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## 83 TO BE GIVEN DIPLOMAS AT EXERCISES HERE MAY 26

### Reid To Speak At Finals; Names Of Winners Of Awards Announced

Eighty-three seniors—53 girls and 30 boys—are candidates for graduation from the Franklin High school at the graduation exercises to be held Friday, May 26, at 7:30 p. m. at the Macon Theatre, it was announced this week by Principal R. G. Sutton.

The commencement address will be delivered by Paul A. Reid, who last Saturday was inaugurated as the fourth president of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, and Miss Sarah Dalrymple and Miss

### FROM OVER COUNTY

Illustrating how the high school at Franklin has become a county institution are figures on where members of the graduating class live. Of the 82 candidates for graduation, only 12 live inside the Franklin corporate limits, and two of those 12 have moved into town during the current school year. The class also includes students whose homes are in Highlands and Nantahala, communities that have their own high schools.

Jo Ann Hopkins will deliver the valedictory and salutatory addresses, respectively.

This will be the first time in several years that an out-of-town speaker has been invited to deliver a commencement address, the speeches in recent years having been confined to student addresses.

A feature of the program also will be the annual presentation of awards by Mr. Sutton.

The winners of these awards were announced this week as follows:

Activities award, Jerry Potts. Agriculture, R. L. Cunningham.

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The Auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal church will hold a bake sale Friday, beginning at 9 a. m., at the Children's Shop. Proceeds will go to parish house fund.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The annual election for Mayor and town Commissioners was held Monday. The same officers were reelected—For mayor, H. G. Trotter; for commissioners, E. K. Cunningham, R. L. Bryson, W. H. Higgins, Geo. A. Jones, C. C. Smith. There were 44 votes cast.

Ye editor killed a three foot, eight inch blacksnake Sunday evening near Mitch Mobeley's grave.

The festive fly is putting in an appearance with his usual familiarity.

### 25 YEARS AGO

After an exciting race of eight weeks, the circulation campaign of The Press came to a close April 30, with Miss Grace Barnard winner of the first prize, a Chevrolet car.

The graduation class of the Iotia High school this year numbers five—Lovicia Justice, of Holly Springs, Verden Smith, of Burnington, and Laura Jacobs, Irene Sloan, and Leonard Myers, of Iotia.

The municipal well is down to a depth of 550 feet and no appreciable amount of water has yet been struck.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A meeting has been called at the Agricultural building for Monday evening to discuss the feasibility of commemorating the 400th anniversary of the visit of De Soto's expedition to Macon County.

Mrs. L. E. Fisher, of Asheville, state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be the guest of the Macon County chapter Monday at a luncheon to be given in Mrs. Fisher's honor at the Franklin Terrace.

## Frank Murray Named Macon Manager For Willis Smith

Frank I. Murray, well known in Macon County political circles, has been appointed campaign manager in this county for Willis Smith, one of three candidates for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator from North Carolina.

Mr. Murray is a former Franklin chamber of commerce secretary, a former clerk of superior court, and served one term as county commissioner. He recently completed an assignment as census-taker here.

Carl S. Slagle was appointed sometime ago as Macon County campaign manager for Senator Frank P. Graham in the three-way race.

No announcement has been made as to a manager for Robert R. Reynolds, the third major candidate.

A fourth candidate, Ola Ray Boyd, of Pinetown, is not considered a serious contender.

## Crowd Of 550 Fills Theatre To Hear Band

A capacity audience, estimated at 550, attended the "Spring Concert" of the Franklin school band at the Macon Theatre Sunday afternoon.

It was the first time most of those present had heard the 65-piece band, except for perhaps two or three selections, and the young musicians, who played for an hour, were given close attention, and enthusiastic applause.

In an interlude, S. F. (Sammy) Beck, director, spoke briefly, voicing the band's appreciation for the support of parents and organizations, especially the Franklin Lions club, and commenting that the free concert was a gesture of appreciation. He pointed out, however, that a minimum of \$2,000 for instruments was needed when the band was organized, and that the Lions club campaign netted only about \$1,500. He urged those present who were interested to donate through Lions club members.

