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CANCEL MACON BEER ELECTION CASE HEARING

Issues To Be Determined At April Term Of Court Here

The hearing on the Macon County beer election injunction which was scheduled for Monday afternoon in Sylva before Judge F. Donald Phillips, was not held.

Judge Phillips, who had been holding court in Sylva, completed the Jackson county docket last week and had returned to his home.

It was explained here that the hearing, in this particular case, would have had no material bearing on the result, in any event. The only thing Judge Phillips would have been called on to determine, it was said, was whether the injunction should be dissolved immediately, or continued in effect until the case comes up for disposition at the April term of Macon superior court.

When the case comes up here in April, the issue will be whether there were sufficient legal defects in the petition for the election to warrant canceling the election. If the court so holds, then presumably the pre-election expenses to which the county was put would be borne by the county. If the judge holds, however, that the petitions were in good order, the plaintiffs who brought the suit presumably will be ordered to pay the county the amount of expense to which it was put in calling the election and holding the registration.

The judge also may rule on whether a new petition is required in order to hold an election on the issue or legal sale of beer and wine in this county.

The election, which had been called for February 14, was halted when Judge H. Hoyle Sink signed a temporary restraining order in Asheville February 11.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Service commenced Monday on the mail routes from Franklin to Ellijay and back six times a week. J. L. Guffie subbed the contract at \$165 a year. Smith, the contractor, who lives in Washington City, bid it off at \$174.00, so he makes \$9.50 a year clear and lets it to a local carrier at starvation rates.

Country farmers are still bringing apples to town and finding ready sale for them at \$1.00 per bushel.

25 YEARS AGO

Editor, Press: I noticed in the last two editions of your paper where Mr. Rickman offered \$1,000 towards building a railroad to the Murphy line of the Southern railroad, and Mr. Dean offered right-of-way through his land and 5,000 cross ties laid along the right-of-way for 50 cents apiece. This looks like business. Now let us all pull together to get this railway built. In addition to the above donations, and in order to get the matter more fully before the public, I also will give \$1,250 dollars cash when the first shovel of dirt is thrown and \$1,250 cash when completed within one mile of the Murphy line.—Lee Barnard.

YEARS AGO

An attractive feature of a P. T. A. entertainment Friday night will be the performance of "Ye Old Blue Back Spelling Match." The following will participate: Mrs. Jesse Sloan, Mrs. Henry West, Mrs. R. M. Ledford, Mrs. Jack Weyman, Mrs. W. B. McGuire, Mrs. Lola Barrington, Mrs. Lillie Sellers, Mrs. Gordon Moore, Mrs. Maggie Cunningham, Mrs. Leona Patton Duncan, Mrs. John Henry, Mrs. Leona Porter, Mrs. Ada McCoy, Mrs. George Dalrymple. The following will serve as judges: J. W. Addington, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Mrs. Andy Reid.

16 New Businesses Opened In Franklin During 1947

During the year 1947 at least 16 new business firms began operations within the Franklin city limits. In addition, there was considerable expansion by present businesses.

The construction and start of operations of a modern textile plant by the Van Raalte company was perhaps the largest single business development during the year. The firm is at present employing 70 persons, and when machinery becomes available, plans call for the employment of approximately 150 workers.

Franklin's first super-market was also opened during the past year with the Dixie-Home store expanding its grocery store into a self-service super-market. Another store which adopted the self-service feature in open-

ing a new grocery store was the firm of Brown and Carson, near the railroad station, owned by Wiley Brown and R. D. Carson.

Three new eating establishments—the Dixie Grill, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kay F. Montague, the Airport Grill, owned by Grant Zickgraf, and the Normandie, operated by Ed Coates—were started here during the past year.

The Auto Parts and Equipment company, which was started the past year by three local men, A. W. Perry, F. L. Henry, Jr., and Clarence Henry, was Franklin's first locally-owned wholesale distributor of automobile parts.

The Kaiser-Frazer automobile company became represented —Continued on Page Seven

Higgins Building Is Purchased By Deans For \$20,000

The Higgins building, main street business property, was sold last week by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean for a price reported as approximately \$20,000.

