

MEADOWS GETS POSTMASTER'S JOB ON JUNE 1

Is Named Temporarily Pending Approval Of Appointment

Zeb Meadows will take over the duties of Franklin Postmaster June 1. The Press has been informed by Rep. Monroe M. Redden.

On that date he will succeed E. W. Long as acting postmaster. Mr. Long recently resigned, effective June 1, to accept the position of clerk-treasurer-tax collector with the Town of Franklin.

Mr. Meadows' appointment as permanent postmaster here is pending. Due to Mr. Long's resignation, however, he will take over June 1—to serve as acting postmaster from that date until he is given formal appointment as permanent postmaster. The postmaster general names acting postmasters, but permanent appointments must be made by the President and confirmed by the senate.

Mr. Meadows' name was sent to the White House by Rep. Redden early in February for appointment as permanent postmaster, but it is understood it is the custom at the White House to delay sending postmaster appointments to the senate for confirmation until a considerable number accumulates. The President and the senate acting on a group of such appointments all at once, instead of one at a time.

Only 27 years of age, Mr. Meadows won the congressman's commendation for appointment by making the highest grade on the civil service examination given here last August. Eleven other men, all older, took the examination.

The new postmaster, who is employed at the Van Reale plant here, and his bride of a few weeks, the former Miss Leona Norton, of Highlands, make their home on the Murphy road.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

A severe frost rested on Highlands on the morning of the 11th, and fears are felt for the fruit crop. We were once told by Mr. James Wright that the year after the war there was a frost every month in the year at Highlands.

W. B. Merritt was drumming Franklin Friday.

Miss Leona Bryson left Monday for Asheville as a delegate to the Epworth League conference.

Mrs. H. T. Sloan and her son, Will, received word Saturday evening that her son, Leon, at Walhalla, S. C., has an attack of typhoid. They left at 4:30 for Walhalla.

Thirty-nine years ago on May 14 Capt. T. M. Angel's company left for the war with 98 men, rank and file.

25 YEARS AGO

Next week is commencement week for the Franklin High school, and Prof. W. H. Crawford, superintendent, has announced that diplomas will be awarded to 25 graduates, the largest number in the history of the school.

Bonds for Highlands water works carried in the recent election by a vote of 94 to 10.

10 YEARS AGO

Frank Ray, Franklin attorney, was unanimously elected chairman of the Macon County Democratic executive committee Saturday. Miss Lattie Kelly, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Lola P. Barrington, secretary, were re-elected.

Dr. Furman Angel has announced that he will open a clinic, to be known as Angel Clinic, in the Higdon building on Main street.

WINS LEGION TRIP



Charles Thomas, above, Franklin High school student, has been selected as the representative of the local post of the American Legion to attend the Boys' State at Chapel Hill early in June. Boys from over the state, chosen for this honor on a basis of academic standing, citizenship, etc., spend a week operating their own state "government," with all expenses paid by the Legion. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas. The Legion committee, made up of E. G. Crawford, Frank Flyler, and Bob Sloan, rated young Thomas and Dudley Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Conley, of Otto, as tied for the honor. The choice was made by flipping a coin.

REPORTS TELL WORK OF P.T.A.

New Officers Installed At School Year's Last Meeting

Installation of next year's officers and reports on this year's activities marked Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

Highlights of the reports: During the year, \$600 was contributed to the school for books for the library; \$48 for band chairs; and \$180 to the band. The year ended with a balance on hand of \$145. The money for these projects came from three fund-raising projects and memberships.

The total membership was 401, and the average attendance at the eight meetings this year was 171.

Reports were made by Mrs. Betty L. Alexander, secretary; Paul Russell, treasurer; Mrs. J. Ward Long, hospitality committee; Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, membership; Mrs. Paul Russell, room representative and attendance; Mrs. Pearl Hunter, study group; Mrs. Allen Siler (for Mrs. John Bulgin, chairman), grade mothers; and Mrs. Frank Killian, program.

