



FIRST DRAFT GROUP LEAVES—A drizzling rain, draft board officials, and a photographer were the only ones on hand Thursday morning to see the 21 men (some shown above), making up Macon County's first draft call, climb aboard a chartered bus bound for Charlotte for pre-induction examinations. The group returned to Franklin about 4 a. m. Friday.

Reece Reelected As Republican County Chairman

George Reese, of Franklin, was reelected Macon County chairman of the Republican party at a convention held last Friday night in the Macon County courthouse.

Mrs. Ralph Henson was elected vice-chairman, and Miss Bertha Cabe was elected secretary.

The Republicans organized for the next two years and endorsed Republican candidates who filed for various state, county and federal offices in the coming election.

New Date Set For Farm Machine Demonstration

The Farm Machinery demonstration, previously postponed, will be held on the Will Parrish farm at Otto September 30, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, has announced.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.
The editor of The Franklin Press still has his old shirt and a collar or two. The item published last week about "A Shirtless Editor" didn't apply to anything connected with this print shop.

The politicians are for Simmons for senator; the people are for Carr. There are more people than politicians, and they ought to follow their own judgment and not be led by the politicians, who almost always have "axes to grind" and want people to turn the grindstone.

25 YEARS AGO
Last Friday night at a call meeting of the town board the deal for the purchase of the electric lines of the Franklin Light and Power company was closed. The company accepted the offer of eleven thousand and some odd dollars.

Frank Bryson now owns the world and is taking pains to let everybody know it. Last Sunday a girl weighing nine and a half pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryson.

10 YEARS AGO
Speaking on "Educating Our Youth for a Democracy" J. Horner Stockton, prominent local attorney, will address members of the first district of the Macon County Parent-Teacher association at their first meeting at the Franklin school here Monday at 3:30 p. m.

Macon and Swain county singing conventions will hold a combined meeting at High Lonesome, near shallow ford on the Macon-Swain county line, on the fourth Sunday of this month.

FIRST DRAFT GROUP LEAVES

21 Of 31 Called Here
Go To Charlotte
For Exams

Twenty-one, out of 30 men called by the local draft board, made the trip to Charlotte last Thursday morning for pre-induction examinations.

The call for 30 men was the first one received by the board since it was reactivated in July.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, secretary of the board, said three men called were unaccounted for, four had moved to other states and were unable to return to Macon County in time for the trip, and the board found that two men were married and had neglected to inform the board of their change in status.

"It is possible," she said, "that the three men unaccounted for have moved out of the state also, and were unable to get here in time."

Included among the 21 men was one Negro boy who traveled from Ohio to Franklin after receiving his notice.

The group made the trip by special bus and returned to Franklin early Friday morning.

School Construction Delayed By Slowed Steel Deliveries

Slowed deliveries on steel and cement are delaying construction on Nantahala, Franklin high, Franklin elementary, and Highlands schools.

County School Superintendent Guy L. Houk said this week that the foundation for the Nantahala school already has been completed, but that work on the structure is being slowed down because deliveries on both structural and reinforcing steel have dropped off.

He said that work on the other three schools should begin soon if contractors can obtain materials.

Mrs. Crawford, At 86, Plays Variety Of Piano Selections For Guests At Birthday Party

When Mrs. Lee Crawford was given a birthday tea last Saturday, it was she who, despite her 86 years, provided much of the entertainment for the guests.

Mrs. Crawford, the former Miss Carrie Sloan, always has played the piano by ear, and Saturday she played, her selections ranging from the serious to the ridiculous. Among the numbers were "Sweet Bye and Bye", with her own variations, and "Turkey in the Straw".

Mrs. Crawford, who only a few years ago grabbed a pitchfork and chased a vicious bull out of the cornfield and into the pasture, was ready to do a Virginia reel, but no one was present

Conservation Allotment Is Boosted \$25

The announcement that \$25 in additional conservation materials has been made available to each participating PMA (Production Marketing Administration) farmer was one of the highlights of a barbecue supper given the PMA office personnel and other agriculture workers by the seed and fertilizer dealers of Franklin.

The event was held at the Agricultural building last Thursday night, and was the second such annual affair.

PMA officials announced that unless these additional allotments are used by October 15, Macon County would lose any remaining money.

Following a delicious supper served by the wives of the merchants short talks were made by S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, and by Jeff Enloe, Jr., district PMA supervisor. The county agent spoke highly of the work done here by the farmers in conservation practices, and pointed out that this was due in no small part to the cooperation shown by local dealers in carrying new seeds and fertilizers in stock.

Mr. Enloe pointed out to the group that many people unfamiliar with the work of the farmers and the government conservation group often are critical of the program. He pointed out that the whole economy of the country benefits when the nation has a strong, prosperous agriculture, and said that the production of the farmers is a great factor in winning the war. He added that the cost of the PMA program is not equal to the subsidy granted air lines by the United States.

Merchants who took part in giving the dinner were Franklin Seed store, Downs Grocery and Feed company, Brown and Carson, Ray and Welch Feed and Grocery company, and the Farmers Federation.

Who could give the calls. Among the approximately 50 guests present were several other octogenarians and a number of persons in their late seventies.

The party, held at the Slagle Memorial, was given for Mrs. Crawford by her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, and two nieces, Miss Harriette Kinnebrew and Mrs. J. A. Cook.

The tea table was centered with an arrangement of asters in pastel shades, Miss Laura M. Jones and Miss May McDowell, of Clayton, Ga., poured coffee, and Mrs. Reby Tessier served punch.

