

School Bond Issue Carries By 5 To 1 Vote

MACON PEOPLE HOLD BIG U. S. BOND BACKLOG

Nearly 2 Millions Owned In County; Brings In \$50,000 Yearly

The people of Macon County are now holding a net financial backlog of U. S. Savings bonds amounting to just under two million dollars.

The exact figure, announced this week by H. W. Cabe, county savings bond chairman, is \$1,977,433.

Mr. Cabe's announcement followed receipt of the annual report of Allison James, state director, with headquarters in Greensboro.

The figure represents total E, F, and G bonds purchased in this county since May, 1941, with all cash-ins and redemptions deducted as of December 31, 1949.

"This splendid reserve of liquid assets brings into our community annually interest and accruals amounting to about 2 1/2 of these holdings"—roughly \$50,000—Mr. Cabe said.

Savings Bonds sales in Macon County for the year 1949, January 1 through December 31, were as follows: Series E, \$125,108; Series F, \$3,478; Series G, \$47,100; total 1949 sales, \$175,686. The county chairman said that, according to the report, the current value of U. S. Savings Bonds outstanding is greater than the amount held during the wartime peak in 1945.

He said that the people of North Carolina hold a total of \$657 million in Saving Bonds.

On a national basis, he said, "Individuals hold more than \$48.5 billion, cash value, in Savings Bonds, of which \$33.2 billion is in Series E Bonds."

Mr. Cabe said that the report also show that 42 firms in the state in 1949 were added to the list of those operating the payroll savings plan for purchase of bonds by employees.

St. Agnes auxiliary will hold a food sale tomorrow (Friday) at 9 a. m. at the Children's shop, for the benefit of the parish house.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Town Marshal Jule Jacobs sent two to the cooler Monday evening. Drunk and disorderly.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT—Last Thursday evening two brothers, Bird and George Dowdle, were digging a grave on Iotia in which to bury Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Roper, who died the day before. They were working with their backs turned toward each other when Bird, in drawing back his mattock, struck George on the head with the axe part of it, clipping up a portion of the skull about the size of a dollar. He fell and apparently was dead for several minutes, but finally revived and bids fair to recover.

25 YEARS AGO
The Wilson Construction Company, contractors for the Georgia road, started building camps last Wednesday at Otto and Tryphosa for the accommodation of the force which is soon to be put to work on the road.

The Joines Motor and Tractor Company has on display a touring car equipped with the new balloon tires.

Mr. H. O. Essig, the popular market man, has returned from Florida, where he spent several months and some money.

10 YEARS AGO
The Colored Community center on the Murphy road will be dedicated next Sunday.

Jo Pattillo, who recently enlisted in the navy, has finished his preliminary training and is at home on a 10-day furlough.

IS CANDIDATE



SAM J. WATERS
For Commissioner

SAM J. WATERS OUT FOR BOARD

Nantahala Man Seeks One Of 3 Posts As Commissioner

Sam J. Waters, of Nantahala, this week announced that he is a candidate for membership on the three-member board of county commissioners, subject to the Democratic primary May 27.

Mr. Waters, who is the eighth Democrat to announce for office, is the first to come out for commissioner, and is the only candidate so far from the Nantahala section of the county.

Of the seven who previously had announced, three seek the nomination for sheriff, two for clerk of the court, one for representative, and one for register of deeds.

Mr. Waters, who is well known in logging circles and as a farmer, has spent his entire 63 years in the Nantahala section. He and Mrs. Waters, who have a family of 10 children, make their home on Cold Spring Creek, in Nantahala township's No. 1 (Upper Nantahala) precinct. Their post office is Aquone.

Mr. Waters said he will file with the county board of elections as a Democratic candidate in the near future.

2 Runaway Boys By Accident Set Haystacks Afire

Two Highlands boys, aged 9 and 11, who had run away from home, Sunday night accidentally set fire to two haystacks on Mrs. John C. Wright's property, on the Murphy road.

The Franklin fire department was summoned about 11 o'clock, but the stacks of hay were destroyed.

The boys explained that they had sought to keep warm in the hay, and started the fire in striking matches to find their flashlight, which they had lost in the darkness.

