

PRAYER DAY IS PLANNED FOR FRIDAY

Special Services Set In Franklin And Highlands

Tomorrow (Friday) Macon County will bow its head and join the rest of the free world in prayer for a lasting peace and good will among men.

Special "World Day of Prayer" services are planned both in Franklin and Highlands.

By proclamation Tuesday, Mayor W. C. Burrell, of Franklin, designated Friday as "World Day of Prayer", officially placing the people of this county among millions throughout the world seeking the answer to peace through prayer for guidance.

The women of all Franklin churches have made arrangements for a service at the Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. The program will include prayer and special selections by a choir composed of men and women of all denominations. A film, "World Day of Prayer", will be shown by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent.

A service for the Highlands community will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 3:15 o'clock. Representatives from women's groups of the cooperating churches met Sunday afternoon and planned the service, which is sponsored annually by the women's societies of the various churches. Each participating church will be represented on the program, which will include special music, both instrumental and vocal.

School children will observe a minute of silent prayer during the day.

13 County Men Put In 1-A Class

Thirteen registrants were classified 1-A, available for military service, at a meeting of the local selective service board last Thursday.

The board took action on a total of 47 registrants, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, secretary.

Placed in 1-A were Wendell Waldrop, Alfred R. Higdon, Jr., Odell J. Bolick, Daniel F. Moore, George M. Webb, John M. Webb, George D. McCall, Jr., James M. Haney, Davis S. Moses, Frank H. Garner, Leonard G. Bates, John C. Henderson, and Don Ledford.

Draft-age high school students (1-S-H) constituted the largest group acted upon by the board. Men put in this classification included Frederick L. Stewart, Sidney L. McCarty, III, Bobby K. Moore, Jack G. Hoglen, Lester R. Young, Maxwell G. Jones, Charles H. McCall, Eldridge Bateman, Charles E. Tallent, Thomas W. Dalrymple, Frank Mc. Crane, Richard Mashburn, Charles R. Stewart, and Otis G. Stiwinter.

Other classifications included 1-C (reserve) James P. Wooten and Harley M. Stewart; 1-C (inducted) William L. McCall; 1-C (discharged) George L. Blaine, Ray N. Cabe, Paul W. Price, and J. W. Rankin; 3-A (deferred because of dependents) Edward Franks, James R. Fouts, Lewis C. McCall, and Loyde Hooper; 2-C (deferred because of employment in agriculture) Neville H. McCoy; 4-F (physically, mentally, or morally unfit for duty) Clyde J. Simonds, Roy D. Anderson, and Carl D. Guffey; 5-A (registrant over the age of liability, 26 years) Charles Ross Keener, Harold E. Speed, Charles A. Ledford, James D. Keener, and Sam Shuler.

NAME OMITTED
The name of Lester Reid, Jr., was inadvertently omitted from the list of Macon County men sent to Knoxville, Tenn., for induction into the army on February 10. Mr. Reid volunteered for induction.

PTA WILL MEET
A meeting of the Iotia Parent-Teacher Association is planned Monday evening at the school at 7:30 o'clock, according to Paul Swafford, president.

5 Commerce Directors Are Named

H. W. Cabe, Verlon Swafford, Victor Perry, J. S. Conley, and William Katenbrink are the new members of the seven-man board of directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

They were chosen in a mail election from a field of 10 men nominated by a committee appointed by President E. W. Renshaw to put the 1953 election machinery in motion.

Mr. Renshaw and Oscar Ledford round out the seven-man board. Both are serving the second year of two-year terms.

Others in the board race were Willey Brown, Holland McSwain, Reid Womack, R. R. Gaines, and Lee Wood.

New officers of the commerce body will be elected from among the members of the board.

FORMER POLICE OFFICER DIES

W. M. Officer Succumbs At 82; Rites Held On Friday

William Marshall (Marsh) Officer, former Franklin police officer and well-known resident here, died at 11:45 a. m. last Thursday at his home. He was 82.

Mr. Officer, who was a native of Cookeville, Tenn., had been ill for about four weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 p. m. at the Franklin Methodist Church by the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Born December 22, 1870, Mr. Officer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Officer. In 1910 he was married to the former Miss Mammie Conley, of Franklin. He served on the local police force for 11 years. He also worked as a carpenter and was at one time a guard for the Georgia Power and Light Company.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Jones, of Franklin; a brother, Robert Officer, of Cookeville, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were D. A. (Red) Stewart, Terrell Hollman, Sam J. Murray, Floyd Welch, J. Harry Thomas, and Richard H. Slagle.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FAILS TO GET SCHOLARSHIP

Kusterer Unsuccessful For Morehead Grant To College

Jack Kusterer, Franklin High School senior, was among the scores of unsuccessful applicants for Morehead scholarships at the University of North Carolina, according to an announcement made this week.

