



**A WATERLESS EAST FRANKLIN** — The large water main serving some 65 to 70 families in the East Franklin area was crushed by a bulldozer working on the Franklin-Cowee Gap highway project Friday morning with the result that residents spent some anxious hours until service was restored. Pictured above is the quagmire motorists have to contend with on the new construction when the broken main saturated the intersection of US 23 and 64. Some homes were without water for 26 hours.

## Water Main Breaks — East Franklin Thirsty And Dry

Some 65 to 70 families in the East Franklin area spent some thirty hours following a water main break at the intersection of US 64 and 23.

Seven homes were without water for about 26 hours before service could be restored, according to Water Superintendent Herman Childers. The rest sweated out some nine thirty hours.

The large main serving the area was crushed by a bulldozer working on the Franklin-Cowee Gap highway project about 10 a. m. Water customers faced some thirty hours and motorists a quagmire where the broken main saturated the dirt construction at the intersection.

Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey spent some anxious hours soothing the irate feelings of customers demanding first to know what happened and then what was going to be done and when. Mr. Ramsey reported "I received no less than 60 calls."

The Van Raalte hosiery plant managed to pull through the surprise dry spell without any loss of work hours, General Manager Norman Blaine reported. The town rushed its tank truck to the plant's rescue and kept the boilers fed so operations could continue.

Superintendent Childers reported service was restored to most homes by 7 p. m., but seven other families braved through dry pipes until noon Saturday.

The break in the main even left its mark across the river in the Bonny Crest and golf course sections. With the break, these two high ground areas were without water. However, pressure built back up when the broken main was blocked off for repair.

## Series Plans Under Way

Advance preparations for the annual interdenominational evangelistic series in Franklin this summer are now being made, including joint prayer meetings and pre-revival services by Macon ministers.

The series is set for June 28 to July 4 at the Friendship Tabernacle with Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., as guest evangelist. He also is the author of the yearly commentary on Sunday School lessons, "Broadman Comments". The pre-revival preaching services are scheduled the week of June 21-27; county-wide prayer meetings the night of June 16; and mass visitations to invite people to attend the series, June 20-27.

Joint choir rehearsals for the series will begin next month.

The following committees are working out the details of the series: Publicity—the Rev. M. W. Chapman, chairman, the Rev. Albert Gordon, and Mrs. Lester Conley; Music—the Rev. Bryan

## Franklin Native Gets Paper Post

H. G. Trotter, a native of Franklin and well-known Charlotte newspaperman, last Thursday was promoted to managing editor of the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Trotter, whose parents now live in West Asheville, has come up through the ranks since joining the Observer in 1929. He has served as reporter, financial editor, city editor, and news editor.

## COURT TERM SHUTS DOWN HERE TUESDAY

**Bigamist Receives 9-10 Years As Sink Finishes Dockets**

Two brief sessions Monday and Tuesday capped off the remaining cases on the criminal and civil dockets of the April term of Superior Court here and Judge H. Hoyle Sink has returned to his home in Greensboro.

Two full days (April 12-13) for the most part wrapped up the court term, but the judge used Monday and Tuesday to tie up the loose ends.

On the civil docket two divorces were granted and a property ownership dispute—A. A. Siler and wife, Lucille Siler vs. J. R. Parrish—was settled in favor of the plaintiffs on default.

In his two-day cleanup of the dockets, Judge Sink handed out the stiffest sentence of the term. William Chastain Shook, on trial for bigamy, entered a plea guilty and received nine to 10 years in prison.

Other criminal actions included:

Lloyd Burgess, drunk driving, 60 days.

Tives Wiley Canup, drunk driving, \$150 and costs.

Henderson Hayes, drunk driving, 90 days.

Wesley Shirley Belew, speeding, costs.

Donald Calvin Huscusson, speeding, costs.

Petit jurors for the term were Meldrum D. Cabe, Tom W. Stiles, D. J. Baldwin, Leslie Young, Ira Keener, Sherman McClure, Andy Lee Howard, Furman Welch, W. R. Cochran, Sam R. McCall, Elbert H. Hadden, Fred Cabe, George Keener, Jess H. Norton, and Frank Curtis.

