

CANTATA WILL BE GIVEN BY JOINT CHOIRS

Easter Program Planned Sunday At Franklin Methodist Church

A 20-voice combined choir from the Presbyterian and Methodist churches here will present an Easter cantata Sunday (Palm Sunday) evening at the Methodist church.

The program, which is set for 8 o'clock, will be directed by S. F. (Sammy) Beck, with Mrs. Henry W. Cabe as organist.

Vocal soloists will be Mrs. Bryan Hatchett, Mrs. Earl Harmon, and Mrs. Holland McSwain, sopranos; Mr. Beck will play a trumpet solo; and Mrs. Cabe, an organ solo.

The program lists the following as members of the combined choir:

Sopranos: Mrs. McSwain, Mrs. Hatchett, Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford, Mrs. Roy F. Cunningham, Mrs. Harmon, Miss Dale Edwards, Miss Becky Murray, Miss Jo Ann Willhide, and Miss Joy McCollum.

Altos: Mrs. Clayton Ramsey, Mrs. Margaret Cooper, Miss Edith Christy, Miss Jean McCollum, Mrs. Harold T. Sloan, and Miss Nancy McCollum.

Tenors: Phil McCollum, Bryan Hurst, Richard (Dick) Sloan, and the Rev. C. E. Murray.

Basses: S. W. Mendenhall and the Rev. Bryan Hatchett.

The program follows:

Chorus—"In Joseph's Lovely Garden"; Dickinson; chorus—"As It Began to Dawn"; Vincent (trio—Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Hatchett); trumpet solo—"The Palms"; Faure, Mr. Beck; chorus—"Alleluia, Glorious Is Thy Name"; Olson; vocal solo—"Were You There"; Burleigh, Mrs. Hatchett; chorus—"God So Loved the World"; Stainer; organ solo, Pastoral Symphony from Handel's "Messiah"; Mrs. Cabe; chorus—"Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen"; Simper; vocal solo, "O Divine Redeemer"; Gounod, Mrs. Hatchett; and chorus—"The Heavens Are Telling, from Haydn's "Creation".

Mr. Hatchett, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will pronounce the benediction.

The general public is invited to attend this program, it was announced.

Representatives From Schools To Attend Meeting

All Macon County schools are expected to be represented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville today (Thursday), Friday, and Saturday, according to County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

The meeting will open tonight and will close at noon Saturday. As chairman of the rules committee, Mr. McSwain will make a report at Saturday morning's business session.

The school superintendent said every school in this county will send at least one delegate to the meeting, and some will send several.

Four Local Scouts Take Smokies Hike

Time and distance mean little to four Franklin Boy Scouts. Scouts Herbert McKelvey, Ben Edwards, Tommy Gnuse, and Lewis Cabe took a three-day jaunt into the Smoky Mountain National Park over the weekend, hiking from Clingman's Dome to Fontana Dam, a distance of 34 miles.

Otto Sixth Graders Will Sponsor Bingo To Raise Trip Funds

The sixth grade at Otto School will sponsor a Bingo party tomorrow (Friday) night at the school at 8 o'clock, it has been announced.

Proceeds will be used by the six graders for a trip to Atlanta, Ga., according to Principal E. G. Crawford.

Draft Board Puts 13 Men In 1-A Class

Thirteen Macon County men were placed in 1-A, available for military service, at a meeting of the selective service board last week.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary, said a total of 60 were classified at the session.

Those classified 1-A are Kenneth Buchanan, John E. Sanders, Bill S. Gregory, Fred P. Deal, Charles E. Nolen, Richard S. Jones, Bobby M. Norris, Don G. Morgan, Grady W. Childers, Ray N. Wilson, Louis W. Reese, Howard R. Cantrell, and Charles B. Teague.

Jimmy L. Brodgen, James R. Henry, and Henry J. Keener were put in 1-A (accepted).

