

## PHONE COMPANY ASKS AUTHORITY TO RAISE RATES

### \$26,000 More Annual Revenue Needed, Body Told

The Western Carolina Telephone company, which serves Franklin, Highlands, and other communities in this area, is seeking a rate increase.

Russell E. McKelvey, general manager, appeared before the N. C. Utilities commission Tuesday, asking authorities to increase rates, according to a Raleigh dispatch. Mr. McKelvey yesterday afternoon had not returned to Franklin, and details were not available.

The company, it is understood, has not had a rate increase since it was organized, many years ago.

Mr. McKelvey told the commission that the company needs to raise its rates in order to meet increased operating costs. The increases sought would boost the company's revenues in North Carolina (it also operates an exchange in Clayton, Ga.) by an estimated \$26,470 annually.

Citing the program of expansion under way, the firm, which has its headquarters in Franklin, stressed, the point that it needs additional capital to continue the proposed improvements, and that it cannot attract capital unless its income is large enough to insure a profit over operating expenses.

The company operates exchanges at Franklin, Highlands, Sylva, Cashiers, Bryson City, and Cherokee, in North Carolina, and the one at Clayton, in Georgia. The petition to the N. C. Utilities commission applied only to the exchanges in this state.

## Archer Will Address Industrial Power Meet

John M. Archer, Jr., president of the Nantahala Power and Light company, has been invited to address the Carolina Industrial Power conference at Charlotte June 9. The topic of Mr. Archer's talk will be "Our Industrial Power Opportunities".

**Do You Remember . . . ?**  
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
Call on Coby Guess for pasture.

Four 65 cents per quarter sack. E. C. McConnell's.—Advertisement.

J. L. Barnard put between 14,000 and 15,000 feet of lumber into the Tennessee River, near J. T. Moore's, Monday morning to float to near Almond station, and then take it out to be delivered at the station.

Credentials were issued last Saturday to the following veterans as delegates and alternates to the Louisville (Confederate) reunion: Delegates, N. P. Rankin, W. A. Curtis, Wm. McKee, H. G. Trotter, and M. L. Kelly; alternates, T. R. Gray, C. L. Luther, G. A. Jacobs, L. H. Enloe.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Attorney G. A. Jones went to Raleigh last week in the interest of a concrete road from Franklin to Sylva. He saw Mr. Page and Mr. Stikeleather and made tentative arrangements concerning the road. On his return, he submitted the state's proposition to the Macon County commissioners, and they approved the same. The proposition is: Macon County to loan the state \$150,000 to be repaid from funds of the next bond issue two years hence. The county will have to pay the interest on this amount.

Mr. Edgar Angel, who is attending a medical college in Philadelphia, is home on a visit.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
At a meeting of the board of directors of the newly formed Franklin chamber of commerce, the following officers were elected: J. E. S. Thorpe, president; Ben Woodruff, vice-president; Rev. Frank Bloxham, secretary; Bill S.

## Rotarians Assume Responsibility Of Uniforming Band

The Franklin Rotary club has assumed responsibility for seeing that the school band here is uniformed.

The club voted to take over the project, following investigation by a committee previously appointed to obtain information and make recommendations.

The committee reported that in many cases members of the band will be provided with uniforms by their parents, and thus it will be necessary for the club to raise funds to buy uniforms for only about 30 of the approximately 65 in the band.

The uniforms will cost about \$50 each, the committee reported. The method of raising the funds has not been decided upon.

The uniforms, chosen in consultation with Band Director S. F. Beck, will consist of trousers (for boys and girls), coats, and caps, and will be solid red, except for a white stripe down the outer side of the trousers.

## Softball Gets Off To Good Start; Attendance Heavy

Softball got under way in Franklin for the summer with a group of high scoring games.

In the opening game of the season last Friday night, the Forest Service defeated the Nantahala Power and Light Company by a score of 16 to 3.

In the second game of the twin bill, the Franklin Rotary club defeated Zickgraf Hardware company by a score of 16 to 8.

Monday night the Power company team defeated Van Raalte by the high score of 25 to 11.

In the second game of the evening, the Forest Service defeated Zickgraf by a 5-3 score in the best played game to date.

