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Action Depends On Locating Properly Trained Teachers

If the "big problem" of finding trained personnel can be licked, Macon County's special education program will be expanded this fall, according to School Supt. Holland McSwain.

By telephone Monday, the superintendent said the state director of the program assured the local system of at least one more special education teacher and possibly two, if persons trained in this field can be found.

Mr. McSwain said he is keeping in "close touch" with Western Carolina College, one of three or four institutions in the state offering the training. "The program is fairly new to the state," the superintendent explained, "and it is difficult to find teachers with the proper training."

Miss Esther Seay had charge of the county program this past school year. She concentrated mainly on correction of speech defects.

If new teachers can be located, Mr. McSwain said the program will be enlarged to cover the areas of the mentally retarded and crippled children.

To Receive School Bids

Bids for construction of two classrooms at Cullasaja School and vocational shops at Highlands and Nantahala will be received by the Macon Board of Education on August 7.

School Supt. Holland McSwain said a request already has been made to the state for vocational teachers at Highlands and Nantahala so the vocational programs can go into operation as soon as construction is completed.

Late News and Briefs

'HILLBILLY' PLANNING

Planning is now under way for the annual "Hillbilly Day" celebration in the resort town of Highlands.

Slated for Wednesday, August 1, the program is being arranged through the summer recreation director, Richard Thompson.

HE'LL BE THERE

Macon Rep. G. L. Houk says he will be on hand in Waynesville tomorrow (Friday) when some 40 members of the General Assembly meet with Gov. Luther H. Hodges to discuss pending legislation for the special July 23 session in Raleigh.

The group will meet in closed session at the home of the president of Dayton Rubber Company, A. L. Freedlander.

This is one of four meetings scheduled across the state to iron out plans for the special session.

GOING ON TOUR

Mrs. Hydah Shepherd, of Franklin, plans to leave Monday evening for Raleigh to join others for a 10-day tour of Cuba missions under the auspices of the Business Woman's Federation.

The group will stop at points of interest on the east coast of Florida and will go by ship from Miami to Havana, Cuba, for visits to Baptist churches, missions, and hospitals. The return trip will be up the west coast of Florida.

REPLACING LINE

Franklinites are experiencing brief interruptions in electrical service this week while Nantahala Power and Light Company crews replace some 7,000 feet of wire.

Mac Whitaker, company official, explained that growth is responsible for the move and that a heavier gauge wire, capable of handling larger loads of power, is being installed.

Fall From Bike Kills Allison Boy

Ten-year-old Michael Glenn Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Allison, formerly of Franklin, died of injuries received in a bicycle accident at Stecoah on Tuesday morning.

The fifth grader is reported to have struck his head on the pavement after he and a playmate collided on their bicycles. He was taken to a Bryson City hospital where a doctor said death was instantaneous.

Michael's father was an assistant county agent here for several years after World War II and is now agricultural teacher at Stecoah High School.

His mother is the former Miss Flora Talley, a native of this county. She is superintendent of nurses at the Bryson City hospital where Michael was taken following the accident.

The Allisons have been at Stecoah about three years.

Funeral services are slated for 11 a. m. today (Thursday) at the Franklin Methodist Church with the Rev. S. B. Moss, pastor, and the Rev. Joseph Hauser, of Bryson City, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In addition to the parents, surviving are a brother, Frank, a sister, Margaret, and the paternal grandfather, Glenn Allison, of Hayesville.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

4-H Gardens Are Judged; Tour Slated

Winning entries in the 4-H Garden Contest were selected Tuesday and a public tour of the gardens is scheduled for this coming Tuesday afternoon.

The judges, W. W. Sloan and Wayne Proffitt, awarded first place to the garden of Rosanne Cabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cabe, of Clark's Chapel.

Second place went to Lewis Ashe, also of Clark's Chapel. Rosanne and Lewis each had 19 vegetables in their gardens.

Three others tied for third place honors. They were Mary Sue Reynolds, and Steve Cabe, both Carson community, and Patricia Ray, of Clark's Chapel.

