

### NEW LIBRARY FUND NEEDS MORE HELP

Miss Kelly Reports That \$4,000 Would Finish The Building

A plea for donations to complete Franklin's new library building was sounded this week by Miss Lassie Kelly, chairman of the local library committee. About \$4,000 more is needed to complete the job, she reports. The over-all job is expected to cost under \$10,000, Miss Kelly estimated Monday. The commit-

#### LIBRARY BENEFIT

A Bunco party for the library fund will be staged Saturday at 8 p. m. at Kelly's Tea Room by the past matrons of the Nequassa Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Advance tickets for the party are on sale.

tee already has spent \$4,500 on the building, which is going up on the county lot on Phillips Street next to the jail. The two-story 45 by 45 foot concrete block structure is now under roof. Lee Tippett is the builder.

While construction goes on, the library is operating in a small building owned by Miss Kelly near her Main Street Inn. It moved there from the old Masonic Hall on Church Street, which was razed to make way for a new hall. Most of the library's volumes are in storage.

Miss Kelly said the committee plans to use the first floor of the new building for the library and the second as a meeting place for small gatherings of civic groups.

If donations come in as anticipated, the library will move into the new building in mid-June.

Those wanting to make contributions may get in touch with the committee treasurer, H. W. Cabe, at the Bank of Franklin.



LOCAL MOTORISTS probably will be able to use US 23-441 between Franklin and Dillsboro by the week-end, if work progresses satisfactorily. The highway is closed while highway crews relocate the section near Cowee Gap that was

damaged by a landslide last month. The dotted line in the picture gives a rough idea of where the old roadbed went, while the solid line shows the relocation job closer to the mountain.

### Highway May Open By The Week-End

Resident Engineer S. T. Usry yesterday (Wednesday) said local traffic probably will be allowed to use US 23-441 between Franklin and Dillsboro by this week-end.

This section of the main travel artery through the area was closed last week so highway maintenance crews could relocate a large section of the

### PARTY PLANS CONVENTION

To Meet Saturday At Courthouse To Plan For Primary

With precinct organizations functioning, county Democrats will move into convention Saturday at 2 o'clock at the courthouse to plan for the party primary on the 26th.

At meetings last Saturday in the 12 precincts, precinct chairmen were selected. They are:

Franklin, Bob S. Sloan; Millsboro, Harold Cabe; Ellijay, Ed Conley; Sugarfork, Ab Potts; Highlands, Neville Bryson; Flats, Ray Dryman; Smithbridge, Jess Norton; Cowee, Milton Fouts; Burningtown, Bob Parrish; Cartoogechaye, Eugene Crawford; Nantahala No. 1, Luther Jacobs; Nantahala No. 2, Jim Shields.

#### RUMORS UNFOUNDED

Rumors circulating here this week that the highway near Bryson City was closed because of construction were unfounded, according to highway officials.

A construction job is under way near Bryson City, but traffic is moving through. However, because of blasting, motorists have experienced brief delays.

highway near Cowee Gap that was ripped out April 16 by a sudden earth movement under a large fill.

The engineer said the rain this week failed to slow up work on the project.

"Actually, things are going better than we expected," he declared.

Barring something unforeseen, Mr. Usry said, local vehicles can use the highway by the week-end, although the damaged section will only be gravelled, not paved.

In relocating the highway, the centerline has been moved 70 feet closer to the mountain. The landslide tore out about 200 yards of the roadway.

#### Going Is Rough

Meanwhile, with the detour signs up, through traffic is moving east-west through Bryson City.

Most local traffic using the Ellijay route into Jackson County is finding the going rough. Paving is now underway on the Franklin side of the gap and highway crews are relocating a long section of this road on the Jackson side.

Paving yesterday (Wednesday) was more than halfway up the mountain. Brief delays were being experienced by motorists using the road. Without delays, the trip from Franklin to Sylva takes better than an hour.

### Scout Honor Court Slated

A Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor tonight (Thursday) at Cowee School is expected to attract a large number of Boy Scouts and their leaders, according to the Rev. S. B. Moss, of Franklin, district advancement committee chairman.

This will be the first court held in the district since March and Mr. Moss said an increased number of advancements are on tap. Generally, courts are held monthly, but the district is gradually switching to about six a year under a new plan.

Tonight's court is set to start at 7:30. The next one is scheduled for August in Highlands.

### No Report Yet On Burnside

The report on the cause of Dr. O. E. Burnside's death had not arrived from Raleigh yesterday (Wednesday), according to Coroner C. Jack Ragan. Contents of the veterinarian's stomach were sent there for analysis following his sudden death at his East Franklin home Tuesday night of last week (May 1).

