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FIVE SCHOOLS ARE INSPECTED BY TOUR PARTY

Group Visits Franklin, Highlands, Slagle, Cowee, Iotia

Thirteen persons including the County Superintendent of schools, G. L. Houk, two members of the county board of education, Fred Edwards, of Highlands, and Bob Sloan, of Franklin, and the Highlands school district committee, composed of Frank Potts, C. J. Anderson, and Walter Bryson visited five schools of the County system last Thursday.

Those besides the school officials who made all or part of the trip were Mrs. Gus Leach, Mrs. Lucy Woods Collier, Mrs. Weimar Jones, all of Franklin, Mrs. Brian Setser, Mrs. Ed McNish, and Mrs. Irene Phillips, all of Franklin, Route 1, and Mrs. William J. Allen, of Nashville, Tenn.

The first stop was made at the Franklin school where both the high school and the elementary buildings were thoroughly inspected by the group. The general opinion expressed by both school officials and visiting taxpayers was that the high school building was badly overcrowded and needed repairs. A great deal of favorable comment was expressed by the group when they saw the four new rooms added to the elementary building last summer. The two most pleasing features of these rooms were more sunlight due to larger windows and more space, as the rooms are considerably larger than the older classrooms.

Slagle school, located in the Cartoogechay community, was the next stop on the tour. Here the group were impressed with lack of sanitary facilities and dangerous playground conditions. The school is located so close to the road that it is not 20 feet from the front door of the school to the center line of heavily travelled secondary road. Members of the group asked if the road location had been changed after the school was built to place it that near the school, but Mr. Houk and Mrs. Brian Setser assured the group that the road was there before the school was located in that spot.

The group's next stop was at Iotia, an elementary school which had formerly served as a high school. While the building seemed sound it was pointed out that classes were being held in a temporary wooden building to take care of the crowded conditions. The lack of space was partly caused by the consolidation of Burningtown and Oakdale with the Iotia school recently. Much concern was expressed over the lack of adequate sun light in the rooms.

At Cowee, the group inspected one of Macon County's newest schools, it being built in 1941 with the help of WPA funds. At the invitation of E. J. Carpenter, principal of the school, the group had dinner in the Cowee school lunch room. A delicious meal consisting of meat balls, mashed potatoes, green salad, bread, milk, orange juice, and peach cobbler was served the group for 15 cents per plate. The same price it cost the children. Not only was the group highly pleased with the quality of the meal at such a low price but they were also high in their praise for the entire administration of the lunch room at this school.

The group's next stop was at the new Ellijay school building now under construction. Highlands school was visited and members of the group which inspected the building commented on the danger of fire in the wooden two story building, the only one in the county, but were impressed with the cleanliness of the building.

Whitmire Is Named On Trustee Board Of W.C.T. College

E. J. Whitmire, Jr., of Franklin, Monday was appointed to membership on the board of trustees of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. He is one of nine new members appointed by Governor Scott to serve for four-year terms. Mr. Whitmire succeeds R. S. Jones on the board.

89 To Be Graduated At Exercises Friday

The 1949 Franklin High school commencement program, which opened Sunday night with the baccalaureate service, will be climaxed with the graduation exercises, set for 7 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) at the Macon Theatre.

Eighty-nine seniors—50 girls and 39 boys—will receive their diplomas tomorrow evening. The diplomas will be conferred by County Supt. Guy L. Houk, and Principal, R. G. Sutton will announce the awards.

Student speakers will be Misses Mary Alice Archer and Elizabeth Ann Phillips, valedictorians; Miss Iris Cabe, salutatorian; and Lewis Penland and Miss Kathleen Webb, top students in agriculture and home economics, respectively.

A high school girls' chorus will sing Schubert's "Serenade" and "Skip to my Lou".

Due to lack of sufficient seating space in any auditorium here, admission to the graduation exercises, as was true of the baccalaureate service, will be by ticket. Each senior was given five tickets to each event.

