

# Macon To Get \$250,000 N. C. School Aid

## Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

Data for this column should reach The Press by not later than noon Tuesday. In order to keep the calendar accurate, secretaries of organizations are requested to notify the newspaper promptly of changes in the time or place of meetings.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

3 p. m. — Two-day regional Baptist Training Union convention opens at First Baptist church.

7 p. m. — Franklin, High school Junior-Senior banquet at Slagle Memorial building.

### SATURDAY

10:30 a. m. — Macon County Council of Home Demonstration clubs at Agricultural building.

7:30 p. m. — Teen-age club party at Hotel Hearn.

8 p. m. — Dance (American Legion benefit) at Memorial building.

### MONDAY

10 a. m. — County board of education at county superintendent's office in courthouse.

10 a. m. — County board of commissioners at register of deeds office in courthouse.

10:30 a. m. — Macon County Baptist Preachers' conference at First Baptist church.

7 p. m. — Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.

7:30 p. m. — Franklin board of aldermen in town office, Bank of Franklin building.

### TUESDAY

1:30 p. m. — Pickle-making demonstration at Agricultural building.

7:30 p. m. — Junaluske lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., at Masonic hall.

### WEDNESDAY

7 p. m. — Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.

### PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

The Woman's auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal church will hold a benefit rummage sale on Main street in Franklin Saturday, beginning at 9 a. m.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

In the town election Monday, the following ticket was elected: H. G. Trotter, mayor; E. K. Cunningham, R. L. Bryson, Geo. A. Jones, W. H. Higgins, and C. C. Smith, commissioners. The number of votes cast was 38.

Quoted from the Brevard Leader: A. C. Norton, our general friend, came in Friday with his bride. He was happily married to Miss Emma Jolly, of Columbus, Macon County, on the 20th instant, and brought his blushing bride, a beautiful young lady of 22 summers, back to Brevard with him.

A colored school house in a Georgia county has this sign: "Nothing But the United States Langwidge Taached Here."

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mr. W. T. Latham, of Andrews was visiting friends here last Saturday.

This week closes one of the most successful terms in the history of the Iotia high school. At the commencement exercises next week one of the largest classes ever graduated from the school will receive diplomas. The members of the graduating class number 10 — Oda Fouts, Ruth Roland, Ruth Stillwell, Ethel Stillwell, Nina Tippet, Betty Lou Holbrook, Wanda Fouts, Buford Fouts, Bill Bryson, and Paul Sanders.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Luther Wilson Hauser, 69, well known citizen of Franklin, died Sunday morning at his home on the Georgia road.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Houk, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Conley, Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Furr, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, W. W. Sloan, John Cunningham, and Lester Henderson attended the district convention of Rotary International at Spartanburg Monday and Tuesday

## General Town Clean-up Planned In Highlands

The Highlands board of town commissioners has officially designated next week—May 2 through 7—as general clean-up week for Highlands.

The action of the board was in response to requests from many citizens, and in cooperation with the Highlands Rotary club in its campaign to make Highlands more attractive to its year-round citizens, as well as its many summer visitors.

For the clean-up to be successful, members of the board explained, it must have the interest and active cooperation of every citizen.

By designating a particular week for the campaign, it was explained, people are assured that any refuse collected at their places of business, residence, or

on their vacant lots will be picked up by town trucks and hauled away. The commissioners hope the trucks will be kept busy, all day long, every day next week.

With public support, officials said, the movement can result in giving Highlands a real "face-lifting".

In order to facilitate the disposal of refuse, citizens are asked to place their collections in places easily accessible to the trucks.

The movement for a general clean-up in Highlands grew out of a talk made by Dr. O. C. Skinner, president of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee school and a Highlands home owner, before the Rotary club last month. The club immediately accepted the challenge and has been actively in promoting the plan since.

## 250 Expected Here For 2-Day B. T. U. Regional Meeting

Approximately 250 young persons from six counties in this end of the state are expected here Friday for the opening at 3 p. m. of the two-day regional Baptist Training Union convention, to be held at the Franklin Baptist church.

