

M'CARTY NAMED MAYOR PRO TEM OF HIGHLANDS

Mrs. Merrill Resigns As Clerk At Board Executive Meet

At an organization meeting Monday night, the new board of aldermen of Highlands chose Alderman Sidney McCarty as mayor pro tem.

Following the business session, an executive meeting was held, after which it was announced that Mrs. Virginia P. Merrill had tendered her resignation as town clerk, effective June 10. Her successor has not been named.

James O. Beale, Highlands' new mayor, was sworn in at the meeting by W. H. Cobb, outgoing mayor.

Mr. Cobb also administered the oath of office to Aldermen J. E. Potts, W. A. Hays, Joseph W. Reese, Jr., and Sidney McCarty. The fifth board member, J. D. Burnette, was attending the graduation of his daughter from the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He was sworn in upon his return to Highlands.

Death Claims

Mrs. Jennie S. Shook; Rites Friday

Mrs. Jennie Stanfield Shook, 72, died at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ennis Tilson, of Franklin.

Mrs. Shook had been ill for about two months. She was the widow of A. E. Shook, who died 11 years ago.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Tilson, Mrs. Eugene Henderson, of Erastus, Mrs. John Morgan, of Franklin, and Mrs. Ray Hays and Miss Dorothy Shook, both of Atlanta; one son, E. C. Shook, of Franklin; 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral services will be held at the Buck Creek Baptist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Frank Reid officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

SILER SLAGLE RECOVERING
Siler Slagle, who was seriously injured in a tractor accident a fortnight ago, is recovering satisfactorily, members of his family said Thursday. Mr. Slagle is a patient at Angel hospital.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Rev. C. A. Ridley returned home from Wake Forest college last Wednesday and will spend his vacation here.

Dr. F. L. Siler and Clerk Lee Crawford came together in a sort of semi-collision on their bicycles last Thursday morning and both went to grass. The doctor had to perambulate on one leg for a few days due to a sprained knee.

25 YEARS AGO
Macon county is so different from Buncombe county. Buncombe has eleven state high schools and is still trying to organize more. She is spending much money building large school houses and making fine parks and lawns for the school children and the community at large, to enable them to visit, rest and be together. Where are Macon's three high schools given to her in 1910 by her representative, Iotla, Cowee and Ellijay? Only Iotla remains.

10 YEARS AGO
The Franklin library will hereafter be known as the Macon County library, according to the action of the county commissioners in called meeting on Tuesday of this week when a resolution of the Franklin Library club was adopted recommending such action. There will be no financial obligations laid upon the county by this action.

The following committee presented the matter to the county commissioners, Mrs. T. W. Porter, Mrs. Reby Tessler, Mrs. J. C. Barrington, J. S. Robison, and the Rev. Frank C. Bloxham.

\$12,000 Modern Abattoir Here Nearing Completion

A \$12,000 abattoir, under construction in the Rabbit Creek section, is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

This modern slaughter house, which will produce native meat slaughtered under sanitary conditions that comply with the North Carolina health laws, with pre- and post-mortem inspection by a licensed veterinarian, is being built by J. R. Franklin and his sons, Ray and Woodrow Franklin. They will operate it under the firm name of the Franklin Packing company.

When completed, it will be one of the few abattoirs in operation in Western North Carolina.

The plant is constructed of concrete blocks, and is floored throughout with cement.

With the exception of the plastering, electric welding, and the installation of the refrigerator doors, all of the construction work has been done by the Franklins.

The slaughter room is 18 x 21 feet and equipped with knocking pen, blood pits, and sanitary draining facilities.

The carcasses will be taken next to the chilling room, by means of an overhead traveling crane, where it will be chilled at a temperature of from 32 to 34 degrees. This room is refrigerated by means of a blower coil.

From there, the meat will go

to the aging room by crane, where it will be kept for ten days at least at a temperature of 38 to 40 degrees. Mr. Franklin said that this room will have a storage capacity of approximately 8,000 pounds and that when operating at capacity load could handle this amount every ten days.