A crowd of more than 500 parents, relatives, and friends filled the theatre Sunday night to hear the Rev. C. E. Parker, First Baptist pastor, deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Taking his text from the second chapter of Ephesians, "For we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works", Mr. Parker preached on the subject, "Finding God's plan for Your Life".

Telling the seniors that, just as the shipbuilder does not build the ship without a plan and a purpose, so "God did not make you without a plan and a purpose for your life," he declared that the one who "fixes his destiny without taking the Creator into account has failed from the beginning".

He urged the seniors to "let God plan your life; if you will find His plan, your life will be a success". Then he cited three ways to find what God's plan is:

"1. By giving him a chance to reveal his plan to you.

CLUB MEETING ATTRACTS 150

Farm Editor Speaker At Home Demonstration Annual Gathering

Approximately 150 members of home demonstration clubs in Haywood, Jackson, Swain, and Macon counties attended the annual meeting of the second district, North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, at the Agricultural building here Tuesday. Fifteen of this county's 17 clubs were represented at the meeting.

Mrs. H. C. Hurst, of Macon County was elected district chairman for 1950; Mrs. Dennis Higdon, of Jackson county, will serve as first vice-chairman, Mrs. L. B. Cooper, of Swain, second vice-chairman; and Mrs. L. J. Cannon, Haywood, secretary. Jackson county issued the invitation for the 1950 Federation meeting.

A highlight of the session was the talk, in the afternoon, by Miss Iris Davenport, woman's editor of The Southern Agriculturist. Miss Davenport was introduced by Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent. Miss Davenport, a native of North Carolina and an authority in the home economics field, spoke on "Distinctive Dress".

Miss Maud Schaub, state program planning leader, spoke, and reports were heard.

The meeting opened at 10 a. m. with Mrs. Henry Francis, district chairman, presiding. Mrs. R. H. Hull conducted the devotional, and J. S. Gray welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Tom Ferguson, of Swain county, responded, and Mrs. C. N. Dowdie, president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, and S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, brought greetings.

Mrs. Pauline Hotchkiss Pierce gave a tribute to the club leaders, and reports were heard.

Following luncheon, Miss Davenport spoke, committee reports were made, and the attendance gavel was awarded to Haywood county by Mrs. Pierce.

"2. You must yield your will to His will.

"3. If you will let God plan your life, you must dedicate it to Him."

He concluded: "We are handing you tonight a nation all but bankrupt and morally corrupt, in the hope that in the next decade you may rescue it, and reestablish the principles of our fathers who founded it."

In opening his remarks, Mr. Parker praised the class as one "so great in attainment and so great in number", and paid tribute to the vision of the seniors' parents in seeking schools for this community as fine as any anywhere.

Just prior to the opening of the program, the 64 members of the girls' chorus, each dressed in white and wearing a red sash, with Mrs. Clarence Henry, director, took their places on the stage. They were followed by the four ministers who took part in the service and Principal Sutton. Decorating the stage were white gladioli, in tall vases.

In caps and gowns, the seniors entered to the strains of the March from Verdi's "Aida", played by Mrs. H. W. Cabe, pianist. Bobby Porter, small son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Porter, Jr., and Carolyn Myers, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Myers, class mascots, in caps and gowns of white, led the procession down each aisle.

The audience sang "Holy, Holy, Holy", and the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, Methodist pastor, pronounced the invocation and read the Scripture. The Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Presbyterian church, led in prayer. Next Mrs. Clarence Henry sang Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer".

After the sermon, the 64-voice chorus sang "Beautiful Savior", by Rob Roy Peery, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal minister pronounced the benediction.

For the seniors' recessional, Mrs. Cabe played Wagner's March from "Tannhauser".

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 26
7:30 p. m.—Franklin Lodge No. 452, Loyal Order of Moose, at Slagle Memorial building.

