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CABE, HIGDON HEAD CAMPAIGN HERE FOR BONDS

People To Decide Issue At Special Election June 4

Henry W. Cabe and Lyman C. Higdon have been appointed chairman and co-chairman, respectively, for Macon County of Better Schools and Roads, Inc., the organization that is pushing the campaign for issuance of state bonds for rural roads and schools.

Mr. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, is former head of the Democratic executive committee in this county, while Mr. Higdon, partner in Macon County Supply company, is a Republican.

E. J. Whitmire, Jr., and Siler Slagle are serving as vice-chairmen.

The question of issuing bonds—\$200,000,000 for rural roads, and \$25,000,000 to build and repair schoolhouses—will be decided by the voters of the state at the special election Saturday, June 4.

Submission of the bond proposals to the voters was authorized by the recent general assembly, and the date for the election was set by Governor W. Kerr Scott. The issues will be decided by a majority of the votes cast.

Meanwhile, Saturday of this week will be the last day for those whose names are not on the general election registration books to register for the bond election. The registration books will be open at the polling places throughout the county from 9 a. m. to sunset.

Hunnicut Initiated Into Honor Fraternity

Charles R. Hunnicutt, of Franklin, student at the University of Georgia, Athens, is among the 19 students majoring in agriculture to be initiated recently in the University of Georgia chapter of Alpha Zeta, national honorary agricultural fraternity.

Morgan Named Deputy To Church Convention

At the diocesan convention held in Morganton last week, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin, was elected deputy to the general convention of the Episcopal church, which will be held in San Francisco in September. Mr. Morgan also was elected a member of the executive council in the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

FLAN SQUARE DANCE

A square dance will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at Otto school. Music will be furnished by the Keener string band. The proceeds will go to the school.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. Sam L. Rogers went to Lexington, Ky., week before last and bought three head of fine thoroughbred Short Horn cattle for his farm. The trio cost \$750. "The Flying Squadron", or the Livery that gets there on time. A regular hack line service between Franklin and Dillsboro. Angel and Jarrett. — Advertisement.

Asheville and Hendersonville are to have long distance telephone line in operation by the 1st of June.

25 YEARS AGO

Members of the cast of the Franklin High school senior class play, "Good Evening, Clarence", to be presented May 22, are: George Johnston, Emily Kingsberry, Paul Newman, Daisy Siler, May Hunnicutt, Hattie Brendle, Eunice Cunningham, Bill Jolley, Milton Hauser, Houghton Williams, and Carolyn Rogers.

10 YEARS AGO

Highlands item: Mayor W. W. Edwards and H. C. Millkey, the museum architect, called on Mr. Owens, assistant WPA engineer, in Franklin last Monday and perfected plans regarding the work of the museum.

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 of changes in the time or place.)

THURSDAY, MAY 19

9 a. m.—School officials and citizens leave courthouse for all-day Macon County school tour.

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

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

8 p. m.—Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Mother-Daughter banquet at First Baptist church.

FRIDAY
4:30 p. m.—Six-county convocation of Presbyterian youth opens at Franklin Presbyterian church.

SATURDAY
9 a. m.—Registration books open for last day's registration for road-school bond election of June 4.

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

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

SUNDAY
7:30 p. m.—Franklin High school baccalaureate service at Macon Theatre.

MONDAY
7 p. m.—Franklin Lions club at Presbyterian church annex.

TUESDAY
10 a. m.—Four county district Federation of Home Demonstration clubs opens at Franklin Methodist church.

8 p. m.—American Legion Auxiliary at home of Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

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

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

175 Expected For District Club Meeting

Approximately 175 women from four Southwestern North Carolina counties are expected here Tuesday for the annual meeting of District No. 2, North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration clubs. The district embraces Macon, Swain, Jackson, and Haywood counties.

A highlight of the program scheduled for the afternoon session, will be an address by Miss Iris Davenport, woman's editor of The Southern Agriculturist.

Special guests will include Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent; Mrs. H. K. Johnson, vice-president of the state federation; Mrs. Pauline Hochkiss Pierce, of Asheville, western district agent; Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association; and S. W. Mendenhall, Macon County farm agent.

The program will open at 10 a. m. at the Methodist church here, Miss Carolyn Corry, Macon County home demonstration agent, announced.

