
secretary, immediately.

Information about accom-
modations can be forwarded to
Mr. Murray by mail or he
can be reached at Telephone
No. 7403.

Club Members

Win High Ratings At
Music Festival

Two of the nine members of
the Franklin Junior Music Club
who entered the annual spring
music festival in Asheville last
Saturday won top ratings for
their performances. Four came
back home with the second high-
est rating, and three, with the
third highest.

Carelen Sorrells and Martha
Womack were given "superior"
awards the highest given.

Beverly Stockton, Jo Ann
Henderson, Margaret Allison,
and Martha Ann Stockton won
the second high grade of "ex-
cellent".

And a rating of "very good"
was given Sarah Elizabeth
Parker, Edith Plemmons, and
Patricia Landrum.

All pupils who enter the festi-
val are graded on 10 different
points, and then given one of
five ratings, starting with "su-
perior" and coming downward.

Each of the some 300 pupils
taking part gave two selections,
one required for his or her
classification, and one chosen by
the pupil.

The festival is sponsored by
the National Federation of Jun-
ior Music clubs, and is open
only to members of federated
junior clubs.

Accompanying the Franklin
group to Asheville were Mrs.
Wilma Jones, club counselor,
whose piano pupils the nine
Franklin entrants are, the Rev.
and Mrs. C. E. Parker, and Mrs.
Lester Henderson.

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Membership Sales To End
Saturday; Is Fourth
Season In Macon

The N. C. Little Symphony
orchestra, appearing in Frank-
lin for its fourth successive
season, will give two concerts
here next Tuesday.

The orchestra will play at 1
p. m. at the Friendship taber-
nacle in a free concert for Ma-
con County school children. The
evening performance for adults
will be at the Franklin Meth-
odist church at 8 o'clock that
evening.

Meanwhile, the local Sym-
phony committee announced that
the campaign for memberships
will end Saturday, and that
thereafter admission to the even-
ing performance will be by
ticket only. Tickets may be
bought at a slight advance in
price, at the door Tuesday even-
ing, if and as long as seating
room remains. The church has
a seating capacity of only 375,
or 400 at most.

Through Saturday, member-
ships may be obtained at Per-
ry's Drug store. General mem-
berships are \$2, plus tax.

While the matinee for school
children usually is referred to as
a "free concert", it is free only
to the children, it was pointed
out—not to the county. The or-
chestra's fee for that concert
is \$350, and the children's event
is made possible only through
the memberships taken by Ma-
con County persons.

The banquet, honoring the
worthy grand matron, Miss
Ethel Lovett, of Asheville, and
the worthy grand patron, A. M.
Tingle, of Asheville, will be held
at Panorama court at 6 p. m.

The regular meeting is set for
7 p. m. at the Slagle Memorial
building, and at 8:30 the meet-
ing will be opened for the in-
stallation of new officers.

Miss Lovett will be in this
district, made up of the six most
westernly counties of the state,
all next week, and she and Mrs.
Margret Cabe, of Franklin,
district deputy grand matron,
will spend the week visiting the
nine chapters in the district.

The officers of the chapter
are:

Mrs. Florences S. Sherrill, wor-
thy matron; Edgar J. Whitaker,
re-elected worthy patron; Mrs.
Josephine Long, associate mat-
ron; John Bulgin, associate pat-
ron; Mrs. Nobla Murray, re-
elected secretary; Mrs. Alice
Ray, re-elected treasurer; Mrs.
Esther Cunningham, conductress;
Mrs. Margaret Bolton, as-
sociate conductress.

The appointees include Mrs.
Ada Grant, Adah; Mrs. Emma
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Farm Students To Give P. T. A. Program Monday

The Franklin school agricul-
ture department, headed by E. J.
Whitmire, Jr., will conduct the
program at the February meet-
ing of the Franklin Parent-
Teacher association, it was an-
nounced this week. The meeting
is set for next Monday evening
at 7:30 o'clock at the school.
Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, the presi-
dent, will preside.

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LAND OPTIONED AS SCHOOL SITE FOR NANTAHALA

About 6 Acres In Owenby
Bottoms To Be Bought
By County Board

A site for the proposed Nan-
tahala school was optioned this
week, it was announced by
County Supt. G. L. Houk.

The site chosen is known as
the Owenby Bottoms, situated
at the inter section of the Camp
Branch road and the Forest
Service road that runs through
Nantahala, Mr. Houk said.

The exact acreage will not be
known until the property is
surveyed and boundaries de-
termined, but a tract of about
four and a half acres is being
brought from the Douthit heirs,
and approximately one acre, ad-
joining, from Warren Owenby.
After the surveys are completed
and boundaries fixed, the prop-
erty will be purchased, Mr. Houk
said.

His action in taking options
on the two tracts was in com-
pliance with authority given by
the county board of education.
The board acted following a
recent visit of two members—
Chairman C. Gordon Moore and
Bob Sloan—and Mr. Houk to
the Nantahala section in search
of a site.

The place chosen, a fairly
level field with a creek nearby,
is near the site of the old Owen-
by school. The three officials
who visited it expressed the be-
lief that it is the best situation
available that is anywhere near
the center of the school popula-
tion to be served.

Meanwhile, the local Sym-
phony committee announced that
the campaign for memberships
will end Saturday, and that
thereafter admission to the even-
ing performance will be by
ticket only. Tickets may be
bought at a slight advance in
price, at the door Tuesday even-
ing, if and as long as seating
room remains. The church has
a seating capacity of only 375,
or 400 at most.

Contributions so far reported
to the Red Cross fund drive
here yesterday totaled \$983.61,
E. G. Crawford, fund chairman,
announced. This represents
nearly 55 per cent of the coun-
try's \$1,796 quota.

Of the total, \$750.66 is cash
delivered to Red Cross head-
quarters here, and \$232.95 is in
contributions reported by work-
ers, but not yet turned in.

Meanwhile, Highlands will
have the "kick-off" dinner for
its local campaign tomorrow
(Friday) night, and will make its
drive on Saturday.

Most of the funds raised to
date have been outright dona-
tions, but Mr. Crawford report-
ed that the Clark's Chapel com-
munity held a benefit bingo
party and cake walk sponsored
by a committee headed by Mrs.
Hazel Sutton, last Saturday
night, at which \$28.85 was raised.

Several workers in town and
a number in the rural communi-
ties have not reported, Mr.
Crawford said, adding that they
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'Prisoner' Escapes
After 10 Unhappy
Minutes In 'Jail'

Paul Smith, of Franklin,
Route 2, spent 10 or 15 uncom-
fortable minutes locked in an
unexpected "jail" late Saturday.
Mr. Smith can laugh about it
now, but it wasn't funny at all
at the time.

Interested in buying a truck,
Mr. Smith visited Burrell Motor
company's used car lot. The lot,
situated on East Main street, is
surrounded by a high fence of
heavy wire, so that the vehicles
can safely be left in the lot
overnight.

Finding a truck that appealed
to