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VOTERS TO PICK TOWN'S MAYOR AND 6 ALDERMEN

Biennial Election Is Called By Board For May 6

Franklin voters will go to the polls Tuesday, May 6, to elect a mayor and six aldermen for two-year terms.

The biennial municipal election was called by the board of aldermen at its monthly meeting Monday night.

The board, at Monday's session, also passed an ordinance making it unlawful to bury an animal within the corporate limits, unless with the permission and under the supervision of the town health officer.

In calling the town election, the board appointed Alex Moore as registrar, and C. A. Setser and George Dalrymple as judges.

The registration books will open Saturday, April 12, and will close Saturday, April 26. Saturday, May 3, was set as challenge day.

To be eligible, candidates for the offices of mayor and aldermen are required to file notices of their intention to run with the town clerk by Monday, April 7.

T. W. Angel, Jr., is the present mayor. Members of the present board of aldermen are John M. Archer, Jr., J. S. Conley, Fred Cabe, Frank B. Duncan, Cecil Pendergrass, and L. B. (Shine) Phillips.

Municipal election in Franklin are non-partisan.

The law provides that the election shall be held every odd year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May.

Workstock

Clinics Will Be Held Next Wednesday

The services of Dr. A. J. Headrick have been obtained to conduct additional workstock clinics on Wednesday, March 12, it was announced this week by the county agent's office.

Dr. Headrick will be at Jim Gray's farm at Riverside at 10 a. m.; at T. T. Henderson's farm on Cullasaja at 1 p. m.; and at John Taylor's farm on Ellijay at 3 p. m. Horses and mules will be examined free. If found necessary, they will be treated for round worms and bots. Any dental work, such as floating sharp teeth or cutting off long teeth, will be done. A small charge will be made for necessary treatments. Farmers who have this work done each year say that it pays big dividends to have their workstock in good physical condition before summer season of hard work. S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, said.

Archer

Heads Newly Formed Baseball League

John M. Archer, of Franklin, was unanimously elected president of the Smoky Mountain Baseball league for the coming season at an organization last Monday night at the Junaluska terrace in Andrews. Representatives from Murphy, Hayesville, Sylva, and Franklin were present.

Sam Jones, of Andrews, was elected secretary-treasurer.

In planning for the coming basketball season, it was announced that the season will open April 20, with games scheduled Wednesday and Sunday of each week throughout the season.

Phil McCollum, Franklin representative at the league meeting, said invitations to join had been extended to other towns in this vicinity and that it is planned to have an eight-team league.

Mr. McCollum also announced that there will be a meeting Tuesday night, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. at the courthouse here for the purpose of organizing the local team. He urged all interested players and fans to attend.

Miss Lassie Kelly returned to Franklin the latter part of last week, after an absence of nearly three months. While away, Miss Kelly visited Texas, Mexico, and Florida.



RETIREES—W. C. Penn, official of the Nantahala Power and Light company since its organization in 1929, retired February 28. On his retirement, employes of the company presented him with a watch.

PENN OUTS AS POWER OFFICIAL

W. C. Penn, who has served as secretary-treasurer, and director of the Nantahala Power and Light company since its organization in 1929, retired from active service February 28.

Explaining that his retirement is occasioned by a health condition which he hopes will improve with reduced activity, Mr. Penn said he will retain only perfunctory duties with the company.

His successor has not been selected.

Mr. Penn has been identified with power firms operating in Western North Carolina for the past 35 years, having been with the Tallahassee Power company (now the Carolina Aluminum company) prior to joining the Nantahala.

He is perhaps best known in Western North Carolina as purchasing agent of lands for the Cheoah and Santeetlah reservoirs, in Swain and Graham counties, owned by the Carolina Aluminum company, and the Glenville and Nantahala, in Jackson and Macon, reservoirs, owned by the Nantahala company. It was under his direction, too, that much of the land now covered by the reservoir of the Fontana dam, was purchased, and later sold to the government.

On the day of his retirement, employes of the Nantahala company presented Mr. Penn with a beautiful wrist watch, in token of their esteem.