Next year's officers were installed by Mrs. Welmar Jones, past president.

The new officers are: Mrs. Allen Siler, president; Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Meadows, secretary; and Paul Russell, reelected treasurer.

The program feature was four selections played by the "Tonettes," under the direction of S. E. Beck, band director. The "Tonettes" are members of the sixth grades at the Franklin, Cullasaja, and Otto schools, who play small instruments resembling flutes, in preparation for work later in the school band and choral group. Mr. Beck, in a brief talk, praised the P. T. A. for its work in behalf of the school.

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, outgoing president, and Mrs. Frank M. Killian, outgoing vice-president, were presented gifts by Mrs. J. Ward Long, on behalf of the association.

Mrs. Siler announced that the state P. T. A. institute is to be held at Eastern Carolina Teachers college, Greenville, June 19-22. Mrs. Siler plans to attend, and the association voted to send a delegate to accompany her.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Murray.

NAMED TO POST

Perry Henson, Macon county student at the University of North Carolina, has been named treasurer of Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity.

1950 SOFTBALL SEASON TO OPEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT

NF&L Co. To Play Forest Service; Rotary Vs Zickgraf

The Franklin softball league will open the 1950 season at the Franklin athletic field with two games tomorrow (Friday) night. The opening game will start at 7:30 p. m. with the Nantahala Power and Light company team meeting the Forest Service. The second game will be between the Franklin Rotary club and Zickgraf Hardwood company.

At present the only other team in the league is the Van Raalte aggregation, and league officials stated that one more team is needed to enable them to arrange a complete schedule.

Any organization or business firm desiring to enter a team is requested to contact Milburn Atkins at the Franklin High school.

A prize will be given at Friday night's games. The admission charge will be 10 and 25 cents.

Pick Russell As President Of Lions Club

Paul H. Russell was elected president of the Franklin Lions club for the year 1950-51 at the last regular meeting. He succeeds Frank B. Duncan.

Mr. Russell, who is assistant supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, has been active in the club, having served for the past year as chairman of the band committee.

Other officers elected to serve for the coming year are: Wayne Russell, first vice-president; Kenneth E. Becker, second vice-president; A. R. Higdon, third vice-president; W. G. Crawford, secretary; Verlon Swafford, treasurer; Harold Enloe, tall twister; and Wiley Brown and Grover Jamison, Jr., directors.

Dr. Stokes Named To Methodist Board Post In Nashville

The Rev. J. Lem Stokes, II, pastor of Saint John's Methodist church in Rock Hill, S. C., and former pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, has been elected to a position with the general board of education of the Methodist church, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., it has been learned here.

Dr. Stokes will be secretary in charge of religion on Methodist college campuses in the department of College and University Religious life in the general board's division of education institutions. He was elected by the board at the annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1-4.

The former Franklin pastor will assume his new duties on or about September 1.

Otto 8th Grade To Present Play On Friday Night

A play, "Tom Sawyer," will be presented by the pupils of the eighth grade of the Otto school tomorrow (Friday) night at the school. The performance will begin at 8 p. m.

Pupils taking part in the play are Colbert Henson, Doyle Henson, Hugh Dowdle, Jim Norton, Jack Cabe, Gracie Jean Dayton, Von Stockton, Hattie Sue Ledford, Jimmy Ayers, Margie Kimsey, Sue Blaine, J. L. Palmer, and Paul Murphy.

No admission charge will be made.

AT MASONIC MEET

The Rev. M. W. Chapman, First Baptist pastor, was in Asheville this week for the annual meeting of the Grand York Rite Masonic bodies. Mr. Chapman is grand prelate of the grand commandery, Knights Templar.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the Methodist church tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock to elect officers.

Name Mrs. Wasilik As 1950 'Catholic Mother' For State

Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., of Franklin, has been named "Catholic Mother" of North Carolina for 1950, according to an announcement received here from St. John's parish Catholic rectory in Waynesville.

