

Begin Cowee-Dillsboro Road Survey

LODGE HOLDS ANNIVERSARY DINNER HERE

Event Marks 100th Year Of Macon's Oldest Fraternal Group

The oldest fraternal organization in Macon County, Junaluske Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., celebrated its 100th anniversary with a banquet for more than 150 persons in the Franklin school cafeteria Tuesday night.

Many of those present were deeply moved by the address of Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, who stressed the idea that the by-products of Masonry were the most important contribution that the organization had to make to the various communities throughout the world.

Past Master B. L. McGlamery presided over the meeting and presented to the group; E. L. Hyde, outgoing worshipful master; John Bulgin, incoming worshipful master; A. B. Slagle, oldest member on rolls of Junaluske Lodge in point of service, having been made a master Mason in 1904; Bruce Palmer, youngest Mason, having just recently been taken into the lodge.

Former masters of the lodge, H. Lee Guffey, Frank I. Murray, C. Gordon Moore, J. Ward Long, Mr. McGlamery, Mr. Slagle, E. R. Bullock, H. H. Plemmons and T. T. Love, also were recognized by the group.

The event, Mr. McGlamery pointed out, was of particular significance to Mr. Bulgin, as it enabled him to celebrate three anniversaries at once—the 100th birthday of the lodge, which both he and his father before him have been very active in, his taking over as master of the lodge, and his own birthday.

Mr. Gray, principal speaker for the evening, was introduced by Holland McSwain, past master of the lodge at Yanceyville, and present member of Junaluske Lodge.

In developing his theme concerning the value of the by-products of Masonry, Mr. Gray gave as an example the life of George Washington Carver, who studied to become a teacher and whose principal purpose in life was to educate Negro boys and girls to enable them to make a better living, yet who is best

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

Franklin's Main Street is gaily lit with Christmas lights again, and Mayor W. C. Burrell yesterday called attention to the fact that, as usual, the lights were put up by employees of the Western Carolina Telephone Company and the Nantahala Power and Light Company, working on their own time, without compensation.

He expressed appreciation to these men, adding that the people of the town and the county, who enjoy the lights during the holiday season, are indebted to the employees of the two companies for this contribution of their time and work.

That was quite a crowd gathered around the electric train displayed by the Franklin Jaycees in downtown Franklin Saturday. A contribution to the Jaycees' swimming pool fund puts one's name in the pot for the drawing on the train on December 20.

The "skyscraper" at Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc., is taking shape.

Sidewalk construction engineers are gathering around the front of Prelo Dryman's store building on Main Street, giving the usual advice on "here's how I would do it."

154 Inducted Into Service During Year

The induction of 10 men Monday morning brought to 154, the number of men sent into uniform in 1952 by the local selective service board, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, secretary.

Apparently no slow-down in drafting can be expected in 1953 for the board already has received a call for 17 men on January 12—the largest local call since early last spring.

Men sent to Knoxville, Tenn., for induction Monday included Gene C. Evans, L. E. Angel, Marion Thomas, Jr., Kenneth K. Boone, Charles D. Cross, Burley L. Chastain, John L. Wiggins, Cleo Dalton, Franklin D. Lequire, and John L. Keener.

All inductees are given free subscriptions to The Press, compliments of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts.

In giving the total number of inductees, Mrs. Jones also said board records show that 195 registrants enlisted in various branches of the service in 1952. She also said the board lists 31 reservists, who are subject to recall to active duty at any time.

DRAMA GROUP HAS 'ARRIVED'

By WEIMAR JONES

The Franklin Community Players organization definitely has "arrived" on the dramatic scene.

That was attested by the enthusiasm of the audiences at Friday and Saturday night's performances of the group's initial play, "Dear Ruth".

First of all, the play was well cast; most of the players fitted their roles so well that the audiences often forgot they were "play acting". Except for a slight drag in the opening scenes the first night—the per-

formance attended by this reviewer—it seemed well directed. And members of the cast showed real acting ability, giving promise of constantly improving productions.

The only major criticism that seems warranted was the failure of some of the players to add that extra painstaking effort that always spells the difference between something that is good and something that is excellent. In some instances the audience was conscious that the players were having to concentrate on remembering their lines, instead of having so thoroughly mastered them as to be able to concentrate on their acting. They showed real stage presence, however, by being able to ad lib in most such cases without undue delay.

Special mention, it seems to me, should be given to the

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'Aunt Jane' Bryson, Macon's Oldest Citizen, Will Be 102 Years 'Young' This Week-End

She'll be 102 years "young" Sunday!

