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## NOVEL CONTEST AIMS AT THRIFT

Officials of Building & Loan Sponsor Campaign In Schools

With view to "educating the young people of Macon county as to the meaning and necessity of Building and Loan associations," a contest was launched this week in the Franklin graded school by officers of the Macon County Building and Loan association. Cash awards will be made to the classes, or rooms, of the school which sell the greatest number of shares in the association by November 2.

The amount of the awards will depend on the total number of shares sold. If 200 shares are turned in, there will be two prizes, one of \$10 and one of \$5, while if 1,000 shares are sold by the school children there will be 10 prizes ranging from \$5 to \$30 and totaling \$200.

It was explained that the contest is being sponsored, not by the association itself, but by some of its officials who have agreed to put up the prizes, which, it was added, "are far in excess of any profit that the building and loan might hope to make from the savings accounts started in this way."

The classes winning the prizes are expected to use the money for improvement of their class rooms.

### Sees Need of Thrift

Commenting on the campaign, M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools said:

"It occurs to me that to follow the Building and Loan plan of systematic saving would have a strong tendency to promote the idea of thrift among those who are connected with it. I know of nothing more important to be taught to young people. I might go far enough to say that any effort exerted toward the education of our younger folks is practically wasted if they are turned out of school with improvident ideas and without the knowledge of how to take care of at least a part of the money that will necessarily go through their hands."

### Established in 1922

The Macon County Building and Loan association was established in 1922 and, according to information made public by officials of the organization, it has financed the building, repairing or purchase of approximately 125 homes, all in this county. The association, it was stated, has never suffered a loss on a loan, not even during the depression, and has always paid dividends. Six per cent per annum is paid on installment shares and five and a half per cent on full paid shares. The association has resorted to foreclosure to protect itself on loans only five times and in each instance the property was sold without loss to the association.

## To Close Camp

Men at F-9, Near Franklin, To Be Transferred

Camp NC F-9 of the Civilian Conservation Corps is soon to be abandoned, it was learned this week. This camp, situated on the Georgia highway near the Cozad Roller Mill, was the first CCC unit established in Macon county.

Orders are expected any day, it was learned, for the transfer of men now at F-9 to other camps, and the camp is expected to be dismantled before November 1.

Rumors of the likelihood that the camp would be discontinued were circulated in Franklin last week. They were confirmed Wednesday by Captain Strickland after a trip to Fort McPherson, Ga.

## OUR NEXT PRESIDENT - POLL

This newspaper is cooperating with 2,000 other newspapers in making this nation-wide poll.

VOTE IN ONE BLOCK ONLY

Do you favor the re-election of President Roosevelt?

..... (yes) ..... (no) .....

Or, do you favor the nomination, by the Democratic party, of some Democrat other than President Roosevelt?

..... (FIRST CHOICE) .....

..... (SECOND CHOICE) .....

..... (THIRD CHOICE) .....

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Do you favor the election of a Republican?

..... (yes) ..... (no) .....

If you are in favor of a Republican, whom do you wish nominated?

..... (FIRST CHOICE) .....

..... (SECOND CHOICE) .....

..... (THIRD CHOICE) .....

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Or, if you favor the organization of a third party, whom would you want this new party to nominate?

..... (FIRST CHOICE) .....

..... (SECOND CHOICE) .....

..... (THIRD CHOICE) .....

Every reader of this newspaper may vote. No reader is required to sign his name. Vote now and mail the ballot to this newspaper.

## Organization of Farmers Federation Now Under Way

### DEATH CLAIMS QUINCY PIERSON

HIGHLANDS, N. C., Oct. 1.—Funeral services for John Quincy Pierson, 56, prominent Highlands business man and civic leader, who died at 2 a. m. Saturday after an illness of several days, were held at the home at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. C. R. McCarty, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church, and the Rev. S. H. Hilliard, of Sylva. Masonic rites were observed at the grave in the Highlands cemetery with Dr. C. Z. Candler, of Sylva, district deputy grand master, officiating.

Pallbearers were W. H. Cobb, F. H. Potts, F. A. Edwards, J. R. Phillips, Guy Paul and W. W. Edwards, all fellow Masons.

Mr. Pierson was born March 25, 1879, a son of Jeremiah and Emma Adams Pierson, in Jackson county. He came to Highlands in 1888.

For a number of years Mr. Pierson was a surveyor, but later devoted most of his time to his real estate and insurance business. He was president of the former Highlands Bank and held a number of public offices. He was elected mayor of Highlands at the age of 22, the youngest mayor the town has ever had. He also served as a school committeeman, a member of the town board, and as tax collector and as secretary and treasurer of the Town of Highlands.

Surviving Mr. Pierson are his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Lillie Moore, of Franklin; two sons, William Porter Pierson and John Chester Pierson, of Highlands; two daughters, Mrs. Joe W. Reese, Jr., of Highlands, and Mrs. Furman F. Merrill, of Bryson City; a sister, Mrs. W. S. Davis, and a brother, S. Porter Pierson, both of Highlands.

### Much Enthusiasm Shown By Farmers at Meeting Saturday

Organization of a Macon county branch of the Farmers Federation, Inc., got under way this week following an enthusiastic meeting of more than 200 farmers in the courthouse Saturday afternoon, when officials of the organization explained its purposes, activities and plan of organization.

