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School Bond Vote Set For Next Tuesday

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS NOMINATED

Mann And Miss Kelly, Higdon Head Lists Recommended

The Macon County Democratic executive committee, at a meeting here Saturday night, voted to recommend J. J. Mann, of near Franklin, Miss Lasse Kelly, of Franklin, and Walter A. Bryson, of Highlands, for membership on the county board of elections.

And at a meeting Tuesday night, the Republican executive committee recommended A. R. Higdon, of Franklin, present Republican member, Thad Cloer, of Franklin, Route 2, and Roy Mashburn, of Franklin.

The Democratic committee was instructed to recommend three Democrats, listed in the order of preference, from which two will be chosen by the state Democratic executive committee for appointment, while one will be picked from the three Republicans recommended. The formal appointments will be made by the state board of elections.

Since it is customary to follow the recommendations of the county executive committees, it is assumed that Mr. Mann, Miss Kelly, and Mr. Higdon will be appointed.

Members of the present board are Mr. Mann, chairman, and J. Robert Parrish, Democrats, and Mr. Higdon, Republican. Each county board of elections in this state is made up of two Democrats and one Republican.

The Macon board to be appointed by the state board of elections will be responsible for holding the primary election May 27 and the general election in November. The board will hold office for two years.

Attending Saturday's Democratic meeting were Chairman Tom Johnson, Miss Kelly, vice-chairman, Mrs. Lester Conley, secretary, and the following eight of the 12 precinct chairmen:

C. Gordon Moore, Franklin
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Do You Remember . . . ?
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
On account of high waters, no mail came from Dillsboro yesterday morning.

Harris Brothers received a new steam pump last week for their mica mine at the H. H. Raby place.

Mr. Thos. M. Slagle, of Cartoogechaye, is now in the market for the purchase of peregrine falcons. It's a girl.

25 YEARS AGO
Advertisement:

You people have read a lot of stuff lately about cheap sugar, cheap gingham, cheap sheeting, cheap coffee, cheap hose, and son an ad infinitum. You've seen the signs out on the sidewalk. Bill Cunningham is going to make somebody revise those signs—or take 'em in. I've sold you people BARGAINS in my life, scads and splatterations of 'em, but never before have I crawled out on a limb and then sawed it off behind me! For two days I am going to do just that little thing. And if this don't make 'em sit up and beg for the light I'll eat every article I have advertised—yes, eat 'em raw and without seasoning! — Bill Cunningham, The Cash Store.

10 YEARS AGO
Franklin's new sewage disposal plant was put into operation February 1.

Miss Katherine Vinson, who is taking music training at Banner Elk, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vinson, at Otto.

NEXT POSTMASTER



ZEB MEADOWS

Mr. Meadows, 27-year old navy veteran who made the top grade on the civil service examination, has been recommended by Rep. Monroe M. Hedden for postmaster at Franklin. The appointment awaits the formalities of Presidential nomination and confirmation by the senate.

C. C. TO HOLD DINNER FEB. 25

Sen. Graham's Address To Feature Annual Gathering

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner meeting Saturday of next week, with Senator Frank P. Graham as guest speaker.

A capacity crowd is expected to attend the dinner, which is set for 7 p. m. at the Slagle Memorial building. The meeting, originally scheduled for last month, was postponed until February 25 when Senator Graham was detained in Washington on official business.

The address of Dr. Graham, junior U. S. senator from this state and former president of the University of North Carolina, is expected to be the highlight of the meeting.

Other features will include the election of directors and reports. Mrs. Virginia Jones, secretary, will report on the organization's work during the past year, and B. L. McGlamery, a director, will list high points in this community's progress in the last 12 months. An announcement probably will be made, too, on developments in the plan to form a merchants' organization as a branch of the chamber of commerce.

Chamber President Frank B. Duncan will serve as toastmaster for the occasion.

Five directors are to be elected for the coming year. A nominating committee has selected a slate of 12 from which to choose the five. The 12 nominated are T. W. Angel, Jr., W. C. Burrell, Bob Sloan, Prelo Dryman, Claude Bolton, E. J. Whitmire, Jr., W. W. Reeves, Ted Reber, Rafe Teague, L. H. Continued On Page Eight

Macon Polio Fund Total Only \$1,538

Macon County contributions to the 1950 March of Dimes reported to Chairman J. Clinton Brookshire totaled \$1,538.17.

This is less than half of the \$3,665 total raised in this county last year for the fund to battle polio.

A number of reports, however, were not in, Mr. Brookshire said. No report had been received from Highlands, which usually contributes heavily in this drive, two or three schools were yet to be heard from, and the coin collectors had not been emptied and the money counted.

The campaign originally was scheduled to close January 31, but was continued for two weeks, until last Monday.