For lunch, those attending will proceed to the Agricultural building, where members of the Holly Springs club will serve luncheon. Proceeds will go to a community project being sponsored by that club.

Mrs. Henry Frances, of Haywood county, is district chairman, and will preside at the sessions.

Highlands Theatre Plans First Summer Play July 5

Summer plans for the Highlands Community Theatre are taking shape, with prospects bright for the best season yet, according to Col. Ralph H. Mowbray, president of the organization.

Col. Mowbray said that Arthur Little, former director, will be in general charge and will personally direct the first two plays; production of plays, he said, will be under the supervision of Fred Allen, who served as director last summer. Mr. Allen also will direct the final play.

Jonathan Williams, who as-

CASH AWARDS GO TO PUPILS FOR PROGRESS

\$25 High School Prizes Won By Dorothy Bates and Alvin Stiles

Presentation of cash "progress" awards to 20 pupils of the school here was the highlight of Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

A report on prospects for organization of a school band, annual committee reports, and the installation of next year's officers of the association also marked the meeting, the last of this school year.

The prizes went to pupils making the greatest improvement, as distinguished from excellence alone. The P. T. A. had offered the awards last fall.

Prizes of \$25 each were presented to Dorothy Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bates, of Ott, and Alvin Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stiles, of Franklin, who were adjudged the girl and the boy in the entire high school showing greatest improvement during the year.

In addition, a prize of \$3 went to one pupil—a boy or a girl—in each of the 18 grammar grade rooms.

The awards to the grammar grade pupils were presented to:

First Grade: Anne Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean; Judith Waldrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Waldrop; Allen Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Garner.

Second Grade: Barbara Waldrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Waldrop; Ann Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sutton; Beverly Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Bryson.

Third Grade: Jo Ann Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burrell; Betty Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Russell.

Fourth Grade: Mildred Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Burch; Jean Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Phillips.

Fifth Grade: Frank Killian, Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian; John Tippet, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Tippet.

Sixth Grade: Mavis McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCall; Virginia Ann Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swanson.

Seventh Grade: Edward Phillips, the Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Phillips; Raymond Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Ledford.

Eighth Grade: Martha Ann Loten, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Loten; Mildred Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Gregory.

During the year, the association has collected— from memberships, benefits, and donations—\$1,095.27, the treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Betty Alexander, secretary, in the absence of the treasurer, showed. Of this sum, \$604.32 remains in the bank.

Committee reports for the year were made as follows: Mrs. Frank M. Killian, program; Mrs. Ross Zachary, hospitality; Mrs. Paul H. Russell, attendance; Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, membership; Mrs. C. E. Parker, Parent-Teacher Magazine; and Mrs. Pearl Hunter, parent education.

At the conclusion of the program, officers for next year were installed: Mrs. Dowdle, president; Mrs. Alexander, secretary; and Paul H. Russell, treasurer. The impressive P. T. A. installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Welmar Jones, association president for the years 1946-47 and 1947-48.

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Senior Boys Here Make High Ratings On Army I. Q. Test

Twenty-five Franklin High school senior boys averaged 12 points higher on an intelligence test given recently by the army recruiting service than students at any other school in the six counties of Southwestern North Carolina.

The boys taking the test here had an average score of 118, according to a compilation of grades made by Principal R. G. Sutton. This was eight points higher than the 110 required for officer training.

One boy—Bergen Hall—made a score of 144, which is a perfect grade.

The lowest score made by any boy here, 97, was one point higher than the average made by boys in a neighboring county, Mr. Sutton said.

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2 ARE KILLED, ELEVEN HURT IN 4 CAR MISHAPS

Mrs. Wilkie's Injuries Fatal; 3 Escape When Auto Drops 400 Feet

Two persons were killed and 11 injured in four motor vehicle accidents in or near Franklin over the week-end.

The dead: Mrs. W. G. Wilkie, 72, of Franklin.

Tommy Swann, of Covington, Ga., University of Georgia student.

All the injured are recovering. Mrs. Wilkie, who was injured shortly after 6 o'clock last Friday afternoon when she was hit by an automobile in front of Mooney Motor company, on Highway 64, died in a hospital here Tuesday about 3 a. m. The car was driven by Mrs. Paul Raby, of the Murphy road.

