

At Fans' Request, Games Slated In Franklin Tonight

At the insistence of fans, basketball returns to the new Franklin High gymnasium tonight (Thursday). At 7:30, the high school girls' team will play one from Burlington Industries...

No Baseball This Season

Baseball won't be played at Franklin High this season. Because of the small attendance at the games, an additional financial burden would be placed on the school athletic association...

EXPLORERS ORGANIZED

Tommy Gnuse Elected Crew Leader Of New F.H.S. Organization

An Explorer post was organized last Thursday night at Franklin High School. Sponsored by the school P. T. A., the new post will hold its meetings during the regular school activities period.

Late News and Briefs

MRS. BARNARD DIES Mrs. Addie K. Ray Barnard, widow of Job Lee Barnard, of Franklin, died yesterday (Wednesday) at 8:20 a. m. at her home. She was 84.

BINGO PARTY CANCELLED To avoid conflict with communion services in a number of churches, the Bingo party of the Franklin Rotary Club had planned for tonight (Thursday) has been cancelled.

COWEE MEETING CHANGED In order not to conflict with a county-wide Baptist Training Union meeting, the meeting of the Cowee Rural Community Development Organization has been changed to Tuesday night, April 3, at the school at 7:30, instead of Thursday, April 5.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETING A meeting of the Macon County M. Y. F. sub-district is set for Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Carson's Chapel. Emphasis will be on summer camps and assembly opportunities. The movie, "The Junaluska Story", will be shown.

OFFICERS ELECTED Officers of the East Franklin P. T. A. were elected Tuesday night. They are Jim Goodwin, president; Mrs. Harry Pangle, vice-president; Mrs. George Raby, secretary; and Harold Morgan, treasurer.

TO REMODEL STORE Franklin's Dixie-Home Store is to be completely remodeled in the very near future, according to Manager Roy Moore. The store recently renewed its lease on the Main Street building.

Field Trouble Meanwhile, a project by the local V. F. W. post to properly drain and sod the athletic field this spring is bogging down. Post Commander Zeb Meadows this week said the trouble is finding a contractor to do the job.

Tryouts Set For League Tryouts for the four Little League Baseball teams are set for 12:30 Monday afternoon (Easter Monday) at East Franklin School. Any boy who will not be 13 years old by August 1 is eligible for a berth on the teams.

Meeting Monday night, the Little League planning committee officially assigned names to the four teams. They are "Reddys", sponsored by Nantahala Power and Light Company; "Wildcats", Macon County Supply Company; "Jaybirds", Franklin Jaycees; and "Thunderbirds", Conley Motor Company.

Mr. Carpenter said the league is now officially sanctioned by the national Little League program. The American Legion is the local sponsor. Team play is expected to get under way in SEE NO. 1, PAGE 5

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Franklin High's annual, The Laurel Leaf, is dedicated this year to Ralph L. Smith, former principal. The dedication cites Mr. Smith, who is now principal of Clyde A. Erwin High School in Buncombe County, as one "whose encouragement and inspiration shall never be forgotten."

He was principal here for the school years 1953-1954 and 1954-55. Three hundred and twenty-five copies of the 104-page yearbook were distributed to students Monday.

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Mr. Smith



HAVING A VERY SERIOUS CHAT with the Easter bunny is Gail Proffitt, who is all dressed up in her Easter finery and just can't wait to go somewhere. Naturally, she's asking the bunny for the lowdown on where he hides those Easter eggs. Gail is three and a half years old and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Proffitt.

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Officers Get 2 Stills Here

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April 11 Is Date Set For Chamber Dinner Meeting

April 18 has been set as the date for the annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., chairman of the dinner arrangements committee, this week announced that the date is acceptable with the guest speaker, John Harden.

DRIVE MAY BE EXTENDED

American Red Cross Campaign Is Lagging; Reports Are Requested

An extension of the annual American Red Cross fund drive appears likely here. Scheduled to end Saturday night, the county-wide campaign to date has raised less than a third of the assigned \$3,730 quota, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter executive secretary.

Yesterday (Wednesday), she reported \$1,208 on hand, including \$500 raised in Highlands. If the quota is not reached between now and the Saturday deadline, she said the drive will be extended to April 15.

Results of community drives still have not been received by the chapter, the secretary noted, and about two-thirds of the volunteer workers have not been heard from.

In announcing the likelihood of an extension, Mrs. McCollum urged everyone assisting with the campaign to turn in reports at once.

Franklin's Water Problem

Growth Is Felt Normal population growth, coupled with an outbreak of complaints of rusty water from old installations, find the superintendent putting in 12-14 hours daily and his men generally more than the maximum eight.

The findings of the committee of aldermen, J. L. West, Jr., J. C. Jacobs, and Frank Martin, are expected to be aired at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night.

Board Divided In informal polling, it has been learned that the six-man board is divided on the logical question: "Will an increase in water revenues correct the situation?" Some are opposed to an increase of any kind, contending the water and sewer department normally is a paying proposition. Others feel the time has come to give better service by replacing old lines and following through on promised water and sewer extensions. And, a couple think extra revenue could be gained if the town would charge a small fee for tapping water and sewer lines on new construction.

Comparison Made Here's a comparison of charges above the minimum in the three towns:

Table with 4 columns: Town, 10 M, 60 M, 100 M. Rows: Franklin, Murphy.

Maconians To Mark Easter At Services

Through sunrise and church services, Easter 1956 will be celebrated by Maconians and scores of visitors.

Three dawn rites are planned—one on Wayah Bald, another on Whiteside Mountain, and a third on Raven's Rock.

Several churches also have announced special programs. Scores of persons from the Franklin area and a number from out-of-county are expected to attend the annual dawn service on Wayah Bald at "High Haven", camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

The sunrise meditation will be by the Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Sunrise will be about 5:45. For those who wish to remain in their automobiles in the parking area outside the camp, the service will be carried over a loudspeaker system. Frank Martin is donating the

CLOSING MONDAY All county offices, with the exception of the sheriff's department, plan to close Easter Monday.

The county commissioners have rescheduled their Monday meeting for Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the register of deeds office. A number of merchants also plan to close for the day.

system and also supplying special recorded music for the service.

Boy Scouts of Franklin, Troop 21, will assist with parking. Others appearing on the program include the Rev. Robert Goldston, who will give the invocation; Mrs. R. S. Jones, who will present an Easter reading; and the Rev. S. B. Moss, who will offer an Easter prayer.

Persons wishing transportation to the Wayah Bald service may ride with Jaycees by being at Cagle's Cafe on Palmer Street not later than 5 o'clock.

On Raven's Rock More than 200 are expected to attend the county's newest sunrise service on Raven's Rock in the Coweeta section. The Easter message will be delivered by the Rev. Glenn Anderson, pastor of the Macon Methodist Circuit.

Those planning to attend should be at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory by 5 o'clock. Someone to direct traffic will be at the laboratory, it is said.

Whiteside Rite Sponsored by the Protestant churches of Highlands, the annual sunrise service on scenic and historical Whiteside Mountain, between Highlands and Cashiers, is set for 6:30.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., Methodist pastor, and the Rev. Eugene Walter, Baptist pastor. Delivering the Easter message will be Dr. Herbert Koeppe-Baker, pastor of the Highlands Church of the Incarnation.

Music will be under the direction of Robert Ramsey. The owners of the mountain are opening the toll road to its crest for the service and no charge is to be made.

Communion Tonight "Maundy Thursday" service, with the observance of communion and special Easter music. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 4

The Weather

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

Table with 4 columns: Location, Temperature, High, Low, Rain. Rows: FRANKLIN, HIGHLANDS, COWEETA.