



Pictured above is the 1952 graduating class of Franklin High school, composed of 42 boys and 59 girls. Commencement exercises are set for May 26 at the Macon theatre.

First row: Ann Blaine, Barbara Shepherd, Betty Burch, Caroline Crawford, Dorothy Medlin, Ella Jo Bishop, Patsy Ar-Frances Bingham, Betty Guffey, Olga Kimsey, Betty Angel, Lee Huggins, Audrey Hays.

Second row: Charles Sanders, Jim Brogden, Zeb Mehaffey, Maxine Taylor, Doris Gribble, Bessie Taylor, Lorena Dalton, wards, Mildred Brown, Mildred Pruettt, Martha Howard, Rosalee Dowdle, Ruth Cruse Medlin, Betty Lou Ledford, Lucille Duvall.

Third row: Jim Rogers, Dan Moore, Bert Ledford, Emma Leshner Green, Bill Kinsland, Grady Thompson, Eulene Davis, trell, Bryant Cunningham, Gene Stamey, Kermit Dehart, Bobby Berry, Palma Fouts, Jack Baldwin, Paul Plyler.

Fourth row: Norman Seay, Edwin Poindexter, Don Henry, son, Eugene Patton, George Curtis, Billy Solesbee, Johnny Dills, Clara Jo Waters, Bernice Hurst, Bobby Ledford, Eugene Britton,

Absent when the picture was made were Rosemary Huscus-

Libby Murray, Iris Long, Virginia Setser, Mary Ann Killian, old, Emma Lou Ramsey, Betty Henry, Kathryn Roten, Mary Ruby Dehart, Catherine Cunningham, Martha Nell Penland, Carol

Louise Raby, Martha Ann Stockton, Georgia Nell McDonald, Eula Mae Gibson, Frances Deal, Charlotte Love, Lucille Ed-Mashburn, Pauline Dills, Louise Holland, Leona Rice, Bonnie Geneva Crawford, Richard Jones, Claude McFalls, Roy Tippett,

Jean Elliott, Geneva Lou Moss, Meda Angel, Wanda Crisp, Bobby Tysinger, Howard Deitz, Clyde Bingham, Howard Can-Norris, Elmer Johnson, Joyce Welch, Katrina Cochran, Margaret

Johnny Henderson, Howard Patton, Pat Pattillo, Elbert Ander-Frank Deal, Eugene Pickens, Paul Tallent, Russell McKelvey, Charles Gibson, Walter Hall

son and Mary Ledford.

Annual Commerce Session Tomorrow

Democrats Plan County Convention Saturday Afternoon

Election of a county chairman and delegates to the state convention will have top priority at the county Democratic convention here Saturday afternoon.

The session is slated for 2:30 o'clock at the county courthouse. All precinct committeemen and interested persons are urged to attend, Jess Shope, county chairman, said Tuesday.

Saturday is the last day for registering for the Democratic primary May 31. Challenge day will be observed May 24.

The major race locally will be for nomination to the five-member county board of education. Twelve are seeking nomination including two women and two incumbents.

Will Set New Projects; Donald Smith Slated As Speaker

Projects for the coming year will be mapped at the annual meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Merchant's Association, and Credit Bureau slated for Slagle Memorial building tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:45 o'clock.

Speaker at the meeting will be Donald Smith, who came to Franklin about two years ago from Michigan, and whose experiences include six years in Ontario, Canada, as a trapper. He also was instrumental in setting up the credit bureau here and has a wide background in chamber of commerce work.

In the past, new officers for the commerce body have been named at the annual meeting, generally held in February. However, this year's slate was elected in March since plans for the annual meeting were indefinite at that time. They include E. W. Renshaw, president, Frank B. Duncan, vice-president, and Oscar Ledford, treasurer. Members of the board of directors, in addition to the above officers, are Lee Wood, W. W. Reeves, W. C. Burrell, and Claude Bolton.

Members will be given an opportunity at the meeting to discuss the work done by the chamber in the past, as well as submit their views on methods of improving the service of the organization, the new president said this week.

A survey of work completed in 1951 by the commerce body includes:

- (1) Sold tickets to the Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills."
- (2) Supplied literature to chambers of commerce in several different states as well as to travel agencies and tourists.
- (3) Set up completely new Franklin tourist folder, which will be ready for distribution June 1.
- (4) Operated credit bureau.
- (5) Made survey for the Western North Carolina associated communities.
- (6) Advertised in High Tops magazine, 10,000 copies distributed.
- (7) Issued permits to solicit funds in Town of Franklin.
- (8) Sponsored a program for 4-H clubs, giving cash prizes amounting to \$150.
- (9) Worked with the US 411 (Uncle Remus route) association.
- (10) Handed 1,000 direct requests for information on tourist accommodations, real estate.

