

COUNTY IS OVER ITS RED CROSS QUOTA BY \$700

Macon Chapter Becomes First In This 19-County Area To Reach Goal

The people of this county have oversubscribed the county's 1950 Red Cross quota by nearly \$700. It was announced this week by the Rev. C. E. Murray, this year's county fund chairman.

The Macon County chapter, Mr. Murray added, was the first in this 19-county area to reach its goal.

The total raised in the county to date, the fund chairman said, is \$2,733.74. The quota was only \$2,044—and it was considerably larger than the 1949 quota.

Highlands' final report showed that that community raised more than half of the total—\$1,523.82. Many persons who maintain summer homes in Highlands contribute to the Red Cross through the Highlands branch.

The amount raised in Franklin and other parts of the county this week stood at \$1,209.92. No reports have been received, however, from several communities, and Mr. Murray requested any workers who have not made their final reports to do so as promptly as possible.

In announcing the results, Mr. Murray expressed appreciation to all the workers in the campaign, and specifically voiced his thanks for the cooperation of the Rev. Hoyt Evans, chapter chairman, Mrs. Ann Murray, Mrs. Bob Sloan, E. G. Crawford, S. C. Russell, who was in charge in Highlands, Miss Ann Lyle, and R. R. Gaines, who headed the canvass in Franklin, for their efforts in organizing the drive. Mr. Evans also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Murray, Mr. Russell, and all those who worked in the campaign.

Methodists

To Hold District Meeting Here April 27

The annual conference of the Waynesville Methodist district will be held at the Franklin Methodist church April 27.

The all-day session is scheduled to get under way at 9 a. m.

The meeting will be featured by reports from each of the pastoral charges in the district, and by talks by representatives of the various Methodist institutions. Dr. C. N. Clark, of Waynesville, district superintendent, will preside.

Each charge in the district is expected to send its pastor, Sunday school superintendent, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and lay delegates.

This will be the first time in a number of years that the district conference has been held here.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Peach blossoms are beginning to show up.

Mr. V. M. Watkins, of Cullasga, died last Thursday night.

The Allman house will be open during court here, and all who want good hotel accommodations can get them at reasonable prices for good fare.—Adv.

25 YEARS AGO
March 27 the town board received sealed bids for the construction of the municipal dam and power house. The bid of \$126,400 submitted by the Electrical Construction Company, of Charlotte, was accepted.

10 YEARS AGO
Work on the new school building at Otto is expected to start April 11.

Mrs. Pauline Love was installed as worthy matron of Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, at a special meeting March 23.



CENSUS STARTS IN MACON—The nation-wide decennial census got under way here last Saturday morning, and the photo above is a typical census scene. It shows Enumerator Frank I. Murray questioning Mrs. Clyde Hughes (seated), while Mrs. Mary Louise Sherrill, census supervisor, or crew leader as she is called, and four of the seven Hughes children are interested spectators. The Hughes home is at the northernmost end of Franklin township, just off the Iotia road, near Iotia Gap. Mr. Murray is an old hand at the game, having helped in the census of 1940, as well as four agricultural counts. Of this county's 21 enumerators, however Thomas H. (Tom) Moore is the decennial census veteran. He helped make the count in 1930 and 1940 and is now doing it for the third time. The four children in the picture are, left to right, Sue, 8, J. C., 10, Mackenzie, 6, and Gareth, 15, who interrupted his plowing only long enough to pose for the photographer.

Hauser Takes Up Full-Time C. Of C. Duties

James L. (Jimmy) Hauser has accepted the position of full-time secretary of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, and assumed his new duties Monday.

Mr. Hauser, well known here, formerly was a salesman at Reeves Hardware company, a position he resigned to take the chamber post.

Under the proposed set-up, the chamber of commerce will operate a credit bureau for business men of Franklin and this county, and that task is expected to occupy a considerable proportion of his time.

Decision to employ a full-time man followed an agreement to incorporate a proposed merchants association into the chamber of commerce.

Donald Smith, who formerly operated a similar combination organization in Michigan, has volunteered to donate his time in assisting in getting the credit bureau in operation.

For the proposed program for 1950, a budget of \$5,025 has been adopted by the chamber of commerce. Of this sum, \$1,195 was pledged at a meeting held the early part of March.

A membership campaign to raise the remainder is planned in the near future, it is understood.

Mr. Hauser is making his headquarters at the chamber of commerce booth on West Main street.

Otto 4-H-ers Plan Benefit Carnival At School Friday

The Otto Junior and Senior 4-H clubs, assisted by neighborhood leaders, will sponsor a spring carnival, to be held at the Otto school tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock. Cake walks, bingo games, a king and queen contest, and various other types of entertainment will be offered.

The club members will donate the proceeds toward Macon County's goal of \$1,000 to help build the Western North Carolina 4-H club camp. The public is invited to attend this event.