2 Highlands Bills Held In Committee

RALEIGH.—Two bills relating to the Town of Highlands, introduced in the house of Macon's Rep. Herbert A. McGlamery, have been held up in committee at the request of interested citizens.

Rep. McGlamery's bill to extend the corporate limits of Highlands probably will be considered at a public hearing in view of the request of G. L. Houk and R. S. Jones, Franklin attorneys. They telegraphed the Macon legislator as follows:

"Please hold up the passage of the Highlands extension bill until we can see you. Many Highlands citizens interested."

The McGlamery bill to authorize the recording of a true copy of the original map of Highlands has been deferred temporarily, in view of a letter from Gilmer A. Jones, Franklin attorney.

"There is a lawsuit pending on this identical question which this bill might affect," Mr. Jones wrote. "It should contain a provision that it shall not affect pending litigation. My opinion is that the best thing for the legislature to do with a pending lawsuit is to leave it alone and let it be decided by a jury. Of course it is apparent that the pending lawsuit prompted someone to ask that this bill be passed, thereby hoping to gain an advantage."

Both measures are before the house committee on counties, cities and towns, headed by Buncombe's Rep. George A. Shuford.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. ROGERS' LIFE, SERVICE

Joint Resolution Offered In General Assembly By McGlamery

A joint resolution, expressing appreciation of the life and service of the late Dr. W. A. Rogers, was introduced in the general assembly today (Thursday) by Representative Herbert A. McGlamery.

Dr. Rogers, beloved Macon County physician, served three terms in the North Carolina house of representatives—first in 1905, and last in 1943.

The resolutions reads: "Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session of 1947, desires to give some recognition of the passing of one of its former members, Doctor W. A. Rogers, who died at Franklin, North Carolina, Macon County, on April 27, 1946; and the General Assembly desires to give a proper expression of sorrow in the loss sustained by Macon County and the State; and

"Whereas, Doctor W. A. Rogers, son of Clarke Thornton Rogers and Margaret Reid Rogers, was born near Franklin on May 3, 1872; he attended the public schools of Macon County and was a student at the University of North Carolina; he graduated from the Medical school of the University of Tennessee and returned to Franklin in 1899 and began the active practice of medicine which extended over a period of forty-seven years; he was chairman of the Democratic executive committee of his county for thirty years; he served as coroner, member of the board of Aldermen of his town, county physician and physician for the state prison camp; he served on the board of Trustees of the State school for the Blind and the Deaf; he was president of the Bank of Franklin for many years and the head of the Western Carolina Telephone company; he was a member of the Methodist church, serving on the board of stewards; past master of his local Masonic order, Shriner, Royal Arch Mason, member of the Cullasaja council of the Junior Order; and was a member of the Macon County and the North Carolina Medical societies; and

"Whereas, Doctor Rogers was known by nearly every man, woman and child in his life, unaffected and plain in his life and manner, and was one of the 'horse and buggy' doctors who visited every community in his county and answered the call of sick people at any hour of the day or night; he was a member of the House of Representatives in the Sessions of 1905, 1927 and 1943;

"Now, Therefore, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the senate concurring:

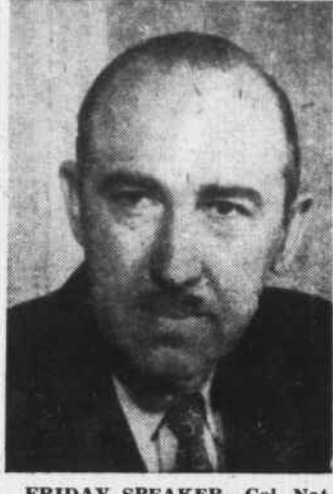
"Section 1. That the members of the General Assembly of North Carolina, Session of 1947, unite in expressing their appreciation for the valuable life and the great contributions made by this former member to his community and State; that his County and State are fortunate because of his unselfish life and humane services; his community has been enriched by the noble example of a sympathetic physician and a life based upon kindness and love of his fellowman;

"Resolved further, that these resolutions be spread upon the journal if the House of Representatives and the journal of the Senate as a permanent testimonial of the respect of both legislative branches of the General Assembly and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Doctor W. A. Rogers.