Funeral services for Dr. Burnside, who had lived here since 1942, were conducted Thursday at 3:30 p. m. at the Franklin Baptist Church by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor, and the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Presbyterian pastor. Burial was in Columbus, Miss.

A native of Hattiesburg, Miss., Dr. Burnside received his degree in veterinary medicine from Alabama Polytechnic University. He was a veteran of World War II as a captain in the army veterinary service. Dr. Burnside and his wife, the former Miss Ruth Schenek, of Trenton, Ohio, were married in 1948. Four children also survive.

Pallbearers were T. H. Fagg, C. C. Sutton, George Doster, H. T. Collins, R. R. Gaines, and Harve L. Bryant. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge.

### Doctors Opening Office In Dillard

Drs. Gene Morton and Stanley Lanford have announced plans for opening an office in nearby Dillard, Ga., for the practice of general medicine.

It will open Monday in the office formerly used by Dr. Neville. The doctors plan to open at 2 p. m. Monday through Thursday of each week.

RECEIVE PROMOTIONS The Bank of Franklin this week announced the promotions of Walter Dean and Robert C. Carpenter from tellers to assistant cashiers.

### Free Concert By County Band Set In Gym Sunday

A free concert by the 68-member Macon County Band, under the direction of T. A. Orr, is planned Sunday at 3 p. m. in the high school gymnasium.

The county band is made up of band students from all schools except Nantahala.

Principal Harry C. Corbin said the concert is being staged for the public in appreciation for the support given the band by the Macon County Band Boosters Club after the music department was destroyed in the high school gymnasium fire two years ago.

The booster organization has helped pay for nearly \$3,500 in new instruments to put the band back on its feet.

### Chamber Drive At One-Third; Ruby Promotion Is Started

About one-third of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce's annual membership goal of \$3,000 had been reached Tuesday as the organization launched a campaign to publicize the county's newest attraction, the Cowee Ruby Mines.

Nation-wide publicity received by the ruby mines recently daily brings increasing numbers from over the U. S. and Canada. It has, in effect, opened the area's tourist season prematurely.

Recognizing the potentialities of the attraction, the chamber president, Verlon Swafford, this week reported that special bumper stickers to promote the ruby mines have been ordered and should be here for distribution within two weeks.

Mr. Swafford said it is the plan of the chamber to make the names of Franklin and the ruby mines synonymous in the mind of the traveling public.

The recent article on the mines in Woman's Day failed to make any connection between Franklin and the mines, although the town is in the center of the ruby country.

A number of inquiries by telephone and by mail have been received from other chambers in this state and Tennessee in regard to the mines, Mr. Swafford said. These point to the need of increased publicity on the mines, he added.

Teams Working To raise money for the chamber's '56 program, 10 teams of volunteer-solicitors are working under the chairmanship of Vic Perry Memberships so far have brought in about \$1,000.

However, Mr. Perry said Tuesday.

#### AT KENTUCKY DERBY

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Angel and daughter, Martha, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian attended the Kentucky Derby in Louisville Saturday.

### Roll Up For Town Clean-Up

For two weeks beginning Monday, Franklinites will roll up their sleeves and tackle the town's annual clean-up.

The town is hiring additional men and trucks to haul trash. Residents are asked to put all rubbish near the street for easy collection.

The beautification committee of the chamber of commerce and the town are jointly backing the cleanup.

### Students Will Take Over Governments Here Friday

County and town officials tomorrow (Friday) will step quietly into the background while students of Franklin High take over their jobs in the Jaycee-sponsored "Government for a Day" project.

The idea behind the unique experiment is to awaken the students to the responsibilities of public service and to acquaint them with jobs they may personally hold someday.

In a hotly-contested election at the high school this week, the Carolinian Party registered stunning victories in all offices against the opposition Student Party.

The Student Party failed to elect a candidate for the 24 posts open.

Here's the Carolinian slate that will take over the town

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### Essay Contest On County Is Won By Miss Watson

Miss Emma Watson, Franklin High senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, of Franklin, Route 4, is the winner of the essay contest, "Macon County—My Home, My Future."

For writing the prize-winning paper on the opportunities to be found for young people here at home, she wins a gold medal and \$25 in cash.

In second place was Miss Shirley L. Cabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Cabe, of Route 4. She gets a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond for her efforts. The third place award of \$10 in cash goes to Joe Raby, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Algie Raby, also of Route 4. The runners-up also are Franklin High students.