MACON SEVENTH IN PAYMENTS TO THOSE RETIRED

Social Security Office Announces Figures For This Area

Figures just released by the Asheville field office of the Social Security Administration show that Macon County ranks seventh in average monthly payments to retired workers, age 65 or over, in the 17 Western North Carolina counties which comprise the service area. The average monthly check to such workers in this county is \$20.34.

As of June 30, 1949, a total of 1713 retired workers were on the benefit rolls in the area, of which 35 were in this county. Only workers who have been employed in jobs covered by the law for approximately half the calendar quarters from January 1, 1937, the effective date, to the date they attain age 65, are eligible for benefits upon retirement from covered employment. The average payment to all retired workers in the area is \$21.87 per month.

According to D. W. Lambert, manager of the Asheville office, benefit payments are lower in this section because many workers are not employed full time in jobs covered by the law. Agricultural labor, domestic work in a private home, self-employment, and other jobs do not count in figuring benefits. Lower wage rates are also a factor, when compared with other sections of the nation.

Stevens Boy, 13, Succumbs To Leukemia

Thirteen-year old Aaron W. Stevens, Jr., lost his months-long fight for life last Saturday at Angel hospital.

The boy was the victim of a rather rare disease, lymphatic leukemia, a blood stream affection. The disease, in which the white blood cells destroy the red cells, invariably is fatal, physicians say.

Aaron, ill for six months, had been kept alive by repeated blood transfusions. His battle for life had drawn the interest and sympathy of people in all walks of life here.

A fifth grade student at Franklin school, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron W. Stevens. Other survivors include two brothers, Robert Horace and William Alfred; two sisters, Beulah and Pauline; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray, of Franklin, Route 2; and the paternal grandfather, H. S. Stevens, of Raleigh.

Funeral services, directed by Bryant funeral home, were conducted at the Clark's Chapel Methodist church at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. D. B. Martin, pastor, and the Rev. C. E. Murray officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

ASK ANY OLDSTER!

Tuesday Was Groundhog Day

—AND HE SAW HIS SHADOW

Did the groundhog see his shadow day-before-yesterday?

He did! He did, at least, if he came out any time after 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, because Tuesday was February 14, and February 14 is groundhog day.

And for the groundhog to see his shadow on groundhog day—well, everybody knows that means it means six more weeks of winter.

Now hold on a minute. Let's get a couple of things straight. Did we say "more weeks of winter"? Our apologies to all concerned! What we meant to say was "six weeks of winter."



LAKE V. SHOPE

For Register of Deeds
Mr. Shope announced this week that he is a candidate to succeed himself as Macon County register of deeds, subject to the Democratic primary May 27.



J. BLANCHARD BRENDLE

For Sheriff

BRENDLE SEEKS SHERIFF'S POST

Lake Shope Announces To Succeed Self As Register

Two more candidates this week entered the 1950 Macon County political arena, when they announced their candidacies for public office, subject to the Democratic primary May 27. They are J. B. (Blanchard) Brendle, who becomes the third man seeking the Democratic nomination for sheriff, and Lake V. Shope.

Mr. Shope is a candidate to succeed himself as register of deeds.

Although the primary still is more than three months away, this week's announcements bring to seven the number avowedly in the races for Democratic nominations—one for representative, one for register of deeds, two for clerk of superior court, and three for sheriff.

The two who previously had announced for sheriff are Harry Thomas and Lester L. Arnold. Mr. Brendle, a teacher, is now principal of the Watauga school. Continued On Page Eight

STATE COLLEGE COACH TO TALK HERE APRIL 19

Case, Basketball Head Coming; Rotary Will Honor Local Squad

Everett Case, head basketball coach at N. C. State college Raleigh, will address a dinner meeting of the Franklin Rotary club April 19, at which members of the Franklin High school boys' basketball squad will be honor guests.

Coach Case's appearance was arranged by W. W. (Bill) Sloan, Rotary vice-president, and the club, at its meeting Wednesday night of last week, confirmed the arrangement calling for the April 19 date.

Mr. Case, who has put out some excellent teams in recent years, and whose State college squad is now said to rank about eighth in the nation, also will show some basketball motion pictures. Among the movies to be shown will be one of the recent games played in Madison Square Garden, New York, when State defeated Long Island university.

A limited number of dinner tickets will be available to non-Rotarians.

State college alumni will be given preference in obtaining these tickets, it was decided, under an arrangement similar to that by which University of North Carolina alumni were given preference in buying tickets for the recent appearance before the Rotary club of Coach Carl Snively, of the University.

Detailed arrangements for the dinner meeting will be made by a committee, named by Rotary President E. W. Renshaw Wednesday night, made up of W. N. Sloan and W. A. Hays.

Will Honor Oldest When P.T.A. Meets

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association, at its February meeting, again will honor the oldest mother present. The meeting will be held at the school Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Tribute also will be paid to the teacher present who has taught the longest period, and to the mother who has had the largest number of children in school at any one time.

