

Dillard Defeats T. W. Angel For Mayor

Entire Old Board Of Aldermen Reelected In Highlands

COUNT 303-171:
SWAFFORD IS
AT TOP WITH 377

ANDERSON, RICE, HALL, POTTS AND HOLT WIN AGAIN

Cobb, Unopposed, Named
Mayor Sixth Time;
Vote Is Light

All five members of the present Highlands board of commissioners were reelected in Tuesday's biennial non-partisan municipal election.

Mayor H. W. Cobb was unopposed for reelection to his sixth (non-consecutive) term.

The five incumbent commissioners won by votes ranging from 162 to 116. Votes of their four opponents ranged from 112 to 61.

The vote was relatively light, 218 votes having been cast as compared with 237 in the 1949 election.

The votes received by the winning incumbents, according to the unofficial count, were:

C. J. Anderson, 162; Tudor N. Hall, 157; L. W. Rice, Sr., 144; Edward Potts, 117; and Harry A. Holt, 116.

The defeated candidates, with their votes:

Harvey S. Talley, 112; Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland, 93; Glenn Shuler, 86; and John H. C. Perry, 61.

If the usual custom in Highlands is followed, the official canvass of the vote by the present board will not be made until the next regular meeting, which falls on the third Monday evening in the month—May 21.

OTTO WINNER AT FIELD DAY

Otto school, with a total of 42 competitive points, walked off with top honors at the county-wide Junior Athletic Field day Friday afternoon on the Franklin High athletic field.

Runners were Franklin and Cowee.

The Franklin Rotary club sponsored the field event and will award cash prizes to the individual winners from each school. Coach Dick Stott was in charge of the elementary Olympics.

Lawrence Bradley, who transferred from Franklin to Otto recently, completely dominated events scheduled for the boys. He won four of seven events, 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, standing broad jump, and football kick for distance.

Roger Evans, Cowee, took first place in baseball throw for accuracy and football throw for distance. He tied with James Wiggins, Otto, for basketball free throws.

Individual first place winners in the girls' competition were Marie Crisp, Iotia, basketball free throw; Maude Angel, Cullasaja, 50-yard dash; Sharon Swanson, Cullasaja, 200-yard relay; Mary Hall, Franklin, softball accuracy throw; Fenes Pruitt, Cowee, softball throw for distance; Hazel Vinson, Otto, standing broad jump; Hazel Vinson, Otto, basketball throw for distance.

Gaston Clark On Duty In Germany, Now Sergeant 1 cl.

Sgt. Gaston Clark, son of D. L. Clark, of Franklin, recently was promoted to the grade of sergeant first class for proficiency in military duties and exemplary conduct, according to information received here from Berlin, Germany.

Sgt. Clark has been in Germany since May, 1948, and is an assistant platoon leader, with "I" company, 3rd battalion, 8th Infantry regiment. He is authorized to wear the occupation medal and the Berlin airlift device.

HEADS STUDENTS



CHARLES BROWNING

Mr. Browning, Macon County student at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, last week was elected president of the W. C. T. C. student body, defeating five other candidates for the honor. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Browning, of Cowee, he also is president of the Western Carolina players, college dramatic organization. Last summer he was a member of the cast of "Unto These Hills". A rising senior, he succeeds Herbert Hyde, who now makes Franklin home, as student body head.

BAND, CHOIRS GIVE CONCERT

Enthusiastic Audience
Fills Theatre For
Annual Event

Performing with sureness and precision, the Franklin school band and the boys' and girls' choral groups of the school presented their annual spring concert at the Macon Theatre Sunday afternoon before an audience that filled both the main auditorium and the gallery.

The hour-long program was under the direction of S. F. (Sammy) Beck, school band director.

Mr. Beck and his pupils were given an enthusiastic reception, and at an intermission the audience contributed more than \$100 to the band fund, following Mr. Beck's explanation that the band still is short a number of instruments.

The audience was most pleased, perhaps, with Cain's "The Gospel Train", sung by a boys' choir, and demanded—and got—a repeat performance of this number.

The first phase of the program was five band numbers: The Booster (march); by Klein; If Thou Be Near, Bach; Stout Hearted Men, Bomberg; Beau Sabreur (overture), Olivadotti—the number which won the band second place at Western Carolina Teachers college's recent field day; and Show Boy (march), Huff.

There followed five vocal numbers: In A Monastery Garden, by Ketelbey, sung by the girls' chorus; The Gospel Train; Song of Freedom, Holmes, boys' quartet; and Sleigh Ride, Kountz, mixed quartet.