The two-story brick structure houses Norton's cafe and the Sandwich shop on the ground floor, while the former offices on the second floor are now apartments.

The building was erected by the late Dr. W. H. Higgins. About half of the building was constructed in the 90's. Later the other frontage was built, and still later Dr. Higgins built an addition at the rear.

The building stands on two lots, one 51 by 40, the other 29 by 40.

Local Quints

Defeat Indian Teams Before Big Crowd

The Franklin boys' and girls' basketball teams defeated Cherokee Indian teams here Tuesday night before the largest crowd of the basketball season.

The scores: Boys: Franklin, 25; Cherokee, 20.

Girls: Franklin, 25; Cherokee, 22.

The high scores were: Boys, Norton and Hurst. Girls: Allen and Grant—all of Franklin.

The games were the final ones on Franklin's 1948 schedule.

Attractive Rail Placed At Slagle Memorial Entrance

An attractive, ornamental steel pipe hand rail has been erected at the entrance to the Slagle Memorial, as a safety measure. The rail has been placed along the outer edge of the portico and on the inner side of each of the two sets of steps leading to the entrance. When more pipe is available, it is planned to add a railing at the ends of the portico.

The work was sponsored by a Rotary committee headed by Harmon H. Gnuse, who designed the railing. Contributors of pipe included Miss Lessie Kelly and the Macon County Supply company, and labor for fabrication was donated by a local firm.

Miss Downs Wins Ag-Home Ec. Club Honor At College

Miss Jessie Lea Downs, a junior at Berea college, Berea, Ky., who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Downs, of Franklin, recently was elected treasurer of the Ag-Home Ec club, of the college.

Miss Downs is majoring in home economics, and the Ag-Home Ec. club is one of the largest student organizations on the Berea campus, giving its members an opportunity to do planned social and recreational work in that field.

Last semester Miss Downs, served as social chairman of the Baptist Training union at the Berea Baptist church. She also is a member of the Berea players, the college dramatics group.

FINLEY HEADS LEGION POST

Local Legion Approves Education Loan Fund For Plan Memorial

W. H. Finley was elected American Legion commander here at last Thursday night's meeting of the local post.

Bob S. Sloan was named first vice-commander, and John D. Alsop was reelected second vice-commander.

The post also unanimously adopted, with a single minor change, a committee report recommending establishment of a perpetual education fund as a memorial to Macon County dead of World War 2.

Mr. Finley, who is principal of the Franklin school, succeeds Paul Nave, and will fill out the latter's unexpired term. Mr. Nave recently was transferred to Boone.

Ordinarily the first vice-commander and the second vice-commander, in order, would have succeeded to the command, but at Thursday's meeting Harold Enloe, first vice-commander, resigned on account of the press of business, and Mr. Alsop, explaining that his health would not permit him to assume the duties of commander, resigned as second vice-commander.

The post then elected Mr. Finley as commander, Mr. Sloan as first vice-commander, and reelected Mr. Alsop as second vice-commander.

In adopting the committee report on the memorial education loan fund, the post made only one change. The committee had recommended that the post set out to raise \$200 for each Macon County man who lost his life in World War 2, which it was estimated would amount to about \$14,000. The post substituted the flat sum of \$14,000, without reference to the amount that would represent for each of the dead of World War 2.

Under the plan adopted, it is proposed to raise this sum, consolidate it with the \$3,500 education fund that is now in the custody of the Macon County Memorial associations as a memorial to the Macon dead of World War 1, invest the interest in gilt-edged securities, and loan the interest to worthy young men and young women of Macon County, to enable them to obtain a higher education, with preference being given to descendants of veterans of the two wars.

In the event of this consolidation of the present fund and the proposed fund, the report, as adopted, suggests that the board of trustees be increased from three to five, with one of the additional members being named by the Legion and one by the board of county commissioners.