Mr. Beck also cited the difficulties under which the band, still only a few months old, has labored. He declared that the only place available for practice—a room adjoining the furnace—literally "stinks", and emphasizing the fact that the band had to "start from scratch", he remarked that when he came to Franklin it was the first time he had ever been in a school that "didn't have a song book".

The program follows: Here Comes The Band (March), by Jewell; Onward Christian Soldiers (the audience joining in singing the second chorus); If Thou Be Near, J. S. Bach-Moehmann; Citation (overture), Frankiser; Without A Song, Youmans, vocal solo by Kenneth Walker; Ajax, Buchtel, bass solo by Bryan Hurst; Carnival of Venice, Del Stagers, trumpet solo by Mr. Beck; Ase's Death (Peer Gynt Suite), Grieg, clarinet quartet by Misses Edith Plemmons, Othella Cabe, and Patricia Landrum and Curley Walker; Stout-Hearted Men, Romberg; Little Annie Rooney and I've Been Working on the Railroad; excerpts from Tchaikowsky's Fifth Symphony; Military Escort (march), Filmore-Bennett; Bolero Non (bolero), Kurst; and The Star Spangled Banner, Key-Santelman.

## Miss Archer Elected To College Club Post

Miss Mary Alice Archer, freshman at Meredith college, Raleigh, has been elected treasurer of the college's Home Economics club, according to an announcement received here from the college. Miss Archer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., of Franklin.

## Associate Of Billy Graham Will Hold Meet Here

The Rev. Grady Wilson, who is associated with Billy Graham, the noted evangelist, has accepted an invitation to conduct the annual series of evangelistic services at the Friendship Tabernacle here June 18-July 2, it was announced this week.

The interdenominational group of ministers that sponsors the services each summer asked the Rev. Hoyt Evans to invite Mr. Graham, who has won nation-wide attention with his revivals in California, Boston, and South Carolina. He was unable to come, but suggested Mr. Wilson, who has preached for and with Mr. Graham. Mr. Wilson, a Southern Baptist, is a native of South Carolina, and for several years was pastor of a church in Charleston.

## PRISON ESCAPEE STILL AT LARGE

Woodrow Ewing, serving a life sentence at the state prison camp here, escaped last Thursday, and yesterday still was at large, according to officials at the prison camp.

Convicted of murder, Ewing was sentenced to die in the gas chamber, but Governor R. Gregg Cherry commuted the sentence to life imprisonment, when psychiatrists reported he was suffering from serious mental illness.

He escaped in the early afternoon while at work on a right-of-way for a proposed road to connect the Highland-Dillard and Highlands-Walhalla highways.

Picking a time when the guard's attention was diverted, Ewing made a break through some dense woods. The guard fired at him several times, but apparently missed, Camp Superintendent J. R. Overton reported.

Mr. Overton was notified and hurried to the scene with the camp's bloodhound. The dog picked up the trail and followed it until dark, when it became impossible to keep up the chase through the heavy brush.

The trail led into north Georgia, and Mr. Overton said the fugitive followed a stream for miles, either wading or stepping.

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## ROAD MEETING WILL BE HELD HERE FRIDAY

### Thrash And Engineers To Report, Discuss Further Projects

A public meeting to discuss highway construction in this county will be held at the courthouse tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock, L. Dale Thrash, division highway commissioner, announced this week.

Mr. Thrash and engineers from the highway department will be present to report on progress to date, and to recommend some additional roads to be added to the second phase of the program for paving the announcement said.

The road program is somewhat ahead of schedule in this county, Mr. Thrash said, due to good weather, a hard working organization, and the cooperation of the people. Because this is true, highway officials think some of the roads on the second phase of the program may be let to contract for paving this summer.

While Mr. Thrash expressed the hope that a representative group will be present from each township, he remarked that "large delegations just to try to make an impression" are unnecessary.

