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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, APRIL 21

10:15 a. m.—Diocesan meeting of Episcopal auxiliaries at St. Agnes church.

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.

FRIDAY

7:30 p. m.—Bingo party (Rotary club benefit) 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

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.

School Board

Appointment Still Awaits Action By Solons

The five persons who will serve on the Macon County Board of Education for the next two years yesterday still were awaiting their official appointments by the N. C. general assembly.

The law directs them to meet, organize, and name a county superintendent for a two-year period, at a meeting to be held the first Monday in April, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The boards of education in this state, however, are not officially appointed until the omnibus boards of education bill ratified by the legislature, and that bill yesterday was in conference committee. The committee is assigned the task of trying to work out a compromise agreeable to both house and senate in the controversy over who shall make up the members of the Jackson county board.

The bill, meanwhile, recognizing the delay the legislature may occasion in the counties, contains a change, setting May 2 as the date when new boards take office. County superintendents' terms begin July 1 of each odd year.

The pending bill names the five persons nominated in last year's Democratic primary as members of the Macon board: C. Gordon Moore, Bob S. Glan, Walter Gibson, incumbents; and Mrs. Florence B. Sherrill and Fred Edwards.

Funeral Held

At Briartown Church For J. F. Dewese

Funeral services for James Floyd Dewese, 44, were held at the Briartown Baptist church Monday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. T. D. Denney, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Dewese, a farmer, died at his home in the Nantahala section Sunday morning. He had been ill about six months.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Eliza Virginia Solesbee; a son, Wayne Franklin Dewese, who lives at the Dewese home; and a sister, Mrs. Hazel South, of near Franklin.

Palbearers were George Pendergrass, Frank Baldwin, Howard Rowland, Fred Pendergrass, Harley Young, and Carl Evans. Bryant funeral home directed the arrangements.

WILL HOLD SING

A special fourth Sunday sing will be held at Calvary Baptist church, two miles south of Otto on the Georgia highway, Sunday afternoon, starting at 1:30 o'clock, with Ernest Vinson in charge.

Easter Dawn Marked By Service On Wayah

The last notes of the trombones and the trumpets, playing the prelude, were heard.

It was the opening of the annual interdenominational Easter Sunrise service last Sunday on mile-high Wayah Bald.

And as the final notes died away, the scarlet in the eastern sky began to fade—as if by a prearranged signal.

The audience bowed for the invocation.

Even during the prayer, the night passed.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," sang the 125 worshippers at camp "High Haven"—most of them inside the cabin, before a roaring fire, some of them in their cars, joined to the others by an amplifying system, and some, too enthralled by the daily miracle of sunrise to be driven indoors even by a 24-degree temperature, on the porch facing the east.

The hymn ended.

And the white mists in the valley below began taking on the bluish-grey tint that forecasts their dissolution.

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning . . .," one of the ministers began reading.

The light grew brighter. The familiar, but ever-fresh passage from Luke, concluded: "He is not here, but is risen . . ."

Through the windows, the first faint rays of the sun could be seen upon the very

tops of the highest peaks, across the valley to the southwest.

The worshippers bowed again in prayer.

As they raised their heads, the tip of a brilliant disc began to climb up over the eastern mountain wall.

Another hymn was sung.

And down in the valley, dwarfed in no mere hills by their distance below, the tops of lower mountains were touched by golden light, while their nearer sides, facing northwest, still lay in shadow.

"That they . . . might be assured of the resurrection to come," ended the 20-minute sermon.

The camp yard was spattered with odd patterns of sunshine. The mists were slipping away. The color in the east was gone. The sun was above the horizon. And the bright light revealed to keen eyes a difference in shading between the scene in the valley, where the first tender green was out, and that on the mountains, where the trees still were naked as in mid-winter.

Then there was a man-made miracle: A 40-voice choir, with pipe organ accompaniment, filled the cabin with song—a recording of one of the selections presented a week earlier in the Easter cantata here.

The worshippers bowed once more, for the benediction.

Now the whole valley was flooded with sunlight. Another Easter day had begun.

14 CANDIDATES SEEKING POSTS IN HIGHLANDS

2 In Mayor's Race; 12 Out For 5 Seats On Board

Two men are entered as candidates for mayor in the May 3 Highlands town election, and 12 seek the five seats on the town board of commissioners.

In the race for mayor are William P. Pierson, real estate and insurance dealer, and W. H. Jobb, hardware merchant and builder and a former mayor.

