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## TOWN ELECTION VOTING LIGHT

### New Board Decides To Make No Changes at This Time

Franklin's unopposed "caucus ticket" was officially elected in Tuesday's biennial town election and the new board of aldermen held its first meeting Wednesday night. Later it was announced that for the time being, at least, there would be no changes in the personnel of town employes.

In view of the fact that only seven men were running for the seven offices to be filled, voting in Tuesday's election was light, scarcely more than 160 votes being cast. Few "scratches" were reported, as the tabulation of votes indicates. The official count was as follows:

For mayor—George Patton 148; for aldermen (six)—T. W. Angel 147, G. E. Brown 153, J. O. Harrison 143, H. S. Higgins 152, J. A. Palmer 151, W. C. Wilkes 148.

Sam J. Murray was registrar for the election; Frank I. Murray and George Mashburn, judges.

During the past two years there have been only three members of the board of aldermen, but Representative J. Frank Ray had the 1935 general assembly increase the number to six.

Two years ago Frank Ray was elected mayor, and R. D. Sisk, Dr. J. H. Fouts and Broadus Pendergrass were chosen as aldermen. Mr. Ray resigned as mayor last fall after his election as representative. The board named Mr. Sisk to succeed him, and then elected W. B. McGuire to fill the vacancy on the board. This board held its last meeting Monday night.

## ELECTION HELD AT HIGHLANDS

S. P. Pierson was reelected mayor of Highlands Tuesday in the town's biennial town election, L. W. Rice, S. E. Potts, M. A. Pierson, J. J. Smith and W. W. Edwards were elected members of the board of commissioners.

With more than 200 ballots cast, the voting was said to be the heaviest recorded in Highlands for a town election.

An unofficial count of the ballots follows: For mayor—S. P. Pierson 130; for commissioners (five to be chosen)—L. W. Rice 138, S. E. Potts 137, M. A. Pierson 105, J. J. Smith 132, W. W. Edwards 178, W. H. Cobb 81, J. M. Rogers 84, E. H. Brown 80, E. W. Marett 84.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Minnie Shepard

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Lee Lanning Shepard, 43, who died at her home at Leatherman at 8 p. m., Thursday, May 2, after a six weeks illness of heart and kidney diseases, were held at the Shepard cemetery at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry officiated.

Mrs. Shepard was born June 29, 1891, near Waynesville, Haywood county, the daughter of the late George and Hester Lanning. She was married on October 9, 1919, to Clyde Shepard, of Leatherman, and to this union were born four sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Shepard was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband, seven children, Palmer, Rosalee, Lula Bell, Calvin, David, Vance and Betty Marie, all of Leatherman; four brothers, Charlie Lanning, of Oregon; Thomas, Herman and Robert Lanning, of Canton; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Crisp, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Henry Hyde, of Canton.

## Bill Killed

### Ray's Absentee Repealer Reported Unfavorably

Representative J. Frank Ray's bill to repeal the absentee ballot law for Macon county is as good as dead, according to information received from Raleigh. Along with a number of other bills to abolish absentee voting in eastern counties, it was reported, Representative Ray's measure was given an unfavorable report by the house committee on elections and election laws.

With the 1935 session of the general assembly drawing to a close, expected by Friday of this week, little or no hope is seen of getting the committee to change its attitude toward the absentee repealer or of forcing the measures onto the floor of the house for consideration.

Several weeks ago the senate committee on elections and election laws gave a favorable report to a bill by Senator Browning to repeal the absentee ballot law as it applies to Macon, Cherokee and Swain counties; but, despite this, there is thought to be small likelihood of its final enactment.

## 10 GRADUATED AT HIGHLANDS

### Presentation of Diplomas Ends Commencement Program

Four days of commencement exercises of the Highlands high school came to a close Wednesday night with the presentation of diplomas by O. F. Sumner, principal of the school, to 10 members of the graduating class. The graduation address was delivered by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Those receiving diplomas were: Mary Keener, Corinne Paul, Bernice Rice, Grace McKinney, Frances Rogers, Jack Potts, Edward Potts, Lucian Jones, Harry Neely, Howard Crunkleton.

