

FRANKLIN'S '50 POPULATION 1964

Democrats Pick Thomas, Bryson, Miss McGee In Record Vote

URGES SENIORS TO SERVE THIS STATE, REGION

Reid Is Speaker As 83 Are Graduated From Franklin High

Citing the educational opportunity that has been provided for North Carolina children, Paul A. Reid, president of Western Carolina Teachers college, last Friday evening appealed to the 83 members of the 1950 graduating class of the Franklin High school to devote their lives to "useful service" in North Carolina and the South.

Mr. Reid was the guest speaker at the high school's graduation exercises, held before a capacity audience at the Macon Theatre.

"We know that in a democracy," Mr. Reid said, "the government will be as good as, but no better than, the general level of education."

So North Carolina has increased its expenditures for public schools from 16 million dollars for an eight months' term in 1933 to 83 1/2 millions this year for nine months.

"You are the products," he told the seniors, "of a state school, and each graduate owes something in return. That something should be a life of useful service, and I hope each of you will realize his responsibility of rendering service in North Carolina and the Southland."

"We have the opportunity," he declared, "of building here one of the greatest regions in the nation," and he cited the presence of these "essentials" for building a great region:

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Will Receive Bids For Excavation For New Schools

Supt. G. L. Houk has advertised for bids for the excavation work to be done at the sites of the proposed new Highlands, Nantahala, Franklin high and East Franklin schools.

The bids are to be received Saturday, and Mr. Houk said contracts probably will be let by the county board of education at its meeting Monday.

The approximate number of cubic yards of dirt to be moved in each case:

Highlands, 12,000; Nantahala, 2,000; East Franklin, 2,000; and Franklin High, 22,000.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The eclipse of the sun Monday morning came on schedule time and a clear sky gave the people of Franklin an excellent opportunity to observe it.

There was a little ripple of excitement on East Main street Saturday morning over Mr. R. L. Porter's horse running away with an empty buggy.

Hon. Kope Elias' barn in town was burned Sunday night Mr. Lewis Elias, who had not retired, was the first to discover it about 11 o'clock. A horse, a buggy, a hack, and a wagon, together with about 50 bushels of corn, some wheat and a quantity of hay were consumed.

25 YEARS AGO

Last week the commencement exercises of the local high school were observed, a class of 25 receiving their diplomas. The declamation medal was won by Mr. Mims Crawford, while Miss Edwina Dalrymple received the medal for the best recitation. Miss Lois Ferguson received the scholarship medal.

Hundreds Attend Program Honoring Dead Of 2 Wars

Macon County Tuesday paid simple but impressive tribute to its 90 sons who gave their lives in two world wars.

The occasion was the dedication of the two bronze plaques, placed at the courthouse entrance, that carry the names of war dead, and the time chosen for the dedicatory ceremony was Memorial Day.

Music, prayer, a poem, and a talk marked the 40-minute program, held in front of the courthouse.

A crowd of several hundred persons, from various parts of the county, stood, several rows deep, in a semi-circle that extended from the west side of the courthouse across Main street, then across Phillips street, and back across Main to the courthouse.

On each side of the plaques stood flags, an American Legion, a Veterans of Foreign Wars, and two United States flags.

The program, held at 11 a. m., opened with the "Star Spangled

Banner", played by the Franklin school band, under the direction of S. F. Beck.

This was followed by the reading of the poem, "Will We Forget?" Written especially for the occasion by Gilmer A. Jones, who was active in pushing the movement to erect the plaques, it was read by R. M. Dillard and Miss Marie Jennings. Mr. Dillard read the questions the poem asks, and Miss Jennings the answers.

The Rev. Hoyt Evans led in prayer, asking "that we shall not forget those who sacrificed their all that we may enjoy the freedom we know today". He then presented the speaker, County Supt. Guy L. Houk.

Mr. Houk, remarking that "this is an hour of dedication not only of plaques of eternal bronze, but an hour of dedication of our minds and hearts to the fundamental principles for which our boys died", reviewed the history of the past

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AWARDS GIVEN AT NANTAHALA

Hill Is Finals Speaker; Eight Are Graduated At Otter Creek

Commencement at the Otter Creek High school were concluded with the graduation exercise Monday night. Highlights of the program were the presentation of awards by Principal Carl D. Moses, the presentation of diplomas, by G. L. Houk, county superintendent, salutatory and valedictory addresses by Miss Pauline Smith and Bobby Denny, respectively, and an address by George H. Hill, principal of Robbinsville High school.

Mr. Hill told the audience, which overflowed the auditorium into the school yard, and the seniors that he would present the graduating class with three keys to help them through life. First, an attitude of industry, which would have them discard the passing fad of doing as little as possible for as much as can be gotten. He said that Jesus had glorified work and cited as a present-day example of success through work Thomas A. Edison.

The second key to successful living, he said, is a democratic attitude toward life based on the golden rule, which would give the individual a high regard for his fellowman.

