

## M'SWAIN TAKES OATH AS MACON SCHOOLS' HEAD

### Plan Final Inspection Of 2 New Buildings Tomorrow

Holland McSwain, newly elected superintendent of Macon County schools, took the oath of office Monday morning at the monthly meeting of the county board of education.

Mr. McSwain, elected June 4 to succeed Guy L. Houk, who resigned, formerly served as principal and superintendent of schools in Caswell county, and more recently has been business manager of Flora Macdonald college, at Red Springs. Sworn in by Miss Kate McGee, clerk of superior court, he assumed his new duties immediately.

The school board, at Monday's meeting, tentatively assigned teachers, previously elected, to the various schools in the Franklin district, and discussed a variety of matters. Meeting with the board were two members, each from the Franklin and Nantahala district committees, H. L. Bryant and Owen Ammons, of this district, and Welmer Cochran, and Warren Owenby, of the Nantahala district.

Mr. Cochran suggested the possibility of turning the present Otter Creek buildings into a teacherage. It was pointed out that the board members and school superintendent had been asked to make a final inspection of the East Franklin and Nantahala schools tomorrow (Friday), and Chairman Bob Sloan appointed J. C. Soarells and Walter Gibson, with Supt. McSwain, as a committee to study the possibilities at that time and make recommendations to the board at its next meeting.

A delegation, made up of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tippett, Wade H. Stockton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ledford appeared before the board to protest against Jack Angel's teaching next year in the Franklin school. It was explained to the group that Mr. Angel already has a contract to teach next year, but the board members assured the delegation their complaints would be brought to Mr. Angel's attention.

A report of a state survey of the Negro school situation in this and adjoining counties was read, but no action was taken.

The board received a bid of \$300 for the old Union school building from J. J. Mann, in his capacity as trustee of the Union Methodist church. Action was deferred.

Following the meeting, it was learned, Supt. McSwain offered the position of secretary to the superintendent to Mrs. Neal Johnston, who has held that post for several years, but she declined it. The office is being operated temporarily without a secretary.

Mr. McSwain recently purchased the Phillips house on Bidwell street, and he and Mrs. McSwain and their two sons have moved into their new home. They arrived from Red Springs last Saturday.

## Officer Hurt

### In Fight Growing Out Of Arrest Try

Ralph W. (Red) Welch, acting Franklin policeman, received treatment at a local hospital for a dislocated shoulder and lacerations, following a fight with a man he was trying to arrest for public drunkenness Tuesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock.

The main street fracas drew a crowd of about 75. Fred Dills was jailed and charged with public drunkenness and later was released on bond.

Mayor R. M. Dillard said the town would prefer charges against Mr. Dills this week for the attack on the officer.

## PLAN REVIVAL

The Rev. P. C. James, of Atlanta, Ga., will conduct a week-end of revival services beginning at 8 o'clock each evening, July 6 to 8, at the Mt. Zion Methodist church, Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor, announced this week.

## NEW PRESIDENT



W. G. CRAWFORD

Mr. Crawford, immediate past secretary of the Lions club, will be installed as president of the organization at a meeting July 9. He is principal at Cullasaja school.

## TEACHERS GET ASSIGNMENTS

### W. G. Crawford To Head East Franklin, Love Goes To Cowee

Teachers in the Franklin school district were tentatively assigned to schools by the county board of education, at its meeting Monday.

W. G. Crawford was named principal of the new East Franklin elementary school, and Tillery T. Love was made principal of the Cowee school, to succeed E. J. Carpenter, resigned.

Weaver Shope will succeed Mr. Crawford as principal at the Cullasaja school. It was unnecessary, board members explained, to make assignments for the Highlands and Nantahala districts, since it is planned to operate only one school in each of those districts. Nor were assignments of Negro teachers necessary, since only one Negro school is operated. The teachers were elected, by districts, some time ago.

Since it is not definitely known what new school buildings will be completed by September, the assignments are necessarily tentative, it was pointed out.

