



Sunday was an extra special day for Mrs. Irene H. Bryson, since it marked her 30th anniversary as postmaster of the Cullasaja post office. In the photograph above she is shown on the job, selling stamps to Eugene Bowers, who recently returned to the Cullasaja community after spending several months working in Pontiac, Mich.

17 Girls To Model At 4-H Style Show February 22

Seventeen local girls will model spring and summer wardrobes for 4-H misses at a style show tomorrow (Friday) at the East Franklin school.

The show, being directed by a New York stylist, will be open only to 4-H club girls and home demonstration club clothing and 4-H leaders, according to Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, assistant home agent.

Miss Ada May Marshall, of New York, will present "Fashion at the Bat for the 4-H Modern Miss", emphasizing that no girl wants to "strike out" when it comes to planning a spring and summer wardrobe.

Attention also will be directed to fashions that are easy to make for beginners in sewing, Mrs. Hunnicutt said.

Miss Marshall is a former 4-H club member from New York state. She received a B.S. degree from the college of home economics at Syracuse university with a major in merchandising and fashion design.

The show is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p. m.

B. L. Hedden, Korean Dead, Buried Here

The body of Pvt. Benjamin Lewis Hedden, 19-year-old son of William W. Hedden and of the late Mrs. Hedden, of the Walnut Creek section, who was killed in action in Korea, was buried Sunday afternoon with military rites at the St. Andrew's cemetery, following services at the Walnut Creek Baptist church.

The young Macon County soldier was killed November 6, 1951, near Magoir, in North Korea, while serving with Company E, 7th Cavalry regiment. His twin brother, Cpl. Dewey Hedden, is serving with the 3rd Infantry division in Korea.

Services were conducted at 2 o'clock at the Walnut Creek church by the Rev. Frank Reed. Military rites were conducted at the cemetery by W. W. Reeves, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and the post chaplain, the Rev. Robert D. Burnette.

Pvt. Hedden attended county schools here and was employed at Rogers' garage in Highlands prior to enlisting in March, 1951. He received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and additional training at Camp Gordon, Ga., and Camp Stoneman, Calif., before reporting for overseas duty.

Surviving are his father; seven brothers, Cpl. Dewey Hedden, Delmer and Furman, of Gneiss, Elmer, of Walnut Creek, Everette, of Asheville, and Edison and Ernest, of Gneiss; and one sister, Mrs. Fletcher Coleman, of Murphy.

Pallbearers were Weaver Shope, Ed Williams, Jack Angel, Woodrow Shope, C. S. Brown, and Richard Slagle.

30th Year As Postmaster Is Marked By Mrs. Bryson

March Of Dimes Contributions To Date Total \$2,400

March of Dimes contributions this week totaled approximately \$2,400, County School Supt. Holland McSwain, drive chairman, has announced.

Eight of Macon's 11 townships have either reached or topped assigned quotas. Complete reports have not been received from the Franklin, Burningtown, and Cartoogechay townships, the chairman said. The county's goal is \$3,500.

Jail Unsafe, 3 Prisoners Moved Away

Four prisoners have been moved from the Macon County jail for safekeeping because "the jail here is inadequate to hold prisoners of that type," Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said this week.

One of the four broke out of the local jail February 7, but was apprehended in Detroit, Mich., last week and returned here to await trial. The others are ex-convicts, who were arrested in an automobile loaded with stolen goods and a small arsenal on the Georgia road February 11 by local officers.

Sheriff Thomas said Bennie Juen, the jail breaker, and Jake and J. B. Hall, of Route 3, Traveler's Rest, S. C., two of the convict trio, were moved to the Waynesville jail. The third member of the trio, David Lee Overman, of Blackstone, Va., was taken to the Macon County prison camp. Overman is an escapee from a North Carolina prison camp, the sheriff said.