### New Auditorium Used

The stage of the new Highlands auditorium, where the exercises were held, was attractively decorated in futuristic effect with lavender and white, the class colors; lilacs, the class flower; other flowers, and the class motto: "A winner never quits; a quitter never wins." Girls in the graduating class wore white organdie evening dresses and the boys wore white trousers and blue coats.

The evening's program was as follows: Salutatory, Corinne Paul; class history, Jack Potts; class prophecy, Bernice Rice; analysis, Harry Neely; class will, Edward Potts; valedictory, Mary Keener; music; graduation address by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr.; presentation of diplomas by Mr. Sumner; response to presentation, Grace McKinney.

The Rev. C. C. McCarty, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class at the auditorium Sunday morning. "Opportunity" was his topic. Special music was rendered, including solos by Mr. Dozier of CCC Camp NC F-19 and Guy Warren Paul.

### Medals Awarded

On Monday night medals were awarded to the winners of various contests, as follows: Debating, Harry Neely; reading, Estelle Edwards; declamation, Billy Nall.

The senior play, "Drums in My Heart," was presented to a large audience Tuesday night and was one of the most successful senior plays ever given in Highlands. Box office receipts ran to more than \$60, which was used to defray commencement expenses. Every member of the senior class had a part in the play.

## 42 GRADUATED AT HIGH SCHOOL

### Addresses Made by Seniors; Diplomas Presented By Houk

Thirty girls and twelve boys were graduated Tuesday night from the Franklin high school at exercises in the school auditorium, which was crowded to capacity. It was estimated that 750 persons found seats, an additional 250 stood in the side and rear aisles, while at least a thousand more, unable to gain admission, milled about in the school yard. It was said to be the largest crowd that ever turned out for a graduation program in Franklin.

For the first time in the history of the school the graduates wore academic caps and gowns.

### Presents Diplomas

After a brief address G. L. Houk, principal, presented the diplomas to the following members of the senior class:

Girls—Browning, Christine; Bryant, Ida; Clouse, Esther; Conley, Grace; Duvall, Shirley; Eaton, Mary; Edwards, Louise; Guffee, Gertrude; Higdon, Mary Will; Kinsland, Evelyn; Leach, Betty; Ledford, Jarvis; Love, Elizabeth; Moffitt, Wilma; Moore, Cleobelle; Parrish, Bonnie; Phillips, Maude; Poindexter, Evelyn; Raby, Agnes; Ramsey, Kathryn; Rickman, Alice; Rickman, Sue; Seay, Esther; Shepherd, Kate; Solesbee, Frances; Southard, Ola; Tilley, Virginia; Waldroop, Frances; Wells, Lois; Dills, Mavis.

Boys—Dady, Edmund; Dowdle, Chas. N.; Franklin, Wayne; Gibson, Paul; Hurst, Robert; McClure, George; Meadows, Rex; Norton, Ervin; Patton, James D.; Poliakoff, Matthew; Talley, Norman; Wurst, George.

M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, presented certificates to a large class of students who had passed the seventh grade examination and are eligible to enter high school in the fall.

### Graduates Speak

This year's program was a departure from the usual high school commencement. Instead of inviting an outside graduation speaker and having salutatory and valedictory addresses, the senior class selected from its own members four young men and women to talk on various phases of the three hundred anniversary of secondary school education in America. Those chosen to make the addresses were Edmund Dady, Esther Seay, Matthew Poliakoff and Betty Leach.

Mary Eaton, president of the class, presented \$10 to the school in behalf of the graduates, the money to be used toward installing lights in the new school gymnasium.

The invocation at the opening of the exercises was pronounced by the Rev. B. W. Lefler.

Sunday night the seniors attended in a body a special service at the Franklin Methodist church. Ministers of the various churches in Franklin took part in the service and the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., delivered a graduation sermon, taking as his topic "The Abundant Life."

## Woman Attacked by Ram, Seriously Injured

Miss Laura Hawkins is recovering at her home in Horse Cove from serious injuries inflicted last week when she was knocked down by a vicious ram. Miss Hawkins was reported to have suffered two fractures of one leg, a fractured ankle, a fractured arm and three fractured ribs.

## Evangelist Coming



DR. JAMES M. HAYMORE

## WILL CONDUCT REVIVAL HERE

### Dr. James M. Haymore Coming To Baptist Church May 19

A special series of meetings will begin in the Baptist church on Sunday morning, May 19, and will continue for two weeks or more, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. E. R. Eller.

