

## SCHOOL TO END FRIDAY, MAY 23

**Thirty-Eight Members Enrolled In Senior Class Of 1930**

### PAGEANT IS PLANNED

**Baccalaureate Sermon Planned For Sunday Morning, May 25**

Thirty-eight members are enrolled in the Franklin high school Senior class of 1930. The school term closes on Friday, May 23. Tentative plans have been made for graduation exercises, which include a pageant to be given by the Senior class on Tuesday night, May 27, on which date diploma awards will also be made. The baccalaureate sermon, it is understood, will be preached on Sunday morning, May 25, in the Franklin Baptist church. The name of the speaker has not been announced.

The publication of the names of the seniors which follow does not necessarily imply that all will receive diplomas. Members of the class are: Florence Stallcup, president; Frank Henry, secretary; Howard Wilkie, treasurer; James Ammons, Norman Blaine, Howard Bradley, Wiley Brendell, Jack Brown, Raymond Dalrymple, Otis Freeman, John Holbrook, Charles R. Patton, Glenn Patton, Richard Slagle, Billy Sloan, Roger Sutton, Eugene Welsh, Johnnie Young, O. S. Brown.

Katherine Ammons, Rebecca Angel, Mary Berry, Iris Cabe, Nell Cabe, Catharine Franks, Wilma Hall, Jessie Higdon, Eloise Jamison, Jewel Alice Lee, Annie McDowell, Susan McClure, Frances Nolen, Jean Porter, Jessie Ramsey, Lola Ramsey, Ilda Ramsey, Dorothy Stewart, Blanche Vinson.

## New Newspaper Makes Appearance

The Smoky Mountain Times, a new newspaper published at Robbinsville, made its initial appearance Wednesday morning. The new publication is edited by Bennie Reece of Robbinsville, and is published by Lyles Harris of Franklin, editor and publisher of The Franklin Press.

The Smoky Mountain Times contains eight pages with five columns to the page. News and feature articles concerning the natural resources of Graham county, the development of the county's highways, and pertaining to the activities of Robbinsville organizations are given front page prominence. The newspaper carries a readable editorial page, a farm page, features for women readers, personal items, and a substantial amount of advertising.

The printing and make-up of The Times is attractive.

## Many Counties Participate In School Equalizing Fund

RALEIGH, May 14.—The sum of \$1,184,353.02 has just been sent to the counties participating in the School Equalizing Fund by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, A. T. Allen, it was learned today from his office.

The larger portion of this amount, \$1,074,658.82, represented the allotment to 93 counties from the \$1,250,000 Tax Reduction Fund appropriated by the last General Assembly. The sum of \$43,631.44 was for rural supervision, and \$66,062.70 for additional teachers allowed by the State Board of Equalization.

This \$1,250,000 Tax Reduction Fund was appropriated according to law for the purpose of reducing the ad valorem taxes in the county-wide, special charter and special tax school districts in those counties participating in the distribution of the Equalizing Fund which operate their schools beyond the six months term. This is the

## ALLEGED LIQUOR RUNNER CHASED 1-2 MILE ON FOOT

Most any bootlegger will give a deputy sheriff a merry chase as long as the bootlegger is behind his steering wheel and has an open road. Occasionally, too, a dispenser of fire water will force a deputy to "do his stuff" on foot across the open country. And that was exactly what Bill Metcalf, of Marshall, alleged bootlegger, forced Deputy Sheriff Raleigh Norris to do when Norris stopped him on Highway No. 285, six miles south of Franklin.

Deputies Norris and Frank Norton stopped Metcalf shortly after dark, and Metcalf jumped from his automobile to make a rapid getaway. Norris followed the fleeing man for about one-half mile across a plowed field, catching the fugitive just as he reached the bank of the Little Tennessee river. Twenty-eight gallons of pungent yellow, corn liquor were found in the captured auto. Metcalf is in the Macon county jail on default of bond.

## PICK SPONSORS FOR FESTIVITIES

**Beautiful Girls Selected To Be Guests At Rhododendron Festival**

ASHEVILLE, May 14.—The 12 beautiful girls, who represent the 12 southern states at the Rhododendron Festival to be held at Asheville, June 18, 19, and 20, are being selected, this year as in 1929, from among the students in attendance at state universities and colleges. Two sponsors have already been named to represent Tennessee and Mississippi in the floral fete.