Correction

In reporting the announcement of Charles W. Nolen as a candidate for the county board of education, The Press last week erroneously said that Mr. Nolen was the first candidate to announce for that office.

Tillery T. Love, of Nantahala, announced for the school board several weeks ago, and was one of the first Macon County candidates to pay his filing fee.

Mr. Nolen, therefore, was the second candidate in the field for the five-member board of education.

Mrs. Gray Picked To Attend World Meet In Denmark

Mrs. J. S. Gray, of Franklin, Route 2, is one of five North Carolina home demonstration club members chosen to attend the sixth triennial conference of Associated Country Women of the World, which will open in Copenhagen, Denmark, September 9.

Mrs. Gray is president of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Sessions of the conference will be held in the Danish parliament building.

Win Nantahala Honors



BOBBY DENNY
Valedictorian



MISS PAULINE SMITH
Salutatorian

Above are the honor students of the Otter Creek (Nantahala) High school 1950 graduating class. Young Denny, 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willy Denny, made an average grade of 89½ during his four years in high school to win the valedictory honor. Miss Smith, 20-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Smith, made an average grade of 85 to become salutatorian.

WNCAC Will Hold Meeting Here April 18

Western North Carolina Associated Communities, which recently accepted an invitation to meet in Franklin, has fixed the date of the session here for April 18.

The organization, generally known as WNCAC, is made up of representatives of chambers of commerce of this entire region. Percy B. Ferebee, of Andrews, heads the regional association.

Business will be transacted at the morning session, to be held in the Nantahala National Forest offices in the post office building.

A luncheon is set for 12:30 at Panorama court, and the afternoon meeting will be held there.

All interested persons, it was announced, are invited to attend the luncheon and afternoon session. Those who plan to attend, however, are requested to get in their luncheon reservations early. They may be made through the chamber of commerce here.

WNCAC meets quarterly, and the session here will be the spring meeting. Details of the program are yet to be worked out.

House On Fire, Boy Is Hurt In Jump From Roof

Billy Johnson, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, of the Cartoogechay community, received a fracture of the right foot and lost several teeth, when he jumped about 20 feet from the roof of his home Sunday. He was admitted to Angel clinic Sunday afternoon.

The house was said to have caught fire, and the boy went on the roof to fight the blaze, when he was forced by the flames to jump. The house was saved.

Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
8 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.
SATURDAY
12 m.—County board of elections at the courthouse.
8 p. m.—Square and round dance American Legion benefit, at Memorial building.
MONDAY
7 p. m.—Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.
WEDNESDAY
7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.

CAN LET SCHOOL CONTRACTS NOW STATE ADVISES

No Need To Wait To Sell Bonds; Board Buys New Properties

The county board of education may proceed with contract lettings for this county's new school buildings without waiting for the actual sale of the \$514,000 bond issue authorized in a recent special election, the state Local Government Commission has notified authorities here.

Meanwhile, the county board of education, at its meeting Monday, voted to buy one piece of property, authorized purchase of a second, authorized the optioning of a third, and deferred action on a fourth proposed purchase.

The board also approved the plan for the East Franklin elementary school, and decided to apply for state funds (this county is entitled to \$361,000 from the state schoolhouse building fund) for the construction of the Highlands and Nantahala schools.

The county board has an authorized total of \$375,000 for new school buildings, \$361,000 from the state fund and \$54,000 county bonds to be issued.

Under the law, these county bonds must be approved and sold by the N. C. Local Government Commission, and County Supt. G. L. Houk reported to the board Monday that County Attorney R. S. Jones had heard from the Local Government Commission in reply to Mr. Jones' request that the bonds be sold.

The letter, from W. Ewart Easterling, assistant director and secretary of the commission, read:

"In reply to your letter of March 25 I see no reason why the County Board of Education may not proceed with advertisement for contract bids and determine the amount of bonds necessary to be issued. The school authorities do not have to wait for the proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be on hand."
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ENTERS PRIMARY



BOB S. SLOAN
For County Board of Education

SLOAN SEEKING RENOMINATION

Out For School Board; Validity Of Filings Is Questioned

Bob S. Sloan yesterday announced that he is a candidate for renomination as a member of the board of education, in the May 27 Democratic primary.

Mr. Sloan, who is serving his second term, is the third person to announce for the five-member board. He is the only member of the present board to announce to date.

The two who previously announced are Tillery T. Love, of Nantahala, and Charles W. Nolen, of Cartoogechay.

Meanwhile, the question of whether some of those candidates who have turned in their filing fees are legally filled was raised. Mrs. Lester Conley, clerk to the newly appointed board of elections, expressed fear that some candidates may find, when it is too late, that their filings are not valid.

