

Honors County, Towns For Safety

Safety Director Awards Certificates Tuesday At Ceremony

"What we need is not a good five cent cigar, but a county like Macon", H. D. (Tarvia) Jones, engineer-director of the State highway safety division, declared here Tuesday night.

Mr. Jones was here to pay special tribute to Macon County and its two towns—Franklin and Highlands—for outstanding safety records in 1950.

The special ceremony, held in the county courthouse, was marked by the presentation of certificates by the safety director to the county and towns, selections by the Franklin band, and recognition of a number of special guests.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain presided and introduced the speaker and guests.

In a brief talk prior to presenting certificates, Mr. Jones placed emphasis on safety as the individual's responsibility.

"I think public enemy No. 1 in the state is the reckless, careless, and speeding driver," the safety director declared.

"That person is responsible for more grief, suffering, and death than any other."

Politeness and courtesy go hand in hand with safety, he stressed.

"We need help in promoting safety in the state," Mr. Jones said, "and I know no better place to start than in Macon County."

The county and its two towns should be proud of its safety record, he declared.

Both Highlands and Franklin will receive certificates for having no fatalities in 1951, the safety director pointed out. These will be presented at a later date. The county will not be eligible for a 1951 award since a head-on collision between two automobiles on the Georgia highway in November of that year snuffed out the lives of three persons and the county's chance of retaining its title as "safest county in the state" for another year.

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, accepted a certificate on behalf of the county and Franklin's was presented to Mayor W. C. Burrell. In the absence of Mayor W. H. Cobb of Highlands, the award for that town was accepted by J. Horner Stockton.

Prior to introducing the speaker, Mr. McSwain paid tribute to "the man who keeps his eyes on the roads of Macon County and has done and is doing an SEE NO. 2, PAGE 16

Registration Books Opened For Primary

Registration books were thrown open Saturday in preparation for the Democratic primary May 31.

Two Saturdays remain for registering, May 10 and 17. Challenge day will be May 24, according to Siler Slagle, chairman of the board of elections.

The major race in the primary here will be for nomination to the five-member school board. Twelve candidates have filed, including two incumbents.

153 Pupils On Franklin Honor Roll

One-hundred and fifty-three pupils of the Franklin schools were placed on the honor roll for the fifth grading period, according to Principal R. G. Sutton.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a pupil must maintain an average of 90 in class work—make as many A's as B's, or three A's for each C, Mr. Sutton said. An A is 95-100; B, 85-95; C, 75-85.

Honor pupils follow, by grades:

Fourth: Douglas Slagle, Arthur Hays, Max Gladwell, Brenda Cunningham, Barbara Duncan, Virginia Guffie, Jane Long, Margaret Simonds, Doris Sprinkle, Sandy Kinney, John Phillips, Barbara Cunningham, Anne Dean, Judy Reber, Willie Jean Sprinkle.

Fifth: Dwain Horsley, Rebecca Reeves, Barbara Waldrop, Judy Wurst, Grace Wilkes, John Killian, Edgar B. Shope, Billy Davis, Dickie McWilliams, Ervin Bingham, Katrina Elmore, Patricia Dockery, Nancy Siler, Ann Sutton, Ruth Tallent, Frances Whittington, Roberta McCracken, Ann Hall, Louise Houston, Jacqueline Clark.

Sixth: Joan Burrell, Claudette McNeal, Franklin McSwain, Gary McKelvey, Perry Wiggins, Beverly Bryson, Frances Tallent, Betty Russell, Susie Mashburn, Janet Green, Myrtle Dryman, Louise Long, Carolyn Dowdle, Shirley Henson.

Seventh: Billy Gosnell, Lewis Cabe, Randolph Bulgin, Jeanne Turn to Back Page.



The four Girl Scouts above, all members of Franklin, Troop 4, Sunday received Curved Bars, the highest rank in intermediate girl scouting, at a district court of awards in Cherokee. They are, (L to R) front row, Misses Joy McCullum and Ruth Snyder; back row, Jeannette Russell and Jean McCollum. The McCollums are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McCollum, Miss Russell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell, and Miss Snyder, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Snyder, (Staff Photo by J. P. Brady)

M'COLLUMS GET DISTRICT V. F. W. JOBS

Finger Named Advocate; Endorse Mrs. Murray For State Office

Mr. and Mrs. James G. McCollum were named senior vice commander and senior vice president, respectively, of the 17th Veterans of Foreign Wars district at a meeting of posts and auxiliaries in Hendersonville Sunday.

C. Banks Finger, local attorney, was elected judge advocate of the district and Mrs. John Murray was named conductress for the district at the auxiliary session. She also was endorsed by the district for the post of state conductress.

A cup for having the most impressive ritual was awarded the local auxiliary.

Those attending from here, in addition to the above, were John Murray, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams, Frank Plyler, William Garrison, Jack Ragan, Hansel Bennett, and Frank Poindexter.

Spring Concert Of Franklin Band Set Sunday

The annual spring concert of the Franklin band will be presented Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Macon theatre, S. F. (Sammy) Beck, director, announced Wednesday.