When, at the close of the meeting Saturday, Vance Browning, a field representative of the federation, asked those present who favored the formation of a federation in this county to raise their hands, there was an almost unanimous response.

Mr. Browning, state senator from this district, presided over the meeting and made the opening address.

"I confidently believe," he remarked, "that the formation of a federation here will mark the dawn of a new day for the farmers of this county."

The plan of organization was explained by George M. Stephens, editor of the Farmers Federation News and hearty endorsements of the federation's services were given by Burgin A. Patton, of Asheville, a member of the federation since it was organized in 1920 and now a member of its board of directors; by Milas Parker, a member of the federation in Jackson county; Allan Coggins, of Bee Tree, Buncombe county, also a charter member of the federation and a director.

R. Church Crowell, vice president of the federation, also spoke, announcing that he would visit farmers of the county this week soliciting members. Mr. Crowell, The Press-Maconian learned, began his work on Monday and was meeting with encouraging results. The aim of the federation is to obtain at least 400 members in this county,

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## Roosevelt Leads In Straw Voting; 23 States Report

'F. D.' Favored by Overwhelming Majority of Readers of The Press-Maconian; National Returns Indicate Hot Contest in 1936

Readers of The Press-Maconian are overwhelmingly in favor of re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president, judging by returns to date in "Our Next President" Poll. This newspaper is cooperating with more than 2,000 others throughout the country in conducting the straw vote with view to determining whom the people want to run for president next year and upon what ticket.

Returns to The Press-Maconian during the past week totaled 112. Of that number 102 favored the reelection of Roosevelt, 2 wanted Al Smith for president, and 8 favored Republican candidates. Half of the Republican votes were for Borah and half for Hoover.

The grand total of votes received from readers of this newspaper since the poll started is 290, of which 236 are for the reelection of Roosevelt, giving him a percentage of 81.

The 52 Republican votes to date are divided as follows: Borah, 16; Knox, 20; Hoover, 4; Theodore Roosevelt, 4; Ogden L. Mills, 4; others, 4.

Those who have not voted are urged to do so at once. A ballot will be found elsewhere in this paper. Clip it out, mark it and mail or bring it to our office. You need not sign your name. Blank ballots also have been placed in the offices of the register of deeds, the clerk of court and the sheriff in the county courthouse, and a ballot box in which to place votes will be found in our office. Vote today.

### National Returns Indicate Hot Battle

By John Thomas Wilson (Special to The Press-Maconian)

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The nation-wide poll on "Our Next President" is fast reaching peak proportions. Thousands of ballots are now pouring into national headquarters each week, with the political fortune of favorite candidates daily swinging this way and that.

It is yet too early to attempt to accurately define the exact trend of the political mind of the nation-wide voter. One fact, however, stands out in bold relief. That is that indications are the 1936 political race will be one of the most

desperately exciting national campaigns this generation has known. A total of 10,238 ballots from 23 states have been received and tabulated at national headquarters at the end of the second week of balloting.

Those favoring the renomination of President Roosevelt are 4,940. Those favoring the nomination of some Democrat other than President Roosevelt, total 673. Those opposed to the present administration and favoring a Republican President are 4,340. While those who favored a third party candidate are 285.

Summed up, the total national Democratic ballots at the end of the second week of balloting are 5,613; the total national Republican ballots are 4,340; and for the Third Party choices, 285.

### Close Race Indicated

Taking into account that the "solid South" is usually conceded to be Democratic . . . and thus eliminating the totals of 7 of the 23 states, from which ballots have thus far been received, the basis for the conclusion is reached that the 1936 race will be a most exciting political battle.

The total national ballots received thus far from the "solid South" states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia, total 1,638 votes. The total national Republican votes from these same Southern states total 887.

The Roosevelt national vote, to date, of 4,940, less the 1,638 Southern state vote, totals 3,302.

The Republican national vote of 4,340, less the 887 Southern state vote for the same states, totals 3,453.

The closeness of the above figures indicate the national trend, as applying to Eastern and Mid-Western states thus far reporting, which gives ground upon which political observers reach an early conclusion that 1936 is going to be very politically "hot."

The state by state tabulation of the nation-wide balloting, presented herewith, furnishes most interesting figures for the undisturbed perusal of Mr. Voter. It must be admitted that inconsistencies show both ways, in the tabulation of ballots from the 23 states. These

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(STATE)	DEMOCRATIC		REPUB- LICAN	3d PARTY
	For Roosevelt	For Other Democrats	All Rep. Choices	All 3d Party Choices
ALABAMA	197	61	21	
COLORADO	81		37	11
FLORIDA	135	65	47	16
GEORGIA	61	94	76	
ILLINOIS	172	27	60	7
INDIANA	624		152	29
IOWA	121	53	67	12
KANSAS	77		441	
KENTUCKY	309	27	31	17
MASS.	52		55	3
MICHIGAN	361	40	263	6
MINNESOTA	273		539	
MISSOURI	364	43	370	15
NEW JERSEY	390	56	450	73
NEW YORK	97		324	23
N. CAROLINA	291	16	79	
N. DAKOTA	67		117	27
OHIO	97		146	11
OKLAHOMA	123	39	79	14
PENNSYLVANIA	160	17	387	
TEXAS	153	41	29	
VIRGINIA	676	93	546	21
WISCONSIN	11		24	
Miscellaneous	48			
TOTALS	4,940	673	4,340	285