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VOTERS TO PASS ON BEER, WINE ISSUE AUG. 28

Election Will Decide Whether Sale Here Continues Legal

Macon County voters will go to the polls Saturday of next week (August 28) to ballot in a special election on the issue of legal sale of beer and wine in this county.

The election was called by the county board of elections several weeks ago in response to a petition signed by more than the 796 qualified voters required by law.

The ballots will offer the voter the opportunity to express himself on two propositions. He may vote "for the legal sale of wine" or "against the legal sale of wine"; and "for the legal sale of beer" or "against the legal sale of beer".

Beer is now sold legally in this county. Although wine legally may be sold here under the present law, no applicant for a license to sell wine has met the requirements set up by the state law.

If the majority of the votes cast are against the legal sale of beer and/or wine, legal sales of those beverages will be outlawed 60 days from the date of the election. But if the majority favors legal sales, the situation would continue as at present.

Since the legal sales of beer and wine are submitted as separate propositions, it would be possible for the voters to outlaw one and leave the other legal, though such a result is not anticipated.

While no new registration was required for this special election, the registration books were open for three weeks to permit persons who were not registered to get their names on the books. Registration ended last Saturday, and Saturday of this week will be challenge day.

The polls at the 12 voting places in this county will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

This election is the second called to pass upon this issue. A vote set for last February 14 was halted by court order, issued upon a complaint alleging irregularities in the petition upon which the earlier election was called.

COMMISSIONERS TO MEET

Monday's scheduled meeting of the board of county commissioners was postponed one week. The board will meet next Monday morning.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
 It is said that Mr. Dan Ashe, over on Savannah, heard a noise in his house the night of the freshet and on getting out of bed he found himself standing in 14 inches of water.

We hear considerable complaint among our businessmen that for the last week or two freights have been increased by the Southern Railway company, in some cases very heavy extra rates have been paid. The Press is a victim of this increase.

25 YEARS AGO
 The Boy's club, known as "The Knights of Arthur", have started a play ground behind St. Agnes Episcopal church. All the boys of the community are invited and urged to take advantage of this playground and to become members of "The Knights of King Arthur".

10 YEARS AGO
 An election to decide upon a bond issue of \$35,000 was called by the town board at a meeting held Monday night. The election will be held on September 20. The bonds, if issued, will be appropriated as follows: For streets, \$8,000; for sidewalks, \$4,000; for water system \$17,000; for sewer extension, \$6,000. Should the majority of voters approve the issue, the bonds will furnish funds to hover 55 per cent of the improvements contemplated, and the remaining 45 per cent will be paid by the Public Works administration as an outright grant.

Expect 1,200 In Macon To Register For Draft Starting On August 30

Macon County young men—some 1,200 of them—will register for the draft during the three-week period starting August 30.

The draft law calls for the registration of all young men between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive.

The procedure for the registration in North Carolina and the dates on which different age groups will register were set forth in a proclamation issued Monday by Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

The place and the details for the Macon County registration will be announced later. E. W. Long, local draft board chairman, said this week.

The draft is expected to be handled in this county by the same personnel that was in charge when selective service was suspended, following the end of World War 2.

Mr. Long, Charles M. Rogers, and Lawrence B. Limer, members of the local board at that time, were asked to go on reserve, and their reappointments by the President have been recommended by Gov. Cherry.

Meanwhile, the three men met recently to reorganize, and at that time Mr. Long was re-elected chairman and Mr. Rogers secretary. At that meeting the board members also selected Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones to serve as clerk, a position she held at the time the draft was suspended.

The governor's proclamation states that young men born between August 31 and December 31, inclusive, 1922—persons who are 25, but who will reach their 26th birthdays later in this year—shall be registered on Monday, August 30.

Persons born in the year 1923 shall be registered on Thursday, September 2, or Friday, September 3.

Persons born in the year 1924 shall be registered on Thursday, September 2, or Friday, September 3.

Persons born in the year 1925 shall be registered on Saturday, September 4, or Tuesday, September 7.

