

## Named '51 Honor Students At Franklin High



Miss Connahee Nolen, center, and Miss Una Crawford, right, are tied for the honor of being valedictorian of the 1951 graduating class of Franklin High school. Miss Marianne Sherrill (left) will be the class salutatorian. Both valedictorians come from the Cartoogechays community, Miss Nolen being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Nolen, and Miss Crawford the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Crawford. Miss Sherrill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Sherrill, of Franklin. It is the second time in two years that there has been a tie for the valedictory, Miss Elizabeth Anne Phillips and Miss Mary Alice Archer having divided the honor in 1949. And it is the second year in a row that Cartoogechay has furnished the valedictorian, Miss Sarah Dalrymple, of that community having won the top scholastic honor in 1950.

## Poultry Farm Tour Planned Wednesday

Wednesday morning County Farm Agent S. W. Mendenhall will conduct a poultry tour of Macon County and all farm men and women and businessmen are invited to join him for an inside picture of Macon's rapidly expanding poultry industry.

The tour will get under way promptly at 9 o'clock at the Agricultural building, the county agent said. The following stops in the county to inspect flocks and facilities will be made:

William Dalrymple's, on Cartoogechay; the Lequire and Kirkland farm in the Patton settlement; J. A. McCoy's, Cullasaja; Walter Taylor's Rabbit creek; Harry Fangle's, East Franklin; Ed Duvall's, Iotia; and Ernest Huggins', Burningtown.

In the past few years, Mr. Mendenhall pointed out, the poultry industry has rapidly grown from just a few flocks as a side-line to approximately 200 flocks and a major farm industry.

Macon County is one of the leading hatching egg producers, and there are at present approximately 100,000 laying birds. This means, the farm agent said, that the county's weekly gross income from the sale of hatching eggs is approximately \$20,000. On the average, he said, net yearly income is in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

## Mrs. Jones

### Will Be Co-Chairman At Auxiliary Meet

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, 20th Franklin, American Legion 20th district committeewoman, and Mrs. Charles B. Disher, of Brevard, 19th district committeewoman, will preside at a meeting of the two districts today (Thursday) at the Methodist church in Rutherfordton.

Members of Auxiliary units in Franklin, Brevard, Rutherfordton, Murphy, Robbinsville, Fontana Dam, Cherokee, Bryson City, Forest City, Henrietta, Spindale, and Hendersonville are expected to attend.

Auxiliary members who will assist with the program include Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., and Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, of Franklin.

Other Franklin members expected to be present include Mrs. Zeb Conley, Mrs. T. H. Fagg, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. John Dalrymple, and Miss Laura M. Jones.

## All-Member Symphony Meet Set For April 27

An all-member meeting to discuss next season's appearances here of the N. C. Little Symphony has been called for 7:30 o'clock Friday evening of next week at the Agricultural building. All persons interested in music for Macon County are invited.

## SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET MAY 7

Members of Macon's new county board of education will hold their first meeting at 10 a. m. Monday, May 7, according to County Supt. G. L. Houk.

The new board faces four immediate tasks:

1. Organization and the naming of a board chairman.

2. The appointment of supervising principals for the Franklin, Highlands, and Nantahala school districts.

3. Appointment of school committees for the three districts, who will confer with the principals and recommend teachers for the next school year.

4. Elect a county superintendent for a two-year term to succeed G. L. Houk, whose resignation becomes effective June 30.

Mr. Houk said this week that the law appointing the board members sets the first Monday in May as the date for their organization meeting, and that he will notify them that the meeting is to be held that date.

The board, made up of Walter Gibson, Bob Sloan, Tillery T. Love, Charles W. Nolen, and J. C. Sorrells, was nominated in last spring's Democratic primary, and was formally appointed when the 1951 general assembly, in its closing hours, enacted the omnibus bill naming boards of education for counties over the state.

Mr. Sloan and Mr. Gibson are reappointments. The other three members are new.

It will be necessary to elect a new board chairman, since the present chairman, C. Gordon Moore, is one of the retiring members.

## Mrs. Siler Again Named P. T. A. Head

Election of officers, band selections, and student talks marked Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

The officers chosen for the coming year are Mrs. Allen Siler, president, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., vice-president, and Miss Elizabeth Meadows, secretary, all reelected, and Miss Edna Jamison, treasurer.

The Franklin band, which tied for second place at the recent field day at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, played the two selections with which it won—"Booster March" and "Beau Sabour". As an encore, the band, under the direction of S. F. (Sammy) Beck, played "Donkey Serenade".