The plant was inspected Tuesday by Dr. M. B. H. Michal, acting district health officer, W. F. Hart, sanitary engineer for the state health department, and S. W. Mendenhall, county agent.

All three were high in their praise of the project, and Mr. Hart commented not only upon the sanitary and health features, but remarked that it has been so efficiently planned that the operators will utilize every part of a butchered animal "except the squeal".

One example cited is the installation of a pressure cooker which will enable the Franklins to transform blood and offal into blood meal, a highly desirable fertilizer.

The owners, who hope to have the plant in operation in the near future, explained that they will do both custom and commercial slaughtering, and that every piece of meat released by the plant will bear a licensed veterinary's stamp as evidence of having been slaughtered under conditions that comply with the state law.

Reese Heads Legion Post At Highlands

Coleman M. Reese was elected commander of Highlands Memorial Post No. 370, American Legion, and Carter E. Talley, vice-commander, at a meeting held Thursday night at Linda's.

Other new post officers include John H. C. Perry, adjutant; James O. Beale, finance officer; Charles E. Potts, historian; Louis A. Edwards, service officer; John B. Westbrook, publicity officer; Thomas R. Hunt, sergeant-at-arms; and Glenn Shuler, chaplain.

Composing the executive committee are Edward J. Baty, John D. Burnette, C. Doyle Burgess, L. G. Appley, and W. L. Watson.

Manning Succeeds Hill As Methodist Sunday School Head

George H. Hill last Sunday announced his resignation as superintendent of the Franklin Methodist church Sunday school, and introduced his successor, Louis W. Manning, who took over the superintendency immediately.

Mr. Hill explained that he was resigning because he and his family plan to leave Franklin in the near future.

Parents Find Infant, Aged 3 Months, Dead

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter, of Scaly, found their three-month old baby dead in bed Friday night. The baby's death is believed to have been caused by hives.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results
Friday, May 30:—
Burrell Motor, 29; Nantahala Power 9.
Zickgraf Hardwood, 17; Veterans, 15.

Monday, June 2:—
Rotary, 8; Nantahala Power, 3.
Ollers forfeit game to Zickgraf.

Coming Games
Friday, June 6:—
Ollers vs Burrell.
Rotary vs Veterans.
Monday, June 9:—
Nantahala Power vs Zickgraf.
Veterans vs Burrell.

V. F. W. HOLDS MEET
MOREHEAD CITY—Veterans of Foreign Wars, more than 1,000 from all parts of North Carolina are attending the 17th annual state encampment on Atlantic Beach this week.

100 Attend Shell Oil Dealers' Meet At Panorama Court

Approximately 100 Shell oil dealers from this region attended a banquet at Panorama Court Friday evening of last week.

Cannon Brothers, of Dillsboro, Shell distributors in this area, were hosts at the annual dinner meeting, and Cole Cannon, general manager of that firm, served as toastmaster.

F. A. Adkins, of Charlotte, state Shell representative, and Preston R. Phoenix, also of Charlotte, district representative, were speakers.

FIVE FROM MACON GRADUATED FROM WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Five Macon County young women were graduated from Woman's college of the University of North Carolina Monday.

They are: Miss Betty Jane Waldrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waldrop; Miss Margie Blumenthal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Blumenthal; Miss Sarah Louise Pendergrass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pendergrass; Miss Jessie Anna Potts, daughter of Frank H. Potts; and Miss Margaret Corbin, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Corbin.

New Phone Directory Out; Contains 1,300 Listings

New telephone directories were distributed this week by the Western Carolina Telephone company to subscribers in the six communities it serves—Franklin, Highlands, Clayton, Ga., Bryson City, Sylva, and Cullowhee.

The directory contains more than 1,300 telephone listings. The total number of phones in use is even larger, Manager Russell E. McKelvey, said, explaining that pay stations and extension telephones are not listed in the directory.

Phones listed in Franklin total 380, which includes 24 Forest Service listings. Highlands has 122, including seven Forest Service listings.

Totals for the other towns are: Sylva, 383; Clayton, 208; Bryson City, 186; and Cullowhee, 27.

