

## FRANKLIN HI GRADUATION PROGRAM SET

Class Of 1953 Lists 116; Exercise On May 26

Graduation plans for Franklin High School's Class of 1953 were announced this week by Principal C. Ray Lowe.

One hundred sixteen students—46 boys and 70 girls—will be graduated on May 26 at 8 p. m. at the school stadium. A speaker has not been selected.

On the Sunday preceding graduation, May 24, the Rev. Tommy Gales will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class at the Franklin Methodist Church at 8 p. m. Mr. Gales, pastor of the Cowee Baptist Church, was the choice of the class.

Graduation arrangements are being directed by Mrs. S. F. Beck, Mrs. Roberta Parker, and Mrs. C. Ray Lowe, class sponsors.

At the graduation exercise, nine honor students will be recognized. They are Misses Ann Hays, Julia Moody, Nancy Ramsey, Virginia Franklin, Annie Ruth Dean, Barbara Jean Pannell, Myra Crawford, and Jack Love and Max Phillips. The school did not pick a valedictorian and salutatorian this year.

Graduating seniors include: Boys: Dennis Arvey, Bob Bingham, George Brown, Charles Cabe, Junior Cabe, R. L. Cabe, Carroll Childers, Grady Corbin, Emory Crawford, Lonnie Crawford, J. D. Hastings, Harley Henderson, Sammy Henderson, John Henry, Ray Henry, Bryan Hurst, Mack Jones, Thomas Jones, Carroll Keener, Paul Killian, Clyde Kinsland, Jimmy Kinsland, Jack Kusterer, Jack Love, Arland McCall, Charles McCall, Kenneth McCall.

## PLANE SPOTTER SESSION SLATED

Set For Tuesday Night To Organize Unit In Franklin

Tuesday night a special meeting is slated at the V. F. W. building on Palmer Street to organize a Ground Observer Corps unit in Franklin.

At the meeting, set for 7:30 o'clock, the function of G.O.C. in the nation's defense set-up will be outlined by S/Sgt. George Cook, of the U. S. Air Force, who is with the air defense filter center in Knoxville, Tenn.

All persons over the age of 16 are invited to attend. For those unfamiliar with the organization and plan of action of the airplane spotter units, which are being organized on a nation-wide scale, the following facts are printed in advance of the meeting:

The G.O.C. is composed of non-military personnel who volunteer their services on a part-time basis to report on the movement of aircraft. This personnel includes observers to man observation posts, and plotters, filters, and tellers to man the filter centers.

Because of Franklin's proximity to the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Plant in Tennessee and the hydrogen bomb plant now under construction near Aiken, S. C., the organization of a unit here could prove to be invaluable in the event of an attack on this country.

The director of Civilian Defense in the state is responsible for organizing and maintaining the G.O.C. The air force is in charge of only education and training of members.

In the event a unit is formed

## Town Clerk Of Highlands Resigns To Take Bank Job

V. W. McCall, town clerk of Highlands for the past six years, has resigned to accept a position with the Highlands branch of the Jackson County Bank.

He will assume his duties July 1. His successor has not been announced.

## Construction Of Catholic Church Begins

Preliminary construction of a new \$25,000 Catholic church in Franklin started Friday afternoon following a brief ground breaking ceremony.

Father Newman, of St. John's in Waynesville, and three Franciscans held the brief ceremony on the site of the new church at the intersection of the Georgia highway and Maple Street.

For several years Catholic services have been held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik.

Plans call for the small church to have living quarters on the basement level and a chapel on the street level. It will be of cement block construction with brick veneer and will face the highway.

## 7 County Men Report Monday For Army Duty

Seven Macon County men left here Monday morning for Knoxville, Tenn., and induction into the army.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, draft board secretary, listed them as Haze D. Edwards (volunteer), Richard T. Houston (volunteer), Lawton J. Brown, and Henry J. Keener, all of Highlands, Harold J. Welch and John Harvey Ledford, both of Franklin, Route 3, and James W. Waldropp, of Franklin.

Ten men also were sent for pre-induction examinations.

Mrs. Jones announced an induction call for two men has been received for June 8 and a pre-induction call for 13 men on the same date.

## Cullasaja Soldier Wounded May 5 In Korea Action

Pvt. William Gibson, serving with the army in Korea, was wounded in action May 5 and is now recovering in a hospital, according to information received by his father, Henry Gibson, of Cullasaja.