The Franklin district list follows:

Franklin: R. G. Sutton, principal, Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neill, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Lois F. Fulton, Miss Adelaide Brewer, Edwin T. Williams, Harry Corbin, Mrs. Marie

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## No Shots

### For Immunization Will Be Given Till Fall

Dr. Carl C. Janowsky, district health officer, announced this week that the local health department will give no immunizations during the "summer poliomyelitis season."

The health officer said this decision was prompted by a letter from Dr. J. W. R. Norton, state health officer, which stated that persons developing poliomyelitis within a month following intramuscular injections had a higher incidence of paralysis in the extremities in which the injections were made than would be expected.

The letter suggested that the health officer consider omission of immunization injections until the end of the summer. In view of this, although only one case of polio has been reported in Macon County, Dr. Janowsky said the suggestion would be enforced as a precautionary measure.

The ban probably will be lifted sometime in September, he said.

However, Dr. Janowsky said, immunizations already begun will be finished, and children under six months old can receive immunizations.

Immunizations include small-pox vaccination as well as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, and typhoid injections, he said. Regular clinic work and pre-school examinations will be continued as usual, the doctor said.

## Plan To Unveil Plaque To Thorpe At Ceremony

Plans have been completed for holding a commemorative ceremony, honoring the late J. E. S. Thorpe, at the Thorpe development of the Nantahala Power and Light company near Sylva, Saturday, July 14.

In announcing completion of arrangements of the program, John M. Archer, Jr., president of the power company, said that a memorial plaque was to be unveiled at the power house of the development. Originally known as the Glenville development, the operations have been renamed in honor of Mr. Thorpe, former president of the company who died in early 1950 after serving as president for more than 20 years.

According to Mr. Archer, decision to rename the development in honor of his predecessor was made in view of Mr. Thorpe's long and active role in the development of the natural resources of the North Carolina mountain regions. "For more than a quarter of a century," Mr. Archer said, "J. E. S. Thorpe devoted himself to the development typifies the work he did so well. It is only proper, then,

that in recognition of his work we honor Mr. Thorpe in this manner."

Program for the ceremony as outlined by Mr. Archer, includes the unveiling of the plaque by John Forgrave Thorpe and Foster Brown Thorpe, Jr., of Wilton, Conn., grandsons of Mr. Thorpe. The invocation and benediction will be given by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin. Brief remarks are to be made by Mr. Archer, Frank L. Magee, vice-president and general production manager for the Aluminum Company of America, and Kenneth C. Royal, of the law firm Dwight, Royal, Harris, Koegel and Caske, of New York and Washington.

Among guests expected to be present are Mrs. Olivia B. Thorpe, of Franklin, wife of the late Mr. Thorpe; Foster B. Thorpe, his son; Mrs. Foster B. Thorpe; John F. Thorpe and Foster B. Thorpe, Jr., grandsons, all of Wilton, Conn.; and the Misses Nora and May Thorpe, sisters of the late Mr. Thorpe, of New York.

The ceremonies, to which the public is invited, are expected to begin at 11 a. m.

## 18 4-H Girls Model Own Handiwork In Dress Review

Eighteen 4-H girls modeled clothes, products of their own handiwork, at a county-wide 4-H dress review last Thursday afternoon at the Agricultural building.

The review was under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, assistant home agent, who awarded prizes to the 18 entries, and ribbons to the winners.

In the "school dress" feature Miss Carlene Sorrells won first place, Miss Nancy Cable, second, and Miss Nina Ann Norris, third.

Miss Betty Carpenter, Miss Myrtle Cabe, and Miss Margaret Johnson won first, second, and third places, respectively, in the "best dress" division. Miss Margaret Crawford won first place in "sports dress", and Miss Margaret Thomas first in 4-H uniform.

## Report Made On Schools For Negroes

Construction of a two-room school building here, to serve Negro children through the fourth or fifth grades, and transportation of all other Negro children to a central school at Sylva are among recommendations of a state committee which recently made a survey of the Negro school problem in Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties.