Who? Why, Mrs. Martha Jane Bryson, who is more affectionately known as "Aunt Jane", and is Macon County's oldest citizen.

Already greeting cards from friends and relatives all over the country are pouring into her white frame house on Bryson Branch (Cullasaja), where she has lived for 78 years. And members of her family



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Friday morning on Burningtown, at the ripe age of 75, Cicero Fouts, (right), of Franklin, Route 3, bagged his first deer—a two-point buck that tipped the scales at about 140 pounds. The "young" hunter used a 10-gauge shotgun to down the animal. His hunting companions were (left) I. M. Wilson and Rex Duvall.

Local hunters beat the brush for deer from last Wednesday through Saturday—the finale for deer this year—and several kills were reported. Frank Solesbee, of Nantahala, killed an eight-point, 218-pounder, in the Harrison Cove section Saturday. He was hunting with Dallas and Ralph Solesbee and Ralph Allison, of Hiwassee, Ga. Brice Roland, of Nantahala, bagged a 14-point buck in the Clear Creek section Saturday, and Lyman Gregory, of Franklin, downed a 150-pounder near Wayah Bald on Wednesday. Two sailors from the battleship Iowa, Seaman Kenneth F. Rogers and Edward Gregory, of Cullasaja, went squirrel hunting last Wednesday and returned with a six point buck. The kill was made on Cartoogehaye. The two are home on leave, after spending seven months in Korean waters on the battleship.

Boy Injured In Car Wreck On Saturday

Freeman Williamson, 18, of Franklin, Route 1, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck on the Murphy Highway early Saturday afternoon.

The driver of the automobile in which young Williamson was a passenger, George Bates, about 20, of Franklin, is charged with drunk and reckless driving, according to Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd. He was uninjured in the mishap and was released Sunday under \$600 bond.

Angel Hospital reported that Williamson received a fractured skull and is improving.

Patrolman Byrd said the Bates automobile apparently was traveling toward Franklin at a high rate of speed when the driver lost control near the "Twin Churches". The vehicle traveled about 155 yards after leaving the highway and overturned twice, the patrolman said. The accident occurred at 12:40 o'clock.

Patrolman Byrd and Patrolman V. E. Bryson, of Highlands, were the investigating officers.

BAKE SALE SLATED
The St. Agnes Episcopal Auxiliary will hold a bake sale tomorrow (Friday) at the Children's Shop beginning at 9 a. m., it has been announced.

FOREST FIRE REPORT MADE

Blazes Cost \$81,500 On Nantahalas, First Estimates Show

Forest fires on the Nantahala National Forest from July 1 to date cost approximately \$81,500, according to Supervisor E. W. Renshaw.

Preliminary estimates indicate that about \$34,000 was expended for salaries, supplies, and mileage in fighting the fires, the supervisor said. Damage to timber was approximately \$47,500.

About \$15,000 of the total figure was spent in this county, Mr. Renshaw added.

November was the critical month as a prolonged drought got a firm grip on Western counties. In the first 15 days of the month, fires burned over approximately 5,500 acres in Macon alone, the majority national forest land. A wind-fanned fire in the Tellico section destroyed approximately 4,000 acres before fighters brought it under control, with the welcome assistance of rain—a commodity which at that time was becoming rare here. On the entire forest as a whole for the same period, an average of a fire a day broke out.

The three contest divisions are:

(1) Best outdoor Christmas scene—tree, figures, and nativity scenes.

(2) Most effective window and door display.

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MACON'S OLDEST FRATERNAL GROUP HAD 'UPS AND DOWNS'

Junaluske Lodge, No. 145, A. F. and A. M., the second oldest masonic lodge west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, gave a dinner here Tuesday night.

But it was more than just "a dinner", for it marked the 100th anniversary of the chartering of the lodge, which has weathered three wars, had more than its share of the "ups and downs", and is still going strong.

Plans are now under way for building a new Masonic Hall to replace the out-dated one used by the lodge since October, 1870.

A history of the lodge from its formation in 1851 to 1947 was prepared by G. L. Houk, worshipful master in 1946, and it reflects the fellowship, humor, and pathos of the lodge as it became of age.

According to Mr. Houk's history, the Cherokee Indians had opened the area to white settlers only about 30 years and Franklin was a youthful 20 years old when the first meeting of the lodge was held under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The meeting was held in a building owned by J. T. Siler on the west side of the present Town Square and those present included J. T. Siler, who served 14 years as lodge master, D. R. Lowery, Stephen Munday, and Felix Axley.

