

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD TUESDAY IN MACON TOWNS

Voters in Franklin and Highlands to Elect Mayors, Aldermen

Voters in Franklin and Highlands will go to the polls Tuesday to elect mayors and boards of aldermen to serve the two towns for the next two years.

In each election, the voters will have exactly three times as many aspirants for office from which to select as there are offices to fill.

In Franklin, three seek to become mayor, and 18 are out for the six seats on the board of aldermen.

In Highlands, there are six offices to be filled and 18 candidates—four for mayor, and 14 for the five seats on the board of aldermen.

Registration for the election was unusually heavy in Franklin, Alex Moore, registrar, announced at the close of registration last Saturday night that 237 names had been added to the registration list—an increase of about one-third—to bring the total to 1,001. Figures on the registration in Highlands were not available here.

In both towns, the polls will open 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Municipal elections in both Franklin and Highlands are non-partisan.

The Franklin candidates for mayor are T. W. Angel, Jr., the incumbent, C. J. Mooney, and John W. Moore.

The 18 who are running for aldermen are John Bingham, John Bulgin, W. C. Burrell, Russell Cabe, Hunter Calloway, R. D. Carson, J. C. Crisp, Wade Cunningham, Prelo Dryman, T. H. Fagg, Mack Franks, Oscar Ledford, A. C. Pannel, Erwin Patton, L. B. Phillips, George W. Reece, Edgar J. Whitaker, and E. J. Whitmire. Mr. Phillips is the only member of the present board seeking reelection.

In Highlands, James O. Beale, Louis A. Edwards, J. Steve Potts, and L. W. Rice are in the race to succeed W. H. Cobb as mayor. Mr. Cobb declined to seek reelection.

The candidates for the five places as commissioners in Highlands are J. D. Burnette, Claud Calloway, E. Carlton Cleveland, George Cleveland, T. C. Harbison, W. A. Hays, Harry A. Holt, Sidney McCarty, John W. Paul, J. E. Potts, Joe Reese, E. M. Rogers, W. H. Rogers, and Paul C. Walden. Mr. Holt and Mr. Potts are the only members of the present board seeking reelection.

PLAN CASHIERS JOB, BENEFIT CLAIM SERVICE

Of interest in the Highlands area is the announcement that the Bryson City office of the N. C. Employment Security Commission (Unemployment Compensation commission and State Employment service) will establish an itinerant service at Cashiers, beginning Thursday of next week.

Registrations for employment and claims for benefits will be taken at the Whispering Pines cafe each Thursday from 11 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. according to Simon P. Davis, manager of the Bryson City office.

Claimants who live in the Highlands community and have been reporting on Wednesday's in Franklin, but prefer to report at Cashiers, are asked by Mr. Davis to report in Franklin again on Wednesday, May 7, and begin reporting at Cashiers May 15. Claimants who have been reporting in Franklin on Fridays are asked not to report during the week of May 5-9, and to begin reporting at Cashiers on Thursday, May 15.

Claimants who live in the vicinity of Cashiers, and who have been reporting in Sylva on Thursdays, are asked to start reporting at Cashiers on Thursday, May 8, and those who have been reporting in Sylva on Mondays are asked not to report May 12, but to begin report at Cashiers Thursday, May 15.

Miss Inez Crawford is a patient at Angel hospital. Her condition is reported satisfactory.



HEADS SENIORS—Andrew J. Patton, of Franklin, has been elected president of the rising senior class at N. C. State college. Mr. Patton, a junior in aeronautical engineering, returned to school in January, 1946, after service in the army, and has been editor of *The Watauga*, State college magazine, this year. He is the son of R. A. Patton.

Use Memorial First Time In Scout Event

Seventy persons — Rotarians, Boy Scouts, Scout leaders, and guests—gathered at the Slagle memorial Wednesday night for a ceremony that marked the first public use of the beautiful memorial structure now nearing completion.

The occasion was the presentation of the annual charter of Boy Scout Troop 1, which is sponsored by the Rotary club. With this event, the Rotarians combined their weekly meeting. When the group sat down to dinner, prepared by the Scouts and their leaders, Rotarians and Scouts were seated alternately, and each person present introduced the person on his right.

Clinton Johnson presented the charter to Harmon Gnuse, Rotary president, who accepted it on behalf of the club, and then presented it to Russell E. McKelvey, troop committeeman. Mr. McKelvey, in turn, presented it to Robert (Bob) Lee, scoutmaster, who made a brief report on Scout activities, and then called on Scout Charles Thomas to respond for the boys. In his remarks, Mr. Lee pointed out that Troop 1 is now filled, and it will not be long until there will need to be a Troop 2 in Franklin.