## F.F.A. TEAMS IN JUDGING

**Boys Shooting For Repeat Performance In Murphy Event**

The Franklin Future Farmers of America livestock judging teams—last year's federation champs—were in Murphy yesterday (Wednesday) shooting for a repeat performance.

How the teams came out in competition with those from 14 other counties in the federation was not known at press time.

This year's beef judging team is composed of Lamar Houston, Gene Mashburn, Johnny Tippet, and Max Morgan, alternate.

Wayne Stewart, Jerry Sutton, Victor Teague, and Prealo Crawford, alternate, round out the dairy judging squad.

Vocational Agricultural Teacher Wayne Proffitt accompanied the boys.

After sweeping the field in the federation event last year, the teams were eliminated in the district finals in Asheville.

## 98 STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

**Franklin High School Honor Students Listed By Academic Committee**

The Academic Committee of Franklin High School has announced 98 students made the honor roll for the grading period just ended.

Names of the honor students, by grades, are listed below:

Ninth: Frances Anderson, Pauline Angel, Doris Bailey, Laura Baker, Mildred Burch, Lewis Cabe, Ellen Calloway, Sonja Chambers, Elizabeth Clark, Myra Crawford, Ruby Fox, Eva Greenwood, Sue Guffy, Evelyn Joines, Hazel McCall, Peggy Neal, Ruth Norton, Richard Patton, Jean Phillips, David Pollock, Frances Seay, Frank Smith, Donald Southards, Joan Thomas, Jim Tysinger, and Violet Welch.

Tenth: George Barrett, Wil-

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## 29 INDUCTED SINCE JAN. 1

**Board Sends 11 Men April 12; No Draft Call Up For May**

A draft contingent of 11 men, which left here Monday of last week for Knoxville, Tenn., and induction into the army, brought to 29 the number of Macon men drafted since the first of the year.

No induction call is planned in May, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, draft board secretary, but 15 men will report May 10 for pre-induction examinations.

Those making up last week's call were Richard Mashburn, of Franklin, Route 1, William Cresswell, of Highlands, Ray Vinson, of Otto, Paul Tallent, of Franklin, Route 3, Vernon Wilson, of Highlands, David L. Carpenter, of Franklin, Route 2, Claude Fouts, of Franklin, Route 3, Weyman Waldroop, of Franklin, Route 1, Leonard C. Vinson, of Otto, James E. Vanhook, of Franklin, Route 2, and Hubert E. Lackey, of Nantahala.

Six men were drafted by the local board in January and 12 in March.

## 20 Democrats In Primary Race; G.O.P. Issues November Slate

**P.T.A. Honors Come To Macon**

This county and this district won honors at the recent annual state P. T. A. convention in Raleigh, it was announced by Mrs. Weimar Jones, district director, on her return to Franklin the latter part of last week.

The Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher unit achieved the honor of becoming a standard association for the 1953-54 year. This is the second time a Macon County association ever has qualified for standardization, East Franklin having won that distinction last year.

Four of Macon's P. T. A.'s—Franklin, East Franklin, Cullasaja, and Cartoogechaye—will be awarded certificates for membership gains of 10 per cent or more.

These, and the standard certificate to Cartoogechaye, will be presented by Mrs. Jones at the May meetings of the four associations.

District No. 1, embracing Macon and 10 other mountain

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## Lennon's Managers

The headquarters of U. S. Sen. Alton A. Lennon Tuesday announced the appointments of Frank I. Murray, Sr., and Clyde N. West, as the senator's campaign managers in this county. Sen. Lennon, of Wilmington, was appointed by Gov. Umstead to serve out the unexpired term of the late Willis Smith. He is one of seven men seeking nomination in the May 29 Democratic primary.

## Scott Visitor

Former Gov. W. Kerr Scott rolled into Franklin early last night (Wednesday), pushing his campaign for nomination to the U. S. Senate in the May 29 Democratic primary.

Mr. Scott is currently conducting an intensive campaign through the western end of the state.

In his bid for the nomination, the former governor is opposed by six other men, including incumbent Sen. Alton A. Lennon, of Wilmington.

