

The Franklin Press

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Bids On Four Schools Total \$629,959

SEEK 3,000 TO UNIFORM SCHOOL BAND

Rotary Club, Sponsor Of Project, Asks Public Support

A movement to raise \$3,000 to uniform the Franklin school band was launched this week. The movement is spearheaded by the Franklin Rotary club.

The club voted sometime ago to sponsor such a campaign, and a rotary committee this week asked for public support. Members of the committee are S. W. Mendenhall, Russell E. McKelvey, and Henry W. Cabe.

While the club has assumed the responsibility for taking the lead in raising the fund, it would be difficult for any one organization in Franklin to raise such a sum without the support of the general public, committee members pointed out.

Contributions from interested persons are being sought, and it was said that any amount will be welcomed.

Those who wish to donate are asked to leave or mail their contributions to The Franklin Press office. Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Club Band Fund.

The band, of some 60 members, is made up of children from many sections of the county, and this project, therefore, is of county-wide interest, the committee members pointed out, adding that it is hoped

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Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

HIGHLANDS — At a recent town meeting, consisting of Mayor, Commissioners, and citizens, the town charter was revised and amended, and will be sent to the next General Assembly to have the amended charter ratified. Perhaps the most important of the new acts is the section which permits town funds to be used for advertising, and on roads outside the corporation.

Mr. J. A. Porter made 313 bushels of wheat on the Hood farm this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright returned home from Waynesville Thursday evening, after an absence of two or three years.

25 YEARS AGO

Our school began at Ellijay last Monday, the 9th, being conducted again by Mr. J. P. Moore, and is going along nicely.—Ellijay item.

Messrs. C. L. Franklin, J. W. Roper, Fred Higdon, R. E. Hurst, and C. D. Baird went to Waynesville last Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Waynesville Commandery of Knights Templar.

Friends of Joseph Ashear will be glad to learn that he has finally won his fight to have his mother admitted to this country. Joe's aged mother arrived in New York on July 4th, but at first was denied admittance because the Syrian quota for the month had been exhausted.

10 YEARS AGO

Four Macon County boys have recently enlisted in the U. S. army at the recruiting station in Asheville: Glenn M. Moffitt, Clyde W. Elliott, Blain G. Moffitt, and Ralph F. Cabe.

Plans for the erection of a new Baptist parsonage on a lot on White Oak street, recently purchased from Russell Cabe, are going forward.

Four Macon County students received their B. S. degrees from Western Carolina Teachers college July 18: Dora Garner Carpenter, E. G. Crawford, Veva Gertrude Howard, and Sanford J. Smith.

Hold Colorful Ceremony Investing Girl Scouts

The ceremony, following the recent organization of Girl Scout work in this area, is the first, so far as is known, ever held in Franklin.

Girl Scout work here is under the general direction of a Scout troop committee, made up of Mrs. Dowdle, chairman, Mrs. Lucy Collier, and J. H. Stockton.

The intermediate scouts to receive the rank of tenderfoot were: Margaret Allison, Edith Christy, Judy Hooker, Margaret Jones, Peggy McPherson, Jean Russell, Joan Thomas, Laura Mae Cabe, Dale Edwards, and Beverly Stockton.

The following were invested as Brownies: Ange'a Bagwell, Carolyn Dowdle, Barbara Duncan, Pat Gaines, Jane Long, Rebecca Reeves, Betsy Russell, Nancy Siler, Judy Wurst.

Siler Family To Hold Its 99th Reunion

When Silers from far and near gather here two weeks from today for their "family meeting", it will be the 99th annual reunion of the descendants of the four Siler brothers who were among the first settlers of Macon County.

Since the first reunion, held prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, the descendants have gathered each year. Although four major wars have occurred during the period, there has never been a break in the annual gatherings, and for many years the same date has been observed—the first Thursday in August. The day this year falls on August 3.

This year's reunion will be entertained by W. N. Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sloan, at their home in East Franklin.

4 Methodist Circuit Churches Are Holding Revivals

Simultaneous revival meetings at the four churches on the Franklin Methodist circuit opened last night, with a visiting minister conducting the revival at each church.

The series of services will continue through Sunday, July 30, the Rev. D. B. Martin, circuit pastor, said.

The four Methodist pastors here to hold the services are the Rev. R. E. Shaw, of Portsmouth, Va., who is preaching at Snow Hill church; the Rev. John Kendrick, of Friendship, N. C., at the Iotla church; the Rev. John Kincaid, of Seagrave, N. C., at the Clark's Chapel church; and the Rev. D. P. Grant, of Albemarle, at the Bethel church. Mr. Grant is a former pastor of the circuit.

Services will be held at 8 p. m. each night at each of the four churches, Mr. Martin said, and at 11 a. m. on each of the two Sundays that fall in the 10-day period.

In addition, an 11 o'clock weekday morning service will be held at each church every fourth day.