The meeting, similar to a program held last year, will be a Founders' Day observance, marking the 53rd anniversary of the organization of parent-teacher work.

Mrs. R. S. Jones will review the history of parent-teacher work, and the school band will be present and play several numbers.

Following the program, a social hour will be held. Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, the president, will preside.

HEADS DRIVE



REV. C. E. MURRAY

Mr. Murray, Methodist pastor here, has been appointed Macon County chairman for the 1950 fund campaign of the American Red Cross. The drive is set for the first week in March. Working with Mr. Murray will be a fund campaign committee made up of B. L. McGlamery, E. G. Crawford, Mrs. Bob Sloan, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, Jr., the two latter ex-officio. Mr. Evans is chairman of the Macon County chapter, and Mrs. Murray is executive secretary.

HERE'S WHERE MONEY WILL GO

Proceeds Of Bond Issue To Be Used To Build Eight Schools

If Macon County voters, in Tuesday's special election, approve the issuance of \$514,000 in county bonds for school buildings, the county board of education has announced it will build eight schools.

Those eight schools will contain a total of 83 classrooms. Each will have a lunchroom. The three high schools will each have a combination auditorium-gymnasium.

And the grammar schools will have an auditorium. In a signed statement last week, the board members announced the locations and sizes of the various schools, and pledged themselves to:

Begin construction of as many of these schools as possible as quickly as money from the sale of the bonds becomes available.

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Lions Club Unanimously Backs Bonds

The proposal calling for the issuance of \$514,000 in bonds by Macon County for the purpose of building schools was endorsed unanimously by members of the Franklin Lions club at their regular meeting Monday night.

The resolution was offered, following a short talk by a member of the school board, who pointed out the need for new buildings and the fact that money is required to make improvements.

Paul Russell, vice-president, who was presiding in the absence of president Frank B. Duncan, pointed out that it is the policy of the club not to take a stand on political issues, but after several members of the club expressed the idea that the school bond issue was a non-partisan, non-political matter, the vote was taken.

Following the meal, skits were presented by members of the Franklin Cub Scout packs and talks were made by Ross Zachary, local cub master, John Alsop, chairman of the local Scout executive committee, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, member of the district Scout executive committee, on local Scout work, in observance of National Scout week.

PROPOSE ISSUE OF \$514,000 FOR 8 SCHOOLS

Question To Be Decided By Majority Of Votes Cast In County

PERTINENT FACTS On Bond Election

DATE: Tuesday, February 21.

HOURS: 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

THE QUESTION: Shall Macon County issue \$514,000 in school building bonds?

THE RESULT: To be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

Macon County voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to decide whether this county shall issue \$514,000 in school building bonds.

The election is county-wide, and the result will be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

The proceeds of the proposed bond issue, if it is approved by the voters, will be used to construct eight new schools in this county. The total cost is estimated at \$875,000 but this county is to get \$361,000 from the state for its building program.

The schools it is proposed to build are: Cartoogechaye elementary, Chapel (Negro), East Franklin elementary, Franklin High school, Highlands elementary and high school, Lot's elementary, Nantahala elementary and high school, and Union elementary. (The East Franklin school would serve Millsboro township and East Franklin, and the Franklin high school would serve all the townships in the county, with the exception of Highlands, Flats, and Nantahala.)

The eight schools, when constructed, would give the county a system of 11 schools, three having already been built—those at Otto and Cowee, built during the WPA days, and that at Cullasjaga, which was completed last fall.

No new registration was required for this election, but the registration books were kept open for the registration of those whose names were not on the books. The registration of new voters was reported as light. The registration books closed last Saturday, and Saturday of this week has been designated as challenge day.

The polls in the county's 12 precincts will open at 6:30 in the morning and close at 6:30 in the evening.

Issuance of the bonds will not require an increase in the tax rate, Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin of the board of county commissioners has announced. The reason, Mr. Baldwin explained, is that the county's tax valuation has so greatly increased (it has doubled in seven years) that the present tax rate will take care of interest and principal payments on the \$514,000 bonds, as well as the county's present debt.

The present tax rate, on the current valuation, brings in Continued On Page Eight

MRS. WALDROOF ILL

The condition of Mrs. Betty Leach Waldroof, who has been seriously ill at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Bill) Waldroof for the past week, Wednesday was reported as critical.

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	45	22	trace
Thursday	54	39	22
Friday	55	22	74
Saturday	64	31	98
Sunday	52	32	trace
Monday	68	47	11
Tuesday	67	53	21.8
Wednesday	59	39	46

FRANKLIN RAINFALL

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)
Wednesday, trace; Thursday, .10 of an inch; Friday, .57; Saturday, .10; Sunday, none; Monday, .06; Tuesday, .66; Wednesday, .36.