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CLOSE ELECTION LOOMS

2 MACON MEN GET U. S. JOBS

John W. Edwards Appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal For District

Two Macon county men have received appointments during the past week to important government positions.

John W. Edwards, of Franklin, who has made a place for himself in the political picture by arduous work in the organization of Young People's Democratic clubs in this and other counties, was notified of his selection by U. S. Marshal Charles R. Price, of Charlotte, as a deputy marshal for the western district of North Carolina.

Mr. Edwards will serve temporarily in the place of Deputy Marshal N. L. Sutton, of Sylva, who has been critically ill for a number of weeks.

Oked by Reynolds

In announcing the appointment at Charlotte, Mr. Price said Mr. Edwards had been recommended by Senator Robert R. Reynolds.

For the past year and a half Mr. Edwards has been serving as manager of the Macon county office of the National Reemployment Service and has won much commendation from his superiors for his work in this capacity.

Mr. Edwards was the organizer and first president of the Young People's Democratic clubs of Macon county and last year was elected chairman of the Young Democratic organization for the 11th congressional district.

Mr. Edwards was sworn in office in the federal court at Asheville Tuesday. He is to assume his duties Monday of next week. His position will make it necessary for him to live in Bryson City. His family plans to remain here until the end of the present school session.

No announcement has been made as to who will succeed Mr. Edwards as manager of the reemployment office here.

Morrison Offered Job

James R. Morrison, of Iotla, chairman of the county board of elections, was the recipient of the other governmental appointment. He was notified of his selection as assistant supervisor of the agricultural census in the tenth and eleventh congressional districts. The appointment was made by the state census office at Charlotte on the recommendation of Congressman Zebulon Weaver. Dave Buck, of Bald Mountain, is the supervisor for the tenth and eleventh districts.

Scouts To Hold Court of Honor Monday

The Franklin troop of Boy Scouts will be host to the district court of honor Monday night of next week. Scouts from Sylva, Bryson City, the Cherokee Indian reservation and Andrews are expected to attend. A. W. Allen, scout executive from Asheville, also will be present.

Nine members of the local troop will be promoted to higher ranks or will be awarded merit badges at the court of honor. The troop also will give demonstrations of first aid work and semaphore signalling.

The court of honor will convene at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the Methodist church. The public is invited to attend and is assured an interesting and helpful evening. At 7:30 o'clock the executive committee of the Smoky Mountain district, will hold a meeting at the church.

Around Them Swirls the Drama of the Lindberg Case



Hauptmann



The Judge



PAS

FLEMINGTON, N. J. . . . Around these characters swing the most dramatic court scenes this nation has witnessed in years. It is the trial of Hauptmann on the charge of murdering the Lindbergh baby. Upper left are character studies of Bruno Richard Hauptmann. Upper right, is Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard, 71, who is presiding at the trial. Below, the Hunterdon County jury upon whose verdict rests the fate of Hauptmann.



The Jury

633 REGISTER FOR BOND VOTE

Water and Sewer Projects To Be Decided upon Tuesday

(A certified map showing the water main extensions proposed under the \$75,000 water improvement bonds to be voted upon next Tuesday will be found on Page 6.)

With the largest registration recorded in the history of the town of Franklin—633 when the books closed at sunset Saturday—a close contest loomed this week in next Tuesday's election to decide upon the issuance by the town of \$91,000 water and sewer improvement bonds.

Leaders among both proponents and opponents of the bond issue confidently predicted victory, while many on the sidelines shook their heads uncertainly and dared venture no other opinion than the outcome would be close.

More interest has been aroused in this election than any town election in recent years. This is indicated by the heavy registration. Only a few more than 500 voters were registered for the election of town officers in the spring of 1933 and only 434 votes were cast. This registration included the names of persons who had registered for previous elections. In the special election the same year upon the question of sale of the municipal power system to the Nantahala Power and Light company the registration was only 297.

