

## HOUK REELECTED BY 4 TO 1 VOTE

### \$100,000 Street, Water And Sewer Work Under Way

Will Start Next Week Laying 22,000 Feet Of Water Mains

Franklin's \$100,000 street-water-sewer improvement program, now under way, is expected to be completed by mid-summer, engineers indicated this week.

The program calls for about four miles of street surfacing on eight streets now unpaved; the laying of approximately 22,000 feet of water line, much of it serving areas not now served with town water; and 6,592 feet of extension of the sewer system on two streets, West Main and Green.

The sewer work will be completed the last of this week, it was announced by J. M. Richards, Jr., local engineer in charge of the work, which is being done under the supervision of Harwood Beebe, municipal engineers of Spartanburg, S. C. The Asheville Paving company has the construction contract.

A new stone base course has been added on the streets to be paved, Mr. Richards said, and pipe is now being received for the water mains, and work will start the first of next week extending the water system. The first water project to be begun is on East Main street, and thence to the Van Raalte plant.

While the water lines are being laid, Mr. Richards said, the stone base course will be given time to settle. Work on the water lines is expected to require a month and a half or two months, and when that is completed, the street paving will be finished.

The paving contract calls for four to six inches of stone, including the existing base, covered with a bituminous surface of about one inch, with a seal coat as the final operation. The completed pavement will be of the asphalt type.

Work on most of the streets to be paved was begun before

### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
The following persons who subscribed amounts to lift the debt on the Franklin High school building have paid the sum subscribed:

N. L. Barnard, \$25; Lee Crawford, \$25; F. T. Smith, \$15; Jacob Slagle, \$10; W. A. Curtis, \$10; W. B. McGuire, \$25; J. B. Addington, \$5; Alex. Bell, \$5; amount given by others, \$150; total, \$270.

Brethern, please do not forget to hand in the sum you have promised at the earliest time possible. You get your money back if the debt is not lifted.

—D. F. Carver

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Choice of \$25 course with Effa Ellis Perfield for the best rhythmic melodic and harmonic dictation, and the same for the best presentation of "Rhythm Lesson One." The contests will take place during the June, 1922, summer school in Franklin. For further particulars address Miss Irene Weaver, Franklin, N. C.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Among six new men selected as members of Alpha Zeta, the highest honor that students in agriculture can achieve at North Carolina State college, was J. D. Patton, son of Representative R. A. Patton, of Macon county. Jim was initiated on March 30, and was chosen on account of his high scholastic average.

Major J. F. Carmack has been working overtime since his arrival in Franklin three weeks ago to get everything in shape for the spring opening of the golf course.

### Noted Couple Will Give Shooting Exhibition Here

(Picture on Page 6)  
Sponsored by the Macon County Wildlife club, Ernie and Dot Lind will give a free exhibition of marksmanship Friday afternoon of this week at 4 p. m. in the field back of the Highlands Briar plant, in East Franklin.

Twenty rifles, shotguns, pistols, and revolvers make up the "arsenal" used by the husband-and-wife team Mr. and Mrs. Lind, who have been termed by The American magazine as "America's number one exhibition shooters", give a program which includes feats of marksmanship with every type of modern sporting firearms, W. J. Blaine, Wildlife club president, said.

Ernie Lind specializes in the "quick draw", while Mrs. Lind picks such tiny objects as aspirin tablets as targets to test her skill with a Model 52 target rifle.

The Linds, who stress firearms safety as well as entertainment, will answer questions at the end of their program.

Mr. and Mrs. Lind, who are on a national tour, will give a demonstration in Murphy Saturday.

### Mrs. Jones Reelected President Of P. T. A.

Members of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, at Monday night's meeting, elected Mrs. Weimar Jones as president for another term, chose Mrs. Allen Siler as vice-president, reelected Mrs. John Bulgin as secretary, and named W. Emory Hunnicutt as treasurer.

Those elected are the ones suggested by the nominating committee, headed by Mrs. John M. Archer, Jr.

Other features of the meeting were a program on student conduct guidance, conducted by Principal George H. Hill, and teachers and students, and reports by chairmen of standing committees on the year's work.