John Edwards announced that the Smoky Mountain district Scout Camporee will be held at Camp Lumpkin May 16 and 17.

On motion of the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, the club went on record as sponsoring the proposed Red Cross water safety program here this summer, and Mr. Johnson announced that the Forest service will have senior life guards at the lakes at Cliffside and Arrowood this summer.

R. S. Jones, promotion chairman, announced that the following plan to leave Franklin Sunday afternoon for Charlotte to attend the district Rotary conference there Monday and Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. Harmon H. Gnuse, W. W. Sloan, Rufus Snyder, J. C. Jacobs, Albert L. Ramsey, Russell E. McKelvey, Guy L. Houk, Clyde N. West, A. B. Slagle, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Franks, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones.

The club voted to enter a team again this year in the softball league, and John M. Archer, Jr., was named manager, and E. J. Whitmire, assistant.

Final P. T. Meet Of Year To Be Held On May 5

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association will hold its May meeting next Monday night, May 5, at 8 o'clock. The meeting was changed from the third to the first Monday in order to avoid a conflict with commencement activities later in the month.

Featuring the program will be reports by Mrs. Weimar Jones, the president, and Mrs. Allen Siler, the incoming vice-president, on the annual state P. T. A. convention held in Asheville last week.

Officers for the coming year will be installed.

BOARD O. K.'S TEACHER LIST

Two District Committees' Selections Approved By Education Body

Seventy-one of the 79 teachers in the Franklin school district were reelected by the district committee Wednesday night, and were approved by the county board of education and County Supt. Guy L. Houk at a meeting of the county board Thursday morning.

The board also approved the reelection of six of the nine teachers in the Nantahala district.

The committee in Highlands, where the school will not complete the year's work until June 9, has not elected teachers.

The board of education voted not to renew contracts with teachers holding non-standard or war emergency certificates for the present. Six teachers in this district and two in Nantahala hold such certificates.

The board explained that its action was with a view to waiting to see if it is possible to employ teachers with standard certificates.

The resignation of Mrs. W. Jackson Huneycutt and the transfer of Miss Lolita Dean, teacher at Kyle for the past 10 years, to the Franklin district, were announced.

Franklin district teachers re-elected follow:

Katherine M. O'Neil, Annie Bailey, Vesta S. Young, Lois F. Fulton, Vera Pauline Reid, Katherine Long, Mary Canace Raby, Katherine P. Matthews, E. J. Whitmire, William G. Crawford, Virginia B. Ramsey, May Beryl Moody, Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, Edna Jamison, Pearl Hunter.

Mrs. Margaret R. Flanagan, Esther Wallace, Kate H. Williams, Elsie W. Franks, Elizabeth Guffey, Margaret H. Ramsey, Amy Henderson, Nora Moody, Marie G. Roper, Elizabeth Meadows, Martha C. Shields, Hazel P. Sutton, Joyce J. Cagle, Lucy C. Bradley, Mrs. Gay B. Teague, Grace Carpenter, Sanford Smith, Lolita Dean.

John B. Brendle, Gladys Kinsland, Vernon D. Higdon, Nancy J. Taylor, Georgia Howard Young, Carl D. Moses, Lovicia J. Moses, Mrs. Eva Keener, Virgil C. Ramey, Sam Bryson, Mary F. Peek, Mildred Richardson, Kathryn R. Jones, Myrtle F. Keener, J. J. Mann, Mrs. J. C. Horsley, Lola S. Kiser, Mrs. Beatrice F. Alley, Mrs. Catharine F. Henry. Eunice C. Siler, Hazel C. Norton, Pauline C. Holland, E. R. White, Mrs. Clara Harrison, Bertha C. Smart, Glee G. Nolen, Mrs. Fieta G. Mason, Ray N. Moses, Minnie S. Tallent, May McCoy, Mrs. R. D. West, E. J. Carpenter, James Norman West, Nina T. McCoy, Alice Slagle, Merle P. Dryman, Selma Dalton, Dora G. Carpenter, and Lily C. Moody.

Reelected in the Nantahala district are: Mattie Brendell, Esther Seay, Rebecca Ray, Grace Fouts, Pauline F. Cable, and Iva Deane Roper.

Health Department Plans X-Ray Clinic For Tuberculosis

A clinic, at which patients will be X-rayed to determine whether they have tuberculosis, will be held by the County Health department May 8, it was announced this week by Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines, health nurse.

These examinations will be given by appointment only, Mrs. Gaines said, and explained that interested persons may make appointments by calling at the health office either May 3 or May 6.

