

U. S. Forest Sells Timber For Million

Name Sloan Head Of School Board

New Group Appoints Committees For 3 Districts

Bob S. Sloan was unanimously elected chairman of the Macon County board of education, at the new board's first meeting Monday.

Mr. Sloan, who has served on the board for the past four years, was nominated by Tillery T. Love, and the nomination was seconded by J. C. Sorrells. Charles W. Nolen and Walter Gibson are the other members of the new board.

The board, which was sworn in two weeks ago, also appointed the school committees for three districts in the county.

School Board To Elect Superintendent June 4

The county board of education will elect a county superintendent of schools June 4, according to a legal notice the board publishes in this issue of The Press. The law requires the board to give notice of intention to elect a superintendent 15 days before making the appointment. The resignation of G. L. Houk, the retiring superintendent, will become effective June 30.

Before appointing the school committees, the board agreed not to appoint any man whose wife teaches in a county school. The decision was by agreement among the board members, and was not put in the form of a motion.

Appointment of the Highlands district committee was the subject of most discussion. A letter was read from the Highlands Parent-Teacher association endorsing James Crawford, James Beal, and Mrs. Elizabeth Valentine for committeemen; if five were to be appointed, the P. T. A. favored Fred Vinson and Sidney McCarty as the additional members.

Chairman Sloan read a petition from a group in Highlands asking for the appointment of Mr. McCarty, Crawford, and Mr. Beal.

And Mr. Gibson said he had attended a meeting in Highlands at which Mr. Crawford, Mr. McCarty and Walter Bryson were favored.

It was decided to name five committeemen for each district, and the board chose Mr. Bryson, Mr. Crawford, Mr. McCarty, Mr. Beal, and Mr. Vinson as members of the Highlands committee.

Appointments for the other two districts:

District 1 (Franklin) Harve L. Bryant, George Byrd, E. E. Crawford, Owen Ammons and John E. Cobe.

District 2 (Nantahala) Weimar Cochran, Luther Jacobs, Homer Passmore, Richard Conley, and Warren Owenby.

Committeemen are appointed for two-year terms. Their chief duty is the appointment of a district principal who is empowered to recommend teacher appointments. The right to reject or approve teacher recommendations rests with the board of education.

Committeemen who served during the past two-year term were: District 1, A. E. Higdon, John E. Cobe, Charles Sutton, Jean Crawford, and Joel Patton. District 2, Weimar Cochran, Clint May, and Newell Baldwin. District 3, Frank Potts, Sidney McCarty, and Walter Bryson.

A motion by Mr. Nolen that the school in the Cartoogechaye community be named the "Cartoogechaye school" was passed. The present school is known as "Slagle school".

Recently elected officers of the Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association will be installed at a meeting of the organization Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school.

Total Of 102 Pints Given Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 102 pints of blood from Macon County donors at the Presbyterian church, last Wednesday, while on its second visit here since the first of the year.

Although it had been hoped that 150 pints of the life-giving blood would be given for the country's fighting men overseas, officials were pleased with the response.

Collection hours were from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. By 3:30 o'clock only 50 pints had been received, according to Mrs. J. Ward Long, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, but a steady flow of donors from that hour on pushed the figure beyond the 100-mark.

"Considering the small amount we had by the middle of the afternoon," he said, "the final results more than pleased us. We wish to thank everyone who donated."

The mobile unit, from the regional blood center in Asheville, appeared here under the joint sponsorship of the Red Cross and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Members of the V. P. W. auxiliary served refreshments and assisted with arrangements.

On its first visit here in February, the bloodmobile received 156 pints of blood, which was flown direct to the fighting front in Korea.

County-Wide Field Event Is Scheduled

A county-wide Junior Athletic Field day, under the sponsorship of the Franklin Rotary club, will be held on the Franklin High school athletic field tomorrow (Friday) afternoon beginning at noon.

Children, boys and girls, from the fifth through the eighth grades, are eligible to enter the event. Ralph McConnell, Franklin High coach, will be in charge.

Individual winners will be awarded cash prizes by the Rotary club. Awards will not be made on a school basis, but the school making the highest score will be announced and recognized, according to Clayton Ramsey, field day committee chairman. Schools will be allowed only one entry in each event.

Following are events planned for girls: 50-yard dash, 200-yard relay (four girls), softball thrown for distance, softball throw for accuracy, standing broad jump, basketball free yard dash, 400-yard relay, basketball free yard dash, 100-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 400-yard relay, basketball free throw for accuracy, basketball free throw for distance, and football kick for distance.