Sessions also will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Speakers will include the Rev. J. Alton Morris and the Rev. C. E. Parker, of the Murphy and Franklin churches, respectively. Everett R. White, of this county, is regional director.

## Mission Body To Hold Meet In Highlands

The annual meeting of the Macon County Women's Missionary Society will be held with the Highlands Baptist church Wednesday of next week, starting at 10 a. m.

Speakers from outside the county who will appear on the program will be Mrs. E. H. Corpening, divisional superintendent, Miss Laura Frances Snow, state worker, and Miss Irene Chambers, field representative of the Baptist Home Mission board. A copy of the program will be mailed to each society in the county, it was explained.

In addition to those who make the trip in their own cars, the First Baptist church's bus is expected to take about 35 passengers. The bus will leave the Franklin church at 8:45 a. m., and those wishing detailed information about transportation may obtain it by calling Mrs. W. N. Cook at Telephone 189-J or by writing her at Franklin.

All women from the Baptist churches throughout the county, and pastors of all churches, are invited, Mrs. Cook said. Each person attending is asked to bring food for a picnic lunch.

## Miss Hayes

### Heads Women Of Church In Presbytery

Miss Elsie Hays, of Franklin, is the new president of the Women of the Church of the Asheville Presbytery.

She was elected at the meeting in Montreat Tuesday.

### Nantahala High Seniors To Present Play Friday

A play, "Payin' The Fiddler", will be given at the Nantahala High school Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The play, a comedy, will be given by the senior class, and proceeds will be used toward the expense of the Junior-Senior banquet.

## U. S. OFFICIAL TALKS TO LIONS

### Lamar Caudle Discusses Work Of Justice Department

Lamar Caudle, M. S. assistant attorney-general in charge of the tax division, spoke to the Franklin Lions club and guests at the regular meeting Monday night at the Slagle Memorial building.

Mr. Caudle explained the workings of the Justice department and its effect on the people, throughout the country.

Briefly, the speaker outlined the work of the five divisions of the department. He pointed out that the anti-trust department is an economic division which protects the little man from conspiracy of combines and monopolies when he goes to buy, it being a crime to conspire to fix prices. The assistant attorney-general stressed the idea that the anti-trust division was doing work which would help to prevent the return of 1932 when, according to many statisticians, economists, 200 combines set prices on a majority of products throughout the United States.

The criminal division, Mr. Caudle said, handled 89 thousand cases in 1944. However in 50,000 of these cases, as true bills were not found, the public heard nothing about them.

In describing the work of the tax division, the department which he heads, Mr. Caudle said that only 20 per cent of the cases are connected with tax fraud, the rest of the work being involved with civil cases.

Mr. Caudle urged persons who have tax problems to take them up direct with the department. He promised that he would have as many conferences with a person, as are desired, provide that a new conference was not a repetition of the one the day before.

The speaker, a graduate of Wake Forest college, who was in charge of tax matters for the department of justice for 28 western North Carolina counties, is well acquainted in this area. He singled out Representative Monroe Redden for praise, saying the assistant democratic whip in the house of representatives is becoming a power in congressional circles.

Mr. Caudle was accompanied here by Charles Price, former M. S. Marshall for this district. Mr. and Mrs. Caudle and Mr. Price were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Angel during their stay here.

### Our Regrets

Due to a machine breakdown Tuesday, which caused a 24-hour halt in operations, this week's issue of The Press is late reaching readers. The management regrets this unavoidable delay.

## COURT TERM HERE CLOSES

### Nantahala Power Firm Wins In Cherokee Damage Suit

The April term of Macon superior court ended at mid-afternoon Thursday, after a jury had found that the plaintiffs in a suit against the Nantahala Power and Light company were entitled to no damages. The case grew out of a power line's falling on the home of the plaintiffs, Etta Roland Forrister, Shelby Jean Forrister, and Gay Roland, in Cherokee county. The plaintiffs sued for \$59,000.

The case in which Frank R. Leach sought a one-half interest in 26 lots in the Franklin golf course sub-division and approximately \$1,700 in cash from R. A. (Bob) Patton resulted in a mistrial.