Catholic Masses To Be Held Weekly Hereafter

Announcement has been made that Catholic masses will be conducted in Franklin and Highlands each Sunday, instead of once a month, beginning Sunday. The services in Franklin will be held at 8 a. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., and the Highlands services are scheduled for 11 a. m.

Mrs. J. Q. Wallace, who has been suffering from an eye affection, underwent an eye operation in Emory hospital, Atlanta, last Sunday. Members of her family said Thursday that she is doing well.

Mexico Club Goes On Sight-Seeing Trip To Atlanta

A group of 41 students at the Franklin High school, members of the Mexico club, spent Wednesday in Atlanta on a sight-seeing trip.

The party, accompanied by Mrs. Clinton Johnson, counselor of the club, left at 6 a. m. by chartered bus. Their schedule called for a visit to Gainesville, to see Brenau college and Riverside Military academy; a tour of the plant of The Atlanta Constitution; a bus trip over Atlanta, via the federal penitentiary and through the residential sections, now particularly attractive because of the profusion of dogwood; and a visit to Grant Park and the cyclorama there.

Arrangements had been made before the party left for Ken Rogers, photographer, Ralph McGill, an editor, and Jack Tarver, columnist, of The Constitution to meet the boys and girls on their arrival in Atlanta and take them through the newspaper's plant.

The Mexico club, made up of students who are taking Spanish, originally had hoped to be able to visit Mexico as an educational and good will project, but lack of funds prevented, and it was decided to make the trip to Atlanta.

Through a rummage sale and other projects, the club raised about \$275 for the trip.

ATHLETIC MEET TO CLIMAX BOYS AND GIRLS WEEK

Elementary School Youth Of County Invited To Enter Contests

The local observance of Boys and Girls Week, a nation-wide event designed to focus attention upon youth as the "trustees of tomorrow," will be climaxed Saturday with a field day at the Franklin High school athletic field.

Boys and girls in elementary schools throughout the county have been invited to participate in the event, which will be held from 1 to 4 p. m.

A "Flag of Nations" pageant that was to have been presented by the Girl Scouts had to be canceled, due to inability to obtain the flags. The Scouts, however, will be present, in uniform.

The athletic events will be in two divisions, for boys and girls under 14, and for those in elementary school who are 14 or older, it was explained by coach William Crawford.

Competitions planned include 40, 50, 80, and 100 yard dashes, running high jumps, running broad jumps, a potato race, a three-legged race, relay races, baseball throw, basketball dribble relays, football throws, and bear walking races.

Another event will be a horse-shoe pitching tournament.

The observance opened last Sunday, with special services in many of the churches. Monday night at Arrowood Glade the Cub Scouts club, Cub members of the club, Cub sponsor, at an "Oyster" supper.

And Wednesday evening the Slagle memorial was used for the first time when the Boy Scouts entertained the members of the Rotary club, which sponsors the Franklin troop, at supper. In the course of the evening, the Scouts' annual charter was presented to the Rotary club.

The observance here is sponsored jointly by the Rotary and Lions clubs.

Baptists Here To Hold Home-Coming Service On Sunday

Home-coming day will be observed, at the First Baptist church here Sunday, it has been announced.

R. F. Jarrett, of Dillsboro, a former member of the Franklin church and a recent contributor to the local church, will be present, and will be accompanied by Walter Carringer, tenor, of Western Carolina Teachers college, a widely known tenor, who will sing at the service. Clarence Christman, also of W. C. T. C., will be the accompanist.

Lee Barnard, Sr. is under treatment at Angel hospital.

McKelvey Elected As Commerce Head

66 Youths To Be Graduated Here May 16

Sixty-six Macon County young people—five of them GI's—will be graduated from the Franklin High school in exercises to be held in the school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. May 16.

Hazel Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson, of Franklin, Route 1, has been chosen as valedictorian of the class of 35 girls and 31 boys, and Fredrick Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Corbin, of Cullasaja, will deliver the salutatory. Hoyt Bryson is president of the senior class.

The following awards will be presented by Principal George H. Hill: Mathematics, Furman Corbin; agriculture, Hayes Gregory; home economics, Virginia Brookshire; citizenship, Mary Frances Dalrymple; social science, Howard Horsley; English, Marjorie Constance; athletics, Howard Penland; science, Mac Duncan; and commercial, Immogene Moses.

A special certificate for perfect attendance throughout her high school years will be awarded to Elizabeth DeHart.

Diplomas will be presented by County Supt. Guy L. Houk.

Commencement activities will open with the Junior-Senior banquet at 7:30 Saturday evening, May 10, at the Slagle memorial.