The student speakers were Richard Jones, who delivered the reading with which he won second place at Cullowhee, "Freedom for Man, Woman and Child"; Miss Ann Teague, who gave the speech that won her first place in this county in the "Green Pastures, Their Place in the Economy of North Carolina" contest; and Miss Barbara Gribble, first place winner in the recent wildlife essay contest. Her topic at the P. T. A. meeting was "Hope for World Peace".

Those attending were invited to see the trophy case presented to the school by the senior The Rev. J. Q. Wallace conducted the devotional, Mrs. Siler presided, and Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., was program chairman.

The attendance was reported as 109.

## Franklin Loses To Lee Edwards High By 9-4 Score

The Franklin High baseballers bowed down to the Asheville High Maroons, 9 to 4, Friday afternoon in Asheville in the season's opening game for both teams.

Grady Corbin was moundman for the locals and had the Maroons to eight hits, fanned four, and walked six.

The Panthers chalked up two runs in the third frame, one in the sixth, and one in the ninth. They stepped to the plate 37 times and collected six hits, as compared with the Maroons' 32 times at bat and eight hits.

## INDICT WOODS IN YEAR-OLD MYSTERY CASE

### Grand Jurors Charge Grady Ray Slain; Issue Capias

Following the disclosure of new developments in an 11-months-old death, the grand jury Monday returned a true bill of indictment for first degree murder against Theodore Woods, of the Kyle section.

The indictment charges Woods with the death of Grady Ray, 43, a timber cutter and logger, of Kyle, whose body was found in the yard of a Kyle resident's home about midnight, May 17, 1950.

A capias for his arrest has been issued. According to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, the whereabouts of the accused slayer are not known but he has been reported to be in South Carolina.

During a coroner's inquest, following Ray's death, testimony of witnesses indicated that there was no evidence of foul play. At the inquest Dr. H. T. Horsley, county physician, and Dr. Edgar Angel expressed the opinion that alcoholism was the cause of Ray's death.

However, the coroner's jury, suspecting that the true facts concerning the death were not brought out at the inquest, made provisions whereby the case could be reopened at any time, should additional evidence warrant it.

What the new evidence in the case is was not disclosed following the indictment. According to Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., the evidence involves a fight in which several men participated just before Ray's death.

The logger's body was found in Craig Stepp's front yard by Frank Wright.

Grand jurors were Fred S. Moore, foreman, Verlon Swafford, J. H. Long, Ray Cabe, Claude Keener, Glen Smith, Walter Johnson, Luther Crawford, Omer Elmore, L. N. Smith, R. L. Parrish, C. B. Bryson, Fred Grant, Jim Henry, T. M. Rickman, Welmer Williamson, Charlie Sondheimer, and T. A. Bateman.

Names of the jurors were drawn from a hat by Michael Hastings, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hastings.

## CLEAR DOCKET ON SECOND DAY

### Court Term Adjourned Tuesday; Cases Tried Listed

The April term of Macon superior court, with Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, presiding, moved swiftly through a light criminal and civil docket and by noon Tuesday all cases to be tried were disposed of.

Action was taken on 21 criminal cases and seven divorces were granted.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said second-week jurors would not have to appear for duty.

Following are the cases heard: Drunken driving, (all defendants given 60-day suspended sentences, and driver's license revoked on payment of \$100 and costs); Malcom F. Ellis, Wymer Young, A. on Hall Miller, Hubert E. Bateman, Ralph Buchanan, Carey B. Patton, Frank Edwin Shockley, Ted Ray Reynolds.

Possession of illegal gambling devices (all defendants given four-months' suspended sentences on payment of \$25 and costs); C. E. Mitchell, Bill Holt, Glenn Holt.

The following defendants were called and failed to appear and capias were issued: Willard Womack, speeding; Harvey Cabe, drunken driving.

Fred Weaver Moody, drunken driving; Highlands Art Galle, Inc., conducting business of auction merchant without license and bond, violating town ordinance; Morris Stone, violating town ordinance, securing auctioneer's license under false representation, conducting business of auctioneer without license, conducting business of auctioneer without license and without being appointed; Morris Stone and Arthur Truck, violating town ordinances, auctioneering without proper license in town of Highlands; Louis Friedberg, conducting business of auctioneer without being appointed and without license; Eddie Sobel, conducting business of auctioneer without being appointed and without license; William Way, operating pin-ball machine; Dock Gibson, abandonment; Charles J. West, drunken driving; Don Owenby, abandonment; Marion B. Sanders, Jr., drunken driving; Eliza Grant, drunken driving; Thomas Junior McDowell, drunken driving; Joe Dean, drunken driving; C. T. Tiller, illegal possession of whiskey; Clair Timothy Tiller, reckless driving; Edward H. Jones, drunken driving.

