

Meadows Picked For Postmaster Here

NAVY VETERAN RECOMMENDED BY REP. REDDEN

27-Year Old High Man On Exam Will Take Over Post Soon

Zeb Meadows has been selected as Franklin's permanent postmaster.

His appointment was recommended to President Truman by Rep. Monroe M. Redden Monday, the congressman told The Press by long distance telephone.

The 27-year old, curly-haired navy veteran, the youngest of the 12 men who took the civil service examination last August, made the highest rating, a grade of 88.38.

Just how soon he will receive his commission and take over the duties of postmaster Mr. Redden does not know. The twelfth congressman explained that Mr. Meadows must be formally nominated by the President, and confirmed by the senate. And it is the custom, Mr. Redden added, to wait until a considerable list of such appointments accumulate at the White House, and then send the entire list to the senate. It usually is from 60 to 90 days from the time a postmaster is recommended for appointment until he is confirmed by the senate.

Appointment by the President and confirmation by the senate of a man recommended by his congressman for postmaster usually are mere formalities.

In announcing his selection, of Mr. Meadows, Rep. Redden said the young navy veteran had been recommended to him "by a large number of outstanding citizens, including leading officials of the Democratic party, and no one expressed opposition." Tom Johnson, county Democratic chairman, accompanied by Mr. Meadows, visited Mr. Redden in Hendersonville January 29, at which time Mr. Johnson presented a recommendation of Mr. Meadows for the postmastership, signed by Mr. Johnson, as party chairman, and all members of the executive committee. The committee is made up of the Democratic precinct chairmen in the county's 11 precincts.

Under the law, the congressman explained earlier, he was required to recommend a man from the eligible list, which is made up of the three qualified men making the highest grades on the examination. The other two on the list were John L. Crawford, in second place, and Everette R. White, in third. Mr. Crawford and Mr. White are considered Republicans. Mr. Meadows is a Democrat.

The appointment is a permanent one. Since second class postmasters are under civil service, they may not be removed except for cause, and Mr. Meadows presumably will serve until retirement age, unless he should resign. The position pays a little more than \$4,000 a year.

When he has been formally appointed by the President and confirmed by the senate, he will succeed E. W. Long as postmaster here. Mr. Long was appointed as acting postmaster.

—Continued on Page Four

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	72	22	...
Thursday	62	55	36
Friday	59	22	30
Saturday	58	23	...
Sunday	57	21	...
Monday	48	38	...
Tuesday	65	43	78
Wednesday	...	22	trace

FRANKLIN RAINFALL

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)

Wednesday	.10
Thursday	.16
Friday	.35
Saturday	none
Sunday	none
Monday	none
Tuesday	.29
Wednesday	trace

Frank Duncan Named Member of WNCAC's Executive Committee

Frank B. Duncan, of Franklin, was named to the executive committee of Western North Carolina Associated Communities at the annual election of officers of the regional organization, held in Waynesville Tuesday.

The group voted to hold its next quarterly meeting, tentatively set for April 12, in Franklin.

Mr. Duncan, local automobile man, is president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Other Franklin men attending the Waynesville meeting include E. W. Benschaw, Paul Russell, H. L. Bryant, H. W. Cabe, Ted Reber, John L. Crawford, Ed McNish, and Russell E. McKelvey.

ELECTION BODY DROPS CHANGES

Rescinds Township Split And Re-registration Orders

The Macon County board of elections last week rescinded its previous orders splitting Franklin township into two voting precincts and calling for a new county-wide registration of voters.

The action of the board—J. J. Mann, chairman, J. Robert Parrish, and A. R. Higdon—followed a public hearing at the courthouse Friday morning.

About 25 persons attended the meeting and many of them expressed themselves on the two questions. Mr. Mann called the meeting after, he said, the board had encountered opposition to the two orders, and in issuing the call he invited interested voters to be present and give the board the benefit of their views.

Several persons present expressed the view that many voters are accustomed to voting at the courthouse, and if they have to go elsewhere, it will mean they just won't vote. It also was said that, if a new registration were held, it would be necessary for leaders of the two political parties to haul great numbers to the polling places to register in order to get a representative number on the registration books.

In answer to a question, Mr. Mann said a good job could be done in cleaning up the registration books by election officials, without the necessity for a new registration.

The purchase of a voting machine as a means of simplifying the counting of the votes in this, the largest precinct in county, was suggested, and it was later discussed informally with the board of county commissioners. No action was taken, however, in the belief that one machine, which would cost about \$3,500, would not be sufficient.

