PRICE

Raby Announces

For Legislature

He Will Be Running

In special session Monday night at the courthouse, the

county executive committee picked Lee Barnard, of Frank-lin, to head the three-man

county elections board.
Fred S. Moore, of Franklin,

Route 1, and Walter Bryson, of

Highlands, were selected as

The committee's recommen-

dations have been forwarded to

Raleigh for approval by the State Board of Elections and

an answer from this body is ex-

pected some time early in

The special meeting of the

county committee was called

last week when Siler Slagle re-

signed as chairman of the local

Meanwhile, candidates for the

Democratic primary in May are unable to file and are marking

time until Mr. Barnard's ap-

Unofficially, several are now

in local races, including Sher-

iff J. Harry Thomas, Register of Deeds, Lake V. Shope, and

Jack Ragan, Franklin mortician,

J. M. (Jim) Raby is the first

to announce plans to run for

the House of Representatives

from this county. In a letter to

The Press, Mr. Raby said he

No one has yet indicated plans for entering the Clerk of

Superior Court, Surveyor, Com-

missioners, or Board of Educa-

Another man jumped into the

20th Judicial District solicitor

Waynesville attorney and som

of Judge Felix E. Alley, has

week and Grover D. Davis,

Waynesville attorney and a for-

mer solicitor, announced sever-

Two men have filed for state

senator for the 33rd Senatorial

District, who will come from Clay County this year. H. M.

Moore, who served in the Gen-

eral Assembly as Clay represen-tative from 1947 to 1951, was

At the present, he is opposed

by Tom J. Herbert, of Hayes-

first to file for the post.

al weeks ago.

several rumored candidates

pointment is approved.

for county coroner.

will be a candidate.

Elections and

members.

board.

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FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1954

REPAIR JOB STARTED ON **HIGHWAY 64**

State Tearing Out Seven-Mile Stretch From Gneiss To Falls

An extensive repair project on US 64 (Franklin-Highlands highway) from Gneiss to Bridal Veil Falls was started Monday morning by the State Highway Department and the main artery will be closed to throughtraffle during the day for at least four weeks.

The project entails the complete destruction of the present seven-mile stretch of blacktop, leveling and widening of the roadbed where the terrain permits, and new surfacing some time this summer, according to George Byrd, foreman of the local department.

Motorists traveling between Franklin and Highlands during (south) and NC 106, near the N. C.-Ga. state line.

Mr. Byrd said the highway will be open to through-traffic at night, "but it will be slow traveling". He recommended He recommended that motorists use the detour until the project is completed.

Weather permitting, the job should be completed in about four weeks, the foreman said But even then, the section will be unpayed, since cold weather will prevent immediate surfac-

The project starts at Gneiss where the concrete highway from Franklin ends. The blacktop from this point on to the falls has been warped and cracked by heavy travel and

NANTAHALA WANTS ROAD

Citizens Organize League To Push For Proposed Highway

Citizens of the Nantahala Community, weary of waiting state conventions. for the state to build a paved road into their area, have formed the "Nantahala Improvement League" and have set their sights on an all-weather

At a meeting following a session of the Nantahala P. T. A. last Thursday night, the citizens organized the league and immediately set their objective-a highway into the community before the 1954-55 school retary.

paving of the present Wayah

Road into the community already have been allocated on January through November 1 ready have been allocated and January through November. SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12

This Story You Are Preparing E. WILLIAMS To Read Is True-Even Names HEADS MACON

The story you are about to ing to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas

to give you factual reporting and apparently cut cross-coun-(just tryin' to get the facts, try. Arthur Ray and his blood-Mam!)

It's Monday night about 10:30. Edgar Angel, Franklin physician, is driving toward



the man is standing. He jumps out of his car, grabs the man and searches him (finds two knives), and orders him into his car.

The doctor drives the man to the Macon Prison Camp-and the day must detour on US 23 for a good reason. His passenger is Will Henson, about 60, who escaped earlier in the day from a road gang on Riverview Road.