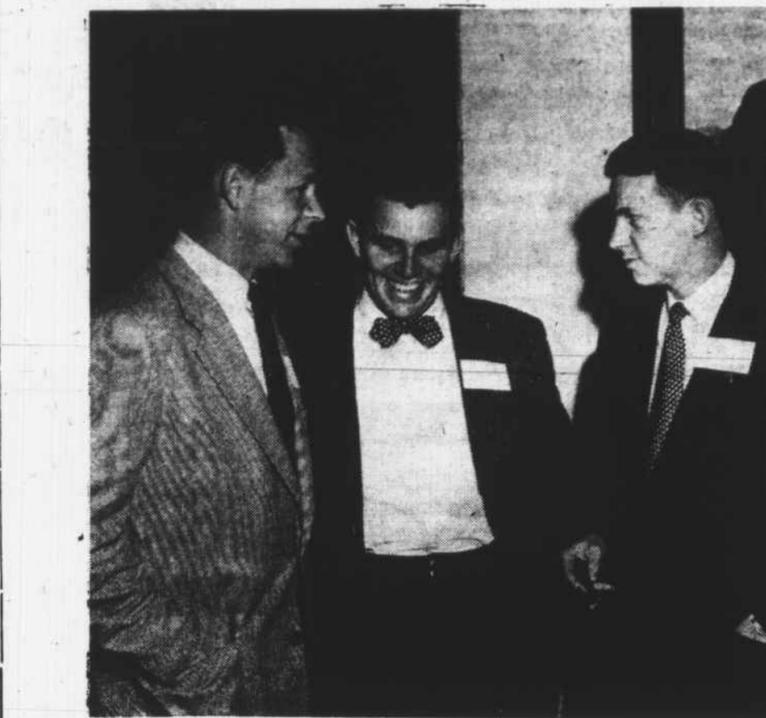
Mr. Kusterer, this county's nominee for one of the \$1,250-a-year scholarships to the Chapel Hill institution, appeared before the district Morehead district committee in Asheville January 21, along with nominees from 17 other mountain counties.

The names of six students recommended by that committee were announced from Chapel Hill this week. These six finalists, together with 29 from other sections of the state, will appear before a state committee, which will select the students to receive Morehead scholarships.

Though not a winner, the Franklin youth apparently impressed the district committee. He received a letter this week from D. Hiden Ramsey, district committee chairman, congratulating him on the impression he made.

He also received a letter from Roy Armstrong, director of admissions at Chapel Hill, congratulating him on the showing he made and calling attention to other scholarships available. Mr. Armstrong's letter read, in part, as follows: "I wish it had been possible for you to hear the reports made to us by the members of the John Motley Morehead scholarship district committee. ... You made an impression on

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Macon County's "Young Man of the Year", Dr. George R. McSweeney (center) is all smiles over receiving the award as he talks over the "biggest surprise and honor" of his life with visiting Jaycee officials. At left is Gene Ochsmereiter, of Asheville, who was guest speaker here Monday night at the anniversary banquet of the local Jaycees. At right is Dwight Beaty, of Waynesville, vice-president of the first Jaycee district, who presented the award to Dr. McSweeney at the banquet, which was attended by some 60 Jaycees, their wives, and special guests.

Sylva Doctor Appointed To Health Post

Dr. Leo C. McCampbell, of Sylva, part-time health officer for Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties since January, has been appointed to an acting full-time status.

Action on his appointment was taken at a meeting of the district health board Monday night. Members of the board from this county are W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, W. C. Burrell, both of Franklin, and Dr. C. E. Mitchell, of Highlands.

Dr. McCampbell, who has been practicing in Sylva for the past year and a half as an associate of Dr. P. E. DeWees, is a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Cincinnati.

The health officer will be given a permanent full-time appointment when he completes the state merit system examinations, members of the district board said.

Macon Has High Attendance At Girl Scout Meet

Girl Scouts and Scout leaders from Macon County were tops in attendance at the winter rally of the Nantahala area Saturday afternoon in Cherokee.

Fifty of the 125 attending the rally were from this county. Included were seven from Franklin, Troop 4, 19 from Franklin, Troop 29 (Negro), and 24 from Nantahala, Troop 31.

Leaders accompanying the Scouts were the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Miss Lillian Jones, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, Mrs. G. L. Hines, and Mrs. Emma England.

Plans for the area summer camporee, slated August 12 at the Smokemont picnic area, marked a meeting of representatives from each troop in the area, which embraces Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, and the Cherokee troop.

A dinner meeting of the area board is scheduled to be held at Cagle's Cafe here next Thursday evening (February 26) at 7 o'clock.

