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# Outlaw Beer, Wine By 10-to-1 Vote

## Move To Build Athletic Field Is Launched At Meet

### Construction To Start Monday On Concrete Stadium

A movement to create a first-class athletic field on the grounds of the Franklin school has been launched here.

The first step is to be the construction of a 500-seat concrete stadium, and plans for that project were outlined at a meeting Monday night. Attending the conference, held at the Agricultural building, were a score of men, representing four civic organizations — the Lions club, the Rotary club, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars—which propose to cooperate in a long-time program of improvement.

Even with donations or discounts on materials and labor, about $1,000 will be required to build the stadium, it is estimated. In order to get something done in time for this year's athletics, the V. F. W. volunteered to lend the committee in charge $500, and work will start Monday. Meanwhile, material and equipment are being placed on the site.

It is proposed to build eight-inch concrete blocks every five feet, on the north side of the field, and wooden seats will be placed on these blocks. The stadium, which will contain from four to seven tiers of seats, depending on the lay of the ground, will be situated between the two 35-yard football lines.

Later, it is planned to tear down the present wooden fence and build a permanent metal fence, with a white pine hedge, just inside the fence, to serve as a screen.

R. R. (Bob) Gaines, chairman of the four-organization committee, appointed Don Allison and Paul Russell to investigate the possibility of planting the pines now.

John M. Archer, Jr., and Principal W. H. Finley were named as the committee in charge of the construction of the seats.

Meanwhile, considerable work already has been done—on a

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## 879 Vehicles

### Approved, 123 Rejected At Inspection Lane

Eight hundred seventy-nine motor vehicles were approved at the state's mechanical inspection lane, which was here August 21 through August 28, according to figures made public by C. P. Sawyer, lane supervisor.

Of those approved, 411 won an O. K. on the first examination, while 439, which previously had been rejected, returned, after repairs or adjustment, and were approved. Twenty-nine others that were approved are "no fee" (state owned) vehicles.

During the lane's latest stay here, 434 vehicles were rejected on their first examination, while 123 were rejected on re-examination.

The lane is expected to return to Franklin for its final visit to this county later this year, probably in November.

## MACON SCHOOLS READY TO OPEN

### Teacher Assignments At Franklin Made By Finley

It's back-to-school time for some 4,000 Macon County children.

Two schools—Otter Creek and Kyle, in the Nantahala section—will open today. Two others—those at Highlands and Scaly—will start the year's work next Tuesday.

And the other 17 in this county — Franklin, Iotla, Clark's Chapel, Union, Holly Springs, Watauga, Oak Ridge, Mountain Grove, Salem, Mashburn's, Gold Mine, Higdonville, Pine Grove, Otto, Slagle, Cowee, and Chapel —will begin the 1948-49 school year Thursday morning of next week.

All the schools, with the exception of Highlands, had been scheduled to open today, but the opening was deferred for the 17 in the Franklin school district for one week, as a precautionary measure on account of polio. The Highlands school, by long custom, always opens the day after Labor day.

The Franklin school will start this year with four additional rooms, to be occupied by primary classes, contained in the addition construction this summer. The additional room will make possible three first grades and three second grades this year.

Teacher assignments at the school here were announced this week by Principal W. H. Finley as follows:

First grade: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Guffey, Miss Amy Henderson, and Mrs. Margaret Bradley; second grade, Mrs. Lee Barnard, Mrs. Elsie W. Franks, and Mrs. Kate Williams; third grade, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, and Miss Elizabeth Meadows; fourth grade, Miss Esther Wallace and Miss Edna Jamison; fifth grade, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey and Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill; sixth and seventh grades, J. J. Mann, Mrs.

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## Macon Seventh

### Among N. C. Counties In Bond Drive

Macon County stood seventh among North Carolina counties in purchase of U. S. E, F, and G savings bonds during the security loan drive, which ended July 15, according to a report received by H. W. Cabe, savings bond committee for this county.

Given a quota of $85,000 for the drive, this county exceeded its quota by 22.5 per cent.

Only six other counties overbought their quotas by a larger percentage.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**

Fodder pulling time is here, but not much has been done on account of rain.

From Thursday night to Saturday evening there was a rainfall of 5 inches here. We learn that a great deal of damage was done by high waters on Cartoogechaye and Wayah creeks. All the bridges above Mr. Elam Slagle's were swept away. Mr. W. Allison's grist mill, with several bushels of rye and meal, was washed away. Much damage was done to crops in bottom lands. Roads were damaged and the mail could not go through.

**25 YEARS AGO**

Mrs. Herman Dean and Mrs. L. A. Berry spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. John Deal.

Miss H. M. Berry, of Chapel Hill, N. C., spent several days here last week as the guest of Misses Lassie and Elizabeth Kelly.

**10 YEARS AGO**

The employes of the Franklin post office enjoyed their third annual Labor day steak supper and picnic at Wayah Crest last Monday evening. After the supper, games and other amusements were enjoyed.

Miss Audrey Conley, Miss Mildred Bryson, Miss Gwendolyn Morgan, Miss Virginia Scott, Kenneth Cabe, and Harold Sloan, Jr., left Monday for Brevard, where they will enter Brevard college for this year.