## New V. F. W. Officers



At a joint installation Wednesday night of last week, new officers of the local V. F. W. post and auxiliary were installed. They are (top picture) left to right, Robert Pearl, quartermaster, J. E. Jennings, three-year trustee, J. G. (Speck) Murray, junior vice-commander, Winton Perry, senior vice-commander, C. Jack Ragan, commander, and Weaver Shope, installing officer. Absent when the photograph was made were the Rev. R. D. Burnette, chaplain, Dr. G. R. McSwain, surgeon, and C. Banks Finger, advocate. Auxiliary officers are (bottom picture) front row: Mrs. Lucille Angel, installing officer, Mrs. Richard Slagle, three-year trustee, Mrs. Annie Laura Welch, treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, president, Mrs. Mildred Perry, junior vice-president, Mrs. Katherine Perry, senior vice-president; back row: Mrs. Ruth Williams, conductress, Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, out-going president, Mrs. Rachel Fagg, Mrs. Edith Reeves, guard, and Mrs. Marie Pearl, chaplain.

Macon's political sights are centered squarely on the May 29 Democratic primary and already undertones of the general election in November are pushing into prominence.

With Saturday's primary filing deadline, 20 Democrats were preparing to launch their campaigns for county offices.

Meanwhile, as the primary picture sharpened, Macon Republicans went into session Friday night at the courthouse and emerged with a partial slate of candidates to oppose the successful Democrats in the general election. As a rule, this party does not hold a primary, choosing instead a slate of candidates from the general election.

**Primary Rundown**  
Here's a rundown on the primary election:

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas will be seeking nomination for his second four-year term. He will be opposed by Charlie Curtis, a farmer of the Coweeta section.

Register of Deeds Lake V. Shope, now in his third four-year term, is unopposed in the primary, as is Miss Kate McGee, Clerk of Superior Court.

Incumbents W. E. (Gene) Baldwin and John Roane filed for renomination to the three-man Board of County Commissioners.

### GIBSON WITHDRAWS

Election Chairman Lee Barnard yesterday (Wednesday) announced the withdrawal of J. D. Gibson as a candidate for nomination to the Board of Education.

soners. The third member of the present board, W. W. Edwards, of Highlands did not file. Others seeking nomination in this race are C. C. Stamey, farmer and store operator on the Georgia highway, Wiley Brown, Franklin businessman, and Glenn Robinson, Franklin, taxi driver. Mr. Baldwin, board chairman, has been a commissioner since 1945 when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Gus Leach. Mr. Roane joined the board in 1946 to fill out the unexpired term of the late C. L. Blaine.

Three members of the present five-man Board of Education—Chairman, J. C. Sorrells, A. A. Siler, and Claude W. Cabe—are seeking renomination. Also in this race are Frank Plyler, Franklin businessman, John E. Smith, Nantahala Power and Light Company employee, J. D. Gibson, Cartoogechaye farmer, and Edd Duval, cattleman, of Franklin, Route 3. John M. Archer, Jr., of Franklin, and Neville Bryson, of Highlands, are the other two members of the present board.

A two-way race for nomination to the House of Representatives developed Saturday when G. L. Houk, Franklin attorney and former school superintendent, filed with Elections Board Chairman Lee Barnard. C. Banks Finger, also a Franklin attorney, filed several weeks ago.

Richard (Dick) Slagle, Cartoogechaye farmer and surveyor, and C. Jack Ragan, Franklin mortician, are both unopposed for county surveyor and county coroner, respectively.

### Republican Slate

The local G.O.P. has filed this ticket for the November election: L. B. Welch, of Cowee, former Franklin businessman, for Sheriff; Ralph Henson, Otto farmer, for Register of Deeds; J. L. Sanders, Union farmer, for Clerk of Court; H. S. Talley, Highlands businessman, for House of Representatives; Bryant McClure, of Otto, Glenn Ray, of Iotla, and J. C. Crisp, Franklin photographer, for Board of County Commissioners.

### Other Races

Out-of-county races in the

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## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Strickland, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	75	49	.13
Thursday	81	49	trace
Friday	75	57	.74
Saturday	58	39	.03
Sunday	30	31	...
Monday	80	37	...
Tuesday	79	39	...
COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	74	48	.25
Thursday	80	47	...
Friday	64	60	.22
Saturday	59	39	1.64
Sunday	78	30	...
Monday	77	37	...
Tuesday	77	40	...