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30 Democrats File In May 27 Primary

Dozen Pay Fees In Last 3 Days; Republicans Enter Slate

An even dozen additional Democrats filed for office the last three days of last week, bringing to 30 the number seeking office here, subject to the primary May 27.

Meanwhile, the Republicans filed a slate of candidates for offices, with one nomination—that for sheriff—to be decided in the primary.

Saturday at 6 p. m. was the deadline for candidates to enter the races.

The newly filed Democratic candidates are C. Tom Bryson, for representative, who will be opposed in the Democratic primary by C. A. Elmore, of West's Mill.

L. B. Phillips, for sheriff, who will fight it out with J. Harry Thomas, Lester L. Arnold, and J. B. Brendle, for the nomination.

L. W. Rice, Sr., of Highlands, for member of the board of county commissioners. Others in that race are John W. Roane, of Franklin, Route 1, and W. W. Edwards, of Highlands, the incumbents, and C. C. Stamey, of Prentiss, and Sam J. Waters, of Flats.

F. A. Edwards, of Highlands, J. F. Browning, of Franklin,

FEES TOTAL \$435.50
The 30 Democrats and 11 Republicans who filed for public office here paid into the county board of elections a total of \$435.50 in filing fees, Miss Lassie Kelly, election board chairman, said. The money will go into the county general fund.

Route 3, Walter Gibson, of Franklin, Robert B. DuPre, of Highlands, Mrs. Betty Leach Alexander, of Franklin, and Ray E. Norton, of Highlands, for members of the county board of education. C. Gordon Moore, of Franklin, Bob S. Sloan, of Franklin, T. L. Love, of Nantahala, J. C. Sorrells, of Franklin, Route 3, and Charles W. Nolen, of Franklin, Route 1, already had filed. Mr. Moore, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Browning, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Sloan are the

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The young men of Franklin have formed a new military company of about 45 members. They met last night and elected the following officers: Captain, M. T. Rhinehart; 1st lieutenant, John Angel; 2nd lieutenant, Jas. Morrison.

Last Thursday the telegraphers along the line of the Southern Railway went out on a strike. The agent at Dillsboro went out, and the depot is closed. Wagons that went over the latter part of last week for goods had to return empty.

Master Burton Lyle has made a venture in newspaperdom. The number of the "Young People's Semi-Monthly" appeared April 15.

25 YEARS AGO
County Agent Arrandale is busy this week getting stock subscribed to install a creamery in Franklin. It will take \$100,000.

Mr. S. R. Joines and Mr. Jess Conley have organized the People's Oil company, and will sell motor oil and gasoline.

Little George and Charles Hunnicutt entertained their tiny friends last Tuesday with an Easter egg hunt.

10 YEARS AGO
A group of 17 foresters and hydraulic engineers are meeting at the Coweeta Experimental Forest.

P. E. Callahan, for six years connected with The Franklin Press, has resigned to purchase a printing business in another community. For the last three years he has been managing editor of the newspaper.

Experts Coming To Study Zoning Problem In Franklin

Representatives of the North Carolina League of Municipalities will be in Franklin early this summer to advise with Franklin officials on zoning the town.

Mayor H. W. Cabe and Alderman E. J. Whitmore, Jr., in Bryson City to attend a regional meeting of the league Monday, learned that the league will do a zoning job for the Town of Waynesville early in June, and invited the officials to come to Franklin immediately after they complete their task in Waynesville to see what can be done here.

The Franklin town government is a member of the North Carolina league.

FROZEN FOODS ADDING SPACE

Addition To Make Local Plant Largest In State

Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc., is constructing an addition to its building, just off West Main street, that will make it the largest freezer locker plant, in point of floor space, in North Carolina.

The addition is being built primarily to house a grade A poultry processing plant, which will be the only one west of Asheville, officials of the local concern pointed out.

The addition is being constructed on the north end of the present building, and will extend to West Main street. It will be two stories, with the upper floor on a level with the street, from which there will be an entrance.

The new space also will house two large meat curing rooms. These and the poultry processing plant will be on the lower floor. Plans for use of the street-level floor are not definite, it was said.

The present plant is 54 by 81 feet, and contains 4,374 square feet of floor space. The addition is to be 54 by 36, and will contain 1,944 square feet on each floor, or a total of 3,888 square feet of floor space.

The addition will be of cement and cinder block construction, with stucco finish on the exterior, and plaster inside.

The present plant was built two years ago. E. J. Whitmore, Jr., is president, and Oscar Ledford, secretary-treasurer and general manager, of Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc.