At the state convention of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's association in Charlotte May 20, Mrs. Wasilik will be introduced by Mrs. William Berry, of Greensboro, as the North Carolina "Catholic Mother" of the year. At the same time, a plaque commemorating the event will be presented to her by the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Catholic bishop of Raleigh.

CROWD OF 500 SEES OPERETTA

Performance By School Group Of More Than 60 Well Received

An audience estimated at 500 witnessed "Chonita," a operetta presented by the Franklin school choral group, under the direction of S. F. Beck, at the Macon Theatre Sunday afternoon.

The work of the young people in their first such performance was enthusiastically applauded by the crowd, which virtually filled the theatre.

The hour-and-a-half musical drama, in which more than 60 young persons took part, started promptly at 5 o'clock.

A Gypsy romance, laid in Hungary about 1880, the music was from Franz Liszt.

The leading roles were taken by Richard Jones, Carolyn Nothstein, Betty Ann Constance, Bruce and Kenneth Crawford (who played the same part, Bruce doing the acting and Kenneth the singing), Curley Walker, Julia Huggins, Bobby Biddle, and Samuel Holland.

The performance was repeated at the theatre Tuesday afternoon for the benefit of Franklin of Franklin school students.

Between acts Sunday afternoon, Director Beck called Mrs. Welmar Jones, piano teacher, to the front and presented her with a corsage in recognition of her efforts in behalf of music in this community. Mrs. Jones won prompt response when she said "the person who deserves credit is Sammy Beck," and called on the audience to give him "a big hand."

Similar recognition had been planned for Mrs. Clarence Henry, voice and piano teacher, and Mrs. Henry W. Cabe, who for many years has played for the commencement exercises here, but they were not present.

Audrey Hays, Kenneth Crawford, and Alvin Stiles had the solo parts in the operetta, and Patricia Landrum and Ann Hays were the pianists.

Iva Jean Taylor, Libby Murray, Mary Ann Killian, Becky Murray, Lucille Jacobs, and Neil Baldwin were Gypsy dancing girls.

Young Pat Gaines, Bobby Gaines, Jane Long, Nancy Siler, Barbara Duncan, Sarah Lee Bryson, Rebecca Reeves, and Bobby Russell were Gypsy urchins.

Members of the chorus follow: Sopranos: Joyce Swafford, Patsy Hays, Jean Ammons, Iva Jean Taylor, Martha Ann Stockton, Mary Sue Potts, Lucille Edwards, Wanda Crisp, Carol Lee Huggins, Mary Belle Brown, Helen Bradley, Carolyn Nothstein, Joan Wilhide, Betty Lou Constance, Nora Lee Carpenter, Palma Fouts, Martha Nell Penland, Beatrice Burchanan.

Altos: Patsy Arnold, Emma Jean Elliott, Neil Baldwin, Audrey Hays, Mary Ann Killian, Rometta Brown, Libby Murray, Lucille Jacobs, Ethel Walldrop, Frances Fouts, Margaret Berry, Nancy Ramsey, Carol Sue Gribble, Edith Willis.

Tenors: Julia Hunnicutt, Florence Bell DeHart, Carol Cabe, Christine Hall, Margaret Walldrop, Anna Jean Allen, Othella Cabe, Bessie Belle Holland, Emily Faye Parker, Irene Seay, Lois Slagle.

Basses: J. B. Brendell, Bryan Hurst, Jack Love, Joe Moses, Alvin Stiles, Curley Walker, Kenneth Crawford, Samuel Holland, Bill Ramsey, James Roland, Bruce Crawford, Francis Stevens.

WILL POSTPHONE BLACKTOPPING UNTIL SPRING

Group At Road Meet Here Votes To Give Mud Roads Priority

Representatives of various townships in this county, many of whom live on improved roads, voted unanimously, at a highway meeting at the courthouse last Friday, to defer letting any more blacktopping contracts, in order to put emphasis on rock-ing mud roads.

The meeting, called by L. Dale Thrash, division highway commissioner, was attended by about 100, and was marked by lively discussion of the "go forward" highway program in this county.