## 100 REGISTER FOR DRAFT IN FIRST 2 DAYS

### Questionnaries To Go To 25-Year Olds Next Week

Registration under selective service—the second peacetime draft in the history of the United States—got under way here and elsewhere throughout the nation Monday, and during the first two days 100 young Macon County men registered.

Fifty-three were registered on Monday, and 47 on Tuesday. They represented every section of the county, it was said at the draft board office.

The first man to register was Ralph McKinley Bingham, of the Cartoogechaye community. He appeared about the time the draft board office opened Monday morning, and shortly after 8 o'clock had become the first Macon County registrant under the 1948 draft.

The registration, which is being held in Room 9 of the Bank of Franklin building, will continue through September 18. During that period all young men 18 through 25 are required to register. The local draft board's office hours are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Registration is by age groups, and Monday was set aside for the registration of men who on that date had not reached their 26th birthdays, but who will become 26 during this calendar year.

The first selectees will come from this group, and questionnaires, upon which classification will be based, will go out to

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## Most Offices, Stores Will Close Monday

Most public offices and business establishments will be closed Monday in observance of Labor day.

Meetings of public boards, due to be held the first Monday in the month, will be postponed until Tuesday. The board of county commissioners and the county board of education will meet at the usual hours Tuesday instead of Monday, and the Franklin board of aldermen has postponed its monthly meeting until 7:30 Tuesday night. The Highlands board, however, will meet at 8 o'clock Monday, as usual. The town office in Highlands will be closed Monday.

Offices in the courthouse, except for the sheriff's office, and the town office here will be closed all day Monday, as will the Bank of Franklin, the post office, and most stores.

**STILES FAMILY TO MEET**

The Stiles family annual reunion will be held September 12 at the home of R. N. Stiles in the Hickory Knoll section. All friends and members of the family are invited to attend and bring picnic baskets.

### How Macon Voted On Beer and Wine

| PRECINCTS | For Legal Wine | Against Legal Wine | For Legal Beer | Against Legal Beer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Millshoal | 9 | 183 | 10 | 180 |
| Ellijay | 7 | 277 | 9 | 281 |
| Sugarfork | 1 | 198 | 1 | 198 |
| Highlands | 77 | 223 | 95 | 216 |
| Flats | 8 | 31 | 8 | 31 |
| Smithbridge | 21 | 189 | 25 | 185 |
| Cartoogechaye | 3 | 287 | 8 | 280 |
| Nantahala No. 1 | 4 | 142 | 3 | 142 |
| Nantahala No. 2 | 1 | 214 | 1 | 215 |
| Burningtown | 1 | 189 | 1 | 188 |
| Cowee | 11 | 305 | 11 | 305 |
| Franklin | 113 | 934 | 146 | 909 |
| TOTAL | 256 | 3,172 | 318 | 3,130 |

## Bern Garland, Who Escaped From Jail, Arrested In Ohio

**Bern Garland, who escaped from the Bryson City jail while awaiting trial here on charges growing out of the robberies of three places of business in Highlands, was captured in Cincinnati Monday night, Highway Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., learned Tuesday.**

**No details were learned here about the arrest, and Mr. Smith does not know if Garland will be returned here for trial. He is said to be wanted by federal authorities in connection with more than a score of post office robberies.**

**He and Floyd L. Phillips, alias James Floyd Philpott, escaped August 21. Their wives are being held in jail here on similar charges, under bonds of $5,000 and $20,000, respectively.**

## Final Rites Are Held For Pvt. McCall

Last rites for Pvt. Bernice O. McCall, who was killed in action in France October 14, 1944, were held at the Clear Creek Baptist church, near Highlands, yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Oscar Nix officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Pvt. McCall, who was 32 at the time of his death, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McCall, of Highlands and the husband of Mrs. Sarah Jane Owen McCall, of Highlands. He joined the Clear Creek Baptist church at the age of 13.

He entered service in September, 1943, and was sent overseas in February, 1944.

Survivors, in addition to his widow and his parents, include four brothers, Herman, Tolliver, J. B., and Cecil McCall, all of the Clear Creek community, and

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## COURT COLLECTS TOTAL OF $3,019

### Goes To Schools; Beer Election Bond Is Ordered Paid

Fines and forfeitures collected at the August term of Macon superior court, which was adjourned yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, totaled $3,019.85, figures compiled in the office of Clerk of Court J. Clinton Brookshire show. This money goes to the county school fund.

Bonds forfeited amounted to $975, and fines collected, $2,044.85.

In addition, the $500 bond posted by Robert (Bob) Davis, Lex Vanhook, Charlie Rogers, and Wilson Rogers last February when an injunction was obtained halting the beer-wine election that had been called for that time was ordered paid.

The bond was posted to insure the county against damage (chiefly the pre-election expense incident to the election). Clerk of Court J. Clinton Brookshire was named at a hearing on the injunction to determine the amount of damage. Mr. Brookshire reported a total damage of $625, but the plaintiffs in the injunction case were ordered to pay only the amount put up as bond.

