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Democracy means not, "I am as good as you are" but "you're as good as I am."
—Theodore Parker.

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METHODISTS SLATE AREA MEET HERE

District Event Set January 15; 200 Expected

More than 200 delegates are expected to converge on Franklin next Wednesday, January 15, for the annual conference of the Waynesville Methodist District.

Opening at 9:30 a. m., the conference will be held at the Methodist church.

A highlight of the gathering will be a worship service at 11:30. Presiding will be the district superintendent, the Rev. Frank C. Smathers, of Waynesville.

Lunch for the conference will be served by the women of the Macon County churches, in cooperation with the Franklin Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Waynesville district includes Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Cherokee, and Clay. There are 35 pastoral charges in the district and 86 organized churches. The total membership reported at the last conference was 12,061.

Lions Dime Board Brings In \$470.47

Franklin Lions Club's Christmas dime board raised \$470.47, according to a report made this week by Harry C. Corbin, chairman of the project.

Of the total, the club spent \$465.52 for the needy at Christmas; \$347.03 for baskets of food; \$112 in cash donations; and \$6.49 for toys.

Bell's Department Store, Bowers' Department Store, and Carolina Pharmacy donated about \$200 worth of toys to the club to go in the baskets, Mr. Corbin said.

Dr. Wilson, Summer Resident, Succumbs

Dr. J. Victor Wilson, a Franklin summer resident, died December 28 in Miami, Fla., it has been learned here.

A native of Germany, Dr. Wilson at one time was a drama critic in New York City.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Wilson.

'Chuck Wagon Gang' Coming To Franklin

"The Chuck Wagon Gang", of Knoxville, Tenn., will present a program January 16 at the Franklin High gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Franklin Jaycees.

The program will start at 7:30 p. m.

"The Chuck Wagon Gang" appears regularly on radio and television and has recorded a number of songs.

Late News and Briefs

BRYSON DIES

Robert Lafayette Bryson, 60, a Macon County native, died Tuesday in a Greenville, Ala., hospital. He had been living in Alabama since 1918. Services were held yesterday (Wednesday) in Greenville.

FIRST '58 BABY

The first Macon County baby of 1958 was born Tuesday night at 11:20 at Angel Hospital. It's a girl, parents Mr. and Mrs. James Grady Thompson, of Franklin, Route 2.

This isn't the first baby born in the county however. A Clayton, Ga., couple had a boy at the hospital January 1.

THEY'RE SKATING

They're ice skating night and day in Highlands, thanks to low temperatures.

If the weather holds, the resort town's many lakes are expected to be covered with skaters from Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina this week end.

OFFICERS NOMINATED

A slate of officers for 1958 was nominated Friday night at a meeting of the Macon County Baracks No. 906, Veterans of World War I, and an election will be held in February.

For Use Of Schools — Schedule Of Fees Adopted By Board

Policy governing use of school facilities for non-educational purposes has been adopted by the Macon County Board of Education.

The policy paper approved by the board Monday morning in regular session sets a schedule of fees for the use of school auditoriums, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. It also covers regulations on the use of the buildings and facilities.

Fees set for facilities range from \$1 for the use of classrooms to \$20 for evening use of a gymnasium where admission is charged.

Exempt from the payment of fees will be Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, organized community development groups, churches, and approved charitable organizations.

APPROVES COMMITTEE

The board of education has gone on record as approving the formation of a Citizens Committee for Better Education in this county. A public meeting is to be called by the board in the very near future to lay the foundation for such an organization.

Supt. H. Bueck reported the payment of \$13,080.40 on the school system's total indebtedness of \$35,759.11 at the beginning of the school term.

However, these groups must comply with regulations set by the board.

In taking its action, the board of education was complying with legislation passed by the last General Assembly. According to School Supt. H. Bueck, this legislation ordered boards to set definite policy and regulations governing the use of school buildings.

"We don't want people to think we're trying to block anyone from using the buildings," he declared. "We're conforming to the law . . ."

Policy Stated

Following is the policy paper adopted by the board:

Section 1: Legal Status of School Buildings — The board of education shall have the care and keeping of all school buildings and other school properties belonging to the school districts. They shall have authority to open any or all school buildings for the use of night schools, improvement associations, scientific, mechanical, or agricultural societies under such regulation as the board of education may adopt; provided, that the board of education may at any time it thinks best, refuse to open any and all school buildings for any or all these purposes.

Section 2: Regulations on Use of School Buildings — School buildings represent a heavy investment by taxpayers of the local school district. There are many evenings while a school term is in session that school facilities are not in use for school purposes, as well as many days during the summer that school buildings and

grounds are not utilized for educational ends.

It is the desire of the board that maximum use be made of the facilities under its jurisdiction for educational and recreational activities. To extend the privilege of using these facilities, the board of education finds it necessary to seek compliance to its regulations governing the use of school buildings and facilities.