End of story-almost,

Henson, of the Hanging Dog section of Cherokee County, is

ead is true.

He broke from the road gang
Even the names are the same about 11 o'clock in the morning hounds were called in to track the escapee, but the hounds

> section. Figuring that the prisoner, who is crippled in one leg, would come out on the highway during the night and try to hitch a ride out of the county, Sheriff Thomas, guards from the prison camp, and other officers threw up a cordon around the area and waited for him to brief meeting of the local unit appear. Sheriff Thomas and H. T. Ferguson searched cars and alerted residents in the Cartoogechaye, Wayah, and Rainbow Springs sections, while Deputy Newell Pendergrass pa-trolled the highway.

But Dr. Angel's many visits to the prison camp in the capacity of camp doctor paid off. He said he recognized the prisoner immediately "and just moved in on him fast before he knew what was happening.

In an interview, Sheriff Thomas praised the doctor's alertness, commenting "we certainly appreciate Dr. Angel's cooperation . . . too many citizens would serving a life sentence for the have just gone on and forgotmurder of his nephew, accord- ten they saw the man.'

Raleigh Specialists Coming Here For Three-Day School For Farmers

turns

Republicans Set Meet Wednesday

The local Republican party has announced plans for holding an organizational meeting lines-will cover subjects rangnext Wednesday afternoon at the county courthouse.

Chairman George Reece said highlights of the session, which is set for 2 o'clock, will include the election of a new chairman and the appointment of delegates to the congressional and

Survey Feels **Out Merchants**

reactivated Franklin Merchants Association has completed a survey to feel out the business habits of its members, according to Mrs. Lasca E. Horslev. Chamber of Commerce sec-

Following are the results:

a holiday fall on Sunday.

Want To Get Married?



-Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Macon's proximity to a quick-marriage state (South Carolina) robs it of its share of brides. In 1953, only 48 marriage licenses were issued by the register of deeds. But, in case any-one (or two) would like to take a chance on Macon, Mrs. Mary Etta Keener (2,bove), secretary to the register of deeds, is ready to fill out a license.

A host of extension service officials from N. C. State College in Raleigh will converge on Macon County Monday morning as a a three-day Farmers' School" opens at the Agricultural Building.

More than 20 men-all spe cialists in various agricultural ing from fertilizer to farm management during the three days, according to Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg.

Farm families attending the school face a heavy, but highly informative, agenda, Classes will run from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily, with an hour for lunch.

Monday's schedule lists such topics as fertilizer, economics of fertilizer, weed control, and agricultural engineering. cialists discussing the subjects will include Dr. E. R. Collins, M. S. Williams, W. G. Westmoreland, R. M. Ritchie, and

Tobacco, farm management, animal husbandry, forage crops, and forage crop diseases will be taken up Tuesday by Harold Nau, Roy Bennett, Dorris Brown, A. V. Allen, J. K. Butler, Jr.,

Sam Dobson, and J. C. Wells. the survey of the project was completed early last spring. The and will close Monday should specification of the project was and will close Monday should small fruit production, disease and insect control introduction. gardens and vegetables, and fruit and vegetable marketing will be covered. C. F. Parrish. W. G. Andrews, C. W. Williams, John Harris, H. M. Covington, Scott, A. A. Banadyga, T. T. Hatton, and George Abshire, are listed as speakers

The whole idea of the school, Mr. Fagg explained is to pass on to farm families the latest information available on the

various subjects.
Improved methods of production, better management, more latest controls for insects and inch line. diseases are essential to the farmer since the margin between production and sales has assistant agent added.

"Never before have we been able to secure the services of so many highly qualified persons to help you continue the rapid progress yo are making in both farm and home. This school is a 'must' for every

Need Tax Help? State Man Here

Needing help with state in-

A representative of the N. C. Department of Revenue arrived here yesterday (Wednesday) and will be here through today at the county courthouse to give assistance to taxpayers in

lin the 15th.