Boys' events include standing broad jump, 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 400-yard relay, basketball free throw for accuracy, basketball free throw for distance, and football kick for distance.

Girl Scout Jamboree To Be Held At Murphy

Plans are now being made to hold a Girl Scout jamboree for Scouts in the Nantahala area in Murphy May 12. Mrs. E. H. Brumby, who is in charge of arrangements, announced this week. The time and place for the jamboree will be made public later, she said.

MINERS GROUP TO MEET
The Western North Carolina Miners association, recently organized here, will hold a meeting at the Agricultural building tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. It has been announced.

Red Cross Here Exceeds Its Quota By \$50

The Rev. C. E. Murray, chairman of this year's Red Cross fund drive, announced this week that Macon County had topped its \$2,836 quota by approximately \$50.

The drive, slated to end March 31, was extended for an indefinite period, after the county failed to make its quota by the end of March. This year's goal represented an increase of approximately 38 per cent over last year's.

"I would like to take this opportunity," the chairman said, "to thank each and everyone who contributed to this worthy cause, especially the county workers who were instrumental in helping us reach the larger goal."

Mr. Murray also expressed his appreciation to James Beal, who headed the Highlands campaign, and to the citizens of Highlands for their response.

DEAN OF U.N.C. TO SPEAK HERE

Weaver Will Address Rotary Ladies' Night Meet

Fred H. Weaver, dean of men at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has accepted an invitation to address the annual ladies' night program of the Franklin Rotary club, it was announced at last week's meeting of the club.

The ladies' night dinner event is set for Wednesday, May 9. The club last week also voted to invite members of the Highlands Rotary club and their "Rotary Anns" to meet with the Franklin group for the event.

President John B. Ray appointed two committees to plan for the event. John M. Archer, Jr., and E. W. Renshaw were named as a committee to make plans for the dinner; and J. C. Jacobs and R. S. Jones were appointed to arrange for favors for the ladies.

Last week's program, under the direction of John W. Edwards, Scoutmaster of the Senior unit here, was a film showing scenes from last summer's Scout jamboree at Valley Forge, Penn. Life Scout Ben Edwards and Star Scout Robert Siler, who attended the jamboree, explained the film as it was shown.

Cub Scouts Plan Picnic, Games, Ceremony

Outdoor games and a picnic supper will feature the monthly meeting of the Franklin Cub Scout pack at Arrowwood Glade Sunday from 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m., John L. Crawford, cub master, announced this week.

For the past month, Mr. Crawford said, the pack has been concentrating on outdoor games and a number of events will be demonstrated by individual dens. In addition, dens and individuals will compete against each other in feats of skill, including racing, and jumping. Prizes are to be awarded to the dens and individuals making the highest scores.

Following a picnic supper, a charter presentation ceremony will be held, he said.

Cub scouts and their parents, and all parents of boys from 8 to 11 years of age, are invited to attend. The admission charge, Mr. Crawford said, will be a well-filled lunch basket.

SPRING CONCERT OF SCHOOL HERE SET FOR SUNDAY

Band And Choral Groups To Give Program At Theatre At 5

The annual spring concert of the music department of the Franklin High school will be presented at the Macon Theatre Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, it was announced this week by S. F. (Sammy) Beck, director.

There will be no admission charge for the concert, which will immediately follow the regular Sunday afternoon show at the theatre.

The program will be presented by the combined band and choral groups; and Mr. Beck this week announced the program as follows:

The combined band and choral groups—
Booster March, by Klein; If Thou Be Near, Bach; Stout Hearted Men, Romberg; Overture, Beau Sabreur, Olivadoti; Show Boy March, Huff.

Intermission.
Boys' chorus, Gospel Train, Nobel Cain; girls' chorus, In A Monastery Garden, Keteibey; boys' quartet, Song of Freedom, Hoffman; mixed quartet, Sleigh Ride, Kountz.

Band—
Bass solo, Rocked In The Cradle Of The Deep, Delamater, Bryant Hurst; Anchors Aweigh March, L. Miles; Panis Angelicus, Franck; Bass quartet, Carry Me Back To Ole Virgin, Foster; Sackatchewan Overture, Holmes; Waltz King—selection of Strauss melodies, arranged by Hummel; Donkey Serenade, Friml; and Star Spangled Banner, Smith.

Girl Scouts And Adult Leaders Given 'World' Pins

Girl Scouts and adult leaders from Franklin and Highlands received World pins at the first Nantahala area Girl Scout court of awards held in Bryson City Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, chairman of the Franklin troop committee, was presented a five-year service pin.

