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### Town Board Election Held Invalid; Bond Attorneys Cite Legal Technicality

#### Jarretts Give Baptists Here \$5,000 Check

A \$5,000 check to be used toward the construction of a Sunday school annex was presented to the First Baptist church here by Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jarrett, of Dillsboro, at last Sunday morning's homecoming service at the church.

The gift brings to \$8,000 the fund the church has on hand for the improvements, an anonymous donor having presented the church with \$3,000 recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett were honor guests at the service, and Mr. Jarrett, who presided, told the congregation he loved the church here more than any other. He organized the church's Sunday school 61 years ago, and he recalled that it was the first in Macon County. Since that time, it was pointed out, the Sunday school enrollment has increased 3,000 per cent. The Sunday school attendance last Sunday totaled 379.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill college, introduced by Mr. Jarrett, was the chief speaker at the 11 o'clock service, and Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers college, addressed the Men's class of the Sunday school.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett to Franklin for the services were three sons and their wives.

#### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

An intelligent citizen stated to us that for thirty years past he had been attending the courts of Macon county and has been connected with the public business of the county more or less all the time, but he witnessed one thing last Thursday that he never saw before, and don't believe anyone ever saw, and that was the whole day passed and not a single gray-haired citizen of Macon was seen within the bar, except jurors or witnesses.

At 9:30 o'clock, Saturday morning a telegram was received here to send Drs. Lyle and Fouts with all possible haste to Corundum Hill as Mrs. Brown Jolly had swallowed strychnine through mistake. Dr. Lyle was sent, and Dr. Fouts was getting into his buggy at the Drug store when a second telegram was received only a few minutes later than the first that she was dead.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

The County Summer school for Macon county will be conducted at the courthouse, beginning June 13, and closing July 22.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Macon Democrats voting in the June 6 primary will have the shortest county ticket to mark that they have seen since the days when the party chose its nominees in convention.

**HIGHLANDS:** The Highlands baseball team, which has won two out of three recent games played, is proud of its batting average. Two members of the team, Hopper and Reese, have averages of 500 or better, and the average for the team as a whole is 347.

An average peacetime use of gasoline per car in the United States has doubled since 1920.

#### The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	71	34	.00
Friday	75	40	.00
Saturday	72	60	.30
Sunday	75	55	.08
Monday	75	45	.00
Tuesday	75	60	.46
Wednesday	74	63	.27

(Precipitation listed in each case is up to 6 p. m. on the date shown.)

Rainfall for the week, 1.11 inches; for the month, to date, 4.09; for the year, to date, 29.30.

#### V. F. W. WILL BE ORGANIZED HERE

##### Local Post Of Overseas Veterans To Be Given Charter Friday

A Macon County post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be instituted at a meeting at the courthouse at 7:30 p. m. Friday of this week.

The organization already has approximately 30 members, it was announced, and the local post's charter will be presented at Friday evening's meeting by J. D. Cole, district commander of the V. F. W., who will preside.

Officers for the coming year will be elected. All Macon County overseas veterans, as well as those who already have joined the post here, are invited to attend this initial meeting, it was announced.

#### Zickgraf

##### Firm Resumes Sawing; Men Back At Work

The Zickgraf Hardwood company, hit by fire April 21, last Friday started sawing again, using the circular saw obtained from government surplus.

Most of the men who had had to be laid off were put back to work then. W. C. Zickgraf, head of the firm said, while the others who had been temporarily without employment returned to their jobs when the mill, starting Monday night, went on two-shift operation.

Part of the new band mill, to replace that destroyed in the fire, has already arrived, he said, adding that it is hoped that the new mill can be in operation within about 90 days.

#### Ray Grocery

##### Firm Purchases Calf For Harley Moore Stewart

The Ray Grocery and Feed company is one of six Franklin firms which recently bought registered Guernsey heifers to be turned over to selected Macon County farm boys. The calf bought by the Ray company was presented to Harley Moore Stewart.

The names of the Ray company and of young Stewart were inadvertently omitted from the list published in last week's Press. The error is regretted.

Earlier, nine other calves were bought by business concerns here, so that the total number of calves in the hands of farm boys now stands at 15.

##### Fagg Becomes Manager Of Nantahala Creamery

Thomas H. Fagg, who has been assistant county farm agent here for about seven years (except for two years he was in the army, has resigned his position with the Extension service to accept the management of the Nantahala creamery. He already has taken up his new duties.

