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BOARD OKAYS TEACHERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

**Murphy Man Named
Nantahala Principal
At Meeting Monday**

R. C. Pipes, of Murphy, Monday was named principal of Nantahala School at a meeting which saw the county board of education give its stamp of approval to all present principals and teachers for the 1954-55 school year.

Mr. Pipes, who is principal of a school in Cherokee County, succeeds Warren H. Deyermond, resigned. He is a graduate of Western Carolina College, Cull-

MSWAIN IN RALEIGH

County School Supt. Holland McSwain left Monday for Raleigh to discuss "the next steps to be taken in the school building program" with state officials.

He was accompanied by Lindsay Guder, Asheville architect. The two men took along preliminary plans for the proposed Franklin gymnasium to show the Raleigh officials.

Mr. McSwain will return today (Thursday).

where, and the University of Georgia, Athens. His experience in education includes 14 years as principal in Cherokee County, eight in Burke County, and four in Bessemer City.

The resigning principal, Mr. Deyermond, has headed the school for the past three years. He plans to return to his home in Massachusetts.

Future construction of a new gymnasium to replace the old high school building, which burned in March, was discussed by the board members, but no official action was taken. The insurance check on the building (\$105,000) was deposited to a special building fund account last month.

In approving the principals and teachers for the coming school year, the board said the list was subject to possible changes, depending upon the state teacher allotment. Some teachers also may be transferred to other schools within the county, it was pointed out.

By schools, principals and teachers, are:

Franklin: Ralph L. Smith, principal—High School, Robert Jack Angel, Mrs. Frances K. Beck, Samuel F. Beck, Adelaide

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady
FOUR GOLD STAR MOTHERS and one father were honored Tuesday night of last week by the American Legion Auxiliary. They are (L to R) Mrs. Ila Martin, Mrs. H. W. Cabe, Mr. Cabe, Mrs. Frank Higdon, and Mrs. Pearl Hunter. They were special guests at a supper meeting at Slagle Memorial Building and were presented gifts by the auxiliary.

Gold Star Parents Honored By Local Legion Auxiliary

Four Gold Star mothers and one father were honored Tuesday night of last week by the American Legion Auxiliary at a dinner at Slagle Memorial Building.

Those honored were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cabe, Mrs. Frank Higdon, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, and Mrs. Ila Martin, all of whom lost sons in World War II. They were presented gifts by the auxiliary.

Two Gold Star mothers—Mrs. Maggie Slagle and Mrs. Joe Setser, both of Cartoogechaye—were unable to be present for the special occasion.

Following the meal a brief program was presented by Dwain Kinsland, Margaret Jones, Nancy Siler, and Linda Shope, speech pupils of Mrs. R. S. Jones.

Mrs. A. R. Higdon was in charge of arrangements. Hostesses were Mrs. Reid Womack, Mrs. Frank Reece, Mrs. Frank I. Murray, Sr., and Mrs. Lon Dalton.

Husbands of the auxiliary members attended as guests.

MEETING CHANGED

The meeting date of the V. F. W. Auxiliary has been changed to the third Tuesday of each month, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum. The organization has been meeting the second Monday.

Democrats Call Precinct Meets For Saturday

Democrat precinct meetings in the county's 12 precincts have been called for Saturday at 2:30 p. m., party officials have announced.

The election of precinct officers will feature each meeting and for this reason all party members are urged to turn out.

The party executive committee will be composed of all precinct chairmen.

Registered Yet? Books Are Open

Registration books in the county's 12 precincts open Saturday for the May 29 Democratic primary.

Citizens have two Saturdays remaining to register for the election—May 8 and 15. Challenge day will be May 22, the Saturday preceding the election.

Registration hours are 9 a. m. to sunset.

SLOAN AT MEETING

W. N. Sloan, president-elect of the Franklin Rotary Club, represented his organization at a district meeting Sunday and Monday in Morganton.

LARGE CROWD HEARS CONCERT

**Sunday Program
Fills Theatre
In Franklin**

A capacity audience showed up Sunday afternoon at Macon Theatre for the Franklin Band's annual Spring Concert.

Outwardly the enthusiasm of the band members seemed undimmed by the recent high school fire and the heavy loss of instruments sustained by the band, and the hour-long concert moved along vigorously under the baton of Director S. F. Beck.

