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Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

Data for this column should reach The Press by not later than 5:00 p. m. 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, APRIL 7

7:30 p. m.—Post No. 108, American Legion, at Slagle Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic hall.

SATURDAY

10 a. m.—Macon County 4-H Club council at Agricultural building.

3 p. m.—Franklin Junior Music club at home of Mrs. Weimar Jones.

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

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

SUNDAY

8 p. m.—Easter cantata by combined choirs of Franklin churches at First Baptist church.

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Draft Board Seeks To Contact 3 Registrants

Macon County local draft Board No. 58 this week asked that the following registrants report in person or by letter at once to the board office in the Burrell building, in Franklin: Lester Patterson, of Star route, Prentiss; James Wiley Stamey, Franklin; Willie J. McKay, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; and Bobby Webb, Franklin, Route 3. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these men is asked to notify the board.

AUTOS KILL 67

During February, 67 persons lost their lives in 62 fatal traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Highlands seems to be in good shape. She sent a large petition to the legislature against a dispensary, and on it were over two-thirds of the voters within the town corporation. A large number of our citizens feel that to encourage a dispensary would show indifference to a class of visitors whose influence is worthy of consideration.

Wanted: One hundred good locust fence posts six feet long. News of the death in Bryson in Franklin at 6 cents each.

25 YEARS AGO

News of the death in Bryson of D. K. Collins, prominent Swain county man, reached here last week.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held Friday afternoon in Miss Weaver's studio in the school building. Forty-seven little boys and girls were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Higgins at their home on Harrison avenue Monday evening from 3 to 5 o'clock, the occasion being the birthday of their little daughter Ruth.

10 YEARS AGO

The members of the new Macon County board of education were sworn in Monday and elected C. Tom Bryson as chairman and Curtis Price, principal of Ellenboro high school, as county superintendent of schools. (Less than two months later Mr. Price resigned and the board elected O. L. Houk as superintendent.)

Franklin High Has Three Honor Students



ELIZABETH ANN PHILLIPS
Valedictorian



MARY ALICE ARCHER
Valedictorian



IRIS HAZEL CABE
Salutatorian

These three students hold the top scholastic ratings among members of the Franklin high school graduating class. Miss Archer and Miss Phillips, having tied for first place, each will deliver a valedictory address at the graduation exercises. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Phillips, respectively. Miss Cabe, the salutatorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cabe, of Franklin, Route 4.

135 Pupils On Franklin Honor Roll

A total of 135 pupils in the Franklin school earned the right to have their names listed on the honor roll for the third quarter of this school year.

The list, made public this week by R. G. Sutton, principal, follows:

Second grade: Audrey Anderson, Frances Whittington, Katherine Sorrells, Bobby Hunter, Willard Hedden, Ann Sutton, Ruth Tallent, Jean Burrell, Beverly Bryson, Jacqueline Clark, Jackie Corbin, Katrina Elmore, Brettie Wilkie, Judy Wurst, Clayton Richardson, Barbara Waldrop, Dickie McWilliams, Johnny Killian, Ann Hall, Rebecca Reeves, Sarah Jean Mallonee, Edward Downs.

Third grade: Sue Bailey, Betty Russell, Frances Guest, Frances Tallent, Judy Houston, Judy Hooker, Pete Henry, David Alexander, Rachel Brown, Jo Ann Burrell, Carolyn Dowdle, Mary Louise Long, Susie Mashburn, Janet Green, Shirley Ann Henson, Shirley Cruse.

Fourth grade: Launa Baker, Helen Cochrane, Jean Phillips, Jackie Dockery, Jimmy Tysinger, Frances Anderson, Doris Bailey, Margaret Jones.

Fifth grade: Jerry Bailey, Monroe McClure, Crawford Moore, Margaret Allison, Beverly Stockton, Ruth Ann Crawford, Tommy Gnuse, Bill Mendenhall, Donald Henry.

Sixth grade: Virginia Swanson, Annette Garner, Caroline Reece, Helen Moore, Alvin Solesbee, Hattie Mae Wiggins, Margaret Thomas, Robert Siler, Herbert McKelvey, Cleo McDonald, Leonard Long, Bobby Womack, Oma Lee Hogsd, Thelma Tallent, Robbie Gay Tallent, Mavis McCall, Betty Hurst.

Seventh grade: Max Henderson, Richard Russell, Eugene McDonald, Norma Jean Welch, Raymond Ledford, Adolph Conley, Jimmy Sherrill, Viola Keener, Dan Gibson, Thad Dowdle, Robert Finley.