#### New Ballot On \$120,000 Issue Is Called For June 25

Due to a technicality, Franklin voters will have to ballot again in order to authorize issue of bonds for street improvements and extension of water and sewer lines, and the board of aldermen, at a called meeting Tuesday night, called a special election on the question for Tuesday, June 25.

At an election last December 11, the voters of the town approved issuance of \$80,000 in bonds, but the aldermen, in calling the new election, pointed out that "the bond attorneys who have to pass upon the legality of all bonds have refused to approve bonds issued under authority of last year's election. They refused because of a special act of the legislature which requires that a majority of the qualified voters must vote in favor of the bonds, instead of a majority of those voting. A majority of those voting is all that is required under the general law for all other towns and cities in the state."

The bond attorneys, it was brought out, refused to hold last December's election valid, despite the fact that another bond issue, voted since passage of the local law in question, was approved by a mere majority of those voting, and the bonds authorized at that election were sold; also in spite of the fact that the North Carolina law specifies that any contest of a bond election must be instituted within 30 days after the election.

The board also announced that, since last December, there has been much building in Franklin, and that it has been flooded with requests from home-owners for water and sewer lines. "Since that time," the aldermen's statement said, "it also has been found necessary to put in additional water mains to provide for the town's growth, insofar as industries are concerned."

Thus, with a view to taking care of the needs of the town both now and in the near future, the board will submit a \$70,000 bond issue and the voters for water mains and \$20,000 for sewer lines. The original plan called for issuance of \$33,000 for water mains and \$13,000 for sewer extensions. Thirty thousand dollars for street improvements is proposed, making a total of \$120,000. Members of the board expressed the belief that, as of today, this sum is required "to make the improvements absolutely necessary for the growth of the town."

The original plan called for issuance of \$34,000 for street improvements, plus a \$9,000 issue authorized at an election several years ago—an election also held by the bond attorneys to be invalid. With assistance which it is now indicated can be obtained from the State Highway commission, members of the board decided \$30,000 is sufficient for the street work.

A new registration will be required for the election next month, and the registration books have been ordered kept open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from May 25 through June 15. The books will be at the polling place, the courthouse, on each Saturday during that period. Saturday, June 22, will be challenge day.

C. A. Setser has been appointed registrar, and George Dairymple and John M. Moore, judges.

**NO CEILING ON MELONS**  
The anticipated bumper crop in watermelons this year has made it possible for OPA to suspend price ceiling on them indefinitely.



MISS SYBIL POTTS  
Valedictorian



MISS ANNIE SUE CONLEY  
Salutatorian

#### SCHOOL FINALS TO OPEN SUNDAY

##### Hardee To Give Sermon; 24 To Receive Diplomas At Program Friday

The commencement program of the Franklin High school will open with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church, and the graduation exercises will be held at the school Friday of next week, when 24 seniors will be given their diplomas.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. R. M. Hardee, the new pastor of the Highlands Methodist church. The music, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Manning and Mrs. Henry Cabe, will feature two selections by the girls' chorus of the school.

Sybil Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Potts, of Franklin, Route 3, who has a four-year scholastic average of 92.94 per cent, is valedictorian of the senior class, while Annie Sue Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Conley, of Franklin, with an average of 91.83, is salutatorian.

The following awards will be presented at the graduation exercises by Principal George H. Hill: Athletics, Bruce Rickman; citizenship, Hershel Wilson; Mathematics, Annie Sue Conley; commercial, Betty Bradley; home economics, Ruth Bryson; and agriculture, Roy Rickman.

Members of the graduating class are:

Betty Louise Bradley, William Richard Bingham, Betty Jean Bryson, Margaret Ruth Bryson, Annie Sue Conley, Charles Junior Curtis, Mary Maxine Dean, Winton James Duvall, Gilmer Harty Henson, Tommy Ledford, Carl Frederick Mason, Paul Lee Plemmons, Freda Louise Potts, Sybil Annette Potts, Clarence Bruce Rickman, Roy James Rickman, James Bernard Roper, Mary Rebecca Smart, Vynette Chloe Smith, Edgar Earl Smith, Betty Jewel Speed, Claretta Stiles, Eugene Wallace Waldrop, Hershel Wilson.

The diplomas will be presented by County Superintendent Guy L. Houk.

### Famed Firm Buys East Franklin Site

#### Building Material Shortage May Delay Start Of Construction, But Glove Making Project To Start About June 1

The Van Raalte Company, Inc., of North Tonawanda, N. Y., has obtained permission from the Civilian Production administration to erect a textile manufacturing plant on property it has acquired in East Franklin, L. W. Griffis, vice-president of the concern, told The Press by long distance telephone this week.