Since it is a policy to raise through taxation funds for the operation of the school's educational program only, the board finds it necessary to charge a small fee for use of school buildings and facilities by organizations not directly associated with the schools. These fees will be used to defray a portion of the expenses made by increased use of heat, light, and janitorial services.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, community development groups, churches, and approved charitable organizations are exempted from paying fees but must observe all other regulations in making use of school facilities.

The board of education will continue to make its facilities available to organizations that cooperate by complying with its regulations.

Fee Schedule

Section 4: Schedule of Fees. SCHOOL AUDITORIUM:

A. For use in presenting plays, recitals, or other performances that require stage settings and special lighting, and admission is charged, after 6 p. m.—\$10.

B. Same as above with no admission charge—\$7.50.

C. Afternoon performance, with admission charged—\$7.50.

D. Morning or afternoon performances, with no admission—\$5.

E. Stage only, for rehearsal purposes—\$2.50.

CLASSROOMS:

A. For use in holding meetings, presenting musical and dramatic numbers—\$1.

B. For meetings in cafeteria, \$15 for Franklin High School, \$10 for SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

Chamber Directors To Meet Thursday To Elect President

A reorganization meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce will be held by the incoming and outgoing directors tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the Nantahala Power and Light Company building.

The new directors are scheduled to elect a president from their number and also to map a tentative program for the coming tourist season.

OFF FOR MEETING

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan left Tuesday of this week for Greensboro, where he will attend a rural committee meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

GIRLS ARE BEATEN — Waynesville Did It Again! Games Slated Here Friday

Waynesville's lassies did it again Friday night.

They repeated an earlier performance in defeating the Franklin High girls. The score: 58 to 54. Franklin's lads also lost to Waynesville, on the Waynesville court, 40 to 28.

Tuesday night, the girls fared better in Bryson City, defeating Swain High 48 to 35. Leota Beck,

with 21 points, and Cissy Dowdle, with 18, paced the locals to the win. The boys lost to Swain High, 61 to 32.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, the Franklin teams return to their own gymnasium for games with Cullowhee High. The first game starts at 7:30.

Tuesday night, the lads and lassies go to Webster.

GOING IN FALL —

Stiles Is Awarded Tulane Fellowship For Law Study

Alvin J. Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Stiles, of Franklin, has been awarded a regional fellowship at Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, it was learned this week.

Mr. Stiles is teaching the eighth grade this year at Mountain View School in Graham County. He plans to finish the school year there, complete the requirements for a master of arts degree at Western Carolina College in the summer, and then enroll at Tulane in the fall. He was graduated from W. C. C. with honors last spring.

The Tulane fellowship will cover full cost of his tuition for one year and is renewable each year upon maintenance of satisfactory scholastic record. Because he already has a bachelor's degree, the law course will require only three years for completion.

Mr. Stiles interrupted his undergraduate work after one quarter at W. C. C. to enlist in the U. S. Air Force. He served four years and was discharged with the rating of staff sergeant. When he returned to W. C. C. he was active in the Veterans Club, the Young Democrats Club, and the Future Teachers of America organization.

OPEN MEET IS CALLED BY PASTORS

To Decide About Use Of Tabernacle; Issue Is Divided

A public meeting has been called by the Macon County Ministerial Association for January 16 to elect a board of trustees to oversee the use of the Friendship Tabernacle in Franklin.

The election of a board is expected to hit some rough sledding since ministers are divided on the way in which the tabernacle should be used.

One faction is in favor of restricting it for church use only, on a county-wide basis. Another side wants the tabernacle to be open for both church and community use, the latter on a non-profit basis.

Ministers of both sides are urging their congregations to attend the open meeting and vote on the issue.

At the present time, the tabernacle is used only by the four major denominations in Franklin and it is supervised by the ministerial association.

It is reported the ministers decided to throw the issue open to the public when they were unable to come to an agreement among themselves.

The tabernacle, which is located on Wayah Street, is owned by the A. A. Angel heirs, who placed its supervision in the hands of the ministerial association.

The open meeting will be held in the chapel of the First Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

Needin' Some Tax Assistance?

Might as well face it Maconians, the April 15 deadline for filing tax returns is but a stone's throw away.

If you can use some help on your federal return, the staff of the Internal Revenue Service office in Franklin is at your service each Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. The office is on the second floor of the post office building.

Taxpayers are also offered some suggestions by the staff:

1. Fill in as much of your return as you can.

2. If you have a question which can be answered by telephone, call the Internal Revenue office, Franklin 114.

3. If you still need further assistance, go to Room 201 in the post office building.

Heretofore, the special taxpayers' assistance day has been on Mondays.

Taxpayers are reminded that Friday will be the only day reserved for this tax assistance.

Two Highway Deaths Recorded During Year

Two highway deaths were chalked up against Macon County during 1957, according to Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson.

One occurred near the beginning of the year and the other at the end.

On January 12, Miss Lenora E. Lowe, 17, Highlands High basketball player, was killed in a one-vehicle wreck near Highlands. Her death was the first fatality on Macon highways in more than a year and a half.