The report was read at Monday's meeting of this county's board of education, but no action was taken.

The small Negro population in this area makes schools for Negroes a problem, the report points out. The total Negro enrollments in the three counties are: Swain, 24, of which seven are in high school; Macon 87, of which 11 are in high school; and Jackson, 80, of which 12 are in high school.

The committee recommends that, since Swain county has a building adequate for its Negro elementary students, that county transport only its high school students to Sylva.

It proposes construction of a new Negro building at Sylva, of six classrooms (including a room for home economics), with

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## Brookshire Is Named To S. C. Housing Post

J. Clinton Brookshire has accepted a U. S. government position as assistant housing manager at the hydrogen bomb plant project near Aiken, S. C., and has reported for work there.

Mr. Brookshire formerly was Macon clerk of superior court. His family will remain at their home in the Cartoogechaye community, for the present.

## CLUB NAMES COMMITTEES

### Garden Group Will Erect Memorial Marker; Plan Flower Show Aug. 25

Committees for the year were announced, a tentative date was set for the annual flower show, and it was announced that a memorial highway sign has been received, at Monday's meeting of the Franklin Garden club, held at the Slagle Memorial.

The big highway sign, of cast aluminum, is in memory of men who lost their lives in World War 2 and is to be erected by the club's beautification committee at some point on Highway 64. The project is a part of the beautification of that highway by the State Highway commission, in cooperation with the club.

The flower show committee announced that August 25 is the date tentatively selected for the club's flower show this summer. Details will be made public at the meeting in August, the committee said.

Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., the new president, announced the club committees for the year as follows:

Program: Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr., Mrs. Ted Reber, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr., Mrs. John B. Maitland, Mrs. J. L. West, III, and Mrs. W. D. Shuford.

Ways and Means: Mrs. Roy M. Biddle, Mrs. Allen Siler, Mrs. Paul H. Russell, Mrs. John B. Maitland, Mrs. J. A. Cook, Mrs. Gus Leach, and Mrs. R. F. Hemphill.

Publicity: Miss Laura M. Jones, Mrs. Weimar Jones, and Mrs. Lester Conley.

Membership: Mrs. Harmon H. Gruse, Jr., and Mrs. J. Roane Bradley.

Beautification: Mrs. R. G. Lichtenstein, Mrs. E. S. Purdom, Mrs. Frank Higdon, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Mrs. A. R. Higdon, Miss Gladys Sellers, Mrs. John W. Kahn, Mrs. Allan Brooks, Mrs.

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## Weekly Services Being Conducted At St. John's

Summer worship services are being held each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the St. John's Episcopal church on Cartoogechaye, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, pastor, announced this week.

Mr. Morgan also announced plans for a vacation Bible school at the church in August. Students from the Southern Rural Church institute in Valle Crucis will assist with the school.

## WILL SHOW MOVIE

A religious movie, "Crossroads", will be shown at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor, has announced.

The film should be of interest to parents as well as young people, Mr. Murray said. The public is invited to attend.

## 'BIGGEST 4TH' PROGRAM HELD, DESPITE RAIN

### Boy Scouts' Float Wins; Miss Katrina Cochran Is Crowned 'Queen'

Early yesterday (Wednesday) morning the prospects of a "glorious Fourth" of July celebration here were damper than the inside of a fisherman's shoe—but Old Man Weather cut off the rain in time for Macon County to start off with what later probably will be termed "the biggest Fourth celebration ever held here."

The Mardi-Gras-like parade, slightly behind schedule, displayed colorful pageantry and drew two thousand Macon folk lined the streets of downtown Franklin to cheer the show.

The Boy Scout float was awarded first prize by the judges, and runner-up honors went to the Ch dreu show's "old fashioned bathing beauty" entry.

"Who says Macon County hasn't got beauties?" B. L. McGlamery, July 4 committee chairman, said as the bathing beauty contest, the first feature of the field events at the athletic field, started.

