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SCHOOL BOARD EXPECTED TO MEET MONDAY

Measure Appointing Five Nominated Passed By Assembly

The bill appointing C. Gordon Moore, Frank Browning, Ed Lyrd, Walter Gibson, and Bob S. Sloan as members of the Macon County board of education was passed by the state senate Tuesday, and will become law upon its formal ratification.

The measure had been passed by the house last Thursday. While no formal call for a meeting of the new board has been issued, it is expected that the five men named in the bill will meet Monday morning to organize and consider the election of a county superintendent of schools for the next two years.

It is anticipated that the omnibus boards of education bill, naming the boards of education in this and the other 99 counties of the state, will be ratified within a day or two after its passage by the senate. There is always the possibility, however, of delay, due to congestion in the enrolling office—where all bills passed are formally enrolled as law.

Appointments of members of the new board will not become official until the omnibus bill is enrolled for ratification.

The five men appointed are those nominated in last May's Democratic primary.

Mr. Moore, the present chairman, Mr. Browning, and Mr. Byrd are members of the present board. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sloan are new members. The five are appointed for two-year terms, beginning Monday.

Meanwhile, Representative Herbert A. McGlamery's bill requiring the board to meet the first Monday in each month, having passed both house and senate, became law last Friday.

Two other measures affecting this county have been ratified in the past few days.

One is Rep. McGlamery's bill providing that money received by Macon County from the National Forest Service shall be allocated pro rata to the several county funds, beginning next January 1.

The other is the omnibus justices of the peace measure, which appointed 13 new justices of the peace in this county for two-year terms beginning April 1.

Pending in the assembly is a McGlamery bill authorizing the State Board of Education, in its discretion, to pay a damage claim filed by W. C. Ledbetter of this county. Mr. Ledbetter seeks \$500 for school bus accident injuries.

"SIDE-KICK" FOR SAUSAGE
Add novelty and glamour to pork sausage links by serving this tasty accompaniment. Peel small bananas, or use medium-size bananas and cut in halves crosswise. Dip in lemon juice; brown in hot sausage drippings. Serve at once, while very hot.

Do You Remember...?
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Wanted—A few good bacon sides will be received on subscriptions.

W. A. Jacobs has opened up a saddle and harness shop near the Higgins building.

25 YEARS AGO
The summer school for this county begins early this year, so as to give a few weeks between the time school closes and the time for the county schools to open.

Tom Porter, of Franklin, the coffee man and Buick representative, was in town several days this week.—Bryson City Times.

10 YEARS AGO
Under the leadership of T. J. O'Neil, Macon County recreation supervisor, and Harold N. Powell, recreation supervisor for fifth district WPA, a field meet was held at Iotia school.

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Mr. Weimar Jones, Editor-Publisher
The Franklin Press
Franklin, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of August 24, addressed to the State Department of Public Instruction, has been referred to this office for reply. You ask for certain information relating to salaries of county superintendents of schools in North Carolina and in Macon County in particular.

The State Board of Education's salary schedule ranges from \$3200 as a minimum to \$4800 as a maximum. The salary schedule is based on average daily membership within each administrative unit.

The average daily membership for Macon County entitles the present superintendent to receive \$4100. The only factor which would change this salary schedule other than a change in the average daily membership is the experience of the superintendent. A person beginning as superintendent receives only 90 per cent of the salary for the first year; the second year, he receives 92.5 per cent; the third year, he receives 95 per cent; the fourth year, 97.5 per cent; and the fifth year, 100 per cent.

Sincerely yours,

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CORRECTION—On several occasions it has been said in the columns of The Press that the present salary of the Macon County superintendent of schools is \$4,200 per year. Recently someone questioned the correctness of that figure, and the editor referred to a letter on the subject from the State Board of Education. The re-check of the letter—the source on which the original statement had been based—showed that an error had been made. The present salary is \$4,100, not \$4,200. The inaccuracy is regretted, and the management of The Press is glad to make this correction.

Above is a photo-engraving of the letter from Mr. Reid, of the State Board of Education, which explains the set-up as regards salaries of superintendents in this and other counties.

Burns Fatal To Man, 88, Living Alone

An 80-year old man who lived alone was fatally burned at his home in the Cullasaja community Thursday night of last week.