The report also recommends that "the present trustees of the Macon County Memorial association provide from funds now on hand a metal plate or plaque giving the names, date of birth, rank, and organization, the date, place and cause of death, and place of burial of the veterans who died in World War I, and we recommend that from the funds proposed to be raised as a memorial to the veterans of World War II, that a similar plaque be made pertaining to the veterans of World War II, and both plaques be placed in or upon the court house, or other public building of Macon County."

DEANE PRAISES COWETA FOREST STATION WORK

Urges Substantial Funds For Watershed Studies Being Made Here

The importance of the work being done at the Coweta experiment station, in this county, was emphasized by a congressman from another district in testimony before a house appropriations sub-committee last week.

He is Rep. C. B. Deane, of the eighth district, who told the house group that he learned, first-hand, about the Macon County station's watershed management studies on a visit to the station last summer. He urged an adequate appropriation to continue the work here.

Rep. Deane, who came here in connection with flood control studies for the Yadkin-Feedee area, said his visit convinced him there is a definite connection between flood control and the station's hydrologic studies of the characteristics of a watershed.

Quite as important, he added, are the station's findings with reference to water supplies for urban communities, good forestry practices, and soil conservation.

The work being done at Coweta also comes in for note in the annual report of Lyle F. Watts, chief of the U. S. Forest Service, Washington.

Symphony's Program Is Announced

The program for next month's evening concert here of the North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swain, was announced this week by W. W. Sloan, county chairman.

In addition to the compositions of such masters as Haydn, Sibelius, Mozart, Glinka, Schubert, and Tchaikowsky, the program will include the popular "Begin the Beguine" of the American composer, Cole Porter, and will close with Strauss' beloved "Blue Danube" waltz.

The orchestra's two concerts here will be given Monday, March 15. The evening performance, for members and ticket-holders, will start promptly at 6:30 o'clock at the Macon theatre. The free matinee for children, for which a different program has been arranged, will be given at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the theatre.

Memberships will be available, Mr. Sloan has announced, only through Saturday of this week. They may be obtained from Mr. Sloan, at Perry's or Angel's drug stores, or from Miss Sara Gilder in Highlands.

Tickets will be on sale, at a slight advance in price, at the box office the evening of the performance, for such seats as remain.

The program for the evening concert follows:

- I. Haydn, Symphony No. 94, in G major ("Surprise"); 1. Slow and sustained—vivacious; 2. Flowing; 3. Minuet, in lively tempo; 4. Fast. Intermission. II. Sibelius, Valse Triste. Mozart, Country Dance No. 1 (K.609); German Dance No. 3 (K.605) ("Sleighride"). Glinka, "Kamarinskaya", a Slavonic Wedding Fantasy. Schubert, "The Bee". III. Tchaikowsky, Andante Cantabile. Porter, "Begin the Beguine". Strauss, Waltz, "The Blue Danube".

Temperatures Here Consistently Above Normal For February

The past week possibly set a weather record here.

Only twice during the eight-day period ending yesterday did the temperature drop to the freezing point, and twice during that period the mercury soared to 70 degrees or higher.

Wednesday of last week the low reading was 27, and it was 29 day before yesterday, the only two times the weather was freezing. The high readings of 71 and 70 were recorded Wednesday and Thursday of last week.



HEADS RED CROSS—Harmon H. Gnuse, above, was unanimously elected chairman of the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross at a meeting of the chapter's executive committee last Thursday night. Mr. Gnuse, Nantahala Power and Light company electrical engineer, succeeds the Rev. Charles E. Parker, resigned. The Rev. Hoyt Evans, who earlier was named as Mr. Parker's successor, was unable to serve.

1948 RED CROSS DRIVE TO OPEN Annual Fund Campaign To Start March 8; Quota Is \$2,230

The annual fund drive of the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross will get under way Monday, March 8, it was announced this week by Harmon H. Gnuse, newly elected chapter chairman.

It is hoped to complete the campaign within a few days, Mr. Gnuse said.

Macon County's quota for this year is \$2,230. That figure is \$180 less than the \$2,410 the county was asked to raise last year.

