

KUSTERER IS NOMINEE FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Franklin High Senior Picked From Three For Honor

John Joseph (Jack) Kusterer, Franklin High senior, has been chosen as this county's nominee for one of the \$1,250-a-year Morehead scholarships to the University of North Carolina. Yesterday he, along with nominees from 17 other counties in the mountain area, was interviewed by the district Morehead committee in Asheville. Those recommended by that committee finally must appear before a state committee, which will select the students to be awarded scholarships. This is the first time Morehead scholarships have been available to high school stu-



dents, and the exact number to be awarded has not been announced. It is understood, however, that some eight or 10 outstanding North Carolina high school seniors of 1953 will win these coveted scholarships.

They will be awarded on a basis of intelligence, character, and imagination, supported by achievement and physical health and vigor, to male students giv-

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

'NEW DEAL' NEEDED

pandemonium almost took over a bridge game at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Reeves on Wednesday night of last week. The 'pasteboards' were given a thorough cut by Mrs. Ed Williams and were then dealt by Mrs. Mildred Perry. Mrs. Reeves picked up her hand—13 hearts; Mrs. Perry stared at 13 clubs; Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum oggled 13 diamonds; and Mrs. Williams peered at 13 spades. AND the hand was not played because of the excitement, the ladies say.

GLANCES LEFT AND RIGHT

sidewalk engineers slept happily Wednesday night of last week after watching the removal of the old frame Jamison Building next to the post office. The one-story building was jacked up, put on wheels, and moved to a lot on Palmer Street. . . and already folks are pointing to the vacant hole on Main Street and asking "what was there?"

POLITICS

TV, with all its snow and blurred and jumping images, was quite popular here Tuesday. . . something about the inauguration of Gen. Eisenhower being telecast. Main Street slowed to a crawl and more than a handful of men filled the Western Auto Associate Store where Verlon Swafford had a TV set operating.

NO ROBINS?

Spring took an early look at Macon Monday. . . folks almost basking under a blue and cloudless sky. . . and before the groundhog made his annual prediction, too.

STILL CHRISTMAS

It appears that everyday is Christmas in Franklin. . . strings of lights, although not burning, are still up. . . no trees spotted the

Duncan And Wood Purchase Baptist Lot On Palmer Street

Frank B. Duncan and Lee Wood, Franklin businessmen, have purchased the Baptist-owned lot at the intersection of West Palmer Street and US 23, which has been deemed unsuitable as a church building site by the First Baptist Church. Purchase price was \$25,000, according to Mr. Woods. Members of the church recently gave up trying to build a new \$200,000 church on the lot when it was found that the ground was not solid enough to support a large building. The church now plans to build on the present church grounds, razing the old building as construction proceeds. The lot was purchased in July, 1948, from Erwin Patton and E. C. Kingsberry for \$16,500.

Grading On New Project Moves Ahead

Grading on the new Franklin-Cowee Gap Highway (US 23), hampered in recent months by bad weather, got a new spark of life Monday with the arrival of two heavy-duty earth moving machines, according to S. T. Usry, resident state highway engineer. "Things should progress rapidly, barring more bad weather," he said. The two large machines, put on the job by the contractor, J. C. Critcher, Inc., each can move approximately 25 yards of dirt in one operation, the engineer explained. To date, he said approximately 200,000 yards of dirt have been moved on the project, which over-all involves moving more than a million yards. All through-traffic has been detoured around the \$618,000 project for several months, via Bryson City.

Bank Of Franklin Renames Officers

All officers and members of the board of directors of the Bank of Franklin have been reelected for another year. Directors include A. B. Slagle, M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, Fred M. Arnold, Grover Jamison, Sr., R. S. Jones, and L. B. Limer. Officers of the bank are Mr. Slagle, chairman of the board, Mr. Dowdle, president, Mr. Jones, vice-president, Mr. Cabe, cashier, George Dean, assistant cashier, and Grover Jamison, Jr., assistant cashier. A report of condition at the close of business on December 31, 1952, listed the bank's assets at \$2,241,804.19.