FRIDAY
7 p. m.—Franklin High school graduation exercises at Macon Theatre.

SATURDAY
7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club party at Hotel Hearn.
8 p. m.—Dance (American Legion benefit) at Memorial building.

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

Miss Arnold Named To Student Office

Miss Freda Mae Arnold, of Franklin, was elected president of the Women's House organization, in the recent annual elections at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. Miss Arnold, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Arnold, is a member of the class of 1950.

Warns Of Blind Confidence In Science, Trend To Trade Freedom For Security

As America assumes the role of world leadership, this nation faces two major problems at home, the danger of "succumbing to a child-like confidence in science" and the tendency to "put security ahead of responsibility", Dr. Josiah Crudup, president of Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga., declared in an address here Wednesday evening of last week.

Referring to the average America's "child-like" confidence in science, he predicted that "if we have too much ad-

PORTER RETIRES AS POSTMASTER

Long Will Succeed Him June 1; Mooney To Be Town Clerk

T. W. Porter, Franklin postmaster since 1934, will retire at the end of business next Tuesday (May 31), and E. W. Long will succeed him as acting postmaster.

C. J. Mooney has been named town clerk, tax assessor, and treasurer by the Franklin board of aldermen to succeed Mr. Long in that post.

The post office department, at a later date, will conduct an open competitive examination to determine an eligible list from which a permanent postmaster will be selected, with preference given to veterans in establishing the eligible list, it has been announced.

Mr. Porter has served as postmaster since August 16, 1934. He first was appointed acting postmaster and the following January he was given a permanent appointment by President Roosevelt. He succeeded the late John E. Rickman. While the retiring postmaster has served slightly less than 15 years as postmaster, several months' service with the Forest Service gives him the required 15 years' federal service to retire with an annuity.

In retiring, he commented on the growth of this community, as reflected by post office activities. The Franklin post office now handles approximately three-quarters of a million dollars a year, he said, more than three times the amount handled 15 years ago. The postmaster-ship here now pays about \$4,000 a year, it is understood.

Prior to entering the post office, Mr. Porter for many years was manager of the general store here of his uncle, the late R. L. (Bob) Porter. Then, for about 15 years, he was a traveling salesman for Bowers Brothers, a coffee concern. Following his retirement, he said, he plans a long rest before making any definite plans.

Mr. Long, who will take over as acting postmaster Wednesday, has served as town clerk since 1941. Prior to that he was employed by the Tallulah Falls Railway from 1912 to 1932, and has continued to do relief work for the railway since that time; he served as county commissioner and county accountant from 1932 to 1934; and was self-employed from 1934 to 1941. A native of Macon County, he is a past chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, is a Mason, and a steward in the Franklin Methodist church. He served during World War 2 as chairman of the local draft board, a position he still holds.

Mr. Mooney, the new town clerk, came to Franklin from Mooresburg, Tenn., in 1944 as auditor for Burrell Motor company. He held that position until September, 1946, when he established Mooney Motor company. For the time being, that business will be conducted by his son, Robert C. Mooney, under the elder Mooney's general supervision.

Mr. Mooney will officially take over his new duties today.

Mr. Long, prior to taking up his work in the post office, will go to Greensboro, accompanied by Mrs. Long, this week-end for the graduation of their daughter, Miss Carolyn Long, from Woman's college.

WILL HOLD SING

The fifth Sunday sing of the Macon County Singing convention will be held at the courthouse Sunday, starting at 10 a. m., J. M. Raby, president, has announced.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Poppy Sale Over County June 4

The local American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a poppy sale in this county Saturday of next week, it was announced by Mrs. A. R. Higdon, committee chairman.

The poppy sale, it was explained, will aid both disabled veterans and needy children. The poppies are made by sick veterans who receive neither pensions nor compensation, and are sold by them to the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary, in turn, uses such profit as it makes from the sale of the poppies to the public to aid needy children in this county. While first preference is given children of veterans, any needy child is eligible for assistance.

