

# Order Superintendent To Visit Schools

## Whitmire, Burrell, Reeves, Cabe, Patton, Swafford Win; Elect Cobb In Highlands

### Whitmire Leads Here; Phillips Nosed Out By Single Vote

E. J. Whitmire, Jr., W. C. Burrell, Russell Cabe, and Erwin Patton, members of the present board, and W. W. Reeves and Verlon Swafford were elected as Franklin's aldermen in Tuesday's biennial election.

Mr. Swafford, who ran in sixth place, nosed out L. B. Phillips, the other member of the present board by a single vote. Mr. Phillips has served on the board for the past four years.

Mr. Whitmire led the ticket in the nine-man race for the six seats on the board, receiving 221 votes.

Mr. Burrell, in second place, was only one vote behind with 220.

Mr. Reeves' 203 votes placed him third in the running.

Fourth place went to Russell Cabe, with 199.

Mr. Patton, with 190, was fifth.

And Mr. Swafford received 187, to stand in sixth place.

The other three candidates, with their votes:

Mr. Phillips, 186; E. J. Carpenter, 132; and J. C. Crisp, 123.

Henry W. Cabe, who was opposed in his candidacy for mayor, received 285 of the 289 votes cast. He succeeds T. W. Angel, Jr., who did not seek reelection.

The 289-total vote was unusually light. In the 1947 town election, 551 votes were cast, and even in 1945, while World War 2 was still in progress, 247 votes were cast.

It was difficult to compare the vote cast with the number of voters registered.

Election officials said that "nobody knows how many registered voters there are here," explaining that many have died or moved away since the last registration.

The retiring mayor and board of aldermen, at their last meeting Wednesday morning, made the official canvass of the vote.

### Bulletin

E. W. Long has been recommended by Rep. Monroe M. Redden to become acting postmaster here upon the retirement of Postmaster T. W. Porter May 31, it was learned here yesterday. A competitive examination to determine an eligible list for a permanent postmaster will be held later.

### 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.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:30 p. m.—Post No. 108, American Legion, at Slagle Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic hall.

#### FRIDAY

9 a. m.—Registration books open for June 4 election on state road and school bond issues.

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

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

#### TUESDAY

10:30 a. m.—County board of education in superintendent's office at courthouse.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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### Potts, Rice, Anderson, Holt, Hall Elected To Highlands Board

By a three-vote margin, Wilton H. Cobb, hardware merchant and builder, and a former mayor, defeated William P. Piersen, real estate and insurance man, for mayor of Highlands in Tuesday's biennial municipal election.

The unofficial vote was: Cobb, 117; Piersen, 114.

Elected to membership on the town's board of commissioners were Edward Potts, L. W. Rice, Sr., C. J. Anderson, Harry A. Holt, and Tudor N. Hall.

Mr. Potts, incumbent, led the 12-man race for seats on the five-member town commission. His vote was 159.

Mr. Rice, also a member of the present board, stood in second place with 139.

Mr. Anderson's vote of 125 placed him in third place.

Mr. Holt was fourth with 108. Mr. Hall, who ran fifth, received 99 votes.

The other seven candidates for commissioner, with their votes:

The Rev. R. E. Du Pree, 97; Ed M. Rogers, 92; D. W. Wiley, 85; C. E. Mitchell, 74; Joe Reese, incumbent, 72; Jeter Buchanan, 62 and W. A. Hays, incumbent, 29.

Three of the present town officials—Mayor James O. Beale and board members J. D. Burnett and Sidney McCarty—did not stand for reelection.

### Large Number Attend Sub-District MYF Meeting

A crowd of young people that almost filled the auditorium of the Franklin Methodist church attended Monday night's monthly meeting of the sub-district of the Methodist youth Fellowship.

The Rev. R. L. Phillips, Franklin circuit pastor, was the chief speaker. Also heard in brief talks were two past presidents, Manuel Holland and Neil Moon-ey.

