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This One's A Bottle Baby



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"Frisky", an orphan squirrel adopted by the John Blaine family, of Clark's Chapel, says "nuts" to that squirrelly business of squirrels eating nuts and settles back to get his milk from a baby bottle. "Frisky" started out life with the Blaines getting his chow from an eyedropper after being thrown from a nest high in a tree by a wind storm. Feeding "Frisky" is 13-year-old Ann Blaine.

No Comment From Bundy On Reports

Plant Supt. Stephen A. Bundy says "no comment" concerning reports that additional expansion at Franklin Hosiery Plant has been cancelled for several reasons, including an inadequate water supply.

In addition to the water situation, which town officials have been attempting to correct in recent months, it has been reliably learned that the local hosiery plant has a high turnover in labor and that the female labor supply is not as large as previously estimated.

School's Out! Commencements Are Memories

School's out!—as if a few thousand smiling young faces over the county don't indicate it.

All county schools, with the exception of Highlands, closed their doors for the summer yesterday (Wednesday). Activities at Highlands will grind to a halt today.

Macon County's four high schools this week graduated a total of 146 at commencement exercises; 115 at Franklin, 12 at Highlands, 17 at Nantahala, and two at Chapel (Negro).

Franklin, Highlands, and Chapel held commencement ceremonies last night. Nantahala's was held Monday night. Baccalaureate sermons for all four graduating classes were held Sunday.

And the 146 graduates weren't the only ones who were breathless. School Supt. Holland McSwain did some fast traveling last night in handing out diplomas at both Highlands and Franklin. He made his presentations in Highlands at the beginning of the program, offered an apology for being unable to stay longer, and then drove quickly back to Franklin in time to award "sheepskins" as a closing feature.

DANCING ON SATURDAY

The first in a series of weekly square dances during the summer will be held Saturday at 8:30 p. m. at Slagle Memorial Building for the benefit of the Franklin Teen Center. The Franklin Square Dance Team will perform between sets.

CLOSE TO LAST YEAR —

Elementary Schools Promote 306 Students To High School

Reversing both a national and local trend of past years, Macon County high schools will have approximately the same number of freshmen entering this September as they did last year.

Three hundred six eighth graders were promoted in the county this week. This compares with 308 enrolled in the ninth grade this school year. In the past, each year has seen a larger freshman enrollment.

The overall high school enrollment continues to be larger, however. (See story elsewhere on this page.)

Enrollment in the county's four high schools' freshman classes this year was 18 at Highlands, 27 at Nantahala, 261 at Franklin, and two at Chapel.

Here is a school-by-school breakdown of the eighth graders receiving promotions. Cullasaja, which is promoting 32, is not included, since that list was published in last week's Press.

Highlands, which has 26 students who are being promoted, will hold a ceremony at 9 o'clock this morning (Thursday) in the auditorium. The Rev. Carl McCain will give the invocation. O. F. Summer, principal, will present certificates to Jeannette Brown, Carolyn Carpenter, Mary Carpenter, Betty Jean Crawford, Helen Dryman, Agnes Gibson, Tina Harbison, Georgetta Penland, Elizabeth Rogers, Ollie Mae Wilson, Jack Baldwin, Tommy Billingsley, Jack Cabe, Charles Chastain, Clifton Keener, Mitchell Lamb,

Ernest McCall, Benson Picklesimer, J. D. Ramey, William Reese, Arthur Rogers, Mark Talley, David Vinson, Jack Wilson, Ellis Head, and Eugene Head.

5 At Nantahala

Nantahala only has five in its eighth grade this year because grade combinations several years ago altered the normal grouping (it had 27 in last school year's eighth grade). The five received their certificates at ceremonies Monday night when attorney General George B. Patton, of Franklin and Raleigh, spoke. The children promoted are Henry Evans, Wayne Mason, Margaret Allen, Mildred Gassaway, and Mary Ruth Lambert.

Morgan Speaks

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopalian minister, spoke at graduation exercises at East Franklin School Tuesday, when 39 went to the ninth grade. The Rev. Doyle Miller gave the invocation and the Rev. C. B. Moss the benediction. Valedictorian was Genevieve Whitmire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire. Bill Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyde, was salutatorian. Others receiving promotions at East Franklin were:

Janice Bowman, Dwain Downs, June Ferguson, Juanita Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson, Linda Miller, Anna Patti, Nancy Henry, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Patricia Ray, Beulah Watson, Linda Fay York, Gloria Jean Holland, Douglas Baird, Mac Bryant, Edwin Cabe, Tom

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Dr. Slagle, Macon Native, Picked For Polar Operation

Dr. T. D. (Dick) Slagle, Sylva physician who is a native of Cartoogechaye and who recently went back into the navy, is one of seven doctors chosen to accompany the history-making third "Operation Deepfreeze".

This is the code name for the navy project whose members will embark in September for the Antarctic, where they will spend nearly 18 months in the polar ice. Their job is to support the scientists working on the International Geophysical Year (I.G.Y.).

(It is in connection with the I.G.Y. that the first earth satellite is being launched.)

Dr. Slagle, who has been stationed at Chelsea, Mass., since going back to active naval duty this spring, returned to New England this week after a 10-day leave with his family in Sylva. He will report now to Danville, R. I., headquarters for "Operation Deepfreeze".

He will be following another North Carolinian in the Arctic job. Dr. Isaac Taylor, of Chapel Hill, has just returned from 17 months there. Dr. Slagle visited Dr. Taylor last week, seeking information about the unusual assignment.

"Dr. Taylor told me it wasn't much different from any regular practice, except for the number of frostbite cases. He said the only worries were those normally encountered by medical doctors in isolated areas."

During the Antarctic winter (our summer), there is no transportation between the camp where Dr. Slagle will be and the rest of the world. The

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camp, the county board, and the Superintendent-elect, H. Bueck.

Dr. Slagle

Decoration Day Set At Maiden's Chapel

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