

Program 'Essential' --- Town Wants A.R.C. Blood

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third and final article in a series explaining the blood program of the American Red Cross and its application to Macon County.)

With county-wide participation presently out of reach, Highlands Community Hospital wants to split from the rest of the county and join the regional blood program of the American Red Cross as an independent unit.

Application papers necessary to complete the amputation are now circulating through official channels, according to Dr. D. G. Morton, co-director of the Highlands hospital.

Furthermore, they're expected to sail through to approval without a hitch along the way.

The head of the county medical society, Dr. J. W. Kahn, last week said the society would approve Highlands as a separate unit; the health depart-

ment favors the proposal; and the local A. R. C. chapter and regional officials have given their blessings.

Approval by all of the above is necessary before the hospital in the small resort town can participate and derive benefits from the Asheville blood bank.

Program 'Essential'

In an interview last week, Dr. Morton said he considered the blood program "essential" in Highlands because its "walking donor" system is inadequate to meet the hospital's needs. This is primarily because of the area's small and widely scattered population, he explained.

"Finding donors here in time to do any good is very difficult," Dr. Morton declared.

He said blood can be obtained quicker, in most instances, from Sylva and Asheville than from local donors.

Twice In Year
Twice in the past year, the

doctor said the hospital called on the regional blood center in emergencies, although it was not a participating unit. The center came through with 10 pints of blood.

Highlands did not replace the blood. In fact, "they haven't even asked us to," Dr. Morton added.

As for the blood center's 125 per cent replacement agreement, the doctor said he didn't think it is too much.

Use 50 Pints

In a year's time, he estimated Highlands would use about 50 pints of blood. Its replacement, and the added 25 per cent, would be no problem because the attitude of Highlands citizens toward the blood program is "excellent" and "we could get plenty of donors," Dr. Morton explained, adding:

"It will be comforting to know we have blood available at all times."

Superintendent To Be Elected 'Soon'—Patton

Chairman Erwin Patton this week said the Macon Board of Education probably will not elect a school superintendent at its April meeting Monday morning.

However, he said action would be taken "just as soon as possible."

Yesterday (Wednesday) the omnibus bill approving local school boards had not cleared the House of Representatives. The Senate gave its okay last week.

There have been persistent reports that Supt. Holland McSwain will not be rehired by the board, which as a body declines to comment on the situation.

Locals Win 4-H Events

Macon County 4-H girls won three first places, one second place, and three third places in 4-H district activity record judging last week in Asheville.

First place winners were Miss Brenda Cunningham, recreation and rural arts; Miss Helen Cochran, girls' home economics; and Miss Ann Pennington, canning. All are members of the Franklin High School club.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Ammons, also of the Franklin club, won second place in frozen foods.

Third place ribbons went to Miss Mary Lou Cabe, Otto Senior club, farm and home electric project; Miss Martha Ann Blaine, Otto Senior club, farm and home electric; and Miss Patsy Corbin, Cullasaja Senior, clothing.

Macon Concern Low Bidder On Parkway Link

Macon Construction Company, of Franklin, posted a low bid of \$748,317 for construction of the last link of the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Boone area.

The bid was for grading and crushed stone surface on slightly more than six miles of parkway from Deep Gap to the end of the present parkway pavement on US 421, east of Boone.

The new link of parkway will eliminate parkway travel on 421, which is now being used through that distance. The parkway will then cross 421 by an overpass in Deep Gap and will be constructed through the mountains south of 421 to the point where it will connect the present parkway pavement leading to Blowing Rock.

The new link will be entirely in Watauga County.

Clean-Up Chairmen Are Appointed For Week In April

The five projects in Franklin's clean-up week, April 15-20, now have individual chairmen to push them toward success.

Named by the clean-up chairman, Bob S. Sloan, are Mrs. John Bulgin, Main Street cleanup; J. L. West, Jr., hosting down other primary streets; Vic H. Perry, merchants' flower boxes; Mrs. Rafe Teague, vacant lot cleanup; and H. A. (Chub) Wilhide, honor roll.

A citizens' meeting called last Thursday at the town hall to help plan clean-up week was attended by only seven persons.

GIVES BOOK CART

The V. F. W. auxiliary has given a wooden book cart to the Franklin Library. The cart has arrived at the library and is in use.

IT'S A BOY! —

Use Of New Drug By Local Doctor Cited In Article In Saturday Evening Post

"It's a boy! Name: Hank. Arrived: 2:40 a. m., 8/14/56. Weight: 6 lbs., 12 oz. Parents: Joe and Amelia Kahn. Thanks again for the Releasin."

Thanks again for the Releasin. In a birth announcement? Right. And it's not every newborn Macon citizen who has his birth announcement printed in the Saturday Evening Post.