The court term, one of the longest held here in years, was adjourned yesterday afternoon, after spending six days on the civil docket. Among the cases tried were two of particular interest in Highlands.

The automobile accident suits against Miss. Katherine Otto and her father, Gordon Otto, of Miami, Fla., were compromised. Under the judgment, the Ottos were ordered to pay W. L. Reed, administrator of the estate of Sheridan Reed, $3,575, and to pay Odell McCoy $800. The defendants also will pay the court

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## New Fire

### Siren Arrives, Is Being Installed

Since the motor of the fire siren here burned out two weeks ago, members of the Franklin Fire department have been nervous; without a siren to call them to a fire, they had to stick close to telephones.

A new $411 siren of the latest type, however, arrived this week, and installation started yesterday.

The new siren, which can be heard for a distance of from two to five miles, depending on weather conditions, is being installed on a pole near the fire house.

## Swimming Pools Will Not Be Opened Again

**Although it has been three weeks since a case of polio has developed in this county, the swimming pools, closed earlier as a precautionary measure, will not be reopened this season. To reopen them might be taking a chance, in the opinion of Dr. M. B. H. Michal, district health officer, who announced the decision.**

## Franklin High Football Squad To Start Season In Murphy September 10

The Franklin High school football squad will open the 1948 season September 10 with a game at Murphy, Coach Milburn Atkins announced this week.

As yet the schedule has not been completed and Coach Atkins said he hopes to obtain at least three or four or more home games.

Games obtained to date are as follows: Murphy, there, September 10; Andrews, here, September 17; Hayesville, there, September 24; Sylva, there, October 15; Robbinsville, there, October 22; Liberty, S. C., there, November 5; and Bryson City, here, November 19. Efforts are being made to obtain games for October 1, 8, and 29.

Coach Atkins, pointing out that this year's squad is composed chiefly of freshmen and sophmomores, said that he feels Franklin may not win more than half the season's games.

In discussing the season's prospects, the new head football man was emphatic concerning two things: First, that those who attend practice regularly will be the ones who play —"if they want to play football while I am coaching, they will have to practice regularly and work hard while they are there", second, equipment will be issued to those who began practice early and that practice deadline is September 6.

He implied that former first stringers who might expect to come out the day before the Murphy game and draw equipment were apt to find that it had all been given to other men who had been hard at work for the past two weeks.

## SPECIAL MACON ELECTION DRAWS 3,448 TO POLLS

### 22 To Lose Beer Licenses Unless Courts Rule Ballot Invalid

Macon County drys won a better than 10-to-1 victory in Saturday's special election.

The vote to outlaw the legal sale of beer was just under 10 to 1, while the vote against wine (which is now legally sold in this county) was more than 12 to 1.

Every precinct in the county went overwhelmingly dry.

The figures for the county:

For the legal sale of wine, 256.

Against the legal sale of wine, 3,172.

For the legal sale of beer, 318.

Against the legal sale of beer, 3,130.

As a result of the election, 22 business houses and individuals in Macon County who hold beer licenses must discontinue the legal sale of that beverage within 60 days—unless the courts should delay or forbid the official certification of the election returns.

A restraining order issued Wednesday of last week forbade the county board of elections to certify the returns, pending a hearing on the injunction, which is set for 2 p. m. September 10 before Judge H. Hoyle Sink in Robbinsville.

While wine sales are now legal in this county, no firm or individual has qualified for a license.

The heaviest dry vote among the county's 12 precincts was cast in Nantahala No. 2—214 to 1 on the wine issue, and 215 to 1 on the legal sale of beer. Second heaviest was in Sugarfork—198 to 1 on both questions.

The wets made their best showing in Highlands township, where the drys won by only slightly more than 2-to-1. The second highest proportion of wet votes was in Flats, where the margin was not quite 4 to 1. In Franklin, the drys carried the precinct by more than 6 to 1.

For a special election, the vote was extraordinarily heavy. A total of 3,428 persons voted on the wine issue, and 3,448 on the beer issue. This compares with 1,189 votes cast in the last county-wide special election, the $400,000 school bond election held in December, 1945.

The total vote cast Saturday represents approximately 44 per cent of the registered voters in the county. (The total registration for the May primary was 7,832.)

The election result, unless the courts should prevent its going into effect, will mean a revenue loss to the governments of the county and the towns of Franklin and Highlands estimated at more than $30,000 a year.

The state divides a proportion of the crown and stamp taxes collected on beer and wine among those counties and towns which license their sale. The amount received by Macon County and the towns of Franklin and Highlands for the first quarter after the law went into effect amounted to approximately $8,000.

The county and two towns also will lose the much smaller amount collected as license fees from dealers. The county's share of that for this year—from 21 on-premises dealers and one off-premises dealer—is $530 to date.

The 22 beer dealers in the county paid their year's license

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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 | 89 | 57 | .00 |
| Thursday | 87 | 56 | .00 |
| Friday | 88 | 54 | .00 |
| Saturday | 90 | 54 | .00 |
| Sunday | 93 | 55 | .00 |
| Monday | 90 | 55 | .00 |
| Tuesday | 85 | 58 | .00 |
| Wednesday | [illegible] | 57 | .00 |