

## SCHOOL SUPT. LISTS NEEDS FOR COUNTY

Citizen's Group Votes  
To Send Letters To  
Rep. Dean

What are the school needs in Macon County?

- (1) Eight new school busses, three urgently.
- (2) \$20,000 to \$30,000 to equip the new schools adequately.
- (3) Twenty or more additional classrooms by 1954.
- (4) Auditorium-gymnasium for Franklin.
- (5) Lunchrooms for Cowee and Otto schools.

This list of needs, prepared by County School Supt. Holland McSwain, has presented at last Thursday night's meeting of the Macon County Citizen's Committee for Education by Mrs. Beth Guffey, elementary supervisor. Mr. McSwain was unable to make the report because of illness in his family.

Eleven persons attended the meeting of the committee, which is composed of representatives of parent-teacher associations, home demonstration clubs, and civic organizations throughout the county. By contrast, upwards of 75 representatives and interested persons attended the committee's meetings last year soon after it was organized.

A suggestion by Mrs. Weimar Jones, district P. T. A. director, resulted in the group's voting to write letters to Rep. Walter Dean urging him to support the legislative program being advanced by the United Forces for Education. Paul Swafford, president of the Iotla P. T. A., also read a letter from the N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., urging support of the program.

Mr. Swafford, Fred C. Vaughn, and Norman Blaine were appointed as a nominating committee to select officers for the new year. April 16 was set as the organization's next meeting. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

## Eastern Star Ceremony Is Set Tonight

At a public ceremony tonight (Thursday), newly elected and appointed officers of the Nequa Chapter No. 43, Order of Eastern Star, will be installed. The ceremony will be held at Slagle Memorial Building at 8 o'clock.

Past matrons of the chapter will serve as installing officers. New officers are: Mrs. Helen Snyder, worthy matron; Edd Whitaker, worthy patron; Mrs. Blanche Parrish, associate matron; the Rev. W. N. Cook, associate patron; Mrs. Nobia Murray, secretary; Mrs. Alice Ray, treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Henry, conductress; Mrs. Katherine Crawford, associate conductress; Mrs. Emma Jane Phillips, chaplain; Miss Lizzie Kelly, marshal; Mrs. Margaret Cabe, organist; Mrs. Ruth Whitaker, Adah; Mrs. Eula Carpenter, Ruth; Mrs. Januita McKeivey, Esther; Mrs. Lucille Phillips, Martha; Mrs. Ida Grant, Electa; Mrs. Ruby Harper, Warder; and Mrs. Margaret Bulgin, Sentinel.

Associate officers to be introduced at the ceremony include Mrs. Margaret Tysinger, chaplain; Mrs. Evelyn West, marshal; Mrs. Mary Fisher, Adah; Mrs. Dorothy Henry, Ruth; Mrs. Thelma Harmon, Esther; Mrs. Leona Cansler, Martha; Mrs. Hermie Bryant, Electa; Mrs. Frances Wilhide, Warder; and Mrs. Barbara Calloway, Sentinel.

The installing officers will be the following past matrons: Mrs. Elizabeth Patton, installing officer; Mrs. Margaret Cabe, marshal; Mrs. Margaret Bolton, conductress; Mrs. Genett Thomas, associate conductress; Mrs. Beth Guffey, chaplain; Mrs. Lillian Cabe, organist; Mrs. Josephine Long, warder; and Mrs. Ann Higdon, sentinel.

Prior to the ceremony, the chapter will hold its regular meeting at Slagle Memorial with Mrs. Esther Cunningham, retiring worthy matron, presiding. This meeting is set for 7 o'clock.

## Now They've Got 'Flying Boxes'



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

**WHAT'S THIS PICTURE** all about? Perhaps the best way to answer that question is to reprint the note The Press editor found on his desk Monday morning. The note was from the photographer, explaining why he thought the picture should be published. It follows:

"This odd looking box and parachute came from New Mexico—some kind of U. S. Air Force weather project, or something.

"It was found Sunday morning by E. B. Duvall (holding 'chute) in the Iotla community. There wuz a helluva lot of people up on the Main drag looking the thing over while he wired the Air Force that he had found it, so I figured that it was worth a pix in this week's issue.

"I think the rig was sent up into the higher wind currents by balloon and the parachute took over when the balloon burst . . .

"Rather newsy for this end of the woods, don't you think?"