The third part of the program was opened with a bass solo by Bryan Hurst, Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep, by Delameter. It was followed by these band selections: Anchors Aweigh (march); Miles; Panis Angelicus, Franck; Sackatchewan Overture, Holmes; Waltz King—selection of Strauss melodies, arranged by Hummel; Donkey Gerenade, Friml; Marine Corps Hymn; and Star Spangle Banner, Smith.

WILL HOLD SING
The second, Sunday sing of the southern division of the Macon County Singing convention will be held at 1:45 o'clock May 13 at the Sugar Fork Baptist church, Ralph McClure, secretary, announced this week.

RENSHAW AGAIN NAMED TO HEAD LOCAL LEGION

Other Officers Chosen;
Will Sponsor Youth
At 'Boys' State'

E. W. Renshaw was unanimously reelected commander of American Legion Post No. 108 at the local post's meeting last Thursday evening at the Slagle Memorial building.

Mr. Renshaw, who is supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, in 1950 was elected for a full one-year term, after serving the unexpired portion of the 1949-50 term. He and the other officers elected Thursday will be installed at the June meeting.

Fred Corbin was elected first vice-commander, succeeding Erwin Patton; Mr. Patton was named second vice-commander, succeeding James Carroll; Fred Vaughn was elected adjutant, succeeding John Crawford; the Rev. Hoyt Evans was unanimously reelected chaplain; W. W. (Bill) Sloan was chosen finance officer, succeeding A. R. (Alf) Higdon; and James Carroll was named sergeant-at-arms, succeeding Cecil Parker.

The post voted to sponsor a Macon County boy at Boys' State, at Chapel Hill, again this year; decided to hold another benefit square dance at the Otto school June 1; to hold Saturday night square dances at the Memorial building the last two Saturdays, in May, pending decision about continuing the dances here indefinitely; and discussed the rights of the Legion at the Memorial building.

Boys' State is a Legion-sponsored gathering of boys at which the youngsters conduct their own government, modeled after that of the United States. Harold Enloe, Guy Sutton, and Bob Parker were named a committee to work with the schools in selecting the boy to go this year. Charles Thomas was last year's choice.

Commander Renshaw named Joe Bradley and Frank Shope as a committee to conduct the June 1 dance at Otto, and appointed Mr. Sloan, Mr. Enloe, Cecil Parker, and Frank W. Reece as the committee on the two dances at the Memorial building.

The Rotary club has been conducting Saturday night dances at the Memorial building, but has discontinued the project, and the Legion hopes to work out a plan for holding the dances each Saturday night for an indefinite period. The Legion held these dances for a number of years, but sometime ago relinquished the project to the Rotary.

At the time the Slagle Memorial was constructed, the Legion put up \$9,000 for the construction of the caretaker's house on the Memorial grounds, and Commander Renshaw, in response to a request at an earlier meeting, Thursday night read the contract between the Legion post and the trustees of the Memorial building. It's various provisions were discussed at some length.

F. F. A. Boys Win Second Place In Judging Contest

The Franklin Future Farmers of America livestock judging team was awarded second place at the District 5, F. F. A. annual competition in Asheville Saturday.

The team, under the leadership of Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher, will compete in the state-wide contests slated for August in Raleigh.

Team members are L. A. Moore, Howard Cantrell, and Pete Setser.
District 5 represents eight federations in 29 counties.

Macon Leads Counties In W. N. C. In Tree Planting

Macon County is leading all counties west of Asheville in taking advantage of free tree seedlings offered by the Tennessee Valley authority, S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, said Monday.

With the last shipment, which arrived in March, Macon has received 681,500 seedlings. Next highest county in March was Cherokee with 188,000.

Last year 416,000 seedlings were planted in the county under the program, he said.

To date this year, 99 persons have received trees and 581 acres have been seeded. The seedlings, Mr. Mendenhall said, are planted approximately 1,000 to an acre.

Orders are now being taken at the county agent's office for fall shipment.

Presbyterian Leaders Plan Meeting Here

Presbyterian leaders from six Southwestern North Carolina counties will gather at the Franklin Presbyterian church tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock to hear the Rev. LeRoy P. Burney, of Atlanta, speak on "Our Tithing Adventure".

The meeting here is one of three district sessions being held in the Asheville Presbytery.

Dr. Burney, who is executive coordinator of the denomination's Program of Progress, will be accompanied here and introduced by Edward G. Roberts, of Asheville, chairman of the program in this Presbytery.

The meeting is especially for the heads of all Presbyterian church organizations, as well as any other interested persons, and the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Franklin pastor, said about 50 official delegates are expected.

The meetings here and at other points in this Presbytery are aimed at getting all Presbyterian church members to give a tithe of their incomes to their churches for the 13-week period September 13 to December 9. This movement is the culmination of the five-year Program of Progress of the church, Mr. Evans explained.

