

C. O. RAMSEY NAMED CLERK BY ALDERMEN

Mayor Breaks Tie Vote; Committees Of New Board Named

Charles O. Ramsey was appointed clerk of the Town of Franklin, by secret ballot, at a special meeting of the newly elected board of aldermen Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill, clerk since April, resigned officially to the old town board at its last meeting, prior to the town election May 8.

Board members reviewed 10 applications submitted for the three-fold position—clerk, tax collector, and treasurer—before naming Mr. Ramsey.

Vote was deadlocked between Mr. Ramsey and an unidentified applicant. Mayor Robert M. Dillard broke the tie in favor of Mr. Ramsey.

The names of the unsuccessful applicants were not made public.

The mayor appointed board members to committees and the committees, in turn, appointed chairmen. They are as follows: Water and sewer: J. Frank Martin, chairman, Armour G. Cagle, and J. C. Jacobs.

Street and light: Erwin Patton, chairman, Mr. Martin, and Oscar Ledford.

Budget: Verlon Swafford, chairman, Mr. Jacobs, and Mr. Cagle.

A letter was read from George C. Franklin, general counsel for the North Carolina League of Municipalities, stating that he plans to be in the western part of the state either in June or July, and is making plans to meet with the town board to discuss the question of zoning in Franklin.

Board members voted to meter all construction jobs and new buildings where water is being used, charging regular rates. In the past the town has not installed meters on water lines until construction was completed.

The motion was introduced by Mr. Swafford, who explained to board members the inadequacy of the town's water facilities, especially in the event of an emergency.

Pointing out the eventual need for additional equipment to bring the water system up to date, Mr. Swafford said the additional revenue gained by metering new construction would help to rectify the situation that much sooner.

The board approved the employment of Alvin Moore, Negro, who will work on the garbage collection truck.

The Tuesday meeting was the new board's second meeting in less than a week. Members met Friday afternoon. At that time Mr. Swafford was elected to serve as mayor pro tem.

Franklin FFA Boys Win Top Honors At Field Day

The Franklin Future Farmers of America took top honors at the FFA Nantahala Federation field day in Waynesville Friday.

The local organization, under the leadership of Wayne Proffitt, vocational agriculture teacher, had 36 members entered in the competition.

Field events included volleyball, horse shoes, softball throw for accuracy, broad jump, high jump, shot put, 100 yard dash, 100 yard relay, tug-of-war, and basketball free throw.

School For Law Enforcement Officers Under Way Here

A three-day school for Macon County law enforcement officials got under way at the courthouse yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said law problems which confront most officials in the execution of duty are being covered, including the law of search and seizure and the law of arrest.

At the school, which will end tomorrow (Friday), special phases of law are being covered by local lawyers for the benefit of the officers.

Korean 'Hunting License' Of Highlands Man Expires

WITH THE 1ST CALVARY DIVISION, U. S. ARMY, IN KOREA—(Delayed)—Rotation, for Sergeant Mack H. Hopper, of Highlands, N. C., means that his Korean hunting license has finally expired.

Sgt. Hopper, son of Mrs. G. P. McClure, of Highlands, has lugged his 57-millimeter recoilless rifle from Yongdong to P'yongyang, flushing Communist machine gun nests with deadly accuracy.

A 19-year-old squad leader in the 5th Cavalry regiment, Sgt. Hopper joined the 1st Cavalry division in June, 1950 and entered the combat zone in July.

Although he was wounded at Waegwan by a fragment from the notorious Red 120-millimeter mortars, Sgt. Hopper remembers Yongdong as his tightest moment.

"I guess that is natural," the youthful sergeant said, "it was the first time we were hit. The North Koreans surrounded us and cut us up pretty badly before we could fight our way out."

Shifting to a more comfortable position, Sgt. Hopper continued, "I don't remember much about being hit. We were near Kaegwan. It wasn't bad, just a scratch. They fixed me up at the aid station."

Sgt. Hopper is saying goodbye to a fighting outfit. Throughout Korea the 5th Cavalry reg-

iment has compiled an impressive battle record.

The first American force to sweep into P'yongyang, the capital city of North Korea, this 1st Cavalry division unit has mauled Communist troops all up and down the embattled peninsula.

At Tabu-dong the troopers stopped fighting a delaying action, and, wresting the initiative from the Communist forces, broke the siege and roared northward.

Speaking of the historic breakthrough, Sgt. Hopper said: "They had machine gun emplacements everywhere. I got in a few lucky shots."

