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DINNER MEET AT CAFETERIA ON MARCH 25

Changed From Slagle Memorial; Speaker To Be Asheville Man

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner meeting March 25 will be held at the Franklin High cafeteria, instead of Slagle Memorial Building, as previously announced.

Arrangements for the dinner are now being worked out, according to Erwin Patton, dinner chairman.

Tickets already have been mailed to members, who are urged to confirm reservations immediately so arrangements for the meal may be completed. Tickets for non-members are on sale for \$1.50 at Perry's Drug Store, Reeves Hardware Company, and The Franklin Press.

Don Smith will be toastmaster for the occasion.

D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville, well-known W.N.C. civic leader and retired newspaper man, already has accepted an invitation to address the gathering.

The dinner meeting, which is expected to draw several hundred persons, this year will serve as a testimonial to W. W. Reeves, chamber president, and Frank B. Duncan, head of the Macon Industrial Committee, for their work in bringing the Burlington Industries plant here.

Civic organizations, including the Rotary and Lions clubs, plan to attend the dinner instead of holding regular meetings that week.

A number of special guests also are being invited. Among them will be Burlington Industries officials.

Petition Asks Dismissal Of Patrolman Here

A petition calling for the dismissal of Highway Patrolman A. A. Lewis as an officer here is now being studied by State Highway Patrol officials.

Lt. Johnson, here to investigate the matter this week, said "several hundred" signatures are on the petition. He also said investigation shows most of them are residents of the Skenah section.

The petition does not specifically cite why the young officer's dismissal is being asked. It said, in part, "... our reason for making the above request is due to the fact that we sincerely believe that he is a man not worthy of the position he is now holding, and we think upon your investigation of his conduct for the past several months you will find that he should be relieved of his position as patrolman."

Lt. Johnson did not comment on the investigation, other than to say any action will be "up to the colonel (Colonel Smith, head of the patrol)."

Patrolman Lewis also declined to comment.

Easter Seal Campaign Opens

The annual Easter Seal campaign to help crippled children will be kicked off county-wide today (Thursday) under the leadership of county chairman Clayton Ramsey.

Letters requesting contributions already have been mailed, the chairman reports. Citizens are requested to return donations as soon as possible in order to speed the drive to completion.

In addition to providing medical care, the money from the sale of seals is used to provide special education for crippled children.

P. T. A. Grosses \$285 At Sunday Dinner

Approximately 700 persons ate "Sunday dinner" with the Franklin P. T. A. in the school cafeteria.

The noon meal grossed \$285, according to Mrs. Dorothy Crawford, treasurer. It will be used to fix a playground at the school.



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DISCUSSING MACON'S new health center at Sunday's open house are (L to R) Dr. Ben M. Drake, of Raleigh, with the division of local health administration, Jennings Bryson, of Sylva, chairman of the district board of health, William A. Broadway, of Asheville, western district sanitarian, H. T. Collins, local sanitarian, and W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the Macon Board of County Commissioners.

Several Hundred Turn Out For New Center Open House

Several hundred persons acknowledged the official appearance on the county scene of Macon's new \$30,000 health center by attending Sunday afternoon's open house at the center.

In addition to local town and county officials, a number of special guests turned out for the occasion. They included Dr. Ben M. Drake, of Raleigh, assistant director, Division of Local Health Administration, N. C. State Board of Health; William A. Broadway, of Asheville, western district sanitarian; C. B. Thomas, of Sylva, supervising sanitarian; Jennings Bryson, of Sylva, chairman of the district board of health; Dr. T. D. Slagle, acting district health officer; Miss Evelyn Davis, of Asheville, public health nursing consultant; and Miss Mildred Barry, of Asheville, public health nutritionist.

Refreshments for the open house were furnished by home demonstration clubs and the American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, Mrs. Margaret D. Smith, Mrs. Ralph L. Smith, and Mrs. Ralph Bradley served. Flower arrangements for the center were prepared by the Franklin Garden Club and the district nurses association.

The one-story modernistic building, which has been in operation since October, was built with county, state, and federal funds. It contains offices for the health officer, sanitarian, public health nurse, examination and treatment rooms, and an X-ray room. Dr. Edgar Angel donated the land for the center, which is situated directly across from Angel Hospital on Riverview Street.

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Holly Springs Has Winning Float In Parade Saturday

A float entered by Holly Springs took top honors in Saturday morning's 4-H parade, which wound its way through the Franklin business area as the closing feature of the local observance of "National 4-H Week."

Second and third places went to Patton and Cowee.

Prior to the parade, a tally of votes placed the "Miss 4-H" and "Mr. 4-H" crowns on the heads of Miss Nancy Cable and Tony Orr, members of the Franklin 4-H Club. A penny-a-vote contest among kings and queens of the individual clubs

Centennial Seen

Firemen carrying out centennial "law" Saturday by "caliboosing" some clean-shaven men...

