

## TEMPO RISES FOR PRIMARY RACES HERE

Filing Deadline April 17; Four Incumbents File

The political tempo of the May 29 Democratic primary rose this week with the filing of four incumbents.

Filing deadline is April 17. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Register of Deeds Lake V. Shope both tossed their hats into the ring Monday.

Miss Kate McGee, clerk of superior court, who previously said she would not seek re-nomination, made rumors that she would run again official Monday by filing with Elections Chairman Lee Barnard.

Incumbent Claude Cabe, of Otto, also became the first to file for the five-member Board of Education.

The local race for nomination to the state House of Representatives still was a one man race as of Wednesday noon. C. Banks Finger, Franklin attorney, announced last week along with C. Jack Ragan, Franklin mortician, who is seeking nomination as county coroner.

J. M. (Jim) Baby, sergeant-at-arms in the 1953 General Assembly, and one of several rumored aspirants for the house seat, put himself out of the race with a statement: "Owing to the condition of my health, I feel that I will be unable to spend the time and energy necessary to make the race in the primary and the general election in the fall. The field is open, go to it, boys!"

District, state, and national races for the primary will be covered in full at the end of the filing deadline.

## Jaycees Pick G. McSween As President

Members of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night named Dr. G. R. McSween, local chiropractor, to head their organization for 1954-55.

Vic Perry is the out-going president.

Others named to serve with Dr. McSween, who was picked as "Young Man of the Year" here in 1952, include John Cogán, 1st vice president; Lewis SEE NO. 1, PAGE 6

## Young's Father Shot To Death By Warden

Charles Young, 47, farmer-lumberman of Bakersville, who was shot to death by a game warden in Bakersville Monday, was the father of Maurice Young, a state highway employee connected with the resident engineer's office in Franklin.

Officers are holding Wall Ellis for the slaying.

## Sylva Outfit Low Bidder For Center

W. B. Dillard Construction Company, Sylva, was low bidder as general contractor for construction of the proposed Macon County Health Center.

A total of 17 bids were opened by the Board of County Commissioners last Thursday. The bids are now subject to the approval of the Medical Care Commission, a state agency jointly financing the center with the county.

The fully equipped building will cost \$29,181.25, with the county's share of the amount coming to roughly \$6,000 under an agreement with the commission, according to Lake V. Shope, secretary to the county board.

Bruce K. Jones, architect with the commission, was here for the review of bids and Mr. Shope reported he said he was confident the bids would meet with the approval of the commission.

The Dillard outfit, the general contractor for Macon's recent million dollar school building program, submitted a low bid of \$17,400.

C. E. Holder, of Andrews, was low in plumbing and heating with \$2,050 and \$1,845, respectively.

A Franklin man, James P. Wurst, was low bidder for the electrical work with \$1,945.

The difference between the \$23,240 total of all the bids and the \$29,181.25 will be used to equip the building, which will go up on Riverview Street on land donated by Dr. Edgar Angel.

Construction is expected to start as soon as approval is received from the commission, Mr. Shope said.

## POTTS HEADS ROTARY CLUB

Highlands Conducts Annual Election; Take Over July 1

C. C. Potts is the new president of the Highlands Rotary Club for 1954-55.

At its annual election Tuesday night of last week, the club elected the Rev. Robert E. Early, outgoing president, vice-president; Stacy C. Russell, (re-elected) secretary; and Leslie G. Misener, treasurer.

Along with the above officers, A. L. Chalker, C. E. Mitchell, and Frank B. Cook were elected to the board of directors. The new officers will take over their duties July 1.

### TAX AGENT ARRIVES

Jack H. Powell, of Asheville, federal internal revenue agent, has been assigned to this area and reported to the Franklin office this week. He and Agent G. L. Forrester, who arrived in March, will work the five western counties. Mr. Powell is living in the Tippett home on Patton Avenue.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Practice what you preach is the byword of Mayor W. C. Burrell (right) and Alderman Verlon Swafford (center) follows his lead, as Prelo J. Dryman, chairman of the Lions Club broom sale, gives his approval. The mayor proclaimed "Clean-Up Week" in Franklin the week of April 12-17, in conjunction with the broom sale. Chairman Dryman just happened to have a couple of sweeping tools ready for the two town officials.

## Broom Sale And Clean-Up Kick-Off Slated Monday

Members of the Franklin Lions Club will kick-off their annual broom sale Monday in conjunction with the opening of "Clean-Up Week", proclaimed by Mayor W. C. Burrell.

Prelo J. Dryman, sale chairman, said Lions will conduct an intensive one-day drive in town and will then pin-point their salesmanship on the rural communities.

Money raised from the brooms—made by blind workers in Greensboro—is earmarked for work among the blind in this county, the chairman said.

Monday, Mayor Burrell issued a proclamation terming the week of April 12-17 as the time for citizens to "fix-up, clean up, and paint-up."