Candidates are required to file either before the chairman or the clerk of the board of elections, Mrs. Conley said, and she explained that there was a period between the resignation of J. J. Mann as board chairman and the election of Miss Lassie Kelly as the new chairman when there was neither a board chairman nor a board clerk to appear before. Miss Kate McGee formerly did clerical work for the previous election board, but it was said that she did not have the official title of clerk. Miss Kelly, the present board chairman, was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Mrs. Estena Griswold Bidwell, 81, died in her sleep about 4 p. m. Saturday at the home of her son-in-law, W. N. Sloan, and of her grandson, Bob Sloan.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, and burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Mrs. Bidwell, the widow of George H. Bidwell, was well known here during the approximately 25 years she made her home in Franklin. A native of Hartford, Connecticut, she came here with her husband about 1900. Mr. Bidwell, a mining expert, operated the corundum mines at Corundum Hill, in this county.
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St. Agnes' Sunrise Service Set For 6:30

The annual Easter sunrise service at St. Agnes Episcopal church will be held at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning, it was announced this week by the rector, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. The service will be marked by the celebration of the Holy Communion. The general public is invited, Mr. Morgan said.

Annual Easter Sunrise Service On Wayah Bald Is Set To Open at 5:55

An Easter sunrise service will be held on Wayah Bald Sunday, starting at 5:55 a. m.—just as the rime of the sun rises above the mountain peaks to the east.

A Sunday afternoon vesper service previously planned on Wayah has been canceled in favor of the sunrise worship, it was announced this week. The change was made, it was explained, in deference to many persons who expressed disappointment when the vesper program was suggested in place of the service at dawn.

The sunrise service, an interdenominational one, will be the third annual one on the mile-high peak. Last year, and the year before, scores of persons of all ages and denominations, from points throughout the county, attended.

The service will be held, as usual, at "High Haven", the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

A public address system is to be installed, through the courtesy of Martin Electric company, so that persons who attend may sit in their automobiles and hear the service in comfort, in the event of bad weather.

A group of young people who will spend Saturday night at the camp will have a leading part in the program. Several ministers of different denominations, however, are expected to be present and participate. Details of the program yesterday had not been worked out.

TOWN ZONING IS DISCUSSED BY ALDERMEN

Junk Yard Issue Raises Question; Buy Modern Garbage Truck

Zoning of Franklin, to segregate certain types of business and perhaps eliminate some altogether, is in the offing, discussion at Monday night's meeting of the Franklin board of aldermen indicated.

The matter came up when Mrs. Allan Brooks, president of the Franklin Garden club, appeared before the board to protest, on behalf of the club, against an automobl' junk yard, adjoining the Sylva highway in East Franklin.

The board also heard a delegation urge a more sanitary method of disposing of garbage, and voted to buy a modern garbage truck.

Mrs. Brooks, explaining that she appeared before the board at the request of the Garden club, made up of 70 women interested in beautifying the entire community, pointed out that the junk yard is an eyesore and that it is an approach to Franklin and thus gives visitors coming here from the east a bad first impression. She added that that approach could be made a beautiful one, but that the situation is hopeless so long as junked automobiles are piled up along the highway. She concluded by asking the board to take some action.

In the course of the long discussion that followed, Alderman E. J. Whitmire, Jr., commented that if Franklin had three other approaches like the one from the east, as it is now, this community would be "through". Other board members agreed, but raised the question of discrimination against a single business, and remarked that there are other things within the town limits about as undesirable. The effect of filling stations on the value of nearby residential property also was mentioned.

Town Attorney R. S. Jones told the board it has the authority to act, and suggested that the town has become large enough that some zoning should be done. He added that such an undertaking properly should have careful study.

Dr. H. T. Horsley, town health officer, said he thought the town is big enough to "zone out" hogpens entirely.

It was suggested that the board hold a special meeting to discuss the entire problem, but no date for such a meeting was set.

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home demonstration agent, was spokesman for a group made up of herself, Miss Frances Barr, home demonstration health chairman, and Mrs. Dan Bryson, to suggest that the present method of piling garbage at the town dump, along the Tennessee river, is insanitary, and to raise the question if some better method could be devised.

Mr. Whitmire pointed out that most growing communities either have incinerators, or bury the garbage. He said a one-acre, upland lot, in a secluded spot, could be used for the latter purpose for many years. The method, he explained, is to dig a pit the entire length of the lot, dump garbage into the pit until it is filled, then cover it, and dig a new pit alongside.

The board promised the delegation to study the matter, but took no action.

After studying the bids submitted, the board accepted Co.
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Board Of Elections To Name Officials At Meet Saturday

The county board of elections will meet Saturday to appoint registrars and judges for this year's primary and general elections.

The board is required by law to meet at 12 noon, but since that is the lunch hour, the members are expected to immediately recess until 2 p. m., when they will go into the business of making appointments.

Members of the board are Miss Lassie Kelly, chairman and Walter Bryson, Democrat, and A. R. Elgdon, Republican.
The meeting will be held at the courthouse.