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N. C. SYMPHONY CONCERTS HERE HEARD BY 1,600

Audience Fills Church; 1,300 Children At Free Matinee

The 23-piece N. C. Little Symphony orchestra, appearing in Franklin for the fourth successive year, Tuesday played to more than 1,600 persons. An appreciative audience of more than 300, which filled the Franklin Methodist church, heard the evening concert, and between 1,300 and 1,400 Macon County school children packed the Friendship tabernacle for the matinee.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the county had "gone over the top" in the 1949 Symphony campaign, and preliminary plans were made, following the evening performance, for next year. While the exact amount raised through memberships and admission tickets had not been determined, the total was said to be up to the quota.

Elementary school children from 14 or 15 of the county's 19 schools attended the afternoon concert, to which the children paid no admission charge; this concert for them is paid for through the Symphony memberships taken by Macon County adults. The youngsters were transported to and from their schools by school buses.

Every seat in the big tabernacle was filled, and scores crowded in the aisles, in front of the stage, and on the stage, back of the orchestra. The children gave every evidence of keen interest, both in the music and in the comments of Dr. Benjamin Swain, director, who explained the different compositions.

Dr. Swain declared he was "thrilled" by the sea of young faces that looked up at him, and Miss Laura M. Jones, county chairman, praised the children for their attention and behavior.

Just prior to the last number of the evening program, Dr. Swain again referred to the "inspiring" event of the afternoon, and expressed appreciation to Miss Jones, Mrs. Allen Siler, county secretary, J. H. Stockton, treasurer, Mrs. Betty Alexander, his assistant, and Mrs. J. M. Valentine, Highlands representative, for their "fine work, which made the concerts possible."

Immediately after the concert, a group of interested persons organized for the coming year. Miss Jones asked to be relieved of the chairmanship, and the group named W. N. Sloan, chairman, and reelected Mrs. Siler and Mr. Stockton. They set September 19 as the date for opening the membership campaign.

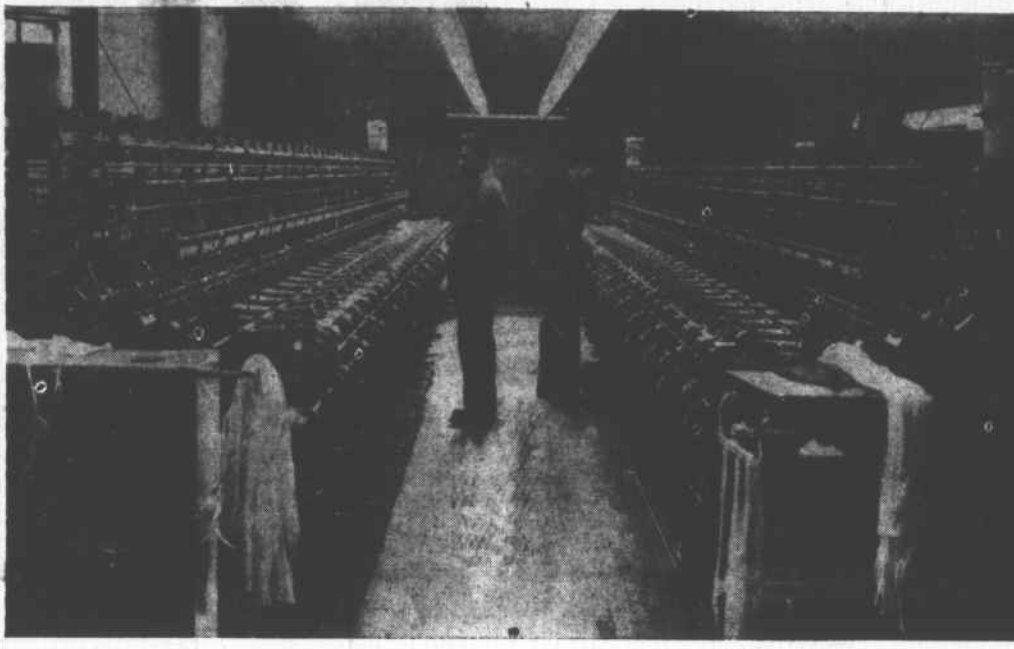
Following the introduction of Dr. Swain by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, the evening performance opened with the audience singing "Old Hundred" (doxology), accompanied by the orchestra. The concert proper then opened with the four-movement Mozart Symphony No. 4 in G minor. Other numbers on the program:

"Siegfried Idyll", by Wagner; "The Winter's Passed", Barlow; Concert Waltz, Glazounov; Waltz, from "Serenade for Strings", Tschalkowsky; Intermezzo, from "The Jewels of the Madonna", Wolf-Ferrari; "Dance of the Buffoons", Rimsky-Korsakov; and Overture to "The Gypsy Baron", Strauss.