The first phase of the blacktopping program—a total of 12.3 miles, on four different roads—has been completed, except for shaping up the road shoulders, Mr. Thrash reported.

Contracts for the blacktopping of seven more roads, totaling 22.05 miles, could be let in June, Mr. Thrash told the group, and raised the question whether it would be wiser to let them now, or defer the letting until next spring, and put emphasis on the mud roads. It was brought out that this county has only one bulldozer, and could well use two. After some discussion, it was voted to confine work on the seven roads to be blacktopped to such preliminary work as can be done without interfering with the mud road program.

In the course of the discussion, J. W. Addington, chairman of the county highway advisory committee, commented that his group had gone on record as favoring first emphasis on mud roads. Mr. Addington asked if it would not be possible to get another bulldozer for this county, and Mr. Thrash said possibly one could be rented.

The blacktopping already done in Macon County was listed by Mr. Thrash as follows:

Iotia road, 2.1 miles; Leatherman Gap, 3.6; Garner-Porter, 2.8; and Horse Cove, 3.8. Total, 12.3 miles.

The projects to be let next spring are:

Tesenta road, 3.8 miles; Rabbit Creek, 6.2; Patton, 5.5; Iotia-Burnington, 2.8; Phillips Bridge road, 1.2; Rabun Bald, 1.9; Rickman, 1.1. Total, 22.05 miles.

The program also calls for the letting of 17.8 miles on five roads for blacktopping in the fall of 1951. Those roads, and the distances, are:

Flat Mountain road, 2.3 miles; South Skeenah, 2.45; Clark's Chapel, 6.55; Prentiss, 1.8; and Elkhay, 4.7. Total, 17.8 miles.

Remarks that the work in this county is ahead of schedule, Mr. Thrash said the Leatherman Gap road was the first in this division to be completed.

Most of the mud roads should have been rocked by next spring, Mr. Thrash said.

He called on representatives of the various communities to tell of their road needs, and a number of roads were suggested for rock-ing.

Mr. Thrash appeared much impressed with a photograph of road signs made for the Nantahala community, under sponsorship of the Nantahala Men's club, and urged that all roads be named and marked.

He also emphasized the importance of "model miles"—roads that are marked their rural mail boxes conveniently and attractively put up, and the roads generally beautified.

He pointed out that more and more people in America are going to take vacations, and that it is entirely possible, by making highways attractive, to get back the extra one-cent tax on gasoline many times in tourist dollars.

He asked that the two towns in the county prepare long-range street programs, and present them to the commission. He also said that the commission is going to do some blacktopping on approaches to schools.

PLAN PROGRAM AT COWEE

A musical entertainment and Bingo party will be held at the Cowee school Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school and the 4-H club. The public is invited.

PICKED BY LIONS



Miss Julia Hunnicutt, above, has been chosen to represent the Franklin Lions club at the district Lions meeting in Charlotte June 18, 19, and 20, to compete in the selection of a Lions district queen. The girl chosen at Charlotte will compete for the title of queen of Lions International, at Chicago this summer. Miss Hunnicutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, is a junior at Franklin High school.

PLAN FINALS AT NANTAHALA

Diplomas To Be Awarded To 8 At Graduation On May 29

Commencement exercises at the Otter Creek (Nantahala) High school, which got under way last Friday when the school's annual junior-senior banquet was held, will be climaxed with the graduation exercise Monday evening, May 29, at the school.

Eight-three boys and five girls are to be graduated this year. This compares with four last year, and is within one of the record number; a class of nine was graduated some years ago.

R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, was the guest speaker at the junior-senior banquet, held in the school gymnasium. Bobby Denny, president of the senior class, was toastmaster. About 40 persons, including guests, were present.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal minister, will preach the sermon at the baccalaureate exercise next Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The school glee club will be heard in selections at this program, with Mrs. Ray N. Moses as pianist.