## Neville Sloan Is Seriously Hurt In Auto Wreck

Reports on the condition of W. N. (Neville) Sloan, seriously injured in an automobile accident near Camp Campbell, Ky., north of Nashville, Tenn., about 9 p. m. last Saturday, are encouraging, members of his family said yesterday.

Mr. Sloan, driving home from Fort Riley, Kans., where he had been visiting his son, Lt. Col. George B. Sloan, and family, suffered fractures of the leg, the pelvis, the jaw, and several broken ribs, as well as bruises and lacerations. He was taken to the hospital at Camp Campbell.

His son, Bob Sloan, and brother, Harold T. Sloan, notified of the accident, left here about 2 a. m. Sunday, and yesterday were still at Camp Campbell. Col. Sloan joined them there, having flown from Fort Riley.

## Says None Of Macon's New School Buildings Will Be Completed Before January

## SHOPE ELECTED AS PARTY HEAD

Jess E. Shope, prominent dairy farmer of the Cartoogachay community, is the new chairman of the Macon County Democratic executive committee.

He and other officers were elected at a meeting of the newly chosen precinct chairmen at the courthouse Saturday afternoon. Mr. Shope succeeds T. H. (Tom) Johnson, of Franklin, chairman for the past two years, who asked that he not be considered for reelection.

Miss Lassie Kelly was reelected vice-chairman, and Mrs. Lester Conley was reelected secretary.

Precinct chairmen present, elected at the party precinct meetings April 29, were C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin township, Jack Cabe, Millshoal; Carl D. Moses, Ellijay; Neville Bryson, Highlands; John N. Conley, Smithbridge; Eugene Crawford, Cullasaja; and Frank Gibson, Cowee.

The following were named as delegates to the state Democratic convention, to be held in Raleigh today:

James L. Hauser, Henry W. Cabe, R. S. Jones, Fred Cabe, James J. Mann, J. M. Raby, Fred McGaha, Miss Lassie Kelly, Mrs. Lester Conley, Frank I. Murray, J. C. Sorrella, Robert Parrish, C. Tom Bryson, Jess E. Shope, Carl D. Moses, Joe Bradley, Luther Jacobs, T. T. Love, Henry Cleaveland, and Jack Potts. M. S. Thompson and Mrs. Orville Coward were chosen as alternates.

At the county convention, held in connection with the meeting of the new executive committee, Miss Kelly called the meeting to order, and asked Mr. Mann to preside, in the absence of Mr. Johnson, who was ill.

The party officials were chosen at an executive meeting of the committee, which retired from the convention to make its selections, and then reported its action to the some 100 persons present.

## Mrs. Long To Be Guest Speaker At Guild Banquet

Mrs. J. R. Long, of Bryson City, will be the guest speaker at tonight's second annual banquet of the Wesleyan Service guild of the Franklin Methodist church.

The dinner session is set for 7 o'clock at Panorama court.

Mrs. Long is Waynesville district president of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, of which the guild is a unit.

Another guest will be Mrs. Fred Slagle, of the Cartoogachay community, who is zone leader in this work.

Members of Circles Nos. 1 and 2 of the local society also are invited, and are asked to make their dinner ticket reservations in advance if possible.

## PLAN OPERETTA SUNDAY AT 5

### High School Choral Group To Present 'Chonita' At Macon Theatre

The Choral Group of the Franklin High school, under the direction of S. F. (Sammy) Beck, will present an operetta, "Chonita" Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Macon Theatre.

More than 60 young persons will take part in the performance, which has been in rehearsal for the past six weeks. In addition to the principal characters, the chorus is made up of 55 voices.

The operetta, colorful Gypsy romance, is laid in Hungary in the year 1880. The music is based on the themes of Franz Liszt.

An admission charge of 85 cents for adults, and 35 cents for school children will be made, the money to go toward purchase of robes for members of the choral group.

The principal characters are "Murdo", played by Richard Jones; "Chonita", Carolyn Nothstein; "Daya", Betty Lou Constance; "Stefan", Bruce Crawford (for the acting role) and Kenneth Crawford (singing); "Baron Stanescu", Curley Walker; "Baroness Stanescu", Julia Hunnicutt; "Konrad", Bobby Bidde; and "Emil", Samuel Holland.