Pvt. Gibson entered service October 13, 1952, and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was sent overseas in March of this year.

## Only P.T.A. Designated 'Standard'



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

The East Franklin Parent-Teacher Association was the only one in the county this past year to qualify as a "standard" P.T.A., meeting all requirements outlined by the state organization. The outgoing officers of the East Franklin group last Thursday night were presented a certificate for the achievement by Mrs. Weimar Jones, district P.T.A. director, at an executive board meeting. Looking over the certificate are the outgoing officers (L to R) Mrs. Owen Ammons, secretary, Mrs. Ernest Hyde, president, and Mrs. Walter Taylor, vice-president, who took over as president for the next year at an installation held Monday night. Only one other P.T.A. in the county has ever received one of the certificates. Several years ago the Franklin organization qualified for one.

## BAND SPRING CONCERT SET

Annual Event Slated Sunday Afternoon At Theatre

The annual spring concert of the Franklin High School Band, under the direction of S. F. Beck, is scheduled Sunday afternoon at the Macon Theatre at 4 o'clock.

Each year the concert draws a capacity house. This year's program lists:

"Host of Freedom", a march by K. King; "Prince and the Pauper", and overture by Johnson; "Trombones Triumphant", a trombone novelty by Don Keller; "Andante and Finale", from Rhapsody in Blue; bari-

## Bit Of Paris Blossoms Here At Saturday's Junior-Senior

A bit of Paris nightlife blossomed in the Franklin school cafeteria Saturday evening as several hundred joined in the festivity and gaiety that is so much a part of the bustling European city.

This remarkable transplanting was done by the Franklin High School Junior class, which bidding "au revoir" to 117 seniors at the annual Junior-Senior banquet.

Using the theme "Springtime in Paris", the Juniors deftly patterned everything "a la française" (after the French style), a banquet and dance "a la belle étoile" (in the open air at night), and even Apache dancers.

Their approach to under-the-stars dining and dancing was ingenious. Several thousand yards of cheesecloth were dyed a midnight blue by some helpful mothers and was draped overhead, forming the sky. Strings of blue and white lights glittered through the sky-stars, naturally.

Thus, in this unique setting, one of the most successful Junior-Senior events in the history of the school took place.

Franklin Principal R. G. Sutton gave the invocation, followed by a welcome to students and guests by Raymond Ledford, president of the Junior class. A response was given by

## Macon Is In New Highway Division 14

Macon is in a new 10-county state highway division stretching from Cherokee County to Polk, under a State Highway Commission reorganization announced in Raleigh Monday.

The new division, to be known as the 14th, will be headed by Harry E. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, as commissioner.

Mr. Buchanan, theater owner, has long been known in Raleigh as a lobbyist for N. C. theatre interests. He has been prominent in promoting the Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills", and other projects of the Cherokee Historical Association, as well as projects of Western North Carolina Associated Communities. He has resigned his position as the theatre's legislative representative, it was announced.

Macon formerly was in the 10th division, with headquarters in Asheville. Where the new 14th division headquarters will be has not been announced, but it is presumed the district office will be in Hendersonville.

Counties in the new 14th district are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, and Polk.

Under the reorganization, A. H. (Sandy) Graham, of Hillsboro, becomes state highway commissioner, succeeding Dr. Henry Jordan.

## BULGIN GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Davidson Senior Awarded Fulbright To Study In England

R. M. (Mac) Bulgin, grandson of Mrs. W. B. McGuire, of Franklin, has won a coveted Fulbright Scholarship for a year's study in England, according to an announcement from



R. M. (MAC) BULGIN

Davidson College, where Mr. Bulgin is a senior.

An English major at Davidson, he will study Middle English Literature at the University of Bristol and do research work at the British museum in London. He will sail for England in September.

Mr. Bulgin is an outstanding campus leader and is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity.

He also is president of Sigma Upsilon, honorary English fraternity, and Phi Society and La Circle Francais.

In 1952 he won the Vereen Bell award, Davidson's highest honor for creative writing.

Mr. Bulgin's scholarship will amount to approximately \$2,400.

## Local N.C.E.A. Group Dinner Meet On Friday

A dinner meeting of the local unit of the N. C. Education Association is planned tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 at Kelly's Tea Room.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain, members of the board of education, and Rep. Walter Dean have been invited as special guests.

Mrs. Gay Teague, of Union School, is acting president of the organization.