Mr. Mann called on those at

—Continued on Page Six

Sorrells Chosen

Moderator Of Baptist Ministers Group

The Rev. W. L. Sorrells was chosen moderator of the Macon County Baptist Ministers' conference, at a meeting of the group Monday at the First Baptist church.

Other officers elected to serve during the coming year are: The Rev. Frank Reed, vice-moderator; the Rev. Edgar Wilcox, secretary-treasurer; and the Rev. Paul Nix, program chairman.

Meetings of the conference will be held at the First Baptist church on the Mondays following the first and third Sundays of each month.

Angel Clinic Becomes Member Of Associations

The Angel clinic has just been granted full membership in both the American Hospital Association and the North Carolina hospital association. Dr. Furman Angel was so notified this week.

CONTRACT LET FOR 12.3 MILES OF MACON ROAD

Reidsville Concern Bids \$125,086; Work To Start In April

The State Highway commission last week let the contract for the blacktopping of four sections of road in this county, totaling 12.3 miles.

The low bidder was Wiker and Yount, Inc., of Reidsville, whose bid on the four jobs totaled \$125,086, or an average of \$10,089 per mile.

The roads to be black-topped are those announced by Highway Commissioner L. Dale Thrash as ready for blacktopping at a road meeting here January 5—the Iola, Leatherman Gap, Garner and Porter, and Horse Cove roads.

The hardsurfacing in this and adjoining counties is scheduled to get under way in April, Mr. Thrash has announced.

Bids on the Macon projects were opened January 31, along with those in 47 other road building projects in the state, low bids on which totaled \$4,745,300. The total was more than \$150,000 below the highway commission's estimate. Projects advertised covered 384 miles of North Carolina road in 36 North Carolina counties—a record.

At a meeting of the commission February 2, the commission gave approval to 36 of the 48 projects, the Macon road work having been in the list of projects approved.

Also approved were the blacktopping of eight sections of road totaling 24.1 miles in Cherokee county; seven sections totaling

—Continued on Page Six

30 Dairies Here Given Grade Of 'A'

Macon County has 30 Grade A dairies, Howard T. Collins, sanitarian here, announced in making public the list of dairies in this county with a Grade A rating for the six-month period ending December 31.

To receive a grade "A", a dairy must have a milk cooler; a barn with floors and walls impervious to water; an approved water supply under pressure; have its cows tested for tuberculosis and Bangs disease at least once yearly; use approved type of milk utensils; keep utensils clean; have approved sterilization equipment; and the milk house (but not necessarily the barn) must be screened.

These minimum requirements are more severe, including approved bottling facilities and personnel possessing health certificates.

All milk produced at the 30 Grade A dairies here, with the exception of Nantahala and Addington's dairies, goes to the Southern Dairies, Mr. Collins said, adding that the Nantahala Creamery is the central point where milk for Southern Dairies is left by dairymen and picked up by that firm.

The Southern Dairies takes samples of milk it buys and has it tested, and if the bacteria count is too high, the Southern Dairies may temporarily degrade a dairy.

In addition, Sanitarian Collins takes at least four samples

—Continued on Page Six

Pattillo To Leave Soon For 2 Years In Holland

Chief Yeoman and Mrs. J. H. Pattillo and son, Harry, will leave Washington, D. C., where they have been stationed for several years, for New York on February 11. They will sail February 14 from New York on the General R. E. Callon, a navy transport, for Bremerhaven, Germany. From there they will go by car to The Hague, in Holland, where Chief Pattillo will be stationed for two years.

Approve Plan To Beautify County's Lot

A movement launched by the Franklin Garden club to beautify the county's vacant lot facing Main street was given approval by the board of county commissioners at the board's meeting Monday.

Mrs. Frank M. Killian, representing the Garden club, appeared before the commissioners to ask permission to transform the lot into a park for townspeople and tourists. The commissioners gave the suggestion their hearty approval. The lot was purchased by the county several years ago as the site, at some time in the future, of a new courthouse.

The Garden club, working in cooperation with the Home Demonstration clubs, which maintain a curb market at the Main street edge of the lot, plans to erase the entire plot, put in flowers, and ultimately obtain benches, so that people, particularly visitors to Franklin, will have an attractive place to sit.

The club already has been assured of support from other groups, the Boy Scouts, among others. The Scout plan to build bird boxes for the park, and the Garden club hopes to put in one or more bird baths.