Releasin is a new drug which has been successfully used to delay child labor until the full term and to make normal delivery easier. It is the subject

University Chancellor And Harmonica Appearing Tonight



Chancellor House

House To Speak At Chamber Banquet At High School

A widely-known educator and his celebrated harmonica are to appear in Franklin tonight (Thursday).

Chancellor Robert B. House, of the University of North Carolina, and his "mouth organ", are the featured attractions of the annual Franklin Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Set for 7 o'clock, the event will be held in the high school cafeteria.

The chancellor, who adds a spark to his addresses with some choice selections on the harmonica, is expected to emphasize education as the key to progress in the state.

A \$4,500 budget, largest in the history of the chamber,

will be presented to the general membership for approval by President Verlon Swafford. He and his board of directors okayed the budget at a meeting last month.

B. L. McGlamery will be master of ceremonies.

The guest speaker, Mr. House, will be introduced by Welmar Jones, editor and co-publisher of The Franklin Press.

More than 150 persons are expected to turn out for the banquet. Lions and Rotarians will attend with their wives, with the latter organization considering it as "ladies night". The banquet will count as the regular weekly meetings of both organizations.

The meal will be served by the high school cafeteria staff, under the supervision of Mrs. G. R. Pattillo.

Tickets may be obtained at the door prior to serving, according to Mr. Swafford, for the benefit of those who did not purchase theirs in advance.

Camp About Normal Again After Riot

Things are almost back to normal again at the Macon Prison Camp after the St. Patrick's Day riot (March 17) in which prisoners did more than \$2,000 damage.

Camp Supt. J. E. Cutshall said Tuesday that repairs to the camp were almost complete and he expects it to be at full complement of about 70 prisoners by today (Thursday).

The 35 prisoners who barricaded themselves in the small prison for a boisterous and destructive four and a half hour uprising were trucked to other camps in the area after the riot was quelled by tear gas. They are being charged with destroying state property, according to Supt. Cutshall. Preliminary hearings for the rioters will be held later, he added.

A state prisons official was here on the 18th to investigate the uprising on orders of the state prisons director, W. F. Bailey.

In the riot, the barricaded prisoners smashed out more than 1,500 window panes in the two-cellblock prison and ripped out all plumbing and electrical fixtures inside. They also smashed two TV sets valued at \$600.

Supt. Cutshall offered his personal thanks and those of his staff for the support and assistance given by local law enforcement officers and volunteer firemen.

Anderson And Goldston Receive Degrees From Emory University

Two local Methodist pastors have just completed work on bachelor of divinity degrees from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

They are the Rev. J. Glenn Anderson and the Rev. Robert J. Goldston; and their degrees officially will be conferred at ceremonies in June.

Mr. Anderson, a native of Longview, Tex., while attending Emory, has been serving as pastor of the Macon Methodist Circuit.

A native of Graham, Mr. Goldston is pastor of the West Macon Circuit and formerly served as student pastor with the Rev. Frank Smathers at Lake Junaluska.

Both men are members of the W. N. C. Methodist Conference.

Several Take Examination For Post Office Job

Ten would-be Highlands postmasters took a United States Civil Service examination Saturday at Bryson City.

The examination was held to fill the Highlands job, which pays \$4,890 a year. Mrs. Jean Keener Rice has been acting postmaster since December, when C. C. (Uncle Charlie) Potts retired.

Taking the test were Mrs. Rice, Lewis Potts, Mrs. Marguerite Potts, Carey Reese, Victor Wood, Louis Edwards, Carl Talley, D. A. (Dusty) Rhodes, Willard Johnson, and L. W. Rice, Jr.

Hospital Wing 80% Complete

Angel Hospital's new out-patient clinic wing is about 80 per cent complete and should be ready for use inside of six to eight weeks, according to Dr. Edgar Angel, medical director.

Fully equipped, the addition will cost approximately \$270,000, the doctor said this week.

Scheduled for completion the 17th of this month, work on the wing has been delayed for several reasons.

"To tell the truth, it was just a bigger job than we anticipated," Dr. Angel declared. Construction of the two-story addition got under way last summer.

BIRTHS ARE DOUBLE

Births in Macon County were more than twice as numerous as deaths during 1956. There were 296 births, compared to 106 deaths. The figures are contained in the books of vital statistics which have just been returned to the register of deeds office by the bookbinders.

COURTHOUSE SINGING

The fifth Sunday sing will be held at the county courthouse this coming Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m., according to J. M. Raby, sing president. All singers and the public are invited.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 20	61	37	.59
Thursday	57	20	.00
Friday	49	38	.00
Saturday	64	43	.29
Sunday	60	40	.00
Monday	59	36	trace
Tuesday	60	33	.49
Wednesday		37	trace

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 20	40	32	.00
Thursday	50	21	.00
Friday	45	33	.31
Saturday	58	38	.00
Sunday	49	40	trace
Monday	50	44	.74
Tuesday	46	32	.08
Wednesday		31	trace

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 20	50	38	.00
Thursday	56	20	.00
Friday	52	38	.04
Saturday	63	41	.00
Sunday	53	41	.03
Monday	59	46	.85
Tuesday	53	32	.02
Wednesday		37	.00

Franklin High's Graduating Class Has 3 Valedictorians

Franklin High School has three valedictorians, instead of the customary one, in its graduating class this year.