The two, scheduled for a hearing Monday before J. Clinton Brookshire, juvenile judge, on charges of housebreaking, ran away Sunday.

They were returned to their homes Sunday night, and Monday Mr. Brookshire placed them on probation.

P. T. A. Honors Oldest Mother, Teacher With 49-Year Service, Mothers With Most In School

In an unusual Founders' day program, the Franklin Parent-Teachers association Monday evening gave special recognition to the oldest mother present, the person present who had taught longest, and the mothers who had had the largest number of children in the school here at any one time.

The program also was featured by selections by the school band and a skit portraying the founding of the P. T. A. organization, 53 years ago.

More than 2000 persons were present.

N. C. SYMPHONY CONCERTS HERE SET FOR MAR. 14

Only 100 Have Joined So Far; Membership Advantages Cited

Although the appearance of the N. C. Little Symphony orchestra in Franklin is less than three weeks away, only about 100 Symphony memberships for 1950 have been taken by Macon County people, W. C. Sloan, county chairman, pointed out this week.

The 23-piece Little Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will give two concerts here—Tuesday, March 14.

The free matinee for Macon County school children will be held at the Friendship Tabernacle, in the Bonny Crest section, at 2:30 p. m., while the evening concert is set for 8:00 at the Franklin Methodist church. The church has a seating capacity of approximately 200.

Some of the advantages of membership were cited by Mr. Sloan:

1. A membership helps make possible the free concert for school children.

2. It entitles the holder to attend any of the orchestra's concerts in the state, and several will be given in this section, including one at Cullowhee and one at Asheville. At Asheville the full symphony will appear.

3. A membership is only \$2, while an admission ticket is slightly higher—\$2.10. And the admission ticket, of course, is good only for the Franklin performance. Admission tickets will be available only if seats at the church still are available after the close of the membership campaign.

Memberships may be obtained from Mr. Sloan at his home in East Franklin, from Mrs. Betty Alexander at the office of J. H. Stockton in the Bank of Franklin building, or at The Franklin Press.

This will be the fifth successive season the Symphony has given concerts here.

Seek Service Of Paid Girl Scout Leader

A group of representatives from Highlands women's organizations met with the Highlands Girl Scout committee Monday night to discuss ways and means of financing the help of a county worker trained in Girl Scout work. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, president of the Woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal church, which is the sponsoring organization of the Highlands troop.

Brief talks were made by Mrs. Tom Harbison and Miss Dorothea Harbison, committee members, on the fields of scout work, and the organization in general. Mrs. J. M. Valentine, who presided at the meeting, told of the Nantahala area Girl Scout council's recent appointment of Miss Mildred Cartledge to do field work among

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MRS. BETTY WALDROOP

MRS. WALDROOP DIES, AGED 83

Rites For Well Known Macon Woman Held Saturday

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Leach Waldroop, widow of Leander (Lee) Waldroop, died at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Waldroop, in the Cartoogechaye community, last Friday morning at 12:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Waldroop, who was affectionately known to relatives and many friends as "Aunt Betty" or "Miss Betty", was 83 years of age.

Although she had been in ill health for a number of years, she was seriously ill only three weeks.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leach, she was born in Swain county, but had spent most of her life in Macon. Although her family and her home always came first with her, she was active in the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member most of her life, and was keenly interested in all that went on about her. She twice crossed the continent to visit her daughter in Washington, and when she returned home from the second visit, only a few years ago, she was as enthusiastic about what she had seen as a person one-fourth her age. She was even more enthusiastic, however, about being back home.

While she had made her home in recent years with her son, W. R. (Will), she spent considerable time with her other children and with her sisters in Franklin.

Survivors include six children, Frank Waldroop, of Miami, Fla., W. R., of Franklin, Route 1, Fred, of Atlanta, Charles, of Route 1, Mrs. Hal Slagle, of Randle, Wash., and Harold, of Route 1; four sisters, Mrs. John C. Wright and the Misses Nora Laura, and Ida Leach, all of Franklin; 14 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

All six of her children were with her at the time of her death.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Presbyterian church, where she had her membership, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Hoyt Evans, the pastor, the Rev. J. Q. Wallace, former pastor, and the Rev. Charles B. Yeargan officiated. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carl Slagle, Fred M. Slagle, John Lyle Waldroop, James Cunningham, L. B. Phillips, and Joe Setser.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant funeral home.