Following the business meeting, a "talent show" was held, directed by Richard Jones.

Bob Myers, president, presided, and Elizabeth Jones was program chairman.

Refreshments were served in the church basement at the conclusion of the meeting.

### Alabama Students, On Tour, To Spend Tonight In Franklin

A bus load of high school students from Alabama will spend tonight in Franklin.

The 27 seniors from the Tallapoosa County High school at Dadeville, Ala., on a tour of this region, are expected to arrive here in the late afternoon, and Frank B. Duncan, president of the chamber of commerce, has arranged with a local restaurant to prepare and serve them a picnic dinner at Arrowood glade. The group will spend the night at Hotel Hearn.

### Plans For County-Wide Revival Are To Be Laid

The Rev. R. L. Forest has been invited to preach in a series of evangelistic services, beginning June 6, at Friendship tabernacle, and an organizational meeting to prepare for the revival will be held at the Presbyterian manse here Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The meeting, it was pointed out, is to be sponsored by the churches of the county, and all ministers who are willing to help in making plans are invited to Monday's meeting. Dr. Forest is president of Teococa Falls institute, Teococa, Ga.

### ROAD, SCHOOL BOND ELECTION SET FOR JUNE 4

Macon Voters To Ballot On N. C. Total Of \$225,000,000

The voters in Macon and the 99 other counties in North Carolina will go to the polls Saturday, June 4, to ballot on two state-wide bond proposals:

1. Issuance of \$20,000,000 in state bonds to pave and repair secondary—chiefly rural—roads.

2. Issuance of \$25,000,000 in bonds to be used by the counties for construction and repair of public school buildings.

The election on the two issues has been called by Gov. Scott, following passage of the recent general assembly of legislation providing that the two propositions be submitted to the people.

There will be two separate ballots, one on road bonds, one on school bonds, so that a voter may vote for both bond issues, against both bond issues, or for one and against the other.

The road bond issue carries with it an increase of one cent per gallon in the gasoline tax; that is, if the road bonds are approved by the people of the state, the gasoline tax will be increased one cent.

With the special election on a month away, the county board of elections met Monday and set up machinery for holding the election in this county.

The board passed a motion appointing the same registrars and judges who served in the general election last fall to conduct the special election, and empowered Chairman J. J. Mann to fill vacancies that may occur in case any of the officials appointed cannot serve.

No special registration is required for the bond election, and those who now are registered on the general election registration books are not required to register. Officials here, however, suggested that those who are in doubt about being properly registered check on the matter without delay.

For those who are not registered, the registration books will be open from 9 a. m. next Saturday (May 7) through sunset on Saturday, May 21. The registrars, it was announced, will be at the polling places on the three Saturdays in that period—May 7, 14, and 21.

The registrars and judges named Monday to serve in the 12 precincts in this county follow: the registrar in each case being the first listed, the Republican judge being listed second, and the Democratic judge being the third named:

Millsboro: Harold Cape, Garland Shepherd, and Woodrow Franklin.

Elizajay: Charlie Bryson, Grayson Higdon, and Carl Moses.

Sugarfork: Luther Holland, Bill Deal, and Fred Henson.

Highlands: Lewis Edwards, T. C. Harbison, and Henry Wright.

Flats: Raymond Penland, M. S. Burnette, and Ray Dryman.

Smithbridge: C. R. Cabe, Alex Holbrooks, and Ted Henry.

Cartoogechay: Dan Sweatman, Gordon Dills, and Oscar Lewis.

Nantahala No. 1: Newell Baldwin, Fred Mason, and Wade Lambert.

Nantahala No. 2: J. R. Shields, Weimer Cochran, and T. T. Love.

Burningtown: Will Rowland, Forrest Huggins, and Bill Parrish.

Cowee: Frank Browning, T. G. Dean, and Joel Dalton.

Franklin: Charlie Sutton, O. V. Hall, and Jim Palmer.