Other classifications were:

1-S-H (high school student): Dillard A. Morgan, Johnnie E. Dills, Clyde M. Kinsland, and Gordon N. Reese.

2-C (deferred because of employment in agriculture): Charles F. Deal.

1-C (inducted): Paul Duvall, Earl J. Roane, Charles C. Jones, Richard D. Potts, Charles W. McKay, Ray Mason, Ernest C. Dendy, John L. Tippett, Rufus L. Hall, Odell E. Vinson, Edwin C. Hall, Max Buchanan, James D. Parrish, Morris E. Vinson, Frank A. McCall, Jack S. McCoy, George H. Moore, Jr., Willard H. Grant, and Lester J. Reed.

1-C (enlisted): Clyde F. Bingham, Jr., Charles D. Cross, Jess R. Thompson, William H. Ray, and Ernest S. Chavis.

1-C (reserve): Frank A. Mashburn, Frank H. Tallent, and Thomas H. Potts.

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4-H (physically, mentally, or morally unfit for duty): Arthur C. Kenny, Richard D. Miller, and James W. Beck, Jr.

Nantahala Forest Has Potent Lure, Figures Show

The lure of the scenic Nantahala National Forest must be potent.

An estimated 2,052,830 persons visited the forest in 1952, as compared with 1,699,835 in 1951, according to figures made public this week by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

Forty-four per cent (147,177 acres) of the forest's combined acreage of 414,123 acres is within Macon County. A big tourist drawing card on the forest is Dry Falls (US 64 between Franklin and Highlands), which annually draws thousands of sightseers.



TROUT SEASON OPENS APRIL 15—The Wayah Wildlife Management Area will be swarming with trout fishermen when the sun rises on the 15th, and officials and interested fishermen are making sure there will be plenty of trout swarming back. Some 700 small trout, reared in trout-rearing pools at Arrowwood, already have been turned into streams on the area. Taking part in a restocking operation Saturday were (L to R) James G. Wright, Macon game protector, Bryan Setser, refuge assistant, District Ranger John Wasilik, Jr., Howard Wooten, District 9 supervisor, Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg, Jack Shook, former county game warden, Rex Andrus, of Wayah valley, Mrs. Andrus, and C. H. Bolton, of Franklin. Reed Queen, who is in charge of the rearing pools, is weighing a "skillet-full" of fish as the others watch.

Ex-Sailor, 26, Takes 13-Year-Old Bride



Kenneth Edward Buckner, 26-year-old veteran of nine years' service in the U. S. Navy, is pictured above with his 13-year-old bride, Judy Ann, at the home of his parents on Buck Creek. The couple was married in Wallhalla, S. C., on March 12 by Probate Judge R. C. Carter III. The bride, of Buck Creek, celebrated her 13th birthday just prior to her marriage. Hospital records show she was born March 3, 1940.

Bringing Beer Into County From Georgia? It's Illegal

Buying your beer in Georgia? It's O. K. for you to drink it there, as far as the law is concerned, but if you bring it into North Carolina—even one bottle—you're wide open for a scrape with the law, according to a ruling by the attorney general of this state, which appears in the February issue of Popular Government.

The issue centers around the non-payment of North Carolina tax on beer, and if you're caught bringing beer in from another state, a law enforcement officer can:

- (1) place you under arrest.
- (2) seize your automobile.

Two questions were put to the attorney general, (1) Is it unlawful to possess or transport beer in containers which do not bear evidence of payment of the North Carolina tax, and (2) If such acts are unlawful, does G.S. (General Statute) 18-6 authorize the seizure and confiscation of the vehicle in which such beer is being transported? The attorney general ruled:

"G.S. 18-6 authorizes the purchase, transportation, and possession of 5 per cent beer by individuals for their own use without restriction. This is modified by G.S. 18-81, and it is unlawful to possess or transport beer in containers to which North Carolina tax-paid crowns or lids have not been affixed, even for personal use.