## EARLY NAMED ROTARY HEAD

Highlands Club Elects  
Potts Vice-President;  
Others Listed

The Rev. Robert E. Early has been elected president of the Highlands Rotary Club for the year beginning July 1.

Other officers are Charles C. Potts, vice-president; Stacey C. Russell, secretary; and Leslie G. Misener, treasurer. Additional members of the board of trustees include Wilton H. Cobb and Dr. Sherman H. Pace.

The new officers are expected to represent the Highlands club at the district assembly of the 280th district, scheduled for April 12 and 13 in Statesville, the secretary said.

## Highlands O. E. S. Elects Mrs. Potts As Worthy Matron

Mrs. Eloise G. Potts has been elected worthy matron of the Highlands Chapter, No. 284, Order of Eastern Star, succeeding Mrs. Mayme Hicks.

Other elected officers are William N. Slattery, worthy patron; Miss Ethel Calloway, associate matron; Henry Cleveland, associate patron; Dr. Jessie M. Hedden, secretary; Mrs. Vernon Slattery, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Harbison, conductress; and Mrs. Agnes Calloway, associate conductress. The new officers will be installed March 27.

### IN CARIBBEAN

Cecil C. Rickman, teleman seaman, of Franklin, Route 4, is in the Caribbean taking part in a six-week refresher training cruise aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin, the Fleet Home Town News Center has announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rickman.

## Eight Communities Enter Rural Development Contest

Macon County is really swinging aboard the W. N. C. Rural Community Development Contest band wagon this year, with eight communities already organized and more planning to enter.

Several of those now in the contest have elected officers. Citizens of the Patton community met Tuesday night of March 3 and named the following leaders: Erwin Patton, president; Wayne Stewart, junior president; Mrs. Walter Swanson, vice-president; Mrs. Ted Blaine, secretary-treasurer; and P. E. Swanson, song leader. The community named General Jones, Mrs. Thomas Wilson, and Buster Green as directors.

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## CHARGES ARE DROPPED BY SANTARIAN

Collins Withdraws Paper  
Served On District  
Principal Sutton

The warrant charging District Principal R. G. Sutton with failure to display a health department sanitation grade card for the Franklin school cafeteria has been withdrawn.

Through Attorney C. Banks Finger, Sanitarian H. T. Collins, who took action against the principal, issued the following statement this week:

"Since Mr. Sutton did let the sanitation grade card remain on display when it was replaced, and since he and other lunchroom personnel have cooperated since this incident to correct lunchroom deficiencies, I am asking that the warrant be withdrawn. This is also being done to protect the school from any further unfavorable publicity."

The warrant was served on the principal last month after it was reported that he had torn down the C rating posted for the cafeteria by the sanitarian.

The principal was to have appeared for a preliminary hearing March 18 (yesterday) before Justice of the Peace Sam J. Murray.

## MRS. PALMER, 62, SUCCUMBS

Services For Native Set  
For Today At 2:30 At  
First Baptist

Mrs. Elsie Palmer, of Franklin, widow of Joe Palmer, died early yesterday (Wednesday) morning at her home. She was 62 years old and had been in declining health for almost a year.

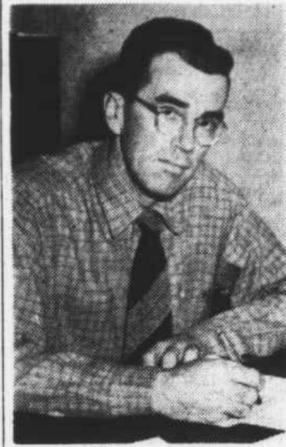
Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A native of this county, Mrs. Palmer was born August 29, 1891, the daughter of Martin F. and Mrs. Jennie Henry Jones. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and was married in 1916 to Mr. Palmer, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Palmer is survived by her son, Charles, of Charleston, S. C.; her daughter, Mrs. Katherine McKinney, of Columbus, Ga.; her mother, Mrs. M. F. Jones, of Franklin; two brothers, George L. of Ashland, Ore., and Frank, of Akron, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. N. L. Cunningham, of Akron, Ohio, Miss Ella Jones, of Franklin, Mrs. Laura Waldrop, of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mrs. Helen Mielke, of Columbia, S. C.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### HEADS ROTARY



BRYANT MCCLURE

Mr. McClure, now serving as secretary, was elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club for the ensuing year, at the club's meeting Wednesday evening of last week. Thomas C. (Tom) Nelson was chosen secretary, and W. W. (Bill) Sloan, Holland McSwain, C. S. Brown, and John B. Ray were named to the board of directors. The retiring president, Don Smith, automatically becomes vice-president, under the club's rules. The new officials will take office July 1.

