

## COUNTY HOME CLUB LEADERS FOR '52 NAMED

### Officers, Project Heads For Macon Groups Installed

Officers, project leaders, and committee chairmen for 1952, recently were elected by Macon County's 19 home demonstration clubs.

The names of the officers and leaders for each club were made public this week by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent. All officers have been installed and have taken over duties in the clubs, she said.

Following are club officers, project leaders, and committee chairmen:

**Carson Chapel:** Mrs. Dan Reynolds, president, Mrs. J. R. Ray, vice-president, Mrs. Glen Hastings, secretary, Mrs. Earl Cabe, treasurer.

**Projects:** Mrs. Leona W. Moore, foods and nutrition, Miss Nora Leach, home gardens, Mrs. J. C. Dowdle, home poultry, Mrs. Gilmer Waldrop, home dairy, Mrs. Frank Reece, food preservation, Mrs. Van Frazer, house furnishings, Mrs. Zeb Conley, home management, Mrs. Earl Cabe, family life, Mrs. Marie Rogers, home beautification, Mrs. Homer Green, clothing, Mrs. J. R. Ray, arts and crafts.

**Chairmen:** Mrs. John Alsop, community service, Mrs. F. E. Brown, health, Mrs. Frank Reece, education, Mrs. Adolph Zoellner, citizenship, Mrs. W. N. Cook, recreation, Mrs. Ed Carpenter, music.

**Cartoogechaye:** Mrs. E. M. McNish, president, Mrs. H. C. Hurst, vice-president, Miss Sally Kesler, secretary.

**Projects:** Mrs. E. M. McNish, foods and nutrition, Mrs. E. S. Purdom, home gardens and home beautification, Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple, home poultry, Mrs. H. C. Hurst, food preservation, Mrs. T. H. McNish, home furnishings, home management, clothing, Mrs. Fred Slagle, family life, Miss Sally Kesler, arts and crafts.

**Chairmen:** Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple, community service, Mrs. C. B. Yeargan, health, Mrs. Earl Harrison, education and citizenship, Mrs. Joe Setser, recreation, Mrs. E. M. McNish, markets, Mrs. Bryan Setser, 4-H leader, Miss Sally Kesler, music, Mrs. Fred Slagle, publicity.

**Cowee:** Mrs. George Byrd, president, Mrs. Carr Bryson, vice-president, Mrs. R. D. West, secretary, Mrs. Fred McGaha, treasurer.

**Projects:** Mrs. Frank Gibson, foods and nutrition, Mrs. S. C. Leatherman, home gardens, Mrs. Carr Bryson, home poultry and clothing, Mrs. Robert Bryson, food preservation, Mrs. S. W. Carter, house furnishings, Mrs. Fred McGaha, home management, Mrs. George Byrd, family life, Mrs. Joe Rickman, home beautification, Mrs. R. L. McGaha and Mrs. Joe Rickman, arts and crafts.

**Chairmen:** Mrs. W. C. Sheffield, community service, Mrs. George Byrd, health, Mrs. Ralph West, education, Mrs. Judd Hurst, citizenship, Mrs. Ed Brogden, recreation, Mrs. S. W. Carter, markets, Mrs. Will Allen, 4-H club leader, Mrs. Carr Bryson, music.

**Clark's Chapel:** Mrs. Wiley Brown, president, Mrs. Roy Wiggins, vice-president, Mrs. Anna Franklin, secretary, Mrs. Harley Wiggins, treasurer.

**Projects:** Mrs. Wiley Brown, foods and nutrition and arts and crafts, Mrs. Roy Wiggins, home gardens, Mrs. Anna Franklin, home poultry and clothing, Mrs. Frank Brown, food preservation, Mrs. Harley Wiggins, house furnishings and home management, Mrs. Ardell Cabe, family life, Mrs. Dorothy Ashe, home beautification.

**Chairmen:** Mrs. Purley Medlin, health, Mrs. Frank Brown, citizenship.

**Cullasaja:** Mrs. Fred Norris, president, Mrs. Fred Corbin, vice-president, Mrs. Pritchard

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### PLAN LAY SERVICE

An Episcopal lay service will be conducted at the Franklin church Sunday at 11 a. m. by Allan Brooks, it was announced this week.

## Gyp Artists 'Take' Macon Families Of Korean Dead With Old Picture Racket

Those get-rich-quick artists, who "took" a number of Macon County citizens during World War II, are here again, this time preying on the families of deceased Korean War veterans, R. E. (Tony) Welch, local veterans' service officer, reported this week.

One family already has fallen for the slick-tongued salesmanship of a "photographic reproduction" peddler, according to the veterans' office. Possibly more have succumbed to the offer, and still others will be approached, he added.

