



MACON COUNTY BAND students selected to attend the area high school band clinic Friday and Saturday at Western Carolina College include (L to R) Judy Wurst, Helen Cochran, Paullette Ward, Katrina Elmore, Tony Orr, Linda Shope, and Dwain Horsley. Nancy Siler was absent when the picture was taken.

INSTALLATION OF MRS. CABE IS SCHEDULED

Franklin Woman Will Assume Duties Of Area Girl Scout President

Mrs. Carl P. Cabe, of Franklin, will be installed as president of the Nantahala Area, Girl Scouts of America, Saturday afternoon at an area meeting in Cherokee.

Two others from Franklin also will be installed with the new president. Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones will assume the duties of vice-president and Mrs. O. Banks Finger the duties of secretary.

Officers will be installed by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal rector, of Franklin.

Mrs. Ernest Hyde, of Franklin, is chairman of the new area camping committee, while Mrs. Dorothea Harbison, of Highlands, heads the program committee.

The Cherokee meeting is set for 2 o'clock.

Towns of Murphy, Andrews, Robbinsville, Nantahala, Hayesville, Bryson City, Cherokee, Sylva, Cullowhee, Highlands, and Franklin are embraced by the Nantahala Area.



LARGE CHECKS for money raised by their organizations for the March of Dimes are being handed to Dean Carpenter, (center) chairman of the campaign, by Jaycee President C. Banks Finger and Miss Lillian Jones, president of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. The Jaycees raised \$184.71 over the week-end by stopping traffic, while the woman's club cleared \$195.16 in a "Mothers' March on Polio".

February Is 'School Month' For Macon County Farmers

February is "the month of schools" from an agricultural standpoint, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

Five special courses already have been scheduled for the farmers of the county. They will be taught by specialists from Raleigh. All will be held at the Agricultural Building.

A tobacco school on the 2nd will lead off the string. Set for 9:30 a. m., discussions will center around new weed varieties, chemical sterilization of plant beds, fertilization, insect and disease control work, harvesting, grading, and marketing. "With a reduction in allotments and an increase in insect and disease damage, I believe it is more

important than ever for tobacco farmers to attend a school of this kind," the county agent declared.

Other schools scheduled include:

A dairy session with representatives of Southern Dairies on the 6th at 7:30 p. m.

A livestock school at 10 a. m. on the 9th, with A. V. Allent and J. A. Christian, specialists in animal husbandry, in charge.

A dealer seed and fertilizer school at 7:30 p. m. on the 10th. Agronomy specialists A. D. Stuart and Dr. E. R. Collins will have charge.

A poultry school on the 28th at 1:30 p. m., with specialists C. F. Parrish, W. G. Andrews, and R. S. Dearstyne in charge.

Award Deadline For 'Young Man' Will Be Thursday

Next Thursday (February 2) is the deadline for submitting nominations for "Macon County's Young Man of 1955" according to C. Jack Ragan, who is in charge of arrangements for the annual Jaycee award.

Several nominations already have been received, Mr. Ragan disclosed Tuesday, and he urged all communities, organizations, and individuals planning to nominate a young man to do so at once so the contributions of each may be studied by the secret selection committee of non-Jaycees.

The identity of the award winner will be revealed as a highlight of a special banquet February 3. Guest speaker at the Jaycee event will be Edgar (Red) Gurganus, state Jaycee president, who also will present a Distinguished Service Award to "Macon County's Young Man of 1955".

Members of the Franklin Garden Club will serve the banquet in the high school cafeteria.

C. Banks Finger, president of the local Jaycees, said his organization also will make its annual "Boss of the Year" award to an outstanding employer of a Jaycee. Nominations for this award are being submitted by club members.

Edwin T. Williams, Franklin High teacher, was the recipient of the '54 D. S. A. award. Membership in the Jaycees is not required of a nominee.

GUEST MINISTER COMING

The Rev. John Ralph Willis, pastor of the Maggie Baptist Church, will be the guest minister at the Mount Hope Baptist Church, on Cartoogechaye, Sunday, Mr. Willis will fill the pulpit at the 11 a. m. service.