N.C.E.A. UNIT

Shearouse, Angel Also Elected To Offices At Meet

lost the scent in the Bird Cove Edwin T. Williams, teacher at Franklin High School, is the new president of the Macon unit of the North Carolina Education Association for the year 1954-55.

Mr. Williams, who succeeds Otto Principal E. G. Crawford, elected to the post at a



Mr. Williams

last Thursday afternoon at East Franklin School following a county-wide teacher meeting. Highlands Principal F. N.

Franklin High teacher, went into the secretary post.

At the teacher meeting, Dr. Arnold Hoffman, of Raleigh, head of the state music department, was guest speaker. He emphasized the importance of music in school recreation programs and suggested the continued advancement of rhythmic activities.

Dr. Hoffman and Miss Doris Kimel, state music supervisor were here last week assisting Miss Alice Weaver, county music supervisor, with the music program in the county schools.

Miss Kimel met with teachers at each school and also addressed a special meeting of home demonstration club women Friday morning at the Agricultural Building.

Project Will Give Residents Better Water Pressure

Replacement of 1,700 feet of water line on Franklin's Harrison Avenue to provide better water pressure to customers in the area was started Tuesday afternoon.

City workmen are ripping out the old four-inch line from the storage tanks to the intersecof Green and Harrison tion efficient marketing, and the and installing a larger eight-

The project was authorized by the board of aldermen several months ago after water users decreased in recent months, the living in the shadow of the storage tanks complained of low

The ditching contract was awarded to Phillips and Ward.

Band Boosters Plan Meeting Tonight To

A fund-raising campaign will be outlined tonight (Thursday) by the Franklin Band Boosters Club at the high school, it has been announced.

The meeting is set for 7:30 o'clock and all representatives are urged to turn out.

Otto F.T.A. Marking

'Founder's Day' Tonight

Scout Fund **Drive Kicked** Off Monday

The annual Boy Scout fundraising campaign was kicked off here Monday morning by adult Scouters who hope to raise \$1,-300 to further the movement in Macon County.

Campaign plans were mapped Sunday afternoon at a special meeting at the Franklin Meth-

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., fund chairman for the county, explained Monday that the assigned quota for the county is \$1,000, but it is hoped that an additional \$300 will be raised for the services of a summer worker in the county. If the extra amount is raised, Mr. Gnuse said, the Scouters plan to hire Eagle Scout Ben Edwards to promote and assist with scout work in the county.

Last year's quota for Macon was \$700, but increased interest in the county makes it necessary to raise more money this the chairman explained. New troops have been formed at Carson Chapel and Cartoogechaye and the Highlands troop and the Franklin Cub Pack have been reactivated in recent "This means that we have al-

The Smoky Mountain District quota also is higher this year (\$2,600) because a full-time field worker for the western area has been hired, he added, Those assisting with the local

R. E. McKelvey, W. D. Simpson, the Rev. C. E. Murray, B. B. Scott, E. G. Crawford, John Bulgin, H. A. Wilhide, Edd Whitak-Shearouse was elected vice-president and Jack Angel, Paul West, and Hunter Callowav

Other men are now being ganized Saturday

Barnard Nominated For Elections Post

Being Closed

most twice as many Scouts this year as last", Mr. Gnuse pointed out, "and it's important that we provide the money to stimulate growth in the movement.

campaign include R. R. Gaines,

contacted to help with the campaign, he said.

Persons not contacted for donations may leave them with dent; Mr. Calloway at the Nantahala dent; June Cabe, se Power and Light Company of- Konda Teague, reporter fice in Franklin

Post Offices

The small Cullasaja and Ellijay Post Offices in this county are to be closed February 28 by the U. S. Post Office Department and a new rural route formed to serve patrons in the two areas, it was learned this week.

