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CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO GO ON SCHOOL TOUR

Group To Study Needs Of Various Parts Of County

All interested taxpayers are invited to join school officials on a tour that will take them to five representative Macon county schools Thursday of next week, it was announced following Tuesday's called meeting of the county board of education.

The tour was suggested by Bob S. Sloan as a means of familiarizing citizens, as well as persons officially connected with the schools, with some of the school needs of the county as a whole. Mr. Sloan's motion was seconded by Fred Edwards, and passed unanimously.

The board also approved actions of the three local school committees in reelecting all principals and teachers, with a few exceptions.

In making his motion, Mr. Sloan expressed the belief that citizens, after visiting some of the schools, would be in a position to offer constructive suggestions to the board, and it was decided to ask those making the trip to appoint a committee to make a report and recommendations, and possibly to serve indefinitely as an advisory committee to the school board.

Because it is not possible to visit all the schools in the county in a day, five schools, of different sizes and in widely separated localities, were selected for visits—Franklin, Slagle, Iotia, Cowee, and Highlands. It first was proposed to visit Nantahala, but that school was dropped in view of the distance, and in view of the fact that it already has been given first priority for a new building.

Since there will be no way of knowing how many will make the trip, it was decided to ask each person going to arrange for his own transportation.

While all local school committees and heads of parent-teacher associations are especially invited, members of the board expressed the hope that a large number of men and women with no official connection with the schools will make this one-day tour. The schools will be visited while they are in session, and thus those on the tour can observe conditions as to crowding.

The party will leave the courthouse here at 9 a. m. Thursday. The Franklin school will be visited first, and the schedule calls for a half-hour's stop there. From Franklin, the group will go to Slagle, with the itinerary calling for a stop there between 10 and 10:15 a. m. Iotia, next on the list, will be visited from 10:40 to 10:55. The plans call for a 20-minute stop from 11:15 to 11:35—at Cowee.

Returning to Franklin for lunch, the group will leave Franklin at 1 o'clock, and arrive at the Highlands school about 2 p. m., and the visit there will end the tour.

Mr. Sloan, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and County Supt. G. L. Houk were appointed by the board as a committee to work out the details, and Tuesday afternoon they made public the following invitation:

"The county board of education and the county superintendent of schools invite any interested taxpayer to meet at the courthouse on Thursday, May 19, at 9 a. m. and to join in a tour of inspection of existing school facilities in certain areas of Macon county.

"The purpose of this tour is to acquaint the people of Macon county with conditions and needs of areas to be visited. It is sincerely hoped that as many as possible will be able to join with us on this trip."

In discussing teachers for next year, the board adopted a motion to the effect that it will employ no teachers who hold sub-standard certificates and none who have reached the mandatory retirement age, except in emergencies.

It then approved the reelection of all teachers who hold standard certificates and who have not reached the mandatory age, except in the cases of two persons who have resigned—Mrs. Clinton Johnson, of the Franklin school, and Miss Kathryn Baker, of the Highlands faculty.

Vacancies will not be filled

Prepare To Organize Franklin School Band At Meet Next Thursday

An organization meeting for a Franklin High school band is tentatively set for Thursday of next week, and Principal R. G. Sutton this week expressed the hope that, when school opens next fall, the band will be sufficiently proficient to begin playing for ball games and other events. Plans call for weekly practice during the summer months.

Thirty-two students who wish to play in the band already have ordered instruments—cornets, trumpets, clarinets, trombones, French horns, drums, flutes, etc.—and others are expected to. Karl Shupe, representing the Lyons Band Music company of Chicago, will be at the school all day today (Thursday) to see students and parents who are interested in buying instruments, Mr. Sutton said.

For the present, the band will be trained by Glen Ruff, head of the music department at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, who will come to Franklin for the purpose each Thursday. The school is releasing him for that time, and he is making no charge. Mr. Sutton said; the Franklin Parent-Teacher association will pay his traveling expenses. Mr. Ruff also will be available Thursdays to give private lessons in band to those who wish them. It is hoped a little later to employ a combination public school music teacher-band instructor.

Band practice during the summer will be held at the school, Mr. Sutton said. Next fall, if space is not available at the school, the plans call for use of the basement of the Slagle Memorial building.

BURRELL AGAIN IS ELECTED AS MAYOR PRO TEM

Cabe Names Committees As New Aldermen Take Office

W. C. Burrell was elected mayor pro tem and committees were appointed at a special meeting Monday night of Franklin's new board of aldermen, called for the purpose of organizing.

The board also heard B. L. McGlamery make a proposal to the town on behalf of the Lions club. This organization will purchase signs for street marking, provided the town will erect and maintain the signs. It also was requested that the town cooperate with the club in approving the present street names and in naming any which are not named. On motion of E. J. Whitmire, the board agreed to Mr. McGlamery's proposal. The street marking is a prerequisite to obtaining house delivery of mail here.

Following the taking of the oath of office by the town officials, Mr. Burrell was nominated for the position of mayor pro tem by Erwin Patton.