"Sec. 2. That this resolution be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Workers in the campaign to raise \$2,410 in Macon County for the American Red Cross this week were urged by the Rev. C. E. Parker, fund chairman, to push the drive and get the money raised within the next week or 10 days.

The campaign, which started March 1, has been handicapped, so far, Mr. Parker said, by the weather.



FRIDAY SPEAKER—Col. Nathaniel F. Silsbee, technical editor of the aviation magazine, Skyways, and authority on jet propulsion, air munitions, and international military aviation, will speak twice at the Methodist church here Friday, at 12:50 to high school children and at 7:30 to adults. The fourth and last in a series of speakers brought here by the Franklin Rotary club, he will discuss "Cooperation or Confusion in Ten-Mile-A-Minute Travel?"

GOOD WILL ONLY ROAD TO PEACE

Coers Declares Choice Is Understanding Or Destruction

"If we lose ourselves, we may save ourselves."

In that paraphrase of Jesus' words, Morris H. Coers, in an address here last Friday night, summarized his message that international peace can be achieved only through understanding and good will.

"If the world is to be saved, we must do it unselfishly," he continued.

"We must get back to the principles for which He lived and gave his life, or we will all go back to the atomic dust from which we sprang."

And he cited the remark of a scientist that an atomic bomb is now in existence which, if dropped in the Pacific Ocean, would kill all the people in the United States.

"It is no longer a question of whether we like other peoples, or their ideologies—we can't have another war."

Mr. Coers, a former minister and a Red Cross field director overseas during World War 2, was the third in a series of speakers on international understanding brought to Franklin by the local Rotary club. His topic was "UN, Vehicle of World Cooperation?"

Speaking at the Methodist church, he was heard by approximately 150 persons. He was introduced by Guy L. Houk.

Taxi Driver Is Robbed Of Car And Cash

Romulus F. Carpenter, Franklin taxi driver, told this week how he was robbed, on a lonely Georgia road last Friday, of his automobile, between \$130 and \$140 in cash, his watch, his cap, and his personal papers.

Frank and Ray Kell, arrested by the Georgia highway patrol Saturday morning, are being held in jail at Toccoa, charged with the hold-up.

Mr. Carpenter said the Kells engaged him about 3 p. m. Friday to take them from Franklin to Toccoa. At Toccoa they asked him to drive them to their home near Lavonia.

About 11 miles from Toccoa, he said, they held him up with a pistol, took the cash, papers, watch, and cap from him, and drove away in the taxi. The hold-up, he said, occurred about 6 p. m.

He was taken to the highway patrol station by J. B. Pressley of Toccoa.

The Georgia authorities recovered the automobile—minus the spot light, tools, and taxi light—the watch, and about \$30 in money. The Kells were identified as the robbers, it was said, by their possession of Mr. Carpenter's personal papers.

As early as 1750, longleaf pine lumber was exported from North Carolina to the West Indies and England.

Ask School Board To Take 3 Steps

Citizens Recommend Superintendent's Office Be Full-Time, Board Learn Houk's Plans, Meet Regularly

(Editor's Note: The following account of last Saturday's conference of citizens and school board members was authorized by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, chairman of the meeting.)

Members of the county board of education, at a citizens' meeting here Saturday, were asked:

1. To make the office of county superintendent of public instruction a full-time position, and to require any person holding the office to give it his full time and undivided attention.

2. To learn, without further delay, from the present superintendent whether persistent reports that he plans to retire at the end of his current term are true, so that board members can start looking for a new superintendent now, instead of having to wait till the last minute and thus be forced to take whoever can be employed on short notice.

3. To hold regular board meetings, at stated times and a stated place, at least eight times a year, and to open their meetings to the public.

Attending Saturday's conference were citizens representing various sections of the county and four of the five men whom Rep. Herbert A. McGlamery has announced he will appoint to the new county board of education. All members of both the present and the new board had been invited.

Also invited, but not present, was County Supt. Guy L. Houk.

Urge Improvement

In a discussion of the work being done in the schools, the group also urged the board to put into the county system, as soon as possible, courses in public school music, public speaking, and vocational home economics, and to provide for teaching supervision.

