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**Annual Federation
Meeting Scheduled**

The annual Farmers Federation stockholder meeting for Macon County will be held next Thursday, March 6, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Franklin store, it has been announced by James McClure Clarke, Farmers Federation president.

The Franklin store committee will be up for reelection, at which time new members may be added to the committee.

One county director will be nominated and voted upon at the annual meeting of all Farmers Federation stockholders scheduled for the Buncombe County Courthouse in Asheville on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 10 a.m.

Each county in the Farmers Federation territory is represented by two county directors who serve two-year terms with one of the directors up for reelection each

year. Business reports will be given by Farmers Federation officials.

Music will be furnished by "Panhandle Pete" and the Farmers Federation String Band during the meeting and free baby chicks will be given as door prizes.

Talks on farming will be given by extension personnel, Federation officials, and other farming authorities.

All stockholders, patrons, and persons interested in the Farmers Federation and its many programs are invited to attend the meeting.

Now serving as Macon County directors are James Raby, of Franklin and Fred Hannah, of Route 1.

Members of the Franklin store

committee are E. V. Ammons, Franklin; Billie Bernard, Route 3; Robert Bennett, Route 3; Edwin J. Bradley, Route 3; R. C. Enloe, Franklin; Jerry Franklin, Franklin; Weaver Gibson, Route 3; Woodrow Gibson, Route 4; Fred Hannah, Route 1; Charles Henderson, Gneiss; Weaver Holbrook, Route 3; Mrs. Effie Hunt, Route 2; B. W. Justice, Route 4; Dr. Frank Killian, Franklin; Bryant McClure, Route 2; Wallace Morgan, Star Route, Franklin; Clayton Ramsey, Route 3; Jim Raby, Franklin; Frank Saunders, Star Route, Franklin; Siler Slagle, Franklin; Woodrow Teague, Prentiss; Harry Thomas, Franklin; the Rev. J. I. Vinson, Dillard, Ga. Route 1; and Jim Young, Franklin.

guard project had been sold to the administration and to the National Academy of Sciences so the Army's requests to go ahead were refused.

Other examples of the military mistakes made due to civilian decisions cited by Mr. Baldwin are reduction in the military budget between World War II and the Korean War, and the dominant "balanced-budget" philosophy of the Secretary of Treasury and the Director of the Budget Bureau.

Mr. Baldwin cited as one of the main problems in the Pentagon the tremendous layer of civilian personnel that has been built up at Department of Defense level.

There are, he said, a total of thirty civilian secretaries or their equivalent in the Pentagon who can give directives to the military chiefs of service, even though these civilians have no legal responsibility.

According to Mr. Baldwin the basic law of sound organization — the coupling of authority with responsibility — has been broken in the Pentagon. What makes it worse, Mr. Baldwin added, is that virtually all of the senior civilians are political appointees who know little about the military and stay at their posts only a brief time.

I certainly enjoyed the article and was glad to see for once in peace time the shoe of military defense put where it fits the best.

VIEWS

By BOB SLOAN

For years the operators of most news media, whether it be newspapers, radio commentators, or magazines, when dealing with military leaders of our country in an editorial vein have been unjust, unfair, and prejudiced. Why, I have never understood, but military leaders and editorial writers seem to regard each other in about the same light that dogs and cats do. Of course this doesn't apply when we are at War and patriotism is running hot in everyone's blood. In normal times most of our editorial writers take great delight in picturing our highest military leaders as "a group of narrow minded individuals — vain with pomp and jealous of their prestige, bickering about service position with the safety of the country at stake."

I recently read an article by Hanson W. Baldwin, who is recognized as one of the news writers who is best informed on the military situation and personnel in the United States — he is the military analyst for The New York Times—which described the above view as unadulterated nonsense.

Mr. Baldwin further points out that contrary to public opinion (which is but a reflection of what the various news media feed the public, it was not rivalry or competition between the armed services that delayed our launching of an earth satellite for at least six months to a year. It was, he says, mistaken civilian judgement that prevented service competition. He backs this up by pointing out that the Army had, fully a year ago, misse "hardware" with sufficient thrust to launch a satellite, but the Van-

**Mrs. Starling,
Summer Resident,
Dies In Florida**

Mrs. Mary Starling, wife of Frank Starling, mayor of Wilton Manors, Fla., died February 16 following a cerebral hemorrhage at their home.

The Starlings were summer residents here and own property in and around Franklin.

Mrs. Starling, 36, was stricken after she had fixed dinner when the family returned home from their ranch west of Davie earlier in the day. She was a native of West Palm Beach and served during World War II as a Wave in the U.S. Navy.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their eight-year-old daughter, Shirley.

— THE SICK —

Angel Clinic

ADMITTED:

February 17: Bill Shope, of Cartoogechaye; Paul Gregory, of Nantahala; Mrs. Fred Underwood, of Franklin; Mrs. Carl Talent, of Franklin; Timothy Stewart, of Franklin.

February 18: Mrs. Barbara Bevins, of Pineville, Ky.; Miss Diana Tilson, of Buck Creek; Robert Austin, of Franklin.

February 19: Carl Gibson, of Cullasaja; Ricky Tilson, of Buck Creek; Miss Exie Passmore, of Thomasville; Edgar Howard, of Tryphosa.

February 20: Junior Coggins, of Cullowhee; Mrs. Mary Welch, of Cowee.

February 21: Mrs. Ruby Queen, of Franklin; Mrs. Joan McGaha, of Cowee.

February 22: Mrs. Helen Turner, of Clayton, Ga.; David Baldwin, of Nantahala; Miss Frances Jones, of Cowee; John England, of Franklin.

February 23: Mrs. Earl Matheson, of Hayesville; Earl Matheson, of Hayesville; Mrs. Nora Waldrop, of Burningtown; Miss Eldie Cowart, of Prentiss; Russell Cowart, of Prentiss; Miss Glendia Cowart, of Prentiss; Mrs. Daisy Mae West, of Franklin; Roy Mashburn, of Franklin; Miss Brenda Mashburn, of Franklin; Mrs. Henry Mashburn, of Franklin.

DISCHARGED:

February 20: John Payne, of Thomasville; Mrs. Nellie Mann, of Nantahala; Mrs. Neal Bishop, of Rutherfordton; Miss Olen's Hooper, of Franklin; Mrs. Cora Waldrop, of Franklin.

February 21: Mrs. Garland Frady, of Sylva; Mrs. Carl Tallent, of Franklin; W. M. Pendergrass, of Nantahala; Bill Shope, of Cartoogechaye; Miss Bell Bryant, of Iotla; Mrs. Virginia Starnes, of Franklin.

February 22: Timothy Stewart, of Franklin; Joe Brendle, of Clark's Chapel; Earnest Patterson, of Hayesville.

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