The present mayor, James O. Beale, did not file for reelection.

Of the present board of commissioners, only three seek reelection — W. A. Hays, Joe Reese, and Edward Potts. The two who are not standing for reelection are J. D. Burnett and Sidney McCarty.

The nine men not now on the board who seek seats are C. J. Anderson, Dr. C. F. Mitchell, Tudor N. Hall, Ed M. Rogers, the Rev. R. B. DuPree, Peter Buchanan, L. W. Rice, Sr., D. W. Wiley, and Harry A. Tolt.

Filing for the May 3 biennial election closed last Saturday.

Pre-School Clinics Are To Be Held

The schedule of pre-school clinics to be held in this county, starting next Monday, was announced this week by the county health department.

Pointing out that the state law requires all children be immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox, before being permitted to enter school, the health department urged that all children who will enter school for the first time next fall be brought to these pre-school clinics for checkups and immunizations, if needed. Parents are urged by the department to bring the child certificate, issued either by the family physician or the health department, showing what immunizations he has received, and at what age. These clinics are held in the spring, it was pointed out, to give time for the correction of defects that may be found before the opening of school.

Parents who are unable to pay for immunizations by private physicians can obtain them at the clinics, it was explained.

The pre-school clinics for the Franklin and Chapel (Negro) schools will be held at the health department office in the Ashbar building from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. three Mondays, April 25, May 2, and May 9, and from 9 a. m. to noon on two Saturdays, April 23 and May 30.

The schedule at the other schools follows: Watauga school, next Tuesday at 10 a. m.; Holly Springs, Tuesday at 1:30; Higdonville, Wednesday at 10; Salem, Wednesday at 1:30; Pine Grove, Thursday at 9:30; Gold Mine, Thursday at 11:30; Scaly, Thursday at 1:30; Otter Creek, Friday at 10; and Kyle, Friday at 1:30.

Mrs. Heaton

Is Claimed By Death At Age Of 83

Mrs. Elvira Elizabeth Heaton died at her home in the Cullasaja community Tuesday afternoon, following a brief illness. She was 83 years of age.

Born just after the close of the Civil war, she was the daughter of Eli and Margaret Tallent. She married Oscar E. Heaton April 4, 1900.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include two sons, Lemuel E. Heaton, of Cullasaja, and Tom Heaton, of Asheville; one sister, Miss Mary Tallent, of Iotia; three grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, under the direction of Bryant funeral home, are set for 11 a. m. today (Thursday) at the Sugarfork Baptist church.

Plan For School Band To Be Topic At April 23 Meet

A meeting of school patrons who are interested in having a band organized at the Franklin school has been called by Principal E. G. Sutton for 2 p. m. Thursday of next week at the Macon Theatre. Any person interested in the project is invited, Mr. Sutton said.

Professor Ruff, head of the music department at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, and Walter Cupp, also of the music department, have volunteered to give their services half a day, once a week, to help start a school band here. The two Cullowhee faculty members will be present to discuss the project, and they and a group of W. C. T. C. students will present a brief musical program.

In addition to adults, those Franklin students who are interested in joining a band will attend, Mr. Sutton said.

MRS. DOWDLE HEADS P. T. A.

Next Year's Officers Chosen; Dr. Angel Talks On Cancer

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle was re-elected president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association at the April meeting of the association held Monday night at the school.

Other officers chosen for next year are:

Mrs. Frank M. Killian, vice-president; Mrs. Betty Alexander, secretary; and Paul Russell, treasurer.

Featuring the meeting, in addition to the election of officers, was a talk by Dr. Edgar Angel on cancer, and a discussion of a project for organizing a school and here.

Except that irritation and over-exposure to sunlight may cause cancer, little is known about the cause of this disease, Dr. Angel said. Much, however, has been learned by the medical profession about recognition and treatment. Groups like the P. T. A., he added, can help to create a sane attitude toward cancer, to get people to have periodic examinations, and to create a feeling of community responsibility for the problem.

Pointing out that 17,000,000 of the present population of the United States will die of cancer, and that the disease will kill 2,000 children in 1949, he cited facts that are known about the disease, and listed danger signals to be watched.

