

CULLASAJA GETS TOP FOOD RATE

School Lunchroom Rated 96; Collins Says Best Given

The highest sanitation rating of any food handling establishment in the county is now hanging on the wall in the Cullasaja School lunchroom.

A rating of 96 was awarded the small lunchroom Friday by Sanitarian H. T. Collins.

Mr. Collins said he considers this a remarkable achievement in the light of the lunchroom's short existence. It was the last to be built in the school system and is now only in its second year of operation.

The sanitarian said the Cullasaja rating is the highest he has given any food handling establishment in the six years he has been here. Since it was opened in the fall of 1952, it has consistently bettered its standing, he added.

Three other school lunchrooms have been given "A" ratings, the sanitarian said. They are Union, Cartoogechaye, and Iotla.

Free Newspaper Project Stopped

The program giving a free year's subscription of The Franklin Press to all servicemen from this county has been discontinued.

Begun with the outbreak of the fighting in Korea, the "letter from home" project was jointly sponsored by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and The Press. However, in view of the end of emergency in Korea, the veterans' organizations have decided to stop the program.

During the period it operated, 303 Macon fighting men received weekly copies of the paper. A breakdown shows that 55 got the paper in 1951; 93 in 1952; 92 in 1953; 54 in 1954; and nine in 1955.

Prior to the program, the American Legion presented bill-folds to departing draftees. The newspaper subscriptions were then substituted and all men entering service got the paper free for a year.



A SMILING A. B. SLAGLE (left) is shown receiving a 50-year veteran's emblem for service in Junaluske Lodge, No. 145, AF and AM, from the Rev. Robert L. Pugh, most worshipful grand master of the order. The presentation was made Saturday night.

Junaluske Lodge Members Are Honored At Banquet

The oldest member of Junaluske Lodge, No. 145, AF and AM — dairyman A. B. Slagle — and 15 of his lodge brothers were honored Saturday night for service to their organization.

Mr. Slagle, who has just been elected president of the N. C. Guernsey Breeders Association, Inc., received a 50-year veteran's emblem from the Rev. Robert L. Pugh, most worshipful grand master of the order.

Certificates for 25 years' service went to George A. Cloer, W. Gaston Curtis, Mark L. Dowdle, Walter D. Gibson, James L. Hauser, Alfred R. Higdon, Lawrence B. Liner, Ervin W. Long, James D. McCoy, William T. Moore, Frank I. Murray, James B. Pendergrass, Fred M. Slagle, George T. Stalcup, and Manson L. Stiles. These also were presented by the head of the order.

Held in the Franklin High School cafeteria, the annual Masonic banquet featured Mr. Pugh as guest speaker. Introduced by Holland McSwain, the toastmaster, the Baptist minister spiced his talk with humorous stories as he skillfully wove

Centennial Song Hit

Beard growing for the Franklin Centennial picked up a theme song this week.

To the tune of the hit song, "Let Me Go, Lover", a salesman for a local motor company — the fuzz already glistening on his chin — was musically advising: "Let it grow, let it grow, let it grow, brother!"

Centennial Meet Slated

More detailed planning for Franklin's Centennial in mid-June is on tap tomorrow (Friday) night when interested citizens meet at the Presbyterian annex at 7:30.

Anyone interested in helping with the celebration is invited to attend. Preliminary reports will be made by committees and a number of appointments will be made.

In announcing the meeting, Centennial officials emphasized that Franklin males may start growing beards, sideburns, or mustaches at once.

It also was pointed out that anybody "from here to Timbuktu" is invited to take part in the Centennial, particularly those actually taking part in scheduled contests and events must purchase a Centennial badge. The badges will go on sale for \$1 beginning April 1.

Dimes Drive Is Extended

With only slightly more than half the \$3,000 quota on hand, the March of Dimes drive has been extended.

The drive, scheduled to shut down Saturday, will be pressed until next Thursday, February 24, in an effort to top the quota, according to Andrew Jones, chairman.

As of Tuesday, the chairman announced he had \$1,644 on hand with a number of organizations still not reporting collections. This amount includes \$122 raised by the Franklin Jaycees Saturday and Sunday in downtown Franklin through the operation of a stop-and-go automobile solicitation, and \$200 raised by the Highlands Lions Club.