Games for the coming week are:

Friday night, 7:50 p. m., Forest Service vs. Van Raalte; 9:00 p. m., Power Company vs. Franklin Rotary; Monday night, 7:30 p. m., Zickgraf vs. Van Raalte; 9:00 p. m., Franklin Rotary vs. Franklin Lions.

Attendance at games, which are played at the school, this season has been better than average, and fans have reported that a faster brand of softball is being played this year.

## Mrs. Cabe Has Been Serving As Pianist For Finals 14 Years

When Mrs. Henry W. Cabe takes her seat at the piano Friday evening at the Macon Theatre to play for the Franklin High school graduation, it will be her 14th time as pianist for the school finals here.

Mrs. Cabe first served as pianist for the commencement exercises in 1936, and she has missed only one year since—the spring of 1944.

For at least 10 years, she has used the same music for the processional and recessional, the marches from "Aida" and "Tannhauser", respectively, so that these selections have become traditional with Franklin High school graduations.

## Legion Auxiliary Poppy Sale Set For Saturday

The annual poppy sale of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held here Saturday, it was announced this week. A number of girls will be on the uptown streets, selling the flowers, which recall the war sacrifices in Flanders. Funds raised are for work with disabled veterans of both world wars and with needy children of veterans and non-veterans.

## Macon Circuit To Hold Quarterly Meet Sunday

The quarterly conference for the Macon Methodist circuit will be held at the Mulberry church Sunday, it was announced this week by the circuit pastor, the Rev. L. C. Stevens. Dr. C. N. Clarke, of Waynesville, district superintendent, will preach at the 11 o'clock service, and the conference will be held immediately afterward. Dinner will be served on the grounds at

## PLAQUES WILL BE DEDICATED

### Memorial Day Ceremony Honoring War Dead Set For 11 A. M.

Plaques honoring the memory of Macon County's dead of two world wars will be dedicated in a Memorial Day ceremony in front of the courthouse. The service is set for 11 a. m. next Tuesday.

The streets will be blocked off for the ceremony, and all Franklin business houses have been asked by the American Legion Auxiliary, which is in charge of the program, to close from 11 o'clock until noon.

The plaques, "erected by the people of Macon County", have been placed on the front of the courthouse, at either side of the entrance. They carry the names of the 90 young men from Macon County who went out from their mountain homes in defense of their country—and did not return. Fifteen gave their lives in World War I, and 75 in World War II.

The ceremony will open with the playing of the national anthem by the Franklin school band, and Miss Marie Jennings will read a poem, "Will We Forget?"

The Rev. Hoyt Evans, chaplain of the American Legion post here, will lead in prayer.

**SPECIAL INVITATION**  
Next Tuesday's ceremony here in dedication of the plaques honoring Macon County's war dead is open to the general public, and relatives and friends of the 90 men whose names appear on the memorial tablets are especially invited.

after which a male quartet—S. F. Beck, S. W. Mendenhall, Richard Sloan, and Phil McCollum—will sing a selection.

The address will be delivered by Guy L. Houk, who will be presented by Mr. Evans.

Following a second band selection, the ceremony will close with "Taps", a trumpet solo by Mr. Beck.

The program was arranged by an Auxiliary committee made up of Mrs. C. N. Dowdie, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, and Mrs. John L. Crawford.

Arrangements have been made to block Main street from Harrison avenue to the courthouse and Iotla street back of the courthouse.

## 'All-Stars' Defeat Toccoa In Game Here, 8 To 3

The Franklin All-Stars opened the baseball season here last Sunday by defeating the Toccoa, Ga., "All Stars" by a score of 8-3. Stewart, Franklin pitcher, turned in an excellent early season performance striking out 12.

Price, local-first baseman, tied the ball game in the fourth inning with a home run with Holbrooks scoring ahead of him. At the time Toccoa was leading 3 to 1.

The local "All-Stars" will play Highlands Sunday on the Highlands field.

## Herbert Hyde Named To Head W.C.T.C. Student Body

Herbert L. Hyde, of Franklin, is the new president of the student body at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee. He was chosen in a recent student vote.

Mr. Hyde, a rising senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin M. Hyde, of Bryson City, but now considers Franklin his home. He is the husband of the former Miss Kathryn Long, of Franklin.