Choral groups from the high school will sing selections during intermission.

The band, now in its third year, plans 13 numbers for its concert.

Highlands Man Appointed Staff Chief In Europe

Col. James H. Howe, husband of Mrs. Lise Courtney Howe, of Highlands, has been appointed deputy Chief of Staff for the European Command Communications zone, according to an announcement received here from Major Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis, Jr., commanding general, in Orbe before going to France in March.

A former student at Sewanee Military academy, Sewanee, Tenn and the U. S. Naval academy at (Turn to Back Page

BLOOD DONORS GIVE 76 PINTS

Donations Fall Short On Bloodmobile's First Visit

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile, on its first visit of the year here last Thursday, fell short of its anticipated goal of 150 pints of blood, collecting only 76 pints.

Twenty prisoners from the Macon prison camp were scheduled as donors, but were unable to attend at the last moment, according to W. W. Reeves, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, sponsor of the blood unit's visit.

To those donors who turned out, the commander expressed his appreciation, and that of his organization.

Last year Maconians gave 496 pints of blood in five visits of the Bloodmobile, which operates out of the regional blood center in Asheville.

Donors were served refreshments by members of the post auxiliary.

Negro School Levy Assured

APPOINTS FIVE MEN TO ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mayor Names Plemmons Chairman; Discuss Sewer Extension

A five-man board of adjustments to hear cases arising from Franklin's recently adopted zoning ordinance was appointed by Mayor W. C. Burrell at the regular meeting of the board of Aldermen Monday night.

H. H. Plemmons, a member of the five-man commission that drew the zoning proposal, was appointed chairman of the adjustment board for a three-year term. Named vice chairman was Henry W. Cabe, for a two-year term. Harold Sloan was appointed Turn to Back Page

Commissioners Promise \$30,000; Contract To Be Let Soon

When the county board of education deemed the construction of a new Negro school the "No. 1 problem" in the school system, the board of county commissioners Monday promised a tax levy in the 1952-53 county budget that would provide \$30,000 for building the school.

An estimated \$11,000 — the remainder of the county's state school bond money — will be applied to the amount promised by the commissioners and the contract for construction of the school will be let soon, according to Bob S. Sloan, school board chairman.

County School Superintendent Holland McSwain said plans for the building are in Raleigh awaiting approval of the state board of education.

After meeting with the commissioners, the school board went into executive session, from which reporters were barred, to discuss the reemployment of principals and teachers for the 1952 school year. All principals and teachers with the exception of those who resigned were retained, Supt. McSwain said after the meeting.

Resignations of one principal and seven teachers were studied and the principalship at Iotia school was filled. Principal vacancies at Highlands and Union were not filled, the superintendent said.

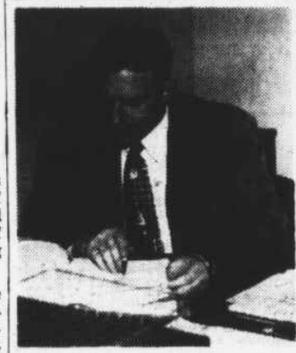
Meeting in the register of deed's office in the courthouse at the same time the school board was in session, the commissioners were invited to sit with the education body to discuss the Negro school situation informally.

If the school is to be built this year, Mr. Sloan explained, the contract should be let as soon as possible in order to take advantage of good weather.

"If we could have some assurance that funds would be made available," the chairman told the commissioners, "we could begin work almost at once."

The commissioners recently were submitted a proposal by the Macon County Citizen's Com- Turn to Back Page

HEADS LEGION



FRED C. VAUGHN

Mr. Vaughn was elected commander of Macon Post No. 108, American Legion, at the post's meeting last Thursday night. Frank Plyler was chosen first vice-commander, Erwin Patton, second vice-commander, Ray Lowe, adjutant, W. W. Sloan, finance officer, the Rev. R. D. Burnette, chaplain, and Frank Shope, sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Patton and Mr. Sloan were re-elected to posts they have held this year. The new officers will be installed at the June meeting.

HOW THEY STAND

Democratic Congress Candidates State Views On Major Issues

Editor's Note

The three candidates for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Congress from this district herewith present their views on some of the major problems before the country.

Their statements are in response to an open letter addressed to them recently by the editor of The Press.

That open letter suggested that while it is "very nice" for a congressman to get things for his district, that that is not enough — that "in today's critical situation, there are more important things for a congressman to do."

The letter then asked the candidates how they stand on these issues of national and international importance:

Economic and military aid to our friends in Europe and Asia. Universal military training. If and how the national budget can be reduced.

Whether we should adopt a pay as you go plan for national defense or go still further into debt.

If some shift of emphasis from purely military defense to some constructive and positive action toward peace is desirable.

Democratic voters in this and other counties of the 12th district will be interested in comparing the attitudes and stands of the three candidates as they appear in this issue of The Press.

FRANK M. PARKER Says:

I am grateful for the opportunity to express through your paper my views on the pressing issues which we face. Today, even more than in other years, it is important that voters should know the attitudes and opinions of those who seek to represent them.