The suit grew out of a dispute over division of the sales profits from the sale of the golf course property about a year ago. Mr. Leach and Mr. Patton were associated in conducting the sale.

A jury gave L. B. Phillips a verdict in his suit against Edwin Gill, N. C. commissioner of revenue. Several months ago the state, alleging that Mr. Phillips, Franklin coal dealer, was operating trucks for hire, ordered him to obtain for hire license plates. Mr. Phillips denied that the trucks were operated for hire.

### \$1,100 TO SCHOOL FUND

The Macon County school fund will receive more than a thousand dollars from fines and forfeitures at the April term of superior court. The records of the clerk of court show \$900 forfeited in bonds, and approximately \$200 collected in fines. Under the all fines and forfeitures go to the schools.

and the state issued an execution and collected \$427 from Mr. Phillips. He paid the amount under protest, and filed suit.

The jury rendered a verdict in his favor, and the state was ordered to return the \$427. Attorneys for the state filed notice of appeal to the supreme court.

The suit Forrister against the power company was transferred here from Haywood county, to which county the plaintiffs moved subsequent to the alleged electric line damage in Cherokee. Originally, four suits—for \$20,000, for \$20,000, for \$15,000, and for

### C. Of C. Booth

#### On Main Street Opens For 1949 Season

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce information booth will open for the season Saturday at noon.

It was decided to open the booth now, in view of the noticeable increase in the number of tourists on the road, the fact that tourist places here report a decided pick-up in business, and the marked increase in the number of persons inquiring about places to stay, President Frank B. Duncan said.

The booth, situated on the south side of West Main street, will be kept open by Secretary Frank I. Murray daily from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and on Sundays from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Meanwhile, Mr. Duncan said, the campaign for 1949 members of the chamber of commerce is proceeding satisfactorily. The response has been gratifying, he added, most business firms and individuals expressing their desire to see sufficient funds provided to enable the chamber to carry out its 1949 program.

The organization's board of directors will meet the middle of next week for a progress report on the membership campaign and on the Franklin booklet which is to be published by The Franklin Press, under the chamber's sponsorship, and to go over final plans for this year's newspaper advertising, road signs, and other projects.

## Voters To Choose Town Officials In Franklin And Highlands Tuesday

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

The contest in Franklin is for membership on the board of aldermen, but in Highlands two are in the race for mayor, and 12 are candidates for the five seats on that town's board of commissioners.

In Franklin the five incumbents and four other candidates are out for aldermen. Six are to be elected. There is no contest for mayor here, H. W. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, being the only candidate. He will succeed Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., who did not stand for re-election.

The nine who filed for seats on the Franklin board of aldermen are:

W. C. Burrell, automobile dealer, whose home is on the Georgia road; incumbent.

W. R. (Russell) Cabe, engineer for the Nantahala Power and Light Company, home Georgia road section; incumbent.

E. J. Carpenter, teacher; home Harrison avenue.

J. C. Crisp, photographer; home Bonny Crest.

Erwin Patton, farmer; home

West Main Street; incumbent.

L. B. Phillips, coal dealer; home West Main Street; incumbent.

W. W. Reeves, hardware merchant; home Georgia road.

Verlon Swafford, automobile parts merchant; home Bryson City road.

E. J. Whitmire, Jr., teacher; home East Franklin; incumbent.

In Highlands, the race for mayor is between W. H. Cobb, hardware merchant and builder, who is a former mayor, and William P. Pierson, real estate and insurance dealer. Mayor James O. Beale did not file for reelection.

Of the five members of the present Highlands board of commissioners, J. D. Burnette and Sidney McCarty are not candidates for reelection.

The 12 who seek the five seats on the board are:

C. J. Anderson; Jeter Buchanan; the Rev. R. B. DuPre; Tyndor N. Hall; W. A. Hays, incumbent; Harry A. Ho; Dr. C. F. Mitchell; Edward Potts, incumbent; Joe Reese, incumbent; L. W. Rice, Sr.; Ed M. Rogers; and D. W. Wiley.