The commissioners also approved and forwarded to the State Highway commission a petition for the Highway commission to take over for maintenance a section of road built by the Forest Service at the lower end of Buck Creek.

The commissioners recessed their meeting until 10 a. m. February 23, when that board, meeting jointly with the county board of elections, will canvass the results of the county-wide school bond election February 21. The commissioners, since they called the bond election, are jointly responsible with the election board for the canvass of the bond election vote, it was explained.

—Continued on Page Six

Merchants' Body To Be Part Of C.C.

The proposed merchants association here is to be established as a branch of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, it was decided at a meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and the temporary officials of the merchants organization.

Under the plan, projects of interest chiefly to merchants will be handled by a merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

The plan also calls for establishment of a credit bureau.

Such an arrangement, it was pointed out, will tend to strengthen both organizations, and the two, together, can afford to employ a competent person to handle the affairs of both.

Under the program, as it was worked out, all members of the merchants' group will be members of the chamber of commerce; all chamber of commerce members, however, since that organization's membership is made up of persons of a variety of businesses and professions, will not be members of the merchants branch.

Those attending the conference were Frank B. Duncan, William Katenbrink, Bruce Bryant, J. C. Jacobs, Charles Conley, H. L. Bryant, Troop Callahan, Tom Henson, Frank L. Henry, Jr., Donald Smith, W. C. Burrell, A. R. Higdon, H. W. Cabe, Sidney Martin, R. S. Jones, and Mrs. Virginia Jones, who is serving this winter as part-time chamber of commerce secretary.

MOVE TO BUILD SIDEWALK TO EAST FRANKLIN

Town Board Committee Instructed To Seek Bids On Project

The Franklin board of aldermen, at its monthly meeting Monday night, moved to build a sidewalk along the north side of Main street from Polindexter's service station, near the railroad station, to the Highlands road intersection, east of the Little Tennessee river.

That much-traveled section of street has no sidewalk, and the need for one long has been felt.

The matter was brought before the board by Woodrow Reeves, chairman of the board's street committee, and after some discussion, the committee was authorized to have specifications prepared and to seek bids on the job. The motion was made by E. J. Whitmire, Jr., seconded by Mr. Reeves, and unanimously carried.

No actual letting of a contract is anticipated before the next regular board meeting, the first Monday in March.

The board devoted most of its attention at Monday night's meeting to hearing delegations asking for street work and water and sewer improvements. In most cases, the groups appearing before the board were assured of action.

A number of street projects are planned, but await dry weather, it was said. Aldermen explained to the groups seeking street work that gravel put down on unpaved streets in their present muddy condition would sink to the bottom of the mire and be largely wasted.

Joint Service To Highlight Scout Week

A special Scout religious service Sunday evening, with all denominations participating, will highlight the local observance of National Boy Scout week, February 6 to 12.

At the service, which is set for 8 p. m. at the Franklin Methodist church, the Scouts, Senior Scouts, and Cubs will enter the church in groups, with their leaders, and will sit together.

The Rev. Hoyt Evans, Presbyterian pastor, will preach the sermon, and the Rev. C. E. Murray and the Rev. C. N. Cook, Methodist and Baptist ministers, respectively, will assist. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal rector here, will be out of town. Groups from the choirs of all four churches will take part in the musical phase of the service.

Other features of the observance here of the 49th anniversary of Scouting include a program put on by Scout Troop 1 at last night's meeting of the Franklin Rotary club, a district court of honor ceremony at 7:30 tonight at the Swain county courthouse, Bryson City, and a program to be presented by the Cubs at Monday's meeting of the Lions club.

Calling the public's attention this week to Scouting are attractive windows, prepared by the Senior Scouts, under the direction of John Edwards and Ross Zachary, at Belk's Department store and Reeves Hardware company.

Wiggins On Mars Hill College Dean's List

Guy Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wiggins, of Franklin, Route 2, has been placed on the dean's list at Mars Hill college for the first semester, according to an announcement received here from Mars Hill. To be eligible for a place on the dean's list, a student must have earned 40 quality credits, with no grade below 'C'. Mr. Wiggins is a sophomore at the college.

EDUCATION BOARD OUTLINES SCHOOL BUILDING POLICIES

Signed Statement Sets Forth What Group Proposes To Do

Members of the county board of education this week issued a signed statement setting forth the policies to be pursued by the board in its building program, if the voters approve the proposed \$514,000 bond issue at the special county-wide bond election February 21.