Other cases heard were Clyde R. Beck, violation of prohibition laws and carrying a concealed weapon, 150 days, suspended, on payment of \$50 and costs; Malcom F. Ellis, hit and run, \$100 and costs, license suspended; Nelson Jones, drunken driving, two charges, six months, license suspended; Ralph Baldwin, non-support, nol pros; Everett Jenkins, larceny, continued; Scott Hudson and A. S. Happoltz, operating pin-ball machine, \$50 each and costs; Ernest Guess,

## 2 Out For Mayor, 13 For Alderman

### Drop Picnicking Charges At Two Recreation Areas

No charges will be made this season for picnicking at the Arrowood Glade and Cliffside recreation areas, it was announced this week by E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest.

The local forest authorities were required to make such charges at Cliffside the past two seasons, and at Arrowood last season, but this year the matter was left to their discretion, and Mr. Renshaw announced that no charge will be made.

At the same time, he announced that the place of concessioner, to sell soft drinks, candies, etc., is open at Arrowood Glade.

It also was announced that Cliffside will be opened for daily fishing, starting June 1.

### Franklin Voters Will Choose Between 15 In Races May 8

Saturday's filing deadline for Franklin's biennial nonpartisan election May 8 showed 15 men in the town races, two for the mayor's seat, and 13 for the six-man board of aldermen.

T. W. Angel, Jr., mayor of Franklin from 1945 to 1949, and Robert M. Dillard, retired attorney, are seeking election as mayor.

In the aldermen races are Prolo D. Vman, Arthur G. Cagle, Mack Franks, Paul West, William H. McBurn, J. Frank Martin, J. C. Jacobs, T. I. Jamison, Ervin Patton, Verlon Swafford, Curtis L. Pearson, Frank R. Leach, and Oscar Ledford.

Mr. Swafford and Mr. Patton were the only members of the old town board to file for reelection. Alderman E. J. Whitmire and Russell Cabe announced two weeks ago that they would not seek reelection, and the remaining member of the present board, W. C. Burrell, did not file for reelection.

Voters will go to the polls May 8 to select a mayor and six aldermen.

Registration books will be open for two more Saturdays, April 21 and 28, prior to the election. April 28 has been named as challenge day.

## Wesleyan Choir

### To Give Performance Here Sunday

The choir and chorus of Tennessee Wesleyan college will present a program at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Murray, has announced.

Made up of 38 male and female voices, the choir and chorus is an organization of the college.

The general public is invited.

## 2 Legislators

### Back Home Following Assembly's Close

After approximately three and a half months in Raleigh, the two legislators from this county—R. S. Jones, 33rd district senator, and C. Tom Bryson, Macon representative—returned to their homes here last week-end, following sine die adjournment of the 1951 session of the N. C. general assembly.

Senator and Mrs. Jones and their daughter, Margaret, reached Franklin late Sunday night.

Rep. Bryson arrived Saturday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Muller, the latter's daughter, Linda, and Miss Marie Jennings, who had spent several days visiting in Dunn, Durham, and Raleigh.

## Baptist S. S. Meeting

### Set For Sunday At 2:30

The Baptist associational Sunday school meeting will be held at the Longview Baptist church Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The theme will be "What Next? After the Revival", and Robert M. Dillard will be the chief speaker. He will discuss "Opportunities of the Superintendents and Officers in Making Greater Gains". The Rev. C. T. Taylor will deliver the inspirational message, and Thomas Stiles will conduct the devotional.

larceny, six months suspended, on payment of \$67 and costs; Wade Hampton, larceny, called and failed, capias issued; Carl Penland, non-support, six months, suspended; Fred Crisp, Jr., hit and run, costs; Robert Williams, no driver's license, 60 days; Clyde J. Smith, Possessing punch boards for unlawful purposes, four months, suspended, on payment of \$25 and costs; Paul Lerner, possessing punch boards for unlawful purposes, four months, suspended, on payment of \$25 and costs; Grady Cowart, illegal possession and whiskey for sale, four months; Bennie Lenoir, Jr., attempted assault with deadly weapon, four months, suspended, on payment of costs.

## Bloodmobile

### To Seek 150 Pints Here Next Wednesday

The collection of 150 pints of blood for America's fighting men overseas will be the aim of the Red Cross Bloodmobile when it arrives in Franklin Wednesday afternoon.

The mobile unit, which was here in January, will set up headquarters at the Franklin Presbyterian church. Collection hours will be from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

## C. Of C. And Merchants To Meet Friday Night

A joint meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants association will be held at the Agricultural building tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced. Committee reports will be made.

