

## CHURCH HOLDS CEREMONY FOR NEW BUILDING

### Plan To Build \$200,000 Church On Site Of Present One

A ground-breaking ceremony was conducted last (Wednesday) evening by the congregation of the First Baptist Church on the site of the present church, where the Baptist plan to build a new \$200,000 building.

The ceremony was the second one for the church, which had to abandon plans for building on another site.

Ground turning by church officials and members of the congregation was held in three phases. The first was turned by Gus Baldwin, Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Paul Kinsland, W.M.U. president, Mrs. Fred Grant, B.T.U. director, Kenneth Hooker, brotherhood president, H. H. Flemmons, construction committee chairman, and Verlon Swafford, chairman of deacons. Following this all church committees present broke ground, and then all members attending the ceremony.

A short address was made by Mr. Swafford and Herman Childers offered the prayer of dedication. Mrs. Grant gave the invocation and Paul Carpenter, the benediction.

## MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

WENT TO MARKET . . . in this case it was THESE little pigs went to market. The time: Last Wednesday afternoon. Mack Evitt, of Norton, in Jackson County, and Billy Meadows, of Oak Grove, both had been to the weekly sale at the Macon Livestock Auction yards. Each was on his way home with a pig. Each pig escaped from the truck. And each pig was WHITE. So the finder of a white pig will know it's lost, but he'll be a mind reader if he knows whether it's Mr. Evitt's or Mr. Meadows' . . .

NEW BUSINESS TYCOONS . . . and this is one of the funniest yet. Two offsprings of the Claude Boltions and the T. H. Faggs, both about kindergarten age, locked themselves in the Fagg bedroom one day this week and started washing windows in the bedroom . . . a rather expensive occupation because they were using Mrs. Fagg's nylons and perfume for the operation.

FRANKLIN'S NEW STREET . . . since reference was made last week about the "flat-tire-feeling" experienced by motorists driving down Palmer Street, the thoroughfare has picked up a new name, "Washboard Avenue" . . .

NEW LOOK . . . the S & L five and dime store on Main Street is sporting a snazzy new red and white striped metal awning on its front.

HE WHO LAUGHS . . . Sunday night movie goers are still wondering what prompted the wild guffaws from a handful of folks at Macon Theatre . . . The explanation: one of the younger set was so engrossed in the picture as she fumbled in the dark for a seat that she forgot to lower the seat and sat down in the floor . . .

CALL THE WRECKER . . . Zeb Angel's bid of \$34 was high for a beat-up jalopy put up for sale in the Lion's Club super sale Saturday morning on The Square. He bid on the buggy after learning that someone drove it to the sale; but he found that nothing but pushing would get it away . . .

TOWN CHORE . . . parking spaces in town are "legible" again. The town got out its paint bucket this week and put down new stripes . . .

HOME FROM KOREA . . . Airman First Class T. W. Angel, III, has returned from a year's duty in Korea and is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., of Franklin. At the end of his leave he will report to Pinecastle Air Force Base in Orlando, Fla.

## Crawford Is President Of Teacher Unit

E. G. Crawford, Otto School principal, has been named president of the Macon County unit of the N. C. Education Association for the school year 1953-54.

Others elected to serve with him are Mrs. Lovicia J. Moses, of Cullasaja School, vice-president, and Clayton Ramsey, of Franklin High School, secretary-treasurer.

The new slate of officers, which was selected by a nominating committee, was unanimously approved at a meeting of the unit Friday afternoon at the high school.

Mrs. Cecil Parker, president, tendered her resignation at the meeting and Mrs. Gay Teague, vice-president, will serve as president for the remainder of the year, until the newly elected officers take office next fall.

In addition to the election of officers, members of the unit head reports on the Professional Services Conference, by Mrs. T. J. O'Neil and Mrs. S. F. Beck. The conferences were held in Greensboro in December. Committee reports also were made.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain announced the observance of spring holidays would be decided by the principals and teachers in each district. Both the Franklin and Nantahala districts voted to observe the holidays on the Friday preceding and the Monday following Easter Sunday.

Miss Betty Howard, president of the Franklin Future Teacher's Club at the High School, was present as a visitor and was introduced to the association.

After adjourning, the association attended the opening of the new Macon County Teacher Center in the old high school building. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Beth Guffey, elementary supervisor, and Mrs. McSwain. The tea table was decorated with red and white carnations.



The talk of the town Saturday was this automobile, which failed to negotiate the "roller mill curve", just outside Franklin on the Georgia highway, and plunged over the steep embankment into a pasture. Two Asheville Negroes in the car were not injured. J. J. Penland, a passenger, was thrown from the automobile. He was rushed by ambulance to Angel Hospital, but was released soon after arrival. The driver, Ernest P. Wiley, 63, said the steering mechanism locked, causing him to go over the embankment. The accident occurred shortly after 9 a. m., and was investigated by Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd.