These salesmen are reaping profits in excess of 600 per cent of the actual cost. They use the "sentimental approach", urging the families, "you owe this to your boy". Their method of operation roughly is as follows:

Either through newspapers or talk, they obtain the name and address of a deceased serviceman's family. Approaching the family, they offer to reproduce pictures of the servicemen.

In the reported case here, the salesman offered to give the family seven 9 by 13 tinted reproductions for \$87.50. The family turned over a \$50 down payment, the balance to be paid, according to the contract signed by the father, when the pic-

tures are delivered. This contract, now in Mr. Welch's possession, promises delivery on or AFTER the 15th of January. It is the general case for a contract to stipulate on or BEFORE a certain date. (The dictionary defines After as "later", with no definite time limitation).

This is the profit! Local photographers agreed Tuesday that a reputable photographic concern could turn out the same pictures offered for about \$2 per picture, or \$14 for the seven, and still make a small profit.

On the basis of this figure, these itinerate picture peddlers are making about 500 per cent profits.

But there is still more profit, according to the contract, if the salesman puts across the entire deal. The heart of these additional earnings lies in small print at the bottom of the contract.

This small print says that each picture "will be delivered in suitable frames, which the undersigned is entitled to accept upon payment of the price Shown On The Back of said Frame."

A similar deal worked in this county by peddlers during World War II set the price "on the SEE NO. 2, PAGE 10

## 60 From Over County Study Parents' Job

Approximately 60 persons, representing every school in the county except two, and including a number of persons not members of P. T. A.'s, attended the annual P. T. A. parent education study course held at the East Franklin school last Wednesday.

It was the Franklin association's annual study course, and other schools in the county were invited. Participation in four hours' parent education study is one of the requirements for a standard P. T. A.

The program was marked by talks, a "capsule" discussion, and a motion picture. At noon, those attending were guests of the East Franklin school at lunch.

The Rev. M. W. Chapman, First Baptist pastor here, conducted the devotional and made a talk on child-parent relationships, basing his remarks on the Biblical story of Absalom.

Frs. Welmar Jones, parent education chairman of the Franklin P. T. A., who was in charge, spoke on the what, why and how of parent education, and Mrs. Dan Reynolds, secretary of the county council of home demonstration clubs, discussed problems of the pre-school and elementary school child.

Her talk was followed by the "capsule" discussion, led by Mrs. Jones, during which the group divided for four "buzz" sessions. After lunch, the leader of the four groups reported their discussions, and a general round table followed.

A motion picture on "home management" was shown at the afternoon session.

East Franklin eighth grade girls took care of small children brought by their mothers, at an improvised kindergarten held during the session.

## Charles G. Hughes, On Duty In Korea, Given Promotion

Charles G. Hughes, of Franklin, Route 1, recently was promoted to sergeant first class while serving with the 7th Infantry division in Korea, according to an army announcement.

Sgt. Hughes, a platoon sergeant in the 32nd regiment, entered the army in March, 1946, and left for Korea in October, 1951. He recently was awarded the Korean Service ribbon, with one campaign star and the combat infantryman badge.

In recent months, the announcement said, the 7th Division has been patrolling and probing entrenched Communist positions north of the 38th parallel.

## POWER & LIGHT COMPANY WILL MOVE SATURDAY

### Nantahala Concern Will Open In \$200,000 Home Monday

The Nantahala Power and Light company plans to move into its new \$200,000 building on West Main street Saturday.

President John M. Archer, Jr., announced that company offices will be closed Saturday to speed the moving job from the old quarters behind the Macon courthouse, but business will be resumed Monday morning at the new building, he said.

Should adverse weather prevent moving as planned this week, the move will be made the following Saturday, Mr. Archer added.

He also announced that plans are being made for an "open house" at the new building to give the public an opportunity to inspect the structure. The date is to be announced later.

The company's new home, a two-story office building and a one-story service structure, was erected by Merchant Construction company, Asheville, at a cost estimated at \$200,000.

## 'Bad Wreck'

### Report Sends Officers On Wild Goose Chase

... a bad school bus wreck near Highlands ... three kids killed.

Fortunately, it wasn't true. In fact, there wasn't even an accident — just a school bus stuck in the mud.

Nevertheless, telephone calls to officers in Franklin, all reporting a wreck, Monday morning sent Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd, and Coroner George R. Henson racing toward Highlands and the scene of the "accident". They were stopped about halfway to Highlands by Walter Bryson, a member of the county board of education, who had investigated the report and found it to be untrue.

What really happened, according to the patrolman, was:

School bus No. 3 (that's probably where the number supposedly killed originated, he pointed out) was stuck in the mud on Shortoff road. Nothing more, SEE NO. 5, PAGE 10

## Dr. Amelia Kahn To Be Speaker At East Franklin PTA

Dr. Amelia Bauer Kahn, of Franklin, will be guest speaker at the February meeting of the East Franklin Parent-Teacher association, Monday evening at the school. Dr. Kahn, a psychiatrist, who directs the mental hygiene clinic in Asheville, will discuss "The Development of Children".