It is known, he said, that: Nine out of 10 cancers of the lip are curable; a diagnosis of cancer no longer is a death sentence; 55 per cent of all cancers are curable, if discovered in time; and thousands more can be saved that are now not being saved, by early diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Angel listed seven danger signals, which, he said, should send a person immediately to his doctor:

Appearance of any mass or lump or thickening in the body; any persistent cough or hoarseness; any persistent indigestion; any change in bowel habits; any

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Brady Sentenced To 6 To 10 Years

Escaped Prisoners Get 8 Years Each For Auto Theft

James L. Guffey and Curtis L. Parker, escaped prisoners from the state prison camp here, were sentenced this week by Judge John H. Clement, presiding at the April term of Macon superior court, to eight years each for the theft of Dr. U. H. Burnside's automobile.

Relatively few criminal cases were tried at this term, and the criminal docket was completed by the middle of the morning Tuesday, when the court turned to trial of civil cases.

Court was adjourned Wednesday afternoon for this week, but will be convened Monday morning for the second week.

Coleman Kinney and Clau Green were given terms of 18 months each for breaking and entering and larceny. On a second count, they were given two-year suspended sentence. They were sentenced to one year each for illegal fishing, these sentences to run concurrently with the 18-month term.

Sentences of four months on the roads, suspended on payment of fines of \$100 and the costs and on condition they not drive motor vehicles for 12 months, were given Carl Williams and C. D. Ledford, who pleaded guilty to operating motor vehicles intoxicated.

For violating the prohibitory laws, Norman Tod Guest was given six months, suspended on payment of \$50 and the cost, and on condition that he not violate the prohibition laws for two years; Tom Patton was given six months, suspended for two years on payment of \$50 and the costs; and Wade Burgess was given a four months' sentence, continued on the same terms. Conley D. Shope, for manufacturing, was given 12 months, suspended for two years on payment of \$50 and the costs.

A four months' sentence was given Ellis Carlton Cleveland for reckless driving, suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

In sentencing Cleveland, Judge Clement spoke bluntly about the danger of an automobile, when driven recklessly.

"We require a railroad engineer to spend years learning to operate a steam engine—and it runs on tracks. But we license almost anybody to drive an automobile, which is almost as dangerous as a steam engine, and can go anywhere.

"You might as well get out here and shoot a gun up and down the highway," he told the defendant, "as to drive an automobile recklessly."

CHOIR PLANS BOX SUPPER

A box supper, sponsored by the Burningtown Singing choir, will be held at the Cowhee school, Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Special string music will be furnished by local talent.

PLAN BOX SUPPER

A box supper, co-sponsored by the Slagle school P. T. A. and basketball teams, will be held at the school Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Features of the evening's entertainment will be a cake walk and bingo. The basketball teams will use their share of the proceeds toward paying for uniforms.

Virginia Man Convicted Here Of Possessing Burglary Tools

Robert Burrus Brady, Jr., 28-year old Virginia man, was sentenced by Judge J. H. Clement in superior court here Tuesday morning to from six to ten years in State Prison for possession of burglary tools and firearms.

Brady and Kenneth Bruce Sheets, were arrested by Prichard Smith, Jr., highway patrolman, on the Georgia road January 20.

The jury, after deliberating less than half an hour, brought in a verdict of guilty in the Brady case late Monday afternoon, but Judge Clement deferred passing sentence until Tuesday morning.

The young man, who, defense counsel told the judge, is a narcotics addict, committed without interruption his slow, rhythmic gum-chewing when the jury came into the courtroom, but Tuesday morning, when sentence was passed, his face was tense.

It was the second heavy sentence given here recently to an out-of-state man for crimes involving robbery. At the December term, Berene Arch Garland, 22, of Kentucky, drew sentences totaling 25 years (10 years on each of two counts, and five years on a third) for his part in the robbery of three Highlands places of business.

In each case, the defense asked the court for mercy, on the ground that the defendant was young, under the influence of an older, hardened criminal, and Brady's attorneys — W. R. Francis, of Waynesville, and J. H. Stockton — argued that the defendant's craving for narcotics made him subject to the orders of Sheets.

Mr. Smith, the chief state's witness, told of finding in Brady's car, in which he and Sheets were riding at the time of their arrest, two pistols, ammunition, two large screw drivers, a cold chisel, six punches, lug grip pliers, a blackout flashlight, four lock-picks, a 12-inch bar, a package of money wrappers, and hypodermic needles. Sheets had \$1,182 in his billfold, and Brady had \$41 in his pocket.