The statement was issued, board members explained, with a view to answering any questions in the minds of the voters. The statement lists the eight buildings it is proposed to construct, with their sizes, locations, and estimated costs; states that construction will start on as many as possible as soon as the bonds are sold; announces that all projects will be advertised for bids; and promises constant inspection of the construction work, as the buildings go up, both by a registered architect and an inspector to be employed by the board as its representatives.

It was suggested by Bob Sloan that the statement be issued, and after County Supt. Guy L. Houk had drawn it, C. F. Browning made the motion that it be issued, and Mr. Sloan seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Chairman C. Gordon Moore was ill and unable to be present, but the statement was taken to his home for his signature.

The county is to receive \$381,000 from state funds for its building program, in addition to the proceeds of the \$514,000 bond. In connection with the inspection of the buildings, Mr. Houk said that wherever any of this state money is used, supervision by a registered architect will be required. In addition to that, he suggested that the board employ a competent person, full-time, the board's own supervising inspector, and the board members approved that suggestion.

The board also authorized Mr. Houk to proceed with surveys of school sites and having school plans drawn.

The text of the board's statement—Continued on Page Six

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson's cottage and contents, at Victoria, about five miles from Highlands, was burned to the ground on the 1st inst.

The Southern, last week, opened a telegraph office at Almond, for the first time.

Mr. G. H. Dalrymple, of Highlands, was in town Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Jones last Wednesday celebrated their wooden wedding. They were the recipients of a number of presents of wooden material.

25 YEARS AGO

Lon Campbell is now busy making a sun parlor out of the west end of the porch of the Franklin Terrace.

On January 28th Highlands let the contract for a municipal water supply system.

Mr. Dewey Corbin left for Sunburst, N. C., Friday, where he is employed by the Suncrest Lumber company.

10 YEARS AGO

The Nantahala Power and Light company completed last Thursday another rural electric extension in the Cartoogechay area.

Mayor J. Frank Ray spent the first part of the week in Raleigh on business.

200 Attend School Bond Rally Meet At Nantahala

Approximately 200 persons crowded into the Otter Creek schoolhouse for a school building bond rally last Friday evening, and a rising vote at the conclusion of the meeting indicated that the crowd was 100 per cent in favor of this county's issuing \$514,000 in bonds. The question is to be decided at a special election February 21.

The meeting was sponsored by the Nantahala Men's club, a Lower Nantahala organization, but persons from Upper Nantahala were invited, and a number attended.

Clint May, president of the club, called the meeting to order and then turned the program over to Carl D. Moses, school principal. Mr. Moses called on Bob Sloan, school board member, and W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, to discuss the bond issue.

Explaining that the Otter Creek High school class in civics and sociology had prepared a list of questions about the bond issue, Mr. Moses turned this list over to Mr. Sloan, and both he and Mr. Baldwin confined their talks largely to a discussion of the questions.

The more important questions and the substance of the answers follow:

Q. If the bonds are passed, will our taxes be raised?

Mr. Baldwin: No. We figure that we can pay three per cent interest on the bonds without raising the tax rate, and the state is now selling its bonds at only about one and one-half per cent. And if bad times come, Macon County has \$140,000 surplus in its debt service fund. This money, he explained, cannot be used to build schools, but could be used to pay off bonds if necessary.

Q. When will the school be started?

Mr. Sloan: We will have \$361,000 from the state for schools, but the state will say where that money shall be spent and how, so I can't say what schools would be built with state money.

Q. When will the school be started?

Mr. Sloan: If the bond issue passes and the Nantahala school is not started this spring, I, for one, would be willing to resign from the school board. Present plans call for building the Nantahala school next; we

—Continued on Page Four

Franklin Teams

Defeat Boys And Girls From Glenville

The Franklin High school basketball teams met the Glenville teams here last Friday night. The local boys won by a score of 29 to 17, and the local girls defeated the Glenville girls by a score of 33 to 10.

The Hayesville game, which was scheduled to be played last night, was canceled, and is to be played next week.

The remaining home games are as follows:

Saturday night, Clayton; this is to be games between both the A and B boys teams.

Tuesday night, February 14, Highlands.

Friday night, February 17, Webster.

All games are scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

PLAN FISHING CLUB

A meeting has been called for 7:30 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) night at the Otto school to organize the Smithbridge Fishing club. It has been announced by Max Parrish.