Miss Dorothy Wright of Kingsport, Tennessee, elected the most popular girl at the University of Tennessee, has been invited to represent her state. Miss Frances Ransom of Aberdeen, Mississippi, voted the prettiest girl at the Mississippi State College for Women, will be sponsor for the State of Mississippi in the festival. Both of the young ladies have accepted the honor conferred on them.

**Guests of City**  
In addition to Tennessee and Mississippi, sponsors will be appointed from Kentucky, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The sponsors will be official guests of the city of Asheville during the festival and will play principal parts in the ceremonial and social events of the fete.

Each of the twelve sponsors will represent her state by virtue of gubernatorial appointment. The sponsors will take part in the coronation ceremony which marks the opening. (Continued on page five)

## SECOND PERIOD CONTEST OPENS

**First Part Of Campaign Is Brought To Whirl-wind Finish**

### RACE STILL ANYONE'S

**Second Period Votes Count Big And May Determine Winner**

The close of the "first period" of The Press big circulation building campaign last Saturday evening brought a large number of votes for those who were really active in quest of subscriptions. And what is equally encouraging to the busy boosters and their friends, they developed an amount of business for future realization.

Frequently in contests of this sort some one candidate may take such a commanding lead that all others are outclassed. Such is not the case in this campaign. So evenly are the honors divided and so close is the vote of some of the earnest workers, that the race is right where it was in the beginning—it is up to all workers to do their best and the result must be determined during this, the "second period" of the work. The struggle for supremacy has not been finished, it is as much in doubt as when the campaign started.

The interest developed among the readers of The Press is becoming intense. The community is watching you workers and your friends are expecting you to do your level best. Anything less than that is not worthy of you.

**Beware of Over Confidence**  
It is a safe prediction that many a prize will be lost during the remaining days of the campaign through the over confidence of the candidates, who may feel that they have accomplished results up to this time that will enable them to sit back and rest on their laurels.

Don't flatter yourself that you have enough votes to win, for you have not. **YOU SIMPLY CAN'T HAVE TOO MANY VOTES.** Don't take a single chance of losing the prize you most desire. What if you should fall short a few hundred thousand votes? representing a mere handful of long term subscriptions—you would never forgive yourself the fatal error.

**Candidates**  
It is in you to win if you will. This is the final test. These are the days that test your resourcefulness. Here is where your courage upholds you and makes you fight, or the lack of it takes the stiffness out of your knees and leaves you trailing in the dust, and "Also Ran." Sometimes too your supreme courage urges you on even when you are tired, but that is the gamiest fight of all.

Votes will pile up rapidly during the next two weeks. The liveliest part of the campaign is now at hand, and while all the candidates are on exactly the same footing, at the same time those who want to win and WILL are offered the opportunity of the campaign to forge ahead and corral the winning votes.

### 'Second Period' Votes

During the "second period" votes count big. In fact, taking into consideration that 50,000 extra votes allowed you on "Clubs" of \$10 subscriptions count for almost as many votes now as during the first period. For example: In the first period you received 6,000 votes for a new one-year subscription, while in the second period you receive 4,000. There is only a 2,000 vote drop on such an order. And while you received 50,000 for a new five-year subscription during the first period, you will receive 40,000 for such an order during the second period—which means only a 10,000 vote drop between the two periods.

One week from Saturday night is when you will notice the big drop—for after that time there will be **NO DOUBLE VOTES GIVEN ON NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.** It means a drop of about 75 per cent.

**Actual Test Now Ahead**  
Now for a whirl-wind finish! Now for sensations and surprises. Present leaders must increase their totals if (Continued on page five)

## POURING OF CONCRETE BEGINS ON HIGHWAY 28 AT GNEISS POST OFFICE

### JAIL REMODELING WORK IS STARTED HERE ON MONDAY

W. T. Tippet with a crew of eight or 10 men began remodeling the Macon county jail on Monday morning. The work on which the crew is now engaged includes the construction of nine-inch concrete walls on all sides of the jail for reinforcement purposes.

Inside remodeling and the construction of a jail annex is expected to be done at a later date. No estimate has been made by Mr. Tippet as to the length of time that will be necessary to complete the work underway.

## NEGRO HEARD ON AFFRAY CHARGE

**White Boy Cuts Colored Youth Who Retaliates With Rock**

George Scruggs, 18-year-old negro who had gone to the foreman of road construction work on Highway No. 28 in search of work last Monday morning, was playing near the railroad tracks with another negro boy when Luther Carpenter, 15, a white boy, passed along and, according to evidence, made insulting remarks to young Scruggs. Scruggs testified that he "talked back" to young Carpenter, and the latter testified that Scruggs slapped him.