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m.

Also planned for the session is a play, "Observance of Founders' Day", by Mrs. W. G. Crawford's third grade pupils.

## RAGAN HEADS JAYCEES HERE

### New Commerce Body Will Apply For Charter Next Month

Jack Ragan was elected president of the newly-organized Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting Tuesday night.

The local group expects to apply for a charter at a state Jaycee board meeting, slated for February 23 in Raleigh.

Others named to office include C. Banks Finger, first vice-president, Dr. George R. McSweeney, second vice-president, Calvin Henson, treasurer, and J. P. Brady, secretary.

Bruce Bryant was named chairman of the board of directors, and will apply for a charter for the local group at the Raleigh session. J. L. West and Sam Gibson were appointed to the board by the president.

The group voted to meet twice a month—one luncheon meeting and one night meeting. Larry Welch and Oscar Ledford were appointed to arrange for a luncheon meeting place.

Membership in the Jaycees is open to men between the ages of 21 to 35.

Further organizational plans will be mapped at a meeting February 12.

Prior to the business session, Mr. Regan and Dr. McSweeney discussed a district Jaycee meeting, which they attended in Waynesville Monday night.

Noticeably increasing lately are predictions that Franklin will be "booming" before very long.

Backing the town's bid to the future are, among other things, the new \$450,000 highway improvement project from Cowee gap (at the Jackson county line) to the Georgia line, now out of the dream stage and on the drawing board; a vigorous population growth over the past 20-year period; the recent approval of US 441 (Uncle Remus route), a direct tourist feeder-line from the Mid-West, through Franklin, to Florida, this going hand-in-hand with a vast tourist potential, borne out by last season's record breaking swarm of visitors.

Foremost, however, is the undying faith citizens have in the future of Franklin.

But a growing town quite logically has growing pains—pains that must be eased by the soothing hand of the town governmental structure.

Last spring, Franklin ran

head-long into a serious water shortage. The sinking of a new well has relieved this "growing pain" for at least the next five years, town officials say.

"What happens after five years?" it is asked quizzically, an eye on the future.

This answer rests with the town government. Looking ahead, the board of aldermen, at its July, 1951, session, called in a representative of an Atlanta, Ga., engineering concern to discuss the water problem. Discussed chiefly was the installation of a filtration plant on the Little Tennessee river. The estimated cost, \$75,000.

Sewage disposal, it has been pointed out, will be another "pain". More than half the delegations appearing before the town board want sewer lines extended to their homes.

Again, the solution will rest with the town government.

As a consequence, the prediction that Franklin is going to "boom" is giving rise to discussion.

### SPEAKS HERE



JUDGE ALLEN H. GWYN

Judge Gwyn, of Reidsville, resident superior court judge of the 21st N. C. judicial district, was the speaker at last week's dinner meeting of the Franklin Rotary club, at the Slagle Memorial building. The speaker stressed the necessity of finding a middle ground between rampant individualism and extreme socialism. Many guests were present.

## PLAN NEARS COMPLETION

### Macon Farm Program In 5-Year Period Cited By Agent

Macon County's five-year agricultural improvement program, now in its fifth year, is more than 75 per cent complete—its objectives clearly in sight, according to County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

Set up in 1947 by a county planning committee composed of the chairmen of Macon's community committees, and a representative of home demonstration clubs, the over-all plan lists as objectives:

1. That all cropland and pasture have lime and phosphate applied.
2. That all cropland have a winter cover.
3. That all farms have a definite source of cash income, either poultry, milk, livestock, or truck crops.
4. That, in so far as possible, all dairy breeders use artificial breeding.
5. That all farms produce their own supply of meat, eggs, milk, and a variety of vegetables.
6. That all farm homes have water, lights, and other modern home conveniences and homes be improved in appearance and comfort.

"We in the county agent's office, after talking with community leaders and farm families, feel sure that the over-all plan is more than 75 per cent complete," the county agent said.

As indicative of Macon County's progress toward the objectives, Mr. Mendenhall pointed out that:

More than 90 per cent of SEE NO. 4, PAGE 10

## Baptist Group Protests U. M. T.

### Franklin Press Wins Editorial Award At Newspaper Meet

The Franklin Press won second place among North Carolina weekly newspapers for editorial page excellence at the annual North Carolina Press Association institute, held last week at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Duke University, Durham.

It was the second successive year that the editorial page of The Press has been given second place.

The awards were presented the winners in the 1951 contests, among daily, semi-weekly, and weekly papers, by Governor Scott, at the annual dinner at Duke university Friday evening.

First place in this year's weekly editorial page contest went to The Chatham News at Siler City; The Mount Airy News took third place; and the Valdese News was given honorable mention.