Appearing on the program as a guest conductor was Dr. David Price, head of the music department at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, who has been largely responsible for the continuation of the local band since the fire. It was Dr. Price who made arrangements to loan the band several thousand dollars worth of instruments and music—a gesture which Director Beck feels rebuilt confidence in the band.

Lewis Enloe, Robbinsville band director, also conducted a number.

At intermission, the objectives of the Franklin Band Boosters Club were briefly outlined by J. P. Brady, president, who urged those present to purchase a club membership, which will serve as admission to future concerts planned by the band this year and next. In addition to helping put the band back on its feet, the Boosters are seeking to obtain a full-time band director to work in the county schools and prepare children for

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Georgia Pushing To Construct US 23-441 Link This Summer

PHONE REQUEST EXPLAINED BY M'KELVEY HERE

The request for a new schedule of service connection charges and an optional 10 cent toll for pay stations would have little effect on present customers of the Western Carolina Telephone Company, which serves this area.

Company Vice-President R. E. McKelvey, of Franklin, said this week the new schedule, if granted by the State Utilities Commission, would apply only to those persons moving to new residences or businesses or making changes in present equipment.

As for the optional 10 cent toll charge—present charge is five cents—the vice-president exclaimed the switch to the higher charge would mean modification of all present equipment, "and my company certainly does not consider this added expense feasible at the present time."

W. C. T. C. is one of 32 independent telephone companies requesting the new schedule.

The schedule requests permission to charge \$6.50 for installation of a new telephone. This would not effect W. C. T. C. customers, Mr. McKelvey said, since the company is using that figure at the present time.

However, the schedule would change the charge for installing portable telephone outlets from \$5 to \$7.50, and the reconnection of a telephone from \$1.50 to \$3, he explained.

SING ON SUNDAY

The second Sunday sing will be held at the Newman's Chapel (12 miles south of Franklin on US 23) at 1:45 p. m., Tom Henson, secretary, has announced.

Cullasaja Wins Elementary Field Event At High School

Cullasaja Elementary School copped first place in Friday's Rotary-sponsored Elementary Field Day at Franklin High School.

Runnersup in the annual event, which this year featured written tests as well as athletic contests, were Franklin and Union.

Rotarian Clayton Ramsey, Franklin High teacher, and

Georgia is now pushing plans to begin construction of a new link of US 23-441 from the N. C. state line to Clayton, Ga., sometime this summer. The Press has learned.

Meanwhile, in a telephone interview Monday, Highway Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan said he "is not too concerned" about North Carolina following through with a tie-in project from the state line to Franklin "until they (Georgia) do something."

A \$450,000 allocation for a proposed new highway from the state line to Franklin was "borrowed" by the commissioner last June and transferred to Jackson County for completion of the new US 23-441 link from Cowee Gap to Dillsboro. A tie-in project from Franklin to the gap is now ready for surfacing.

Although construction of a highway from Franklin to the Georgia line is needed, Commissioner Buchanan said he feels the present highway "is far superior" to Georgia's and that completion of the highway from Franklin to Dillsboro "is the important thing now."

The commissioner said he had no information at present as to when funds will be made available to build the Franklin-Georgia link, but he added he hopes to see construction of the highway in his term of office.

"If I can get my ducks in a row," Commissioner Buchanan declared, "we should be able to finish the project about the time they (Georgia) do."

Editor Eddie Barker, of the Clayton (Ga.) Tribune disclosed to The Press his state's plans for construction of the new link. He cited his source of information as Rep. Paul Green, of Clayton.

The Georgia editor, a leading crusader in the fight for a new US 23-441 in the north Georgia area, said he had learned that: (1) all possible efforts are being made to let the first phase of the project June 18.

(2) an estimated million dollars will be expended to construct the highway. The first phase will be a 4.59-mile section from the state line to Mountain City, the second a 5.070-mile link from Mountain City to Clayton.

(3) present plans call for a 24-foot highway with eight-foot shoulders, using a macadam base and plant-mix asphalt.

(4) the early beginning of the project hinges on right-of-way procurement and plan completion.