Town garbage trucks will be on-call during the week to haul away rubbish. Residents wanting this service may telephone 38.

Lions have 65 dozen brooms on hand for the opening sale and the chairman said more will be ordered if a sell-out is anticipated.

Sales in the rural communities will be worked through the community development program, Mr. Dryman explained, and through May Lions will attend each community meeting.

"Since most of our organization's blind work is conducted in the rural areas", he declared, "we decided to put special emphasis on this phase of the sale."

In 1953, more than \$800 was expended here, including the purchase of glasses for 30 school children, he added.

Mr. Dryman is being assisted by Dr. J. L. Hill and Lake V. Shope.

## BOARD TALKS HALL AGAIN

Aldermen Now Favor Duncan Sub-Division As Building Site

Franklin's proposed city hall received another airing Monday night at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen and the site apparently has now shifted to the Duncan sub-division at West Main and US 23.

Previously, aldermen had favored utilizing the present fire house and property at Church and Iotla Streets. However, the board seemed of the opinion Monday night that the property is not large enough.

Instead, the likely site, as the aldermen see it, is the upper corner of the Duncan sub-division (old Baptist property). They projected a two-story city hall to house the town offices, fire department, and other equipment.

"To at least get started", the board followed Mayor W. C. Burrell's suggestion to have H. H. Plimmons draw a set of preliminary plans for presentation at the May meeting.

Mounting costs of maintaining the volunteer fire department were discussed, with special emphasis on the unreimbursement. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 6

## Principal Quits

The resignation of Warren H. Deymond as principal of Nantahala School was announced yesterday (Wednesday) by School Supt. Holland McSwain.

His resignation is effective at the end of the current school year.

Mr. McSwain said Mr. Deymond, who has headed the school for the past three years, plans to return to his home in Massachusetts.

## 4 Looters' Trials Headline Criminal Docket For Court

### TROUT ANGLERS HIT STREAMS

Good Catches Made Opening Day; Area Open Dates Listed

Monday's opening of the trout season found hundreds of agile anglers getting their feet wet along Macon's many streams.

Unconfirmed reports have it that most of them got their limit on the opening day. High water Tuesday cut the appetites of the fish, but the streams were still lined with fishermen hoping for a good catch.

Twenty-two anglers registered for the opening at the Wayah Wildlife Management Area and when the sun dropped their creels held 89 rainbow and 91 brook trout—an average of a little more than eight per man.

Opening day results were not available from the Standing Indian area.

With a rod and reel as a prize, a group of Franklin High students including two girls, went after trout Monday afternoon and brought back good catches.

Winner of the rod and reel was Ray Williams, who landed a 16 1/4-inch brown with a red worm. Max Holland was second with a 15 1/2-inch brown, and Jarrett Ledford copped third with a 14-inch brown.

The girl anglers, both of whom brought in sizable trout, were Evelyn Brown and Lois Houston. Others taking part in the contest, sponsored by the Boys Council, were Bill Waldroop, Gene Mashburn, Frank Nolen, Gene McCall, Doyle Clark, Kenneth Tal- lent, Glen Sanders, Harold Kimsey, and Max Cabe.

In county waters, the Rev. Jarvis Underwood, pastor of the Oak Grove and Higdonville Baptist Churches, caught a 19-inch brown on a red worm Tuesday morning in Ellijay Creek near the Higdonville Church.

Trout fishing this year costs a little more than last, with the special trout license as an added fee. The special license costs \$1.10 and a daily permit in the wildlife management areas \$1.

The streams of the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory are closed to fishing at all times.

Open dates in the Wayah and Standing Indian areas are as follows:

April: 10-11, 14, 17-18, 21, 24-25, 28.  
May: 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12, 15-16, 19, 22-23, 26, 29-30.  
June: 2, 5-6, 9, 12-13, 16, 19-20, 23, 26-27, 30.

July: 3-4, 7, 10-11, 14, 17-18, 21, 24-25, 28, 31.  
August: 1, 4, 7-8, 11, 14-15, 18, 21-22, 25, 28-29.

### F. T. A. TO MEET

A short Easter program by school children will feature a meeting of the Coweeta F. T. A. tonight (Thursday) at the school. The meeting is set for 7:30 o'clock.

Trials of four Transylvania County men responsible for looting 12 summer homes in the Highlands area will headline the criminal docket when the April term of Superior Court opens here Monday morning.

The four men—Herbert Hoover Volrath, 25, Jimmy Volrath, 21, Ray McCall, 21, and Ernest Fisher, 18—will be brought before Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, on 12 charges each of larceny and breaking and entering.

All are members of an alleged organized theft ring that expanded its operations over seven counties in North and South Carolina earlier in the year. Officers of the seven counties and two states smashed the ring in a surprise raid February 18 near Brevard and recovered most of the stolen property.