Every motion was carried without dissent, with the exception of the proposal for teacher supervision, on which there was one negative vote.

Not actually put to a vote, but apparently expressing the sentiment of the citizens present was the suggestion that "the board of education should tell the superintendent what to do, rather than letting the superintendent tell the board."

The conference was called by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, who, after he called the meeting to order, was unanimously elected chairman.

It was suggested sometime ago to C. Gordon Moore, chairman of the present board and nominee for the new board, that he call such a meeting as that held Saturday, so that citizens of the county might have an opportunity to discuss school problems with board members. Mr. Moore declined, however, and Mr. Morgan then acted.

Start At Home

In opening the meeting, Mr. Morgan pointed out that school problems are acute everywhere.

Propose Study Of Whole
State Education System

A thorough study of the state's entire education system by a 25-member commission is proposed by a bill introduced in the general assembly this week by Senator R. S. Ferguson, only woman member of the legislature.

but stressed the idea that "the only way we can help the situation is by doing something here in our own county". He asked for a show of hands of all present who had not, in recent weeks, discussed local school problems. When no hand was raised, he remarked that in almost any Macon County group a count would show the same result. This, he pointed out, is indicative of the general consciousness that there are problems here needing attention.

That, he added, was the reason the meeting was being held.

Mr. Morgan emphasized that the Macon County school problems should be approached as problems, and not from the viewpoint of personalities, and, with one of two minor exceptions, the entire discussion that followed was strictly impersonal. Most of those in attendance participated.

While it was characterized by calmness, however, there probably have been few meetings held in this county marked by such plain speaking.

Regrets Absences

Mr. Morgan expressed regret that the county superintendent had not accepted the invitation to be present, "because we can get farther by discussing things

frankly together. And we would much prefer to say whatever we may have to say about the schools in his presence, rather than in his absence".

He also expressed the wish that all of the present and prospective members of the school board, as well as all of the citizens who were invited, could have been present. In view of the weather, however, he said, the attendance—approximately two-thirds of the some 40 invited—showed the widespread interest in the school situation. In this connection, he said that invitations had been sent to one or two persons in each section of the county, and emphasized that those invited were chosen without reference to or knowledge of their views on the local school issues.

There were many others he would have liked to have had present, he said, but did not invite them because he felt that the smaller the group, the easier it would be to keep the discussion on an impersonal and calm basis.

4 Board Members Present

Board members present, in addition to Mr. Moore, were C. F. Browning, present member who was renominated; Walter Gibson, nominated as a new member; and Bob S. Sloan, also nominated as a new member.

Citizens attending included four ministers, Mr. Morgan, the Rev. C. E. Parker, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, and the Rev. C. Welch; Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., of Franklin; Mrs. O. F. Sumner and Mrs. Weimar Jones, presidents, respectively, of the Highlands and Franklin Parent - Teacher associations; Frank B. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harbison, Harley Morrison, T. M. Rickman, Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, S. W. Mendenhall, Weimar Jones, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, Mrs. Allen Siler, and Mrs. A. F. Corbin.

Full Or Part Time Job?

One of the first topics to come up for discussion was the question of whether the county superintendent's office — and those discussing it stressed the point that they were talking of the office and not of any individual—should be a full-time or part-time position. It was immediately agreed that the job is big enough to require a man's full time, but the question was raised as to whether the salary is large enough to warrant a man's giving his full time to the work.

If it isn't, Mr. Morrison commented, then it's time to make it large enough, because a full-time man is needed.

Widely varying figures were cited as to the amount the salary has been reported to be. Then someone asked the board members what it is. When they remained silent, citizens present demanded to know if the public hasn't a right to the information.

Final, Chairman Moore said he did not know exactly what it is, but gave \$3,600 as an approximation.

With the complete frankness that marked the whole discussion, some of those present expressed amazement that the chairman of the school board should be ignorant of the superintendent's salary.

Mr. Moore explained that the salary is paid by the state.

Not Committing Himself

In the course of the discussion, he remarked:

"I want it understood that I

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