Miss Phillips Named To Honor Fraternity

Miss Elizabeth Ann Phillips is one of six members of the student body at Peace college, Raleigh, to win membership in Sigma Pi Alpha, national language honor fraternity. To be eligible for membership, a student must make language grades of 90 or higher. Miss Phillips is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Phillips, of Franklin.

Groups Of Foresters From East Spend Day Of Study At Coweeta

Twelve Philadelphia officials of the U. S. Forest Service and of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service arrived here Tuesday night to spend Wednesday touring the Coweeta Hydrologic laboratory and studying its research findings on water runoff, climate, the water storage capacity of forest soils, how much water trees use, the effects of grazing on infiltration rates and soil porosity in a hardwood forest, and other data of increasing importance to water-short cities and industries.

Dr. Charles R. Hursh, head of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, and

INDIAN DRAMA TOPIC OF MEET OF WNCACHE

74 Persons Represent 17 W.N.C. Communities At Gathering

Discussion of the forthcoming historical pageant, "Unto These Hills, A Drama of the Cherokees", which is scheduled to open at Cherokee early in July, highlighted Tuesday's quarterly meeting of Western North Carolina Associated Communities here.

Seventy-four persons were present for the luncheon and afternoon session, held at Pannama court. They represented 17 communities in the 11-county area served by the regional organization.

On motion of Francis Heazel, of Asheville, WNCAC also moved to conserve and promote the growth of dogwood in the mountain area. Pointing out that it is being rapidly depleted, Mr. Heazel moved that a committee be appointed to take action toward conservation and reforestation. Percy B. Feebe, of Andrews, president of the organization, named Kelly E. Bennett, of Bryson City, Joe Jennings, of Cherokee, and C. M. Douglas, of Brevard, WNCAC secretary, to the committee.

Harry Buchanan, of Sylva, told the group that the Cherokee play will go into rehearsal June 1, and that \$15,000 additional is needed to launch the project. Of this total, he said,

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Mrs. Holland Dies, Aged 88, At Cullasaja

Mrs. A. M. Holland, 88, known to many friends as "Aunt Sarah," died at her home in the Cullasaja community Monday after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held yesterday at the Sugarfork Baptist church at 10:30 a. m. The body lay in state at the church from 9:30 a. m. until time for the service. The Rev. Arvil Swafford, her former pastor, the Rev. Frank Holland, and the Rev. Virgil Ramey conducted the service.

Bill Bryson, George Bryson, Billy McCoy, Bill O'Conner, Paul Holland, and Cecil King served as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were the Rev. Lee Crawford, Frank I. Murray, John Dills, Furman Corbin, and the Rev. James Vinson.

Mrs. Holland was born January 7, 1862, at Cullowhee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crawford. In 1885 she married A. M. Holland and moved to Cullasaja. Well known throughout Macon County, friends said she influenced the religious lives of hundreds of Macon County people, both young and old.

She was the mother of 10 children, eight of whom survive: Four daughters, Miss Sarah Elizabeth, of the home, Mrs. J. T. McCoy, of Cullasaja, Mrs. Greenville Burrell, of Westwood, Calif., and Mrs. I. T. Peek, of Franklin; and four sons, Lester, of Cullasaja, Spurgeon, of Brevard, Bill, of Fort Bragg, and Tillman, of Kansas City, Mo. Her husband died 21 years ago. Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Plyer Named Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander

William F. Plyer is the newly elected commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Plyer and other officers were elected at the post meeting last Wednesday evening. James McCollum was chosen senior vice commander; Forrest Denman, junior vice commander; R. E. (Tony) Welch, adjutant; Jack Nix, quartermaster; and Robert R. Gaines, three-year trustee.

Plans for building a home for the post on its lots on the golf course also were discussed.

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HEADS ROTARY



JOHN B. RAY

Mr. Ray was elected president of the Franklin Rotary club at last Wednesday night's meeting. Donald Smith was chosen secretary-treasurer, and John D. Alsop, Roy M. Biddle, Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., and S. W. Mendenhall were elected directors. E. W. Renshaw, the retiring president, automatically becomes vice-president of the club. Mr. Ray, who is connected with the Nantahala Power and Light company, and the other new officers will assume their duties July 1.

MRS. A. SILER NEW PTA HEAD

Scouts, Home Ec Girls Give Demonstrations Of Their Work

Mrs. Allen Siler was elected president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association at Monday night's meeting of the association, held at the school.

Mrs. Siler next year will succeed Mrs. C. N. Dowd, who is completing her second term.

Other officers chosen for next year are Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Meadows, secretary; and Paul Russell, reelected treasurer.