The following committees were named by the new mayor, Henry H. Cabe:

Water committee, W. C. Burrell, chairman, Russell Cabe and Verlon Swafford; streets, Woodrow Reeves, chairman, Erwin Patton and E. J. Whitmire; budget, E. J. Whitmire, chairman, W. C. Burrell and Verlon Swafford.

The board, on motion of E. J. Whitmire, voted to join the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The board also voted to defer action on hiring of town employees for the coming year until the June meeting. No action was taken concerning the filling of the town clerk's position, which soon may be vacated. Clerk E. W. Long has been recommended acting postmaster.

The board also decided that it should make a survey of the town needs before fixing the budget for the coming year. This survey would include a general inspection trip over the town by all the board members.

HONOR STUDENTS



MISS MARY PHILLIPS Valedictorian



MISS MAXINE TALLEY Salutatorian

Miss Phillips, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Phillips and of the late Mr. Phillips, is valedictorian of the 1949 senior class of the Highlands High school, and Miss Talley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Talley, is salutatorian. Miss Phillips is the third of three sisters to win scholastic honors at Highlands. Two older sisters, Miss Edna Phillips, now Mrs. Neville Bryson, was salutatorian of her class, and Miss Evelyn Phillips, now a student at Bryard college, won the valedictory honors in her class.

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Parker To Preach Finals Sermon May 22; Student Speakers Announced

The baccalaureate sermon to the 89 members of the 1949 graduating class of the Franklin High school will be delivered by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, Franklin Baptist minister, Sunday evening, May 22, at 7:30 o'clock, and the graduation exercises will be held Friday, May 27, at 7 p. m.

Both services are to be conducted at the Macon Theatre.

Student commencement speakers, in addition to the valedictorians and salutatorian, already announced, will be Lewis Penland and Kathleen Webb, the detailed programs announced this week by Principal R. G. Sutton reveal.

This year's graduating class has two valedictorians—Miss Mary Alice Archer and Miss Elizabeth Ann Phillips, who tied for the honor. The salutatory address will be delivered by Miss Iris Cabe.

Junior marshals, chosen on a basis of scholastic records, will be Miss Josephine Anderson, Miss Pauline Anderson, Donald Brown, Miss Sarah Dalrymple, Miss Barbara Guffie, Miss Jo Ann Hopkins, Miss Patricia Landrum, Miss Mary E. Sorrells, Miss Ethel Waldroop, and Miss Nell Waldroop.

Following commencement custom here, the March from Verdi's "Aida" and the March from "Tannhauser", by Wagner, will be used as the processional and recessional, respectively, at both programs.

The baccalaureate service will open with the singing of the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy", and the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, local Methodist pastor, will pronounce the invocation and read the Scripture lesson. The Rev. Hoyt Evans, Franklin Presbyterian minister, will lead in prayer, and Mrs. Clarence Henry will sing Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer".

The sermon by Mr. Parker will follow, after which a girls' chorus will sing "Beautiful Savior", by Rob Roy Peery, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal rector here, will pronounce the benediction.

At the graduation exercises, the singing of "America" will open the program, and Mr. Morgan will pronounce the invocation.

The salutatory address, by Miss Iris Cabe, will follow, after which Miss Mary Alice Archer will deliver the first valedictory, on "Youth's Responsibility to the Future of America". Franz

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Poultry Farming In This County Expands Rapidly

Commenting on the response of Macon County farm men and women to the demand for more hatching eggs, S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, this week cited poultry developments in this county:

Since the first of the year, more than 30,000 baby chicks and 10-week old pullets have been placed in the county.

Forty-five houses have been built with capacity of from 100 to 400 birds.

It is estimated that by this fall there will have been 50,000 birds placed in the county.

This will be an increase of more than 35,000 birds over last year.

Will Present Awards At P. T. A. Meet Monday

Installation of new officers and presentation of student merit awards will feature Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, to be held at the school at 7:30 o'clock.

The association early in the school year announced that cash awards of \$25 would be presented to the high school boy and the high school girl showing the greatest improvement during the year, with \$3 awards to be given the boy or girl in each grammar school room making the greatest improvement. The selections, to be made by the faculty, will not be announced, it was said, until the presentations Monday night.

The \$100 for the prizes, it was said, was donated by interested individuals.

Officers to be installed for year are Mrs. C. N. Dowdie, president; Mrs. Frank M. Killian, vice-president; Mrs. Betty Alexander, secretary; and Paul H. Russell, treasurer.

Monday's meeting will be the final one of this school year.

Mrs. Clark To Address Guild Dinner Meeting

Mrs. C. N. Clark, of Waynesville, will be the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Franklin Methodist church this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock at Panorama Court. Mrs. Clark is the wife of the district superintendent of this Methodist district. Reservations have been made for about 45 persons.

Cowee Girls, Franklin Boys Win In Field Day

Approximately 100 boys and girls from seven Macon county grammar schools participated in the athletic field day held at the school here last Friday, under sponsorship of the Franklin Rotary club, in observance of national boys' and girls' week.