Challenge Hearing Friday

A new registration was called for this election and a majority vote of those registered and held eligible to vote will be necessary for approval of the bonds. Four persons who registered already have withdrawn their names from the registration books, according to George Carpenter, the registrar, and 14 others have been challenged by opponents of the bond issue. These individuals have been notified to appear before the election judges—George A. Mashburn and J. S. Conley—in the town hall at 10 o'clock Friday morning for a hearing upon the challenges. Mr. Carpenter said a few registrants were challenged by proponents of the bonds Saturday night, but the challenges could not be considered because they had not been made before the books were closed at 6 p. m.

Vote on 2 Questions

The election will be held in the county courthouse, the polls opening at sunrise and closing at sunset. Two questions are to be decided upon—the issuance of \$75,500 water improvement bonds and \$15,500 sewer improvement bonds.

If issuance of the bonds is voted in Tuesday's election, they will be purchased at par by the Public Works Commission, which already has approved the projects and agreed to make an outright gift to the town of 30 per cent of the cost of materials and labor. The bonds are to be payable serially over a period of not less than 40 years and are to bear interest at the rate of four per cent.

Engineers have estimated that the sewer and water improvement projects will cost not more than \$116,000 and that the expense to the town, in view of the 30 per cent grant offered by the federal government, should not exceed \$88,000. The PWA, however, suggested that bonds be issued in the sum of \$91,000 to assure ample funds for completion of the projects.

Town Growing

Franklin has grown considerably since the 1930 census, judging by the heavy registration for next Tuesday's special election on the issuance of \$91,000 water and sewer improvement bonds.

A total of 633 persons registered to vote in this election.

"The last census," commented George Carpenter, the registrar, "gave Franklin a population of 1,096. If this registration is any indication, we must have a population now of nearly 1,800."

Sloan Improving; To See Farmers Saturday

F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, who has been ill for the past week with influenza, has requested the Press-Maconian to notify all farmers interested in buying lespedeza seed that he will probably be in his office in the courthouse Saturday to discuss the matter with them. If he has not recovered sufficiently by Saturday to be at his office, Mr. Sloan added, he will have someone else be on hand to represent him. Mr. Sloan became ill while returning from a business trip to Raleigh last week. He was reported improving Wednesday.

FOREST STAFF CHANGES MADE

Several changes have been made recently in the personnel of the Nantahala National Forest and are soon to become effective.

Grady Siler, Don Young and Zeke Byrd, all of whom have been connected with this forest for a number of years, are to be transferred to forests in other states. The transfers amount to promotions, it was stated at Nantahala forest headquarters.

A good-by party for the men will be given by forest service employees at Civilian Conservation Camp F-9 near Franklin Saturday night.

Mr. Young, ranger in the Franklin area, has been transferred to the Houston forest in Texas with headquarters at Crockett. He plans to leave for his new post the early part of next week. His successor will be J. W. Cooper, who formerly has been a forest project supervisor in the South Carolina area of this forest.

Grady Siler, superintendent of road construction in the Nantahala forest, is to be transferred February 1 to the Cherokee forest with

Confirmed

T. W. Porter, Sr., who has been serving for several months as postmaster for Franklin under a temporary appointment, was notified this morning of his permanent appointment to the post.

His appointment for four years was confirmed by the senate Wednesday, Mr. Porter was informed in a telegram from Senator J. W. Bailey and a letter from Senator Robert R. Reynolds. Both offered their congratulations.

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

It was not until the close of the sixth century that the New Testament was practically as it is now. At the beginning of the third century only the Gospels and a collection of Paul's Epistles were included.

headquarters at Athens, Tenn. His successor has not been announced.

Zeke Byrd, ranger in the Andrews area of the Nantahala forest, has been transferred to the Ouachita forest with headquarters at Hot Springs, Ark. Joseph L. Bernier, formerly assistant ranger in the Mount Mitchell district of the Pisgah forest, is his successor.