Henry R. Crawford Dies In Oregon

Relatives here have received word of the death of Henry R. Crawford at Salem, Oregon. No details were available.

A native of this county, Mr. Crawford went West as a young man. He last visited his brother, the late Lee Crawford, and other relatives here about 25 years ago.

Funeral services, it was understood, were held last Friday at Salem, where he had made his home.

DR. BARKER TALKS NEW PROGRAM

Teachers Discuss Handicapped Courses With State Official

A special educational program for handicapped children was outlined for Macon teachers here Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Felix S. Barker, director of the Division of Special Education in Raleigh.

His discussion of the program, some points of which probably will be adopted by the Macon system, featured a meeting of the local unit of the N. C. Education Association at East Franklin School. Edwin T. Williams, president, presided and the devotional was given by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Barker's talk stressed the types of services being offered handicapped children in other sections and the specialized training of teachers. He explained that the special instructional services are for children handicapped either physically or mentally to the extent that they require services different from, or in addition to, those offered through regular classroom work.

Following the meeting, a smaller group of teachers met to discuss the program in more detail with Dr. Barker with the idea of starting a limited program here.

Also present at the meeting was Dr. Carl Killian, head of the department of psychology at Western Carolina College, who offered his services in screening children for the special courses.



FRANKLIN'S LASSIES, division champs and undefeated for three years in conference play, are the favorites to cop the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament crown again this year. They are (L to R) front row, guards Jean Phillips, Anna Setser, and Hazel Vinson; back row, forwards Audrey Gibson, Jodie Lenoir, and Mavis Gibson.

Franklin Lassies, Champs Of Division, After Crown

The incomparable Franklin lassies—who last Thursday night won the division cage crown and ended their third straight year of undefeated conference play — yesterday (Wednesday) moved into the Smoky Mountain Conference Basketball Tournament as the undisputed favorites.

The Pantherettes clashed at 12:30 with Cullowhee in the Swain High gymnasium at Bryson City, where the girls' tournament is being staged. At press-time, the result of the game was not known. The winner of the game meets the winner of the Murphy-Robbinsville game tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Franklin firemen turned the Coleman home inside out looking for the "something". They finally found it — a piece of toast had jammed in the toaster.

Supt. McSwain Candidate For District Post

Macon School Supt. Holland McSwain is a candidate for president of the western district of the North Carolina Education Association.

He was nominated for the post by the executive committee of the local N.C.E.A., and is receiving the support of the entire membership in his campaign, according to Edwin T. Williams, president.

An election to choose the new district officers is scheduled next Wednesday, Mr. Williams said. The district is made up of 18 counties.

DRIVE READY FOR OPENING

Red Cross Workers Volunteer; Campaign Plans Mark Meeting

Officials of the local American Red Cross chapter Friday night began preliminary planning for the March 1 kick-off of the 1955 fund campaign.

Macon's goal this year will be \$3,000, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter executive secretary.

In addition to mail requests, the secretary said funds will be solicited door-to-door by volunteers. The rural campaign again will be pushed through the organized communities.

Friday's planning session was held at Kelly's Inn with Z. Weaver Shope, chapter chairman, presiding.

P. T. A. To Observe 'Founders' Day' At Monday Night Meet

"Founders' Day" will be observed by the Franklin P. T. A. at its meeting Monday evening in the school cafeteria.

A tea, honoring the past presidents of the organization, is planned and as a feature of this Mrs. W. B. McGuire, first president, will speak on the organization and the beginning of the P. T. A. The program is set for 7:30.

The Franklin Band, under the direction of Director Theodore Orr, also will appear on the program during the evening, according to Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, P. T. A. president.

TOWN HALL BIDS RUN TOO HIGH

Franklin Is Short About \$12,000; Mayor And Board Determined

Some roughed-in features appear likely if Franklin is to get its new municipal building.

At a bid opening session Tuesday afternoon, aldermen found that construction costs for the proposed building are running higher than anticipated and the town is approximately \$12,000 short of having enough money to do the job.

