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the key to living and to pushing ahead toward opportunity . . . Every man is born with a burden. The spirit is the only thing that can move that burden."

Chancellor House was introduced by Weimar Jones, editor and co-publisher of The Press.

Reviews Work

Chamber President Verlon Swafford reviewed the organization's activities during 1956. The chamber's new committees already are at work, he said. Mr. Swafford quoted a verse from Proverbs, "Where there is no vision the people perish", and related it to the community needs of Macon County.

The chamber's 1957 budget, largest in its history, was approved at the meeting. The sum is \$4,500.

Also meeting with the chamber of commerce members at the banquet were members of the Franklin Lions and Rotary Clubs, and their wives, and several out-of-town guests.

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a county-wide supplementary level for schools.

On the basis of Nantahala Township's present tax standing of \$4,833,525, the proposed 10 cent maximum would bring in \$4,833.52 on 100 per cent collection.

The power company's share of the amount would be \$4,371.74, since its holdings in the township are listed at \$4,371,745.

15 Cents More

Supt. Holland McSwain estimated that a 15 cent boost in the county tax structure for schools would provide enough money to "benefit all schools", including Nantahala School's immediate needs.

And, they seemed to think the estimated one million dollar increase in taxable property this year can provide the extra 15 cents.

"This, though, is up to the commissioners," Chairman Patton observed. "The best we can do is let them know what we're up against."

Nantahala Principal Jerry A. Hall and district school committeemen D. L. Owenby, Jr., chairman, Arthur H. Cross, and John Wishon appeared at the board meeting to explain the tax proposal.

Mr. Hall said "we consider it moral justification to build up our school."

He also pointed out that the sparsely populated township "does not have the facilities to raise money like other school districts."

Mr. Cross declared the supplementary tax would let "us gain advantages other schools in the county have taken for granted for years."

"All we're asking is permission to help ourselves," Mr. Wishon said.

Radios For County And Town Officers Are Now On Hand

Short wave radio equipment to link county and town law enforcement agencies arrived last Thursday and is expected to be installed soon.

Included are two fixed stations — one for the sheriff's office in the courthouse, the other for the county jail — two automobile units for the sheriff's department, and one each for the Franklin and Highlands police cars.

Costing \$4,044.50, the equipment is being financed by the county, sheriff, towns of Franklin and Highlands, and federal money.

Ledford Child Dies; Ill For Three Weeks

Morris Thomas Ledford, Jr., eight-month-old son of Mrs. Neal Ledford and the late Mr. Ledford, died Sunday at the home on Franklin, Route 3.

The child had been ill for about three weeks.

Graveside rites were held Monday at 3 p. m. at Burnington Baptist Church with the Rev. C. C. Welch officiating.

Surviving besides the mother are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Angel, of Franklin, Route 4; the paternal grandfather, D. A. Ledford, of Franklin, Route 3; and a sister, Geraldine, of the home.

Miss Burch Feted At Bridal Shower

Mrs. Grady Corbin, Miss Patti Lou Phillips, and Miss Lela Jo Galley entertained with a miscellaneous shower as a courtesy to Miss Bobbie Burch last Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Galley in East Franklin.

Miss Burch will be married April 12 to Roger Seay.

A springtime theme of yellow and white was used in the decorations and refreshments.

Thirty-five were included on the guest list.

Red Cross Drive Collects \$927; Reports Asked

Through Monday afternoon the annual American Red Cross fund drive had \$927 of its \$3,873 quota on hand, according to the Rev. S. B. Moss, drive co-chairman.

Officially the campaign closed Sunday (March 31) and he urged all schools, individual solicitors, and communities to make reports to the local A.R.C. office as soon as possible.

Only three organized communities had reported the results of their efforts, he added, and a number of volunteer workers and schools had not been heard from.

Cancer Drive Under Way

Macon's annual American Cancer Society fund drive opened Monday and will continue for the entire month.