Sponsored by the Franklin Jaycees and the Franklin Press, the essay contest was open to all high school students in the county.

Judges for the contest were selected by Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, who had charge for the Jaycees.

Judges were H. W. Cabe, Walter Dean, and R. S. Jones. Awards to the winners will be presented by a representative of The Press at a chapel exercise at the high school on the 22nd.

### Nantahala High Is Leading Off Graduation Exercises

Nantahala High will lead off '56 graduation events in the county's three high schools with its baccalaureate sermon Sunday and commencement exercises Wednesday.

Franklin High's baccalaureate is set for the 20th and commencement the following day. Exercises at Highlands High are set for June 1.

Scruggs To Preach The Rev. Gordon Scruggs, of Murphy, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the Nantahala auditorium at 7:30.

At commencement on the 16th, at 8 p. m., Miss Shelby Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson, will give the valedictory address. During her four years in high school, Miss Nelson maintained an average of 92.1. The class salutatorian

is Miss Wanda Sue Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregory. She had a four-year average of 91.2.

Nichols Is Speaker Guest speaker for commencement will be L. B. Nichols, well-known Andrews businessman and a former school teacher there. He will be introduced by D. L. Owenby, school committee chairman.

Awards to the graduating class of 20 will be made by Principal R. C. Pipes and diplomas will be presented by Supt. Holland McSwain.

Band On Program The Macon County Band also will appear on the program.

Miss Juanita Passmore Solesbee, who was third among honor students of the graduating class.

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### Mayor Proclaims May 26 As 'Little League Day'

May 26 has been proclaimed as "American Little League Baseball Day" in Franklin by Mayor W. C. Burrell to officially signal the opening of league play here.

Meanwhile, league officials are whipping into shape plans for a full celebration, including a parade through town and a ball throwing ceremony at the East Franklin field. Howard Barnwell is in charge of arrangements for the parade.

A double-header is scheduled, with the first game at 2:30 o'clock.

Uniforms will be issued to the members of the four league teams on the 16th.

Zickgraf Hardwood Company has donated 2,000 feet of lumber for building stands at the Little League field behind the East Franklin School and a regulation fence is being erected by the Franklin Jaycees.

Under league rules, all games will be free.

The mayor's proclamation: "Whereas, in our community there is a great need for providing recreation for the youngsters, and, whereas, the American Legion Post 108 of Franklin has voted to sponsor Little League Baseball in Macon County in conjunction with the four team sponsors and sponsors of other operations of the league, and, whereas, the citizens of this community have demonstrated a tremendous amount of interest to the extent that many man hours have been expended and many more being expended. Now, therefore, as mayor of Franklin, I declare Saturday, May 26, "American Little League Day" in Franklin and do hereby invite everyone to take part in the free double-header, parade, and all other festivities that take place on this historical day in our great community."



WINNERS OF the essay contest, "Macon County—My Home, My Future", are (L to R) Joe Raby, third place, Miss Emma Watson, first place, and Miss Shirley L. Cabe, second place. All are Franklin High students.

### Late News and Briefs

#### FIRE AT KEENERS

An overheated floor furnace at Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Keener's apartment behind the A. A. Siler's about 5:45 p. m. Tuesday brought out volunteer firemen. Damage was confined largely to soot and smoke.

#### COUNTY FEATURED

In the May 5 issue of The State, Editor Bill Sharpe, in his column, "Murphy to Manteo", covers a variety of subjects in this county from the ruby digging "boom" in Cowee Valley, to ice skating in Highlands, the annual Macon County Folk Festival, and activities of E. S. Purdom and "the McNish boys" in Wayah Valley.

#### OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

In observance of "North Carolina Week", an open house will be held at the County Hydrologic Laboratory.

#### The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Mission Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Taylor N. Hall and W. C. Swain, TVA observer; and at the County Hydrologic Laboratory.

	FRANKLIN		
	Temperatures	High	Low
Wed., May 2	78	38	.11
Thursday	70	37	1.30
Friday	79	60	.04
Saturday	79	46	—
Sunday	71	59	trace
Monday	71	59	.45
Tuesday	75	51	.02
	COWEETA		
Wed., May 2	73	57	1.47
Thursday	68	56	.49
Friday	79	57	—
Saturday	75	45	—
Sunday	70	58	.63
Monday	76	57	.19
Tuesday	64	50	—

# Don't Forget --- May 14-24 Is Clean-Up Time In Franklin