Mr. Hill explained the efforts of the school faculty to develop in the students the capacity to meet properly honesty and courtesy situations that arise frequently, and passed to those present mimeographed copies of a list of such situations presented to the students for consideration. Miss Esther Wallace told how the program functions in the elementary grades, and students of Mrs. Clinton Johnson presented a skit illustrating courtesy and discourtesy.

The association went on record as backing the proposed first aid, water safety, and accident prevention program of the Red Cross.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Parker.

In order to avoid conflict with commencement activities, the next meeting was set for the first Monday, May 5.

### Child, 4, Is Treated For Copperhead Bite

Joyce Ramsey, four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ramsey, of the Tellico community, has been under treatment at the Angel clinic, suffering from the effects of the bite of a copperhead. The child, bitten on the left foot while at play in her yard Sunday, was sufficiently recovered to return home Wednesday.

### HALL'S BROTHER KILLED

Jack Hall, who was beaten to death in his taxi near Sylva Sunday night, was a brother of W. L. Hall, Franklin sign painter. The Sylva man, a 39-year old taxi driver, and his wife were found in their car early Monday. Mr. Hall was dead and his wife, who later died, was unconscious. No arrests in the case.

### Zickgraf To Pay Employees Friday In Silver Dollars

The Zickgraf Hardwood company tomorrow (Friday) will do the unusual by making it a "silver dollar pay roll" day.

All regular employees of the company will be paid for the week's work in silver dollars, Grant L. Zickgraf, vice-president and general manager, announced.

Mr. Zickgraf explained that the company's purpose is to test, and demonstrate, the value to the community of the Zickgraf pay roll, adding that a plan has been set up to check the number of times, in a given period, each of the silver dollars it pays this week is spent in the community.

The Zickgraf firm, which started its lumber mill here in 1933, is proud, Mr. Zickgraf said, of the loyalty of its employees, explaining that a number of those it first employed are among those who will be paid in silver dollars Friday.

The mill has been in continuous operation since its opening, even last year's fire halting its operations only for a brief time.

### PARKER HEADS RED CROSS HERE

Named When Huneycutt Resigns; \$3,288 Is Fund Drive Total

The Rev. C. E. Parker was elected chairman of the Macon County chapter of the Red Cross at a meeting of the executive committee Tuesday night. He succeeds the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, who resigned.

Russell E. McKelvey was named home service chairman, the position formerly held by Mr. Parker.

The executive committee also appointed Stacy Russell, of Highlands, to represent the chapter at the national Red Cross convention in Cleveland, Ohio, June 9-12.

Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan, home service secretary and acting treasurer of the recent fund drive, reported total contributions of \$3,288.04, or approximately one-third more than the quota of \$2,410. Of this total, \$1,685 was made up of contributions from the Highlands community, Franklin gave \$1,287, and \$314 was contributed by other communities in the county.

The proportion of the total to be retained by the local chapter, Mrs. Sloan said, was fixed at 67.6 per cent, or slightly more than two-thirds, while the remainder has been remitted to national headquarters.

### Fellowship Supper To Be Held Friday Night At 7

The monthly fellowship supper meeting of the Franklin Methodist church will be held in the church basement tomorrow (Friday) night at 7 o'clock. The Young Men's class of the Sunday school will sponsor the supper, with ladies of the church bringing covered dishes.

### Nantahala Trout Streams To Be Open Starting May 3

Trout streams in the Nantahala National forest will be open for fishing on specified dates, starting May 3, it was announced this week by E. W. Renshaw, supervisor. (Outside the forest, the open season for trout is April 15 through August 31.)

Fishing, to be permitted in the four wildlife management areas in the forest, will be confined to week-ends (Saturday and Sunday) through August, except for two holidays, Memorial day, May 30, and July 4. All streams, however, will not be open each week-end, Mr. Renshaw emphasized, in announcing the open dates for each of the forest areas.

The dates by areas follows:  
**STANDING INDIAN AREA**  
May: 10-11; 24-25.  
June: 7-8; 21-22.  
July: 4-5-6; 19-20.