#### Managers

##### Named By Candidates For Congress

The congressional race between Rep. Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, and Monroe Redden, of Hendersonville, grows more heated daily, and this week the two candidates announced their campaign managers in Macon County.

Mr. Weaver named J. D. Gibson, while Prelo Dryman was appointed by Mr. Redden to handle his campaign in this county. J. G. Adams, Jr., and Don S. Elias, respectively, both of Asheville, are the district managers.

Assisting Mr. Gibson, a Cartoogechaye resident who is employed in the post office, is an advisory committee made up of C. S. Slagle, J. E. Potts, Walter Bryson, Gilmer A. Jones, Roy F. Cunningham, and W. W. Edwards.

Mr. Dryman, Franklin merchant, said that a committee of leading Democrats has been appointed in each of the county's precincts to get out the Redden vote. Each manager expressed confidence that his candidate will win.

#### Livestock

##### Judging Contest Won By Local Team

The livestock judging team of the Franklin Future Farmers won first place in judging beef cattle and hogs at the judging contest at Canton Friday of last week.

The Franklin group won over teams from 27 other schools in Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, and Graham counties. Second place went to the Robbinsville school, and third to the school at Bethel.

George Crawford, by making the second highest individual score in the contest, won a trip to Raleigh in August to compete for state honors.

Members of the winning Franklin team are Crawford, Hayes Gregory, and Jack Buchanan. The team was coached by E. J. Whitmire, agriculture teacher here.

##### Plan Memorial Day Services Thursday At Asbury Methodist

A memorial day service will be held at the Asbury Methodist church at Otto, Thursday, May 30, beginning at 10 o'clock, and will be dedicated to the church's approximately 70 veterans of World War II, it has been announced.

The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, will be in charge, and an appropriate program has been arranged. A feature of the program will be calling the honor roll.

Picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn and the public is invited to attend.

##### Glee Club To Conduct Methodist Service Here

The Brevard College Glee club will be in charge of the 11 o'clock services Sunday morning at the Franklin Methodist church, the pastor, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, has announced. There are 17 voices in the club.

The Woman's Missionary union of the Franklin Baptist will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon, May 22, at 2 o'clock.

The Van Raalte name is nationally known, especially as a manufacturer of Nylon hosiery.

Negotiations for the project have been quietly under way for months, but there had been no public announcement until Mr. Griffis made his statement this week.

A one-story structure containing about 20,000 feet of floor space is contemplated.

Action on the application, filed about 10 days ago, was speeded by Rep. Zebulon Weaver, it was understood, and announcement of the project's approval was made by his office.

In making the announcement to The Press, Mr. Griffis emphasized that permission to build by no means makes building materials available, and warned that it is impossible to say when construction of the plant can get under way. Even after completion, it is understood, it may take a year to get personnel trained so that full production can be obtained.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation, the Van Raalte official added, it is not possible at this time to say how many persons will be employed, what type of material will be used in construction, or what textile article will be manufactured.

Original plans, it is understood, called for employment of more than 100 persons. Whatever the number, about 30 per cent will be men, with preference given to Macon County veterans, it was said.

Since there also is difficulty and uncertainty about obtaining material, it was added, the building, when it is constructed, will be so designed as to be adapted to the manufacture of any one of the Van Raalte company's three major lines, hosiery, underwear, and gloves.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the company has leased the second floor of the Leach building, on Main street, from Mrs. Hugh Leach, and about June 1 will start a glove-manufacturing project there employing 30 or more persons. A representative of the company will be here the latter part of this month, it was added, to start interviewing applicants. Preference will be given to those who registered in this connection last fall.

Approximately 20 sewing machines for this project already are on hand; the other 10 or more employees will do hand work. The manufacturing process planned in the Leach building will be sewing up gloves, which will come here already cut. A ladies' dress glove, probably of rayon or cotton material, will be made.

The project may or may not be permanent, it was said, but in any case persons trained in the Leach building probably later will be transferred to the new plant, as a nucleus of trained personnel.

The plot of approximately four acres on which it is proposed to erect the textile plant was acquired from E. J. Whitmire. It lies east of the latter's home. While it was purchased some weeks ago, announcement of the project was withheld pending approval by the CPA of the application to build.

The project has been pending for months, with town officials—with county official and a few individuals cooperation—working steadily to assure the plant for this county. Earlier, the civic club assisted with a labor survey.

Officials of the company have been here numbers of times, and considered several sites before the Whitmire property was decided upon.