Adult leaders from Franklin awarded World pins were:

Mrs. R. G. Lichenstein, county chairman, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, city chairman, Mrs. Lucy Collier, Mrs. J. Horner Stockton, Mrs. R. R. Gaines, Mrs. Marian Bagwell, Mrs. John D. Alsop, Mrs. Caroline Cogan, Miss Lela Moore Hall and Miss Mildred Cabe, troop leaders, Miss Frances Barr, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

Highlands leaders given pins included Mrs. Tudor N. Hall, Mrs. Robert E. Early, Mrs. J. W. Reese, city chairman, Mrs. Robert Dupree, Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, Mrs. Thomas Harbison, Mrs. Frank B. Cook, Mrs. John Burnette, Mrs. O. F. Sumner, Mrs. J. M. Valentine, and Miss Dorthea Harbison.

5-Man Draft Call For This County Today Is Canceled

A draft call for five Macon County men to report to Charlotte today (Thursday) for induction into the army has been canceled on orders from state selective service headquarters in Raleigh, the local draft board announced this week.

No reason for the cancellation was given, according to W. N. Sloan, board chairman.

Franklin And Highlands To Pick Town Officials In Balloting On Tuesday

In biennial nonpartisan elections Tuesday, voters in Franklin and Highlands will go to the polls to pick town officials. Polls will open at 8:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

Fifteen men are in the Franklin races, including two members of the present board of aldermen. In Highlands, Mayor W. H. Cobb is unopposed, all of the present five-man board of commissioners filed for reelection. Four new candidates tossed their hats into the ring for commissioners' seats.

Seeking election as mayor of Franklin are T. W. Angel, Jr., owner of Angel's Drug store, who served as mayor from 1945 to 1949, and Robert M. Dillard, retired attorney.

In the alderman's race are Erwin Patton and Verlon Swafford, members of the present board, and Prelo J. Dryman, Armour G. Cagle, Mack Franks, H. Paul West, William H. Mc-

Clure, J. Frank Martin, J. C. Jacobs, T. L. Jamison, Curtis Pearson, Frank Leach, and Oscar Ledford.

Under the town charters, Franklin has six aldermen and Highlands five on its board of commissioners.

Members of the present Highlands board of commissioners seeking reelection are C. Edward Potts, J. W. Rice, Sr., Charles J. Anderson, Tudor N. Hall, and Harry A. Holt. New candidates are Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland, H. B. Talley, Glenn Shuler, and John H. C. Perry.

Richard Thompson has been appointed registrar and G. W. Edwards and T. B. Picklesimer were appointed judges in the Highlands election.

For the Franklin polling, John M. Moore was appointed registrar and L. C. Higdon and James A. Palmer were named judges.

350 Attend Van Raalte 'Pin Party'

Approximately 350 persons donned paper hats, abused noise makers, and joined in the fun at the third annual Van Raalte pin party Saturday night at Cullasaja school.

Pins were presented to 31 plant employees who have been with the Van Raalte company here more than a year. G. W. Sharts celebrated his 31st year with the concern, and John Cogan his 12th. Pin presentations were made by E. W. Maebert, Southern plants manager.

Bob Patton, of Morganton, launched into his topic, "A Few Serious (9) Remarks," and cracked jokes with such firecracker rapidity that many were drowned out with laughter from a previous one.

L. W. Griffin, vice-president of the Van Raalte company, made a brief address to the group, complimenting the employees on the fine work the plant has been doing. N. L. Gilbert, of Blue Ridge, Ga., served as master of ceremonies.

Following five rounds of Bingo, with many attractive prizes, refreshments were served by members of the Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association.

Square dancing, with music by Ralph Penland and his band, climaxed the evening's fun.

Plant employees receiving pins were Mamie Raby, Hetty Whittington, Alex Higdon, Ruth Brown, Grover Arvey, Velma Stiles, Charles Stiles, John Angel, John Evans, James Oliver, Glynn Burch, Algie McCall, Erwin Dowdle, Frances Shepherd, Leon Sellers, Frederick Cunningham, Hilton Wallace, Jesse Sanders, Hershel Keener, George Roper, Bill Raby, John Seay, Fritchard Chastain, Floyd Cruse, Newell Owenby, James Donaldson, Lyle Dills, Paul Ray, Lucille Johnson, Vergie Baldwin, and Edith Malone.

American Legion Post No. 108 will hold its annual election of officers at its meeting tonight (Thursday) at the Slagle Memorial building, it was announced this week. The officers chosen tonight will be installed at the June meeting. E. W. Renshaw, post commander, called attention to the change in the hour of meeting to 8 p. m.

