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D. HIDDEN RAMSEY (left), guest speaker at Friday night's annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce is shown talking after the meeting with (L to R) Dr. Frank P. Graham, a special guest, Weimar Jones, editor-publisher of The Press, and Don Smith, master of ceremonies.

Local Chamber Honors Men; Ramsey Is Dinner Speaker

Appreciation Given For Plant Effort; Leaders Installed

The principal figures in the behind-the-scenes negotiating to bring the new Burlington Industries, Inc., hosiery plant to Macon County were honored as a feature of Friday night's Franklin Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting.

Also on the program for the annual gathering was an address by D. Hidden Ramsey, of Asheville; the installation of new chamber officers for 1955-56; and the presentation of past and future projects.

The address of appreciation to the men negotiating for the new plant was made by E. J. Whitmire, who praised the men for "performing these most vital services... without thinking of collecting money or personal advantage." Among those mentioned by Mr. Whitmire were W. W. Reeves, chamber president, Frank B. Duncan, chairman of the Macon Industrial Committee, C. Banks Fingler and John M. Archer, Jr., committee members, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, Mayor W. C. Burrell and his

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EASTER RITE IS PLANNED

Moss Will Preach At Sunrise Service Atop Wayah Bald

Plans for the annual sunrise service atop mile-high Wayah Bald were announced this week by the Macon County Ministerial Association, which has charge of arrangements.

As in the past, the dawn service will be held at "High Haven", the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

The Rev. S. B. Moss, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, has been selected to preach the Easter message.

Music and broadcasting arrangements will be handled by Frank Martin. The Franklin Jaycees will have charge of transportation and parking.

A complete program for the service — including time of sunrise and directions for reaching the Jones' camp — will be listed next week.

Speaker Declares Industry, Tourists, Agriculture Tops

Industry, tourists, and agriculture form prosperity's "three-legged stool" and to occupy this seat takes the cooperative efforts of everyone, from civic-minded individuals to elected officials.

Such is the observation of D. Hidden Ramsey, retired newspaper executive and widely-known civic leader, who addressed Friday night's annual meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Introduced by Weimar Jones, editor-publisher of The Franklin Press, the speaker discussed a number of problems dealing with the area, including job opportunities for young men and women, "exporting" electricity, and natural resources.

And to accomplish any or all of these points requires "long, hard, sacrifice on the part of all", the speaker declared.

Urging his audience to realistically study the problems faced by the area, Mr. Ramsey contended Western North Carolina "has not reaped its full share of increased industrial expansion and prosperity" in the past few years. Of the 10-county 12th Congressional District, the four counties east of the Balsams had population increases totaling 28,000 in the last decade, he pointed out. But at the same time, the six counties west of the Balsams dropped 10,000.

The speaker said the fact remains "we have not had the growth that we had every right

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Along About Sunup Monday

Along about sunup Monday, a couple of hundred men in this county will unflinchingly step into icy streams and dexterously flip their first fly into the 1955 trout season.

And along about sundown, a couple of hundred wives will bravely face the added household chore of scraping fish and cooking same, while their intrepid anglers—gear strewn helter-skelter from front lawn to front room — languish on the couch.

And along about sunup the next morning — the smell of fried fish still hanging heavily in the air — these same noble women will face these bleary-eyed fishermen-businessmen over breakfast (what else but fried trout?)

And along about "coffee break" time... well, what would fishing be without tales?

Misener Heads Highlands Club

L. G. Misener is the new president of the Highlands Rotary Club for 1955-56.

He was elected to the post at the March 22 meeting of the club. The retiring president, Charlie C. Potts, automatically becomes the club vice-president.

Others named to serve with Mr. Misener were the Rev. Robert M. Hart, secretary; V. W. McCall, treasurer; and Frank B. Cook, C. E. Mitchell, and W. H. Cobb, directors.

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FOR NEW SCHOOL —

They Just Furnish Incentive

The small group listened intently as the young man, his voice halting, yet sure and clear, read:

"And Joseph's brothers were jealous of his beautiful coat of many colors..."

A scene from a school classroom? Well, yes and no.

It's a classroom scene, but it took place in the mess hall of the Macon County Prison Camp and not in one of the county schools.

But the objective of this unusual school is the same as any — to teach.

Of the 61 men serving time at the prison camp, roughly one-third of them cannot read or write, according to Supt. John E. Cutshall. And there are many among them who can only write their name.