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Mrs. Higgins' Piano Pupils Plan Recital Tomorrow Night

Mrs. Harry S. Higgins will present her piano pupils in annual recital tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at the East Franklin school, she announced this week. The general public is invited, Mrs. Higgins said.

PLAN HOMECOMING

A homecoming day is planned at the Bethel Methodist church June 1, and will feature an all-day program with dinner served on the grounds, it has been announced.

Rotary Backs Athletic Day For Students

An athletic field day for elementary students of the Franklin school district was held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at the high school athletic field under the sponsorship of the Rotary club.

Winners in the various events were not available late yesterday afternoon.

Schools participating included Cowee, Cullasaja, East Franklin, Iotia, and Cartoogechaye.

Eighth grade students from the schools, who will attend Franklin High next fall, were conducted on a tour of the new school building on invitation of Principal R. G. Sutton.

Franklin High coaches Ralph (Chuck) McConnell and Dick Stott were in charge of the field day. The event was planned by the Rotary athletic committee, of which Clayton Ramsey is chairman.

Spring Here? 'Blackberry Winter' Brings Blankets

And who said Spring is here?

Since last Wednesday the thermometer has been bounding up and down like a foot-loose elevator, from a high of 85 degrees Wednesday of last week to a "bring out the blankets, Mother" low of 30 yesterday.

Oldtimers have a name for the shiver-provoking phenomenon — "Blackberry Winter". Without it, they say, toast would be sadly lacking in blackberry jam later on.

So, back to your overcoats, citizens, spring is a little late this year.

PLAN BAKE SALE

The monthly bake sale sponsored by the St. Agnes Episcopal auxiliary will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the Children's shop beginning at 8 a. m., it has been announced.

Eisenhower Gets Nomination In High School Straw Poll

"I like Ike" seems to be the political cry of the majority of Franklin High school students, according to the results of a presidential poll conducted at the school Tuesday.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican, edged out Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver, Democrat, 182 to 154.

Four-hundred and fifty-nine students registered for the school "primary".

Runnerup on the Democratic ticket was Sen. Richard B. Russell, of Georgia, with 66 votes. The candidate who, in real life, currently is leading Gen. Eisenhower in garnering convention delegates for the Republican nomination, Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, polled only 18 votes for second high on the G.O.P. ticket.

President Harry S. Truman, although he has announced that he will not run again, nevertheless picked up 11 votes in the high school poll.

Other candidates and votes were:

Democrats: Hubert Humphrey, 1; W. Averell Harriman, 0; Brien McMahon, 0; Robert S. Kerr, 1; Adlai Stevenson, 3.

Republicans: Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 10; Harold E. Stassen, 1; Earl Warren, 0.

There was one write-in vote for George Washington!

Benefit Supper At Union School Planned May 24

A benefit supper to raise funds for equipping the new school lunchroom is scheduled for May 24 by the Union Parent-Teacher association, it has been announced.

The event, to which the public is invited, will be held at the new school, which recently was completed under Macon County's million dollar school building program. A charge of \$1 per plate will be made for adults and 50 cents for children. Hours will be 7 to 9 p. m.

Home-Coming At Dryman's Chapel Is Scheduled May 25

The annual home-coming program at Dryman's Chapel Methodist church will be held Sunday, May 25, it was announced this week.

The all-day observance, which will get under way at 10 a. m., will be marked by preaching service, singing, and dinner on the grounds. All singers are invited, the announcement said.

VALEDICTORIAN



LOUIS REESE

SALUTATORIAN



HAZE EDWARDS

Young Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Reese, Jr., has been named valedictorian of the Highlands High school graduating class and young Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edwards, salutatorian. The valedictorian also is president of the senior class.

Otto School Sponsoring Quartet Visit Saturday

The Otto school will sponsor a benefit performance by the Modern Gospel Quartet, of Toccoa, Ga., Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the school. The proceeds will be used toward paying for the lunchroom, it was announced.

13 REPORT FOR TEAM PRACTICE

Next Tryout Scheduled Tomorrow At School Athletic Field

Thirteen boys turned out Saturday for the first tryouts for the American Legion Junior baseball team being formed here and another practice is slated for tomorrow (Friday) at 3:20 p. m. at the Franklin High athletic field.

All boys in the county who will not reach their seventeenth birthday this year are eligible to tryout for the team.

Those reporting out Saturday included Roger Tallent, Wayne Stewart, Jackie Hollman, Dan Gibson, Richard Renshaw, Al Berry, Bill Hunnicutt, Richard Bradley, Connie Potts, Farrell Henson, Wardie Young, Jerry Finney, and Tommy Corbin.