### Postmasters To Hold Meet Saturday In Highlands

Postmasters of the 12th district, National Association of Postmasters, will hold a dinner meeting at the Potts house in Highlands Saturday evening at 6 p. m.

This will be the first time the group has met in Highlands, according to Charles C. Potts, Highlands postmaster.

A number of postmasters from over the district are expected to attend.



—Photo by Crisp Studio  
ELECTION—Guy L. Houk, Macon County superintendent of schools for the past 10 years, was reelected for a two-year term by the county board of education Monday.

### SCHOOL EVENT ATTRACTS 230

Junior - Senior Banquet Marked By Spanish Program

Approximately 230 persons—senior class members, juniors, faculty members, school officials, and guests—attended the annual Junior-Senior banquet of the Franklin High school last Friday evening at the Slagle Memorial building.

The event was given a Spanish flavor by the Spanish decorations, music, and dances.

The juniors, as hosts, were assisted in planning and preparing for the event by the two class sponsors, Mrs. Clinton Johnson and Miss Pauline Reid.

The program numbers, which were interspersed throughout the dinner, included brief talks, music, a reading, and a special program. Following the program, dancing and bingo were enjoyed.

The Rev. Hoyt Evans pronounced the invocation, and Alvin Stiles, junior president, welcomed the seniors and other guests. Elizabeth Ann Phillips responded.

Mary Sue Potts played a piano solo; Margaret Jones gave a reading; Bill Mendenhall sang a Spanish song, accompanied by Laura Ly'e; Mariann Sherrill and Bobby Biddle did a dance skit; Wilma Renshaw, Patty Lou Phillips, and Sue Williams presented a vocal solo accompanied by Edith Plemmons; the waiters' chorus sang a Spanish song; and the Spanish club chorus gave two Spanish vocal numbers.

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### Mooney Licensed To Preach At Meet Of Methodist Body

Neil Mooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mooney, of Franklin, was licensed as a Methodist preacher at the church district conference at Clyde Saturday.

The Rev. A. C. Gibbs, Franklin Methodist pastor, was chairman of the licensing committee.

Mr. Mooney, who long has been active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, is now a student at Georgia Military college, Milledgeville, Ga.

Attending the conference from this county were Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Joe Setser, Mrs. Fred Slagle, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton.

From Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs went to Eastern North Carolina for a vacation. The Rev. L. B. Hayes, of Hendersonville, former Franklin pastor, conducted the morning service here last Sunday, in Mr. Gibbs' absence.

### Joseph Ashear Leaves To Enter Johns Hopkins

Jos. Ashear, widely known retired merchant, left yesterday for Baltimore, where he will enter Johns Hopkins hospital for observation. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ashear and his brother, Mitchell Ashear, of Du Bois, Penna., who has been here for the past fortnight. Mr. Ashear has been in ill health for about a year.

## But Board Defeats, 3 To 2, Motion To Make Job Full-Time

### School Committeemen Are Appointed For Two-Year Terms

School committeemen for the three Macon County districts were appointed for two-year terms by the county board of education at the new board's first meeting Monday.

It is the duty of the committeemen, Chairman C. Gordon Moore pointed out to the board, to elect school principals; the principals, in turn, nominate teachers; and the committeemen elect the teaching. Then the county board of education approves or disapproves the faculty members selected.

Supt. G. L. Houk pointed out that teachers who are not to be reemployed must be so notified before the end of school, and that, therefore, the committeemen should be appointed immediately and should act promptly.

The board set 10:30 a. m. next Tuesday morning as the time for a called meeting to act on teacher elections.

In the Franklin district, A. R. Higdon, J. E. (Johnny) Cabe, Joel Dalton, Charles Sutton, and Eugene Crawford were reelected as committeemen.

For the Highlands district, the three present members also were reelected: Charles J. Anderson, Frank Potts, and Walter Bryson.