No action was taken by the board on any bid.

Low bids for the building totaled \$51,857. Of the \$50,000 bond money voted to construct the building, only \$39,357.85 remains, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey. The site for the new hall cost \$10,000 (old Blaine lot at intersection of US 23-441 and West Main) and roughly \$2,000 has been expended in bond election costs and procedure, he explained.

But, this turn of events does not mean the municipal building will not be constructed.

Mayor W. C. Burrell yesterday (Wednesday) said he and the aldermen are determined to go through with the project, even if it means roughing-in some features of the one-story building. He said costs could be cut by eliminating paving around the building and roughing-in the heating plant and some plumbing. These items could be completed later, when funds are available, the mayor said.

"It would be a sad note for us not to build it after going this far," Mr. Burrell declared. "I feel confident they (aldermen) are going to work something out."

The low bidders and their offers are as follows:

General — Wiley J. Clark, \$38,667; electrical — J. P. Wurst, \$3,640; heating — C. E. Holder, \$6,200; plumbing, C. E. Holder, \$3,350.

For the general contract, the Clark concern was more than \$8,000 below the next highest, W. C. Norris, who bid \$47,500. Other bidders were W. B. Dillard (\$49,930), Hollingsworth Construction Co. (\$55,977), Macon Construction Co. (\$49,000).

Boy Scout Fund Drive Under Way

"\$6 per Scout" is the goal of the annual Boy Scout fund drive, which got under way here Monday.

Hunter Calloway, drive chairman, said \$6 per boy will bring in the \$1,100 needed to finance the movement in the county in 1955.

Volunteer workers this week are canvassing the entire county in an effort to raise the quota by the end of the week.

Drive strategy was planned Sunday afternoon at a meeting presided over by B. L. McGlamery, finance chairman of the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District, at the Franklin Methodist Church.

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
Wed., Feb. 9	60	17
Thursday	58	25
Friday	52	14
Saturday	22	6
Sunday	42	2
Monday	36	13
Tuesday	56	17

HIGHLANDS		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Feb. 9	56	23
Thursday	48	24
Friday	32	4
Saturday	28	0
Sunday	36	0
Monday	28	8
Tuesday	57	12

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Feb. 9	60	19
Thursday	60	29
Friday	51	39
Saturday	25	7
Sunday	38	2
Monday	33	14
Tuesday	55	19



C. Jack Ragan

KNOW YOUR COUNTY

Coroner Also Can Be Sheriff

(Note: This is one of a series of articles on the duties of county officials that will appear in The Press from time to time.)

Conducting investigations and holding inquests into unusual deaths of individuals are the chief duties of the county coroner, but under the law this elected official can become sheriff.

Should no one be qualified to act as sheriff of a county (following, for example, the death or resignation of the officer) a coroner may act as sheriff and he is under the same rules and regulations and subject to the same forfeitures, fines, and penalties as sheriffs are by law for neglect or disobedience of the same duties until a successor is appointed by the board of county commissioners.

However, this right has never been exercised in Macon. The

coroner here finds himself serving as an investigator of deaths of unusual nature and as "judge" of coroner juries.

C. Jack Ragan, Franklin mortician, is starting off his first four-year term in this county post. Elected in the general election in November, he was sworn into office at the December term of Superior Court.

A native of Boone, Mr. Ragan has lived here six years. He is a graduate of Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science and is a licensed mortician.

Under the law, the coroner receives \$5 for each inquest, and, if engaged in an extended investigation, gets \$5 for each additional day.

As a rule, the coroner investigates only about a half dozen cases a year.

Some major duties of the county coroner under the general statutes of the state:

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All Protestant churches here are cooperating in the movement, and Mayor W. C. Burrell has proclaimed February 25 "World Day of Prayer" in Franklin.

While the event is sponsored by the women's organizations of the various churches, all interested persons are invited, it was emphasized.

Details of the program will be announced later.

ELLIOTT IS ASSIGNED

Pvt. Swann E. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Elliott, of Franklin, has been assigned to "B" Battery, 516th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Jackson, S. C., for basic training, the fort public information office has announced.