Usually the Auxiliary has conducted its annual poppy sale on or near Memorial Day. Due to a conflict with a sale by the Veterans of Foreign Wars last Saturday, this year's Auxiliary sale was postponed. Since it will fall on the day of the bond election, the Auxiliary plans to have poppies on sale at each of the voting places.

Name Duncan As President Of Lions Club

Frank B. Duncan, automobile dealer here, was elected president of the Franklin Lions club at Monday night's dinner meeting of the organization, held at the Presbyterian church annex. Other officers chosen Monday night are:

Grover Jamison, Jr., first vice-president; Paul H. Russell, second vice-president; Wayne Faulkner, third vice-president; W. G. Crawford, secretary; Vernon Swafford, treasurer; W. V. Swan and A. G. Cagle, directors for two-year terms; T. E. Angell, tall twister; and B. L. (Buck) Shririll, Lion tamer.

Following a talk by R. G. Sutton, Franklin school principal, explaining plans for a school band and the needs of the band, the club voted to buy a bass drum for the band, at a cost of \$130, and to donate \$100 toward paying the salary of a band instructor for six weeks this summer.

Rural Carriers Organization To Meet Monday At Arrowood

The Smoky Mountain unit of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' association will hold its annual meeting Monday—National Memorial Day—at Arrowood Glade, it was announced this week by J. H. Stockton, president. The unit embraces Madison, Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania and all North Carolina counties west.

During the war, the yearly meetings were eliminated to conserve gasoline and tires, and this will be the carriers' first annual meeting since 1941. Retired and substitute carriers, as well as regular carriers, and their families are invited. Mr. Stockton said, explaining that the regular carriers will provide basket picnic lunch. Important business is to follow.

Starting on the Georgia road, and going counter-clockwise, the intersections where two-way signs are to be placed, and the street names they will carry, follow:

Georgia Road-Wilson Avenue; Georgia Road-Golf View Drive; Maple Street-Wayah Street; Hillcrest Avenue-Porter Street; Wayah Street-Porter Street; Wayah Street-Ulco Drive; Ulco Drive-Forest Avenue; Wayah Street-Conley Street; Wayah Street-Forest Avenue; Conley Street-Depot Street; Palmer Street-West Main Street; Green Street-West Main Street; West Main Street-West Boulevard; Green Street-Lyle Street; Green Street-Anderson Street.

Green Street-Harrison Avenue; Harrison Avenue-Bidwell Street; Harrison Avenue-Anderson Street; Bidwell Street-Lyle Street; Sunset Drive-Lyle Street; West Boulevard-Sunset Drive; Sunset Drive-Bidwell Street; West Main Street - Bidwell Street; West Main Street-Maple Street; Palmer Street-Maple Street; Palmer Street-Porter Street; West Main Street-Porter Street; West Main Street-Harrison Avenue; Church Street-Harrison Avenue; Harrison Avenue-Lyle Street; Church Street-Iotia Street.

Iotia Street-White Oak Street; White Oak Street-River View Street; Iotia Street-East Main Street; West Main Street-Phillips Street; East Main Street-River View Street; East Main Street-Palmer Street; East Main Street-Depot Street; East Main Street-U. S. Highway 64; First Street-U. S. Highway 64; First Street-23-First Street; First Street-Cherry Street; Phillips Street-West Rogers Street; East Main Street-East Rogers Street; Porter Street-McCollum Drive; Georgia Road-Womack Street; and Porter Street-School Street.

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Macon Would Get \$1,688,000 From Two Bond Issues

STREETS HERE TO BE MARKED:

Franklin streets are to be marked with attractive street signs, which will be erected at 49 intersections within the town limits in the near future, it was announced this week.

The Franklin Lions club, which is buying the street signs, has placed the order, following a series of conferences with the town board. The town, under the plan, will erect and maintain the signs.