The Cowee school girls, with a total of 32 points, won the girls' trophy, while the boys' trophy went to Franklin, with 34 points. Other schools participating in the event, directed by Coach Wilburn Atkins, were Otto, Iotia, Pine Grove, Higdonville, and Slagle.

The winners were announced

Presbyterian Youth Meet Planned Here

A convocation of Presbyterian young people from the six counties of Southwestern North Carolina will be held at the Franklin church Friday afternoon of next week.

Plans for the meeting, which is expected to become an annual event, were announced by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin church. Young people, he said, from the Presbyterian churches of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Jackson, and Macon counties have been invited. The local Presbyterian Youth Fellowship is sponsoring the convocation and will be host to the gathering.

The convocation, Mr. Evans explained, is designed to meet the need of young people of this region to meet and exchange ideas.

Van Raalte To Start Second Shift Next Week

The Van Raalte plant here will start a second shift in its hosiery knitting room next week, it has been learned.

At first, only four machines will be operated on the second shift, but it will be gradually expanded as more employees are trained, it was explained. The result will be a gradually larger number employed.

The first four days of the week the second shift will operate from 3:15 to 11 p. m., and on Friday from 6 p. m. to 4

Mrs. Bryant Is Named On Funeral Directors Board

Mrs. Hermie Bryant, manager of Bryant Funeral home here, was elected to membership on the board of directors of the North Carolina Funeral Directors of the North Carolina Funeral Directors association at the association's three-day convention in Fayetteville last week. Mrs. Bryant, who attended the meeting, was nominated as twelfth district director at the district meeting in Waynesville last August, the state organization formally elected her and the 11 other directors last week. She is said to be the first woman in the state to hold this office.

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, MAY 12**
- 7:00 p. m.—Wesleyan Service Guild dinner meeting at Panorama Court.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Franklin Lodge No. 452, Loyal Order of Moose, at Slagle Memorial building.
 - 8 p. m.—Women of Presbyterian church observe organization's birthday at Franklin church.
- FRIDAY**
- 8 p. m.—Franklin High school Letter Club banquet 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 register of deeds office.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Franklin Parent-Teacher association at school.
- TUESDAY**
- 7:30 p. m.—Junaluske Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., at Masonic hall.
- WEDNESDAY**
- 7:30 p. m.—Inter-city meeting of Highlands, Clayton, and Franklin Rotarians and their "Rotary Anns" at Memorial building.
- WILL CLEAN CEMETERY**
- The cemetery at Holly Springs Baptist church will be cleaned Wednesday of next week, and all persons who have relatives or friends buried there are asked to come and bring their own tools, Alex Deal, Sunday school superintendent, has announced.

Local Teams Win In Stock Judging Meet

The Future Farmer livestock judging and dairy cattle judging teams from the Franklin school, competing in Statesville Saturday won the right to enter the state contests in Raleigh August 15.

It was the Franklin boys' second straight win in two weeks. The week before at Waynesville they had won the right to enter the district competition.

The dairy cattle team, made up of Bobby Joe Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corbin, Eugene Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray, and Frank Deal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Deal, was well ahead of all other teams at Statesville, with Jefferson school, in Ashe county, in Henderson, third. Young Corbin was high scorer of the team.

The beef and hog team, made up of Clifford Ledford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ledford, Prelo Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford, and Frederick (Bo) Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Setser,

Body Of Major Gray Is On Way To United States

Word was received here last week by Mrs. Louise B. Gray that the body of her husband, Major J. Fred Gray, is en route to the United States.

Major Gray was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Javan J. Gray, of Franklin, Route 2.

Survivors in addition to the widow and the parents are three sisters, Mrs. Elmer Crawford, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Ross Davis, of Demorest, Ga., and Mrs. Gus Baldwin, of Franklin; and one brother, Elam Gray, of Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

Nantahala School Holds Junior-Senior Banquet

The Junior-Senior banquet of the Nantahala High school was held last Friday night at Kelly's Tea Room.

Besides members of the junior and senior classes and teachers of the Nantahala school, those attending included Clint May and Welmar Cochran, local school committees; Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, Walter Gibson, and Bob S. Sloan, members of the Macon county board of education; and R. G. Sutton, principal of Franklin High school.

Principal Tillery Love served as master of ceremonies for the

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Baptist Cemetery Is Being Cleaned; Need Men Saturday

The cemetery of the First Baptist church is being given a thorough cleaning, and persons who have relatives or friends buried there are asked to come or send a man Saturday. It will take about 20 men a full day to complete the job, Graham W. Grindstaff, official of the church, said.

The church has had a man at work for about three weeks, Mr. Grindstaff said, but the cemetery has been neglected so long it is too big a job for the church to do alone. Last Saturday about 20 men—some paid by the church, some paid by individuals, and some donating their labor—worked at the cemetery. And 20 more this Saturday will put the cemetery in good condition, Mr. Grindstaff said.

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	84	41	.00
Thursday	88	44	.00
Friday	86	46	.00
Saturday	85	46	.36
Sunday	82	46	.28
Monday	77	52	.09
Tuesday	75	54	.38
Wednesday	—	56	.81

Total rain fall, inches ... 1.88