The county quota is \$810 and for the first time 40 per cent of the total will be retained here for local work, according to Mrs. Velma Conley, president of the newly-organized society.

In the past, the entire amount raised locally has gone into state and national channels.

Mrs. Conley plans to conduct the drive through schools, organized communities, and volunteer workers.

Cowee To Organize 4-H Club Tonight

Organization of a community 4-H club will feature a meeting tonight (Thursday) of the Cowee Rural Community Development Organization at the school at 7:30.

All interested boys and girls are urged to turn out.

What More Proof Is Needed?



WHAT MORE PROOF is needed that Spring finally has arrived than a pretty girl (Miss Lela Jo Galley, of Franklin) and the blossoming of a Chinese plum tree in Mac Whitaker's yard on Blossing Oak Street?

Brownies At Cherokee For Wildflower Hunt

Members of Brownie Scout Troop 5, of Franklin, went to Cherokee March 23 for the annual wildflower hunt staged there.

They also visited the Indian museum. Making the trip were Linda Prine, Susie Hyde, June Cabe, Beth Swan, Barbara Jenkins, Susie Collins, Gloria Oliver, and Mrs. Maxine Prine, Brownie leader.

Moore Entertain Saturday Night

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. (Bob) Moore entertained with a housewarming at their new home on Bidwell Street Saturday evening.



Brady's BLARNEY

By A Brady Called J. P.

How does that bit of rhyme go?

Spring has sprung,
The flowers has riz.
Wonder where the birdies is?
Well, it appears that Spring finally has arrived. As a measure of assurance I submit Policeman Homer Cochran's query.

"Know where a fellow can swap some long handled underwear for a good straw hat?"

Jpb

And while the subject of hats is warm (they have been in this column for some time now) the Franklin Garden Club's "Mad Hatter" party Monday afternoon was nothing short of a chapeau riot.

The club members really let their imaginations ride side saddle.

One had a hat that was a creditable weather vane; another's was made of kitchen utensils; and several had chicks and birds nesting and/or laying.

But the one which really appealed to me at the time was Mrs.

Gilmer A. Jones'. Her fashionable bit of headgear was a gum drop tree—a real gone temptation to one who is noted for his appetite.

Jpb

Still on hats—referring to my recent column on hat types — I gotta short note this week from Mrs. Arthur Stanfield in Eustis, Fla., and clipping from the worldly Miami Herald.

"Have you seen any hats like these?" she asked.

The clipping showed pictures of an odd assortment of hats, including one shaped like a carrot top, complete even to a grasshopper snoozing on it; one with a fish dangling from the end of a line on a pole; an orange half with a limb still in the navel; and finally a hat with a luggage compartment for carrying stuff to the beach.

Continued Mrs. Stanfield in her letter: "Hope not. But, you just keep watching and you will see them soon."

Is that a promise or a threat, Mrs. Stanfield?

Jpb

We just plain goofed in last week's issue. In the story on Page 1 about the Franklin High valedictorians, I mean. Through error, Jean Phillips' parents were not listed. They're Mr. and Mrs. Nat Phillips, of Route 5, and we're sorry about the whole thing. But the fact is, Jean has had such an interesting and full high school career that their names were just overlooked.

Jean's remark (our grapevine tells us) about it stands as a choice bit of wit:

"They probably think I was hatched!"

Jpb

A doff of the derby this week goes to Roy Biddle, Jr., who Saturday braved the perils of supervising the latent energy in about a dozen Royal Ambassadors from his church.

On one stop over, he returned to his pickup to find the front seat loaded with boys.

"Okay, fellows," he said calmly, "I'm the one that's supposed to be driving this truck."

The boys obliged by piling up three deep in the seat and giving him room enough to scoot under the wheel.

"It's a wonder I'm not sitting back in the bed," he mused, driving off in a cloud of dust amid the shouts and laughter of the boys.

The annual count of livestock on farms January 1 showed fewer cattle, hogs and sheep than at the beginning of 1956.

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- Only active Community Development Organizations are eligible to compete.

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