Presbyterian leaders are expected at the meeting here from Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Jackson, and Macon counties.

Durham Band

To Play For Dance Give
Concert Here

A dance Saturday night and a concert Sunday afternoon will feature the appearance here of the 65-piece Durham High school band, S. W. Beck, Franklin band director, announced this week.

The band is being sponsored jointly by the Franklin Lions club and the Franklin band. Proceeds from the two performances will go to the local band fund.

Saturday night at Slagle Memorial building from 9 o'clock until 12, members of the band will form the "Durham High School Swingsters" and play for a public dance. Admission is 75 cents per person.

At the Friendship tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock the entire band will give a concert. Admission is 50 cents for adults, and 25 cents for children.

The Durham band is under the direction of Lewis Enloe and has very high rating among bands in the state.

CLUB PLANS PROGRAM

The Hickory Knoll home demonstration club will sponsor a family life program at the Hickory Knoll church tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. S. Gray, president, announced this week. The public is invited to attend.

School Board Rejects, Later Reelects Sutton

The county board of education, which last Friday night reelected R. G. Sutton as principal of the Franklin school, Monday night reversed that position, and reelected Mr. Sutton for another year.

Both actions were taken by the board in executive session, but Bob Sloan, board chairman, who announced the two actions, said both votes were unanimous.

Upon learning of Friday night's vote, Mr. Sutton was understood to have approached board members Monday with the suggestion that he should have a hearing. They agreed to this, and his reelection at Monday night's session followed detailed discussion, Mr. Sloan said, between the members of the board and Mr. Sutton of the following points:

"1. Cooperation of Mr. Sutton with any man employed as superintendent.

"2. Conduct of the athletic program.

"3. Teacher participation in local affairs."

Mr. Sutton, in addition to his active duties as Franklin school principal, is supervising principal of this school district (No. 1), which includes all the schools in the county, with the exception of those in the Highlands and Nantahala areas.

As reelected supervising principal, he and members of the school committee for District No. 1 are now conferring on the teachers for schools in this district, and will meet with the county school board tomorrow (Friday) morning to present their recommended list.

Board members had not planned to take formal action Friday night, Mr. Sloan said. Instead, they met at the Mashburn-Sorrells Motor company offices of Board Member J. C. Sorrells for informal conferences on organization with the committees for the three districts.

Members of Committee No. 1, headed by E. E. Crawford, of the Cullasaja community, suggested that, while they were together, they would make their recommendation for Franklin district principal. After meeting separately, they rejoined the school board to recommend Mr. Sutton.

The school board then went into executive session to consider the recommendation, and the five members voted unanimously to reject the committee's recommendation.

Under the law, district committees (which are appointed by the school board) recommend district principals, and the county board and superintendent either accept or reject the committee recommendations. After the district principals are elected, they confer with the district committees, and the group makes up teacher list recommendations, which also are subject to the approval or veto of the school board and the superintendent.

Attending Monday night's meeting, held in the office of the county superintendent, were the five members of the board, Mr. Sutton, County Supt. G. L. Houk, and the members of the District No. 1 committee.

Nursery Rhyme Characters To Come To Life In Operettas Here Friday

Those fabulous characters, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Old King Cole, will come to life tomorrow (Friday) afternoon on the stage at Macon theatre when first, second, and third grade pupils from Franklin school present two pantomime operettas.

Curtain time is 1:30 o'clock. The performances are under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher, and 275 children will take part in the productions.

Another performance of both operettas will be given Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the theatre for the benefit of students who are unable to attend Friday's showing, Miss Weaver said.

First graders will give the "Adventures of Goldilocks" and the second and third graders will present "Merry Old Soul".

Those taking principal roles in Goldilocks are, Alda Walldrop, Goldilocks; Paul Cabe, Papa Bear; Sara Lee Bryson, Mama Bear; and David Tallent, Baby Bear. A chorus of daisies includes Martha Angel, Jo Evelyn Barnard, Carol Calloway,

Judy Evans, Ethel Sorrells, Nancy Tallent, Gerlene Tison, Rachel Quam, Carol Hedden, and Lyn West.

Leading characters in "Merry Old Soul" are Douglas Pearson, Old King Cole; Gary Crawford, Page One; Landy Pendergrass, Page Two; Jerry Patton, Court Fool; Jimmy Rowland, Simple Simon; Ann McCoy, Old Woman in a Shoe; Brenda Cunningham, Fairy Queen; Con Henderson, Humpty Dumpty; Darrell Lee and Ann Fagg, Jack and Jill; Linda Shope, Little Miss Muffet; Janice Bowman, Little Bo Peep; Glenda Holt, Queen of Hearts; and Barry Keener, Knave of Hearts.