This prison school is now being conducted to correct this situation.

"It's a rehabilitation-through-education idea, you might say," is the way the superintendent expresses it.

And it's working too. Ten prisoners, some serving life sentences, are studying their ABC's.

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McClure New Council Head For County

Bryant McClure, of the Otto Community, has been elected president of the Macon Rural Community Development Council for the contest year 1955-56.

Named to serve with him at a meeting Tuesday night at the Agricultural Building were Frank Plyler, Iotla community, vice-president; T. H. Fagg, of Franklin, reelected secretary; and W. W. (Bill) Sloan, of Franklin, reelected treasurer.

Mr. McClure succeeds Walter Taylor, of Holly Springs.

The group adopted the same prize schedule as used in '54; that is, \$300, first place; \$200, second; \$100, third; and 10 \$50 awards.

A discussion of some features of the '54 contest indicated most of the communities would favor giving the judges more time to study the various community undertakings. However, it was agreed to follow the same rules and scoring.

Wayne Proffitt, head of the Agricultural Workers Council, briefly outlined plans for the county fair in August to the community presidents and civic group representatives attending. He was assisted by Wiley Brown, fair co-chairman.

DRESS REVIEW MARKS MEET

Club Women Hold 'Spring Federation' At Union School

Approximately 200 persons attended yesterday's (Wednesday) annual home demonstration "Spring Federation" at Union School.

Highspot of the program was a dress review with some 75 club members modeling clothes they designed. Winners of the review were not known at press-time.

Classes of the review included "Fashions for Home"; "From Sacks to Garments"; "Sports Clothes"; "Fashions for Tots"; "Tailored Suits"; "Best Dresses"; and "Evening Dresses".

Drawing considerable comment was the special class, "Belles of the Bustle", acknowledging the coming Franklin Centennial.

Awards to the winners were presented by Miss Mary Harris, of Raleigh, western district home agent. She and Mrs. Bar-

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DOG CLINICS SCHEDULED

Rabies Vaccination Dates Are Listed By County Officials

The first in a series of rabies vaccination clinics will get under way Saturday in an effort by Dr. O. H. Burnside, county rabies inspector, to slow the spread of the disease.

Since the first of the year, 14 dogs and three cows have died from the disease, the doctor reported this week.

He urged all citizens to cooperate in the vaccination program. "This is the only known way to eliminate this disease... we ask your cooperation to

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protect yourself, your livestock, and our wildlife," Dr. Burnside said.

The clinic schedule: April 2 (Saturday): Harley Stewart's dairy farm from 10 to 11 a. m.

April 5: John Roane's farm, 3 to 5 p. m.; Setser's Store, 5 to 6 p. m.

April 7: Fred Dalton's mill, 2 to 4 p. m.; Harry Kinsland's farm, 4 to 5 p. m.

April 9: Clark's Chapel church, 4 to 5 p. m.

April 10: Otto, 9 to 12 noon.

April 11: Bryson's Store, 1 to 2 p. m.; old Higdonville school, 2 to 3 p. m.; old Ellijay post office, 3 to 4 p. m.; and Mt. Grove church, 4 to 5 p. m.

April 12: Lawson Shook's farm, 4 to 5 p. m.

Vaccinations also may be obtained at Dr. Burnside's clinic in East Franklin.

Georgia Closes US 23-441; Detour Through Highlands



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PEEKING AROUND the corner of an abandoned bird house (the bird returned to Florida on Sunday when the temperature hit a low of 9 degrees in Franklin) to see if Spring plans to return to this county is Miss Mary Kate Roane, of the Cartoogechay community. Yesterday (Wednesday) slightly warmer temperatures indicated that bashful Spring might try once again, but the pretty miss hasn't heard if the bird (a Robin) plans to come back to his summer home.

WINTER SNEAK ATTACK — Cold Snap Damage Is Cited

McSwain Gets District Job For N. C. E. A.

Macon School Supt. Holland McSwain is the new vice-president of the western district of the N. C. Education Association. Appointed to the post by the board of directors of the association earlier in the month, the announcement of his acceptance did not come until Saturday in Asheville at the annual convention of the N. C. E. A.

The district embraces the 18 western counties. In addition to the superintendent, Macon was represented at the convention by at least one representative from each of the schools.

Angel Hospital Gets Provisional Report

Angel Hospital, Inc., of Franklin, is among nine W. N. C. hospitals receiving provisional accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, it has been announced.