Sneed Takes Over Local A & P Store

Clyde H. Sneed, a native of Murphy, Monday took over duties as manager of the local A & P Store, succeeding Roy Gwaltney, who has taken over the management of a super market in Waynesville. Mr. Sneed has been with the grocery chain for seven years and his last store was in Sylva. He and his wife and two children are living on Lyle Street. Mr. Gwaltney was manager of the store here for seven years.

Meeting Of Methodist Men Set Tuesday Night

The Macon County Methodist Men's Club will hold its January meeting at the Franklin Methodist Church Tuesday evening at 7:30. Erwin Patton, president, will preside. Members of the church's Wesleyan Service Guild will serve the supper.

During 1952 In Macon

STORK BESTS REAPER IN STATISTICS RACE

That fabulous bird — The Stork—left the Grim Reaper in the dust in the vital statistics race in Macon County during 1952. Figures compiled for the year just ended by Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, show there were 328 babies born and 128 deaths. The largest number of births—189—occurred in the county's largest township, Franklin. This

BANQUET SET BY JAYCEES

Will Mark Anniversary, Special Award, And 'Bosses Night'

Plans for a three-purpose banquet in February were shaped by the Franklin Jaycees at a brief meeting Monday night. The banquet, tentatively slated for February 16 at Slagle Memorial, will mark: (1) the first anniversary celebration of the organization, (2) the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to "Macon County's Young Man of the Year", who is now being nominated by other civic organizations, and (3) the observance of "Bosses Night", with Jaycees bringing their employers as special guests. Dwight Baty, of Waynesville, Jaycee district vice-president, attended Monday's meeting here to discuss the organization of a junior chamber in Bryson City with the local organiza-

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Nurse Will Talk To Iotla P. T. A.

Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Iotla Parent-Teacher Association Monday evening at the school. Piano pupils of Mrs. Weimar Jones also will take part in the program. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock. The nurse's topic will be "War on Tuberculosis", and she plans to show a 20-minute film, "On the Firing Line", which shows the many ways this country is fighting tuberculosis.

LOCAL COUPLE LEASES LODGE ON GA. ROAD

Pattillos Plan To Open Franklin Tourist Resort May 15

The 50-acre Franklin Lodge and Golf Course on the Georgia Highway (US 23) has been leased by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pattillo, of Franklin, Route 4, according to T. W. Angel, Jr., and Frank B. Duncan, co-owners of the property. "Mr. and Mrs. Pattillo plan to open the lodge for the season May 15. The lodge will be available for special meetings and parties, they said, and the dining hall will be open to the public. The small tourist resort was operated last season by Stuts Gilbert and Jack Martin, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

H. H. Gnuse Renamed To Scout Post

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., of Franklin, has been renamed chairman of the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District for another year. Other local men elected to posts include John Edwards, district commissioner, and Mac Ray Whitaker, chairman of the health and safety committee. Co-chairmen of the local Boy Scout fund drive will be the Rev. C. E. Murray and Grant Zickgraf. Mr. Gnuse said this week the drive will get under way here the second week in February, in conjunction with the national campaign. An effort is being made at the present time to encourage local Scouts to attend the International Boy Scout Jamboree in the state of Washington this summer, the district chairman said. Tentative plans call for a chartered train to leave from Atlanta, Ga., to take Scouts in this area to the outing, he added. Approximately 35 boys are active in scouting in the Franklin area and all are eligible to make the trip, Mr. Gnuse said.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

The week's basketball clashes saw: The Franklin lads and lassies chalk up victories over Bryson City and Sylva. Highlands fall by the wayside under the cage antics of Cherokee and Cullowhee. Nantahala split a pair with Hayesville. The Franklin male and female teams pulled their first wins of the week Friday night in Bryson City, the lads winning 64 to 49 and the girls 47 to 23. Tuesday night they continued their red-hot pace by

What's Doing?