Thirty-five weeklies were entered in the contest, which was judged by the school of journalism of the University of Missouri.

### Deacons Say Military Camp Not Place For Teen-Age Boy

Asserting that the "home and the church is the best training ground for the teen-age boy", the Baptist Deacons' Conference of Macon County has voiced disapproval of the compulsory universal military training bill, scheduled to come before congress soon.

The church group, at a meeting Thursday of last week, voted to register its disapproval of U. M. T. with North Carolina senators, Clyde R. Hoey and Willis Smith, and urge the lawmakers to "give serious thought to the viciousness of this bill."

The protest reads: "... Because of the moral, spiritual, financial, and political unsoundness of this bill, we believe it ought to be defeated. Wholesome character can be best developed under normal social relationship. To place a teen-age boy in a decidedly abnormal atmosphere of training camps is too great a risk to their moral and spiritual development. We believe that the home and the church is the best training ground for the teen-age boy. They need the guiding hand of parents in this period of their development, and not the atmosphere of an indifferent military camp. Such a program would have tremendous influence on the moral and spiritual development of our nation. Peace-time compulsory universal military training indicates a conviction that peace cannot be had outside military strength. We believe that peace can be had through applying the true principles of Christian brotherhood. Peace-time compulsory universal military training practiced by other nations has proven to be, according to history, unwise and disastrous. Peace-time compulsory universal military training is unsound financially because it would cause a continuous strain upon our financial system when there is no immediate emergency.

"It is our desire that you give serious thought to the viciousness of this bill and hope you will defeat it."

The protest was signed by Fred J. Corbin, president of the conference, and Gus Baldwin, secretary.

A copy also was sent to The Biblical Recorder, Baptist publication, conference, officers said.

## Mrs. Bingham Dies; Funeral Held Monday

Mrs. Richard Bingham, of Franklin, Route 1, died Sunday night in a local hospital after a two-week illness. She was 51 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at the Louisa Chapel Methodist church Monday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bingham was the former Miss Nellie Childers, daughter of Marion and Mrs. Jane Briggs Childers, of Franklin, Route 1. She was born December 31, 1900, and was married to Richard Bingham December 26, 1945.

Survivors include her husband and parents; 10 step-children, Richard Bingham, Jr., and Ted Bingham, of Franklin, Route 1, and Neal Woods, of Star, S. C.; Mrs. C. H. Green, of Franklin, Route 1, and Sally Sue, Mary Frances, Esther Mae, Birdie Lee, Annie Belle, and Mildred Bingham, of the home; a sister, Mrs. Jess Downs, of Franklin, Route 4; and six brothers, Ned and Wade Childers, of Newport News, Va., Neal, Burr, and Zeb Childers, of Franklin, Route 1, and George Childers, of Hoquiam, Wash.

Fallbearers were George Reece, Lawrence Green, Lawrence Cogins, Walter Swanson, Dan Kirkland, and Harold Smith.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts Funeral home.

## Plan Basketball

### 'Coaches' Night Game' Tomorrow

"Coaches Night" will take the spotlight tomorrow (Friday) night at Franklin High when the lads and lassies take on the Cullowhee cagers.

Set for honors will be coaches Ralph (Chuck) McConnell, crew chief of the Franklin grid machine, and Ray Lowe, school caged mentor. School officials said Wednesday that proceeds from the night's hardwood classic will be turned over to the two coaches.

The first game is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock.

## Two Hurt In Wreck Still In Hospital, Show Improvement

Two of the four wreck victims hospitalized January 21 after the car in which they were riding plunged down a 160-foot embankment into Buck Creek, are still in the hospital, but are reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

They are Ralph Hopkins, 18, of Franklin, and Mrs. Gladys Tallent Sanders, 26, of Prentiss. Both received serious skull injuries in the mishap.

## Thieves

### Break Into Gas Station Take \$35 In Goods

Thieves broke into the Indian Mound Service station early last Thursday morning, took about \$35 in merchandise, and then siphoned some 10 gallons of gas from a nearby gasoline truck before disappearing, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas has reported.

A number of fingerprints were found at the scene, the sheriff said, and are being studied. Entrance to the station was gained by smashing a pane in the front door.

Kenneth Neal, operator of the station, said merchandise missing included candy, cigarette crackers, and a flashlight, which he valued at \$35.

The gas was taken from a Nantahala Oil company truck, parked at the company's plant next door to the station, Sheriff Thomas said.

## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pet.
Wednesday	46	37	---
Thursday	47	15	---
Friday	45	27	---
Saturday	61	41	.87
Sunday	63	55	.88
Monday	63	21	.10
Tuesday	31	21	trace
Wednesday	---	.06	---

Franklin Rainfall  
Wednesday, .76; Thursday, none; Friday, none; Saturday, .33; Sunday, .31; Monday, 1.88; Tuesday, .06; Wednesday, none.