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Six Blood Donors Join Club; Unit Fails On Quota

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile fell pitifully short of its 125-pint quota here last Thursday, but six donors became members of the "Gallon Club."

It was the last visit of the mobile blood unit here under

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BOY PLACES IN CONTEST

Monroe McClure, Franklin High sophomore, was among the top 10 winners of the 1954 Wildlife Quiz Contest, sponsored jointly by the N. C. Wildlife Federation and the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The young student, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McClure, of Cullasaja, placed sixth in the contest, which drew more than 5,000 entries.

He is a member of the high school Junior Wildlife Club and submitted his entry through Mrs. Mildred R. Martin, club sponsor.

Monroe will receive \$10 for placing among the winners.

This year's essay topic was "What I Can Do To Conserve The Soils, Forest, Waters And Wildlife In My Community."

Patrolman Wrecks

Highway Patrolman A. A. Lewis narrowly escaped injury late last Thursday afternoon when his patrol car skidded in a deep curve on the Bryson City highway and overturned.

The patrolman, who was on his way to investigate an accident in Swain County, rode out the mishap without a scratch. The patrol car was heavily damaged.

Patrolman Lewis said it was raining and his car skidded on the slick pavement as he went into the curve. He estimated his speed at 45 m.p.h.

The accident occurred about a mile beyond the Totla Bridge at approximately 5:15.

Candidates Directed To Press Advertising Policy For Election

Attention of all candidates running in the May 29 Democratic primary is directed to The Press policy concerning political advertising.

No political advertising will be accepted for publication in the issue of May 27, preceding the election. However, candidates may advertise in the issues of May 13 and 20.

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	83	55	...
Thursday	79	57	.11
Friday	74	56	...
Saturday	78	58	...
Sunday	83	56	...
Monday	76	60	.41
Tuesday	64	38	.02

COWEETA

Temperatures
High Low Rain

Wednesday	83	54	...
Thursday	76	53	.13
Friday	68	56	.16
Saturday	76	59	.02
Sunday	80	56	...
Monday	73	58	...
Tuesday	61	34	.47

Pigs, Pigs, And Some More Pigs



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady
It was pigs, pigs, and more pigs for Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGaha, of Cowee, Tuesday of last week. Their 11-months-old gilt just kept on running the figure up, finally stopping at 18—a sizable litter in anyone's pen. So sizable, in fact, six of the little porkers are bottle babies, a situation happily welcomed by the McGaha children, Billy, 7, and Annie Lee, 6 (inset in picture). The bashful mother, who turned her back on the photographer, is pictured with her 18 offsprings. Count 'em, they're all there.

Club Women Name Holly Springs Lady 'Mrs. H.D. Woman' At Council Meeting

"Mrs. Home Demonstration Club Woman of Macon County" was the title pinned on Mrs. Jack Cabe, of Holly Springs, by her fellow club members last Thursday.

The honor was bestowed on the energetic and outstanding club leader, who has served as president of the county H. D. council for the past two years, at a council meeting of the Agricultural Building.

Mrs. Cabe steps down this year as head of the council, but club women over the county predict no let-up in her "inspirational" approach to home demonstration activities. (See Story, Page 9).

At Thursday's meeting, Mrs. Dan Reynolds, of the Carson club, was elected to succeed Mrs. Cabe as head of the council. Named to serve with her were Mrs. George Byrd, Cowee, vice-president; Mrs. Pritchard Peek, Cullasaja, secretary; and Mrs. Eugene Couch, Longview, treasurer.

Other features of the meeting included a report on the state executive board meeting in Raleigh in March by Mrs. E. M. McNish, and the nomination of two women—Mrs. Cabe and Mrs. C. T. Bryson, of Cullasaja—to represent this county at the United Nations tour in New York City this fall. Mrs. Carl Slagle, Upper Cartoogechaye, and Mrs. Roscoe Higdon, Patton, were named alternates.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady
NEW H. D. COUNTY COUNCIL officers for 1954-55 were elected at a council meeting last Thursday at the Agricultural Building. They are front row (L to R) Mrs. Pritchard Peek, secretary, Mrs. Dan Reynolds, president; back row, Mrs. Eugene Couch, treasurer, and Mrs. George Byrd, vice-president.