The first of these will be at Snow Hill this morning; the second at Iotla Friday; the third at Bethel Saturday; and the fourth at Clark's Chapel Monday. Then next Tuesday the morning series will start back at Snow Hill, and follow the same order.

Baptist S. S. Convention To Elect Officers

The annual election of officers of the Macon County Baptist Sunday school convention will be held at the meeting Sunday. Sunday's session will be at the Highlands Baptist church.

Hugh Monteth, of Sylva, will be the guest speaker.

The officers chosen will be submitted for approval to the annual meeting of the Macon County Baptist association, to be held in August.

JURORS DRAWN FOR NEXT TERM OF COURT HERE

Will Convene August 21; Pless Will Preside; 2 Women On List

Jurors for the August term of Macon superior court were drawn at Monday's meeting of the board of county commissioners.

The court term will open Monday, August 21, with Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, presiding.

The commissioners also revised the panel from which jurors are drawn, by adding the names of approximately 200 more property owners to the some 800 names already in the box, and approved a petition asking that the State Highway and Public Works commission take over for state maintenance the Welch road in Burningtown township.

The 54 jurors' names drawn from the box by three and a-half year old Gene Bullock, daughter of Mrs. Gene Bullock, and granddaughter of Mrs. W. B. McGuire.

The first 36 drawn will be summoned for duty the first week of court, and from this number the 18-member grand jury will be selected.

The other 18 were drawn for duty during the second week of the court term. They may not be summoned at all, however, as most recent courts here have required a week or less to complete the dockets.

Two women — Mrs. Mack Frank and Mrs. John C. Wright, both of Franklin — are among the 54 drawn for jury duty.

The 36 jurors drawn for the first week are:

Earlie Daves, of Flats, Alfred Wilson, of Highlands, William Drinnon, Franklin, Route 3, Roy H. Fouts, Route, Mark Bryant, Route 3, Roy Donaldson, Prentiss, S. C. Creswell, Highlands, Roy Mashburn, Franklin, T. B. Picklesimer, Highlands, F. J. Gregory, Gneiss, J. B. Kiser, Route 1, Jess Downs, Route 4, Howard Bradley, Dillard, Ga., Route 1, Elbert Carpenter, Franklin, Route 2, Lawton Waters, Flats, R. R. Ammons, Route 3, Wade McKinney, Highlands, Carroll Reynolds, Route 3.

J. D. Hurst, Route 3, W. T. Fouts, Route 3, Fred Green, Highlands, Homer C. Green, Route 1, W. H. Bryson, Route 3, Carl Holland, Gneiss, Ray Bryson, Cullasaja, L. O. Miller, Highlands, Clyde Bingham, Franklin, Mrs. Mack Franks, Franklin, Ted Gillespie, Route 1, Jack Head, Highlands, J. D. Gibson, Route 1, Marvin Cochran, Flats, Ed Cross, Flats, J. A. Gribble, Route 2, Ralph Crunkleton, Highlands, Arthur Quilliams, Prentiss.

The 18 drawn for the second week are:

Billie Wallace, Route 1, Briscoe Dills, Gneiss, Frank J. Southards, Route 1, Dean Mashburn, Cullasaja, Lee Corn, Dillard, Ga., Route 1, Furman Arvey, Franklin, Route 3, J. R.

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Accepted Subject To Plans' Revision

CALL MEMBERS' C. OF C. MEET

Discussion Of Projects Planned At General Session Friday

A general meeting of the members of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association has been called for tomorrow (Friday) at 8 p. m. at the Agricultural building.

The credit bureau that is being set up, sales promotion, tourist information, and recreation for visitors and local citizens are among the topics to be discussed, according to Claude H. Bolton, president.

Officials of the organization are particularly interested, Mr. Bolton said, in having suggestions and constructive criticism, and he expressed the hope that those persons who have such suggestions and criticisms will be present and give the organization the benefit of their ideas.

While merchants and the owners and operators of service stations, tourist homes and cottages, and restaurants are especially invited, any citizen interested in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and in the general welfare of Macon County will be welcomed, President Bolton commented.

Water Safety Rules Cited By Red Cross

Since large numbers of persons are swimming daily at the pool at Arrowood Glade and at other points in this vicinity, without the benefit of lifeguard protection, the local Red Cross officer this week called swimmers' attention to the four basic rules for water safety.

In recent years at Arrowood Glade, the Forest Service has arranged to have a lifeguard on duty, but this year the Nantahala National Forest was instructed by Washington to operate the Arrowood recreational facilities through a concessionaire, in keeping with a policy that is being tried out in national forests over the nation.

The four basic rules that every person who goes into the water should follow, according to the Red Cross, are:

1. Do not enter the water until an hour after eating.
2. Do not trip, push, or "duck" another swimmer.
3. If you are a non-swimmer, stay in shallow water.
4. Do not stay in the water for long periods of time. Come out and rest often.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results		
Friday Night, July 14	All games postponed because of rain.	
Monday Night, July 17	Van Raalte, 12; Forest Service, 8.	
Lions, 8; Rotary, 7.	Teams' Standing	
Team	W	L
Forest Service	7	3
Rotary	5	4
Zickgraf	5	4
Van Raalte	6	5
Lions	3	6
NP&LCo.	3	7
Coming Games		
Friday (Tomorrow) Night—7:30, Rotary vs. Van Raalte; second game, at 9, Lions vs. Zickgraf.		
Monday Night, July 24—7:30, Rotary vs. Forest Service second game, at 9, Lions vs. NP&L Co.		