Eighth grade: Martha Ann Roten, Robert Dowdle, Paul Killian, Jack Love, Max Phillips, Mertis Angel, Annie Ruth Dean, Mildred Gregory, Julia Moody.

Ninth grade: Meda Mae Angel, Leshar Green, Richard Jones, Eugene Patton, Billy Solesbee, Martha Stockton, Johnnie Dills, Lucille Edwards, Martha Rogers, Verlie Poindexter, Georgie McDonald.

Tenth grade: Una Crawford, Carolyn Bryson, Luanne Gibson, Barbara Sue Holland, Connaree Noelen, Mariann Sherrill, Sarah Ledford, Agnes Carpenter, Dudley Conley, Barbara Gribble, Mary Ellen Stoudemire, Ann Teague.

Eleventh grade: Donald Brown, Alvin Stiles, Robert Hines, Edith Hurst, Patricia Landrum.

Twelfth grade: Mary Alice

Serving Dinner For Van Raalte Nets PTA \$382

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association made a net profit of \$382 on the dinner it served for the Van Raalte company at that firm's housewarming party here March 26, it was announced this week by Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, association president.

The proceeds will be used on school betterment work. Mrs. Dowdle said.

Meanwhile, Van Raalte officials expressed appreciation for the way the P. T. A. handled the catering project, and Mrs. Dowdle remarked that the success of the dinner was due to the enthusiastic cooperation of parents and teachers, as well as the support given the organization by churches and business firms in furnishing services and equipment and in donating supplies for the dinner.

Board O. K.'s Purchase Of School Site

The county board of education, at a brief meeting Monday, authorized County Supt. G. L. Houk to proceed with the purchase of land as the site for the proposed new Nantahala school.

The meeting was the last the present board will hold. A new board, in fact, normally would have taken office Monday, but the legislative bill appointing the five who will serve for the next two years—C. Gordon Moore, Bob S. Sloan, and Walter Gibson, incumbents, and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and Fred Edwards, new members—had not been ratified by the general assembly.

The omnibus school boards bill is expected to be ratified this week, and it is anticipated that the new board will meet next Monday. Its first business, if it follows usual procedure, will be to elect a chairman and appoint a county superintendent to serve for a two-year term, starting next July 1.

At Monday's meeting, Mr. Houk reported that he had obtained options for approximately four and one-half acres, at the intersection of the Camp Branch and Forest service roads, for \$2,200. The property for the Nantahala school is being acquired from the Druthit heirs and from Warren Owenby, he said.

The board also rejected the sole bid received for labor on the Ellijay school. The bid was \$40 per thousand for laying brick and 20 cents per block for masonry cinderblocks. The board decided to construct the building with day labor.

Will Make No Charge In '49 At Arrowood

No charge will be made this season for the use of recreational facilities at Arrowood Glade, but a charge will be made at Cliffside, it was announced yesterday by E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest.

This is in line with instructions Mr. Renshaw has received from the Atlanta regional office of the Forest Service.

Earlier it had been announced that a charge would be made at both areas, but Mr. Renshaw later was told to operate Arrowood as in the past, unless an arrangement could be made whereby the Town of Franklin would operate it, keeping the proceeds above the cost of ordinary maintenance.

Mr. Renshaw explained that the Forest Service headquarters in Washington directed that charges be made for use of recreational areas in all National Forests, but later modified that order, giving the regional offices the authority to select certain forests on which to make the charge as an experiment.

The Atlanta office, he added, picked a forest in Arkansas, one in Florida, and the Nantahala as those on which a charge would be made, leaving the other forests in the region free this year to operate their recreational areas as in the past.

Basketball Tournament Opens Today

Boys' and girls' basketball teams from eight Macon County schools will participate in a tournament that will get under way this (Thursday) morning and end Saturday night, it was announced yesterday by Coach Milburn Atkins.

All the games will be played at the Franklin School.

The boys' schedule follows:
Thursday: Franklin vs. Otter Creek at 9 a. m.; Cowee vs. Slagle, 2 p. m.; Highlands vs. Higdonville, 5; Otto vs. Pine Grove, 7.

Friday: Winners in the first two sets of pairings will play at 7 p. m., and the second two sets at 9 p. m.

Saturday night at 8:30 the two Friday winners will meet to determine the championship.

The girls' schedule:
Thursday: Otto vs. Franklin, at 3 p. m.; Higdonville vs. Highlands, 6; Cowee vs. Otter Creek, 8; Slagle, bye.