The number of telephones in service in the company's system as present is slightly more than 16 per cent greater than it was on June 1, 1946. Mr. McKelvey said. The number has increased by 108 in the five months since January 1. And this expansion, Mr. McKelvey pointed out, has occurred during a period when telephone

LICHTENSTEIN ACQUIRES MICA PROPERTY HERE

Plan \$300,000 Mining And Processing Operation

The mica properties of Andy W. Reid and others have been acquired by R. G. Lichtenstein, of Oil City, Penna., and associates, and a corporation is being formed to mine and process mica here, it was announced this week by Mr. Lichtenstein.

The original investment of the firm, which will have its headquarters in Franklin, will approximate \$300,000. Mr. Lichtenstein said. The plant to be constructed and equipment to be used in connection with operation in the neighborhood of \$200,000, he added.

Incorporation papers for the firm, to be known as Mica Products corporation, were filed this week with the secretary of state in Raleigh. The charter calls for an authorized capital stock of \$150,000.

Approximately 700 acres in Mill Shoal and Cowee townships has been acquired, either in fee simple or as to mineral rights.

Plans call for the construction of a scrap mica plant just below the Nantahala Power and Light company's dam, at the intersection of Watauga creek with the Little Tennessee river, and of a pattern and punch erating the mines will cost shop, at which sheet mica will be processed for use in the electrical and other industries. The location of the latter has not been decided. Meanwhile, Mr. Reid's scrap mill at Iotla bridge, which also was bought, will be operated.

While progress will depend largely upon availability of equipment, Mr. Lichtenstein said mining will get under way on a small scale at once. He emphasized that the most modern equipment and methods will be employed by the company.

Ultimately, the firm expects to employ about 100 men, he said. Mr. Lichtenstein, former vice-president of the Continental Refining company, of Oil City, and Mrs. Lichtenstein already have moved to Franklin. They are stopping at Hotel Hearn.

The firm has employed Behre Dolbear company, of New York City, as mining engineers, and representatives of that firm have been here and done considerable exploratory work.

Thad D. Bryson, Jr., has done the legal work in connection with the deal, in association with the law firm of Boyd and Holbrook, of New York City.

MACON BOY VISITS BELGIUM

Hurshell M. Wilson, seaman, first class, USN, son of James H. Wilson of Franklin, is serving aboard the cruiser USS Wilkes-Barre, which has visited Antwerp, Belgium, on a tour of European waters.

Parking Meters To Be Installed In Business Area

115 Ordered For Installation Along Main Street, One Block Of Phillips; Water Rates Raised; Clerk's Salary Cut; Produce Row Dropped

The Franklin board of aldermen Monday night voted to install parking meters in the business district of the town, and Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., signed a contract for purchase and installation of 115 meters.

The board, at a session which lasted until midnight, also increased the rates charged consumers of water by about one-third, slashed the salary of the town clerk by more than 20 per cent, and reappointed town employees not hired at the board's organization session three weeks ago.

The water rate increase, it was emphasized, is designed to raise sufficient revenue to make it possible for the town to provide water and sewer facilities for taxpayers within the town limits who now have no such facilities.

The proposal, made at the previous meeting that a produce row be established on the county lot between Main and church streets, was dropped, following the reading of a petition signed by 16 business persons, opposing the project.

The parking meters contract is with the M. H. Rhodes company, of Hartford, Conn., and Ben Weeks, firm's representative, who was present, said installation of the meters can be begun within about 30 days.

The meters, which are the manual type, cost \$62.50 each, plus an installation charge of \$5 each. Under terms of the contract, the town will make no down payment. The funds collected will go to the Rhodes company until the installation charge has been paid. After that, the company and the town will divide the funds equally until the full price of the 115 meters (\$7,187.50) has been paid. After that, of course, all the revenue will go to the town.

Provides Trial Period
The contract also carries a guarantee on the meters for a year, and a trial period of six months is provided. Should the town be dissatisfied at the end of that period, the company would remove the meters, repair the streets where the iron posts on which the meters will be fastened are placed, and the town would retain its share of the money collected.