### PLAN REA LINE TO SERVE 350 MACON HOMES

Will Let Contracts For Electric Project In Southern Macon

Work is expected to start soon on the construction by the Rural Electrification administration of 80 miles of electric line to provide service for about 350 families in the southern end of this county.

A. Claude Patterson, who has been engaged in obtaining easements from property owners for the line, said the REA has notified him a survey will start about the first of May, and that shortly thereafter construction bids will be sought.

The line will serve parts of Highlands and Smith Bridge townships and all of Flats township, Mr. Patterson said.

The project is under the Waynesville REA, which serves three counties, and the REA will buy its electric current from the Nantahala Power and Light company, tying in with that firm's lines near Highlands, on the Highlands-Dillard road, Mr. Patterson explained.

The REA will seek bids, he said, on clearing the right-of-ways; on erecting the poles; and on stringing the wire.

The project is the outgrowth of a sign-up, two years ago, when 355 families in the area to be served requested the service. At that time, the REA made aerial maps of the region.

### Archer Named Official Of Power Firm

John M. Archer, Jr., was elected vice-president of the Nantahala Power and Light company at a meeting of the firm's board of directors Tuesday morning. Mr. Archer previously had held the title of manager of operations.

At a meeting of the company's stockholders, held earlier in the day, Claude Bolton was elected to the board of directors to succeed W. C. Penn, retired. Mr. Bolton previously had been named by the directors to succeed Mr. Penn as secretary-treasurer.

Directors reelected by the stockholders are J. E. S. Thorpe, who is president of the Nantahala company, R. L. Smith, of Albemarle, J. B. Holmes, of Badin, and Mr. Archer.

### C. A. Setser Observes His 85th Birthday By Working

C. A. Setser, widely known Macon County citizen, Wednesday celebrated his 85th birthday.

Mr. Setser, or "Uncle Gus", as he is affectionately known by many friends, has been a justice of the peace here for 12 years, and, except for taking time out for a home birthday dinner and to accept the greetings of friends, he observed the day by working as usual.

### Nantahala Trout Streams To Be Open Starting May 3

Aug: 2-3; 16-17 30-31.  
**CLIFFSIDE LAKE AREA**  
May: 3-4; 10-11; 17-18; 24-25; 30-31.  
June: 1; 7-8; 14-15; 21-22; 28-29.  
July: 4-5-6; 12-13; 19-20; 26-27.  
Aug.: 2-3; 9-10; 16-17; 23-24; 30-31.

**WAYAH BALD AREA**  
May: 3-4; 17-18; 30-31.  
June: 1; 14-15; 28-29.  
July: 4-5-6; 19-20.  
Aug.: 2-3; 16-17; 30-31.

**SANTEETLAH AREA**  
1. Big and Little Santeetlah creeks:—  
May: 3-4; 17-18; 30-31.  
June: 1; 14-15; 28-29.  
July: 4-5-6; 12-13; 26-27.  
Aug.: 9-10; 23-24.  
2. Slickrock, Deep, Bear and Barkers creeks—Cheoah River:—  
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GUY L. HOUK

### WEEK FOR YOUTH TO OPEN SUNDAY

Church Services, Club Meetings, Athletics Planned

Starting with services in the churches Sunday and ending Saturday of next week with an athletic field day, Boys' and Girls' week will be observed in this county April 27 to May 3. The local observance of the national event is sponsored by the Franklin Rotary and Lions clubs.

The week is designed to emphasize the idea that youth are the trustees of posterity, with four specific objects: To focus public attention upon the potentialities and problems of boys and girls; to give impetus to year-round programs of character building; to emphasize the importance of sound bodies, trained minds, and spiritual growth; and to stress the need of instilling in youth love of country and respect for its laws and institutions.

Special services will be held Sunday in all of the churches in Franklin and many elsewhere in the county. Bob S. Sloan, E. J. Whitmire, and Don Allison will speak at three churches on the Franklin Methodist circuit.

Monday evening the annual charter of the cub scouts will be presented to the Lions club, cub's sponsor, at a picnic supper at Arrowood, where the cubs will serve as hosts. Adults and boys will meet at the Methodist church at 7 p. m. for the trip to Arrowood.