Today (Thursday), January 22, Baptist deacons at Cowee church, 7 p. m. Friday, January 23, Franklin cagers meet Cherokee here, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, January 24, fourth Sunday sing, 1:30 p. m., Tellico Baptist Church. Monday, January 26, Junior Woman's Club, Presbyterian Church annex, 7:30 p. m. Monday, January 26, March of Dimes talent show, Nantahala School, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 27, Macon County Methodist Men's Club, 7:30 p. m., Franklin Methodist Church. Tuesday, January 27, Nantahala basketball teams play Robbinsville, at Nantahala, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 27, Franklin cagers play Cullowhee here, 7:30 p. m.

Crew Begins Wayah Road Survey Here

An eight-man state highway crew, headed by Engineer A. G. Crisp, started a preliminary survey of the Wayah Road this week. Wayah Road, a Nantahala Forest Service road taken over by the highway department last year, branches off the Murphy Highway (US 64) and goes through Wayah Gap to the Nantahala community. L. Dale Thrash, 10th division highway commissioner, announced here in December that the stretch would be relocated and surfaced from the end of the present blacktop at Cold Springs to the Nantahala School. The survey crew has taken an office in the Burrell Building.

50 DAIRYMEN GO TO SCHOOL

All-Day Session Marked By Panel Discussion And Film Showing

Approximately 50 Macon County dairymen and prospective dairymen attended an all-day dairying school Wednesday of last week at the agricultural building. The morning session was marked by a panel discussion on feeds, breeding, dairy management, and the outlook for the county. In the afternoon the dairymen saw a film, "No Hand Stripping", on the most efficient practices in milking cows. County Agent S. W. Mendenhall was moderator at the morning session. Members of the panel included J. D. George, of Raleigh, dairy extension specialist; W. R. Murley, from the animal industry department at N. C. State College, Raleigh; O. F. Paison, of the N. C. Department of Agriculture; Dorris Brown, of Raleigh, farm management specialist; and Charlie

Burley Meet Is Planned Friday P. M.

With the burley tobacco planting season not too far off, a meeting of burley growers is planned tomorrow (Friday) at the agricultural building to discuss the latest practices for producing maximum yields. Proper soil type, fertilization, disease and insect control, curing, grading, and marketing, and a number of other important points in burley growing will be discussed, according to County Agent S. W. Mendenhall. The session will begin at 2 p. m. He pointed out that many burley growers in this county were pleased with the prices they received from last year's crop, but that others would have liked to have done better. "That's what this meeting is for," the county agent explained, "to discuss and learn new practices so all growers can receive maximum returns from their allotments."

Rep. Dean's Appointments In House Are Announced

Republican Walter Dean, Macon's representative to the general assembly, has been appointed to the following committees: Appropriations; Education; Expenditures of the House; Federal and Interstate Cooperation; Journal; Local Government; Mental Institutions; Public Utilities; Roads; Salaries and Fees; Enrolled Bills; and Library. Mr. Dean, who defeated Rep. C. Tom Bryson by a narrow margin in the November, 1952, general election, is the first Republican this county has sent to the house of representatives in 26 years. He and Mrs. Dean are living at 615 N. Blount Street while in Raleigh. Dr. J. H. Crawford, the 33rd district's 84-year-old senator, has been named vice-chairman of the Roads committee and got appointments to the Appropriations, Education, Election Laws and Senatorial Districts, Public Health, and Mental Institutions bodies.

Polio Drive Gets Top Billing Here

Heed This! License Deadline Just Eight Days Away

Motorists—do you feel hot air blowing down your necks? You should, for some 2,000 of you still have to purchase 1953 license tags, according to Verlon Swafford, manager of the local office of the Carolina Motor Club. And only eight shopping days remain—the deadline is January 31. After that date, all motorists driving with 1952 tags will be subject to arrest, Mr. Swafford pointed out. Through Tuesday afternoon, sales at the local office were slightly below last year's. The office reported that 1,613 tags have been sold, as compared with 1,634 for the corresponding period in 1952. Sales in 1952 totaled 3,849.