The program featured two demonstrations, which showed the 108 persons present some of the young people here are learning and doing in school and outside of school. The demonstrations were by a group of more than 30 Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Frank I. Murray, Jr., assistant scoutmaster, and by students in the school's home economics department, who put on a fashion revue.

The Scouts took the audience on an imaginary hike to Wayah Bald, singing "I've Been Working" on the Railroad," as they plodded up the trail, then sat down to rest when their leader blew his whistle and called, "Take five!" During this rest period, Mr. Murray led the Scouts in an informal discussion of safety rules, covering safety in the home, fire prevention, safety rules for swimmers, artificial respiration, and first aid.

In introducing the second portion of the program, the fashion revue presented by Mrs. Katherine O'Neil and her home economics students, Mrs. Frank Killian, program chairman, announced that Mrs. O'Neil has 170 girls enrolled in her classes, studying sewing, cooking, home management and interior decoration, child care, personal neatness and charm; and that her sewing classes are carried on with only five sewing machines.

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Negro Youth Given 25-30 Years In Reece Shooting

John Henry Sentenced To 5 1/2 Years In Robberies

John Henry was sentenced to a term of five to seven years by Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding, in superior court here this week, in connection with a series of robberies of Highlands homes.

The charge was breaking, entering, and stealing.

Four other defendants—Hoyt Ramey, Jimmie Beck, Charlie Henry, and June Henry—on trial in the same cases, were placed on probation.

A six months road sentence was given Robert Lee Reynolds by Judge Nettles. The defendant pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle intoxicated.

The court completed the criminal docket in the early afternoon Wednesday, and started on the trial of civil cases.

Phone Firm Here Headed By Garibaldi

Linn D. Garibaldi, of Charlotte, was elected president of the Western Carolina Telephone company at a recent reorganization meeting, it was announced this week.

The reorganization, it was explained, followed changes in ownership of some of the stock in the company, which has headquarters here.

Mr. Garibaldi succeeds Henry W. Cabe, of Franklin, as president, and Mr. Cabe becomes a vice-president. New directors are William D. McKee, of Sylva, Kester Walton, of Asheville, and R. E. McKelvey, of Franklin.

Dr. J. C. Dover, of Clayton, Ga., remains a vice-president; George J. Johnston, of Atlanta, continues as secretary-treasurer; and T. M. Earl, of Charlotte, and J. A. Gant, of Atlanta, continue as members of the board of directors.

Mr. Garibaldi is executive vice-president of Interstate Securities corporation, of Charlotte, which recently acquired a block of stock in the local telephone concern. The Charlotte firm owns the Carolina Mountain Telephone company, with offices in Weaverville.

The local firm is continuing to operate as the Western Telephone company, and Mr. McKelvey continues as general manager, the same position he has held for the past several years. The Western Carolina serves Franklin, Highlands, Clayton, Sylva, Cashiers, Cullowhee, Bryson City, and Cherokee.

Meanwhile, it was announced at Cherokee that the Western Carolina will take over the federally-owned telephone lines on the Indian reservation, and will put in extensions and replacements, together with an automatic exchange, the exchange to be situated in a small building near the council house. The new system will be in use by June 1, the announcement said.

PLANNING PROGRAM SET

A planning program will be held at the Nonah center craft house Tuesday at 3 p. m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Nettles, In Charge, Cites Grand Jurors' Heavy Responsibility

"You are the fountainhead of criminal law for your county," Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, told the Macon County grand jury at the opening of the April term of superior court here Monday morning.

"You are an integral part of this court, and the peace, good order, and morality of your community depend largely on you," Judge Nettles continued, as he charged the grand jury.

Under the law, he explained, no defendant may be placed on trial, except in certain minor offenses, until the grand jury has acted in his case.

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Minor Repairs Recommended By Grand Jury In Its Report

Minor repairs at the county home, courthouse, and jail were recommended by the Macon County grand jury, in its report filed with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding at the April term, shortly before noon Tuesday.

On filing its report Tuesday, the grand jury was dismissed by Judge Nettles, who commended the group for its "competent" performance.

The text of the grand jury report, signed by Foreman F. H. Potts, follows:

"We the grand jury for the April term of court submit the following report:

"Committee No. 1, composed of Ed Parrish, Troy Bradley, T. T. Hurst, and Woodrow Burch, inspected the county home and find the building in good shape, other than needs paint inside and out. We found the top of two commodore gone, bathrooms need cleaning, roof on east side under fire escape needs repairing. All outbuildings are in fine shape, other than paint.

"We also inspected the prison camp, and found everything in good shape.

