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APRIL COURT TERM TO OPEN HERE MONDAY

Martin Case One Of 74 On Criminal Docket; 13 Seek Divorces

The April term of superior court will open here Monday morning with 74 criminal and 31 civil cases on the docket.

Of the criminal cases, 35 are new and 39 were continued at previous court terms.

Thirteen of the 31 civil cases are divorce actions.

Of chief interest on the criminal docket is the case in which Carl Martin is charged with robbery and assault in connection with the robbery of Weaver Cochran at his store at Flats last December.

The defendant, who is being held in the Bryson City jail in default of \$8,000 bond, is charged with robbery with firearms and other dangerous weapons. Banister Middleton is charged with manslaughter in connection with the automobile death of Mack Allen Adams.

Highlighting the civil docket of this court term is the case in which the Town of Highlands seeks a court order to have Frank B. and J. Harvey Trice remove the front porch of the Highlands inn. The town alleges that the porch is on town property.

Judge William Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will preside over the April court, and Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, who will prosecute the docket, will be here for the first time in his capacity as solicitor.

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Directors To Be Chosen In Mail Ballot

Members of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce this week are being asked to ballot by mail for seven directors to serve during the next year.

The chamber Tuesday mailed letters to all its approximately 150 members, inclosing mimeographed lists of the membership. Each member is asked to select seven names from the list of members as his choice for directors, and to return the checked list promptly.

The seven men receiving the largest number of votes will be declared elected directors, and these seven will then meet and elect from their number the president of the organization for the next year.

Chamber of Commerce officials urged members to mail their ballots promptly.

Baptist Pastors

Of W. N. C. To Hold Meet Here Monday

Approximately 50 pastors of Baptist churches in the area west of Buncombe county are expected here Monday for the quarterly Western Carolina Baptist Pastors' conference. The meeting, to be held at the First Baptist church here, will open at 10 a. m.

A number of outstanding speakers are on the day's program.

The visiting ministers will be served lunch by the entertainment committee of the local church in the church dining room.

The Rev. T. H. Parrish, of Clyde, is president of the conference, and will preside.

Burton Parker, Farmer Of Cartoogechaye, Dies

Burton Parker, 58-year old farmer of the Cartoogechaye community, died at Angel hospital about 6 a. m. Thursday. He had been in ill health for a year.

The funeral services will be held at Mt. Hope Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Community Singing Set For Sunday Afternoon

The first session of the Macon County Community Singing will be held at the courthouse in Franklin Sunday, April 13, starting at 1 p. m. It has been announced by A. A. Drake, who will be in charge.

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

The Business Girls' circle of the Franklin Presbyterian church will sponsor a rummage sale, Saturday, April 19, on the Public square.

21 In Races For 7 Posts In Franklin

A total of 21 candidates are seeking the seven town offices to be filled at the Franklin election to be held May 6.

When filing closed Monday afternoon, three were in the race for mayor, and 18 were announced as candidates for the six places as aldermen.

Only two of the 21 candidates are among the present municipal officials.

Those who have filed since last week for the office of mayor are:

T. W. Angel, Jr., the incumbent, the owner of Angel's drug store, and whose home is on Porter street.

C. J. Mooney, bookkeeper for Burrell Motor company, who resides at Riverview inn, which he and Mrs. Mooney operate.

The third candidate for mayor, who had previously filed, is John M. Moore.

Eleven have filed for aldermen since last week's issue of The Press. They are:

Wade H. Cunningham, brick mason, of Green street.

L. B. (Shine) Phillips, of West Main street, coal dealer and service station operator, a member of the present board.

John Bingham, of West Franklin, produce dealer.

R. D. Carson, feed and grocery merchant, who lives on Bidwell street.

T. H. Fagg, of Bidwell street, manager of the Nantahala creamery.

Erwin Patton, of West Main street, service station owner.

Arthur C. Pannell, of East Franklin, feed and grocery merchant.

Edgar J. Whitaker, with the Standard Oil company here, who lives on Harrison avenue.

Hunter Calloway, Nantahala Power and Light company employe, whose home is in the Bonny Crest section.

J. C. Crisp, photographer, who resides on Phillips street.

W. C. Burrell, owner of Burrell Motor company, whose home is on the Georgia road.

The seven who already had filed for aldermen are Oscar Ledford, Prelo Dryman, John Bulgin, Mack Franks, George W. Reece, Russell Cabe, and E. J. Whitmire.

Registration of those whose names are not already on the town's registration books will get under way Saturday, and continue through Saturday, April 26. Alex Moore is registrar.

Challenge day has been set for Saturday, May 3.

Cancel Plan For Paving Cross Street

The cross street, or alley, running from west Main to Church street, will not be paved—at least, not for the present.

An agreement was worked out sometime ago between the county commissioners and the Franklin board of aldermen, under which the county was to pay half of the cost, not to exceed \$2,500. The property along the east side of the alley belongs to the county.

The commissioners, however, at their meeting Monday, looked over the property, and changed their minds about the project. They found, they explained, that a 30-foot street would take about 25 feet off the county's property.