"A vehicle caught illegally transporting beer would be subject to the provisions of G.S. 18-6."

Here is the meat of G.S. 18-6: "When any officer of the law shall discover any person in the act of transporting, in violation of the law, intoxicating liquor in any wagon, buggy, automobile, water or air craft, or any other vehicle, it shall be his duty to seize any and all intoxicating liquor found therein being transported contrary to law . . . whenever intoxicating liquor transported or possessed illegally shall be seized by an officer, he shall take possession of the same."

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INSTALLATION FOR OES SET Highlands Chapter Will Install New Leaders Friday Night

Highlands Chapter 284, Order of the Eastern Star, will install new officers at a meeting tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, worthy matron; William N. Slattery, worthy patron; Miss Ethel Calloway, associate matron; Henry Cleveland, associate patron; Dr. Jessie M. Hedden, secretary; Mrs. Vernon N. Slattery, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth R. Harbison, conductress; Mrs. Agnes R. Calloway, associate conductress; Mrs. Carolyn Nall, Adah; Mrs. Edna Whitmire, Ruth; Mrs. Ann Holt, Esther; Miss Dorothea Harbison, Martha; Mrs. Pearl Crowe, Electa; Mrs. Annie N. Crunkleton, Warder; Lawrence Hicks, sentinel; Thomas C. Harbison, Chaplain; Mrs. Hazel Potts, Marshall; and Mrs. Mayme Hicks, organist.

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TROUT SEASON OPENS APRIL 15

Location Of Areas And Regulations For Forest Listed

Fishermen from far and near will be flocking to the Nantahala National Forest and its four wildlife management areas with the opening of trout season April 15.

Open dates in the Nantahalas are:

- April 15, 18-19, 22, 25-26, and 29.
- May 2-3, 6, 9-10, 13, 16-17, 20, 23-24, 27, 30-31.
- June 3, 6-7, 10, 13-14, 17, 20-21, 24, 27-28.
- July 1, 4-5, 8, 11-12, 15, 18-19, 22, 25-26, 29.
- August 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12, 15-16, 19, 22-23, 26, 29-30.

All fishermen within the boundaries of the National Forest must comply with the late fishing laws and the following forest regulations:

- (1) Daily permits will be required of all persons, regardless of age, the fee for which will be \$1. Permits will not be sold prior to 6 a. m. of date to be used, except as provided in paragraph 9.
- (2) Fishing will be permitted between 6 a. m. and one hour after sunset.
- (3) All fishermen are required.

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Bad Weather Slows Work On Highway

Wet weather has been delaying construction on the new Franklin-Cowee Gap highway (US 23), but grading is approximately 35 per cent complete, according to S. T. Usry, resident state highway engineer.

About 400,000 of the million yards of earth to be moved on the project has been done, despite the weather, the engineer said.

A large landslide is covering part of the new highway about half way up Cowee Mountain, Mr. Usry said, and crews will start clearing it away this week. The slide occurred in a deep 100-foot cut on the Guest and Raby property, he explained, and was caused by the type of terrain rather than rainy weather.

Elsewhere on the project, things are moving rapidly.

The engineer said the entire right-of-way has been cleared of buildings. This phase entailed the removal of nine structures, including the Bethlehem (Negro) Baptist Church, near the Franklin city limits, which was moved several feet clear of the right-of-way.

Two culverts and four extensions over creeks on the project have been completed. Two proposed bridges still have not been started, but work on these is expected to begin at an early date, Mr. Usry explained.

Macon Health Center Being Talked About

A health center for Macon County, which is now up to the board of county commissioners, seems to be a choice topic for conversation.

Monday night the Franklin Lions' Club discussed the proposed center, and, according to President Frank Martin, plans to have someone acquainted

OFFERS FREE LOT
Dr. Edgar Angel said yesterday (Wednesday) he has offered to give the county a lot on which to build a health center, if the board of county commissioners decides to take advantage of the Medical Care Commission proposal. The lot is directly across from Angel Hospital on Riverview Street.

with the details of the proposal to further explain it at the club's April 13 meeting.