An "exceptionally good" 4-H record on gardens was kept by those in Clark's Chapel with the help of Mrs. Wiley Brown, an adult leader, the judges reported.

Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant agent in charge of 4-H, has extended an open invitation to the public to attend a tour of the gardens Tuesday afternoon. A motorcade will leave from the Agricultural Building at 1:30.

The organized community groups sponsor the garden contest.



TITLE OF "Miss Fourth of July" this year went to Miss Judy Hooker (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hooker. Runners-up were Miss Helen Cochran (left) and Miss Susie Wallace.

Airport Officers Named As Repairs Get Under Way

As initial steps in a long-range improvement program for the Franklin Airport, repairs to existing buildings and hangars are now under way.

The newly-chartered corporation promoting the 55-acre landing strip, Macon County Airport, Inc., has held its organizational meeting and elected officers.

G. L. Houk is president; Bill Phillips, vice-president; and Roy Fouts, secretary-treasurer. Named to the board of directors were Mr. Fouts, Mr. Phillips, Grant Zickgraf, Howard Stewart, and Dr. G. R. McSween.

An improvement program, including hanger rents and tie-down fees, is now being prepared by the corporation.

Present buildings are being roofed this week.

The parade, which was organized by the American Legion,

Beauties, Parade, Events Mark Celebration Of Fourth

broke up at the East Franklin School where the rest of the day's activities were centered.

In Beauty Contest

Twenty-one girls competed in a beauty contest arranged by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. Miss Judy Hooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. (Ken) Hooker, was picked by Rotary Club judges as "Miss Fourth of July" and was crowned by Dr. J. L. Hill, president of the Franklin Jaycees, who coordinated the celebration.

Runners-up in the beauty pageant were Misses Helen Cochran and Susie Wallace.

Mrs. Margie Cabe, president of the Woman's Club, was in charge of the contest.

Events Are Held

With the Franklin Chamber of Commerce furnishing the prizes donated by local merchants, field events were supervised by the Jaycees with the Lions Club in charge of announcing.

A greasy pole erected by the Moose Lodge gave up its prize to J. T. Moses.

Other field event winners included:

Biggest family, H. L. Bryant; three-legged race, under 12, John Swan and Carroll Arnold; three-legged race, 12-16 years, Jimmy Shook and Larry Dryman; girls' 50-yard dash, under 12, Josephine McCall; girls' 50-yard dash, 12 to 16, Ernestine Hopkins; boys' 50-yard dash, under 12, Lewis Dills; boys' 50-yard dash, 12 to 16, Andy Bradley; father-son relay, J. Paul Vinson and Dennis Vinson; ugliest man, Bob Moore; woman's slipper kicking contest, Mavis Gibson; married ladies' potato race, Mrs. Ann Biddle; fat man's race, Dennis Mehaffey; baseball throw for distance, Dennis Mehaffey; wheelbarrow race, under 12 years, Ray Wyatt and Blanton Cochran; wheelbarrow race, 12 to 16 years, Bobby Swan and Jim Franklin; baseball throw for distance, under 16, B. Cochran.

Ends With Games

Little League games capped off the celebration in the afternoon, despite intermittent showers.

In the first game, the league-leading Jaybirds knocked off the Reddys 16 to 10, and in the second the Wildcats rolled over the Thunderbirds, 13 to 2.

Wayah Valley Man Puts Sun To Work

To everyone but W. B. Biggers, a retired grocer with a penchant for mechanical putting, a solar heating system in the mountains sounds as impractical as the storied "hole in the head".

But Mr. Biggers, who sees nothing so unusual about it, has built a solar system in the back yard of his Wayah Valley summer home. And the system, generally associated with the coastal areas, worked perfectly in supplying plenty of hot water for his household.

"And why shouldn't it work?" he asks. "We have the same sun shining up here that shines in Florida."

For those unfamiliar with this

Budget Allocates Money For Truck

HIGHLANDS BUDGET TO BE ADOPTED; TAX RATE SAME

A new budget for the fiscal year is scheduled to be adopted Monday by the Highlands Board of Commissioners.