The third key presented by Mr. Hill, reverence, not only to God, but also for the cultural things of life and for man-made laws.

The following awards were presented by Mr. Moses:

Miss Louise Owenby and Billy May, best athletes; Bobby Denny, awards for seven years' perfect attendance, best citizenship, and valedictorian.

The school glee club sang several selections.

The graduation program had been preceded last Friday evening by the baccalaureate service, with the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan delivering the sermon. Mr. Morgan advised the graduates to regard life as a transitory process during which one's spiritual growth takes place.

Before conferring the diplomas, Mr. Houk told the large audience that this will be the last graduation exercise to be held in the present building. He said that, while progress on the building program may seem slow, it is better to proceed carefully in order to have schools for the grandchildren of the present graduates.

The eight graduates are: Bobby Denny, Pauline Smith, Roy Roper, Carl Passmore, Hazel Tremmel, Ella Mae Mashburn, Geneva Bateman, and Mildred Bateman.

MACON COUNTY SHOWS DECADE GAIN OF 270

Highlands Total Drops; Rural Figures Show Trek To Town

Franklin's 1950 population is 1,964, Harry Sample, of Asheville, 12th district census supervisor, announced yesterday.

This is a gain of 715 over the 1940 count, an increase of nearly 58 per cent.

Macon county's population, meanwhile, increased by 270, a gain of slightly less than two per cent. The 1940 census gave this county a total population of 15,880, while the 1950 count was 16,150.

Highlands lost slightly in population, dropping from a 1940 count of 569 to 514 in 1950. The loss of 55 amounted, in percentage, to just under one per cent. Highlands township, however, showed a substantial increase.

All the figures made public by Mr. Sample yesterday are preliminary and unofficial. Mr. Sample emphasized. The final official totals will be announced by the census bureau in Washington later.

The figures by townships indicate a drift of rural population either away from the county, or to or near the towns, for every township in the county, except for Franklin and Highlands townships, showed a net loss during the past 10 years.

Mr. Sample also made public the preliminary figures on the number of farms and dwellings. The total number of farms in the county increased during the decade from 2,243 to 2,378, and the total number of dwelling houses in the county from 3,855 to 5,044.

The population in Franklin

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Among Winners In Primary



J. HARRY THOMAS For Sheriff



MISS KATE MCGEE For Clerk of Court

Jones Wins In Race For State Senate

R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, was nominated for state senator from this five-county district in last Saturday's Democratic primary.

Unofficial returns previously had left a question as to whether Mr. Jones had a clear district majority in the three-way race for the nomination, and Kelly E. Bennett, of Bryson City, second high man, had indicated he might call a second primary, in the event Mr. Jones did not have a majority.

On a basis of official returns from four of the five counties in the 33rd district, and of complete but unofficial returns from the fifth, Mr. Jones received a majority of 251. An er-

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PARTY BALLOT RENOMINATES 2 COMMISSIONERS

Graham, Bryson, Jones Lead In This County; Bradley Is Winner

The Democratic voters of this county last Saturday nominated J. Harry Thomas for sheriff, C. Tom Bryson for representative, and Miss Kate McGee for clerk of superior court, and renominated John W. Roane and W. W. Edwards for members of the board of county commissioners.

In Saturday's primary the Democrats also rolled up substantial majorities for Senator Frank P. Graham for U. S. senator, Thad D. Bryson, Jr., for solicitor, and R. S. Jones, for state senator, and changed the complexion of the county board of education.

In the lone Republican contest, Sheriff J. P. Bradley was renominated, defeating Walter Burch, disabled veteran of World War I, by a vote of 643 to 17.

Despite rain in the afternoon, the vote probably was the heaviest ever cast in a primary election here. In the four-way race for the U. S. senate nomination, 3135 votes were cast in this county. This compares with a total of 1964 cast in the senate race in 1948, and a total of 2485 in the congress race in 1948 (there was no U. S. senatorial election in 1948).

Mr. Thomas, running in a field of four, received a majority of the total vote cast. His majority was 18. The vote stood:

Thomas, 1637; Lester L. Arnold, 1221; L. B. Phillips, 273; and J. B. Brendle, 106.

C. Tom Bryson defeated C. A. Elmore for representative. The vote was: Bryson, 1888; Elmore, 1104.

In the election's closest race, Miss Kate McGee won over J. Clinton Brookshire, the incumbent, for clerk of the court by a margin of 116 votes. The count was: McGee, 1645; Brookshire, 1529.

Mr. Roane and Mr. Edwards, running for renomination, were easy winners over their three opponents. The vote in that race was:

Roane, 1636; Mr. Edwards, Edwards, 1486; Sam J. Waters, 807; L. W. Rice, Sr., 733; and C. C. Stamey, 468. (W. E. Baldwin, chairman of the board, was unopposed for renomination).