The defense, on cross examination, brought out that the tools were all in a leather bag that was the property of Sheets, but Mr. Smith testified that Brady had told him he knew the tools were burglary tools, and that he had acted as a lookout for Sheets.

The defense argued that, in one of the conversations in which Brady had made admissions, he had been told by Tennessee officers that what he said would not be used against him, but Mr. Smith and the other state's witnesses—Sgt. T. A. Sandlin, of the highway patrol, and Louis Tappan, of the state bureau of investigation — testified that the admissions introduced in court were made in a subsequent conversation at which time Brady was warned that what he said would be used against him.

Sheets and Brady are alleged to have done the recent spectacular airplane robbery of a Knoxville, Tenn., safe, but the only reference to that which came out in the trial was stricken from the record by the judge, and the jurors told to disregard it.

The defense put on no evidence in the case, and waived argument to the jury.

When the jurors announced their verdict, Judge Clement remarked to them:

"Yes, gentlemen, there was no

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WEATHER

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

Day	Temp.	Precip.
Wednesday	61	44 1.48
Thursday	77	45 .00
Friday	72	52 .00
Saturday	45	53 .00
Sunday	68	22 .00
Monday	68	40 .00
Tuesday	68	28 .00
Wednesday	—	— .00

Highlands Honor Students Named; Will Graduate 14

Miss Mary Phillips, daughter of Mrs. Oetia Phillips, and of the late J. R. Phillips, has been named valedictorian of the Highlands high school graduating class.

The class salutatorian is Miss Maxine Talley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Talley.

Fourteen seniors are scheduled to be graduated this year.

Reports from the office of O. F. Sumner, school principal, said this class had 25 members during the first year in high school, so that the number graduating is 56 per cent of the number entering high school. Mr. Sumner added that, according to the report of the State Education Commission, a sampling of small high schools showed only 42.4 per cent of those entering high school in the ninth grade continued through graduation.

'Donkey Ball' Game To Be Played Here Sunday Afternoon

Something different in entertainment is the "donkey ball" game to be sponsored by the Franklin Lions club Sunday afternoon at the Franklin school.

The game will be played with the players mounted on trained donkeys that have been brought here for the purpose.

The event, being staged by the Lions as a benefit, will see members of that club clash with the Franklin Fire department. The game is set for 2:33 o'clock.

Trout Fishing Dates In Forest Announced

The 1949 trout fishing season will open Saturday of next week (April 30) in four of the five cooperative wildlife management areas of the Nantahala National Forest.

In the fifth area — Cliffside Lake — the season will start May 14.

Trout fishing in these areas is open only on specified dates, it was emphasized in last week's joint statement of E. W. Renshaw, Nantahala supervisor, and Clyde P. Patton, executive director of the state Wildlife Resources commission.

Trout waters in the Wavah, Standing Indian, Santeetlah, and Fires Creek areas will be

300 Expected For 6-County Baptist Meet

Between 250 and 300 young people from six Southeastern North Carolina counties are expected to attend the two-day regional Baptist Training Union convention, which will open at the First Baptist church here Friday afternoon of next week according to Everett R. White director.

Three sessions are scheduled Friday afternoon, Friday evening, and Saturday morning.

Among highlights of the program will be a methods conference, to be held in mid-afternoon Friday, a demonstration program by the Andrews training union at 4:55 Friday afternoon, an address by the Rev. C. E. Parker, Franklin pastor, on "God's Call to Youth," Friday evening, and an address by the Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of the First Baptist church in Murphy, on the topic, "Faithful to Our Mission."

Also of special interest are the Scripture reading and speakers' tournaments, the sword drill, and the memory work drill.

Benefit Bingo Party Set For 7:30 Friday

Another in the series of Bingo parties sponsored by the Franklin Rotary club held at the Slagle Memorial building tomorrow (Friday) evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock. These Bingo parties are being held by the Rotarians as a means of raising funds to pay for the furnace, which the club recently installed in the Memorial building. A large number of prizes have been obtained.

Trout Fishing Dates In Forest Announced

open to fishing on the following Saturdays and Sundays:

April 30; May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26; July 2, 3, 9, 10, 23, 24; August 6, 7, 20, 21, 27, 28.

They will be open on Wednesdays as follows: May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 20; August 3, 17.

In addition, they will be open on two holidays: National Memorial day (May 30) and July 4.

Cliffside Lake area may be fished Saturday and Sunday.

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