Mr. Hyde has served this year as editor of The Western Carolinian, W. C. T. C. newspaper, and recently was elected to the college student government senate.

**SCHOOL PLAY PRESENTED**  
The play, "Tom Sawyer", presented at the Otto school was enthusiastically received at its first presentation at the Otto school last Friday night. Scenery for the play was made possible by Lawson Shook, whose store loaned the furniture necessary for the play.

## Swan Resigns Power Firm Post; Sloan, McGlamery Promoted

The promotions of two members of the staff of the Nantahala Power and Light company here, and the resignation of a third have been announced by John M. Archer, Jr., president of the firm.

W. V. Swan, superintendent of distribution and transmission lines, has resigned to accept a position with the Line Material company, in Atlanta. Mr. Swan and his family will leave Franklin for Atlanta between June 15 and July 1, it is understood.

The men promoted are B. W. McGlamery and W. W. Sloan.

Mr. McGlamery, who has been serving as new business agent, has been promoted to the position of manager of the firm's retail department.

Mr. Sloan, rural service supervisor, has been named personnel director. He has assumed the duties of the latter post, in addition to those of rural service supervisor.

No successor has yet been named to Mr. Swan, Mr. Archer said.

## Teacher List For 1950-51 Made Public

The list of Macon County public school teachers reelected for next year was announced this week by Supt. Guy L. Houk.

All the teachers in the county system were reelected except Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hawkins, who resigned, Mr. Houk said. Mr. Hawkins taught high school mathematics, and Mrs. Hawkins the first grade, in the Franklin school.

The teachers are chosen by the local committees of the three school districts, and approved by the county superintendent and county board of education.

The teachers chosen for the schools in District No. 1 (the Franklin district) follow:

Robert G. Sutton, Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neil, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Lois F. Fulton, Mrs. Frances K. Beck, Edwin T. Williams, Harry C. Corbin, Mrs. Marie P. Stewart, Miss Roberta Enloe, Mrs. Myra S. Waldrop, Mrs. Genevieve W. Whitmire, Mrs. Katherine P. Matthews, Samuel F. Beck, Milburn Atkins, Clayton H. Ramsey, Robert J. Angel, Mrs. Virginia B. Ramsey.

Miss Mayberry Moody, Mrs. Lola S. Kiser, Mrs. Margaret H. Ramsey, Mrs. Margaret R. Flanagan, Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, Miss Edna Jamison, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Miss Esther Seay, Mrs. Kate H. Williams, Mrs. Elsie W. Franks, Miss Amy Henderson, Mrs. Margaret M. Bradley, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Mrs. Genevieve M. Barnard, Mrs. Marie G. Roper, Miss Lolita Dean, Mrs. Mildred Richardson.

Mrs. Bertha C. Smart, Mrs. Minnie S. Tallent, Mrs. Jessie S. Williams, Mrs. Lucy C. Bradley, Mrs. Gay B. Teague, Miss Grace Carpenter, Mrs. Hazel P. Sutton, Mrs. Lucille K. Wurst, Miss May McCoy, Mrs. Nancy J. Taylor, Mrs. Vernon D. Higdon, Mrs. Kathryn Jones, John B. Brendle, Mrs. Gladys Kinsland, Mrs. Georgia H. Young, William G. Crawford, E. R. White.

Miss Mattie Brendle, Mrs. Katherine A. Crawford, Mrs. Jimmie Tucker Sutton, Mrs. Mattie M. Keener, Mrs. Lovicia J. Moses, Mrs. Myrtle F. Keener, Mrs. Joyce J. Cagle, Emerson G. Crawford, Weaver Shope, Mrs. Maybur H. Norton, Mrs. Eunice C. Siler, Mrs. Beatrice M. Alley, Mrs. Lola R. Howard, Mrs. Fannie M. Arnold, Mrs. Pauline C. Holland, Mrs. Hazel C. Norton, Mrs. Mary S. Byrd.

James Norman West, Mrs. J. C. Horsley, Miss Betty Jeanette Harrison, Mrs. Fleta M. Blaine, Mrs. Alice B. Plyler, Mrs. Mildred Swafford, E. J. Carpenter, Mrs. Martha C. Shields, Mrs. Nina T. McCoy, Miss Alice Slagle, Miss Helen Browning, Mrs. Merle P. Dryman, Mrs. Selma H. Dalton, Mrs. Dora G. Carpenter, Mrs. Lily C. Moody.