They are Misses Myra Susan Crawford, Willie Ruth Norton, and Barbara Jean Phillips, all of whom made straight A's on all subjects in four years of high school.

Class salutatorian is James (Jim) Edwin Tysinger, who "slipped up" on a subject with a B, ruining his A average.

The four honor students were announced this week by the class sponsor, Mrs. Ann P. Bidle.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Crawford, of Franklin, Route 1, Myra was elected "Student of the Year" during her junior year and was selected among senior superlatives this year as the "most likely to succeed." She is secretary-treasurer of the Beta Club, was a junior marshal, served at the junior-senior banquet, served a year as co-editor of the school newspaper, The Mountain Echo, was treasurer of the junior class, is secretary of the senior class, has been a student council representative, and belongs to the Language and Home Economics clubs. Myra hopes to enter dental school at the University of North Carolina.

Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mann B. Norton, of Franklin, Route 2, and is presently serving as corresponding secretary of the Beta Club. She is a past president of the Library Club and has been parliamentarian and historian of the Future Teacher Club. Ruth also is a member of the Home Economics Club, was a junior marshal, served at the junior-senior banquet, and attended Girl's State last summer. She hopes to enter High Point College next fall.

Probably known best for her talents as a guard on the basket-

ball team, Jean lettered in the sport for four years and has held a first string berth for the past three. Picked as the "most studious" among senior superlatives, she was a junior marshal is reporter of the Beta Club, is a former assistant editor of The Mountain Echo, has been copy editor of the annual, The Laurel Leaf, served at the junior-senior banquet, and is a member of the Monogram and Language clubs. Jean also was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship tests, Western Carolina College is in her future.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Tysinger, of Franklin, Jim has been selected as the "most likely to succeed" in his class. He has been president of his class for four years and president of the Beta Club in his junior and senior years. In his junior year, he was elected "Student of the Year" and he has served two years on The Mountain Echo staff and a year on The Laurel Leaf. He was a junior marshal and played football two years. Jim also has been selected as a marshal for the state Beta Club convention this spring. He has been a student council representative and member of the Science, Language and Monogram clubs. This fall he will enter N. C. State College.

Benefit Fashion Show Saturday

A benefit fashion show to raise funds for shoes for needy school children is set for Saturday night at East Franklin School.

The sponsoring organization is the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. The show will start at 8 o'clock.

Narrator will be Mrs. R. S. Jones. Music will be by Lowell McKee, accordionist, and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, pianist. Solos will be sung by Roy M. Biddle, Jr., and Mrs. Doris Gidney.

Clothing and models are being furnished by local stores, including The Children's Shop, The Fashion Shop, Dryman's, Belk's Department Store, The Twins' Shop, and Bower's Department Store.

Modeling will be Bobbie McCollum, Ligon Bundy, Beverly Hunter, Cynthia Shields, Mike Higdon, Gail Shope, Pat Cunningham, Anne Fagg, Patti Lou Phillips, Jean McCollum, Nancy Sutton, Mrs. Jim Gray, Mrs. Ann Biddle, Joan Burrell, Frank McSwain, Roy M. Biddle, Jr., Lowell McKee, Tommy Jenkins, Harry C. Corbin, Kenneth Hall, Mrs. Carolyn Shields, Debby Shields, Jimmy Parrish, Lee McGlamery, Lynn Henson, Beth Henson, Sarah Smart, Mrs. Ida Alexander, Mrs. Clyde Poole, Mrs. Anna Will Henson, Mrs. Ann Lyle Higdon, Mrs. Laska E. Horsley, Launa Baker, Nettie Dockery, Sue Solesbee, Mrs. Doris Gidney, Ruth Higdon, Butch Angel, and Carolyn Cochran.

It Was Just Lying Down . . .

Looks like the housing shortage isn't confined to just people.

Wallace Tallent, attendant at Manson Stiles' service station, found a banty egg under the hood of Mrs. Shirley Ledford's car one day last week. She had driven about six miles from Ellijay.

Upper Cartoogechaye To Discuss Picnic Area And Building

A meeting to discuss improvements at the picnic area and construction of a community building is set for tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 at the Upper Cartoogechaye picnic area.

A social hour is planned following the meeting. All residents of the community are urged to turn out.



FRANKLIN HIGH'S top honor students are (L to R) Misses Jean Phillips, Myra Susan Crawford, and Ruth Norton, valedictorians, and James E. (Jim) Tysinger, salutatorian.