BAND STOPS HERE
Members of the 52-piece band of Davidson college, en route by special bus from a concert in Atlanta to Waynesville, stopped in Franklin for lunch Tuesday.

AUTOS TOTAL AT NEW HIGH
Registration of motor vehicles in North Carolina mounted to an all-time high of 1,030,319 in 1949.

GRAHAM SPEECH TO BE HIGHLIGHT OF DINNER MEET

Commerce Body Also Will Hear Reports Name 5 Directors

Senator Frank P. Graham's address is expected to be the highlight of Saturday evening's annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

The dinner, which is expected to attract a capacity attendance, is set for 7 p. m. at the Slagle Memorial building. The Franklin Rotary club postponed its meeting last night, in order to meet with the chamber and hear Dr. Graham.

This annual session of the organization also will be featured by the election of directors for the coming year and by reports.

Senator Graham, perhaps North Carolina's most widely known citizen, is expected to arrive in Franklin sometime Saturday afternoon. While here, he has been invited to be the overnight guest of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Angel at their home. He is scheduled to speak at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, Sunday, and presumably will leave here Sunday morning.

Frank B. Duncan, chamber president, will be toastmaster at Saturday's banquet, and B. L. McGlamery, a director, will briefly summarize community developments of the past year, and touch on some of the possibilities in the year ahead. Mrs. Virginia Jones, secretary, will summarize accomplishments of the organization during the past year.

An announcement also is expected on the progress made toward forming a merchants' organization within the chamber of commerce.

Five directors are to be elected for the coming year.

A nominating committee has proposed a list of 12 from which to choose five. The 12 nominated are T. W. Angel, Jr., Claude Bolton, Wiley Brown, W. C. Burrell, Kenneth Bryant, Prelo Dry-

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Presbyterian War Dead To Be Paid Honor

A bronze plaque, bearing the names of the members of the Franklin Presbyterian church who lost their lives in the two world wars, this week is being placed in the sanctuary of the church, and will be dedicated at a brief service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Names on the plaque are Pvt. Charles Henry McPherson, who was killed in World War I, and T. Sgt. George Charles Gray and Maj. Judson Fred Gray, who were casualties of World War 2.

Pvt. McPherson and Major Gray were members of the Morrison Presbyterian church, which was consolidated with the Franklin church several years ago.

J. S. Gray, father of Sgt. Gray, and J. J. Gray, father of Major Gray, are elders in the Franklin church.

The Rev. J. Q. Wallace, former pastor of all three commemorated men, will make the dedicatory address.

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WILL SPEAK HERE



SEN. FRANK P. GRAHAM

RED CROSS FUND QUOTA IS \$2,044

14 Per Cent Above '49 Figure; Murray And Group Plan Drive

Macon County's 1950 Red Cross fund drive quota is \$2,044, it was announced Tuesday, following a meeting Monday night of the fund committee, at which plans for this year's campaign, to be conducted early next month, were outlined.

The 1950 quota is approximately 14 per cent higher than the 1949 figure of \$1796.

Of the \$2,044, to be sought in this county this year, it was pointed out, \$1,071 is to be retained by the local chapter, while the remaining \$973 will be forwarded to national headquarters of the organization.

The Rev. C. E. Murray, Franklin Methodist pastor, whose appointment as fund chairman was announced last week, has on his fund committee Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan, former executive secretary of the local chapter, E. G. Crawford, principal of the Otto school and 1949 fund chairman, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, Presbyterian pastor

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Bearden To Build \$15,000 Sinclair Oil Station Here

Work will start in a few days on a \$15,000 service station, to be situated just beyond the Indian Mound, it was announced this week by W. S. Bearden, of Clayton, Ga., who will build the station.

Mr. Bearden is commission agent for the Sinclair Oil company, and the new station will be operated as a Sinclair unit, under lease, he said.

Mr. Bearden purchased the 150-foot lot, on East Main street, adjoining and just east of the Indian Mound, from W. Roy Carpenter, and the grading work for the new structure already has been done.