This March saw the 5th Cavalry regiment in one of its greatest actions. The troopers of Sgt. Hopper's unit were assigned the dangerous task of clearing the ragged hills leading to Hongchon. Supported by artillery and napalm-dropping aircraft, the regiment grabbed peak after peak from the Chinese, forcing them back. Then, to climax the four-day battle, the city, a valuable Red supply center, was stormed and taken.

Asked what he planned to do on his return to the United States, he replied with a big smile:

"I am going to be somewhere on the East Coast, lying on a beach for about 30 days, I hope. I don't want ever to come back here, not even as a tourist."

PLAN FINALS AT NANTAHALA

May, Miss Douthit Are Otter Creek High Honor Pupils

The Otter Creek (Nantahala) school commencement exercises will be held in the new Nantahala school, it was announced this week by Principal Carl D. Moses.

The high school graduation exercises are set for the evening of June 2, and an eighth grade graduation program will be held the evening of June 1.

Vester May, with an average grade of 90½, will be the valedictorian of the 1951 high school graduating class, and Susie Douthit, with an average of 89½, will deliver the salutatory address. Mr. May is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy May, of Flats, and Miss Douthit is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Douthit, also of Flats.

This year's high school graduates number eight. The other six members of the class are Carl May, Ralph Wishon, Charles Cross, Anna Jane Douthit, and Joan Nelson.

Details for the high school commencement are not complete.

The Rev. Bill Sorrells will be the chief speaker at the eighth grade graduation exercises. Thirty-two will be given eighth grade certificates.

Members of the senior class made a trip to Atlanta last week, spending Thursday night and Friday in the Georgia capital city, where they visited many points of interest. They were accompanied by Mr. Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dyermond.

It was announced this week that the exhibit of school work that had been planned for tomorrow (Friday) at Otter Creek has been postponed till next Tuesday at 7 p. m.

Franklin Nine To Play Seneca Here On Sunday

The Franklin High baseballers will journey to Clayton, Ga., tomorrow (Friday) night for a diamond duel with the Clayton high nine.

Locals downed the Clayton lads in a game here last week, 12 to 5.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Franklin All Stars will meet Seneca on the high school athletic field.

PLAN CONFERENCE

The Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced the meeting of a quarterly conference at the parsonage May 26 at 8 p. m.

U. N. C. Dean Rotary Club Meet Speaker

Some of the characteristics of "Americanism" were discussed by Fred M. Weaver, dean of students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, at last Wednesday evening's ladies' night dinner of the Franklin Rotary club, held at Panorama court.

The speaker discussed the role, for 150 years, of the University in stimulating untrammeled thinking, and in helping to fit citizens for service to the state and nation. He added that education is the key to most problems of citizenship and government.

He paid tribute to the rugged character and independence of the people of Western North Carolina, and their ability "to stand on their own feet, and to do their own thinking."

After commenting on the various phases of the American character and this nation's tradition of independence and freedom, Mr. Weaver quoted a child's definition of America—"a place where people do not have to be afraid."

President John B. Ray presided at the meeting.

A committee, made up of J. C. Jacobs and R. S. Jones, presented pieces of silver to the ladies as favors. The dinner was arranged by John M. Archer, Jr., and E. W. Renshaw, serving as a two-man committee. Members of the Highlands Rotary club and their "Rotary Anns" were invited.

The speaker's brother, Harold Weaver, also of the University, was present as a guest.

Macon To Get No Draft Call Next Month

State selective service headquarters in Raleigh informed the local board last week that Macon County will not receive an induction call in June, W. N. Sloan, chairman, announced this week.

However, the chairman said, men in the county who have received preinduction examinations and are eligible for the draft may volunteer for induction and a special call will be arranged.

Some men might want to be inducted immediately, Mr. Sloan said, pointing out that a number of potential draftees have already quit work, expecting to be called for induction at any time. Some of these might not be able to get their jobs back, he said, since they are subject to call.

DIPLOMAS WILL BE CONFERRED ON 80 MAY 29

53 Girls And 27 Boys In Franklin High's Class Of '51

Eighty Franklin High school seniors—53 girls and 27 boys—will step forward to receive diplomas at the school's 39th annual graduation exercises at Macon theatre Tuesday, May 29.

Diplomas will be conferred by Guy L. Houk, county superintendent of schools.

Plans for the commencement program were announced this week by R. G. Sutton, principal, who will make the awards at the graduation exercises.

The baccalaureate exercises, also to be held at the theatre, are set for Sunday, May 27 with the Rev. M. W. Chapman, First Baptist pastor here, delivering the sermon.

Miss Mariann Sherrill, class salutatorian, will give the welcoming address, and Miss Una Crawford, valedictorian, will deliver the farewell address. Miss Connaree Nolen, who tied with Miss Crawford for class valedictorian, is to speak on "What is Our Destination?"