Friday: Winners in the second two sets of pairings at 6 p. m., and in the first two sets, at 7. Saturday at 7:30 p. m. the two winning teams will meet to determine the girls' championship.

CANTATA TO BE PRESENTED BY 40-VOICE CHOIR

Group From 4 Churches Plans Easter Music Sunday Night

A 40-voice chorus, from the choirs of the four Franklin churches, will present an Easter cantata at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The group, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Henry, has been working on the cantata for more than two months.

In addition to the choral selections, solos, trios, and readings are on the program, which was announced yesterday by Mrs. Henry.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones is organist, Mrs. H. W. Cabe, pianist, and Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, reader.

The program will open with an organ prelude, "Easter Meditations," to be followed by a reading, from Luke and John, accompanying the showing of a picture, "Christ in Gethsemane." The other readings are a poem, "Praying Hands," accompanied by the showing of the picture of the same title, and a story, "The Walk to Emmaus."

Musical numbers, in addition to the prelude, follow:

"'Tis Midnight," by Tappan; "In Joseph's Lovely Garden," Dickinson; "God So Loved the World," Stainer; "They Have Taken Away My Lord," Stainer; "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled," Speaks; "The Holy City," solo, Adams; "O Lamb of God, I Come," Blair; "O Morn of Beauty," Sibelius; "Were You There?" trio, Negro spiritual; "Thee We Adore," Dubois; "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," Wesley; "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord," Mendelssohn; and "Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen," Simper.

The benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. C. E. Parker, First Baptist pastor, and Howe's "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" will be used as the recessional.

The soloists will be Mrs. Henry, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Parker, and Richard Sloan. Members of the trio are Mrs. Lucille Lassiter, Miss Edith Plemmons, and Miss Parker.

The complete list of those who will appear in the chorus follows:
Altos: Mrs. Hoyt Evans, Miss Lucille Jacobs, Miss Lillian Jones, Mrs. Lucille Lassiter, Mrs. E. R. White, Miss Mildren Dalton, Mrs. Prelo Dryman, Miss Edith Plemmons.

Tenors: J. C. Hawkins, Phil McCollum, Walter Dean, Richard Sloan, E. R. White, Horace Nolen, Mac Duncan.

Sopranos: Mrs. Ernest Hyde, Mrs. Earl Harmon, Mrs. Gilmer Crawford, Mrs. B. S. Philbrick, Miss Sarah E. Parker, Miss Pauline Keener, Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Louise Gray, Mrs. Betty Alexander, Mrs. Elsie Franks, Miss Ethel Wallace, Mrs. Roy Kinsland, Miss Betty Sharitz, Mrs. H. O. Champion, Miss Lorraine Angel, Mrs. Hyldah Shepherd, Mrs. Roy Cunningham, Mrs. Bob Sloan, Mrs. Fred Grant, Miss Harriett Murray, Mrs. F. I. Murray, Mrs. Bill Bryson.

Basses: Hoyt Evans, S. W. Mendenhall, Herman Childers.

Road Petition Given O.K. By Commissioners

The board of county commissioners, at its meeting Monday, approved a petition requesting the State Highway and Public Works commission to take over Cherokee drive, near Highlands, for maintenance. The petition was sent to the commission in Raleigh.

The remainder of the commissioners' meeting was occupied with routine business.

WILL HOLD FOOD SALE

The Franklin Presbyterian Business Girls' circle will hold a food sale Saturday morning, April 16, from 10 a. m. until noon at the Nantahala Power and Light company building.

Highlands To Levy Privilege Taxes On Taxis, Liverymen

The Highlands board of commissioners, at its meeting Monday night, adopted a resolution placing privilege license taxes on taxi cabs and livery stables—business that, in the past, have paid no privilege license fees.

The board set \$10 per taxi as the license for taxi operators, and \$5 per horse for hire as the charge on livery stable operators.

The board also named Glenn Shuler as registrar for the town election to be held May 3. Mr. Shuler succeeds Harry Wright, who originally was appointed, but was unable to serve.

DEFER ADDING 3RD POLICEMAN

Franklin Aldermen Act On Number Of Minor Matters

The Franklin board of aldermen, at its meeting Monday night, voted to defer action on a proposal that a third policeman be employed, acted on a number of other matters, and heard several delegations ask for street, water, and sewer improvements.

Police Chief C. D. Baird pointed out that he is spending about two hours a day at the school building directing traffic, and that much of his time is devoted to looking after the parking meters. He suggested that Tom Phillips, former member of the Franklin force and now night policeman at Highlands, be added to the force.

