

## PLAN TO GIVE PIGS TO BOYS

Rotary Club and Young Tar Heel Farmers Sponsor Plan

### PROGRAM IS UNIQUE

Fine Pedigreed Stock To Be Purchased in Near Future

The Franklin Rotary Club and the local chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers have undertaken to carry out a unique plan which they hope within a few years will make Macon one of the leading pig-raising counties in the state.

Working together, the two organizations have raised a fund to purchase half a dozen or more pedigreed Big Bone Poland China sow pigs and a thoroughbred boar of the same stock.

A group of promising young students in the agricultural class at the Franklin high school will be selected to raise the sow pigs. Each boy of this group will be given one sow pig on the following conditions:

- How Plan Works**
- (1) He must breed it to the pedigreed boar, which will be placed in the hands of a reliable farmer.
  - (2) Out of the first litter he must give one sow pig to another boy and one to the Franklin Rotary Club, which will place it with yet another boy.
  - (3) Out of the next three litters each boy receiving one of the original pigs must give one sow pig to the Rotary Club.

In this manner the Rotary Club and the Young Tar Heel farmers hope to start a perpetual system for raising pedigreed pigs and supplying well deserving farm youths with a good start in life.

Farm statistics show that this county is sadly deficient in pork production, and it is thought that this plan in due time will correct this situation.

### To Buy Pigs Soon

The pigs to set the program in motion are to be bought in the immediate future by Fred S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent.

The exact number to be purchased depends on the price Mr. Sloan will have to pay. He hopes that some of the farmers of the county will club with him in making a large purchase. The more pigs bought, the cheaper they come.

Anyone desiring to take advantage of the opportunity can get full details from Mr. Sloan at his office in the courthouse.

## REV. N. C. DUNCAN TO HOLD SERVICE HERE NEXT WEEK

The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, rector of the Episcopal church at Coolemece, will conduct services in St. Agnes church on Wednesday evening, April 29, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to friends of the congregation to worship with them at this service. Mr. Duncan is a preacher of outstanding ability, and is well known in Western North Carolina, having been rector of Grace church, Morganton, and in charge of Grace hospital, ministering to the sick and needy in Burke and neighboring counties as a mission hospital of the Episcopal church were no one has ever been refused the ministrations of the hospital because they were unable to pay.

For several years Mr. Duncan has been located at Coolemece, where he has built up a strong congregation. Recently he has conducted a successful preaching mission at Fayetteville.

## HIGHLANDS AND LOCAL PASTORS TRADE PULPITS

The Rev. C. R. McCarty, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church, will preach at the Franklin Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor of the Franklin church, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, will preach at the Highlands church at the same hour. Mr. McCarty will preach at the Morrison Presbyterian church on the Georgia road in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited to be present for both these services.

## Franklin Pastor Defends Federal Church Council's Approval of Birth Control

The proposal of the Asheville Presbytery that the Presbyterian Church, South, withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches in Christ of America because of the council's approval of birth control measures, manifests a "lack of social vision," in the opinion of the Rev. G. Clifton Ervin, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Mr. Ervin expressed his "deep regret over the action of the Presbytery in a letter to the editor of The Asheville Citizen which appeared on the editorial page of that newspaper last Saturday.

Later Mr. Ervin explained that his letter to The Citizen was prompted principally by the thought of any church body withdrawing from the Federal Council of Churches because of a single minor issue.

"This is the only organization of a national scope through which the churches can work together," he pointed out, "and even though one group does not approve of all of its actions that group should take into consideration the good it accomplishes in other fields."

Mr. Ervin's letter to The Citizen follows: Editor of The Citizen: Will you permit me to register my deep regret at the action taken yesterday (April 15) by the Asheville Presbytery concerning the courageous stand of the Federal Council on the matter of birth

control. Such ingrained conservatism and lack of social vision upon the part of any church body, especially an evangelical group, is to be deplored. I wonder upon what supposedly ethical or moral grounds these well-meaning clergymen justify their opposition to birth control measures? Do they realize that birth control information is easily available to those who can pay for it, but that the poor and underprivileged women who need it most have no access to it?

That this bitterly antagonistic attitude toward birth control is not the attitude of many Presbyterian clergymen in our country is shown by the fact that the commission on "Family Problems" of the great Presbyterian Church, North, has already endorsed the recognition of birth control as a scientific and social measure. "Birth control is a progressive step and we will press adoption of it by the church," the commission members have stated. Dr. Howard A. Johnston, a prominent member of the commission, was stating a truism when he said: "Children have the God-given right to be well born."

Let us hope that the proposal of the Asheville Presbytery to withdraw from the Federal Council because of its courageous stand on this great question will be voted down by their General Assembly.

Rev. G. Clifton Ervin, Franklin, N. C., April 16, 1931.