The commissioners' decision was announced at the meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night, and the street force, which was ready to begin work on the cross street, was sent to another street.

At their meeting Monday the commissioners voted to appropriate a small sum, the amount to be fixed later, to place markers at graves in the "potters' field" of the cemetery. The action was at the suggestion of Gilmer A. Jones, who made a similar suggestion to the town. The commissioners also acted favorably on petitions to have roads in the Prentiss and Gold Mine communities put under state maintenance.

The board of aldermen devoted most of its meeting to hearing requests for water, sewer, and street improvements by groups from various parts of the town.



'WELL AND TRULY EXECUTE . . .—The five men who will guide the destinies of Macon County's schools during the next two years are shown above as they took the oath of office Monday morning. "You and each of you", intoned Superior Court Clerk J. Clinton Brookshire (extreme right), "solemnly swear that you will well and truly execute the duties of the office of county board of education according to the best of your skill and ability, according to law; so help you God". Left to right, are Walter Gibson, Bob S. Sloan, Ed Byrd, Chairman C. Gordon Moore, Frank Browning, and Clerk Brookshire.

M'GLAMERY GETS 8 BILLS PASSED

Representative Herbert A. McGlamery, at the session of the general assembly that ended Saturday, obtained passage of eight local acts for Macon County.

In addition, he was the author of a joint resolution paying tribute to the memory of Dr. W. A. Rogers, who several times represented Macon County in the house.

In state-wide matters, Mr. McGlamery supported legislation for higher teachers' salaries, more old-age assistance, and a larger retirement fund; backed the state-wide bill for referenda on the sale of wine and beer; and was co-author of a measure to provide funds for public school instruction on the evils of alcohol and narcotics.

The following local bills were passed:

To require the county board of education to meet the first Monday in each month, and providing that members shall be paid the per diem for each such meeting; to validate the county school bond issue; to repeal the law which required a majority of those registered to favor a town bond issue, and validating bonds voted by the people of Franklin; to permit Franklin to employ non-residents in certain positions; a similar bill for Highlands; to fix the salary of the clerk of superior court for his duties as juvenile court judge; and to provide that national forests funds received by the county be allocated, pro rata, to the various county funds, starting January 1, 1948.

Measures introduced by Mr. McGlamery which failed of enactment included: To extend Highlands' city limits; to authorize recording of a copy of the map of the Town of Highlands; to permit assessments for sidewalk and street improvements in Highlands; to amend the truck license law; to provide a man who obtains money in advance for work must perform services to repay the loan; and to permit the sales of certain drugs in general stores (a state-wide measure on this subject was enacted).

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Cat-Rabbit Creek Area Going Places, New York Reporter Tells World

(Editor's Note—Some weeks ago Robert S. Bird, New York Herald Tribune reporter, making a Tennessee Valley tour by plane, came to Franklin and asked for directions on how to get to the Rabbit-Cat Creek section of Macon County. Accompanied by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home agent, he visited those communities, and recently his account of what he found appeared in the New York newspaper. The article, in part, appears below.)

This is a report from Cat and Rabbit Creek, which lies a few miles beyond Shooting Creek and across Chunky Gal Mountain on the road from Chattanooga into the Blue Ridge Mountain of western North Carolina.

It is a remote mountain cove in the extreme eastern watershed of the Tennessee Valley, where fifteen or twenty years ago some fifty families were wrestling a bare subsistence

Draft Board Completes Its Job After Six Years

Boys' And Girls' Week Is Planned Here By Rotary

National Boys and Girls' week will be observed here the week of April 27 to May 3, under sponsorship of the Franklin Rotary club, with other organizations cooperating.

The Rotary club, at its meeting Wednesday night, voted to sponsor the observance.

Special youth services in the churches on the Sunday opening the week, and a county-wide field day, marked by athletic events, Saturday, May 3, are expected to feature the observance.

Expression pupils of Mrs. R. S. Jones provided the program for the Wednesday night Rotary meeting.

James McCall Elected As Governor Of Moose Lodge

James McCall was elected governor of the local lodge, No. 452, Loyal Order of Moose, at a meeting Thursday night of last week. He succeeds Lester Arnold.

Other officers were elected as follows:

James P. Wurst, vice-governor; Bill Bryson, prelate; and Mack Franks, treasurer.

The secretary is elected for three years, and Lake V. Shope, who holds that office, has two more years to serve.

C. T. Bryson was named to succeed Wade Arvey as trustee for a three-year term. Trustees whose terms have not expired are Jesse Estes and Ed Henry.

Mrs. Laura W. Parker, 87, Claimed By Death

Mrs. Laura Ward Parker, 87, died at 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Brendle, of Franklin, Route 4. She had been ill for the past 10 years. Funeral arrangements Thursday were not complete.

Local Board Classified 4,140; 1,629 Of Them Entered Service

October 16, 1940, the first draft registration was held in Macon County, and the following day Macon County Local Draft Board No. 1 began to function.

For the next six and a half years, it remained an integral part of the national selective service, and an agency directly affecting the lives and nearly every family in Macon County.

When it passed out of existence, March 31 of this year, its records showed that it had classified 4,140 draft registrants, exclusive of those registrants aged 45 to 64.