Plan Panel Discussion At East Franklin P.T.A.
A panel discussion will mark the meeting of the East Franklin Parent-Teacher Association Monday night at 7:30 at the school, Mrs. Ernest Hyde, president, has announced. Taking part in the discussion, featuring brotherhood, will be the Rev. M. W. Chapman, Baptist pastor, Mrs. Viola Lenoir, of the Chapel (Negro) P. T. A., and Miss Patty Lou Phillips and Jack Kusterer, high school students. Mrs. Weimar Jones is in charge of the program.

M'SWEEN IS 'YOUNG MAN'

Receives Special Award At Jaycee Banquet Here Monday

Dr. George R. McSweeney, 27-year-old chiropractor and active civic leader, is Macon County's "Young Man of the Year".

The unanimous choice of local civic organizations, who made nominations for the honor, Dr. McSweeney Monday night received a Distinguished Service Award key from the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contribution to his community during 1952.

Announcement of the award recipient came as a feature of a Jaycee anniversary banquet at Slagle Memorial Building. The key was presented to Dr. McSweeney by Dwight Beaty, of Waynesville, vice-president of the first Jaycee district.

The award came as a complete surprise to the young doctor, who in effect planned his own banquet. When his fellow Jaycees learned he was being nominated for the honor, they put him on the program committee for the banquet to throw him off guard and still have an excuse for placing him at the banquet head table.

Although a comparative newcomer to Franklin, the "Young Man of the Year" has integrated himself firmly into community life through his enthusiastic work with the Boy Scouts, his church, and various civic ventures.

He came here with his family—two at that time, now three—in April, 1951, fresh out of internship at Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis, Ind., and immediately threw himself into the stream of activity.

Here are just a few of the things that placed him in front for the honor: Assistant Scout master, superintendent and teacher of the youth division of the Franklin Methodist Church Sunday School, steward of the church, counselor of the intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship, secretary-treasurer of the Methodist Men's Club, Rotarian, and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Sandwiched in between all of this, he manages to find time for playing on the Franklin all-star basketball and baseball teams and to turn out furniture for his home, in his basement workshop.

Behind him stands his World War II record as an air force crewman who spent three months in a German prisoner-of-war camp.

Although born in Apalachia, Va., Dr. McSweeney spent most of his life in Asheville and is a confirmed "mountain boy".

His ambition: "To live and die in Franklin".

Highlands Men Move To Form Jaycee Chapter

Highlands is well on its way to having a chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

After meeting with Jaycee officials Tuesday in the town office, some 25 Highlands men named temporary officers and got things under way for requesting a charter at a state Jaycee quarterly board meeting in Durham over the week-end.

Sid Carter was elected temporary president; the Rev. Robert Hart, secretary; and Earl Young, treasurer. Permanent officers will be picked when the organization is chartered.

Bill Snow, of Asheville, state Jaycee extension chairman, and Dwight Baty, of Waynesville, vice-president of the first district, traced the history of the Jaycee movement in this country and abroad and assisted with organizational procedure.

Several members of the Franklin Jaycees, sponsor of the Highlands club, attended the meeting.

RESIGNATION OF CORBITT IS RECEIVED

Highlands Pastor Will Take Pastorate Of Andrews Church

The Rev. John C. Corbitt resigned as pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church following last Sunday morning's worship service, to accept a call to the First Baptist Church in Andrews. The resignation will become effective March 19.

Mr. Corbitt has been pastor of the Highlands church for the past 19 months. He is a native of Southern Illinois and was graduated from the University of Illinois and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Mrs. Corbitt is the former Miss Gretchen Johnson and has served as associational missionary in various associations in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Corbitt have two children, Nathan, two years old, and Alzada, one year.

P. T. A. TO MEET
The regular meeting of the Otto Parent-Teacher Association, scheduled for tonight (Thursday), has been postponed until next Thursday evening, February 26, it has been announced. A Founders' Day program by eighth graders will feature the meeting.

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

Storm Cuts Macon Off From Outside

NORTON RITES SLATED TODAY

Young Macon Native Dies Of Injuries In Oregon

Funeral services for Clyde Norton, 21-year-old Macon County native, who died February 9 of injuries received the previous day in a highway accident in Roseburg, Ore., will be conducted today (Thursday) at 11 a. m. at the Bethel Methodist Church.

The officiating ministers will be the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, the Rev. C. E. Murray, and the Rev. D. P. Grant. The body will remain at Bryant Funeral Home until the funeral hour.

A mechanic, Mr. Norton had been working on the coast for the past several months. Born December 19, 1931, he was the son of James P. and Mrs. Mary Brendle Norton, and he received his education in the county schools. He was a member of the Bethel Methodist Church and on September 6, 1951, he was married to Miss Irene Hurst, of this county, in Walthalla, S. C.