Cullasaja Star Route also will be discontinued, according to local post office offi-

The new rural carrier route will be Route 5, Franklin. The two 4th class offices

probably are among the oldest small offices in the county. Just how old they are isn't known, but oldtimers report "they were here long before I was.'

Sunday, Mrs. C. T. Bryson will mark 32 years as post-master of the Cullasaja office. which is housed at Bryson's Store on the Franklin-Highlands highway (US 64).

Grady Henry is postmaster at Ellijay.

The two offices will join a string of others that have bowed to the more efficient rural carrier system, among being Tellico, Stiles, Etna, Iotla, and Leatherman.

4-H CHORAL

The Macon County 4-H choral group, under the direction of Mrs. Jessie Lee Cabe and Mrs. race this week. Gene lalley, Roy F. Cunningham, was or-

The group elected the follow- filed. Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, ing officers for the coming Jr., of Bryson City, filed last Barbara Waldroop, presi-Patsy Cabe, vice-presi-June Cabe, secretary;

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Workers Now Planning For Opening Of Red Cross Fund Drive March 1

cil, this year's rural campaign ganization. will be conducted by the 21 communities entered in the rur- of the Highlands campaign

Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, A.R.C. munities, the secretary

and a larger percentage of the of its quota.

Volunteer workers this week amount will remain in the started laying the foundation county county this year. In for the county-wide kickoff of 1953, she explained, 39.2 per the 1954 American Red Cross cent of the quota was earmarkfund drive on March 1.

With the endorsement of 47.1 per cent will stay in the Walter Taylor, president of the county. The balance of funds county rural community coun- raised goes to the national or-

al development contest. and Franklin's will be conduct-Campaigns in the county's ed under the leadership of Lake

two towns—Franklin and High-lands—will be handled by vol-unteer workers, according to to presidents of the 21 comchapter secretary.

Macon's quota has been set at \$3,000. Mrs. McCollum said, push the county over the top

gunization.
W. R. Potts will be in charge UNDER WAY Students Will Take Over Governments

> Hot elections are being waged in Macon schools this week as students prepare to take over county and town governments for a day next Friday. This experiment in govern-

Here Next Friday

ment is designed to acquaint students with politics and pub-lic service and is being sponsored by the Franklin Jaycees For several weeks now, party organization and electioneering has been going on in all schools.

Posts in Franklin and Highlands will be filled by students from the high schools in the two towns. Elementary schools are electing student county commissioners, and other county officers are being filled by Nantahala School, which has held its election. Joan Solesbee was elected by Nantahala students to a county commissioner post, Mitchel Grant as Sheriff, Juanita Passmore as Clerk of Court, and J. D. Owenby as Register of Deeds.

G. A. Jones, Jr., chairman of the Jaycee project, said offic-ers of the other school will be announced next week as soon as elections end.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as corded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, . S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta COWEETA

Temperatures High Low Rain

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Wednesday	71	25	
Thursday	53	37	****
Friday	46	17	.11
Saturday	48	18	7110
Sunday	64	25	****
Monday	-	11	
Tuesday	64	46	
(1/5) www.			

Tellico Man Draws No Line

-Staff Photo by J. P. Brad

Frank Rogers, of the Tellico Community, doesn't draw line between his work and his hobby. For him it's woodworking right down the line. Mr. Rogers works for a wood turning outgive assistance to taxpayers in filing state returns.

This representative also plans to return here March 9 for a final round before the dead
The late the county continues to a work in give assistance to taxpayers in filing state returns.

"Founder's Day" will be observed tonight (Thursday) by the Otto P. T. A. at its regular monthly meeting at the school final round before the dead
The late the county continues to a work in give and at the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the ash tray at the side are also products of his handiwork. And his hobby has its merits too. He's sold a number of stillers and its always work to have the continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and — you guessed it — continues working with wood. Above he is pictured turning out a hand-made lamp. The finished bowl on the table and the end of the day he returns home and the picture has a supplied to the picture and the picture and the picture and of articles and is always ready to build things on special order.