MIDGETS TO PLAY

The Franklin midget baseball team will play the Highlands midgets at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) on the local diamond.

Is Over Sum Allotted; Board To Seek To Cut Plans To Fit Funds

Bids to construct the Franklin high, Highlands, Nantahala, and East Franklin schools were accepted, subject to modification, at a meeting of the county board of education Friday afternoon.

The total amount of the low bids submitted on the four-building program is \$629,959.94. The estimate of the school authorities last February for these buildings was \$599,160.

Ten firms submitted bids on various phases of the building program, and the low bids in the four phases of the work were announced by the board of education and county superintendent as follows:

General contract, \$521,000, W. B. Dillard, Sylva; plumbing, \$27,539.99, C. E. Holder, Murphy; heating, \$50,054.76, C. E. Holder; electric wiring and lighting, \$24,900, M. B. Haynes, Asheville.

Following the opening of the bids in the court room of the courthouse, the board of education met in the office of the superintendent of education and decided, after studying the bids, to accept the low bids, with the understanding that the specifications will be changed to reduce the cost sufficiently to bring the bids within the costs estimated last February.

The motion, made by Bob Sloan and seconded by Walter Gibson, was "that the county board of education accept the low bids, subject to modification necessary to bring costs within the original estimate, and with the understanding that the auditorium-gymnasium on the Highlands building be constructed 80 x 120 feet in size, even if the interior of this space cannot be completed at the present time, and with the further understanding that if any part of one of the four buildings, such as a gymnasium or lunch room, has to be eliminated, that the same cut will be made in each of the four buildings."

The motion was passed unanimously. In the discussion which preceded the passing of the motion, both the board members and the superintendent were unanimous in the opinion that the number of class-rooms should not be cut in any case.

The bids were submitted in a variety of ways, some of the firms bidding on each school, some on three or less, and some of them making combined bids on two, three, or four schools. Two firms submitted separate bids for both plumbing and heating.

The bids were as follows:

General construction: Wm. B. Dillard, Franklin high school, \$159,000; East Franklin, \$113,900; Nantahala, \$113,500; Highlands, \$142,000. \$521,000 bid on all four.

McCoy-Helverson, Greenville, S. C., Franklin high school, \$167,000; Franklin high and East Franklin, \$294,500; Franklin high, East Franklin, and Highlands, \$453,000.

Smith-Jones, Atlanta, Ga., Franklin high, \$201,172; East Franklin, \$146,659; Nantahala, Highlands, \$453,000.

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The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	75	61	.82
Thursday	78	60	.21
Friday	76	59	.24
Saturday	79	59	1.45
Sunday	82	60	.44
Monday	84	58	.07
Tuesday	87	59	Trace
Wednesday	00	58	.00

Total Rainfall 3.33

Franklin Rainfall
(As recorded by Mennon Sites for TVA)

Wednesday, .36 of an inch; Thursday, .14; Friday, .19; Saturday, .45; Sunday, .47; Monday, .02; Tuesday, trace; Wednesday, .18. Total Franklin rainfall, 1.81 inches.

Wasilik Describes His Experience As Novice In Trappist Monastery

Why would a normal young man, well educated, with a bright future, enter a monastery?

The answer to that question would vary somewhat, perhaps, with each individual. But the answer in one case was given in an interview here this week by John H. Wasilik, 25-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., of Franklin. Mr. Wasilik has just returned home after 10 months in a monastery.

Speaking freely, but hesitating as he grouped for a word or a phrase, he told how he first became conscious of the lack of meaning in so many of the things that make up everyday life, and he cited, as an instance, some of the programs heard on the radio. As that feeling of the emptiness of secular life deepened, he became conscious of a growing "thirst for God," as something real in contrast with the lack of meaning in many everyday acts. Thus, in a period of a few weeks, he felt that he was "called" to enter a monastery, as a way to serve God. Meanwhile, some of his acquaintances were considering a similar course.

"For once in my life," he said, "I was going to give something back to God. And," he continued, "if I was going to give something, I wanted to give all." So he chose to become a Trappist monk, the most austere of all the Catholic orders.

How austere it is can be guessed from a few facts about the life:

The day in a Trappist monastery begins at 1 in the morning and lasts until 7 in the evening, which is bedtime.

The inmates may not leave the monastery, and rarely may speak. In no case may they speak except to their confessor,

WOMEN TO MEET

The Bryson City division of the Business Women's Federation will meet at Arrowood Glade tomorrow (Friday) at 7 p. m. for a picnic and regular quarterly meeting.