He was John Potts, whose clothing caught fire, it was believed when he attempted to start a fire. A can of oil was found burning when his screams brought help to his house.

Charles Davidson, passing Mr. Potts' home about 8 o'clock Thursday night, heard the latter's cries, and hurried into the house. He found Mr. Potts in the kitchen, his clothing in flames.

Mr. Davidson tore the blazing clothing from the old man and carried him outside, but he died within a few minutes.

Mr. Potts, who had lived alone since the death of his wife about a year ago, had returned that day from a visit to Norton, and was believed had just entered his home and set out to make a fire.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. James Houston, of Buck Creek.

Although he had lived in Macon county 49 years, Mr. Potts was a native of Jackson, and funeral services were held at the Stewart cemetery in that county Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Fred Sorrells officiating.

Fallbearers, all nephews, were John, Leonard, and Nicholas Potts, Robert and Will Houston, and Harley Stewart.

Bryant funeral home had charge of the arrangements.

More Than 100 Attend Supper Of Methodists

More than 100 persons, ranging in age from eight months to 80 years, attended last Friday evening's church supper, held in the basement of the Franklin Methodist church. Games and brief talks followed the supper, which was sponsored by the Men's class of the Sunday school.

Highlands Bill On Sidewalk Levy Tabled In House

Representative Herbert A. McGlamery's Highlands sidewalk-street bill has been tabled.

The measure, which would have permitted the Town of Highlands to levy special assessments against property owners on specified streets for street and sidewalk improvements, without a petition from the property owners, was reported favorably by a house committee Friday of last week, but was later tabled by the house.

This is the third Highlands bill to fall by the legislative wayside.

New York Paper

Publishes Feature Story
On Macon Section

A feature story on the agricultural development of the Cat creek and Rabbit creek section of this county was published recently by the New York Herald-Tribune.

The two-column article is by Robert S. Bird, who visited the section some weeks ago to obtain material for one of a series of features on life in the Tennessee valley.

The story will be republished in The Press next week.

Trimont Inn To Open For Guests On Monday

Trimont Inn, summer tourist hotel, will open for the season Monday, it was announced this week. The inn, closed this winter, has been renovated and decorated, S. H. Lyle, Jr., proprietor, said. The dining room will be opened about May 15, Mr. Lyle added.

STUFFING FOR PORK

Add a little chopped raw spinach to bread dressing. Use to stuff a cushion shoulder roast of pork; or make mounds of the dressing and bake pork chops on top.

The Weather

| | High | Low | Prec. |
|----------|------|-----|-------|
| March 27 | 41 | 21 | .25 |
| March 28 | 50 | 25 | .49 |
| March 29 | 63 | 19 | |
| March 30 | 60 | 30 | |
| March 31 | 64 | 31 | |
| April 1 | 65 | 34 | |
| April 2 | 73 | 52 | .02 |

Rainfall for March, 4.68 inches
Rainfall for year, to date 17.76 inches.

5 More File For Posts On Town Board

Five more men Thursday had filed as candidates for election to town office in Franklin's municipal election, set for May 6.

The five filing during the past week, all seeking places on the board of aldermen, are:

John Bulgin, chief mechanic in the maintenance development of the Nantahala Power and Light company, who lives on the Murphy road.

Mack Kibben, owner of Franks Radio and Electric company, who resides just off of Harrison avenue.

George W. Reece, painter, whose home is on Pritchard road.

Russell Cabe, with the engineering staff of the Nantahala Power and Light company, who lives on Hillcrest avenue, in the southwestern section of Franklin.

E. J. Whitmire, vocational agriculture teacher and an incorporator of the Franklin Frozen Foods firm, whose home is on the Highlands road.

This brings to seven the number of candidates seeking the six places on the board of aldermen, Oscar Ledford and Prelo Dryman having filed previously. One candidate—John M. Moore—has announced so far for the office of mayor.

No member of the present administration has yet filed.

April 7 is the deadline for candidates to file with the town clerk. Registration of eligible voters whose names are not now on the registration books will open April 12.

Carl Martin Bound To April Court In Cochran Robbery

Held in connection with the robbery of Weaver W. Cochran, Flats merchant, last December 12, Carl P. Martin last Saturday was bound to the April term of Macon superior court.