## METHODIST SERVICE

The Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced Sunday services in circuit churches. They are as follows: Louisa Methodist at 10 a. m., Iotia at 11 a. m., and Snow Hill at 7:30 p. m.

The Men's Service club of the First Baptist church will meet Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, it has been announced. Dinner will be served and a special speaker will be heard.

The Slagle Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school, it has been announced. Previously, the association has been meeting on Wednesdays.

The fourth Sunday sing of the Northern Division of the Macon County Singing convention will meet with the Oak Dale Baptist church at 2 p. m. It was announced this week by Harley B. Mason, president.

## Here's Cross-Section Of Opinion On MacArthur Removal

While the Truman-MacArthur controversy collected streamer headlines in newspapers all over the world last week, members of The Press staff sallied forth with pencil and paper to see what Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public, of Macon County, thought of the situation.

The question asked was: "What do you think of President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur?"

Those interviewed were chosen at random, with a view to presenting a cross-section of opinion.

Following are the opinions expressed:

John D. Alsop, Sr., government employee—"Personally, I think it was exactly what MacArthur deserved for insubordination. But I don't think the President's timing was very good."

Mrs. Curtis Pearson, housewife—"If it is for the good of the country and the war situation, then I am in favor."

Mrs. Larry Cabe, housewife—"I don't believe in jumping out of the frying pan into the fire."

Didn't MacArthur want to bomb Red China and Manchuria?"

Miss Roberta Enloe, school teacher—"It is the most tragic thing I have heard of. Truman is lacking in spiritual leadership and MacArthur has him beat in that respect. And I'm a Democrat too!"

Frank Flyler, government employee and past commander of the local V. F. W. post—"Politically, MacArthur is the man for the job because he understands the Oriental mind, but one of the important features of our government is that the military can't dictate diplomatic policy."

W. Roy Carpenter, real estate—"I don't like it! I don't think it was the smart thing to do. It's playing us right into the Kremlin's hands. If he had been planning to do it he should have done it a long time ago and not at this time."

J. C. Crisp, photographer—"No one is indispensable. If they are going to dismiss MacArthur, then they should dismiss Acheson and impeach Truman."

Miss Lillian Jones, secretary—"I think it's awful. If he was

over there to do the fighting then they should have given him the power to get the war over with."

T. W. Angel, Jr., drugstore owner—"I don't like it! How do we know MacArthur hasn't been following orders from Washington. It seems like we have only heard one side. Let's wait and see what MacArthur has to say."

Joe Tyler, bookkeeper—"The biggest victory for the Communists yet!"

James L. (Jimmy) Hauser, hardware salesman—"I think he was right. It takes a man of courage to do what he did."

Verlon Swafford, businessman—"I think he made an awful mistake. At least he could have left him in charge of the occupation of Japan."

J. Paul Vinson, barber—"I think it was one of the bone-headedness moves a leader of the United States ever made."

Wilma Renshaw, high school student—"If Truman was holding a personal grudge, that wasn't the way to settle it. He is not going to find a man as able as General MacArthur."

Emory Crawford, high school student—"I don't think we see both sides of the picture. I don't know for sure why he dismissed him. You know you can't believe everything you read."

J. C. Jacobs, business man—"Personally I think both are wrong. MacArthur should have obeyed orders and Truman should have settled it without outright dismissing him. You know yourself that MacArthur has been in the army long enough to know he had to obey orders. And I think Truman brought personal reasons to bear in the matter."

R. L. West, store manager—"In one way MacArthur asked for it by mixing his military career with his political views. But I think he knows more about what to do over there than Truman does. They say they don't want all-out war with Red China but it looks like they have it anyway."

Diek Stott, school teacher—"Personally I think he made a mistake. MacArthur has been over there for more than 18 years and he should know more than Acheson or any of them."

However, he did disobey his superior officer."

James Denman, surveyor—"As a matter of theory, the President had a right to do what he did, but in view of the President's lack of any background, other than his Kansas City Pendergast training, it appears, as a practical proposition, that it's utterly ridiculous for Harry Truman to attempt to tell MacArthur anything."

Clyde Bingham, taxi driver—"I didn't like it. I think MacArthur knows the country over there and knows how to deal with the people and they like him. I think Truman stepped off in a heat of rage."

G. J. Wilson—"Truman had the authority to do it, but I think he made a mistake. MacArthur knows those people inside and out and can deal with them. History, I believe, will bear it out."

Mrs. Ruth McColburn, secretary—"I'm not as hot under the collar as I was at first, after reading an editorial in The Citizen which explained both sides of the situation."