Persons born in the year 1926 shall be registered on Wednesday, September 3, or Thursday, September 9.

Persons born in the year 1927

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Auto Lane Coming Here On Saturday

The mechanical inspection lane will return to Franklin Saturday and will be in operation here through the following Friday (August 27). It will be situated on West Main street again and will be in operation from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., with an hour off for lunch. The Saturday hours are from 8 o'clock to noon.

Inspection lane officials pointed out that, under the new regulations, all motor vehicles of year models up to and including 1936 and vehicles of year models 1947 and 1948 must be inspected by August 31; year models 1937 and 1946 must be inspected by September 30; models 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945 must be inspected by October 31; models 1940 and 1942 by November 30; and models 1941 and 1949 must be checked by December 31. Following next week's inspection, the lane will be here one more time during 1948.

It was pointed out that the number of cars which could be handled daily would be greatly increased if every individual would have his pocket card and inspection fee of one dollar ready when he enters the lane.

Lane officials also emphasized that it is necessary for any vehicle which requires a license tag to be inspected, including motor bikes and farm trailers.

D. D. Rice Formerly Of Franklin, Taken By Death

D. D. Rice, who made his home here in the late 1920's and early 1930's, died at his home in Johnson City, Tenn., Wednesday of last week, following a long illness.

Mr. Rice, who was engaged in the mica business here, was active in the civic and social life of Franklin during residence here. He was especially interested in Rotary affairs, and had the distinction of having served as president of two clubs—the Franklin club in 1928-29, and the Johnson City club in 1945-46. He also was a past district governor of Rotary International.

A native of Memphis, he was a graduate of the Georgia School of Technology (Georgia Tech), and served in the infantry during World War 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice and family had many friends here, and a number of Macon County persons attended the funeral, held in Johnson City last Thursday.

Survivors include his widow; his mother, Mrs. J. E. Rice, of Spruce Pine and Shreveport, La.; a son, Charles Bailey Rice, who is a student at Georgia Tech; a daughter, Mrs. Martha Davereux McClain, of Johnson City; and a sister, Mrs. Ogden Dixon, of Shreveport, La.

CHURCH ANNEX NEARLY READY

Presbyterians To Start Using First Floor Next Month

The new Presbyterian church annex is expected to be ready for partial use by September 1, according to the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor.

The entire first floor will be completed and ready for use, but the upstairs will be unfinished at this time, Mr. Evans said. The steeple and bell on the old building have been restored, he added.

While there will be no formal dedication at this time, special services for the opening Sunday were being planned.

Ground was broken for the annex, which will consist of 11 classrooms, a kitchen, an auditorium, etc., March 9, and the first brick were laid May 11.

The building is a brick and hollow tile structure, built at the rear of the present church. Careful planning has been done so that the annex and the restored steeple and bell will harmonize with the old structure.

The original building, a pre-Civil war structure, is one of Franklin's oldest buildings and has been praised by architects as one of the best designed and proportioned, from an architect's viewpoint, in this region.

The new steeple, which has been erected in place of the one torn down, is five feet square at the base and rises 19 feet above the ridge. The spire, of aluminum, was made by John Bulgin.

Mr. Evans expressed appreciation to the people of all denominations who have "been so generous in their assistance" to this project.

651,000 VISIT PARK

Visitors in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the period October 1 - June 30 totaled 651,680 persons, an increase of 91,098 over the same period last year.

Community Theatre Does Top Job In Latest Play

So far as is known, the Highlands Community Theatre is the only non-professional summer theatre in the state, and one of the few in the whole country. In the theatre's six seasons, it has established a fine reputation, which its production of "The Corn is Green", lived up to and increased.

The setting for "The Corn is Green" is a home in a remote mining town. Miss Moffat, a middle-aged school teacher, inherits the house and comes to the village with the idea of starting a school for the miners' children, but is discouraged by the Squire who rules the community. She is about to give up, when she finds one young

4,000 PERSONS MAKE INQUIRIES AT C. OF C. BOOTH

Nearly 100,000 Pieces of Literature Is Distributed

More than 4,000 persons, representing every state in the Union, the Philippine Islands, and five foreign countries, called at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce booth on Main street during June and July, figures compiled by the chamber reveal.