MACON TO GET \$83,000 AS ITS SHARE OF FUND

Clay County Sale Is Biggest Ever Held In This Region

At a national forest timber auction sale here Tuesday afternoon at the Agricultural building a Georgia lumbering concern bid a high of \$975,710 for rights to log an estimated 27,500,000 board feet of timber in the Nantahala National Forest.

Total cost to the lumber company went over the million dollar mark with the addition of \$27,500 earmarked for sale area betterment.

Timber for sale is the stand on approximately 13,221 acres, marked for cutting, within the sale area of the Fire's Creek wildlife management area in Clay county. The auction, according to Forest Service officials, was the largest, in volume and price, ever conducted in a national forest in the Appalachian area.

Sale of the timber will have a direct bearing on the Macon County finances over the eight-year sale period. E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala Forest, said, considering the present sale price of the timber, that this county's treasury will profit by approximately \$83,000 during the eight-year logging operation. The Forest Service turns over a proportionate share of the forest's stumpage receipts each year to counties which have national forest acreage within their boundaries.

The high bidding company, E. L. Weissinger Lumber company, of Clayton, Ga., outbid the W. M. Ritter Lumber company, of Columbus, Ohio, after other bidders withdrew as the price rose. The Ohio concern bid \$965,280 before bowing out to the million dollar figure named by the other company.

Other firms bidding in the four-way competition were the Commonwealth Lumber company, of Murphy, and the Gennett Lumber company, of Asheville.

A bid of \$616,620, submitted by the Ritter company, started the auction on its way. During the first hour of the two-hour session, jump-bids ranged as high as \$57,000. Jump bidding between the Weissinger and the Ritter company, as the figure approached the million mark, ranged from approximately \$1,000 to \$24,000.

Following are the prices paid by the high bidder: (BF stands for board feet and the price paid is per thousand board feet) Chestnut, 800,000 bf, \$3; yellow poplar, 3,000,000 bf, \$80; white oak, 2,800,000 bf, \$84; Group 1 (northern red oak and black cherry) 4,510,000 bf, \$55; Group 2 (white pine, pitch pine, shortleaf pine) 350,000 bf, \$24; Group 3 (red maple, sugar maple, birch, basswood, ash, cucumber) 2,750,000 bf, \$32; Group 4 (chestnut oak, black oak, black locust, butternut) 7,960,000 bf, \$21; Group 5 (hickory, black gum, scarlet and S. R. oak, silverbell, buckeye, sycamore, wahoo, beech, hemlock) 5,530,000 bf, \$10.

These prices, Mr. Renshaw said, do not include the extra \$1 per thousand feet charged for sale area betterment.

Baccalaureate

The Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to Franklin High's graduating class May 27 at Macon theatre, R. G. Sutton, principal, announced this week.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal rector, will pronounce the invocation and the benediction at the service. The Scripture lesson will be presented by the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Other features of the program will include a trumpet solo, Nevin's "Rosary", by S. F. Beck, high school band director, and a rendition, of Kopylow's "Heavenly Light" by the high school choral group.

The recessional will be the march from "Tannhauser", by Wagner. Music for the service is under the direction of Mrs. Henry W. Cobe, Miss Alice Weaver, and Mr. Beck.

The quarantine placed on Macon County dogs in February, following a widespread outbreak of rabies, was lifted this week. Removal of the ban applies only to those dogs in the county which have been vaccinated.

Children's 'Style Show' Is Hit Of 'Morning Coffee'

Some 50 children, from toddlers to teen-agers, displaying all the poise and dignity of professional models, were the hits of their own style show Tuesday morning at Slagle Memorial building.

The show was the crowning feature of a benefit "morning coffee", given by Circle No. 3 of the Franklin Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Prim little misses, very much at ease whether modeling starched dresses, play clothes, or bathing suits, paraded to the reviewing stand to give approximately 100 women present a turn-around preview of the very latest in children's apparel.

The costumes were provided for the Children's Soap. Recent graduates from the "crawler class" remained erect while exhibiting tiny yet fashion-

and completed their exits from the center of attraction without reverting to their knees.

Following the show, recitations were given by Douglas Pearson, Nancy Siler, and Rebecca Reeves.

Although a number of tickets had not been turned in, members of the circle reported that approximately \$55 was raised.

Operetta

Two operettas will be presented by first, second, and third grade pupils from Franklin school May 11 at Macon theatre, Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher, announced this week.

More than 275 children will take part. The first grade will give "The Adventures of Goldilocks", and the second and third grades combined will present "Merry Old Soul".

The performance will be for parents. Two additional performances are being planned for the benefit of students who would like to attend. Dates for the extra showings will be announced later, Miss Weaver said.