

ALDERMEN PICK MRS. SHERRILL AS TOWN CLERK

Chosen To Succeed Long; Bids Sought On New Street Work

Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill was appointed Monday night to serve as the Town of Franklin's clerk, tax collector, and treasurer. She was named by the board of aldermen at the board's monthly meeting.

Mrs. Sherrill succeeds E. W. Long, who resigned the town office to serve as acting postmaster.

Mr. Long officially resigned to the board of aldermen Monday night and Mrs. Sherrill was named to take his place.

Under provisions of the appointment, the new town clerk is to receive \$200 per month and is to serve on a monthly basis until the board terminates her office.

At Monday's meeting the board voted to advertise for bids on the surfacing of three town streets, Riverview drive, Iotla street, and Maple street.

GOES TO POST OFFICE

E. W. Long Saturday took over as acting postmaster at Franklin. Mr. Long will serve during the absence of Postmaster Zeb Meadows, who recently was ordered to active duty with the navy reserve.

The total area to be resurfaced is approximately 10,000 yards. The board named April 12 as the deadline for submitting bids on the project.

Surfacing on Riverview drive will be from the intersection of East Main street to the end of the pavement; Iotla street from the intersection of Church street to the intersection of White Oak street; and Maple street from the intersection of U. S. 64 to the intersection of U. S. 23.

The board went on record as approving a taxi regulation bill as introduced in the legislature by Rep. C. Tom Bryson, and as amended by Senator R. S. Jones.

Sunday services at Franklin Methodist circuit churches have been announced by the Rev. C. L. Grant, circuit pastor. They are as follows:

Louise church at 10 a. m., Snow Hill at 11 a. m., and the Iotla church at 7:30 p. m.

Drunk Driving Charged In 26 Of 67 Court Cases

Drunk driving cases dominate the criminal court calendar for the April term of Macon County Superior court, which was released for publication this week by Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court.

Out of 67 cases appearing on the docket, 26 of them are drunk driving. According to Miss McGee, the calendar is a tentative one and a number of new cases will be added before court convenes.

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, will preside over the session which begins April 16.

Following are the cases as they appear on the docket:

Bennie Queen, abandonment; Eugene Johnson, abandonment; Ray Johnson, abandonment; Malcom F. Ellis, drunk driving, hit and run; Clyde R. Beck, violation of prohibition laws, concealed weapon; Willard

Womaek, speeding; Harvey Cabe, drunk driving; Kenneth Holland, reckless driving; William Howard Reece, drunk driving; Wymer Young, drunk driving; Fred Weaver Moody, drunk driving; Frank Edwin Shockley, reckless driving; James Eugene Stewart, reckless driving; Jim Beck, violation of prohibition laws; Highlands Art Gallery, violating town ordinance in town of Highlands (five cases); Wiley McConnell, abandonment; Bill Reeves, abandonment; Troy Cecil Moore, reckless driving; C. E. Mitchell, possession of illegal gambling devices; Bill Holt, possession of illegal gambling devices; William Way, operating a pin-ball machine; Glenn Holt, operating a pin-ball machine; Joseph L. Boone, carrying a concealed weapon; Aaron Hall Miller, drunk driving; Car-

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This County Given Cancer Quota Of \$300

Macon County's quota in the annual cancer fund drive, which will get under way Monday, has been set at \$300, Mrs. Lester Conley, county campaign commander, announced this week.

For the past four years Macon has been the first county in the state to go over the top in cancer fund raising campaigns. Pointing to this record the campaign director asked the cooperation of all persons in the county, so Macon can once again lay claim to being the first in the state to exceed its goal.

Collections, Mrs. Conley said, will be conducted through home demonstration clubs, churches, and civic organizations.

A proclamation by President

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Mrs. Sherrill Named To District Guild Post

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill has been appointed district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guilds. In her position with the Methodist women's organization, she will serve all the guilds in this district, which extends from Lake Junaluska west. She succeeds Mrs. Weimar Jones, who resigned.

REEVES NAMED AS COMMANDER OF VFW POST

Succeeds Plyler; Other Officers Are Chosen By Veterans

W. W. Reeves, Franklin merchant, was elected commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post at a meeting of the organization last Wednesday night.

He succeeds Frank Plyler as post commander. Other officers elected were Ed Williams, senior vice commander, Jimmy McCallum, junior vice commander, John Murray, quartermaster, and Dr. Ben Grant, trustee.

11 Selectees Will Depart On Thursday

Eleven Macon County men will leave this (Thursday) morning at 8:15 o'clock for Charlotte and induction into the army.

Originally the draft call was for 15 men, but it was reduced to 10 on orders from selective service headquarters in Raleigh last week. The eleventh man in the contingent is a hold-over from a previous call, W. N. Sloan, board chairman, explained.

Following receipt of the amended order, Mr. Sloan said the reduction was probably in line with a national order cutting April's nation-wide draft call from 80,000 men to 40,000.