## Mrs. Renshaw Elected Head Of Local PTA

Mrs. E. W. Renshaw was elected president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Association at Monday night's meeting of the organization.

Mrs. Roy M. Biddle was named vice-president; Mrs. James S. McCollum, secretary; and Mrs. J. L. West, Jr., treasurer.

Mrs. Renshaw next fall will succeed Mrs. John Bulgin, who took over as president for the remainder of this school year only, upon the resignation, several months ago, of Mrs. Edgar Angel.

The new officers, to be formally installed at the April meeting, were proposed by a nominating committee made up of Mrs. Paul H. Russell, Mrs. Elsie Franks, and Mrs. B. L. McGlamery.

The Monday night program was a panel discussion, similar to one recently conducted at SEE NO. 4, PAGE 12

### Go-To-Church Series To Be Started Soon

April 2 The Press will start a series of Go-to-Church advertisements, sponsored by local business houses. Along with the advertising, the paper will publish, as news, the schedules of services at churches in the county. Churches desiring this service should supply the following information: Name and denomination of church, name of pastor, and dates and hours of regular services.

## First Baptist Church Holds Ground-Breaking



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Principals in the ground-breaking ceremony Wednesday night of last week on the site of the First Baptist Church's proposed new \$200,000 building were (L to R) Mrs. Fred Grant, B.T.U. director, Elbert Angel, Bill Bryson, Verlon Swafford, chairman of deacons, H. H. Flemmons, chairman of the construction committee, Mrs. Paul Kinsland, W.M.U. president, Manson Stiles, and Gus Baldwin, Sunday School superintendent.

## JAILED YOUTH CONFESSES TO 3 ROBBERIES

Ramey Implicates His  
Half-Brother In Three  
Home Break-Ins

A 17-year-old inmate of the county jail—arrested last week in connection with the theft of 300 pounds of copper from the Town of Highlands—Tuesday confessed to taking part in the robbery of three summer homes in Highlands.

He also implicated his half-brother in the house breakings. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas identified the boy as Turner Eugene Ramey, Jr., of Highlands. Young Ramey's half-brother, John Ramey, about 35, also of Highlands, was arrested Tuesday night following the boy's confession.

The sheriff said the robberies at the three homes were discovered Monday afternoon by Butler Jenkins, who was making repairs on the homes for the owners.

Sheriff Thomas said it is likely that the elder Ramey also took part in the copper theft from the town in December.

Soon after his arrest, the 17-year-old boy told officers the copper theft was engineered by Howard Gibson, formerly of Clark's Chapel and Highlands. Gibson is under arrest in Detroit, Mich., and is being held there pending extradition proceedings, the sheriff said.

Owners of the homes robbed by the two Rameys are Jack H. Wilcox, of Knoxville, Tenn., and M. C. Weaver, and Mrs. H. D. Randall, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Articles taken from the three homes have not been determined, the sheriff said.

## TOWN BUYS FIRE TRUCK

Aldermen Accept Low  
Bid At Called  
Meeting

A new fire truck for Franklin was assured at a called session of the board of aldermen Monday night.

The board accepted a low bid of \$9,465.87 submitted by the American LaFrance Foamite Company.

Before considering bids, the aldermen voted unanimously to purchase a new truck for the town. At its March 2 regular meeting the board moved to advertise for bids, but took no definite action committing it to buy a truck.

Only two bids were received. The other bidder was the F.W. D. company, which offered to supply a truck for \$12,777, plus \$475 for a high pressure pump.

The new truck, which will be delivered in 120 to 150 days, will be purchased by installments; one-third down, one-third at the end of 12 months, and the remaining third at the end of 24, at six per cent interest.

One other action was taken. The board voted to limit personnel to four in the water, street, sewer, and garbage departments. Six men are now connected with the departments. Aldermen said two men will be transferred to another department.

## The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
	Temperatures		High Low Rain
Wednesday	55	45	.38
Thursday	62	46	trace
Friday	70	48	.04
Saturday	74	37	.02
Sunday	74	57	.13
Monday	70	41	—
Tuesday	73	30	—
COWEETA			
	Temperatures		High Low Rain
Wednesday	50	44	.52
Thursday	61	44	.47
Friday	72	45	.44
Saturday	71	35	—
Sunday	72	54	.32
Monday	71	30	.04
Tuesday	70	27	—

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