The winner, who was crowned "Queen of the Fourth" at the V. F. W. Square dance last night, was Miss Katrina Cochran, sponsored by the Franklin Junior Woman's club. Second place went to Miss Ann Blaine, Belk's Department store entry. Miss Palma Fouts, sponsored by Mason's Feed and Grocery, received honorable mention.

Although the athletic field was ankle-deep in mud, contestants in the various races removed their shoes and the show went on. At 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon some 150 boys were still trying to get the best of the greasy pole, with \$5 on its top.

## Youth Admits Rifling Gas Station Safe

A 19-year-old Gneiss youth has admitted rifling an open wall safe in Lee Poindexter's service station early Saturday night, and \$144 of a missing \$250 has been recovered.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas identified the boy as Richard Crane and said he is being held in the county jail without bond.

Crane was arrested at his home early Sunday morning after attendants at Poindexter's station told officers he had been seen entering the station just before the money was missed. According to the sheriff, Crane had \$144 on him when arrested, and later confessed to the robbery.

Mr. Poindexter missed the money about 7 o'clock when he went to his safe to cash a check. He said about \$40 in small bills was left in the safe, probably to conceal the fact that the larger denominations had been taken. The station owner said about \$250 was taken.

## Will Send Macon 4-H Members To Raleigh

Plans are now being made to send 4-H clubbers in Macon County to the annual 4-H Club Week, slated to be held in Raleigh July 23 through July 28, Assistant Agents T. H. Fagg and Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt announced this week.

The number of club members planning to attend will be announced later, they said.

## Col. Sloan Is Ordered To Fly To Duty In Korea

Lt. Col. George B. Sloan, native of Franklin, has been ordered to proceed immediately from Fort Riley, Kans., to Korea, by air, it has been learned here. Col. Sloan is the son of W. N. Sloan, of Franklin.

## SUMMER SERVICES

Services during the summer months at the St. John's church on Cartoogechaye will be held each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

## 58 Here Have Enlisted In Armed Forces Since Jan. 1

The local army and air force recruiter announced this week that 58 Macon County men have joined up for duty through the local office since the first of the year.

Of that number, Cpl. Clay Hensley said 39 men enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and 19 in the U. S. Army.

The latest enlistee, Lee Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Oliver, of Franklin, Route 3, signed up for duty in the air force Tuesday and will report to Charlotte today (Thursday) for final entrance examinations.

The recruiter is in Franklin Tuesday of each week at Angel's Drug store.

## TAX RATE HERE SECOND LOWEST IN THIS AREA

### McDowell Only W. N. C. County With Lower Levy Than Macon

Macon's county-wide tax rate of \$1.10 is the second lowest in Western North Carolina.

This is shown by figures compiled by the N. C. Citizens association, with headquarters in Raleigh, for the 1950 tax year.

The only mountain county with a lower tax rate last year was McDowell, where the levy was \$1 on the \$100 property valuation.

Graham county, which also had a levy of \$1.10, was tied with Macon for second place in the mountain region.

The highest rate among the 19 mountain counties was \$2.10 in Polk.

The 1950 levies in other counties in this western part of the state were:

Ash, \$1.34; Avery, \$1.98; Buncombe, \$1.25; Cherokee, \$1.42; Clay, \$1.50; Haywood, \$1.50; Henderson, \$1.25; Jackson, \$1.53; Madison, \$1.29; Mitchell, \$1.82; Rutherford, \$1.70; Swain, \$1.70; Transylvania, \$1.55; Watauga, \$1.25; and Yancey, \$1.80.

Of the state, county-wide tax levies ranged last year from 50 cents in Durham and Forsyth, in the Piedmont, to \$2.15 in Hyde, in the far east.

On a state-wide basis, Macon was about a third of the way down the list. Thirty-five among North Carolina's 100 counties had lower tax rates than Macon.

Those 35 low-tax rate counties, scattered throughout the state, were:

Alamance, Beaufort, Bertie, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Lincoln, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Nash, New Hanover, Orange, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Surry, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Yadkin.