The station, which will be 50 by 30 feet, will be constructed of brick, and will be modern in every detail, Mr. Bearden said. A large section of the front will be of curved plate glass. The rest rooms will be tiled. He added that it will be equipped with a Diesel pump, explaining that at no town near here can Diesel engines be serviced.

The work will be done under the direction of Wiley J. Clark, foreman.

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2,680 BALLOT: FAVORED IN NINE OF 12 PRECINCTS

Cartoogechaye Per Cent Highest; Advertising Bonds Next Step

A total of 2,680 Macon County men and women went to the polls Tuesday, and more than 5 to 1 voted in favor of school bonds.

The proposal to issue \$514,000 in county-wide bonds to build eight schools was approved in nine of the county's 12 precincts.

The total unofficial vote was: For bonds, 2,255; against bonds, 425.

The county-wide percentage in favor of the bond issue was 84.

Following certification of the result of the election, the next major step, it is understood is to advertise the bonds for sale.

While the total vote was light, as compared with the 4,975 ballots cast for President in 1948, it was more than twice as heavy as the 1189 votes cast in the 1945 special school bond election.

People went to the polls Tuesday, however, in bright, sunny weather, whereas snow was on the ground at the time of the 1945 bond election.

Tuesday's margin in favor of the bonds also was greater. In 1945, 973 votes, or slightly less than 82 per cent of those cast, were in favor of bonds.

The heaviest percentage in favor of bonds was cast Tuesday in Cartoogechaye precinct, where 98 per cent of the 191 who balloted cast their votes for bonds. Highlands was second, with 97 per cent, and Nantahala No. 2 was third with 94 per cent. Ellijay, with 93, was a close fourth.

The bonds failed to carry in Flats township, where the vote was 20 against 9 for; in Nantahala No. 1, where 49 voted against bonds and 34 in favor; and in Burningtown, where the vote was: For bonds, 36; against, 39.

The figures quoted are unofficial.

The county board of commissioners and the county board of elections will meet at the courthouse this (Thursday) morning to make a canvas of the votes and officially announce the results.

Macon County's share of the state funds for school building totals \$361,000, so the school authorities in this county will have a total of \$875,000 to spend.

With that sum, it is proposed to build eight new schools, three in Franklin, one in Highlands, one at Union, one at Cartoogechaye, and one at Iotia.

Each of the elementary schools, under the plans, is to have a lunchroom and auditorium, and each of the high schools, a lunch room and combination auditorium-gymnasium.

The East Franklin elementary school, a 10-classroom structure, is to serve both East Franklin and Millshoal township.

A new Franklin high school, of 20 rooms, is proposed.

The third school planned here is for Negroes, but details have not been worked out.

The Nantahala and Highlands

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Unofficial Bond Vote By Precincts

| Precinct | For Bonds | Against Bonds | % of Total For |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Franklin | 937 | 88 | 91 |
| Millshoal | 120 | 59 | 61 |
| Ellijay | 103 | 8 | 93 |
| Sugarfork | 20 | 17 | 54 |
| Highlands | 394 | 14 | 97 |
| Flats | 9 | 20 | 31 |
| Smithbridge | 129 | 39 | 76 |
| Cartoogechaye | 157 | 4 | 98 |
| Nantahala No. 1 | 34 | 49 | 40 |
| Nantahala No. 2 | 203 | 14 | 94 |
| Burningtown | 36 | 49 | 42 |
| Cowe | 113 | 64 | 63 |
| TOTALS | 2,255 | 425 | 84 |

The Weather

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

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| Wednesday | 45 | 39 | |
| Thursday | 47 | 26 | |
| Friday | 48 | 22 | |
| Saturday | 61 | 17 | |
| Sunday | 54 | 32 | .05 |
| Monday | 55 | 22 | |
| Tuesday | 59 | 20 | |
| Wednesday | | 34 | .11 |

FRANKLIN RAINFALL
(As recorded by Manson Stiles (ex TVA)
Wednesday, .26 of an inch;
Thursday, none; Friday, none;
Saturday, none; Sunday, .02;
Monday, none; Tuesday, none;
Wednesday, .06.