Of that total, 1,629 had entered the armed forces.

Those entering service represent slightly more than 39 per cent of the number registered, or about two out of every five registered.

When the board was organized, its members were E. W. Long, H. W. Cabe, and George Dean. Mr. Long, who was chosen as chairman, is the only member to serve during the entire life of the board, having held the post of chairman throughout the board's existence.

Others who served as members were Lyman Higdon, H. Lee Guffey, E. J. Carpenter, Lawrence Liner, and Charles M. Rogers. The two last-named were members when selective service expired March 31.

During the war, the board held meetings, usually at night, weekly, sometimes two or three times a week, and the meetings often lasted from three to six hours. All board members served without pay.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones was clerk of the board during its entire life, except for a six months' period in 1945-46, when Miss Mary Evelyn Angel (now Mrs. James Dance) was clerk.

The work of selective service, however, required the efforts of many groups and individuals other than the board members and paid clerical staff.

The late Dr. W. A. Rogers, the late Dr. J. H. Fouts, and Dr. H. T. Horsley served as physicians to the board, assisted by Dr. Frank M. Killian in cases where the services of a specialist was required, and Dr. J. L. West was the board's dentist, all donating their time and skill.

When Gilmer A. Jones resigned as appeal agent, after a brief period of service, J. H. Stockton was appointed to that post, and served as long as the board functioned. Thad D. Bryson, Jr., was legal adviser to registrants for the entire period. And the late M. D. Billings served as reemployment committeeman until his death, when he was succeeded by J. S. Conley, who held the position as long as the board functioned.

And some two dozen persons, living in every township in the county, gave their time as advisory board members, aiding the registrants in filling out questionnaires and otherwise assisting the board.

Teachers and others assisted with registrations; the county agent's office worked with the board on agricultural deferments; the welfare department made investigations for the board in cases where deferment was sought on a grounds of dependency; and the county health department and Angel hospital provided X-ray and

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SCHOOL BOARD DEFERS NAMING COUNTY SUPT.

Appoints Committeemen, Reelects Moore, Acts On Veterans' Issue

The election of a county superintendent of schools was deferred until 10 a. m. Wednesday, April 23, when the newly appointed Macon County board of education held its first meeting Monday.

The board, at its initial session, also:

Appointed local school committeemen for the three districts in this county.

Reelected C. Gordon Moore as chairman of the school board.

And voted to grant high school diplomas to Macon County veterans of World War 2 on a basis of tests given by the Armed Forces Institute.

All Votes Unanimous
All actions taken by the board were by unanimous vote.

The only controversy arose over the high school diploma issue, raised at the request of the local American Legion post. The question was debated for 30 or 40 minutes, but in the end, the vote on that also was unanimous.

The decision to postpone the election of a county superintendent was in order to comply with the state law, which requires 15 days' public notice that a superintendent is to be chosen.

The board named the following to the local school committees:

Franklin district: A. R. Higdon, Gene Crawford, Joel Dalton, Charles Sutton, and John Cabe.

Nantahala district: Clint May, Mrs. Bas Baldwin, and Wymer Cochran.

Highlands district: Charles Anderson, Frank Potts, and Walter Bryson.

Of the 11 appointed, two—Mr. Cabe and Mr. Anderson—were members of the county board that served during the past two years.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. in the county superintendent's office by Supt. Guy L. Houk, in his ex officio capacity of secretary to the board. Mr. Houk called for nominations for chairman, and Ed Byrd nominated Mr. Moore. The motion was seconded by Frank Browning, and Mr. Moore was elected.

Chairman Moore then suggested that local committees be appointed. Pointing out that it is their duty to elect principals and teachers, subject to the approval of the board and the superintendent, he expressed the conviction that men should be named who would be active as committeemen.

Houk Explains

Mr. Houk explained that there are three districts in this county, each set up around a central high school: The Nantahala district, roughly embracing the area west of the Nantahala range; the Highlands district, covering the Highlands area; and the Franklin, or Tennessee valley, district, embracing the remainder of the county; and that the law says a local committee may be made up of three or five members.

List Suggested

Mr. Moore remarked that he had a list to suggest for Franklin district, which he had discussed with Mr. Houk. Bob S. Sloan, commenting that three of the five Mr. Moore suggested live in Franklin township, said he felt each of the five larger townships in the district should be represented. Mr. Houk pointed out that Franklin township, on a basis of population, should have twice as much representation as any other township.

Mr. Sloan offered his suggestion as a motion, it was seconded by Mr. Browning, and was carried.

The board then appointed, one by one, five committeemen. Mr. Higdon, representing Franklin township, was nominated by Mr. Byrd, with Walter Gibson seconding the nomination. Mr. Crawford, of Cartoogechaye, was nominated by Mr. Sloan, with Mr. Byrd seconding. Mr. Dalton, of Cowee, was nominated by Mr. Byrd, with Mr. Sloan seconding. Mr. Sutton, who was chosen as the Mill Shoal representative since he lives near the township line and is well known in Mill Shoal, was nominated by Mr. Byrd, with Mr.

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