Church Bells To Call Folk To Prayer On February 29

Church bells in Franklin Friday of next week will call the people of this community to prayer.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed here, as well as throughout the world, on that day.

The program here is set for 3:30 at the Franklin Presbyterian church, and the church bells are to ring at 8, 10, 12, and 3:30 o'clock on that day.

People from throughout the county, it was announced, are invited to be present to join in prayers for guidance in today's distressed world.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE
The Carson's Chapel Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold a rummage sale in downtown Franklin Saturday morning, weather permitting, Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, president, has announced.

N. C. SYMPHONY TO GIVE ANNUAL CONCERTS HERE

Noted Orchestra Coming
Mar. 14; Memberships
Placed On Sale

The N. C. Little Symphony orchestra will present two concerts here Friday, March 14. It will be the orchestra's seventh consecutive annual appearance in Franklin.

The evening concert for adults, at the Franklin Methodist church, is set for 8 o'clock in the evening. At 1:30 in the afternoon the orchestra will play for the children from the county's schools. The place for the children's concert will be announced later, Frank B. Duncan, county chairman, said.

The orchestra is being brought to Macon County this season under an arrangement quite different from that in past years. Three major changes were made:

1. The necessity for a membership drive, held months ahead, was eliminated when a group of business and professional men and women underwrote the orchestra's 1952 appearance here.

2. No memberships will be solicited. Instead, memberships have been placed on sale in business houses in Franklin and Highlands, where those who wish to attend the concert may buy their memberships.

3. For the children's concert, previously free, a charge of 25 cents will be made.

The first two changes were made, local leaders explained, in the belief that people here know what the concerts are like, and that the large attendance at previous concerts indicates they will attend without solicitation.

If enough memberships are bought for the event to "pay out," this arrangement will likely be continued in future years. If, on the other hand, the guarantors should have to make up a deficit, it is improbable that an effort would be made to bring the orchestra back to Franklin next year.

"This leaves it up to the public to decide whether they want these fine concerts," Mr. Duncan said.

It was decided to make a nominal admission charge for the children's concert in the belief that those who attend will get more out of it if they pay something for it. It also was pointed out that no auditorium in the county will hold all the school children, and that making the small charge will keep those children who are not interested away, making room for those who really wish to hear the concert.

Memberships (at \$2) are on sale in Franklin at the retail department (first floor) of the Nantahala Power and Light company and at the three drug stores—Perry's, Angel's, and Carolina pharmacy. In Highlands they may be obtained at Miss Sara Gilder's. The 60-cent Miss Sara Gilder's. The 60-cent dents who wish to attend the evening performance, may be obtained in Highlands from Miss Katie Baker at the school.

Republicans To Hold Congressional Meet Here March 8

A district Republican convention is slated to be held March 8 at the Macon county courthouse to elect delegates, committeemen, and a candidate for congress from this district.

Lewis P. Hamlin, chairman of the Republican committee for the twelfth congressional district, announced plans for the convention last week and said delegates to the national convention, members of the state executive committee, a presidential elector, and a candidate for congress will be picked at the session.

The convention is scheduled for 2 p. m.

EGG ON DISPLAY
E. V. Ammons, of Franklin, Route 4, last week brought a mammoth egg to The Press office. The egg, on display at The Press, weighs 7 ounces, and is 9 1/2 inches around, the long way.

Richard Jones County Winner In Legion Oratory Contest

Richard S. Jones, Jr., of Franklin, won first place in Macon County in the American Legion-sponsored oratorical contest Monday night. His win gave him \$25 first prize, offered by the local Legion post, and the right to compete in the district contest in Sylva next week.

Second prize of \$15 went to Miss Clyda Mae Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Campbell, of the Iotla community, and third prize of \$10 to Miss Sue Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haughton Williams, also of Iotla.

Other finalists, selected in competitions at Franklin High school, were Jack Love and Lee Poindexter.