The second fatality was pedestrian C. W. Potts, 69, who died December 22 of injuries received six days earlier when he was struck by a truck on US 23-441 as he walked toward his home.

SCOUTS TO MEET

The Boy Scouts of the Otto Community will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 in the school auditorium. All Scouts are urged to attend for the beginning of the new year.

AT LAYMAN'S MEET

J. C. Jacobs, W. K. Hooker, Curtis Pearson, the Rev. M. W. Chapman and J. H. Brookshire attended the Layman's Institute of the Baptist State Convention at the Thomasville Orphanage last week end.

APPROVES PETITION

The board of county commissioners, in session Monday morning, approved a road petition for the Frank Bailey Road and sent it to Bryson City for action by state highway officials.



LICENSE SALES SET OPENING DAY RECORD

Opening day sales January 2 set a record at the Carolina Motor Club branch office in Franklin, where the state's '58 license tags are on sale. Above, Mrs. Kate Jacobs is shown selling a plate to Ralph H. Duvall, of Route 4. Below, Mrs. Roy Ramsey holds one of Franklin's new town tags, which all residents must purchase for a \$1.



Tag Sales Set Record For Office

Motorists Buy 198 Plates On Opening Day

The Franklin branch of Carolina Motor Club had its biggest opening day in history last Thursday when North Carolina's 1958 license tags went on sale.

Verlon Swafford, C. M. C. manager, reported selling 198 tags during the day for an all-time opening day record.

While tags will be on sale through February 15, Mr. Swafford suggests that motorists purchase early and avoid the expected last-minute rush.

"They can save all of us trouble if they'll drop by early and even up the sales," he said.

The manager said his staff was having "very little" trouble because of the new FS-1 form, which a motorist must present before a tag will be issued. Issued by insurance companies, the FS-1 form is proof the motorist has complied with the new "financial responsibility insurance" law.

However, Mr. Swafford said just about every motorist is forgetting to fill in the name of the county on the license renewal card. Of the 198 on opening day, only two remembered to write it in, he explained.

The C. M. C. office is situated in the rear of the Western Auto Associate Store on Main Street.

ENLIST IN ARMY

Billy G. McCall and William H. Woodward have enlisted in the U. S. Army under the "buddy assignment" program. McCall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McCall, of Route 3, and Woodward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodward, also of Route 3. The enlistees are now training at Fort Jackson, S. C. They chose as their Army branch the military police corps.

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., Jan. 1	46	28	.00
Thursday	37	7	.00
Friday	44	7	.00
Saturday	45	6	.00
Sunday	45	8	.00
Monday	42	9	.00
Tuesday	40	28	.00
Wednesday	—	15	.00

COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 1	48	28	.34
Thursday	42	8	.00
Friday	36	9	.00
Saturday	42	7	.00
Sunday	43	10	.00
Monday	43	10	.00
Tuesday	43	28	trace
Wednesday	40	15	.00

£ Snow

HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 1	39	12	.00
Thursday	26	6	.00
Friday	32	10	.00
Saturday	33	9	.00
Sunday	35	7	.00
Monday	41	12	.00
Tuesday	35	16	.00
Wednesday	—	10	.00

* No Record.

EVENTS SCHEDULED — Battle Lines Are Drawn In County Polio Campaign

Macon County is drawing the lines of battle in its annual fund warfare against polio.

J. W. (Red) Smith, chairman of the March of Dimes drive, reports a number of plans for fund-raising activities.

Amateur Show

Saturday night at Cullasaja School, a benefit March of Dimes amateur show and cake walk will be sponsored by the Higdonville Rural Community Development Organization, beginning at 7:30. The organization promises music and fun for everyone. Sidney Clay will be master of ceremonies.

'Polio Roadblock'

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"Mothers' March" is to be staged the night of January 30 as the closing feature of the March of Dimes drive, according to Mr. Smith. The march will be handled by members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Benefit Dance Mr. Smith also said the V.F.W. is planning a benefit square dance later in the month. The date will be announced later. Macon County's goal this year is \$3,000.

WHERE IS HE? — By Letter, Ragan Resigns As Coroner, Leaves Town

The big question in Franklin this week is, "Where is Jack Ragan?"

The mortician and county cor-

since, according to his brother-in-law, who was here Monday to attend to moving the family's furniture.

By letter, Mr. Ragan submitted his resignation as coroner. In session Monday morning, the board of county commissioners accepted it and then appointed John Kusterer, a co-worker of Mr. Ragan's at Bryant Funeral Home, to serve out his unexpired term, which ends next fall.

Carson HD Club Elects Officers

Carson Home Demonstration Club has elected new officers for the year.

They are Mrs. Etta Vogel, president; Mrs. Constance Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Jim Hauser, secretary; and Mrs. Earl Cabe, treasurer.

The club held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred S. Moore. A covered dish lunch was served.



Mr. Ragan

... Where Is He? He unexpectedly left Franklin with his family New Year's Eve. He left his wife and children in Boone and hasn't been heard from