Clerk E. W. Long told the board that the town is going to have no more than enough funds, between now and the end of the fiscal year, June 30, to pay for contracted obligations, and board members, while agreeing that a third policeman is needed, said it was not financially feasible to add a man now.

The clerk was authorized to issue a check for \$1,250 to pay for the lots, purchase of which had been contracted for, on which the water tanks stand. The check is to be issued after the town attorney has approved the deed.

The board discussed in some detail the question of requiring inspection of private sewer lines to be tied into town main sewers and discussed the suggestion that a charge might be made for tying into a main, but took no action. It was pointed out that Highlands makes a \$25 charge for tying into a town sewer line.

At the suggestion of Fire Chief Carl Tysinger, it was decided to paint the tops of fire plugs with aluminum paint, so that they can be seen at night, and it was decided, upon recommendation of Police Chief Baird, that two new tires be bought for the police car.

Due to lack of funds, action on several requests for improvements was deferred. While the town's cash balance is low, it was pointed out that the budget is prepared with a view to providing no more than enough operating funds for the year, and that at the end of a fiscal year, there usually is little cash in the treasury.

Since action in this particular case had been promised earlier, one delegation's request was granted. Claude Patton, David Carpenter, and Will Collier, appearing to ask that stone be placed on the road leading south off the Murphy highway, near Barnard's store, explained that they had furnished the labor to build a bridge across the stream the road crosses. Aldermen L. B. Phillips and W. C. Burrell offered to donate the use of trucks to haul the stone, and the board voted to buy stone for the project.

A deed to a street that leads off the Dillsboro highway, near Dills Amusement place, was accepted from L. L. Shook. Mr. Burrell, vice-mayor, presided in the absence of Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., who was away on vacation.

NO CANDIDATES OUT SO FAR IN MAY 3 ELECTION

Saturday Is Deadline Here To File For Mayor, Board

With only three more days left for filing, yesterday at noon nobody had come out as a candidate for mayor or member of the board of aldermen, in Franklin's biennial town election, to be held May 3.

The same situation obtained in Highlands, which also will elect its town officials May 3, but there the deadline for filing is a week later.

Candidates who wish to run for mayor or alderman in Franklin must file with the town clerk by Saturday of this week. In Highlands, they have through Saturday, April 16.

In Franklin, a mayor and six aldermen are to be chosen. Highlands voters will name a mayor and five town commissioners. The terms, in both towns, are for two years, and both elections, under the law, are non-partisan.

While it is anticipated that some, possibly all, of the officials in both towns will be candidates to succeed themselves, no announcements have been made.

Franklin's present officials are T. W. Angel, Jr., mayor, and W. C. Burrell, Russell Cabe, Erwin Patton, L. B. Phillips, and E. J. Whitmire, aldermen. The sixth place as alderman was left vacant by resignation.

Highlands incumbents in the town offices are J. O. Beale, mayor, and J. D. Burnett, W. A. Hays, Sidney McCarty, Joe Reese, and Edward Potts, commissioners.

The registration books will open in both towns Saturday, and will remain open through Saturday, April 23, for registration of eligible voters whose names are not now on the books.

Farm Method 4-H Contest Is Announced

For the second successive year, the Nantahala Power and Light company and the farm and home agents in Southwestern North Carolina are jointly conducting a Better Methods Electric contest among 4-H club boys and girls in the counties of Macon, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, and Graham.

The first prizes — one for a boy, and one for a girl — in this area will be \$100 college scholarships, offered by the Nantahala firm. The second prizes will be engraved watches.

In addition, the winning boy and girl in each county will receive a free trip to the 4-H club Electric Congress in Raleigh in October, and a gold medal, offered by the Westinghouse Electric company, which also is cooperating.

Territorial winners at the 4-H congress in Raleigh will be eligible to compete for an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in December. There, the state winner may compete for one of six \$300 scholarships.

The purpose of the contest, it was explained, is to improve ways and methods of doing things on the farm and in the farm home, electrically.

To compete, a boy or girl must make an analysis, step by step, of some farm or home chore as it is now being done; work out a plan whereby it can be better done by electricity; and then make a second analysis to show the savings of labor and time when it is done electrically.

The Weather

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| Thursday | 70 | 52 | 1.57 |
| Friday | 60 | 47 | .00 |
| Saturday | 56 | 29 | .00 |
| Sunday | 59 | 43 | .03 |
| Monday | 67 | 32 | .11 |
| Tuesday | 49 | 48 | .25 |
| Wednesday | — | 34 | .00 |