## What Will Happen Now That Joseph Stalin Is Dead?

Like the rest of the free world, Macon County is wondering "what next?" since the death of Russia's Joseph Stalin last Thursday night.

An even bigger question mark arose with the naming of Georgi M. Malenkov, a top leader in the Communist Party, to succeed the world's most powerful dictator.

From snatches of conversation overheard this week, and from several interviews by The Press staff, the consensus is that Stalin schooled his successor well.

As to what's in the future? "One guess is as good as another," seems to be the attitude.

Here are answers some gave to the question, "What do you think is going to happen now that Stalin is dead?"

W. W. Reeves, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars post: "Personally, I don't think he (Stalin) has been active in the party for the last year because of his illness. I don't believe Russia would have made some of the moves it did if Stalin

had been the man behind the gun . . . I don't expect any change."

George Hunnicutt, G. I. Farm Program instructor and farmer: "I think Malenkov has been tutored by Stalin for so long there will be no change."

Miss Harriett Murray, president of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club: "It's possible that Russia will have a civil war and it remains to be seen how powerful Malenkov will be and if the Russian people will follow his lead as they did Stalin's."

J. Frank Martin, president of the Franklin Lions Club: "What I would like to believe is what Kaitenborn said on TV the other night, that 'it's the end of an era of dictators'. Personally, I think this talk about civil war inside Russia and her satellites is wishful thinking, because I think Malenkov has been the man behind the scenes for a number of years . . . but who am I to express an opinion when the best brains in the

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## LOCAL CAGERS BEAT CLYDE HI

### Girls Avenge Previous Loss, 65 to 24; Boys Win, 71 to 52

The Clyde High female cagers—the only team to defeat the Franklin lassies this season—smarted under the avenging sting of the local girls here Friday night.

A lop-sided 65 to 24 score evened up the three-point loss several weeks ago in a non-conference battle.

Following the action-packed girls' game, the Franklin lads

## Cullowhee-Franklin Play-Off On Friday

A play-off for the eastern division boys' crown in the Smoky Mountain Conference between Franklin and Cullowhee is slated tomorrow (Friday) night at the Highlands gymnasium.

Gametime is 8 o'clock. Both teams ended the season with 13-1 records.

Coach Ray Lowe said the Franklin boys are in excellent shape for the game. Ray Henry, who has been out with mumps and influenza, has returned to practice and should see limited action in the play-off, the coach said.

blunted the attack of the Clyde boys, 71 to 53, writing a thrilling climax to the local high school's cage season.

A packed house watched the Franklin girls swarm over their opposition in the "grudge game", with Jody Lenoir and Audrey Gibson leading the way in scoring. Miss Gibson, the teams' season high scorer, bucketed 25 points, with her team-mate running a close second with 21.

The conference champs were never threatened and were out front at half-time by a score of 33 to 15. At the end of the third quarter Coach Ray Lowe's girls had pulled their lead to 41 to 22.

After winding up the first quarter 16 to 16, the Franklin boys caught fire with the sharpshooting of Forward Tommy Raby, Guard L. A. Moore, and Center Dolpha Fouts. Raby led the scoring field with 21 points. Half-time found the score board reading 40 to 24 and the lads kept the drive red hot until the end of the game.

The second team took over the game in the fourth.

## Captain Allan To Command Cruiser

Capt. H. C. Allan, Jr., son of Mrs. H. C. Allan, Sr., of Franklin, is en route to Long Beach, Calif., to take over command of the cruiser Juneau.

He and his wife spent Sunday night and Monday morning here with his mother before going on to the west coast.

Capt. Allan will bring the cruiser into Atlantic waters and will sail for Europe in the near future, his mother said.

ADDRESSES PTA . . . Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, superintendent of welfare, spoke on school attendance and juvenile delinquency at a meeting of the Highlands Parent-Teacher Association Monday night of last week.

## Health Center For County In Future

### Macon Tops Blood Goal Here Friday

Macon County tipped its hat to this county's fighting men overseas Friday afternoon by going over the top of its American Red Cross Bloodmobile quota.

The mobile blood unit collected 105 pints of the life-giving fluid—five more pints than the quota.

Blood collected here will serve a twofold purpose, on the war front and the home front. As always, it will be shipped overseas in the form of blood plasma. However, a biologic product of the blood—Gamma Globulin—is being made available by the Red Cross for the prevention of poliomyelitis (polio), and the removal of this product in no way affects the amount of plasma obtained.

The unit's visit, the first this year, was sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Members of the post Auxiliary assisted and served refreshments to donors. The Bloodmobile operated at the Presbyterian church.

## Mrs. Snyder And Whitaker Named O. E. S. Leaders

Mrs. Helen Snyder has been named worthy matron and Ed Whitaker, worthy patron, of the Nequassa Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Others elected to serve with them are Mrs. Blanche Parrish, associate matron; the Rev. C. N. Cook, associate patron; Mrs. Nobia Murray, secretary; Mrs. Alice Ray, treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Henry, conductress; and Mrs. Catherine Crawford, associate conductress.