The inductees will be presented to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. The organizations have presented gifts to all selectees leaving Franklin, and recently decided to give The Press instead of the billfolds formerly presented. All men leaving this county for the armed forces hereafter will be given a card entitling them to one-year subscriptions. The organizations' representatives—Lon Dalton, E. W. Renshaw, and T. L. Jamison—who usually make the presentations are expected to be on hand this morning.

The contingent, which will leave by bus from the town square, will bring to 61 the number of men inducted from this county since the start of the Korean war.

Following are the names of the men making up the call:

Charles Alex Anderson, Kenneth Noel Norton, Earl Cornelius Harmon, Jr., Kenyon Benedict Zahner, William Berion Deal, Virgil Ray Gibson, Paul Jackson Jennings, William Lester Watts, Earl George Roper, John Arthur Flanagan, and James Lewis Miller.

Thirty-one men were sent to Charlotte Tuesday for preinduction examinations. The call was for 35 men.

Mr. Sloan said three of the men slated to make the trip were transferred to another draft board. One man, he said, was unaccounted for.

Boy, Hurt In Auto Accident, Reported In Good Condition

Johnnie Bruce Johnson, 11-year-old son of Mrs. Nina Johnson, of the Blossomtown community, was seriously injured last Wednesday afternoon near his home when he ran down a bank and struck the side of a passing automobile. He was rushed to Angel hospital by Patrolman C. M. Byrd. Hospital officials said he suffered a fractured skull. Yesterday they reported his condition as satisfactory.

According to Patrolman Byrd, the accident was unavoidable and the driver of the automobile, Darius Randall Curtis, of Jacksonville, Fla., was not held. An eye-witness, the patrolman said, stated that Mr. Curtis was driving about 45 miles per hour at the time of the accident.

PLAN TACKY PARTY

The Junior Woman's club will hold a "tacky" party Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the St. Agnes Episcopal parish house. Mrs. Carl Murray and Miss Hazel Pannell will be the hostesses.

Girl Scouts Here To Hold Awards Court On Tuesday

Eleven Girl Scouts will receive advancements in rank and proficiency badges Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Episcopal parish house here.

All of the Scouts are members of Troop 4, Franklin, and the occasion will mark the first time the local troop has held its own court of awards.

Scouts Joy and Jean McCallum and Ruth Snyder will receive both tenderfoot and second class badges. Second class badges will be presented to Margaret Allison, Dale Edwards, Edith Christy, Laura Mar Cabe, Jeanne Russell, Beverly Stockton, Joan Thomas, and Judy Hooker.

Poultry Tour Of Macon Set For April 25

Plans for a poultry tour of Macon County April 25 were announced this week by S. W. Mendenhall, county agent.

Farm men and women are invited to meet at the Agricultural building at 9 a. m. that day. All interested persons are invited to make the tour, Mr. Mendenhall said.

In the past years, the poultry industry in Macon County has grown from just a few flocks as a side-line to approximately 200 flocks and a major farm industry. The county, Mr. Mendenhall said, is one of the leading hatching egg producers in the state. There are at present approximately 100,000 laying birds from which hatching eggs are sold, which means that the county's weekly gross income is approximately \$20,000. Net yearly income, he said, is about a quarter of a million dollars.

Persons considering going into the poultry business are especially invited to go on the tour, the agent said.

Curb Market Of Club Women Moved To New Site

The home demonstration curb market was moved this week from its location on West Main street to a point just south of the Agricultural building.

The market was moved in preparation for the building of the Nantahala Power and Light company's new home on the West Main street lot.

The market, which was moved by the power company under an arrangement worked out with the board of county commissioners, is to be on the same lot with the Agricultural building, and will be just across the drive that runs on the south side of the latter building.

Members of the curb market also have moved the shrubbery around the building, and it is being planted at the new site.

The market will be open for business at the new site Saturday.

Begin Pouring Footings At New Slagle School

Work on the second phase of Macon county's school building program got under way this week as construction was begun by W. M. Dillard, contractor, on the new Slagle school building. Workmen began pouring the footings Wednesday morning. This work is under the supervision of N. L. Phillips, local building contractor.

Macon Man On Program With Generals, Admiral

Lt. Col. George B. Sloan, who was reared in Franklin, recently appeared on a panel with some of the leading military figures of the world, it has been learned here.

Col. Sloan is the son of W. N. Sloan, and a brother of Bob Sloan, both of Franklin.

The panel, held at the Air War College, Maxwell Field, Ala., dealt with historical incidents of World War 2. Among those taking part in the discussion were Admiral W. F. (Bull) Halsey, third fleet commander in World War 2, Britain's Air Chief Marshal, Sir Wil-

Houk Resigns Post As Head Of Schools



GUY L. HOUK

80 TO ENTER FIELD EVENTS

Franklin Students Will Compete In Cullowhee Field Day Program

Approximately 80 Franklin High school students will journey over the Cowees tomorrow (Friday) to take part in the fifth annual High School Field Day, under the sponsorship of the Science club at Western Carolina Teachers college.

Last year the local high school won second place in the event which attracted more than 1,000 students from 15 schools in this area. Interest this year indicates that the field day will be the largest since the first one in 1942.