## Grants Burrell Permit To Construct Building

The National Production authority has approved a construction permit submitted by W. C. Burrell, of Franklin, for the erection of a restaurant and office building, a release from the agency stated.

Estimated cost for the erection of the structure is \$24,050.

## Commissioners Defer Action On Budget, Tax

The board of county commissioners, at a regular meeting Monday morning, postponed action on the 1951-52 county budget, in the absence of Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, who was out of town. Members indicated that the budget would be taken up at the next meeting, July 16.

## TURN 'EM IN

Members of the Franklin band are requested to turn in their uniforms at the Quality shop this week so they can be cleaned, moth-proofed, and stored for the summer.

## PLAN SUNDAY SING

The second Sunday sing of the Macon County singing convention will be held at the Galvary church Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, Ralph McClure, secretary, announced this week.

## BOARD ADOPTS TOWN BUDGET OF \$102,221

### Tax Rate Of \$1.10 Will Remain Same; Study Water Problem

The 1951-52 budget for the Town of Franklin is \$102,221.12, an increase of \$10,506.12 over last year's budget. The tax rate will be the same as last year, \$1.10 per hundred.

The budget was adopted by the board of aldermen Monday night in regular session and lasted into Tuesday morning. Franklin's water situation, the budget, and a number of other matters kept the board busy until adjournment at 12:15 a. m.

Submitted for approval to the town governmental body by the budget committee, the budget estimate provides for the addition of a third policeman to the force, and approximately \$9,000 is earmarked for use when the board takes positive action toward easing the town's rapidly diminishing water supply.

According to Alderman Verlon Swafford, chairman of the budget committee, receipts from the Powell bill, estimated at \$7,000, will in part help the town to carry the heavier budget this year. Property valuation showed an increase of approximately \$90,000. Last year the valuation was \$2,419,600, as compared with \$2,505,550 this year.

Of the \$1.10 tax levy, 74 cents goes into the general fund and 36 cents to debt service. The committee estimated that approximately \$27,761 will be raised by the tax levy.

Other estimates of receipts included in the budget are as follows:

Nantahala Power and Light company bonds and interest, \$16,420.

Privilege tax, \$1,625. Mayor's court and fines, \$800. Water rentals, \$20,000. Parking meter funds, \$4,500. Cash on hand, \$4,032.37. Sinking fund assets, \$10,000. N. C. intangible tax, \$900. N. C. franchise tax, \$1,200.

Following are the budget estimates for each unit: Debt service, \$34,785; general fund, \$8,418.23; police department, \$8,045; fire department, \$1,440; water department, \$22,222.17; and street department, \$19,735.72. Uncollected taxes were estimated at \$8,000.

F. B. Medford, vice-president of the J. B. McCrary Engineering corporation in Atlanta, Ga., appeared before the board with a proposition from his company to investigate Franklin's water situation. Mr. Medford said his company would investigate the causes behind the water shortage and design and oversee the construction of any type of water system the board might choose to install, wells, filtration plant on the Tennessee river, or a water shed. His company's fee, he said, would be seven per cent of the actual cost of putting in the system.

According to Mr. Medford, a filtration plant on the river, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day, would cost about \$75,000. He based his estimate

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## Highlands Board To Act On Budget, Levy Tonight

The Highlands board of commissioners Monday night discussed the 1951-52 budget for the Town of Highlands, but deferred final action until a called meeting tonight (Thursday). At that time, a budget is expected to be adopted and the tax rate set.

## The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coverts Experiment station.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	87	57	22
Thursday	89	61	....
Friday	87	62	trace
Saturday	74	62	1.09
Sunday	82	62	.32
Monday	74	64	.37
Tuesday	79	60	.11
Wednesday	85	54	..

## Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Stiles for TVA)  
Wednesday, .80; Thursday, .02; Friday, none; Saturday, .79; Sunday, .59; Monday, .07; Tuesday, .40; Wednesday, .34.