League play will get under way in June.

Miss Renshaw Named As Girl's State Delegate

Miss Wilma Renshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, of Franklin, has been selected as a delegate to the 1952 Tar Heel Girl's State by the local American Legion auxiliary.

Announcement of delegates to Boy's State will be made later, according to Fred C. Vaughn, commander of the local American Legion post.

The boys' and girls' governmental meetings are sponsored annually by the American Legion, and posts throughout the state send delegates.

Both events will be held June 13-19, Girl's State on the campus of Woman's college, Greensboro, and Boy's State at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Delegates are selected on the basis of scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. Only rising seniors in high school are eligible.

Meeting Of Franklin P.T.A. Slated Monday

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the high school cafeteria, it has been announced.

Yearly reports from all committees will feature the program and Mrs. Myra Waldrop will give a report on the citizenship committee of the local unit of the N. C. Education association.

Local Pupils Will Present 3 Operettas

Three operettas by school children are scheduled for presentation here Wednesday and Thursday of next week under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher.

Wednesday's performances will be held at the Franklin High school gymnasium beginning at 1:30 p. m. East Franklin school will play host to the three Thursday at the same hour.

First grade pupils of the Franklin elementary school will present a three-act operetta entitled, "Uncle Billy's Candy Shop". "Woes of the Crows", a one-act operetta, will be given by the East Franklin school first graders, and that school's fourth grade will present, "Under the Greenwood Tree", an operetta based on the story of Robin Hood.

Admission will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, the music teacher said.

Three Inducted Monday; Next Draft Call June 9

Rondal Conley and Rozelle McCoy, both of Franklin, and Clayton E. Ammons, of Franklin, Route 4, were sent to Knoxville, Tenn., Monday morning for induction into the army, the local selective service board has announced.

A 20-man pre-induction examination contingent also reported to Knoxville the same day, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary.

Macon's next draft call will be for seven men on June 9, she said. A 17-man pre-induction contingent also will be sent to Knoxville on that date.

11 Baptists Attending Southern Convention

Eleven from Macon County left this week-end for Miami, Fla., to attend the Southern Baptist convention, which opened yesterday (Wednesday).

They were the Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Chapman, Manson L. Stiles, the Rev. and Mrs. William L. Sorrells, the Rev. Arvil Swafford, the Rev. C. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jacobs, and the Rev. and Mrs. John C. Corbitt.

The Rev. James F. Marchman, of Rabun Gap, Ga., a former pastor here, will preach the Sunday morning service at the First Baptist church in the absence of Mr. Chapman.

The convention ends Saturday.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS AT THREE SCHOOLS MADE

Diplomas Will Be Given To 115 At Exercises This Month

One-hundred and fifteen will be graduated from Macon County's three high schools—Franklin, Highlands, and Nantahala—at commencement exercises the last of this month.

Of the total, 101 will receive diplomas from Franklin, nine from Nantahala, and five from Highlands. All three high schools plan baccalaureate sermons and commencement exercises.

Commencement exercises at Highlands are set for May 28 at the school at 7:45 p. m. W. B. Harrell, public relations director at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, is slated to be the speaker. The school's baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Arthur Ranson, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church. This graduation feature will be held at the Highlands Methodist church on May 25 at 7:45 p. m.

Highland's graduating class includes Louis Reese, valedictorian, Haze Edwards, salutatorian, Onville Owens, Miss Edith Head, and Miss Pearl Chastain. County School Supt. Holland McSwain will confer the diplomas.

Graduation exercises will be held at Nantahala May 23 at SEE NO. 2, PAGE 6

Band Concert

Sunday Well Received; Nets \$148.50

Playing to a near-capacity audience, the Franklin school band and chorus presented their annual spring concert at the Macon theatre Sunday afternoon.

The concert was under the direction of S. F. (Sammy) Beck.

Miss Ann Hays was piano accompanist. The 90-minute concert was well received by the audience, which came from many parts of the county, and a silver offering for the band netted \$148.50.

RUMMAGE SALE SLATED

A rummage sale, under the sponsorship of the Union home demonstration club, will be held on The Square Saturday, it has been announced. Proceeds will go to a fund for equipping the Union school lunchroom.



Miss Bonnie May, (left) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley May, has been selected salutatorian, and Miss Mae Beth Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Grant, valedictorian, of the 1952 graduating class of Nantahala High school. Miss Grant maintained an average of 87 in class work during her four years in high school and Miss May an average of 86.2. Graduation exercises at the school are set for May 23. Nine will be graduated. (Staff Photo by J. J. Bledsoe)