## COMMENCEMENT SET FOR FRIDAY

Examinations in Franklin School To End Today

### EXERCISES SIMPLE

31 In Senior Class But Number of Grads Is Undecided

Examinations will be completed in the Franklin schools today and Friday night a class of about 30 pupils will be graduated from the high school. There will be no special speaker, no valedictorian and a minimum of exercises, it was announced by G. L. Houk, principal.

The Press is unable to give a list of the graduates in this issue because all of the examination papers had not been graded last night. All except a few members of the class were expected to pass.

- The class roll follows:
- Herbert Bunyan Angel.
  - Thaddeus Clingan Bryson.
  - Virginia Choe Calloway.
  - Elva Leona Clark.
  - Richard Conley.
  - Blanche Ella Curtis.
  - John Robert Curtis.
  - John Robert Dalrymple.
  - Luellen Davis.
  - Ned Dowdle.
  - Lydia Mary Gibson.
  - Florence Virginia Henson.
  - Annie Mae Higdon.
  - Mary Elizabeth Jacobs.
  - Edna Jamison.
  - Lucile Flora Kinsey.
  - Hazel Kinsland.
  - Marie Elba Limer.
  - Everett James Mashburn.
  - John Hodge McCollum.
  - Mildred Moore.
  - Helen Frances Patton.
  - Velma Luez Peek.
  - Alice Amanda Slagle.
  - Mary Louise Slagle.
  - Margaret Frances Snyder.
  - Mary Louise Straine.
  - Adeline Elizabeth Teague.
  - Hazel Edith Vinson.
  - John Lyle Walldrop.
  - James Richard Wurst.

## Pupils Passed In High School Test Announced

Following is the list of students who successfully passed the high school entrance examination given on April 18 and who will be admitted to high school at the opening of the next term, it was announced yesterday by Principal G. L. Houk:

- Willie Allman.
- Hilda Ashe.
- Grace Baird.
- Vernon Bradley.
- Ida Bryant.
- Avery Cabe.
- Esther Clouse.
- Grace Conley.
- Annie Lee Curtis.
- Edwin Cunningham.
- Eleanor Dalton.
- Mildred Daves.
- Edmund Dady.
- Joe Dowdle.
- Shirley Duvall.
- Mary Eaton.
- Milton Fouts.
- Tressie Gregory.
- Alvia Gibson.
- Mary Will Higdon.
- Edna Holland.
- Ralph Henson.
- Grover Jamison.
- Gus Justice.
- Betty Leach.
- Frankie Love.
- Alva Ledford.
- Jarvis Ledford.
- Jimmy McCollum.
- Wilmer McConnell.
- Louise McDowell.
- Cleobelle Moore.
- Mildred Moore.
- Pauline Meadows.
- Blanche Mincey.
- Annie Belle Mashburn.
- Ma Owenby.
- Vannah Parker.
- Charles Palmer.
- Ila Potts.
- Billy Parrish.
- Edna Raby.
- Rebecca Rowland.
- Verlie Mae Roper.
- Sue Rickman.
- Kate Shepherd.
- Roy Southards.
- Mont Sutton.
- Rachel Slagle.
- Crosby Stockton.
- Louise Sutton.
- Mannie Smith.
- Mary Teague.
- Anna Lois Talent.
- Virginia Tilley.
- Ruel Walldrop.
- Robert Walldrop.
- Evelyn Walldrop.
- Mary Wurst.

## R. Y. P. U. PLANS REGIONAL MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Mrs. Alice Childers, Mrs. R. M. Ledford, Miss Eloise Jamison, Miss Willie Mae Ledford, Fred Childers and Raymond Dalrymple attended the Western Regional R. Y. P. U. convention at Brevard last Saturday. They reported that the next regional convention will be held at Franklin in 1932.

## Bank Opening Delayed; Stockholders' Meeting Is Called For Tuesday

Few Depositors Blamed For Holding Up Reopening

### CLOSED 4 MONTHS

Business Is Resumed By Many Other W. N. C. Banking Houses

Reopening of the Bank of Franklin, closed since December 16, again has been delayed.

The bank was expected to resume business the latter part of last week or early this week, but slowness of certain depositors in exchanging time certificates for new ones with interest added to the date of closing has brought about another postponement.

### Meeting Called

A meeting of the stockholders has been called for Tuesday, April 28. At this meeting, according to M. D. Billings, liquidating agent, it is to be definitely decided whether the bank is to be reopened and, if so, when. There is a hopeful expectancy that the bank will be doing business before the end of next week, but there has been no definite announcement to this effect.

The whole question, it was stated yesterday by officials of the bank, depends on the action of a few holders of time certificate who have failed to sign contracts to freeze their deposits until October, 1933, or else have neglected to trade their old certificates for new ones. Unless these depositors act promptly, it was declared, they may thwart the reopening plans.