At the outset, I believe that the man who represents this district in Congress, whoever he may be, must always remember that he represents the best interests of this district only as he represents the best interests of our nation as a whole. If in these times we are to continue as free men responsible to govern ourselves and at the same time are to discharge the heavy burdens of leadership of the free world, then our national leaders must always place national interests ahead of any localized or special interests.

I believe that the inflationary rise in our costs of living constitutes a continuing threat to our economy and to our way of life! Ultimately, inflation can only be stopped by a balanced federal budget. Since I believe that federal taxes are already dangerously high, obviously we can only balance our budget by reducing appropriations. This may mean that for the time being we may have to forego some federal projects which we in this district would particularly like to support. I believe that

the proper time for such expenditures would arrive only when the danger of inflation had been overcome.

I believe that we must remain militarily strong and that a program of Universal Military Training offers the best and most equitable method for maintaining our armed forces. I believe that such a program is the soundest guaranty we might have against a third world war and would offer us the best protection if such a war should come. Unless we train our young men in time of peace, we may not again have adequate time to train them in time of war.

I believe that we must continue, and perhaps for some years to come, to give economic and military assistance to our friends abroad. Even if we would, we cannot avoid the responsibilities of world leadership. Our moral commitments and our own national self-interests make it imperative that we prevent Western Europe from falling to the Communists.

I believe that internal economic and efficiency in the federal government can be fostered by putting into effect the remaining recommendations of the Hoover Report and that these recommendations should be adopted. (Turn to Back Page

GEORGE A. SHUFORD Says:

In a recent issue of The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian you addressed an open letter to Mr. Frank Parker, Mr. Dale Thrash and to me, as candidates for Representative to Congress from the 12th Congressional district.

In this letter you stated that the Democratic voters of this district have a right to know how each of us stand, "on some of the major issues before the country to-day — issues which the next Congressman from this district almost certainly will be called upon to help decide." You set forth in your letter certain specific questions. I will only undertake to give my views on the questions asked, for to do otherwise would make this letter too long.

Many questions in addition to the ones contained in your letter will be presented to the Congress from time to time, necessitating immediate decisions by that body. Perhaps my views on those questions can be now determined from what I have to say here.

Here in America we enjoy a democracy and are determined that for us this democracy, "the American way of life," shall be maintained. This American way of life is freedom and freedom is at grips with the irreconcilable ideology of Communism, which threatens us as we have never been threatened before. To combat this threat

it is necessary that we have allies abroad, for the spread of Communism must be checked by all of the people of the world. I believe we are winning the battle.

Following World War II it was necessary, in order to stem the tide of Communist aggression, to aid economically our friends of the free world so that they could be assisted to a self-sustaining position. Vast sums have been advanced in this connection. It now appears, however, that this foreign economic aid can safely be reduced if not discontinued without jeopardy to them or ourselves. We cannot spend ourselves into bankruptcy. Our European and Asiatic friends ought to support themselves now without further economic aid from the American government. They should be informed that we can no longer carry unlimited appropriations and that they must begin to assume their full share of the economic support burden.

Because of the unpredictable Soviet government it is apparent that further military assistance to our friends abroad is necessary. This program should be limited, in my opinion, to that absolutely necessary to maintain peace. Here in this country we must stay solvent in order to stay ready to defend ourselves. Unnecessary ap- Turn to Back Page

L. DALE THRASH Says:

It has always been the custom in my community and in other communities throughout this great land when a neighbor's house burns down we take our hammers and saws and help him rebuild his house. If his granary burns we take seed corn and seed wheat so he can produce another crop. We also keep him supplied with food until his crop is harvested. He is then back on his feet and will accept nothing more from his neighbors.

We Americans have been extending this good neighbor policy to the nations that have been the scenes of world war battlefields and we should continue to share our technical and agricultural "know how" with them. Providence has been good to most of all these nations and to us during the past few years in that we have been blessed with bountiful crops. These other nations should therefore now be about ready to again stand alone.

While helping the rest of the world we Americans must safeguard our own economy and plan well for the future of our own nation. We must remember that in about another 35 years our population will be doubled and that we can no longer say to future generations "Go West" where you will find fertile soil and vast areas of valuable timber, mineral and oil. We must also remind our-

selves that not only do we not have these abundant riches to fall back on but we have depleted much of our land of the timber and rich soil and that we too must start rebuilding for the future. Our national and universal economy, even our very existence itself depends on the soil.

I think every boy should go through a period of some form of disciplinary training. This training should be for the making of men and not just how to kill men. The military training I received at N. C. State College has served me well. I learned how to take commands as well as how to give them, how to be prompt and meet engagements on time and above all to cooperate with my fellow man. One also learns that moral living is good for the mind, soul and body. I would be in favor of a four or six month training course over a three year period. I would vote against a seven year compulsory military period as is proposed in Congress now.

Out of every one of our tax dollars 60c is used for military services and 13c for foreign aid. Military men are not trained in business. Therefore men of good business judgment should have more to do with the armament program which I think would result in great savings. Too many impractical men have to do with our government. Turn to Back Page