As Nantahala district committeemen, Weimer Cochran and Clint May were reelected, and Newell Baldwin was chosen to succeed Mrs. Bas Baldwin.

Mr. Houk told the board that he and Mr. Moore were going to Raleigh Monday night, and would be in position, on their return, to give the board details about the \$250,000 the state has made available to each county for building schools.

He asked the board to fix the remuneration of the treasurer (Sheriff J. P. Bradley) for handling school funds. He said the law permits the board to pay the treasurer from one-half of one per cent to two per cent; that the board is now paying two per cent; and he raised the question of whether that should apply to federal funds—about \$5,000 per month—that come into this county for veterans training and school lunch rooms.

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### Houk Is Reelected For 2-Year Term As Head Of Macon Schools

The new Macon County board of education Monday voted to require the county superintendent to visit the schools in compliance with state law, but a motion to make the job full-time was defeated by a 3 to 2 vote.

The board then unanimously reelected Guy L. Houk as superintendent.

The vote on the school visiting was 2 to 0. Voting for the motion were Bob S. Sloan, who made it, and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, who seconded it.

Walter Gibson and Fred Edwards did not vote.

Voting to make the \$5,000-a-year office of superintendent a full-time job were Mrs. Sherrill and Mr. Sloan. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Edwards voted against it. Chairman C. Gordon Moore, who a ready had said he was opposed to it, then voted no, breaking the tie. The motion was made by Mrs. Sherrill and seconded by Mr. Sloan.

The questions of the superintendent's visiting the schools and of his being required to devote full time to his official duties have long been discussed in the county, and were issues in the board of education race a year ago, when the five who took office Monday were nominated in the Democratic primary. Mrs. Sherrill, who led the ticket in that race, made a full-time superintendent who would visit the schools major planks in her platform, and Mr. Sloan, who ran second in the 1948 primary, had been committed to those two policies since he first went on the board in 1947.

The motions were acted upon by voice votes, and there were no "noes" on the motion to require the superintendent to visit the schools, but here appeared to be only two "ayes."

Mr. Sloan's and Mrs. Sherrill's. A reported asked Mr. Gibson and Mr. Edwards whether they voted "aye" or had not voted at all. Mr. Gibson said:

"I don't remember."

Mr. Edwards' reply was:

"I asked a question about the motion."

Someone else said: "They did not vote," and neither of the two members contradicted that statement.

After preliminary business had been transacted at Monday morning's first meeting of the board, Mr. Moore opened the meeting for nominations for superintendent.

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

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
S. P. Ravenel, Jr., Highlands' rising young barrister, has returned from his visit to Philadelphia.

The issue in Marion's recent municipal election was whether the hogs should be permitted to run at large. The friends of the hog won.

**BARNARD'S EXCHANGE** — "Get the Idea" — Immense bargains! Grand! Unprecedented! Magnificent! Was The Mighty Rush at my store last Friday at the grand opening of my immense stock of spring goods. — Advertisement.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
The road from Asheville to Andrews was opened for the first time a few days ago.

Mr. Lee Keener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Keener, and Miss Beatrice Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Young, were happily married April 27.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
J. Frank Ray was elected mayor of Franklin, defeating the present incumbent, G. L. Houk, in the biennial election last Tuesday. W. W. Edwards won out for mayor of Highlands in a field of four candidates.

Charles William Stiles, well known farmer and highly esteemed citizen, died of a heart attack at 8 o'clock Monday morning while plowing in a field near his home.

### Set Parking Space Aside For Busses

The Franklin board of aldermen Monday night voted to reserve that section on the south side of Main street that lies between Angel's drug store and Phillips street for busses.

Under terms of the motion, made by E. J. Whitmire, Jr., and seconded by L. B. Phillips, the parking meters will be removed from that section of the street, and only busses will be permitted to park there.

Action of the board means that the taxicabs which have been accustomed to park along that side of the street will have to find other parking space.