In parking spaces where there are meters, motorists may park for 12 minutes by depositing a penny; 24 minutes for two cents; or an hour for a nickel. If they remain longer than the time paid for, the meters will show red, indicating a traffic violation.

The plan is to install the meters along both sides of Main street from Duncan Motor company to the post office, and along the west side of Phillips street, from Main to Palmer, restricting parking in that block to the west side of the street.

None In Square
The county owns the public square, and no meters will be installed anywhere on the square.

Parking meters originally were designed to regulate parking in congested areas, but the revenue they produce has proved a potent argument for their installation in municipalities all over the country.

Mr. Weeks told the aldermen that contracts have been signed within the past two weeks with Bryson City, Sylva, Waynesville, and Morganton.

Decision to install the meters was on motion of Alderman L. B. Phillips, seconded by Alderman W. C. Burrell.

Would Expand Service
The water rate increase was suggested by Mr. Burrell, "in order to raise funds with which to give water and sewer facilities to those" who are now having to do without these town services, a sentiment that apparently met with general agreement from board members, since the vote to raise the rates was unanimous. The decision came shortly after Gene Pannell, of East Franklin, had appeared before the board to repeat previous requests for sewer

er facilities. Many others in recent months have asked for water and sewer service.

Board members explained that funds derived from the recent sale of bonds are earmarked for projects promised when the bonds were voted, and that at present the town has no funds for additional water and sewer extensions.

New Rates
Under the new rates, which will become effective July 1, the minimum charge (for not more than 1,000 gallons) will be \$1.25 per month, instead of the present minimum of \$1. For the next 5,000 gallons, the rate will be four cents per hundred gallons; for the next 10,000, three cents per hundred; and for all over 16,000 gallons, one and a half cents per hundred.

Under the present rates, users of 1,000 to 10,000 gallons pay 25 cents per hundred gallons; and users of more than 10,000, one and one half cents per hundred.

Consumers outside the city limits will pay a minimum of \$2 a month, and for amounts over 1,000 gallons, will pay 50 cents more than persons living in town.

The board also instructed Clerk E. W. Long to write letters to water consumers who are delinquent in their payments by as much as one month, notifying them that service will be discontinued if their accounts are not paid by July 10.

Cut Clerk's Salary
The board reemployed C. D. Baird as police chief and T. W. Phillips as night policeman, at their present salaries of \$200 per month each. It reduced the salary of the town clerk from \$200 to \$162.50, with the proviso that it will be further reduced January 1 to \$150, and that the clerk must handle the tax list, for which the town previously has appropriated \$65.

On this basis, the board gave E. W. Long, clerk since 1941, "refusal" of the job. Mr. Long requested, and was given, until July 1 to make his decision.

The motion, made by Alderman Russell Cabe, and seconded by Alderman Burrell, was carried unanimously.

Other Applicants
The board had before it the applications of five others—Frank Leach, Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill, Frank I. Murray, Miss Mildred M. Cabe, and Dean H. Carpenter—for the position of clerk. In addition to the two men reappointed, E. H. Corpening, I. L. Easton, and Homer Cochran had filed applications for the police jobs.

The board made an agreement with Lester Thomas, Negro, to handle garbage collections for \$275 per month, Thomas to furnish his own truck. The truck the town is presently using is said to be in bad repair, and its operation has been costing the town about \$40 per month. The town has been providing the truck, and paying Thomas \$115 per month, and James Thomas, his helper, \$110 per month.

Horsley Reappointed
Dr. H. T. Horsley was reappointed health officer. The board accepted the suggestion of Mayor Angel that the town try to work out an agreement with the county board of commissioners for a joint town-county electrical inspector.

The applications of John Bulgin to inspect water meters, tanks, etc., for \$30 per month, plus \$1.50 per hour for other work on the water system, and of O. H. Jackson, for \$75 per month.

Undesirable Outsider Appears in Tar Heelia

A dangerous outsider in North Carolina waters is causing concern among officials of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries. It is water hyacinth, which has wiped out fishing and boating on many streams in other southern states where it has taken hold since its introduction into this country from the eastern hemisphere.