Two men standing on a street corner, combing chestnut-colored beards with pink fine-tooth combs of a variety referred to by some of the older generation as "cootie catchers"...

A young man going down Town Hill late Monday afternoon — wearing a bonnet!

The women showing off some of the prettiest bonnets seen around here "in a month of Sundays"...

Joe Dowdle, with one of the thickest beards in the county, having pictures made to send to a bride-to-be as an illustration of what he will look like in her April wedding...

George Mallonee looking "real fancy" as he strutted down the street in his swallow-tail coat, swinging a cane...

A woman, telling a friend, "I'm afraid to speak to a man anymore... I don't recognize any of them."...

Another woman, considered a leader in the community, knocking the centennial by declaring "it's the most childish thing I've ever seen." To which a passing male replied: "Usually takes one to spot one!"...

ASKS RETURN OF REQUESTS

Will Determine How Much Polio Vaccine County To Receive

Parents of first and second graders are urged to fill out requests for the new Salk polio vaccine and return them at once to the Macon County Health Department.

Only 422 of the 974 requests mailed out have been returned to date, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse.

"The requests will determine the amount of vaccine we will receive, so they are very important," she declared.

Although it is not definitely known, the nurse said the new vaccine, which is being supplied through the March of Dimes, should arrive soon, probably in April.

The vaccine will be administered in the schools by members of the Macon Medical Society, assisted by health department personnel.

AUTO KILLS FARMER HERE

Ledford Succumbs Of Injuries; Driver Is Free Of Blame

A 69-year-old retired farmer and merchant, Benjamin Alley Ledford, died early Friday afternoon at Angel Hospital of injuries received about five and a half hours earlier when struck by an automobile near his home on US 23-441 (south).

Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson listed the driver of the automobile which hit the man as he crossed the highway to his home at I. T. Peek, of Franklin. At an inquest conducted by Coroner C. Jack Ragan, Mr. Peek was absolved of all blame for the accident.

Funeral services for Mr. Ledford, who was a native of Clay County and a former merchant, were conducted Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Union Hill Methodist Church in Hayesville, of which he was a member. Officiating were the Rev. R. L. Poindexter, the Rev. Norman E. Holden, and the Rev. Andrew Cloer. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The son of the late Samuel and Mrs. Ruth Hill Ledford, Mr. Ledford moved here from Clay about 13 years ago. He had been retired for several years because of bad health. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mae Hooper, of Clay; four sons, James P. and Frank, of Hayesville, and Harve and SEE NC. 2, PAGE 10

Sylva Physician To Address Joint Meeting Of P. T. A.s

Dr. R. David Daniel, Sylva physician, will be the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Franklin and East Franklin P. T. A.'s Monday night.

The meeting, set for 7:30, will be at the East Franklin School. Preparing a child for entering school will be Dr. Daniel's topic.

Officers of both P. T. A.'s have extended invitations to all parents in the county who will have children enter school this coming fall to attend the meeting.

PATTON FREE OF BLAME IN WIFE'S DEATH

Grand Jury Issues Statement Clearing Local Man In Case

Robert A. (Bob) Patton, Franklin native, has been cleared of any blame in the October death of his socially prominent wife, Mrs. Louise F. Patton, in Tampa, Fla., it has been learned here.

In a special release March 8, a county grand jury declared the former state senator and Macon representative "free of blame" in her death. The invalid Mrs. Patton died October 16 in a gas-filled bedroom of their mansion.

Granted permission to leave the state, Mr. Patton has been living here with relatives since his wife's death. He recently returned from Tampa, where he voluntarily underwent a lie detector test.

The special grand jury report clearing him follows, in part:

"Because there has been widespread interest in the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Louise F. Patton, we believe a public statement should be made... Mr. Patton has voluntarily returned to Tampa from the state of North Carolina to be further interrogated by all of us, and voluntarily submitted himself to the polygraph, better known as the lie detector. All of the results have convinced us that he is free of blame and will not be charged with any crime. The grand jury approves this decision."

The petition was adopted by Commissioner Steve Potts and seconded by Commissioner Tudor N. Hall. Other commissioners are Luther W. Rice, Harry A. Holt, and Carter Talley.

The petition noted "a great number of people... have indicated to the governing body... their desire that an election be held on the question of whether or not a town liquor control store may be operated..."

Savings Bonds Sales Hit 31 Per Cent

The county hit 31 per cent of its '55 Savings Bonds quota in January and February with sales totaling \$73,525, according to H. W. Cabe, chairman. February sales totaled \$39,131.25.

BINGO FOR JACKETS

The Monogram Club at Franklin High plans a Bingo party in the school cafeteria Saturday night at 7:30 to raise funds for player jackets.