The board already has set the same tax rate, \$2.25 per hundred valuation, that has been used for several years.

Town Clerk "Bud" Potts reported Tuesday that the 1956-57 budget actually was \$134,308.70, considerably higher than the one just adopted. However, it included a carry-over of \$21,572.29 in bond money for completion of the new town hall.

In the Street Department, an allocation of \$3,750 has been set up for purchase of a new garbage truck and \$5,040 for salaries also includes pay for a new man in the garbage department, who will receive \$150 per month. It is proposed to spend \$1,750 on new sidewalks, \$1,000 for street and sidewalk repairs, and \$11,000 on streets.

The \$12,000 allocation for water and sewer work is almost triple the \$4,400 figure used in the Water Department last fiscal year. Where this money will be spent has not been decided, according to town officials.

In estimates of receipts for the new year, the budget figures the new water rates, which go in use this month, will bring in \$35,000. The lower rates in 1955-56 produced \$29,000.

New water and sewer tapping fees are expected to bring in \$350.

Departmental expenditures listed in the budget include:

Administrative: \$20,065.54, includes \$4,210 for salaries of the mayor and aldermen (\$710), clerk-tax collector (\$3,000), extra office help (\$300), and health officer and attorney (\$200), and \$2,700 for new office equipment and improvements to the new building and grounds.

Police: \$9,810, with \$7,860 of the total salaries for three full-time officers.

Fire: \$6,065, with \$3,555 of total as final payment on the new fire truck. Salaries of the chief and firemen estimated at \$1,610.

Water: \$24,800, with \$12,000 for improvements, \$3,300 for salaries, \$3,750 for power pumps, and \$3,750 for meters, pipes, and fittings.

Street: \$31,240, with \$5,040 for salaries, \$5,000 for street lighting, \$1,000 for street cleaning, \$1,000 for street and sidewalk repairs, \$11,000 for street improvements, and \$3,750 for new truck.

Debt Service: \$28,270, principally interest on water, street, and building bonds.

The reunion is set for Saturday, August 4.

The gathering originally had been planned for the old Albert Siler home, but it became necessary to change the place to the Memorial Building.

Host and hostesses to the 1956 annual meeting will be Mr. Morgan and his sisters, Mrs. Esther M. Freas, of Franklin, Mrs. Anna M. Barr, of Charlotte, Miss Lucy C. Morgan, of Penland, and Mrs. Laura Warren, of Murphy.

Tallent Reunion

The Tallent reunion is set for July 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tallent on Womack Street in Franklin. A picnic lunch will be served at noon. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock. Frank Tallent, president, has announced. Members of the family and their friends are invited.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN Temperatures

| Wednesday | July 4 | 86 | 63 | .49 |
|-----------|--------|----|----|-----|
| Thursday | 84 | 64 | | |
| Friday | 85 | 63 | | |
| Saturday | 81 | 65 | | |
| Sunday | 78 | 65 | | .10 |
| Monday | 84 | 63 | | |
| Tuesday | 80 | 58 | | |

HIGHLANDS

| Wednesday | July 4 | 76 | 57 | .06 |
|-----------|--------|----|----|-----|
| Thursday | 74 | 57 | | |
| Friday | 74 | 61 | | .52 |
| Saturday | 74 | 63 | | |
| Sunday | 66 | 63 | | .52 |
| Monday | 78 | 61 | | .74 |
| Tuesday | 74 | 57 | | .13 |
| Wednesday | | | | |

COWETA

| Wednesday | July 4 | 83 | 59 | 1.11 |
|-----------|--------|----|----|------|
| Thursday | 82 | 60 | | .12 |
| Friday | 83 | 58 | | .04 |
| Saturday | 89 | 63 | | .62 |
| Sunday | 79 | 64 | | .42 |
| Monday | 83 | 61 | | .47 |
| Tuesday | 77 | 68 | | .01 |



Mr. Biggers (right) Explains Solar Heat