9 County Farms Qualify For Corn Growing Awards

Nine farms in Macon have qualified for membership in the "100 Bushel Corn Club".

On February 11 in Asheville, the local corn growers who qualified will gather with others from the area for the club's annual luncheon, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

Growers here include Frank Sanders, Grover and Wayne Sheffield, Woodrow Gibson, Brisco and Kenneth Dills, Floyd Roper, Robert Taylor, Charles

Ferguson, Ernest Huggins, and H. L. McCoy.

The Asheville luncheon is given in honor of all W. N. C. corn growers who grew a hundred or more bushels of corn on a measured acre of land during the past year.

L. Y. Ballantine, state commissioner of agriculture, is scheduled as the principal banquet speaker.

The corn growing program is sponsored by the Farmers Federation.

'FRONTIER AMERICANA' — Addington Mill Ignores Time

With a competence and patience that marked the era of its birth, the 95-year-old Addington water mill ignores time as it does its chores.

Irrespective of its advanced age, the mill is the last of the water wheel grinders operating commercially in the area. Younger mills long ago shut down under the press of modern milling methods.

But, time is going to experience stubbornness in erasing this ancient landmark of "Frontier Americana" for its roots are deep.

From beneath the protecting arms of giant sycamores on the Addington Dairy Farm (US 23-441 south), the unique old mill

When they forsake this love, it will perish like all the rest.

Built in 1861.

J. B. Addington, then postmaster at Skeenah, had the old mill built in 1861.

His son, J. W. Addington, now in his 70's, recalls his father telling of his negotiations with Tom Vanhook, a millwright and "a man of few words."

"I want to build a mill," his father told the millwright, who operated his own in the Hickory Knoll section.

"Need water," Mr. Vanhook answered.

"Got it," said Mr. Addington's father.

"Be over tomorrow," Mr. Vanhook declared, closing negotiations.

Iron From Athens

The huge beams in the mill were fashioned of white oak. The iron work came from Athens, Ga. Its rock foundation came from a nearby cliff.

Highly unusual today — but the only practical approach back then — is the mill's complicated system of gears, all hand-made from wood. Frames of the wheels and gears are of white oak and the rounds and cogs are of dogwood.

The original wooden water wheel was replaced about 30 years ago with a metal one.

Time was, also, when all three stories of the mill hummed with the activity of milling corn wheat, and rye. Today, a lack of demand finds the mill turning out mostly ground corn

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95-Year-Old Mill Challenges Time

Jacobs Holds Dixie Lease

J. C. Jacobs, local businessman, has obtained a lease for the building now occupied by the Dixie Home Store in Franklin.

He said Tuesday the owner of the building, Mrs. Hugh Leach, has notified him the chain store decided to renew its lease, which runs out in August of this year. Under an option clause, however, it is understood the grocery store may occupy the building until August, 1957.

What the future offers for Franklin's largest chain grocery when the lease runs out is anyone's guess.

In a telephone interview Tuesday morning, R. C. Rigdon, official of the Winn-Dixie Stores in Greenville, S. C., said he knew nothing about the deal between Mrs. Leach and Mr. Jacobs.

"I won't say there is nothing to it," he declared, "... but I have not been so informed."

Mr. Rigdon said he plans a trip here "to investigate them (rumors)" when the weather clears.

Clearing Job Is Under Way

Clearing right-of-way on the new \$675,897.80 link of US 23-441 from Franklin to the Georgia state line is under way at the south end of the project.

Weather has been hampering any other operations, according to S. T. Usry, resident highway engineer.

2 Club Efforts Fire Polio Drive Toward Quota

Macon's annual March of Dimes campaign gained momentum this week with two concerted drives for funds by the Franklin Jaycees and the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

A number of benefits for the polio drive are planned county-wide in coming weeks.

In a "Mothers' March on Polio" last Thursday evening, members of the woman's club collected \$195.16 in door-to-door solicitation.

By stopping traffic along Main Street on Saturday and Sunday the Jaycees took in \$184.17.

Given Checks

Checks from both organizations were turned over Tuesday to Dean Carpenter, chairman of the county drive.