Within the next few days, the club also will place an order for numbers, so that business places and residences on the marked streets can be numbered.

The marking of the streets and numbering of business places and residences are prerequisites to applying for mail delivery here by the post office department.

The signs, delivery on which has been promised within a month to six weeks, will carry the street names in 3-inch high black letters on a white background. The sign plates, of aluminum, will be 4 1/2 by 19 1/2 inches overall, and will be mounted on steel posts to be placed in concrete at or near the edges of the sidewalks at street intersections.

Forty-eight of the signs, similar to those in use in many cities, including Raleigh and Wilmington in this state, will carry two plates, one under the other, placed at right angles, giving the names of the two intersecting streets. The 49th sign, to be erected at the intersection of the Georgia road, Ridgeview avenue, and Hillcrest avenue, will carry the names of those three streets.

The signs, which carry a 10-year guarantee, cost the Lions \$580.

The project is being handled for the club by a committee made up of B. L. McGlamery, chairman, A. R. Higdon, and E. L. Hyde.

At the final conference with town officials, at least one major street name change was agreed upon; the old Georgia road was designated as Maple street.

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Bills Set Up Counties' Proportions Of Road And School Totals

If North Carolina voters approve the \$200,000,000 road bond issue and the \$25,000,000 schoolhouse bond issue, at the special election June 4, Macon County will receive:

\$1,576,000 for roads.
\$112,443 for schoolhouses.
The legislative bills providing for the bond election set forth how the money, if the bonds are voted, shall be distributed to the counties.
The road improvement bill says the road funds are to be allocated to counties on a basis of area, population, and mileage. Taking those factors into consideration, it fixes Macon County's percentage of the total sum as 0.0078, which would amount to \$1,576,000.

The schoolhouse bill provides that the \$25,000,000, if voted by the people of the state, shall be divided on a basis of the number of pupils per county during the 1947-48 school year. On that basis, Macon County's share of the school building fund has been figured \$112,443.

The fund for building schools would be in addition to the \$250,000 per county appropriated outright by the last general assembly.

Voters at the election Saturday of next week will cast one ballot on both issues, but may vote for or against either.

At the top of the ballot is a place to vote for or against the road bonds, and on the lower half, the voter may vote for or against the school bonds.

Approval of the road bonds would automatically increase the state tax on gasoline by one cent.

The road bond issue is for work on rural roads. Of the state's 47,000 miles of unpaved roads, Governor Scott proposes to pave 12,000 miles, and place the remaining 35,000 miles in all-weather condition.

The schoolhouse bonds proceeds are available for either new buildings or repair of present buildings, under terms of the legislative act providing for the bond election.

If the school bond issues passes, Macon County will have a total of \$762,000 for school buildings—\$400,000 in county bonds that have been authorized but have not yet been issued and sold; \$250,000 appropriated by the 1949 general assembly; and \$112,000 from the state bond issue.

Macon Girl To Finish Work At Children's Home

Among Macon County girls who will finish school next month is Miss Sue McConnell, 18, who is one of 17 to be graduated from the Children's Home school at Winston-Salem. Although she is a native of Macon County, Miss McConnell was taken to the Children's Home when she was 18 months old, and had not visited relatives here until last summer. The young woman, who has never seen her parents and does not know their whereabouts, is a niece of Mrs. Ray Dryman, of Scaly, whom she visited last summer, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh McConnell, also of Scaly. At Winston-Salem, she is said to have made an excellent record in her studies, as well as on the basketball and softball teams. She has not announced her plans for the future.

Health Department Will Close Monday; Clinic Continuing

The local health department office will be closed next Monday in observance of National Memorial day, it was announced this week.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	80	43	.00
Thursday	83	44	.00
Friday	80	48	.00
Saturday	77	51	.07
Sunday	78	49	.00
Monday	80	47	1.04
Tuesday	78	47	.10
Wednesday	—	50	.28