The invocation and benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Miss Ann Teague will speak on "Class of '51—Symbol of Progress in Macon County Schools."

Junior marshals, chosen on the basis of scholastic standing, will be Meda Angel, Geneva Crawford, Johnnie Dills, Lucille Edwards, Lester Green, Charlotte Love, Georgia Nell McDonald, Russell McKelvey, Billy Solesbee, and Martha Ann Stockton.

Class mascots are Diane Atkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Atkins, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Johnnie Swan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Swan. Music is under the direction of S. F. Beck, band director, Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, and Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher.

During the exercises, the Franklin band will play "Panis Angelicus" and Straus' Waltz King. Mrs. Cabe will play the traditional processional and recession—Verdi's "Aida" and the march from Wagner's "Tannhauser."

Setser Serving His Third Hitch In 15 Years, Wounded

Sgt. First Class Edwin Ray Setser was wounded in action in Korea May 2, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Setser, of Franklin, Route 1, were advised this week by the Department of Defense. He is understood to have been wounded in the foot.

The 22-year-old soldier has volunteered for duty with the army three times since 1945 and served in Germany and Japan before going to Korea.

He first enlisted December 26, 1945 at the age of 17 and spent part of 1946 and 1947 in Germany in telephone and telegraph work. After being discharged in May, 1947, he re-enlisted for three more years a month later. He put in a tour of duty in Japan before his enlistment ran out in June, 1950.

With the outbreak of hostilities in Korea he enlisted again in September, 1950, and arrived in Korea in November.

Sgt. Setser is a graduate of Franklin High school, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America. He attended the Mount Zion Methodist church.

P. F. Callahan, Former Franklin Resident, Dies

P. F. Callahan, father of Troop Callahan, of Franklin, and of Mrs. Reid Cabe, of Richmond, Va., died suddenly while on his way home from work in Richmond Tuesday afternoon, it has been learned here.

Mr. Callahan served as managing editor of The Franklin Press for a number of years in the early 30's, and had frequently visited his son here, since moving away. Survivors, in addition to his son and daughter, include his widow, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Love Resigns School Board Post; Teachers Reelected



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

"GOLDILOCKS" rubs sleep from her eyes after being rudely awakened by the Three Bears. It seems that, in addition to consuming Baby Bear's porridge, she picked his bed to rest in. This greatly perturbed the Bear family when they found her. The scene is from "The Adventures of Goldilocks", presented Friday and Monday afternoon at Macon theatre by Franklin first graders. Second and third graders gave "Merry Old Soul". The operettas were under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher. (L to R) Alda Waldrop, David Tallent, Sara Lee Bryson, and Paul Cabe.

Deed For Big Tract Bought As Fishing Preserve Recorded

Sale price of the 1942 acres sold by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle to the Rainbow Spring company was \$37,000, stamps on the deed indicate. The deed was put on record in the register of deeds office here last week.

The company, made up of prominent North Carolina business and professional men, will use the Nantahala area property as a private hunting and fishing preserve. Construction of a lodge is under way.

Durham Band Plays Here; \$140 Is Raised

The Franklin band netted \$140 with the appearance here last week-end of the Durham High school band, according to S. W. Beck, Franklin band director.

The band, under the direction of Lewis Enloe, played for a dance at Slagle Memorial building Saturday night and gave a concert at the Friendship tabernacle Sunday afternoon. Both performances were well attended.

Net proceeds were turned over to the local band fund.

Sunday's concert program included "On Wisconsin", "Moods Americana", "Execution", a baritone solo, selections from "Korsokov", "Aubade", a woodwind trio, "Argentina Overture", "Southland Medley", and "Stars and Stripes".

Two encores were called for. The band first played "The Hummingbird", and Mr. Beck was called to the director's stand to lead "Manhattan Beach", the second number.

150 Expected Here For Scout Camporee Tomorrow, Saturday

A number of Boy Scouts in Macon County plan to attend a district Scout Camporee at Camp Lumpkin Friday and Saturday.

More than 150 Scouts in the Smoky Mountain district are expected to be present. Highlighting the Friday night meeting will be a court of honor and a district committee meeting.

Those Wanting On-Farm Training Should Act Now

Any Macon County World War 2 veteran who plans to enroll in the on-farm training program, now or later, should see the vocational agriculture teacher or any of the assistant teachers before July 1, it was announced this week by Wayne Proffitt, vocational agriculture teacher here.

Point Merit System For Teachers Is Discussed

Tillery T. Love resigned from the Macon County board of education at a meeting of the board Friday.

The county Democratic executive committee was scheduled to meet last (Wednesday) night to select his successor.