Plans for the graduation program are incomplete. Features of the program, however, will be the salutatory and valedictory addresses, by Miss Pauline Smith and Bobby Denny, respectively. The other six seniors to be graduated are Roy Roper, Carl Passmore, Hazel Trammel, Ella Mae Mashburn, Geneva Bateman, and Mildred Bateman.

Funds Are Being Sought For Work With Crippled

Funds for work with the crippled are being sought here. The campaign, being conducted by the Macon County chapter of the N. C. League for Crippled Children, is sponsored by the Franklin Rotary club, with William Katenbrink serving as chairman of the committee.

A tag day was held on the streets recently, and Mr. Katenbrink said that letters asking for donations will be mailed shortly to a list of persons. Those not otherwise reached who wish to participate in this work, he said, are asked to see him.

Fifty-five per cent of the funds raised will remain with the local chapter for work in Macon County.

Fulton Takes Iodine By Error, In Hospital

John Fulton, widely known 82-year old Macon resident, was brought to Angel clinic Tuesday, after having taken 60 drops of iodine, which he mistook for a medicine. After his stomach was washed out and an antidote administered, it was said at the clinic that he would recover.

QUARANTINE IS PLACED ON DOGS IN TOWN LIMITS

Vaccination Required—Officials Act When Rabies Appears

All dogs in the corporate limits of Franklin have been quarantined for one month, following diagnosis of a case of rabies here.

The order was issued this week by Dr. C. C. Janowsky, district health officer, and Mayor H. W. Cabe.

From the period May 17 to June 17, all dogs within the corporate limits must be confined—either in a close pen, or leash. This, the order points out, is in compliance with provisions of state public health laws.

The order also sets out that: "All dogs will be vaccinated against rabies, with certificate and tag as evidence of being vaccinated. Tags will be worn during and following this period."

"Any dog not confined and vaccinated will be destroyed by the city police department."

Action of the health and town authorities was precipitated by a diagnosis of hydrophobia in the case of the Cocker Spaniel of Laura Lyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lyle.

The dog became ill, and the head was sent to Atlanta by Dr. O. H. Burnside, veterinarian, examination disclosed that the animal had rabies.

It was feared that the Cocker may have bitten other dogs, and the authorities acted. Before it died, the Lyle dog bit the child of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shields, of Murphy, who was here at the time, and the child is taking the anti-rabies shots from her physician in Murphy, it was said.

This is the third dog to develop rabies within the town limits since last October, Dr. Burnside said.

The vaccination of dogs will be done by Dr. Burnside, who has been appointed by the state health department. The charge is \$1.

One shot annually is required.

Guild Holds Its Annual Banquet; Officers Listed

The Wesleyan Service guild held its annual dinner meeting Thursday night of last week at Panorama court. Thirty-seven attended. Mrs. J. R. Long, of Bryson City, was guest speaker.

The following officers for the coming year were announced: Mrs. Rufus Snyder, president; Miss Roberta Enloe, vice-president; Mrs. John Edwards, recording secretary; Miss Maxine Roten, treasurer; and Mrs. Rely Tessier, coordinator.

Plan Quarterly Meet At Clark's Chapel

Dr. C. N. Clarke, of Waynesville, district superintendent, will conduct the quarterly conference for the Franklin Methodist circuit Sunday afternoon at Clark's Chapel church. It was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. D. B. Martin. Dr. Clark will preach at the church at 11 a. m., and the quarterly conference will follow dinner on the grounds at noon.

PLAN BENEFIT

A musical program featuring David Sanders and his quartet will be sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Baptist church Saturday night at the courthouse at 7:00 p. m. Proceeds from the show will go to the church.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	76	57	.07
Thursday	83	55	.02
Friday	77	54	.7
Saturday	78	52	.11
Sunday	70	53	.26
Monday	74	46	.49
Tuesday	75	42	.00
Wednesday	43	.06	

FRANKLIN RAINFALL

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)
Wednesday, .07 of an inch;
Thursday, trace; Friday, trace;
Saturday, .12; Sunday, .28; Monday, .32; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.