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## H. D. SPRING EVENT SLATED ON WEDNESDAY

Iota Club To Put Out Welcome Mat; Dress Review Set

The Iota club will put out the welcome mat at Iota School next Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 29) for the annual "Spring Federation" for home demonstration women.

Members of the Olive Hill-Oak Dale and Franklin clubs are serving as co-hostesses with the Iota women.

Set to begin at 2:15, the program spotlight will center on the annual dress review, featuring clothes made and modeled by the club women. The county clothing leader, Mrs. A. D. Carter, will be narrator.

Judges will be Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicut, former assistant home agent here, Miss Mary Johnston, home agent of Jackson County, Mrs. Janet C. Martin, assistant home agent in Clay County, and Mrs. John Miller, of Highlands, former home agent of Graham County.

A musical feature is to be presented by the home demonstration chorus, under the direction of Miss Margaret Wilson.

Mrs. Frank I. Murray, president of the county council, will have charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend the event, according to Mrs. George Gibson, president of the Iota club.

### Weather Is Hampering Playing Field Work

Weather has been hampering grading of a recreation field at the Macon Prison Camp.

However, Supt. John E. Cutshall this week said more than \$300 in equipment, mostly boxing, already has been ordered.

Plans call for grading about five acres near the camp for the field as a new phase in the camp's rehabilitation program. When completed, the superintendent said the camp will have facilities for baseball, tennis, softball, basketball, volley ball, handball, boxing, shuffleboard, and track.

The boys will advance to district competition in Asheville on May 11.

Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher, is advisor.

Eight schools in the western area sent teams to the federal contest.

### F. F. A. Team Wins 1st Place

Norman B. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, of Franklin, (left), is shown receiving from Frank Dean an oratorical medal for winning the local American Legion speaking contest. Mr. Dean is commander of the Legion post. Runnerup in the competition was Gary McElveen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McElveen. Norman will move on to division competition in March in Marion.

## Vets Program Responsible For Smaller School Budget

Macon's 11 schools are running this year (1955-56) on an estimated budget of \$93,207, a figure \$6,751.45 less than actual expenditures of \$99,958.45 for 1954-55.

The veterans' program is largely responsible for the budget cut, according to Supt. Holland McSwain. He explained that the program was cut back this year because few veterans have been added.

Under "Current Expenses" (estimated), items include:

General (administration, clerical assistance, office expenses, treasurer's commission, audit and legal fees): \$6,230.

Instructional Services (salaries and travel for vocational agriculture, vocational home economics, supervisors, and veterans training): \$21,827.

Operation of Plants (fuel, water, lights, janitorial supplies): \$9,950.

Maintenance of Plants (repairs to buildings, repairs and replacement of furniture, repairs to plumbing, heating, and lighting): \$14,600.

Insurance and Retirement: \$3,720.

Transportation (bus driver salaries): \$16,920.

Lunchroom Operation (meals): \$19,910.

Sources of income, and estimated amounts, falling under "Current Expenses" include \$19,800 from federal government for lunchroom program:

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## Nantahala Boys Are Still In Basketball Tournament

Nantahala's boys' team is the only one from this county's three high schools still in the running in the Smoky Mountain Basketball Tournament.

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30, the Nantahala lads move into the semifinals against Cherokee in the Highlands gymnasium, where the boys' tournament is

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being staged. Finals are set Saturday night.

As other county teams (boys' and girls') were barreled out by stiff tournament competition, the Nantahala lads bowed over Glenville 59 to 33 as play got under way on the 15th, and then two nights later battled

Work on the field started in mid-January.



—Press Staff Photo

Mrs. Richard Slagle, president of the local V. F. W. Auxiliary, is shown with the silver cup the auxiliary won for performing the best floor work among the auxiliaries of the 17th V. F. W. District during 1955.

## P. T. A. Votes To Sponsor Explorer Troop In Town

### Search Begins For County's 'Young Farmer'

Who is Macon County's "Outstanding Young Farmer" of 1955?

A search is now under way to find him. When he is selected — probably next week — he will be singled out for honors by the Franklin Jaycees, who will enter him in the state and national "Four Outstanding Young Farmers" awards program.

Siler Slagle, Cartoogechaye dairyman, who won the honor last year, is heading a committee of non-Jaycees to select the '55 young farmer.

To be eligible for the award, a farmer must be between the ages of 21 and 35 (not reaching 36 during 1955), and must be dependent upon the soil for two-thirds of his annual income.

Nominations for this award should be turned in immediately, with a list of the nominee's qualifications, to Mr. Slagle or to C. Banks Finger, Jaycee president.

This coming Sunday is "Heart Sunday," and it is the only day donations will be solicited in the campaign against the nation's number one killer — heart disease.

In support of the concerted one-day campaign, the co-chairmen explained that this is the only time many men and women who are willing to help will have free time. In addition, more people are likely to be home between 2 and 4 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Finger, assisted by a number of volunteers, plan to canvass the entire town during the afternoon. High school students to help them are being rallied under the leadership of student Norman B. Smith, they said.