The white boy walked to a nearby filling station where he told his grievances to two other young white men, Edmund Sanders and John Farmer. Farmer testified that he pulled his knife from his pocket and told young Carpenter that he would have cut the negro's throat from ear to ear.

Meanwhile Scruggs passed in company with several other negroes going in the direction of the center of town. The three white boys walked behind and overtook the negroes near the residence of W. L. Higdon on Main street, where, according to evidence, Carpenter seized Scruggs' arm, asking "Why did you treat me that way?" then struck Scruggs on the chest. As the negro backed away, Carpenter stabbed him in the shoulder with a pocketknife, then ran. The negro reached for a rock and Carpenter, seeing this, started to return, but before he could do so Scruggs knocked the white boy to the ground with the stone, the missile striking Carpenter on the head.

Evidence in the mayor's court brought out the fact that young Carpenter, whose home is in Hartwell,

## WORK WILL END IN EIGHT WEEKS

**Four Crews, Totaling 154 Men, Engaged In Surfacing Activities**

### MAY BE DONE JULY 1

**Detours Ready For Re-routing Traffic Passing Over Road**

With a crew of 154 men engaged in grading, hauling and concrete work on the eight miles of Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Gneiss, pouring of concrete will begin Thursday, according to foremen of the firm of Pennell and Harley, Inc., of Spartanburg, who hold the contract for paving this part of the highway. Mr. Harley arrived in Franklin early this week with a crew of 80 men for concrete work, a concrete mixer, and two railway cars equipped as quarters for his men. The McFadden truck company of Asheville will do the hauling for the construction job. A crew of 14 men is on this job and is camped near the town bridge. Including trucks belonging to Pennell and Harley, approximately 23 trucks are in use.

Two grading crews composed of 30 men each are still engaged in re-routing parts of the highway and in culvert work. Concrete pouring will start at Gneiss, and the crew will work from there toward Franklin. Mr. Harley expects to have the surfacing of the eight miles completed within eight weeks.

Detours for local traveling are ready, but motorists traveling between Franklin and Highlands are advised to use the route by Dillard, Ga.

## Two Days Fishing In Wayah Refuge

The Wayah Bald state game refuge in Macon county will be open to fishing on Friday and Saturday of May 23 and 24.

A daily permit of \$1.00 is required on this refuge in addition to the regular fishing license. Size limits—brook trout or speckled trout from six inches up; rainbow trout from eight inches up. And bag limit on this refuge—15 per day.

Ga., is subject to abnormal mental tendencies. He had been staying with relatives in Macon county. Scruggs' case was bound over to the next term of Macon county superior court, and council for the negro thereupon issued a warrant for young Carpenter.

## Farnsworths Study Science And Arts At Highlands Home

(By Sarah-Hicks Hines)

When S. F. Kelsey and Charles Hutchinson were surveying Highlands, Mr. Hutchinson was given first choice of a 42-acre tract on either side of Main street and he selected the side on which Corrymeela, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth, stands. Mr. Kelsey taking the opposite side.

Mr. Hutchinson then, with the aid of some of the men who are living here now, built a sturdy home, using massive hand-squared white pine logs placed upright in the way that the old time stockades were built. But to prevent the rough appearance of a stockade the walls were weather boarded on the inside and clap boarded on the outside. Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth say that even in the strongest winds of winter this stanchy built house never trembles in the least. Tall pines and oaks surround the house and all laurels and rhododendrons add to the beauty of the spacious yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth themselves are quite as unusual as their home and they both have many and varied interests to occupy their time.

### Writer and Sculptress

Mrs. Farnsworth not only writes verse but writes songs and prose and is a sculptress as well. Several of her small bronze statues, "sculps," as she terms them, have been taken around the country with the Macbeth Traveling Bronzes. Melisande, a girl's head, is one of the most admired of her "sculps." This small bronze head is lovely and in every detail expresses mystery.

Mrs. Farnsworth had her first work published in the Youth's Companion when she was 13 years old.

"I adopted a man's name for my pen name," she says, "and my thrill over my first check was as nothing to the joy of being addressed in the editor's letter as 'Dear sir' I loved that!" (Continued on page five)