Last year's contributions totaled \$3,298.04, or about one-third more than the quota, and chapter officials expressed confidence that the people of this county will oversubscribe this year's quota by similar generous proportions.

W. D. Dibrell, Red Cross general field representative from the southeastern office in Atlanta, was here for last Thursday night's meeting of the chapter's executive committee, at which the approaching campaign was discussed.

Mr. Dibrell, who during the past three years repeatedly has served in disasters in the southeast states and on flood assignments in Vermont and New York, pointed out that a major need for funds, from the national viewpoint, is for disaster work. He also cited the new blood program of the national organization, which seeks to make life-saving blood and its derivatives available without cost to the people of every community in the land.

Officers Are Elected By Franklin Church MYF

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Franklin Methodist church Sunday night elected officers as follows:

Freda Siler, president; Richard Jones, Jr., vice-president; Martha Ann Stockton, secretary-treasurer; and Wilma Phillips, program chairman.

Plan Box Supper, Cake Walk At Holly Springs

A benefit box supper and cake walk will be held at Holly Springs school Saturday night, starting at 8 o'clock, it has been announced. A local band will furnish string music. The public is invited to attend the event, the net proceeds from which will go for the work of the 4-H club and the school, according to Sanford Smith, principal.

Fifth Sunday Sing Will Be Held At Courthouse

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held Sunday in the courthouse, according to J. M. (Jim) Raby, convention chairman.

The meeting will be an all-day affair, starting at 10 a. m. Mr. Raby remarked that, since this fifth Sunday organization will not have another chance to meet in February until 1976, everyone who can is urged to attend.

PRIMARY FILING DATE NEARS BUT INTEREST LAGS

Republican County Meet Called For March 12; Primary Is May 29

Although primary filing dates are rapidly approaching, and the general election itself is only about eight months away, little interest in politics has been shown in Macon County so far.

The only definite political development to date, in fact, was the issuance this week of a call for a county Republican convention.

The explanation for the apparent lack of interest lies, perhaps, in the fact that only two purely county offices are to be filled at the November general election—those of representative and surveyor. Other county officers, chosen two years ago, serve for four-year terms.

In addition, Democratic voters, in the May primary, will nominate five men for members of the county board of education. Their actual appointments, however, are made by the general assembly.

The Republican convention was called by J. H. Dean, chairman of the party's county executive committee, for 2 p. m. Saturday, March 6, at the courthouse. The purpose of the convention is the selection of delegates to the party's congressional convention, to be held in Sylva March 12, and to the state Republican convention. The Republicans will name their candidates for office at a later date.

Here are other important dates on the political calendar: March 20—deadline for filing for state offices.

April 17—deadline for filing for county offices.

May 1, 8, and 15—registration books open at the polling places.

May 22—challenge day.

May 29—primary election.

November 2—general election. In the primary May 29, Macon County Democrats will nominate candidates for representative and surveyor, and for the five places on the county board of education.

In addition, they will participate in the nomination of:

A candidate for state senator from the thirty-third district, made up of Macon, Swain, Cherokee, Graham, and Clay counties. That post, formerly held by B. C. Jones, of Bryson City, was made vacant when Mr. Jones accepted appointment as solicitor of the twentieth judicial district.

A candidate for district solicitor. Mr. Jones already has filed as a candidate for nomination and election.

A candidate for judge of the district. Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, recently appointed to succeed Judge Felix Alley, has filed.

A candidate for congress from the twelfth district. The incumbent, Monroe Redden, of Hendersonville, is the only candidate to file so far.

A candidate for governor. Five are now in the race for the Democratic nomination: R. Mayne Albright, of Raleigh; Oscar Barker, of Durham; Ola Ray Boyd, of Pinetown; State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson; and Kerr Scott, who recently resigned as commissioner of agriculture.

And a candidate for U. S. senator. The two who have announced for that office are the incumbent, W. B. Umstead, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator J. W. Bailey, and former governor J. M. Broughton.

WILL DEVELOP COAST

A new company, with headquarters at Manteo, is undertaking widespread development of the North Carolina coast.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweta Experiment station, follow:

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Prec. Rows for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.