The orations dealt with the U. S. Constitution, and a requirement was that each contestant also be prepared to speak extemporaneously on any one of 12 phases of the Constitution.

Highlands and Nantahala High schools received, but did not accept, invitations to participate. Frank W. Plyler was the Legion's county chairman for the competition.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Tom McNish, J. C. Sorrells, and Mrs. Alfred Kinney.

N.C.E.A. OFFICIAL SPEAKS TO 225 McFayden Talk Marks Dinner Meeting Of Teachers

An estimated 225 county school teachers and guests last Thursday night heard Henry C. McFayden, public relations director of the North Carolina Education association, explain the five-point educational legislative program being advanced by the state United Forces for Education.

The public relations director was guest speaker at a banquet staged by the local unit of the N.C.E.A. at the Franklin High school cafeteria. Special guests were members of the Macon County Citizens' Committee for Education.

A three-man nominating committee was named to select new officers for the local organization, and included in the program were reports by committee chairmen.

Miss Roberta Enloe, president of the local N.C.E.A. unit, presided and introduced the guest speaker.

Using an informal style of delivery, Mr. McFayden, of Raleigh, drove home the salient points of the legislative program with laugh-provoking anecdotes; some which the former high school teacher and principal told his audience were true experiences.

In a "second speech", the public relations director emphasized the qualifications of a good teacher, not only as an instructor of children, but also as an ambassador of good will to the public.

Explaining the points of the U.F.E. legislative program, slated to be presented at next year's session of the general assembly, Mr. McFayden said of each:

(1) A reduction in class room size (number of children): "A teacher can resign if the teacher load is too heavy, but a child can't."

(2) Salary increase for A certificate teachers: "... we need a salary scale sufficient to attract a number of top-flight teachers in North Carolina... the present scale is definitely not attractive to a male teacher." He pointed out that there is about one man teacher in the state today to every eight women teachers.

(3) Appropriation of funds to employ attendance enforcement personnel: This point is not asking funds to employ "a truant officer to drag someone into school", Mr. McFayden declared, "but seeks to hire experienced, tactful, and sympathetic personnel, familiar with the community in which they work... North Carolina cannot afford another crop of illiterates," he said.

The two remaining points of the program, funds to complete school building programs in the state and appropriations for current expenditures, were

Old NP & L Building Is Filling Up

Several Franklin firms and businessmen have leased office space in the building formerly occupied by the Nantahala Power and Light company and plan to move at an early date.

The building now is undergoing renovation and should be ready for occupancy by March 1, according to Ted Reber, real estate man, who is handling arrangements for the building's owner, George Noetel.

About 75 per cent of the space already has been leased or reserved, Mr. Reber said.

Those planning to move into the building include Macon Construction company, Attorney Thad D. Bryson, Jr., Mica Products Corporation, Dr. George R. McSween, and F. T. Siersma, head of the local miner's association.

The U. S. Forest Service here also has reserved four of the 13 second floor offices, Mr. Reber said.

The A. and P. store will continue to occupy one of the four stores on the ground floor. Martin Electric company has leased another, leaving two vacant at present.

Improvements now under way include a new ground floor entrance with a lobby and stairs to the second floor; new fronts for the ground floor stores; and removal of the outside stairway on the Iotla street side of the building. The second floor and sales space in the stores are receiving asphalt tile flooring and all sidewalls and ceilings are being redecorated, the owner said.

Mr. Noetel, who operated a plumbing and heating business in Chicago, Ill., for several years, purchased the building in June, 1948. He retired last year and he and Mrs. Noetel now are making Franklin their home.

touched on briefly by the speaker.

The move for building program funds is almost self-explanatory, he said. Explaining the request for current expenditure appropriations, Mr. McFayden stressed that:

"These funds are not for taking care of rising costs, necessarily, but to provide higher standards of service."

A good teacher should adopt the attitude of a successful salesman by selling good will to the public and it might be worth while if a teacher would "let your spirit step out of your body and look yourself over," he pointed out.