The polls in both towns will open at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and will close at 6:30 p. m.

## NEW EDUCATION BOARD TO MEET

### Will Organize, May Pick County School Head Next Monday

The four men and one woman who will constitute the Macon County Board of education for the next two years will meet Monday morning to organize and take up the election of a county superintendent of public instruction for a two-year term beginning next July 1.

The five members of the new board will be sworn in by J. Clinton Brookshire, clerk of superior court, and then are expected to elect a chairman. Following these preliminaries, the first business is expected to be election of a county superintendent.

The meeting, called by County Supt. Guy L. Houk, secretary to the board, is set for 10 a. m., in the superintendent's office in the courthouse.

The five who will take office Monday as board members were nominated in the Democratic primary in the spring of 1948, and were officially appointed by the 1949 general assembly near the close of its session. They are:

Fred Edwards, of Highlands; Walter Gibson, of Franklin, Route 3; C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin; Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, of Franklin, Route 1; and Bob S. Sloan, of Franklin.

Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Sherrill succeed Frank Browning and E. B. Byrd on the board. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sloan will begin their second terms Monday. And Mr. Moore, the present chairman of the board, will start on his fifth term.

### Baptist Ministers To Hold Meet Here Monday

The Macon County Baptist Preachers' conference will be held at the First Baptist church here Monday at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Thad Deltz, of Sylva, will be the chief speaker. Rawleigh Guffey will conduct the devotional.

### CARNIVAL DELAYED

The carnival, sponsored by the Franklin Lions club, which was to have opened a one-week engagement in Franklin next Monday, has been delayed, and will not reach here until a week later, May 9, Lions club officials announced yesterday.

## WILL INCREASE BUILDING FUND HERE TO \$650,000

### Slagle Discusses Laws Passed By Assembly On Return Home

Macon County will receive \$250,000 from the State of North Carolina for its school building program.

This quarter of a million dollars, plus the \$400,000 Macon County school bonds authorized, will give school authorities here \$650,000 for building schools in this county.

In addition, Macon will share in the proceeds of the proposed \$25,000,000 state bonds it is proposed to issue for building schools, provided the people of the state approve the bond issue at an election to be held this summer. While the exact amount this county would receive from the state bond issue is not known, it share, it is estimated, would be well over \$100,000, bringing the county's school building fund to a total of more than \$700,000.

The \$250,000 state aid can be obtained by this county, regardless of the outcome of the statewide bond election, and is available now, Representative Carl S. Slagle explained Monday. Mr. Slagle returned home Sunday night, following adjournment of the 1949 general assembly Saturday.

The \$250,000 now available is this county's share, he said, of \$25,000,000 from the surplus in the state treasury appropriated by the legislature for school buildings, and is to be divided equally among the state's 100 counties.

The people of the state, as a result of legislation enacted by the assembly, also will vote on Governor Scott's proposal to issue \$200,000,000 in bonds for building farm-to-market roads. Tied in with the road bond issue question is that of a one-cent increase in the gasoline tax. As that bill finally was enacted, the gas increase will not go into effect unless the \$200,000,000 bond issue is approved.

If the road bond issue is approved at the election, this county's share will be \$1,600,000, Mr. Slagle said.

Looking back on the session of 94 legislature days—the fourth longest general assembly session in the history of the state — Mr.

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## Albert Ramsey

### Named As President Of Rotary Club

Albert L. Ramsey was elected president of the Franklin Rotary club at last week's meeting, held Wednesday evening at the Slagle Memorial building.

At the regular election of officers, a week earlier, Grant Zickgraf had been chosen as president for the coming year. Mr. Zickgraf, however, who was not present at the time of his election, last week wrote the club that it would be impossible for him to serve.

The new president, who makes his home in the Iotia community, is Macon County supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration. He and the other new officers of the club will assume their duties at the first meeting in July.

## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	65	25	.00
Thursday	62	44	.00
Friday	75	52	.52
Saturday	23	80	T
Sunday	75	41	.00
Monday	75	26	.00
Tuesday	70	30	.00
Wednesday	—	47	—