In commenting on the organization's activities this season, officials said the chamber has had one of the best seasons in its history, despite the polio handicap, adding that this would have been a top tourist year, had it not been for the fact that many persons left Franklin, or canceled plans to come here for vacations, because of the polio scare.

Frank I. Murray, secretary, cited figures indicating widespread interest in Franklin. Nearly 100,000 pieces of literature have been distributed this season, he said, either to persons who called at the booth or in answer to inquiries by mail.

This total was made of some 3,000 copies of the Franklin scenic booklet; 2,000 copies of the tourist directory of Franklin; 1,000 copies of "High Tops", regional publication containing a page advertisement and story about Franklin; and 2,500 pieces of literature about the Nantahala National Forest.

In addition, 1,200 personal letters have been written in reply to inquiries.

The bulk of this season's tourists have come from Florida, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, New York, and Texas, but persons have called at the booth from the other 42 states, from Honolulu, and from the Bahama Islands, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, and Canada.

The total number of visitors in June was 1,320, while the figure for July was 2,472.

In addition to serving tourists

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Lion Leaders Of This Region Hold Conference Here

Leading lions club officials from over Western North Carolina met here Sunday at the advisory meeting of cabinet 31-A, of which the Franklin Lions club is a member.

J. Ward Long, district deputy governor and Franklin club member, served as host to the group at a luncheon served at the Slagle memorial.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgetary matters for the coming year.

Prominent Lions who attended included D. J. Whitner, district governor, of Boone, John F. Bost, of Lenoir, H. Paul Bridges, of Cliffside, Roy R. Beck, of Statesville, and Mr. Long, of Franklin, all of whom are deputy district governors; H. G. Elkins, of Murphy, Hugh Monteith, of Sylva, Roy Taylor, of Black Mountain, R. L. Connolly, of Morganton, and C. S. Clegg, of Mt. Holly, zone chairman; and H. W. Sanders, immediate past district governor.

International club officers who attended the cabinet session were Edward McMahon, international director, of Brevard, and Hugh Mitchell, international counselor, of Black Mountain.

New Athletic And Recreation Head Takes Up Duties

Milburn R. Atkins, who recently was employed on a year-round basis to serve as athletic coach and physical education instructor at the Franklin school during the school year and as director of a program of community recreation in summer, arrived in Franklin the latter part of last week, and assumed his new duties Monday.

His first task was to check on the athletic equipment at the school. Supt. G. L. Houk said. A little later, football practice will get under way.

Mr. Atkins, whose state salary as a teacher is being supplemented by donations made by local business and professional men, and Mrs. Atkins and their child, have taken the garage apartment in the Phillips house on Bidwell street.

More Than 2,000 Macon Folk Given Free Chest X-rays

More than 2,000 Macon County adults have had chest-X-rays made since the State Board of Health mobile X-ray unit came to this county, it was announced yesterday.

A total of 643 were X-rayed the first week; 1,211 the second week and 190 on Tuesday of this week. Yesterday's figure was expected to approximate 175.

The mobile unit will be at David Ledford's store, in the Burningtown community Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, it was announced yesterday afternoon, returning to Franklin for the last four days of its stay in this county.

The unit, which originally was scheduled to be here only through August 28, will remain through August 31. The unit's personnel does not work Sunday or Monday, but will be on duty in this county on Tuesday, the thirty-first.

Meanwhile, a number of Macon County persons who were X-rayed early in the survey have been requested to report to Waynesville for an enlarged X-ray lung picture (to be made without charge by the state). Their first X-rays, already developed and read in Raleigh, indicate trouble, it was explained, and the larger picture is sought with a view to determining definitely if tuberculosis is present.

REPORT 1 POLIO CASE IN 15 DAYS

Restrictions Still In Effect, But May Be Lifted Soon

Only one case of poliomyelitis has developed here in the past 15 days.