The audience demanded more, and Dr. Swain led the orchestra in two encores, Hungarian Dance No. 5, by Brahms, and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", Jessel, the latter by request of students from Highlands.

Training Union Meet

The Macon Baptist Association Training Union will observe "youth night" at its quarterly mass meeting tomorrow (Friday) evening. It was announced this week. The meeting will be held at the Crowe Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock. Features of the program will be the devotional service, to be conducted by 10 young people, special music, departmental conferences, and a closing address by Charles Ramsey, prospective ministerial student.



MACHINES HERE TURN OUT NYLON HOSE — Visitors to the Van Raalte plant here Saturday will have an opportunity to see these intricate machines, which take a tiny nylon thread and turn out ladies' hose, complete except for two operations, looping and seaming. Each of these 50-foot-long knitting machines contains more than 60,000 moving parts. The photo shows two of the 10 knitters now in operation, which have a combined capacity of 1,250 dozen pairs of nylon hose per week. Operating the machines are John Stanfield (left) and Herbert Crawford. —Photo by Crisp Studio

Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

Data for this column should reach The Press by not later than noon 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 24

7:30 p. m. — Lodge No. 452, Loyal Order of Moose, at Slagle Memorial building.
7:30 p. m. — First Baptist Y. W. A. at home of Miss Bebe Shartz.
7 p. m. — Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.
9 a. m. to noon — Van Raalte plant in East Franklin open for public inspection.
6 p. m. — Van Raalte company "house warming" party at East Franklin plant.
7:30 p. m. — Teen Age club party at Hotel Hearn.
8 p. m. — Dance (American Legion benefit) at Memorial building.

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7 p. m. — Franklin Rotar club at Memorial building.
8 p. m. — American Legion auxiliary at home of Mrs. H. W. Cabe.

Otto P. T. A. To Hold Meeting Monday Night

The Otto Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Otto school. Fathers, as well as mothers, are invited, officials emphasized.

Van Raalte Firm To Hold 'House Warming' At Its \$250,000 Franklin Plant

Plan Sunrise Easter Rites Atop Wayah

Plans for an interdenominational Easter sunrise service to be held on Wayah Bald were outlined at a meeting of ministers last Friday.

It will be the second in what is planned as an annual series of Easter observances on the mile-high Macon County peak. In making the announcement, the sponsoring group emphasized that the service is for persons of all denominations throughout the county.

The service again is to be held at "High Haven", the Gilmer A. Jones camp, and the plans call for the audience to face the reddening east as the service opens with instrumental music.

While details of the program are yet to be worked out, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, First Baptist pastor here, has been chosen to preach the Easter morning sermon.

The Rev. Hoyt Evans, Franklin Presbyterian pastor, is chairman of the sponsoring group. Attending the planning meeting, held at the Presbyterian manse, were Mr. Parker, the Rev. R. L. Phillips, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Hull, and Mr. and Mrs. Evans. Easter this year falls on April 17, three weeks later than in 1948.

300 Invited To Party; Open To Public 3 Morning Hours

Marking the formal opening of its quarter-million dollar plant in East Franklin, the Van Raalte company Saturday night will entertain with a "house warming" party, to which approximately 300 guests have been invited.

Earlier in the day — from 9 a. m. to noon — the hosiery and glove manufacturing plant will be open to the general public for inspection.

High officials of the company as well as representatives of other Van Raalte plants in the South, will be here for the occasion.

The party will open at 6 p. m. with dinner, to be served, buffet style, in the plant's big knitting room. Members of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, which is caterer for the event, will prepare and serve the meal.

On the after-dinner program are addresses, the presentation of service awards to Van Raalte personnel, two skits, a reading, and, if time permits, the showing of a film, "This Is Nylon". Later in the evening, the guests will play Bingo.