In brief, the proposal is this: The Medical Care Commission will allocate funds for building a center if the county will agree to cover 19.2 per cent of the total cost. For example: The county's share of erecting a \$30,000 center would be about \$6,000. The county also must provide a lot for the building and agree to operate it as a health center.

The details of this arrangement were recently outlined here by Dr. R. E. Coker, Jr., of the State Health Department in Raleigh. At that time the doctor explained the department's only interest in the center is the approval of plans.

He said the commission now has funds for allocation to counties and suggested the county commissioners submit a request for funds, along with an agreement to put up the county's share.

And the proposal is being

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Three Schools Plan 'Get Acquainted Day' For Pre-School Tots

A "Get Acquainted Day" for pre-school age children is planned at three schools in April, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse.

Get-togethers for children entering school this fall will be held at Union School on April 2; Cartoogechaye School, April 9; and Otto School, April 10. Hours for each will be 9 to 12 noon, the nurse said.

WILL PICK OFFICERS

The election of new officers for the year will highlight a meeting of the Union Parent-Teacher Association tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the school, it has been announced.

FINGER FILES FOR MAYOR IN CITY ELECTION

Attorney Is Sole Entry So Far; Deadline Is April 11

C. Banks Finger, attorney, Monday became the first to toss his hat in the ring for Franklin's non-partisan election on May 5.

Mr. Finger, a candidate for mayor, filed with Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey.

Filing deadline is April 11. In the election, voters will select a mayor and six aldermen for two-year terms.

Incumbent Aldermen Verlon Swafford, Oscar Ledford, Frank Martin, J. C. Jacobs, A. G. Cagle, and Erwin Patton still are undecided about running for office again, as is Mayor W. C. Burrell, who is serving the unexpired term of the late Robert M. Dillard, who died in January, 1952.

Registration books for the city election will be open in the town office in the Bank of Franklin building on the three Saturdays preceding the election—April 11, 18, and 25.

John M. Moore has been named registrar and J. A. Palmer and L. C. Higdon will serve as Judges.

SCHOOL HOLDS FLAG RAISING

Flag And Pole Presented Franklin High At Event Tuesday

The entire student body of Franklin High School turned out Tuesday morning in front of the school for a special flag-raising ceremony sponsored by the school's Beta Club.

A metal flag pole was presented the school by W. W. Reeves, commander of the local V. F. W. post, on behalf of his organization.

Lee Poindexter, Jr., president of the Beta Club, presented a flag from the club. It was accepted by Principal Ray Lowe, who reviewed historical events surrounding this country's flag.

District Principal R. G. Sutton accepted the flag pole from the V. F. W. post.

The flag-raising was conducted by Scouts Ben Edwards, Herbert McKelvey, and Leonard Long and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by those attending.

Several numbers were played by the Franklin Band under the direction of S. F. Beck.

The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Franklin Future Farmers of America, supervised by Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher, erected the pole in front of the school several days before the ceremony.

SINGING SLATED

The Macon County Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will be held at the courthouse March 29, starting at 10 a. m., it was announced this week by J. M. Raby, president.

Easter Sunrise Service Planned Atop Wayah Bald

An Easter sunrise service will be held on Wayah Bald again this year.

The dawn rite April 5 will be the sixth annual Easter service on the mile-high mountain. This year's program is set for 6 o'clock.

As usual, it will be held at "High Haven", the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones. And, as in other years, many persons will gather inside the camp, while others will worship in their cars, getting the service through the amplifying system.

An interdenominational event, the service each year draws some 200 persons from throughout the county, as well as many out-of-county visitors.

Persons planning to attend are advised to give themselves about an hour to drive from Franklin.