He continued that a teacher would never be wrong by being fair.

"Be a softie, a sucker for kids," he urged.

The purpose of the United Forces for Education organization, Mr. McFayden explained, is to promote better educational facilities for North Carolina.

He said the first wave of post-war babies is now reaching school age and emphasized the need for providing facilities for the future of these children.

The nominating committee to select new officers for the group is composed of Mrs. Edith Hemphill, W. G. Crawford, and Norman West. The appointments were made by Miss Enloe.

Mrs. Bruce Bryant reported on the organization's financial condition. Mrs. Lola Howard, public relations committee, briefly discussed that committee's progress in advancing a program on elementary school activities in the county.

Weaver Shope, chairman of the legislative program, read the legislative program being backed by the U.F.E. He commended Harve L. Bryant, president of the local citizen's committee, for his "boldness" in leading his organization in preparing the school-need survey.

Reports on health, planning and resources, and federal aid were given by Jack Angel, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, and Mrs. Ed Williams, respectively. R. G. Sutton reported for the ethics committee.

A revised constitution and by-laws were explained briefly by E. G. Crawford.

The meal was prepared and served by members of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

\$1356 COCHRAN DEATHREWARD IS POSTED HERE

Funds Contributed By
Macon Citizens; No
New Clues

A \$1,356 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the slayer of William Homer Cochran, Jr., a 23-year-old Macon County youth who died December 31 after a mysterious explosion rocked his pick-up truck in Mount Airy, was posted Tuesday by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

The money was raised by more than 100 citizens of this county. The largest amount was contributed by young Cochran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cochran, the sheriff said.

Under provisions of the reward, no law enforcement official is eligible to receive the money, and any information must lead to the apprehension of the slayer by July 7, 1952. If no leads are received by that date, the money will be returned to contributors.

Officers said this week that no new leads have turned up in the case.

At the time of the explosion, young Cochran was a teacher at White Plains High school, near Mount Airy. Police believe a booby-trap, wired to the ignition system of the truck, exploded when the young teacher stepped on the starter.

Basketball Conference Tournament Is Under Way

The annual Smoky Mountain Conference Basketball tournament got under way with a bang Tuesday afternoon at the Stecoah High school gym as 13 boys' and girls' teams jockeyed into position for the conference crown.

Semi-finals are set for Friday night and the finals Saturday night.

Defending champs are the Franklin lads and the Cherokee lassies. The highflying Franklin girls, tops in the conference this season with 11 wins, one tie, and one loss, are among the ranking favorites in girls' play.

P. T. A. Nets \$175 For School Work At Two Dinners

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association made a profit of about \$175 on the two dinners it served last week—one for the N. C. E. A. meeting Thursday and the other at the P. T. A.'s family night supper session Saturday evening.

Following the supper Saturday, a Founders' Day program was presented, under the direction of Mrs. J. Ward Long, at which past presidents of the Franklin association were honored.

Beck And 3 Members Of Local Band Play At Cullowhee Event

S. W. (Sammy) Beck, Franklin school band director, and three members of the local band played with the Western Carolina Teachers college band when it presented its annual winter concert at the college Wednesday night of last week.

The student musicians were Bryan Hurst, bass, and Richard Dryman and Holland McSwain, Jr., trombonists, Johnny Owens, of the West's Mill community, is a member of the college band and also played in the concert.

SPRING HERE?
A snake was seen on top of the roof of the school by Floyd Ramsey, of Franklin, Route 4, it has been reported. A sign of spring?

The February meeting of the Otto Parent-Teacher association, scheduled for tonight (Thursday), has been postponed until February 23 because of prevalence of influenza in the community, it has been announced.

The Weather
Franklin Rainfall
(As recorded by Manson Siles for TVA)
Wednesday, .05; Thursday, .41; Friday, none; Saturday, .29; Sunday, .05; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, none.