Senator Graham, who piled up a lead of 50,000 in the state but failed to receive a majority and therefore would have to run a second primary, should Willis Smith, second high man in the four-candidate race, call one, received a clear majority (number of votes over half of the total vote cast) in this county of 336. His Macon plurality was 673. He received 1904 votes in this county; Mr. Smith, 929; R. R. Reynolds, 270; and Olla Ray Boyd, 32.

Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., who was opposed for renomination by A. A. Rice, of Sylva, got a vote of 2426 in this county. Mr. Rice received 573.

In the three-way race for senator from the 33rd district, R. S. Jones, Macon candidate, got a Macon County majority of 873. The Macon vote in this race was: Jones, 2355; Kelly E. Bennett, of Bryson City, 412; and Lyndon E. Conley, also of Bryson City, 186.

The official count, shown in the accompanying table, is complete for this county, except in cases where candidates were unopposed, and in the case of two state races in which there was little general interest.

Two Macon officials, seeking renomination, were unopposed. W. E. Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, though he had no opposition, received 2153 votes, and Lake V. Shope, also unopposed for register of deeds, received 2097.

Here's Macon Official Primary Vote By Precincts

CANDIDATES	PRECINCTS													TOTAL
	Franklin	Millsheal	Elkhay	Sugarfork	Highlands	Flats	Smithbridge	Cartoogechaye	Nantahala No. 1	Nantahala No. 2	Burningtown	Cowee		
Democratic														
U. S. SENATE														
Frank P. Graham	839	110	101	34	228	12	176	172	16	39	39	138	1904	
Willis Smith	351	64	83	11	68	10	86	75	9	4	29	139	929	
Robert R. Reynolds	97	9	21	1	26	4	19	12	6	11	4	24	270	
Olla Ray Boyd	13	1	3	1	5	2	3	2	0	0	0	2	32	
SOLICITOR (20th District)														
T. D. Bryson, Jr.	1090	138	164	33	247	24	239	126	28	46	51	240	2426	
A. A. Rice	216	37	26	4	76	5	26	103	2	4	19	55	573	
STATE SENATOR (33rd District)														
R. S. Jones	1091	146	133	30	221	21	216	191	28	45	40	193	2355	
Kelly E. Bennett	143	18	20	2	87	3	31	26	4	4	20	54	412	
Lynden E. Conley	67	9	17	4	10	1	17	9	0	3	10	39	186	
REPRESENTATIVE														
C. Tom Bryson	832	88	198	33	212	20	162	102	22	45	35	139	1888	
C. A. Elmore	430	90	13	15	105	5	114	133	6	8	38	147	1104	
CLERK OF COURT														
Kate McGee	801	106	59	8	222	9	120	99	17	38	28	128	1645	
J. Clinton Brookshire	559	79	135	35	107	21	167	167	23	17	44	175	1529	
SHERIFF														
J. Harry Thomas	791	67	80	29	134	13	163	120	27	43	47	123	1637	
Lester Arnold	412	81	128	18	185	17	130	70	8	7	11	154	1221	
L. B. Phillips	135	2	7	1	11	1	8	54	3	5	12	34	273	
J. B. Brendle	33	41	3	2	0	0	0	19	0	0	3	5	106	
MEMBERS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS														
John W. Roane	831	68	76	17	104	11	151	164	17	16	31	150	1636	
W. W. Edwards	727	49	90	14	173	5	139	116	5	21	28	127	1486	
C. C. Stamey	232	28	35	3	14	4	50	36	8	3	22	51	468	
Sam J. Waters	304	67	23	9	66	4	74	73	38	40	35	74	807	
L. W. Rice, Sr.	171	59	62	28	234	17	84	13	2	1	11	51	733	
BOARD OF EDUCATION														
T. T. Love	809	113	99	22	128	13	136	116	25	51	38	176	1726	
Robert S. Sloan	763	84	99	20	221	10	133	136	14	42	26	166	1714	
J. C. Sorrells	581	107	86	3	136	15	113	73	10	11	49	222	1411	
Charles W. Nolen	684	109	64	9	99	13	103	155	11	5	32	103	1381	
Walter Gibson	569	47	55	3	72	1	135	105	16	28	35	149	1290	
Ray E. Norton	356	84	73	34	196	25	155	61	13	6	32	65	1100	
Betty Alexander	478	89	35	5	216	10	64	61	6	39	14	80	1097	
F. A. Edwards	466	42	80	14	116	4	111	98	7	23	16	95	1072	
C. Gordon Moore	559	31	69	2	58	4	109	81	5	11	31	69	1029	
J. E. Browning	394	36	50	9	46	0	96	88	9	19	34	166	947	
R. B. DuPree	237	37	43	5	226	14	58	13	5	4	13	35	690	
Republican														
SHERIFF														
J. P. Bradley	176	37	38	68	101	5	53	15	52	38	6	54	643	
Walter Burch	3	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	17	