Young Swann, one of four University of Georgia students in an automobile that plunged 400 feet from the Dillard, Ga.-Highlands highway about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, was killed instantly. He was driving the car. The other three, thrown clear of the car, the top of which was down, miraculously escaped death.

The three—Henry D. Williams, of Savannah, Ga., Miss Eloise Molder, of Athens, and Miss Caroline Rose, of Valdosta—were removed yesterday from Angel hospital to the University of Georgia infirmary.

Their car, believed by officers to have been driven at a rapid rate, failed to make a curve. The party was headed toward Highlands.

In another accident, occurring about the same time Sunday, seven were hurt, none seriously, when the truck in which they were riding overturned between Clayton and Lake Burton, Ga.

The injured were Howard Wallace, 20, of Franklin, Route 1, driver of the vehicle; Kenneth Waldrop, 22, of Franklin, Route 1; and Billy Crane, Miss Nannie Sue Crane, Eugene Crane, Tommy Thompson, and Mrs. Tommy Thompson, all of near Clayton. All except Kenneth Waldrop were treated at Angel hospital, and returned to their homes. He remained overnight.

In the fourth accident, a truck passed over the body of Wiley Bowers, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers, of the Cullasaja community, Saturday. The boy was said to have been riding on the gate of the truck.

The chain holding the gate broke, the boy fell, and the truck, which was being backed, passed over his body. While he suffered severe bruises and lacerations, he was able to leave Angel clinic and return to his home Wednesday. The truck was driven by his uncle, Kenneth Clark.

Mrs. Wilkie was walking along the highway, presumably on her way to her home on the Murphy road, when she was struck by the automobile. There was no evidence of speeding or carelessness on the part of the driver, officers reported. She suffered a crushed chest and fractured ribs.

A native of Watauga county and a former resident of Asheville, Mrs. Wilkie and her husband, who died several years ago, moved to Franklin many years ago.

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Win Nantahala Honors

Young Mr. Haney, (the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haney, of the Kyle community, will deliver the valedictory address at the Otter Creek (Nantahala) High school graduation exercises at 8 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) at the school. Miss Denny, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Denny, of Flats, is the 1949 salutatorian. The other two members of the graduating class are Emmet Dills, class prophet, and Miss Ruth May, gifforian. County Supt. G. L. Houk will deliver the chief address at the graduation exercises, and will present medals and the diplomas. The Rev. T. D. Denny preached the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday evening at the Briartown church, and the elementary commencement program, marked by a pageant portraying literary characters, was held yesterday afternoon. The commencement events were arranged under the direction of T. T. Love, acting principal.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER HERE EMPLOYED

Miss Mullinax, W. C. T. C. Graduate, Is Hired By Sutton

The Franklin school will have a full-time teacher of public school music next year.

Miss Franqueline Mullinax has been employed to teach public school music in the various grades of the local school, it was announced this week by Principal R. G. Sutton. Miss Mullinax, whose home is Asheville, will be graduated from Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, where she has majored in public school music, at the end of the summer term, and will report here for regular work in September, Mr. Sutton said.

The need of public school music in the Franklin and other Macon County schools often has been emphasized in discussions of the schools' needs, and many individuals and groups in Franklin have urged action by school authorities.

Miss Mullinax, who has been a student at Western Carolina Teachers college for the past four years, will receive an "A" certificate as a teacher of public school music upon her graduation, Mr. Sutton said. Her salary will be paid, like that of other teachers, by the state.

She is a member of the band at Western Carolina Teachers college, and has taken courses in band, Mr. Sutton said, and therefore is also qualified to train and direct the school band that is being organized here. Tentative plans call for her to spend three half-days weekly here during the summer directing band practice, for which she will be paid by the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

By next fall, however, Mr. Sutton hopes that funds can be raised locally to pay a band instructor, perhaps on a part-time basis. If a band instructor is not employed, Miss Mullinax has agreed to work with the band in after-school hours. Local funds, it was explained, would be sought to supplement her salary for this work, since the state would expect a full day's work in her field of public school music.

It is understood that Miss Mullinax also will be available for private lessons in voice, and perhaps in band.

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WILLARD HANEY Valedictorian



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