The speakers Saturday evening will be Frank R. Riesenberger, of New York City, president of Van Raalte Company, Inc.; L. W. Griffith, of Buffalo, N. Y., vice-president; and J. W. Crawford, of Boone, N. C., hosiery production manager. E. W. Maebert, of Blue Ridge,

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HIGHLANDS TO ELECT MAY 3

Voters To Choose Mayor And 5 Commissioners For 2-Year Terms

The biennial elections of town officials in Highlands was called for Tuesday, May 3, by the Highlands board of commissioners at its bi-monthly meeting Monday night.

In the non-partisan election in the Town of Highlands voters will choose a mayor and five commissioners for terms of two years.

The board Monday night appointed H. M. Wright registrar or the election, and T. B. Pickens and Grover W. Edwards, judges.

While no new registration is required, the registration books will be open from Saturday, April 9, through Saturday, April 23, for the registration of persons eligible to vote, but whose names are not now on the books.

On the day of the election the polling place — the town office — will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Present officials of the town are J. O. Beale, mayor, and J. D. Burnette, W. A. Hays, Sidney McCarty, Joe Reese, and Edward Potts, commissioners.

G. E. Patton Wins Coveted Prix de Rome

Robert E. Patton, 27-year old Macon County man, has been awarded the 1948-49 Prix de Rome Fellowship in landscape architecture — one of the most coveted honors and opportunities that can come to a man in that line of work.

The fellowship entitles him to living quarters and a working studio at the American Academy in Rome, Italy, in association with academy fellows in architecture, painting, sculpture, music, drama, and Roman classical studies. In addition, the prize provides approximately \$3,000 for European travel during his year abroad. He plans to sail soon for Rome.

Mr. Patton was selected on a basis of an exhibit he had in New York last month, where his work was in competition with that of about 3,000 other landscape architects from all over the country.

The son of R. A. Patton, of Franklin and Tampa, Fla., and of the late Mrs. Patton, he was graduated from N. C. State college in 1948, after his education there was interrupted by overseas service in the marine corps, followed by a period of backdrop painting for MGM in Hollywood.

He is now with Simmons Brothers, architects, Pittsburgh, Penna., where he recently created a model miniature for the new Pittsburgh airport.

Work Is Begun On New Ellijay School Building

Work on the new school at Ellijay got under way Monday morning, when excavation was begun for the building's footings. The plans call for a one-story building, of brick and cinderblock construction, containing 10 classrooms and an auditorium. Grading for the structure was done last fall.

AWARDS GIVEN CORN GROWERS

Certificates Won By 20 For 100 Bushels; 3 Got Cash Prizes

Macon County farm men and boys who last year won the right to membership in the North Carolina 100-bushel Corn Club were honored at the meeting of the Franklin Rotary club last Wednesday evening at the Slagle Memorial building.

The Rotarians also heard Lewis Penland, FFA youth, make the talk on soil conservation which he delivered at Waynesville the following day, to win second place and a \$25 U. S. bond in a 14-county district elimination contest sponsored by the N. C. Bankers association and the N. C. Soil conservation association.

Twenty-six in this county are known to have produced 100 bushels of corn or more to the acre in 1948.

These champion growers were invited to the meeting as dinner guests of the club, and certificates were formally presented to the 19 who were able to be present. In addition, the three top Macon County growers were given cash prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25, offered last spring by Franklin business men. The cash prizes went to Fred Deal, 14-year old Cat Creek boy whose weighed 135-bushel yield won him the championship of the state; Owen L. Ammons, of Franklin, Route 4, who stood in second place in this county; and Johnny Kinsland, 14, of Rabbit Creek, third.

The other 16 present to receive their certificates from S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, who made the presentations, were Charles J. Ferguson, of Franklin, Route 4; Ray McConnell, of Dilard, Ga., Route 1; Lyle Raby, West's Mill; Lewis Vanhook, Franklin, Route 2; Douglas Young, Riverside; Frederick (Bo) Setser, Cartoogechaye Van B. Thomas, Gneiss; Albert L. Ramsey, Iotia; Frank Deal,

Square Dance To Be Held At Otto Friday

A benefit square dance will be held at the Otto school tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the school athletic association. Music will be provided by Keener's string band.