'Players' Meet To Pick Officers

Mrs. Ted Reber last Thursday night was renamed president of the Franklin Community Players, amateur theatrical group, and plans were mapped for presenting another play. Others named to serve with the president are Miss Inez Crawford, vice-president, and Fred Dowdle, secretary-treasurer. Elected to the "Players" board of directors were E. J. Carpenter, Mrs. Allen Siler, Holland McSwain, and Lowell McKee. Mrs. Siler and Mrs. Frank Siersma were appointed by the president to read a number of plays and select one for the group to present early in the spring. In December the organization gave its first play, "Dear Ruth", which was received with enthusiasm by townspeople. Mrs. Reber said as soon as a suitable play has been selected, try-outs will be held. She emphasized that the try-outs will not be solely for members, and said anyone interested in joining the non-profit organization will be invited to compete for a role.

Mashburns Buy Henson Store On Main Street

Roy Mashburn and son, Billy Mashburn, have purchased Henson's Feed and Grocery Store on Main Street from Tom Henson. The store will be managed by Homer D. Johnson, who has been long associated with the Mashburns in other business. Mr. Henson said this week he has no definite plans for the future. Mrs. James To Speak At PTA Meet On Feb. 2 Mrs. Weimar Jones, P. T. A. district director, will be the chief speaker at the meeting of the East Franklin Parent-Teacher Association February 2 at 7:30 p. m., it was announced this week by Mrs. Walter Taylor, who is first vice-president and program chairman. Mrs. Ernest Hyde, president, will preside.

County Moves To Go Over Top Of Its \$3,500 Goal

News-wise, the March of Dimes drive rates top billing in Macon County this week, for more activities are centering around it than any other one thing. Indications are that folks throughout the county intend to go over the \$3,500 goal—they remembered all too well that crippling polio hasn't spared Macon and that their dimes are the answer to licking the disease. Signs of the drive's success: Two, and possibly three, square dances are planned this coming week and next for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Saturday night at 8 o'clock, the local American Legion post will hold a dance at Slagle Memorial Building. Ralph Penland and his string band will furnish the music. Another dance, with proceeds earmarked for the dimes drive, is planned January 31 at 8 p. m. in the Franklin High School gymnasium under the sponsorship of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Joe Ed Wilson will be caller and music will be by Harry Roberson and his band. Otto School, which Saturday night raised more than \$100 for the polio campaign with a square dance, tentatively plans another the night of January 30—the birth date of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, founder of the March of Dimes. Harry Roberson, who is in charge of the drive in the Smithridge Township, said more definite plans will be announced next week. The Nantahala community will level its guns at polio Monday night at the school with a talent show. All proceeds of the show, being sponsored by the community home demonstration club, are earmarked for the March of Dimes drive. The show will start at 7:30 o'clock. Prizes and more prizes will be offered to the best entertainers and everyone is invited to participate, according to Mrs. Ralph Solesbee, H. D. club president. A volunteer army of women will ban together in Franklin the night of January 29 for a "Mothers March on Polio". Members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club will lead the door-to-door campaign. County School Supt. Holland McSwain is leading the county-wide drive this year.

FOUTS DISCHARGED

Pfc. John H. Fouts, who recently returned from a year's tour of duty in Germany, has received his discharge from the army and is now spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nondus Fouts, of Franklin, Route 3. He entered service in January, 1951.

SING SCHEDULED

The fourth Sunday sing of the Northern division of the Macon County Singing Convention is scheduled to be held at the Tellico Baptist Church beginning at 1:30 p. m., it has been announced.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	55	21	—
Thursday	64	31	—
Friday	69	33	—
Saturday	58	40	.03
Sunday	59	44	.63
Monday	64	23	—
Tuesday	54	28	.06

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	54	21	—
Thursday	59	31	—
Friday	67	36	—
Saturday	58	38	.02
Sunday	58	41	1.35
Monday	62	22	—
Tuesday	55	27	—