Wednesday evening at 6:45 the boy scouts will serve supper to members of the Rotary club, the scouts' sponsor, at the Slagle memorial. The program will feature presentation of the scout troop's charter to the Rotary.

All interested boys and girls in the county are invited to participate in Saturday's athletic events, to be held from 1 to 4 p. m. at the athletic field at the Franklin school. Prizes will be given the winners in the various events.

An unusual feature of the program at the athletic field will be a "flags of all nations" pageant to be presented by the girl scouts.

### School Fund Here Receives \$5,292 From Court Term

The school fund of Macon County received a total of \$5,292 in fines, forfeitures, and fees, collected at the April term of superior court here, J. Clinton Brookshire, clerk of court, announced this week.

The total was made up of: Forfeitures, \$2,800. Fines, \$2,180. Solicitor's fees (which go to the school fund), \$312.

### Higdon Recovering From Assault; Hall In Jail

R. L. Hall is in jail, charged with an assault on Ferdie Higdon. The assault occurred at the Iotla street home of the Higdons, with whom the Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been living, early Sunday morning. Officers said Mr. Hall came home drunk. Mr. Higdon, taken to Angel hospital suffering from cerebral concussion and face lacerations, will be discharged from the hospital soon, it was said Thursday.

### BOARD TAKES NO ACTION TO MAKE JOB FULL-TIME

Finley Named Franklin Principal; Summer, Shope Reelected

The county board of education Wednesday reelected Guy L. Houk as Macon County superintendent of schools.

The vote was 4 to 1. The board reelected the present superintendent without taking action on the much discussed suggestion that the office of superintendent be made a full-time position.

Nine applications were before the board, but none of these was considered at the 30-minute executive session during which the election was held, Chairman C. Gordon Moore said afterward. The entire period, Mr. Moore said, was devoted to discussing whether the superintendent should be required to devote his time to the duties of that office, and whether to reelect the present superintendent.

**Finley Elected**  
The board and newly elected superintendent approved the election, by the Franklin district committee, of W. H. Finley as supervising principal of the schools in this district, succeeding

**SLOAN MAKES STATEMENT**  
Bob S. Sloan, lone board member to oppose Mr. Houk's reelection, made the following statement after Wednesday's meeting:

"I opposed Mr. Houk's reelection because of the failure of the board to require the superintendent to accept the position on a full-time basis—a policy which I have stood for since filing as a candidate for the board of education. I urged the board to adopt this policy before selecting any man to fill the position of superintendent of schools of Macon County."

ing George H. Hill. Also approved were the reelections, by the Highlands and Nantahala committees of O. F. Summer and Weaver Shope, respectively, as principals in those districts.

When the board meeting opened at 10 a. m. in the superintendent's office, Chairman Moore read the applications of the following nine persons:

C. C. Poindexter, of Waynesville, Charles A. Elmore, of Elizabethtown, J. H. Moore, of Farmville, J. H. Harwood, of Bryson City, Carroll E. Love, of Tate, Ga., L. Milton Hauser, of Spartanburg, S. C., William Way, Jr., of Highlands and the University of Tennessee, I. B. Hudson, of Andrews, and J. D. Warrick, of Robbinsville. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Warrick's statements asked that their applications be considered only if a vacancy were declared.

Eight of the nine, it is understood, are engaged in school work and meet the qualifications set up by the state for county superintendents.

**Cites Record**  
Mr. Houk, who had filed no written application, told the board, just before it went into executive session, that he stood on his record, "I have no apologies to offer."

After the reading of the applications, Bob S. Sloan moved that the board go into executive session to consider the applications. The motion, seconded by Walter Gibson, was carried, and the two reporters present and Mr. Houk were asked to retire. It was at this point that Mr. Houk made his brief statement to the board members.

At the end of the 30-minute executive session, Mr. Moore announced that Mr. Houk had been reelected by a vote of 4 to 1. The motion to reelect him was made by Ed Byrd, and seconded by ...

**Elections Approved**  
Supt. Houk then read to the board the certifications by the three district committees of their elections of principals. Mr. Finley's election was approved on motion of Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Browning; Mr. Summer's, on motion of Mr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Sloan; and Mr. Shope's, on motion of Mr. —Continued on Page Eight