Mr. Love, a former Macon County teacher, plans to re-enter the county school system, and explained that he thought he should resign before the board votes on a new county superintendent—the man who will be Mr. Love's superior, if Mr. Love is elected to a position in the schools.

The board, at an executive meeting Friday, also reelected most of the teachers now in the county system.

Under the law, appointment to fill a vacancy on the county school board is up to the county Democratic executive committee. There is a provision, however, that, if they fail to act within 30 days, the vacancy may be filled by the state board of education.

Bob Sloan suggested at Friday's meeting that the board consider setting up some form of point or merit system "with

McClure Named School Principal At Nantahala

Frederick H. McClure, head of the business education department and athletic coach at Walnut High school, has been appointed principal of the Nantahala (District 2) school district.

He will succeed Carl N. Moses, resigned.

Mr. McClure is a graduate of Tusculum college, Greenville, Tenn., and a veteran of World War II.

He completed two years at Tusculum college before going in service, and following his discharge returned to college and was graduated in June, 1948, with an A. B. degree in business.

Teeth in it" to encourage teachers to work toward improving their teaching certificates. Board members agreed that such a system must be an objective one, yet practical. Action was postponed for further consideration.

The board accepted the resignation of Homer Passmore, District 2 (Nantahala) committeeman, and appointed Carmen Kilpatrick to take his place.

It was brought out at the meeting that Superintendent Guy L. Houk and two board members, Walter Gibson and J. C. Sorrells, last Wednesday attended a meeting in Sylva dealing with the Negro school problem in Macon and adjoining counties. They told other board members that state officials attending the session planned to report soon on the results of a survey.

Memorial Services To Be Held Sunday At Clark's Chapel

Special memorial day services will be conducted at Clark's Chapel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and a sing will be held at 1:30 in the afternoon, the Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced.

Services will also be held at the Salem church at 3 p. m. and the Bethel church at 8 p. m., he said.

Plans are now being made for revival services in circuit churches, June 10-15.

Methodist Men To Hold Supper Meeting Monday

A supper meeting of Methodist men in this county will be held at the Slagle Memorial building Monday evening at 7 o'clock, it was announced this week. The meeting has been called by the Rev. C. E. Murray, Franklin Methodist pastor, and J. C. Sorrells, associate district lay leader. They explained that an interesting program has been arranged, and that it is hoped to form a Methodist men's organization. Dinner will be served by women of the Mount Zion church for \$1.

PICK TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR

School Board To Fill Vacancies At Later Meeting

A tentative teacher list for the school year 1951-52 was made public following a meeting of the county board of education Friday morning.

The primary purpose of the special meeting was to approve teachers, Chairman Bob S. Sloan said.

Vacancies in Macon schools were not filled at the meeting, and according to Guy L. Houk, school superintendent, some names on the list probably will be dropped after the board reviews new teacher applications.

Frederick H. McClure, of Walnut High school, was appointed principal of the Nantahala district (District 2), and R. G. Sutton and O. F. Summer were reappointed principals of districts 1 and 3, respectively.

Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey was reappointed supervisor of Macon elementary schools.

Following is the tentative teacher list:

District 1: Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neil, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Lois F. Fulton, Miss Adelaide Brewer, Edwin T. Williams, Harry C. Corbin, Mrs. Marie P. Stewart, Miss Roberta Enloe, Ray D. Clark, Mrs. Myra S. Waldrop, Clarence R. Lowe, Mrs. Katherine P. Matthews, Samuel F. Beck, Ralph McCone, Clayton H. Ramsey, Richard D. Stott, Miss Mayberyl Moody, Mrs. Lola S. Kiser, Mrs. Margaret H. Ramsey, Mrs. Margaret R. Flanagan, Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, Miss Edna M. Jamison, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Miss Esther L. Wallace, Mrs. Katherine H. Williams, Mrs. Elsie W. Franks, Miss Myrtle Whitmire, Miss Amy M. Henderson, Mrs. Margaret M. Bradley, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Mrs. Genevieve M. Barnard, Miss Alice D. Weaver, Luther Wayne Proffitt, Robert J. Angel, Mrs. Virginia B. Ramsey.

Mrs. Marie G. Roper, Miss Lolita A. Dean, Mrs. Mildred M. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 6

P. T. A. Will Install New Officers, Hear Reports

The installation of officers and annual reports from committee chairmen will highlight a meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the high school.

Installation ceremonies will be conducted by Mrs. Joe Dowdle. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan will give the devotional.

Mrs. Weimar Jones, who, with Mrs. Slier, represented the local organization at the recent annual state P. T. A. convention in Winston-Salem, will report on the convention.