Negro teachers (Chapel school): G. L. Hines, Mrs. Bertha L. Hines, Mrs. Emma L. England.

Teachers reelected in District No. 2 (Nantahala) are:

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## WILL GRADUATE 83 FRIDAY NIGHT

### Reid To Be Speaker; Band To Play; Admission To Be By Ticket

### SECTION ON GRADUATION For other Macon County school graduation news, see second section of this issue.

Eighty-three Franklin High school seniors, representing many Macon County communities, will receive their diplomas tomorrow (Friday) evening, as the graduation exercises at the Macon Theatre bring down the curtain on the 1949-50 school year here. The program is set for 7:30 o'clock.

As has been customary for several years, admission will be by ticket only. Since no auditorium in Franklin will accommodate the number who always wish to attend the commencement programs, the school allots six tickets to each senior, to be distributed as he or she wishes.

Highlighting this year's graduation will be an address by Paul A. Reid, who only recently was installed as president of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee.

Another feature of the program will be selections by the school band.

Miss Sarah Dalrymple and Miss Jo Ann Hopkins, both of the Cartoogechaye community, are this year's honor students, and will deliver the valedictory and salutatory addresses, respectively.

With the audience seated, members of the graduating class will enter the theatre to the march from Verdi's "Aida". That and the recessional, the march from "Tannhauser", are traditional in Franklin High school commencements. Mrs. Henry W. Cabe will be pianist, as usual.

Following the singing of "America" by the audience and the invocation, by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Miss Hopkins will deliver the salutatory, and Curley Walker will play "Chanson Moderne" as a clarinet solo.

President Reid's address will come next, after which the school band will play Sigmund Romberg's "Stout-Hearted Men".

Principal R. G. Sutton will present the awards and certificates, and County Supt. Guy L. Houk will confer the diplomas.

Miss Dalrymple then will deliver the valedictory, the seniors will sing their class song, and Mr. Evans will pronounce the benediction.

Marshals for the commencement events, selected on a basis of scholastic standing, are the following juniors:

Miss Carolyn Bryson, Dudley Conley, and the Misses Una

FINAL SPEAKER



**PAUL A. REID**  
Mr. Reid, who recently was installed as president of Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, will deliver the commencement address to the Franklin High school graduating class Friday evening. The exercises are set for 7:30 o'clock at the Macon Theatre.

Crawford, Luanne Gibson, Barbara Gribble, Barbara Sue Holland, Connare No'en, Mariann Sherrill, Mary Ellen Staudemire, and Ann Teague.

Music is under the direction of S. F. Beck, band and choral director, and details of the commencement program were worked out by Mrs. Marie Stewart, of the high school faculty.

## Heavy Primary Election Vote Seen Saturday

### Races For Sheriff, U. S. Senate, School Board Center Of Interest

With the races for sheriff, U. S. senator, and county board of education the center of interest, Macon County voters will go to the polls Saturday to select party nominees in the biennial primary election. The candidates picked Saturday will run in the general election this fall.

This year's primary is unusual, in that a local Republican contest is to be decided at the polls. The Republican usually agree on nominees prior to the primary election.

The preselection registration—established at 200—is considered indicative of a heavy vote.

Both the Democrats and Republicans will select their nominees for sheriff in Saturday's primary.

The four-way Democratic contest is between Lester L. Arnold, former restaurant man and one-time register of deeds, J. B. Brendle, teacher, L. B. Phillips, coal dealer and service station owner-operator, and Harry Thomas, for many years manager of the Farmers Federation here.

The Republican contest is between J. P. Bradley, who now holds the office, and Walter M. Burch.

The race for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator also is a four-way affair, although the candidacy of one—Olla Ray Boyd, pig breeder of Pinetown—is not taken seriously by political observers. Most students of North Carolina politics consider that the race lies between Frank P. Graham, the incumbent, and Willis Smith, though R. R. Reynolds, of Asheville, a former U. S. senator, is conceded to be an able vote-getter, and a heavy vote for Reynolds might result in a second primary.

Dr. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, was appointed to the office upon the death of Senator J. Melville Broughton. Mr. Smith, Raleigh lawyer, is a former president of the American Bar association.