DEATH'S CHANCES DROP — Resuscitator Arrives Here

Death's chances of claiming victims of respiratory attacks—anything from drowning to asphyxiation—dropped this week with the arrival of a resuscitator for the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department.

Purchased with the proceeds of the recent fire extinguisher sale staged by the department, the \$460 resuscitator is going to become as much a part of the fire truck as the hose, according to Chief A. C. Tysinger. All firemen will be trained to use the portable machine.

Actually, the resuscitator is the basis for a new rescue squad being formed within the department. When the training



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FIREMAN Sam Gibson tries out the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department's new resuscitator, which arrived this week. The \$460 machine is used in treatment of most respiratory troubles. The firemen raised money to buy it with a fire extinguisher sale recently.

Highlands Asks Vote On Liquor

The Highlands Board of Commissioners has petitioned for an election to set up a liquor control store in the small resort town.

Unanimously adopted by the commissioners on March 10, the petition requests Macon Representative G. L. Houk to introduce an act during the present session of the General Assembly that would authorize the establishment of a liquor store on a vote of the people.

Profits from the operation of such a store would be sliced as follows:

- (1) Forty (40%) per cent to the Town of Highlands general fund for public purposes.
- (2) Thirty (30%) per cent to the governing board or body of the Highlands Community Hospital, a non-profit organization, to be used for general hospital purposes and expenses.
- (3) Twenty (20%) per cent to Macon County for public purposes.
- (4) Ten (10%) per cent to the Town of Highlands for recreational purposes.

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Houk Declares No Bill Unless Taxpayers Agree

"I will not introduce any bill in the legislature to levy a tax without the consent of those to be taxed," said Representative G. L. Houk, when he was here last week-end.

He was referring to the petition for legislation placing a 40-cent ad valorem tax in Highlands township for the benefit of the Highlands Community Hospital.

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PLANT WORK PROGRESSING, WHITT SAYS

About On Schedule Despite Weather; Loopers Training

With the weather picture brightening somewhat, construction on Burlington Industries' \$3,000,000 hosiery plant near Franklin is "proceeding moderately", according to J. P. Whitt, Jr., superintendent of construction for Daniel Construction Company.

"We are close to schedule and if the weather holds we'll catch it," he said Tuesday afternoon. April 15 is the completion date for the floor and roof of the large one-story plant, Mr. Whitt disclosed.

Bad weather has hampered construction since work on the plant began in mid-December. Between 60 and 70 men were on the job Tuesday.

The manufacturing floor space of the plant covers 27,360 square feet. Office space takes in 3,472 more feet, not counting a shop and boiler and air conditioning rooms.

"Very Pleased" Meanwhile, C. B. Hussey, who is in charge of the looper training program for the plant, said he is "very pleased" with the progress of the women trainees. The program still is taking in only two women each week. Sixteen were working Tuesday.

It has previously been announced that additional personnel, men and women, will be hired as the plant nears completion and prepares to go into production.

Pipe Line Project Resumed This Week

Installation of the new water line in south Franklin to serve the Burlington Industries plant is "progressing satisfactorily" after a slight hold-up to reroute the line, according to Water Superintendent Herman Childers.

The line has been moved from US 23-441 in order not to interfere with future highway construction. It is now running along private property to the left of the highway.

About 800 feet of pipe remains to be installed, the superintendent said, out of more than 3,000.

Bid Opening For Property Slated Monday

The board of trustees of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Monday will open sealed bids for purchase of three sections of property adjoining the new Burlington Industries plant.

The sections of land were purchased in the fall when trustees of the chamber arranged for the plant site.

A legal notice of the upcoming sale may be found on Page 9 of this issue.

The proceeds of the sale will be used to offset some of the \$30,000 the trustees put up to cover the purchase of the tract for the plant, according to W. W. Reeves, chamber president.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Taylor S. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

	FRANKLIN		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Mar. 9	68	21	...
Thursday	63	33	.16
Friday	67	54	trace
Saturday	80	52	.03
Sunday	75	47	.14
Monday	62	48	.10
Tuesday	73	47	trace

	HIGHLANDS		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Mar. 9	64	24	...
Thursday	52	41	.12
Friday	66	50	.19
Saturday	72	52	...
Sunday	72	50	.18
Monday	52	44	.62
Tuesday	66	43	.03

	COWEETA		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Mar. 9	67	24	.09
Thursday	53	34	.12
Friday	67	52	...
Saturday	81	52	.115
Sunday	73	49	.47
Monday	56	49	.06
Tuesday	72	47	...



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Miss Nancy Cable, "Miss 4-H", and Tony Orr, "Mr. 4-H" are shown talking over the success of Saturday's 4-H parade through downtown Franklin. The two Franklin High students were picked to reign over 4-H festivities in a penny-a-vote contest in the schools.