New officers for the chapter were elected last Thursday night at the Masonic Lodge. They will be installed at a public ceremony next Thursday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock at Slagle Memorial Building.

## Garden Club Names Mrs. Lichtenstein As New President

Mrs. R. G. Lichtenstein was elected president of the Franklin Garden Club at a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

Named to serve with her are Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, vice-president, Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, secretary, and Mrs. Allen Siler, treasurer.

The program was featured by a talk on vegetable gardening by Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg. He used slides to illustrate his talk.

Mrs. Holland McSwain, Miss Laura M. Jones, and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones were hostesses.

## Sutton And Pearson Buy Local Laundry

Roger Sutton and Curtis Pearson have purchased the Franklin Laundry and Dry Cleaners from Paul Carpenter.

Mr. Sutton operates Macon Dry Cleaners on Palmer Street, Mr. Pearson the City Pressing Club on Iotla Street.

## SERVICE AT SALEM

A youth service and prayer meeting will be held at the Salem Methodist Church tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, pastor, in charge.

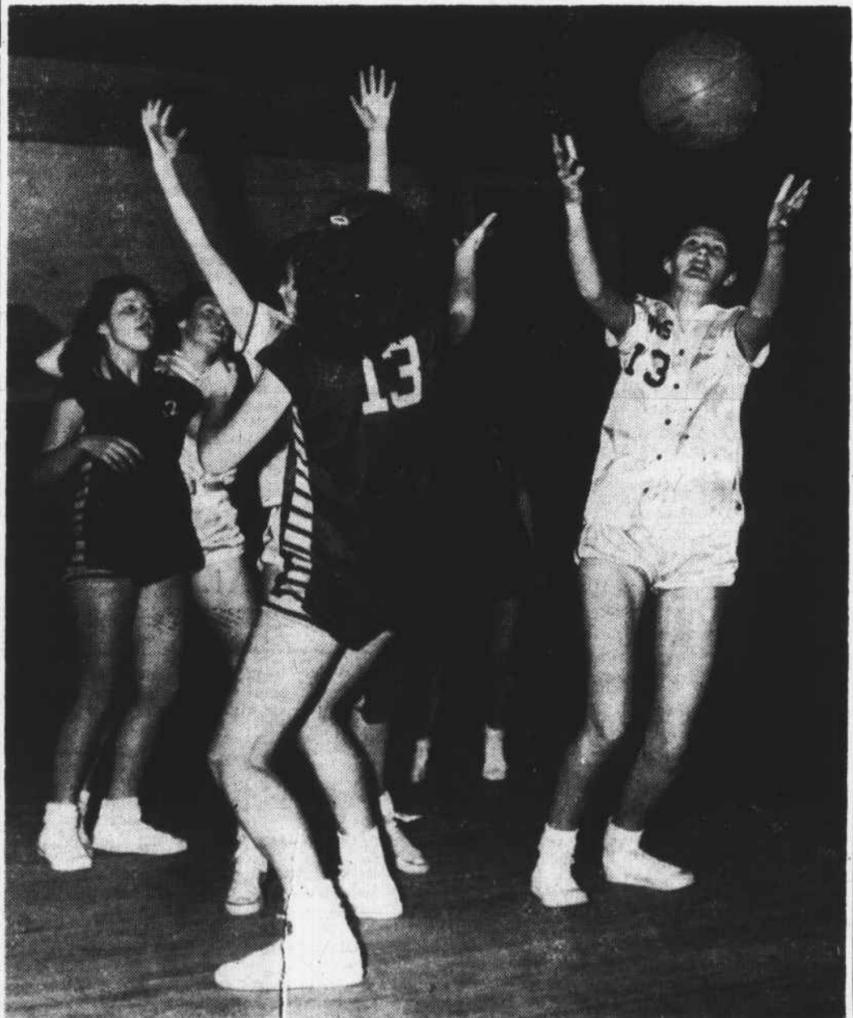
## Drafting Is Up And Down; Small Group Sent Monday

Drafting in Macon County has the ups-and-downs of the temperature.

Monday morning, the local draft board answered the March call with three men—one of the smallest received here; but last month, 17 men were inducted—one of the largest calls.

Leaving Monday were Ralph R. Childers, Thad N. Watkins, and Don E. Shope. Seventeen men also went to Knoxville, Tenn., for pre-induction examinations, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary.

The April induction call has not been received.



HANDS UP . . . BASKETBALL STYLE—Hands are in the air for the elusive basketball during a game here Friday night between the Franklin and Clyde girls. Franklin's Betty Smith (13, facing camera) has a begging look on her face as she reaches for the ball. The local girls won the game by a one-sided score of 65 to 24, avenging a three-point loss several weeks ago at the hands of Clyde.