Eleven persons—10 men and one woman—are seeking the Democratic nominations for the five seats on the county board of education. (A single person, Mrs. O. C. Hall, of the Scaly community, is filed for the Republican nomination).

The 11 are Mrs. Betty Leach Alexander, office worker, of Franklin, J. F. Browning, Cowee township farmer, Robert B. Dupree, Highlands minister and former teacher, Fred A. Edwards, Highlands merchant, Walter Gibson, farmer of Franklin township, T. T. Love, of Nantahala, Nantahala Power and Light company employe, Ray E. Norton, Highlands engineer, C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin, state highway commission employe, Charles W. Nolen, of Cartoogechaye, who is connected with Nolen and Harrison Electric company, Robert S. (Bob) Sloan, Franklin newspaperman, and J. C. Sorrells, of Cowee township, who is a partner in Mashburn-Sorrells company, automobile dealer.

Mr. Browning, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Sloan are members of the present board, of which Mr. Moore is chairman.

Considerable interest also has been shown in the races for the Democratic nominations for

representative from this county and state senator from this, the 33rd, district. Interest in the state senate race is heightened here by the fact that Macon has a candidate for that office, for the first time in 18 years. Each of the other counties—Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain—in the district has furnished at least one senator during that period, and one county—Swain—has had the senatorship five times.

The candidates are R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City druggist and former state senator from this district, and Lyndon E. Conley, an employe of Conley's Drug store in Bryson City.

Two candidates from Graham county—H. F. Carpenter and Baxter Campbell—filed for the office, but both withdrew in favor of Mr. Jones.

The race for representative lies between C. Tom Bryson, Cullasaja merchant and former register of deeds, and C. A. Elmore, of Cowee, former teacher.

The other three local and district contests are for clerk of superior court, places on the board of county commissioners, and the solicitorship.

The candidates for clerk are J. Clinton Brookshire, of Cartoogechaye, who holds the office now, and Miss Kate McGee, now employed in the office of register of deeds.

Five are candidates for the two places on the board of commissioners: W. W. Edwards, Highlands hotel man, John W. Roane, Cartoogechaye farmer, C. C. Stamey, Smithbridge farmer, Sam J. Waters, lumberman of Nantahala, and L. W. Rice, Sr., retired Highlands business man. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Roane are the present commissioners.

W. E. Baldwin is unopposed for renomination as chairman of the board of commissioners.

In the race for solicitor of this, the 20th, judicial district, Thad D. Bryson, Jr., of Bryson City and Franklin, the present solicitor, is opposed by A. A. Rice, Sylva attorney.

On the state Democratic primary ballot, the voters also will choose between Emery E. Denny and Oscar O. Efrid, for associate justice of the supreme court, a post now held by Mr. Denny, and Waldo C. Cheek and Hoke R. Bostian, for commissioner of insurance. Mr. Cheek is the present commissioner.

The polls will open Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock and close at 6:30 in the afternoon.

**Miss Moses**  
Named To N.C. Collegiate  
Press Body Office

Miss Phyllis Moses, of this county, has been elected general secretary of the North Carolina Collegiate Press association, it has been learned here.

Miss Moses, rising sophomore at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Moses, of Cullasaja.

She was elected to the secretary's position at a recent meeting of the Collegiate Press association held at Woman's college, Greensboro, which she and two other W. C. T. C. students attended.

Miss Moses has served this year as freshman reported on The Western Carolinian, W. C. T. C. newspaper, and for two quarters has been the publication's circulation manager.

**Peyton Here In Interest  
Of Reynolds' Candidacy**

Wythe M. Peyton, former Asheville postmaster and widely known in Democratic circles in Western North Carolina, was in this county Monday in the interest of the candidacy of Robert R. Reynolds for U. S. senator. Mr. Reynolds, a former senator, is one of four in the race for the Democratic nomination.

## Political Advertising Is Omitted This Week

In keeping with its policy, The Press this week carries no political advertising.

The policy, established shortly after the present management took over the paper, is to publish no political advertising in the issue immediately preceding an election. The purpose of the rule is to prevent any party or candidate from using the newspaper to make last-minute charges that the opposition would have no chance to answer through the paper.