Those taking part as fairies include Barbara Duncan, Ann Dean, Dixie Cloer, Judy Reber, Margaret Swann, Brenda Tallent, Gloria Jean Hedden, Agnes Mashburn, Linda Tallent, Betty Ann Young, Jackie Sue Johnson, and Jane Long.

Genevieve Whitmire, Sandy Kinney, and Jimmy Cruse will be spokesmen of the chorus.

The admission charge will be 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for students.

Annual Poppy Sale For Disabled Vets To Be Held May 26

The annual Poppy Sale for disabled American veterans will be held May 26 under the sponsorship of the local American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Glimmer A. Jones, sale chairman, announced this week.

Sale of the poppies, which are made by disabled veterans in the Fayetteville hospital, is a wonderful morale booster for the hospitalized, she pointed out, and helps the veterans to earn a little spending money. The balance of the profits go back to veterans in hospitals in Oteen, Swannanoa, and Fayetteville, and to the children of needy veterans, she explained.

"When these poppies are bought, a veteran is helped in the hospital," Mrs. Jones said, "and the wearer is honoring the men who fought and died for America in World Wars I and II and the present conflict in Korea."

Mrs. Cook Named To Associational Post Fifth Time

Mrs. W. N. Cook was reelected associational superintendent of the Macon County Woman's Missionary society for the fifth consecutive year at a meeting May 3 at Cowee Baptist church.

Other officers elected include Mrs. Fannie Gibson, associate superintendent; Mrs. Carr Bryson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Jack Cabe, young people's director; the Rev. Paul Nix, royal ambassador counselor; Mrs. Frank Gibson, mission study chairman; Mrs. W. O. Lewis, stewardship chairman; Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple, chairman of community missions; Mrs. Paul Nix, chairman of literature; Mrs. Paul Kinsland, chairman of training school.

The new officers were installed by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist church.

In a one-sided race, Robert M. Dillard defeated T. W. Angel, Jr., for mayor, in Franklin's biennial non-partisan election Tuesday.

Mr. Dillard received 303 votes, and Mr. Angel, mayor of Franklin from 1945 to 1949, received 171.

Verlon Swafford and Erwin Patton, the only incumbent aldermen who sought reelection, retained their seats by wide majorities. Mr. Swafford received more votes than any of the 15 candidates in the races. He polled 377 and Mr. Patton 329.

New aldermen on the six-man board, are Oscar Ledford, 335; Armour Cagle, 333; J. C. Jacobs, 300; and J. Frank Martin, 259 votes.

Unsuccessful candidates and votes received were Curtis Pearson, 203; H. Paul West, 187; Prelo J. Dryman, 158; T. L. Jamison, 129; William H. McClure, 75; Mack Franks, 32; and Frank R. Leach, 25.

Mr. Dillard, retired Atlanta attorney, is believed to be the first non-Macon County native to be elected mayor of Franklin, with the exception of the late M. D. Billings, and the latter spent most of his life here. If there have been others, persons familiar with Franklin political history yesterday did not remember them.

A native of Jackson County, Mr. Dillard campaigned on a platform of devoting his full time to the mayor's job. He also emphasized a clean town. In seeking the office, he made a systematic, house-to-house canvass.

In the light of past elections, Tuesday's vote was not very heavy. In 1947 a total of 551 votes were cast and in 1949 voters polled 289.

It is customary here for the new town officials to take office the first Monday in June.

Following official canvass of the vote by the retiring board, the six elected aldermen were sworn into office by Henry W. Cabe, retiring mayor. Mr. Dillard was expected to be given the oath late yesterday or today.

Mrs. Richardson Taken By Death, Rites At Morganton

Mrs. Sarah Powell Richardson, 85, a resident of Franklin since 1940, died in a local hospital Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock after a three-year illness.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church in Morganton. The Rev. J. B. McClarty, pastor there, and the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Morganton city cemetery.

Born in Iredell County, February 23, 1866, the daughter of E. H. and Mrs. Jane Powell, she was married in 1887 to the Rev. D. S. Richardson. After her husband's death in 1932, she lived for a number of years at Rutherford college. Since moving to Franklin, she had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cabe. She was a member of the Franklin Methodist church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. A. R. McDonald, of Gastonia, Mrs. Cabe, and Mrs. C. L. Pendergrass, of Franklin; one son, A. M. Richardson, of Erwin, Tenn.; one brother, Frank Powell, of Iredell county; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be representatives of Rutherford College. Bryant funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

WILL SHOW MOVIES
Color movies of Western North Carolina will be shown at a meeting of the Macon County Tourist association tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at Kelly's inn. Anyone interested in the tourist business is invited, it was said.