In accepting the contributions, Mr. Carpenter reported SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

Directors Meet Here To Plan Sale Campaign

A dinner meeting of the regional directors of the Easter seal campaign for the League for Crippled Children was held Monday evening at the DeSoto Trail Restaurant here, to make plans for this year's sale.

Representatives from Macon, Clay, Jackson, Swain, Graham, and Cherokee counties were present.

The sale is sponsored locally by the Franklin Rotary Club. E. J. Whitmire, assisted by Clayton Ramsey, is the chairman.

Burlington Plant Running 2 Months Ahead Of Schedule

From an overall production angle, the Franklin hosiery plant of Burlington Industries, Inc., is running about two months ahead of schedule, according to the superintendent, Stephen A. Bundy.

When the new \$3,000,000 plant went into operation last May, it was estimated production would reach its peak in December, 1956.

However, Mr. Bundy said in an interview Monday if the plant continues at its present pace this level should be realized in October two months earlier than anticipated.

Press Wins Photographic And Editorial Page Awards

Two awards were presented The Franklin Press last Thursday night in Chapel Hill at the annual mid-winter institute of the N. C. Press Association.

Among weekly publications in the state competing in the 1955 newspaper contest, The Press placed second in photography and third in editorials.

Awards to the prize-winning newspapers of the state were presented by Gov. Luther H. Hodges in a televised ceremony over WUNC-TV.

Weimar Jones, Bob Sloan, and J. P. Brady represented The Press at the institute.

In selecting the local newspaper for the photographic award, the contest judges com-

mented, "This paper rates second place for excellence in photo-reporting on the basis of the five-picture series showing different facial expressions of children getting the polio vaccine." (The layout appeared in the September 8 issue).

Of the editorial page, they said, "This editorial page is refreshing in its originality and its vigor. The editorials are crisp and pointed. They leave no doubt as to precisely where the writer stands. Other features which contribute to the interest of the page are the editor's weekly column, the original cartoons, and the use of photographs to make an editorial point."

Club Picks Mrs. Cabe As Leader

Mrs. Larry Cabe was elected Monday night to head the Franklin Junior Woman's Club for the next two years.

Named to serve with her were Mrs. Tommy McKay, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Larry Welch, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. George Roper, 3rd vice-president; Miss Kate Jacobs, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Ledford, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Clyde Sanders, treasurer.

The new officers will be installed in May.

Mrs. Cabe will succeed Miss Lillian Jones as president.

In addition to the election of officers, the club's program was featured by a talk on Girl Scouting by Mrs. Ernest Hyde, local leader.

The club also plans to stage a play and fashion show at a later date and will sponsor a bake sale February 11 at Angel's Drug Store.

Guests attending the meeting included Mrs. Charles Shields, Mrs. Neil Finger, and Mrs. Jack Blevins.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Miss Laura M. Jones left yesterday (Thursday) to attend a three-day executive conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Phieffer College, Misenheimer.

The Weather

The following are the high and low temperatures, as recorded at Franklin, N. C., by the Franklin Press. The Highlands by the Franklin Press, and the Maconian by the Franklin Press, are also recorded.

FRANKLIN		Highlands		Macon	
Temperatures		High Low Rain		High Low Rain	
Wed., Jan. 18	60 17	—	—	—	—
Thursday	47 35	.59	—	—	—
Friday	38 29	—	—	—	—
Saturday	42 17	—	—	—	—
Sunday	45 20	trace	—	—	—
Monday	43 34	.66	—	—	—
Tuesday	42 30	.20	—	—	—

HIGHLANDS

Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Jan. 18	49 20	—	—
Thursday	35 24	.73	—
Friday	38 22	.09	—
Saturday	35 15	—	—
Sunday	35 15	—	—
Monday	38 27	.18	—
Tuesday	36 26	.47	—

(One inch snow on Tuesday)

COWEETA

Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Jan. 18	59 19	.99	—
Thursday	43 34	.07	—
Friday	34 28	—	—
Saturday	41 19	—	—
Sunday	40 19	—	—
Monday	44 33	.50	—
Tuesday	41 29	trace	—

AT ASHEVILLE DINNER

A. R. Higdon and John Crawford attended a dinner meeting Tuesday in Asheville, given by a building supplies manufacturer.