### Many Banks Reopened

A large majority of the Western North Carolina banks closed following the failure of the Central Bank and Trust company in Asheville last fall have already reopened and at least one of them, The Bank of French Broad at Marshall, has announced that it is ready to pay off 10 per cent of the frozen deposits.

The sooner the Bank of Franklin is reopened, the sooner it will be in position to meet its obligations to depositors.

## PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD MEETING AT HIGHLANDS

The Rev. S. R. Crockett, superintendent of the Maxwell Farm home, Mr. J. E. Rice, and the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, attended a meeting of Asheville Presbyterians in Brevard, April 14 and 15. They reported a gracious meeting of this church court. Reports from the various churches over the Presbytery were very gratifying in face to the economic depression. The Presbytery voted to meet in the Highlands church for its fall meeting in October.

Miss Sarah Hicks Hines and the Rev. C. R. McCarty attended semi-annual meeting of Asheville Presbyterians at Brevard Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. While there, Rev. McCarty extended an invitation to the representatives to hold their fall meeting, which will come in October, in Highlands. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

## VOICE RECITAL

CULLOWHEE, April 22—There is to be a voice recital by students at Western Carolina Teachers college April 21 in the local Baptist church.

## 2 Mules, 15 Head Of Cattle Struck Dead

A pair of mules belonging to Herman Childers were killed by lightning Saturday afternoon at Mr. Childers' farm on Coweta. The same afternoon 15 head of cattle were killed by lightning in Ham Bryson's pasture across the line in Jackson county. One of the cattle, by a strange coincidence, belonged to Mr. Childers' wife. The mules killed had been bought by Mr. Childers for \$375 only a few days before.

## Three Youths Arrested For Breaking into Store

With the arrest of three youths here Monday, Police Chief Bob Henry thinks he has solved the mystery of who robbed W. C. Cunningham's store about two weeks ago.

Those arrested were George Miller, who lives across the river, and Parley Kennedy and Bert Baldwin, of Franklin, their ages ranging from 18 to 20 years.

Miller was arrested on information that he had disposed of goods believed to have been stolen from the Cunningham store. A search of his home revealed a few hidden articles said to have come from the store. Chief Henry reported that Miller confessed participation in the robbery and implicated Kennedy and Baldwin. Miller is being held in jail. Bond of \$500 was set for him but he was unable to raise it. The two other young men were released under \$300 bond each.

Hearing has been set for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon before Mayor George Patton.

Three boys under 15 years of age were brought before Frank I. Murray, clerk of court and juvenile officer, this week charged with breaking into the Star Market recently and stealing several dollars in cash. Their cases have not been disposed of.

## N. C. Legislature Likened To Plagues in Old Egypt

Assembly Still Wrangling Over Method To Raise Revenue

BY CARL GOERCH

RALEIGH, April 22—Seven different varieties of plagues were necessary before the Egyptians finally consented to let the Children of Israel leave the Valley of the Nile. There were locusts, boils, darkness and other things. If the Lord had threatened to send a legislature to Egypt and keep it in session for more than 110 days, discussing revenue measures, no other plagues would have been necessary. The Children of Israel would have been told to get out of the country immediately, if not sooner, in order that such a catastrophe might be averted. Not only that, but the Egyptians probably would have left with them.

The session in Raleigh is now approaching its close. The end is bound to be in sight. Members of the house and senate are almost exhausted. Human endurance cannot withstand much more. But then, there are grave doubts whether some of that crowd really are human.

### Revenue Unsettled

The revenue bill is still up for discussion. A good many of the legislators are opposed to a so-called "nuisance tax." The reason for their opposition is that they, themselves, probably would be classed as nuisances and, therefore, would be taxed accordingly. Governor Gardner will probably announce his new highway commission (Continued on page four)

## Service for Young People Held at Methodist Church

A special service for young people was held at the Franklin Methodist church last Sunday evening.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church and of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church were the special guests of the evening. The Rev. G. C. Ervin spoke on the theme, "What Shall I Do With My Life?" He urged the young people to ask with St. Paul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and, like him also, not to be "disobedient unto the heavenly vision." He emphasized the purposefulness of life and the impossibility of discovering its true purpose apart from God and His will. He said that "God does not intend for anyone to drift to and fro on life's misty flats of aimlessness and purpose-

lessness. He created us with powers of thought, with capacities and potentialities that they might be realized, and used to bless the world and not to curse it." Next Sunday morning the Rev. J. L. Teague will preach at the Franklin Methodist church in the absence of Mr. Ervin who is conducting a series of special services this week at Cullowhee. Mr. Teague will make a definite announcement Sunday morning concerning the evening service on that day.

The Epworth League will meet as usual at 7 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth Slagle, the president, will be in charge of the service.

Mr. J. W. Street will hold the usual service at Carson's Chapel at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.