The heart-shaped coin collectors already have been placed in business establishments and campaign kits have been handed out to chairmen in organized communities.

### HANDBOOK AND KETTLES —

## 1st Scoutmaster Looks Back

Gilmer A. Jones still has "somewhere around the house" a battered handbook and a couple of kettles.

They're mementoes of Franklin's first Boy Scout troop, which was organized in 1915. Mr. Jones was Scoutmaster.

Back in those days, he recalls, Boy Scouting had no national affiliation of today's scope. No one seems to remember if the troop here ever had a number.

"It was a voluntary movement . . . more of an idea than anything," the Franklin attorney commented in an interview this week. J. A. Porter did more than any one individual to get the troop started, he said.

Other things were somewhat different, too. In contrast to today's broad outlook, Mr. Jones

## Gym About Ready For March Games

### WORKERS ARE ANNOUNCED

#### Volunteers Needed In Communities For Annual Fund Drive

A roster of volunteer workers to assist with the '56 American Red Cross fund drive here is almost complete, according to the executive secretary of the chapter, Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum.

With a quota of \$3,730, the month-long campaign gets under way March 1 with the Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett as general chairman.

Only a few more volunteers are needed, Mrs. McCollum said this week, to round out campaign strategy. She asked that persons who would like to assist in the Oak Grove, Gneiss, Tellico, Prentiss, and West Union sections get in touch with her before the drive starts. Workers also are needed in sections of Franklin.

Here is a partial list of workers and the areas they will canvass:

W. G. Crawford, East Franklin School; Z. Weaver Shope, Cullasaja School; R. A. Byrd, Union School; Alex Arnold, Coolee School; E. G. Crawford, Otto School; J. Norman West, Cartoogechaye School; Harry Moses, Iota School; R. C. Pipes, Nantahala School; A. R. Shepard, Chapel School; Mrs. Gladys Kinsland, East Franklin; Miss Emma Watson, Palmer Street; Miss Frances Seay, Porter Street; Mrs. Mildred Brown, Hillcrest Circle; Mrs. Laura Duncan, Golf View Drive; Marvin Roper, Georgia highway; Miss Mildred Burch, Harrison Avenue; Miss Luana Baker, Iota Street; Zeb Meadows, post

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### Heart Sunday Campaign Slated

"Have a heart and help a heart on 'Heart Sunday'" request Bob Carpenter and Neil Finger, co-chairmen of this year's Heart Fund drive.

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### McSwain Seeks Credit To Put In Sidewalks; Floor Is Finished

With Franklin High's new gymnasium in the last stages of construction, it appears likely that at least three basketball games will be staged in the \$157,000 building in early March.

Tile work in the locker rooms is now under way after some delay in material delivery. E. J. Whitmire, of Macon Construction Company, yesterday (Wednesday) said this final phase should be finished by the middle of next week.

The hardwood playing floor (three full courts) has been sanded and polished and will be

### BOYS TO PLAY

Franklin High's boys will play Canton High in Bryson City Wednesday night (29th) at 8:30 in the western district playoffs for the AA championship. At 7, Sylva and Hendersonville play.

ready by the week-end, he added. Seats and goals probably will be installed by the first of the week.

Meanwhile, the high school is lining up basketball games for the new building. Coach H. W. Holloman said yesterday nothing definite has been set but the school is hoping to schedule games with Hayesville, Clyde Erwin High in Buncombe County, and Murphy early next month.

School Supt. Holland McSwain also is trying to line up some credit so sidewalks can be built around the gymnasium at once. There were no provisions in the building costs for sidewalks, he explained, but he said it is important that something be done immediately to keep mud from being tracked into the building and on the playing floor.

Mr. McSwain said there is no budget money available at present to do the job. He is, however, contacting several people to see if they will agree to give credit for several months so the job can be done now.

### Poultry School Is Scheduled

Two extension officials from N. C. State College will hold a poultry school Tuesday afternoon at the Agricultural Building.

Set to begin at 1:30 p. m., discussions will center around housing, diseases, sanitation, breeding, feeding, and markets, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

C. F. Parrish and W. G. Andrews will have charge. Mr. Parrish is head of the poultry department and Mr. Andrews is a poultry specialist.

### SING AT TELLICO

The fourth Sunday sing of the northern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held at the Tellico Baptist Church Sunday, starting at 1:30 p. m. Lon Thompson, the organization's president, made the announcement.

### SQUARE DANCE AT OTTO

The Otto P. T. A. will sponsor a square dance at the school Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Black Rock string band.