When the illness of Margaret Frances Penland, five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Penland, who live on the Thomas place, near the Franklin airport, was diagnosed as polio, it brought to nine the number of Macon County children who have developed the disease this summer. The child was taken to the Asheville Orthopedic home Wednesday night of last week.

Although she has been quite ill, her condition was reported this week as satisfactory.

Meanwhile, authorities at the Orthopedic home have indicated their belief that none of the eight children will suffer severe crippling effects from the disease. They added, however, that it is too early to say definitely.

Contrary to widespread reports, the diagnosis of none of the children taken to the home from this county has been changed. They all are suffering from polio, it was said at the health department here. The diagnoses are based upon microscopic examinations of the patients' spinal fluid, it was explained.

The restrictions requiring children to remain at home continue in effect, and probably will be kept in force until two weeks—the quarantine period—after the date of the onset of the last case of polio here, it was said. Should no further cases develop, that would be two weeks from the time the Penland child was diagnosed as suffering from polio, or August 26.

MANN IS MOVED TO CLASSROOM POSITION HERE

E. G. Crawford To Otto, W. G. Crawford To Slagle

J. J. Mann, center of a Smithbridge township school controversy, will be transferred at the beginning of this school year from the Otto school, where he has served as principal for the past eight years, to a classroom teaching assignment in the Franklin school.

The transfer was decided upon Saturday afternoon at an executive meeting of the county board of education with the county superintendent and the school committeemen, when teachers were assigned to schools throughout the county system. Mr. Mann's transfer was one of a number of shifts made by the board.

One Smithbridge delegation urging Mr. Mann's removal, and another asking that he be re-assigned to the Otto principalship, appeared before the board of education at its meeting August 2.

Supt. Guy L. Houk, in announcing the teacher assignments, said he had recommended the transfer to the board, and that he did so in compliance with a request from Mr. Mann that he be relieved of the burdens of a principalship and be given a classroom teaching position. Mr. Houk added that he had expressed appreciation to Mr. Mann for his good work at Otto. The former Otto principal will teach one of the upper grades in the elementary school here, Mr. Houk said.

The Highlands list of teachers was not included in Saturday's assignments, and the principalship of the Kyle school is yet to be filled.

E. G. Crawford, who served as principal of Slagle school last year, was chosen to succeed Mr. Mann as principal at Otto, and W. G. (Bill) Crawford, Franklin high school faculty member and coach, was appointed to succeed his brother as Slagle principal.

Miss May McCoy, who has been teaching in the Burningtown school, which this year is being consolidated with Iotla, was appointed principal at Holly Springs. She succeeds Sanjoud Smith, who has moved to Eastern North Carolina. Mrs. Minnie Talent, teacher at Oak Dale, which also is being consolidated with Iotla, was assigned to the latter school.

Miss Frances Crunkleton, of Highlands, who is being added to the Macon County teaching staff, will succeed A. J. Smith, resigned, at Gold Mine.

Mrs. Mildred Richardson is being transferred from Otto to Iotla, Mrs. Bertha C. Smart from Slagle to Iotla, Mrs. J. C. Horsley from Otto to Slagle, Mrs. Beatrice M. Aliey from Iotla to Otto, Miss Lolita Dean from Kyle to Iotla, Mrs. Martha Cunningham from Iotla to Slagle, and Carl C. Taiey from Otter Creek to Kyle.

Teachers who have never taught here before, or are returning to Macon County school rooms after absences, include Miss Crunkleton, Milburn Atkins, of Knoxville, Tenn., athletic coach and physical education director at the Franklin school, Mrs. Rufus Pannell, of Franklin, assigned to the Iotla school, Mrs. Lola Howard, assigned to Otto, and Miss Bessie Penland assigned to Slagle.

The complete list of schools and the teachers assigned, to each follows, the first named

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The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	77	61	.01
Thursday	84	59	.06
Friday	85	57	T*
Saturday	82	59	1.39
Sunday	71	63	.06
Monday	74	61	T*
Tuesday	80	55	.00
Wednesday	55	.00

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