The Franklin band, the school choral group, and representatives in all phases of high school study—science, English, mathematics, history, home economics, Latin, and athletics—will attend.

A number of exhibits will also be entered in competition, according to R. G. Sutton, principal.

The importance of scholastic and athletic achievement is the main feature of the program, so outstanding students in the classroom can receive as much credit for their abilities as the athletes in sports.

All phases of high school work will be included in the testing and more than 100 events have been planned for the day. Competition will include 28 written tests, 48 music events, 20 events in arts and handicrafts, and 22 athletic events. Written tests will be under the supervision of the college faculty.

Large permanent trophies will

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Red Cross Drive, \$200 Short, Is Extended One Week

The annual Red Cross drive, slated to end last Saturday, fell short of its \$2,836 goal and has been extended for another week.

The Rev. C. E. Murray, campaign chairman, said a total of \$2,645.54 has been collected, leaving the drive approximately \$200 short of its goal. A number of county workers still have not checked in with the local Red Cross office, he said, and he asked that they report as soon as possible.

Effective June 30; Will Not Seek Reelection As Superintendent

Guy L. Houk Monday resigned as superintendent of Macon County schools, effective when his term expires June 30, and announced that he would not be a candidate for the superintendent's post when the new school board takes office and elects a superintendent for a two-year term.

The school superintendent's resignation was announced, following an executive session of the county board of education.

Mr. Houk, who has served as superintendent since 1939, said he intends to engage in the full-time practice of law in Franklin.

In a brief talk, before the board moved behind closed doors, Mr. Houk said he realized the "mistake which I have made", referring to his arrest last week in a charge of drunk driving.

"This is no alibi," the superintendent said. "It is my mistake. I'm ashamed, yes! But I am not running away... I'm

MOSES RESIGNS

Announcement was made at Monday's meeting of the county board of education that Carl D. Moses, principal of the Otter Creek (Nantahala) High school for about 10 years, has written Chairman C. Gordon Moore that he will not be available for any position in the Macon County schools next year.

going to stay here and resume my law practice."

Mr. Houk said he had been under strain and nervous tension for the past few months, "but that is no excuse for what I did."

"This isn't a promise to you, nor is it designed to draw sympathy, but it is a promise to myself," he said. "I will never touch another drop of whiskey, socially or otherwise."

The school superintendent said he had a "sentimental feeling" toward Macon's new schools, and remarked that he was happy to see them so near completion. His interest in public education, he said, would be just as strong five years from now as it is at present.

Mr. Houk left the decision of his resignation to board members.

"If you want my resignation now, just say so," he said, "or if you want me to stay on until my term runs out I will be glad to stay."

After Mr. Houk pointed out that there were a number of school matters pending that probably would need his attention, Walter Gibson suggested that he resign the position, effective June 30, the date the superintendent's term expires, so he would be able to give his attention to the matters pending. Bob Sloan agreed with Mr. Gibson's suggestion.

Board members C. Gordon Moore, and Frank Browning expressed the opinion that it would be better for Mr. Houk to just let his term expire and not resign formally.

Following discussion on the two viewpoints, Mr. Sloan moved that the board go into executive session. Mr. Houk's resignation was announced after the closed-doors session, and the board then adjourned.

Mr. Houk, a native of Burke county, has been connected with the Macon County schools since he came to Franklin 27 years ago. After teaching in the Franklin High school, and then serving as principal, he was elected county superintendent in 1939, succeeding the late M. D. Billings.

PLAN STUDY MEET

A meeting of Macon County Parent-Teacher association study groups will be held tomorrow (Friday) at Cullasaja school from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, study group chairman, has announced.

Designed as a follow-up meeting of last year's Mid-Century White House conference, the event will feature Mrs. Genevieve Burton, state P. T. A. field worker, who will speak on developments of personality. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a covered dish lunch.

Officials Start Restocking Streams As Trout Season Opening Approaches

In this section of the state April 15 is something more than just another date on the calendar... TROUT season opens!

And from that day until the close of the season, husbands with a little time on their hands become as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth, single men plan to stay single at least until the season ends, and wives are faced with cleaning the day's catch.

So, just to make sure that there are plenty of fighting fish for all, wildlife refuge officials have already begun restocking trout streams in wildlife management areas of the Nantahala forest.

The abundant sources of supply in the restocking project are the trout rearing pools at Arrowood Glade, in the Wayah valley, which were built by CCC labor back in the late '30's.

About 15,000 trout, brown, brook, and rainbow, each year give up an easy-going life in the pools and are dumped into streams for a life of self-sufficiency. At one time, according to forest service officials, more than 30,000 trout were being raised in the pools at one time.

The fish are shipped to the Arrowood pools from hatcheries and aren't released as slip-

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Reed Queen, in charge of the Arrowood trout rearing pools, (standing in pool) dumps a batch of brook trout in a tub as Leo F. Reiger, superintendent of the Waynesville hatchery, makes sure the fish stay in the tub until he can weigh them. Watching the restocking operation are (L to R) Bert Cope, Jackson County game warden, Bryan Setser, Wayah refuge assistant, and little Carolyn Setser.