## SCHOOL BOARD MOVES TOUCH OFF PROTESTS

Informal Meeting Held Tuesday Night; No Action Taken

Last week's decisions by the county board of education to rehire Franklin Principal R. G. Sutton and dismiss Franklin Coach Ralph (Chuck) McConnell touched off a barrage of criticism from school patrons and students.

Tuesday night, at J. C. Sorrells Motor Company, the five-man board met informally to discuss the ticklish situation in the school district, but took no official action, according to Chairman J. C. Sorrells. County School Supt. Holland McSwain was not present.

At its May 4 meeting, votes of 3 to 2 on both issues, with the chairman breaking the ties, the education board overriding the superintendent's recommendation approved Mr. Sutton as principal for another year and, upon recommendation of the principal and the district committee, dropped the coach from the teacher list of the Franklin schools.

Mr. Sorrells said yesterday the board did not "fire" the coach, "we just didn't rehire him".

Soon after the board's decisions became public, petitions in the hands of school patrons and students began circulating, protesting the moves.

In an interview Supt. McSwain yesterday (Wednesday) said he had a student petition with signatures representing approximately 55 per cent of the high school student body.

A petition being circulated by school patrons yesterday, has not been turned over to the superintendent and was reported to still be in circulation. Another petition, signed by 25 members of the high school football squad, likewise had not been turned in. In this petition, the members of the squad signing say they intend to take part in any athletics at Franklin High School unless Principal R. G. Sutton is removed as principal and Coach McConnell is replaced as football coach.

Reports that the Franklin teacher list was not approved by the district school committee are unfounded, according to Chairman Sorrells. He said yesterday:

"The teachers were recommended to us by the principal and the district school committee", and got the approval of the school board and superintendent.

Franklin Teacher Richard D. Stott, recommended for conditional reemployment, said this week he has submitted his resignation.

The student protest petition reads as follows: "We the students whose names are undersigned think that prejudiced, unfair, and unjust statements have been rendered to the School Board by Principal R. G. Sutton against Coach Ralph McConnell, who for our part has done a great job for athletics at Franklin High School."

A student protest walk-out at the high school was reportedly set for Monday morning, but it failed to materialize.

When recommending to the board that the coach not be re-employed, Mr. Sutton said the

## 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		
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	70	54	1.0
Thursday	69	47	.19
Friday	69	44	—
Saturday	74	41	—
Sunday	83	41	—
Monday	85	45	—
Tuesday	84	46	—

	COWEETA		
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	68	53	.94
Thursday	68	41	.70
Friday	67	35	.17
Saturday	73	47	—
Sunday	81	37	—
Monday	81	42	—
Tuesday	82	42	—

## Miss Bori Retired Opera Star Is Highlands Visitor



By Mrs. Louis Edwards And Mrs. H. G. Story

Miss Lucrezia Bori, of New York City, retired Metropolitan Opera star, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Cooledge at "Uplands", their summer home on Whiteside Road near Highlands.

Miss Bori was born in Valencia, Spain, and made her debut in Rome, Italy, in the title role of Carmen at the age of 19. After appearances in France and Latin America, she became associated with the Metropolitan Opera. She recalled in an interview this week that her most famous roles during her 24 years as a Metropolitan star were Manon, LaBoheme, and Tales of Hoffman. It was in the latter that she made her debut in the Metropolitan Opera in Atlanta, Ga. She retired in 1936 at the height of her career.

Miss Bori is a member of the board of the Metropolitan Opera Association, and an honorary chairman of the New York Metropolitan Opera Guild, as is her hostess, Mrs. Cooledge, who feels Miss Bori has been a great inspiration to young artists at the Metropolitan.

The vivacious Miss Bori was educated in convents. Her favorite hobbies are stamp collecting, painting in oils, and cooking Spanish food. Although resting from the festivities of the opera season in Atlanta, where she was also the guest of Mrs. Cooledge, Miss Bori has taken time to enjoy a few games of golf here—her favorite sport—since she could not resist playing at 4,000 feet altitude. Ecstatic over Highlands, Miss Bori said it reminded her of her summer home in the Adirondack Mountains—it is

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Miss Lucrezia Bori, of New York City, retired Metropolitan Opera star, relaxes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Cooledge at "Uplands", the Cooledge summer home on Whiteside Road, near Highlands. Miss Bori, a native of Valencia, Spain, is still quite active in operatic circles. She retired in 1936 at the height of her career.

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