### The Weather

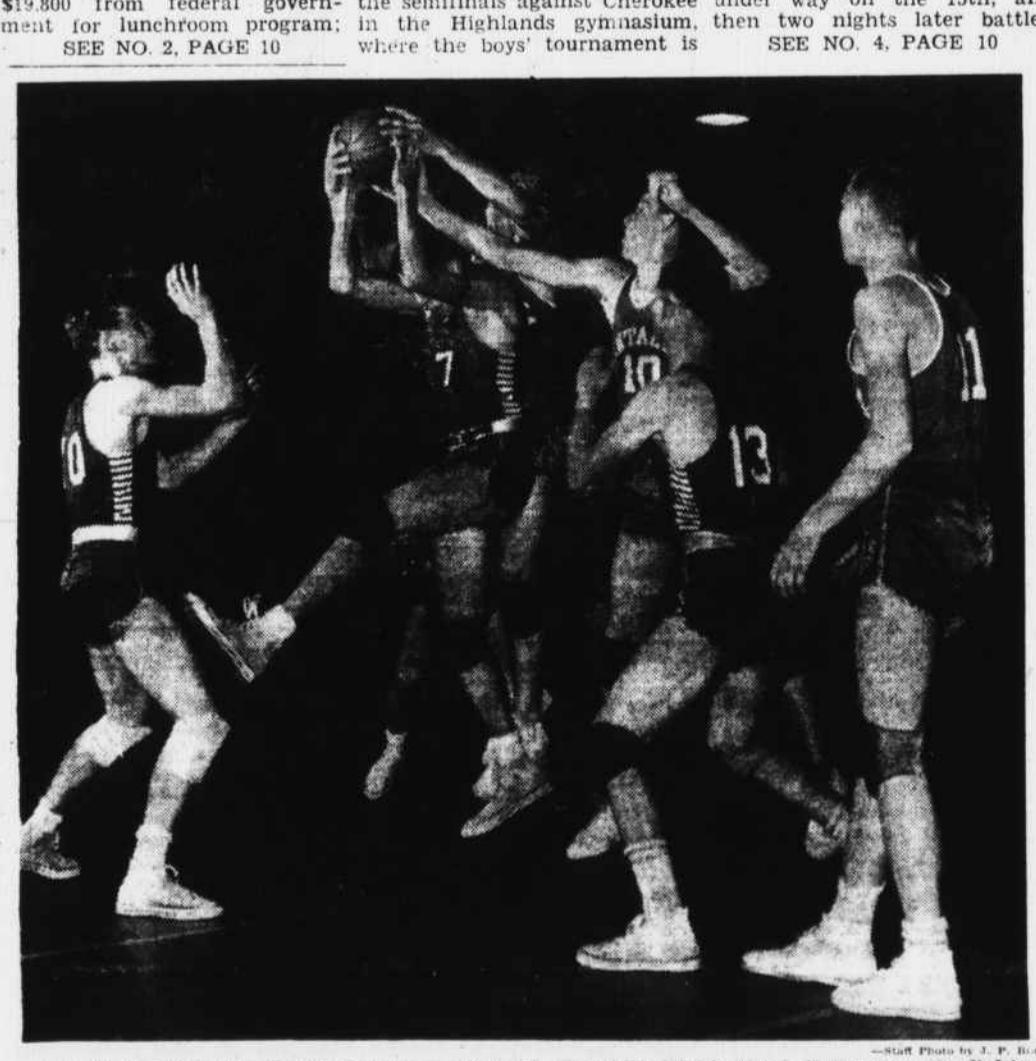
The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Elton N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory.

### FRANKLIN Temperatures

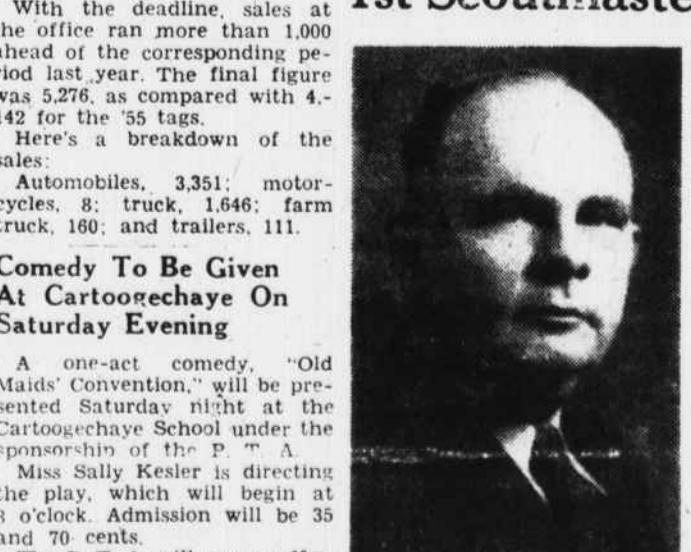
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday, Feb. 15	59	47	.10
Thursday	60	44	.09
Friday	57	49	.62
Saturday	69	47	.48
Sunday	69	35	.57
Monday	54	37	
Tuesday	50	18	

### COWEETA Temperatures

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday, Feb. 15	59	40	.040
Thursday	57	41	.050
Friday	63	48	2.060
Saturday	70	49	.656
Sunday	69	34	.556
Monday	55	41	.890
Tuesday	55	20	



WITH NANTAHALA PLAYERS riding his back, Franklin High's Mitchell Houston (7) fights to keep the basketball during a rough-and-tumble play Friday night in the Highlands gymnasium. Nantahala defeated Franklin 49 to 46.



Mr. Jones