Dr. James Monroe Haymore, of Decatur, Ga., will preach during these meetings. Dr. Haymore is a man of wide pastoral as well as evangelistic experience. He has served as pastor of some of the most important Baptist churches in Georgia, namely, First Church, Gainesville; First Church, Moultrie; First Church, Decatur; First Church, Waycross, and others. He was also superintendent of evangelism for the Missouri Baptist board for five years. During the last ten years he has given all of his time to evangelistic work among the Baptist churches of the south. He was born and reared in North Carolina.

Dr. Haymore is a strong Gospel preacher and is a student and author. (Continued on Page Eight)

## OLD BUSINESS FIRM DISSOLVED

Announcement was made this week of the dissolution of Sloan Brothers and Company, one of Franklin's oldest business concerns. For a number of years the company has operated Sloan Brothers grocery store, the S. and L. Five and Ten Cent store, of Franklin, and the Clayton Market, Clayton, Ga. The three establishments have been apportioned to separate members of the Sloan family and in the future will be operated by them independently.

The grocery store in Franklin is now the property of Mrs. J. S. Sloan; the S. and L. store belongs to her son, Harold T. Sloan, and the Clayton Market is the property of Mrs. W. W. Sloan.

Carl Howard will continue as manager of Sloan Brothers grocery store, which this week was installing modern refrigeration equipment to enable the store to handle meats. Lester Henderson will continue as manager of the five and ten cent store.

It was stated that the grocery store would handle both local and western meats as soon as the new refrigeration equipment is put in operating condition, expected about the middle of next week.

## REDDEN HOPES TO GET AIRPORT

### Enthusiastic over Outlook On Return from Washington

Enthusiastic over prospects of obtaining federal aid for the construction of an airport near Highlands, Charles F. Redden returned to his residence there Saturday night after spending the week in Washington, where he conferred with government officials on the project.

Mr. Redden not only contacted government officials, including Marvin McIntyre, President Roosevelt's No. 1 secretary, but also gained the interest of a number of prominent men, including several of the country's most outstanding newspaper publishers.

The Highlands man, who was a prominent figure in Georgia before coming to this state two years ago, has a twofold purpose in view for the proposed Highlands airport. It would serve as a general airplane landing field for use by the public and as a depot for one or more planes to be used by the forest service. He pointed out that as a public field it would greatly increase the popularity of Highlands and surrounding territory as a summer resort by enabling people from distant points to get there more quickly.

Explaining how the landing field would be of great benefit to the forest service, Mr. Redden said the division of chemical warfare of the Department of War had invented a smoke bomb capable of extinguishing forest fires. One or two planes equipped with these bombs, he pointed out, could afford forest fire protection for the whole Nantahala National Forest.

Construction of the field should cost the government very little additional outlay, Mr. Redden said, as it could be built on property already owned by the Nantahala National Forest, and CCC camps in the vicinity could furnish the labor.

If the government sees fit to construct the airport, Mr. Redden expressed the belief that it would greatly stimulate interest in Highlands as a summer resort and result in the building of a number of new summer residences there, providing employment for carpenters, masons painters and other laborers.

Ralph Smith, Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, commented in that paper last week:

"Highlands, the beautiful western North Carolina retreat, is now about four hours from Atlanta, but if Charles F. Redden succeeds in what he is undertaking—and he never says fail—why, Highlands will soon be not more'n fifty minutes from the Gate City . . . in a word, folks, Charlie Redden is in Washington, pulling for an airport for Highlands, and the prospects of his getting it is far from poor. x x x

"Redden, by the way, is among the pioneer aviation promoters of the United States, if, indeed, he isn't the actual pioneer. Way back yonder in 1920-21 he organized the Aeromarine Airways, first enterprise in the country for the carriage of mail and passengers from Miami to Havana and Nassau."

## Troup Callahan Goes To Washington

Troup Callahan, who has been with the store of Joseph Ashear for several years, has been called to Washington, D. C., and is now with the United States Census Bureau, where he was formerly employed.

Mrs. Callahan and children and his father, P. F. Callahan, expect to join Troup in Washington the latter part of next week.