MACON IS FIRST IN AREA TO TOP RED CROSS FUND

Reports Show Quota Oversubscribed By More Than \$600

Macon County yesterday became the first of the 34 chapters in Western North Carolina to go over the top in the 1949 Red Cross fund drive.

The total for this county stood at \$2,468.74, or more than \$600 in excess of the \$1,796 quota, it was announced by E. G. Crawford, fund chairman. And a number of workers still had not made their final reports.

The total represented a 35 per cent increase over the county's quota.

Of the total Macon County contributions, \$389.10 came from the rural sections \$721.21 from Franklin; and \$1,358.43 from Highlands.

Of the amount given in Highlands, according to S. C. Russell, \$1,035.50 was given by summer residents, who make a part of their Red Cross contributions through the Highlands office, and \$322.93 has been raised since last Saturday morning from among year-round Highlands residents.

Figures Given On Use Of Theatre Rental Funds

Rental paid for part-time use of the Highlands school auditorium as a motion picture theatre has provided funds for payment of a number of school items during the present year, figures compiled in the office of O. F. Summer, school principal, show.

Mr. Summer, who operates the theatre, pays an annual rental of \$1,250, which is kept in a special account for Highlands school purposes, it was explained. To date, \$668.92 of this fund has been spent, he said.

In athletics, R. B. DuPre was paid \$225 (\$45 per month for five months) for coaching the basketball team. Basket balls and other expenses were \$52.70, making a total of \$277.70.

Expenditures in connection with music include \$50 spent on repairing the piano given to the school by Mrs. Harvey L. Parry, of Camp Parry-Dise; and \$30 for tuning the other two pianos belonging to the school, making a total of \$80 in this department.

Amounts spent for miscellaneous items include one bus heater, \$40.14; installing one sink in the first grade room \$19.58; dictionaries, \$25.23; award certificates, \$15.38; safety patrol belts and arm bands, \$10.00; and rent for classroom in the Anderson building, \$200.

100 Expected To Attend Deacons' Meet Tonight

Approximately 100 deacons from Baptist churches throughout this county are expected to attend the quarterly associational deacons' meeting at Iotia Baptist church this (Thursday) evening. A supper session, the meeting is set for 6:30 o'clock.

H. H. Plemons will lead a panel discussion on "The Work of the Deacon", and the Rev. Charles E. Parker will make the chief address.

The Weather

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

Day	Temperature	Precipitation
Wednesday	56	10 .00
Thursday	50	28 .00
Friday	57	49 1.14
Saturday	53	18 .00
Sunday	59	20 .00
Monday	60	27 .00
Tuesday	58	44 .36
Wednesday	58	40 1.09



Nineteen of this county's 26 men and boys who are in the 100-bushels-to-the-acre corn growing class are pictured above receiving certificates for their 1948 performance. In addition, the three with the greatest yields — Fred Deal, Owen Ammons, and Johnny Kinsland — received cash prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25, provided by Franklin business men. The presentations were made at the Franklin Rotary club meeting last week, when the Corn club members were dinner guests of the club. S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, who presented the awards, is shown at the extreme right handing a certificate to 14-year old Fred Deal, 1948 champion of all Western North Carolina. Others in the picture, left to right: Seated: Frank Saunders, of the Bethel community; Clarence Vanhook, Clark's Chapel; Harold McClure, Clark's Chapel; Owen Ammons, Franklin, Route 4; and Freamlo Crawford, Cartoogechaye. Second Row: Van B. Thomas, Gneiss; Albert L. Ramsey, Iotia; Frank Deal, Cat Creek; R. L. Cunningham, Route 4; Eugene Gray, Riverside; Douglas Young, Riverside; 12-year old Joe Taylor, Rabbit Creek; and Fred Deal, Cat Creek. Back row: Charles J. Ferguson, Route 4; Ray McConnell, Dilard, Ga., Route 1; Lyle Raby, West's Mill; Lewis Vanhook, Route 2; Johnny Kinsland, Rabbit Creek; and Frederick (Bo) Setser, Cartoogechaye. The 7 members not present for the ceremony are John W. Roane, Cartoogechaye; E. B. Duvall, Iotia; Billy Teague, Prentiss; Bobby Tippett, Iotia; Robert Taylor, Route 4; Lacy Harper, Gneiss; and Jerry Potts, Cullasaga.