For the Volraths and McCall, their trials here put them another step closer to prison. The three received stiff sentences last week in Brevard for robberies in that area.

Paul Barnes, 20, also of Transylvania, the fifth member of the rings, is not charged here.

The Volraths are in custody in Waynesville and will be moved here under guard for trial, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas. McCall and Fisher are in the county jail here.

From all indications, the criminal docket for the term is going to be one of the largest in recent years. Through Monday afternoon more than 150 cases—the majority motor vehicles violations—had been docketed, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court.

Those charged on the docket with drunk driving include Lester B. Chappel, Henderson Hayes, Lester L. Arnold, Harold Martin, Arthur D. Hayes (also carrying concealed weapon), James Daves Tallent, Charles H. Ledford, Jimmie Holder, Ray Gibson, Paul H. Childers, Robert Warren Munger, Bobby Jack Reece (also reckless driving and speeding), Charles Kenneth Cloer, Bobby Lee Holcomb, Grover Eugene Crisp, Shirley Childers (also reckless driving, hit and run, falling to report an accident), Arthur O. Irby (also no driver's license, reckless driving, and manslaughter), Charles T. Tallent, Tives Wiley Canup (also no driver's license), Leslie Leroy Johnson, Charles Terrell Tallent, Clyde Thomas Burrell, Tom Chuck Sherlock, Grover Britt Reynolds (also improper brakes); Willie Mackey, William Robert Cabe, George Herman Harris, John W. McDowell (also no driver's license), Frank Baldwin, James Marvin Pickens, Robert Marion Harris (also speeding and no driver's license), Halen Dills, Howard Richard Hopkins, James Moody Younce, and David Joseph Watson.

Other cases slated for trial are: Rufus A. Askew, fraud; Earnest Bennett, non-support of illegitimate child; Jural Smith and Louise Hall, adultery; Shirley Walter Kerns, abandonment; Charlie William Paul, careless and reckless driving; Norman P. Fitzgerald, abandonment; J. D. Welch, resisting arrest; Clifford Alexander Fox, reckless driving, carrying concealed weapon; Zeb Buchanan, carrying concealed weapon; William Smalls, no driver's license, operating motor vehicle on borrowed license; Arthur Elijah, loaning driver's license and permitting another to operate motor vehicle on his license.

Quinton Benfield, speeding; George Lambert, violation of prohibition laws; Hoyt Reuben Watts, driving while driver's license revoked; O. H. Burnside, assault (two charges); William SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12

With other pastors of the area assisting, the Rev. John Buell, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church, will give the message at the Wayah service. Special recorded music and a loudspeaker system for outside broadcasting are being arranged by Frank Martin. Final details, including the time of the service, will be announced next week.

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With other pastors of the area assisting, the Rev. John Buell, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church, will give the message at the Whiteside service. The owners of the mountain have announced the toll road winding to the crest of the mountain will be open free of charge for the service, which is scheduled to begin at 5:24 a. m.—sunrise. Music over a public address system will begin at 5 o'clock and will continue until the service begins.

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## Pre-Easter Rites Set In Franklin

A pre-Easter revival series opens Sunday at the Franklin Methodist Church with several local ministers assisting the Rev. C. E. Murray with nightly services.

The week-long series, which will close April 16, is open to the public. Services are planned each night at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Murray will preach on the opening and closing nights. The Rev. W. N. Cook, retired Baptist preacher, will have charge Monday; the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Presbyterian pastor, Tuesday; Dr. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal rector, Wednesday; and the Rev. M. W. Chapman, Baptist pastor, Thursday.

In announcing the series, Mr. Murray also said his church will hold a Palm Sunday baptismal service at 4 p. m. Sunday (April 11).

## Highlands Honor Students



Miss Hopper



Miss James

Miss Sue Hopper and Miss Geraldine James have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian of Highlands High School, Class of 1954. The valedictorian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt McClure, the salutatorian the daughter of Mrs. Lawton James.



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Needles, Paper Work Now Past

It's an out-and-out case of welcoming overseas duty for Mrs. Lawrence Dotson and her two young boys.

They're on their way to join Sfc. Dotson, a veteran of 11 years' service with the army, who is stationed with the engineers in Toul, France.

Mrs. Dotson, the former Miss Hallie Cabe, of Holly Springs, and her boys, Robert, 3, and Harold, seven months, left here Tuesday for Fort Hamilton, N. Y., where they will receive sailing orders.

For the past several weeks, the France-bound Dotsons have been facing the business end of hypodermic needles and piles of forms and papers in preparation for their overseas jaunt. Of course, the boys weren't bothered with the paper work, but those needles!

The three were taken to New York by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corbin, who plan to spend a short vacation there before returning. Mrs. Corbin is Mrs. Dotson's sister.