Iva Jean Taylor, Libby Murray, Mary Ann Killian, Becky Murray, Lucille Jacobs, and Nell Baldwin will be Gypsy dancing girls.

Planists will be Patricia Landrum and Ann Hays.

## Attention Candidates

As announced last week, and in keeping with a policy of several years' standing, The Press will accept no local political advertising for its issue of May 25, the last issue before the primary election.

Candidates who wish to present their platforms to the voters or to insert other political advertising are requested to place such advertisements in next week's issue.

The deadline for advertising copy is Tuesday noon.

## Wildlife Club To Hear Stevens Tomorrow Night

The Macon County Wildlife club will meet at the Agricultural building tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Stevens also will show a wildlife film. The general public is invited.

## Architect Reports Plans For First Four To Take 3 To 4 More Weeks

It will be the middle of next winter before any of the schools to be constructed under Macon County's \$875,000 building program will be finished, it was brought out in discussion at Monday's meeting of the Macon County board of education.

Ronald Greene, of Asheville, who has been employed as the architect for the eight schools to be built in this county, was here, on the invitation of County Supt. G. L. Houk, to confer with the board members.

Plans and specifications have been finished so far on only one school—the Franklin high school—Mr. Greene said. It is planned to advertise for bids on four schools at one time—the high school here, the schools at Highlands, and Nantahala, and the East Franklin elementary school, and Mr. Greene said it will take three or four more weeks' work to finish the plans and specifications on the Highlands, Nantahala, and East Franklin structures.

A month after that should be allowed, he said, for letting the contracts.

That would place the actual start of building at about July 1. Mr. Greene estimates it will take six months to do the actual construction, and thus that it will be about January before any of the buildings are ready for use.

After the drawings, etc., are finished on these four schools, several more weeks will be required to complete the plans and specifications on the three other schools—Iotia, Union, and Slagle—it is proposed to build now. These smaller schools, however, probably can be built in a shorter time than the larger ones, the Asheville architect said. (Plans for the Negro school here are being held in abeyance, pending decisions in Raleigh on policy as to Negro schools in this end of the state.)

"When work gets under way," he said, he will put a resident engineer from his office in this county, probably to be stationed in Franklin.

Most of Mr. Green's comments came in response to questions.

Supt. Houk and the board previously had decided it would be wise to delay the lettings until the two schools here and those at Nantahala and Highlands could all be let at once, and Mr. Houk asked Mr. Green's opinion of this plan.

Mr. Greene replied that that arrangement would permit a single contractor to bid on all four at once, and to construct them simultaneously, and that it thus probably would save the county money—perhaps as much as 10 per cent.

In response to other questions, Mr. Greene said that:—The heating system for the Franklin High school building, plans and specifications for which he showed the board members, will be hot water.

The \$875,000 available probably will be enough for the job, but that it may prove necessary to cut off a classroom here and there to make the money stretch.

Under the law, separate con-

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## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	81	55	1.00
Thursday	87	49	....
Friday	90	52	....
Saturday	88	54	....
Sunday	74	53	....
Monday	78	53	....
Tuesday	78	44	....
Wednesday	.....	57	.07

FRANKLIN RAINFALL  
(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)  
Wednesday, .32 of an inch;  
Thursday, none; Friday, none;  
Saturday, none; Sunday, none;  
Monday, trace; Tuesday, none;  
Wednesday, .07.



IT'S SPRING, and if anybody is in doubt about the season, the proof is in the picture above. For even if the dogwood weren't convincing, surely the smile would be. The little girl peeping through the blossoms is Betty Ann Bulgin, five-year daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bulgin. The dogwood this spring is said to have been the finest in years, and the picture was made last week on the grounds of the home of Dr. and Mrs. Furman Angel, where there literally are acres of dogwood.

—Photo by Crisp Studio

# Next Week, May 15-20, Is Franklin Clean Up Week. Do Your Part!