"Committee No. 2, composed of Carl Justice, Gilmer Setser, Ira Ledford, inspected the jail, and found it in good condition, except needs window and door screens, and kitchen and dining room need painting inside.

"Committee No. 3, composed of Charlie Conley, Bill Byrd, J. C. Myers, and J. E. Breedlove, inspected the courthouse. Board of education office needs paint and some repairs to the walls, tile work on floor. Register of deeds office needs window glass, replaced screen repaired. Clerk of court's office needs windows repaired. Commode in men's toilet needs repair."

"We find that all guardian reports are in order.

"We have report from State Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd that all school buses in Macon County have been inspected and are in good condition."

The 17 men chosen for the grand jury, in addition to Foreman Potts, were: Thomas Sanders, Ira Ledford, John A. Bryson, Woodrow Burch, Charles Conley, Iredell Hurst, Gilmer Setser, Troy Bradley, Jim Neal, J. D. Head, James G. Myers, T. T. Hurst, Earl Justice, E. H. Parrish, T. E. Breedlove, Lewis Moses, and Bill Byrd.

McNishes Purchase 'Cold Spring' Tract From Gilmer Siler

Purchase of a 111-acre Wayah Bald tract, on which lies the widely known "Cold Spring", favorite picnic ground of Macon County persons for 75 years, to Ed and Tom McNish, of Wayah Valley ranch, and William J. Allen, has been announced. The property was bought from Gilmer Siler.

Until the transfer of title, the land had been in the hands of the Siler family since its first ownership by white persons.

Ed McNish said it is planned to develop the property as a resort area. Selected timber cutting will be done, a contract having been signed with Zickgraf Hardwood company for \$8,500 worth of timber.

WILL DEDICATE CHURCH

A church dedication service will be held at the Windy Gap Baptist church Sunday, April 30, it was announced this week by Oliver V. Hall, the church's clerk. The all-day program will get under way at 10 a. m., and dinner will be served on the grounds. All interested persons are invited, Mr. Hall said.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pet.
Wednesday	64	29	.07
Thursday	46	34	trace
Friday	52	19	...
Saturday	51	26	...
Sunday	69	20	...
Monday	70	27	...
Tuesday	70	40	trace
Wednesday	...	43	...

FRANKLIN RAINFALL

(As recorded by Manson Siles for TVA)
Wednesday, trace; rest of the week, none.

Woman Sentenced To 6-10 Years For Aiding, And Abetting

Robert Scruggs, 18-year old Negro boy, was sentenced by Judge Zeb V. Nettles in superior court here yesterday morning to 25 to 30 years in State prison in the shooting of George Reece at his Murphy road store March 14.

Grady Love, his aunt, was given a sentence of 6 to 10 years, for aiding and abetting. Sentences were pronounced, following the jury's return of verdicts of guilty. The jury, out only about 30 minutes, announced its verdicts before a crowd estimated at 500 persons that overflowed the courtroom.

John Queen, of Waynesville, defense attorney, gave notice of appeal to the state supreme court.

Scruggs was charged with intent to rob while armed with a deadly weapon.

When the trial opened Tuesday morning, the first person to take the stand was George Reece, who had entered the courtroom walking with difficulty with a cane and accompanied by his wife. Mr. Reece testified that he had been away from home on the evening of March 14 and that he returned to his store at about 10:30 p. m. He and Mrs. Reece were alone in the store when someone came in wearing a mask and overalls which were too large.

Mr. Reece said he looked up when he heard the person in the door say, "Don't move or I'll shoot." The person in the doorway had a pistol in his right hand which Mr. Reece said was similar to the one shown him by Solicitor Bryson and later identified by Scruggs as the gun with which the crime was committed.

After he heard this command, Mr. Reece said he started toward the door and was shot in the left side, the bullet entering his body about five inches to the left of his navel and about two inches above his left hip. He said that he staggered on about 10 feet toward the door before he fell. In response to a question by Solicitor Bryson, he said that the person who fired the shot stood there until he fell, and then left. The victim added that he did not know who the person was at the time, but that he had the opinion that it was a Negro. He added that he had a little more than \$350, counting the money on his person, at the time, but that the intruder made no attempt to take the money.

Mrs. Reece next took the stand. Her testimony was similar to her husband's concerning the events of the night, and she added that Jack Reece, her son, Mrs. Herman Mason, and John Alsop were the first persons to reach the scene after Mr. Reece was shot. She added that her husband was conscious until after he reached the hospital.

Dr. J. W. Kahn, surgeon at Angel hospital, testified as to the nature and type of the wound inflicted by the shot, stating that it had been necessary to amputate the leg.

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