The baccalaureate sermon, to be delivered by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the First Baptist church, is set for 8 p. m. May 11, at the Macon Theatre.

Death Claims Mrs. A. Roper At Age Of 80

Mrs. Amanda Burnette Roper, widow of Sidney Roper, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Sprinkle, Franklin, at 5:20 o'clock Monday morning, following a long illness.

Mrs. Roper, who was 80 years of age, had made her home with Mrs. Sprinkle since the death of her husband in 1942. A native of Swan county, she had lived in Macon since her marriage. She was a member of the Tellico Baptist church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sprinkle and Mrs. Commodore Tilley, of Franklin; three sons, J. W., Lon, and Harley Roper, all of Franklin; a half-sister, Mrs. Pallie Harper, of Ottawa, Ill.; 18 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkle, and burial followed in the Franklin cemetery. The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, officiated.

Pallbearers were Max Roper, Joe Roper, Henry Sprinkle, Jack Tilley, and George Roper, all grandsons, and Lawrence Long. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

U. S. Forest Head Makes Visit To Western Carolina

Lyle Watts, chief forester of the U. S. Forest Service, on an inspection trip of national forests, paid a visit to Western North Carolina last week-end. He was accompanied by J. Herbert Stone, former supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, now assistant regional forester. They spent Saturday and Sunday at Fontana Lake, which adjoins the Nantahala forest, where they conferred with officials of the local forest.

Those making the trip to Fontana from Franklin were E. W. Renshaw, Nantahala supervisor; Clinton Johnson, regional recreational planner, and Mrs. Johnson; H. C. Eriksson, assistant supervisor, and Mrs. Eriksson and family; and L. L. Bishop, assistant regional forester in charge of lands, who came up from Atlanta and went to Fontana with the Franklin group.

Newly Chosen Chamber Directors Outline Season's Plans

Russell E. McKelvey, manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, was elected president of the Franklin chamber of commerce by the newly elected board of directors, at a meeting Wednesday night. The directors also outlined plans for the summer tourist season.

John M. Archer, Jr., was chosen vice-president, and Frank B. Duncan was named treasurer.

Members of the board of directors, in addition to the officers, are H. W. Cabe, W. C. Burrell, Armour Cagle, and T. W. Angel, Jr. Mr. Angel, who has served as president during the past year, asked that he not be reelected.

The seven directors were named by the membership in an

Tourist Inquiries About Franklin Are Pouring In

Request for tourist information are pouring in upon the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, retiring President T. W. Angel, Jr., revealed at Wednesday night's meeting of the new board of directors. During the past few days, Mr. Angel said, inquiries have come from Michigan, the State of Washington, New York, St. Louis, Dayton, Ohio, Petersburg, Va., Tampa, Miami Beach, Jacksonville, Sarasota, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and St. Petersburg, Fla.; points in South Carolina; and from Winston-Salem, Gastonia, Statesville, Kings Mountain, and Rocky Mount in this state.

election conducted by mail. Ballots were sent to all members April 8.

It was decided to open the booth on Main street at the earliest date possible, and Mr. Angel, Mr. Cabe and Mr. Burrell were named as a committee, with President McKelvey as a member ex-officio, to employ a secretary to keep the booth, answer correspondence, etc. Three applications for the position are on file, it was revealed. It also was decided to repair and paint the booth.

The board voted to seek \$1,250 in 1947 memberships as soon as arrangements can be made for the membership campaign, and Mr. Cabe, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Angel were named as a committee to work with the treasurer on this activity. Mr. Duncan's treasurer's report showed a cash balance on hand of \$950.

Mr. Angel pointed out that the supply of illustrated folders advertising Franklin, purchased several years ago, is about exhausted, and President McKelvey was authorized to obtain what ever additional number is deemed necessary for this season.

The board voted to affiliate the local chamber with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, as has been the custom in recent years.

Virgil Welch Killed In Tractor Mishap While Serving In Army

Word has been received here of the death in a tractor accident of T-5 Virgil M. Welch, 26-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Welch, of the Burningtown community. The accident occurred April 25 in the State of Washington, but no details have been received.

The body is expected to arrive here Saturday, and the funeral services, under the direction of Bryant funeral home, will be held at the Burningtown Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. George Cloer officiating, and burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. Welch, who had been in the service for 49 months, served about two years in Italy. Following his discharge last summer, he reenlisted.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include five brothers, J. D., John, Bobby, Charles, and Arlef Welch, all of the Burningtown community; two sisters, Mrs. Hettie Holbrooks, of Franklin, and Miss Dixie Welch, of Burningtown; and his grandfather, George Daves, of Commerce, Ga.