New Franklin Motel Opening On Friday

The new \$125,000 Franklin Motel should be open for business tomorrow (Friday), Frank B. Duncan, owner, said yesterday (Wednesday).

The 22-unit court, located at the intersection of US 23-441 and US 64, is fully air conditioned.

Mrs. Blanche Brinkman will be resident manager, Mr. Duncan announced.



Mr. Sutton



Mr. Summer



Mr. Patton

A bill appointing C. C. Sutton, Erwin Patton, and O. F. Summer as a county board of education for Macon yesterday (Wednesday) still was in the senate committee on education, according to information received here. The bill, which names the three men to replace the five men nominated in the Democratic primary, was introduced March 18 by Rep. G. L. Houk. It was passed by the house last Thursday and went to the senate committee the following day.

Move Reported Taken As Safety Precaution While Work Continues

A new set of detour signs went up in Macon County on Tuesday when Georgia highway officials closed off the section of US 23-441 under construction from the North Carolina line to Mountain City, Ga.

Sources in Clayton, Ga., report that Resident Engineer Fred A. May said the detour was set up as a safety precaution to motorists. Some sections of the existing highway are being broken up and the use of heavy road machinery to do the job points up the danger element.

Meanwhile, as perplexed local officials shake their heads and ponder the next move to keep US 23-441 open and the tourist traffic flowing, citizens of Clayton are circulating a petition protesting the detour and urging that the highway be kept open during construction.

US 23-441 is the tourist lifeline of the north Georgia area and this end of W. N. C.

How long the detour will be in force is indefinite, it is reported.

To enter Georgia, motorists must now go through Highlands, down NC 28, and on the Pine Mountain Road into Clayton.

Red Cross Drive Extends 15 Days

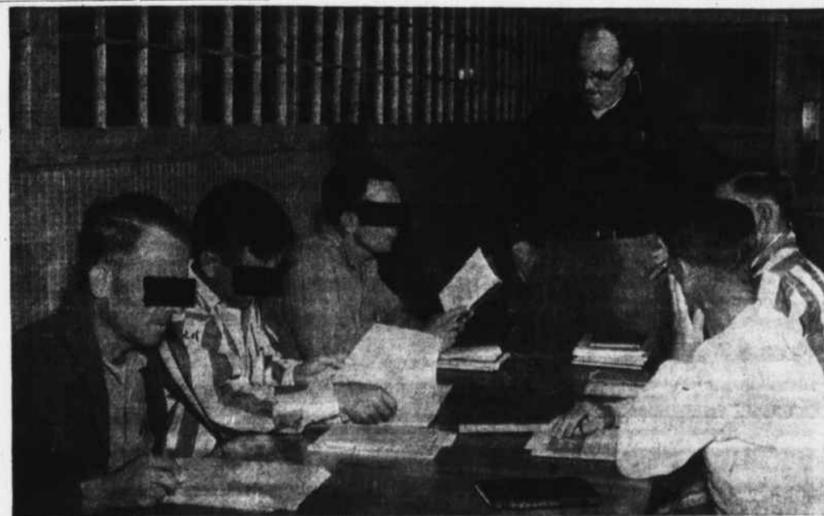
A 15-day extension has been called for the annual American Red Cross fund drive here in an effort to raise the quota of \$3,750.

Only about \$700 is on hand. In announcing the continuation of the drive — scheduled to close today (Thursday) — Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter secretary, said reports from the various sections of the county "just aren't coming in... we are forced to extend the drive to find out where we stand."

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Siles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall, and W. C. Newton, T. A. observer; and at the Coweeta Hydrological Laboratory:

FRANKLIN		Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Mar. 23	61	20	.....	
Thursday	67	22	.....	
Friday	65	32	.13		
Saturday	60	15	.61		
Sunday	40	9	.....	
Monday	49	17	.....	
Tuesday	53	29	.....	
HIGHLANDS		Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Mar. 23	53	23	.....	
Thursday	62	31	.....	
Friday	52	32	.....	
Saturday	42	10	.34		
Sunday	38	4	.....	
Monday	42	14	.....	
Tuesday	50	24	.....	
COWEETA		Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Mar. 23	61	21	.....	
Thursday	66	23	.12		
Friday	65	32	.94		
Saturday	39	38		
Sunday	40	7		
Monday	46	16		
Tuesday	54	25		



'Teacher' Cutshall And Students

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