Mr. Norton is survived by his wife and small son, Billy; his parents; two brothers, James (Pat) Norton, Jr., of Franklin, and Kenneth Norton, of Detroit, Mich.; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Sue Phillips and Miss Catherine Norton, both of Franklin.

Pallbearers will be Halen and Harvey Roane, Mickey Waldrop, Jack Nichols, Hershel Keener, and Kenneth Neal.

RED CROSS DRIVE NEAR

Will Open On March 1; County Quota Set At \$3,575

March 1 will open the annual Red Cross fund drive in this county under the leadership of C. Banks Finger, of Franklin. Macon's quota is \$3,575.

Campaign supplies are now being distributed throughout the county by Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter.

Persons who will assist with this year's drive include Weaver Shope, the Rev. C. E. Murray, Mrs. J. Ward Long, Mrs. George Kinney, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and Mrs. Mae Shope.

Marshall Reece will head the drive in Highlands.

MALE CAGERS MAKE GRADE

Will Continue Try For Tourney Crown In Bryson Friday

The Franklin High lads made the grade in the opening shot of the Smoky Mountain Conference eastern division cage tourney in Bryson City last Friday night by blocking out Webster 65 to 366.

Tonight (Thursday) the lads face the second test in tournament play when they take on Robbinsville in the Swain High gymnasium at 6 o'clock.

Pre-tournament dopsters are passing the word that Franklin and Cullowhee will wind up fighting in the finals Saturday night for the division crown.

Tommy Raby bucketed 25 points in the Webster tilt to pave the way for the one-side victory.

The "un" on the Franklin lassies' title of undefeated has been dropped. In a game last Thursday night in Clyde, the girls took a 51 to 48 spanking to drop out of the undefeated ranks. The boys rolled along to a 59 to 42 win.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford and children, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Myra Allman.

Power, Communications, And Traffic Tied-Up By Snow

A driving snow storm paralyzed power, communications, and traffic in Macon Saturday night, and for a brief period the county was shut off from the rest of the world.

The snow, compounded in weight by 1.56 inches of rain during the night, knocked out power and telephone lines throughout the county and brought traffic to a standstill.

Crews of the Nantahala Power and Light Company and Western Carolina Telephone Company are still mopping up

WASN'T LIGHTNING
Reported lightning accompanying Saturday night's snowstorm—a rare phenomenon, if it had occurred—was not lightning at all. The lightning-like flashes, electric line repairmen reported, were created when a light line, weighted down by snow, sagged, and then, when the snow fell off, whipped back upward and struck another line.

the damage—the worst in the history of the two companies.

The storm picture: Power and telephone lines and poles sagged and snapped under the weight of the extremely wet snow, which ranged from four inches in some sections of the county to nine in the Highlands area.

Late traffic choked the highways. State highway snowplows shuttled back and forth over main arteries all day Sunday, but many rural roads were impassable without chains Monday.

Several schools failed to open Monday—buses were unable to negotiate rural roads and power was off in some buildings.

"We've never had any thing like it," was the comment of R. E. McKelvey, general manager of W.C.T.C.

For a brief while Saturday night, Mr. McKelvey said, all telephone toll lines in the county were shorted-out by the storm and at one time or another all rural lines were out of order.

Service probably will not be restored to all customers before the week-end, he said, explaining that crews are concentrating on putting the main toll lines back into operation.

Franklin was hit harder than Highlands because of the rain that followed the heavy snow fall, the manager said. He estimated that from 175 to 200 of Franklin's 850 customers were without service following the storm.

Distribution line damage was the worst suffered by the Nantahala Power and Light company since its beginning in the late 20's, according to John M. Archer, Jr., president.

Power company crews worked around the clock Saturday and Sunday to restore power in the rural areas.

Mr. Archer said the Georgia highway area took the worst beating, with no power from old ice plant at Cartoogechaye Creek to the state line.

Yesterday (Wednesday) service had been virtually restored in the county, but Mr. Archer said repairs and replacement of lines would be going on for several weeks.

Highlands, Cowee, Iotia, and Cullasaja schools shut down Monday, but were open again Tuesday.

Snow began falling shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday night. By midnight, stalled automobiles crammed the highways leading out of Franklin as late movie-goers and visitors attempted to make it home.

Telephone company crews managed to open a circuit to Sylva about 4 a. m. Sunday and another Sunday night to Cornelia.

The Weather

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	53	39	1.11
Thursday	54	35	.84
Friday	47	30	—
Saturday	54	17	trace
Sunday	44	32	5.56
Monday	55	19	—
Tuesday	49	14	—

* 4 inches of snow, 1.56 rain.