The lodge plunged into organizational procedure with a vengeance, meeting five times in seven days. M. R. Slagle became the first man to receive

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Civil Cases Moved Ahead To Next Term

The civil session of the December term of superior court here failed to materialize—all cases scheduled for trial were continued to the April (1953) term, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court.

Judge William H. Bobbitt returned to his home in Charlotte last week soon after the end of the light criminal session.

Ten civil actions were scheduled for trial, including three divorces. The case of John Wishon vs the Nantahala Power and Light Company, which has been marked by a series of continuances and a mistrial, was settled out of court. Mr. Wishon, a mill operator, was suing the power company for damages allegedly incurred when the company erected a dam on White Oak Creek, cutting off his water supply at the mill. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Following are criminal cases disposed of by the judge on Tuesday of last week, the closing day of the session:

G. D. McClure, abandonment, capias issued.

Marcellus Wood, abandonment, nol pros with leave.

Carl W. Tyler, non-support, nol pros with leave.

Charlie William Paul, reckless driving and manslaughter, first charge continued, second not a true bill.

Charles M. Hodgkin, drunk driving, six months suspended, \$200, costs.

Robert Bingham, drunk driving, 90 days suspended, \$100, costs.

Robert Lamb, transporting and possession of whiskey and abduction, six months suspended, \$200 and costs, first charge; nol pros with leave, second.

Harold Swafford, non-support, continued.

Austin Dills, assault with a SEE NO. 5, PAGE 7

Crusade

Is Under Way; Cabc Again Chairman

Henry W. Cabc has been appointed Macon County chairman for the Crusade for Freedom again this year.

The Crusade for Freedom, a non-governmental organization, seeks to get the truth across the Iron Curtain to the peoples of Russia and its satellites. Powerful radio broadcasts, leaflets carried by wind, and other methods are used.

It is financed by individual donations, chiefly donations of a few dollars or even school children's nickels and dimes. This county's 1952 quota is \$110.

Mr. Cabc believes this small sum can be raised without an intensive campaign, and asks that those who wish to contribute see him at the Bank of Franklin. He hopes to raise the full sum in the next 10 days.

PLAN TO START ON NANTAHALA SURVEY JAN. 1

Highway Body To Offer Prison Camp Plot For Sale

L. Dale Thrash, 10th division highway commissioner, announced here yesterday that:

1. Survey of the new highway to be built from Cowee Gap to Dillsboro has been started. He could not say when the project will be let to contract.

2. Survey of the Wayah Road, which extends from the intersection of the Murphy (US 64) Highway via Wayah Gap to the new Nantahala School, will be started immediately after January 1. The section is to be relocated and surfaced from the end of the present blacktop at Cold Springs to the school.

3. About 11 acres of land, a part of the property of the state prison camp here, will be advertised for sale. This wooded property, unused for prison purposes, fronts about 1,000 feet on the Bryson City Highway, and lies just south of the intersection of the Bryson City Highway and the road from that highway to the prison camp.

4. Survey of the proposed new road from Franklin to the Georgia line has been completed, and the data are in the Raleigh office of the State Highway Commission. It will take several months, however, for the planning division of the commission to complete work on the plans and be ready to advertise for bids.

BOARD ASKS WORK BIDS

Town Hopes To Begin Bonny Crest Job By New Year

Franklin is advertising for bids on the Bonny Crest sewer project and town officials hope to have construction under way by the first of the year.

At a special meeting Wednesday night of last week, the board of aldermen authorized Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey to invite bids for the installation of the new sewer line and to order the materials needed for the project.

Funds for the new line were set up in the 1952-53 budget, under water and sewer improvements. According to Mr. Ramsey, about \$5,000 already has been spent by the town for improvements, leaving approximately \$13,000 for the Bonny Crest project.

Citizens of the Bonny Crest section, in the south end of the town, have been pushing for a sewer line for several years. Many residents have had plumbing fixtures on hand for more than a year, waiting for the town to move ahead with the project.

The job will involve about 7,500 feet of ditching and some SEE NO. 4, PAGE 7

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Siler, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN		
	Temperatures	
	High	Low
Wednesday	56	34
Thursday	50	33
Friday	48	38
Saturday	63	24
Sunday	64	21
Monday	64	27
Tuesday	66	42

COWEETA		
	Temperatures	
	High	Low
Wednesday	54	29
Thursday	48	28
Friday	52	35
Saturday	63	22
Sunday	61	20
Monday	60	27
Tuesday	62	36