Following the hearing here before Justice of the Peace C. A. Setser, Martin was returned to the Bryson City jail, where he has been held in default of \$8,000 bond since his arrest.

The defendant is charged with robbery with firearms or other dangerous weapons.

He is alleged to have robbed the Flats merchant of between \$3,000 and \$4,000, \$2,100 of which was later recovered. Mr. Cochran was in the hospital for weeks suffering injuries received at the time he was robbed.

Witnesses at the hearing were Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, Bruce Smith, and T. A. Sandlin and Pritchard Smith, Jr., of the state highway patrol.

High Temperatures Noted Here; Area Short On Rainfall

Relatively high temperatures have characterized the weather here the past six days, with the mercury rising to the middle sixties Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and hitting 72 on Wednesday.

Mornings, however, have remained cool, with low temperatures ranging around the freezing point. A low of 19 was registered Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, weather records compiled by Observer G. L. Houk show that this section has had considerably less rainfall this year than was recorded during the first three months of 1946.

In 1946, January rainfall totaled 7.68 inches, February 5.29, and March 7.62, a total of 20.59 inches. The figures for 1947 are: January 11.14, February 1.94, and March 4.68, a total for the three months of 17.76.

Soil conservation technicians of the U. S. Department of Agriculture helped farmers and ranchers build 20,000 farm ponds in 1946.

1 OUT OF 5 VETS HERE JOBLESS. CLAIMS REVEAL

But 80 Per Cent Of Macon Veterans Not Filing For 'Rocking Chair'

Approximately one out of five Macon county veterans of World War 2 is now filing claims for readjustment allowances ("rocking chair money"). And seven out of every hundred has exhausted his credit of 52 weeks' readjustment allowance.

But—Approximately 50 fewer veterans are filing claims now than a year ago.

And about four out of every five veterans in this county either have never filed claims for the \$20 a week paid by the government to unemployed veterans, or have obtained and taken jobs before exhausting their readjustment allowance credits. (It is possible, however, that some Macon veterans are filing claims elsewhere.)

Figures Made Public
The above statements are based upon figures compiled by Simon P. Davis, manager of the J. C. Employment service Bryson City office, which serves this county.

The Employment service records show that 1,650 persons from Macon County entered the armed forces.

Of this number, Mr. Davis said, 352, or about 21 per cent, are now filing for readjustment allowances. Twenty-eight of these are self-employed, and filing claims for the difference between their net earnings and \$100 per month.

324 Unemployed
The remaining 324, according to Mr. Davis, were totally unemployed and supposedly able and available for work.

So far, the records show, 113 veterans here have drawn \$20 a week for the maximum 52 weeks, and thus have exhausted their credits. This represents about seven per cent of the total number of men furnished by Macon County to the armed forces.

In February, 1946, the Employment service reported that approximately 400 Macon County veterans were drawing the \$20 a week readjustment allowance. Thus there has been a drop of about 50 in the total number of the unemployment rolls.

1,185 Still Have Credits
The 352 now filing claims, plus the 113 who have exhausted their credits, account for only 465 of this county's 1,650 veterans. The other 1,185 are not now on the veterans' unemployment compensation rolls, and still may draw all, or at least a part, of the \$20 a week allowance for 52 weeks, in the event they should become unemployed.

Nobody knows, however, how many of this county's 1,650 veterans still are living in the county. Many of them undoubtedly, are employed elsewhere and some of them may be filing for readjustment allowance in some other county.

At present, new claims are being filed here at the rate of about six a week, Mr. Davis said.

Radio-Telephone Combination Used In Rural Sections

SCHENECTADY—A combination radio and telephone hook-up, developed for rural areas which cannot support regular telephone service, is the newest telephone system for farms and ranches.

One such system, installed on an experimental basis at Cheyenne Wells, Colo., serves a small group of ranches about 20 miles from the town, Paul W. Blye, of New York City, telephone engineer of the Bell Telephone laboratories, said in a General Electric Science Forum address here over WGY and WGFM.

"Four of these Colorado ranches have their own radio terminals, and from one of them a wire-line goes to four more ranches," Mr. Blye continued. "As far as any of these patrons is concerned, his telephone might be right in town. He simply picks up his handset, the operator answers, and he gives the number he wants."

About 1,000 calls a month are handled over the system.