'50 FOOTBALL SEASON WILL OPEN FRIDAY

'Panthers' Will Clash
With Andrews Here
At 8 O'Clock

The 1950-51 football season will be officially launched tomorrow night at 8 o'clock when Coach Milburn Atkins pulls the wraps off the Franklin High Panthers and sends them out to meet Andrews on the local field.

Pre-season predictions indicate that the Panthers are a powerhouse in the Smoky Mountain conference and are rated to take home some of the orchids at the end of the season.

Composed chiefly of veteran footballers (only two men on the first string lineup are not seniors), the Panthers have been shaping up well in scrimmages, and Coach Atkins said he expects to have a greatly improved team this year.

He added that his three returning first string backs, Charles Shields, John (Bardy) Archer, and Frank (Nink) Henry, are as good as any backs in the conference, and that Bo Norton, who has been shifted from end to left half back, is showing a lot of speed and promise.

The line play this year, the coach said, will be led by Guard Charles Thomas and Center John Alsup, both of whom have proved to be leaders in scrimmages so far this season.

"I think Charlie Thomas is the best offensive guard in the conference," he declared.

Although both reported late for practice, the coach said Richard Jones and Pat Pattillo are coming along fast and will be holding up the right side of the line.

"Zeb Mehafeff, George Brown, and Jack Norton," he said, "are all rugged boys who will help Franklin have a strong line this year."

Reserves who are showing promise in the backfield are Kermit DeHart, at fullback, Paul Kilham, and Richard Russell, at the quarter back slot. In the line, Coach Atkins praised Wayne Stewart, Paul Sanders, and Carol Childress.

The probable starting lineup for Friday night's game will be: Jack Norton, LE; Zeb Mehafeff, LT; George Brown, LG; John Alsup, C; Charles Thomas, RG; Richard Jones, RT; Pat Pattillo, RE; John Archer, QB; Bo Norton, LHB; Frank Henry, RHB; and Charles Shields, FB.

40 Present At Meeting On Children

More than 40 persons attended the White House Conference progress report meeting at the Franklin Methodist church last Friday afternoon, and heard Dr. Frieda Anne Greider, dean of women at Western Carolina Teachers college, speak on "Why the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth."

The meeting, at which Mrs. C. N. Dowdle presided, came as a preliminary to a Mid-Century conference to be held in Washington the week of December 3.

The purpose of the meeting was to survey the facilities available in Macon County for the strengthening of the lives of children and young people, and to discuss the still unmet needs of the county in the field. The results of the meeting will be incorporated in a report to be presented by North Carolina delegates at the Washington conference.

The guest speaker, Dr. Greider, was presented by Mrs. Welmar Jones, and greetings extended to those attending by Dr. Edgar Angel.

Dr. Greider told the group that the world in which children now are growing up is constantly changing and children must learn to direct their energies in the proper channels in order to get along with others in peace and good will.

"We must take action now," she said, "so parents will know how children grow, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Peo-

Mrs. Guffey, Supervisor, Tells Of School Progress

"Let's pool our very best ideas and efforts, and together give our boys and girls the best teaching possible, because the best we can give them will not be too much to give our boys and girls."

That sentence, taken from a talk by Mrs. H. Lee (Beth) Guffey, supervisor of Macon County elementary schools, to teachers at a meeting last year, summarizes what Mrs. Guffey, with the cooperation of the county's elementary teachers, is trying to do as supervisor.

Mrs. Guffey gave up a teaching position in the Franklin elementary school in August, 1949 and assumed the duties of elementary supervisor of the county school system, a new position in North Carolina. She was one of many appointed in the state to oversee and act as counselor for elementary teachers; she has sought to bring the teachers of Macon County together in a closer professional relationship, and maintain a higher standard of cooperation among all of the teachers for better teaching.

The result: Many Macon County teachers not only teach, but are taking an interest in how to teach, and what to teach, and are making an effort to make a nine months school term for children something other than merely a "grind required by law."

Some of the things they have done, over and above the call of duty, during the school year 1949-50 are cited by Mrs. Guffey. In addition to teaching the three R's, teachers are expected to play a leading role in the development of attitudes and the moulding of character in young people. This the responsibility placed upon a teacher is great.

Meeting as a group with Mrs. Guffey, the principals and elementary teachers in this county formulated plans for improving the school system. Teachers took it upon themselves to do as much professional reading on better teaching methods, child psychology, and new trends in education, as was possible.

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Band To Be In Uniform Friday Night

The Franklin school band will make its first appearance in uniform tomorrow night, at the opening game of the 1950 football season here.

Uniforms for the band are being bought by the community in a project sponsored by the Franklin Rotary club, and the uniforms are expected to arrive here today.

S. W. Mendenhall, chairman of the Rotary committee that has been pushing the project, in a telephone conversation this week, was told by the Flooding company, Atlanta uniform manufacturers, that the uniforms would be sent to Franklin by bus today. It was said that all of the jackets might not be completed, however, and in that case it is planned for the band members to wear the uniform trousers and caps, with white shirts and ties.

The three piece uniform, of scarlet serge, is made up of white-striped trousers, Eisenhower jacket, and overseas cap.

Meanwhile, the amount contributed by the public toward the approximately \$2,000 needed to pay for the uniforms yesterday had climbed to \$1,142.

The most recent contributors were Russell Cabe, Bill Cochran, John B. Ray, Mrs. Betty L. Alexander and the Bank of Franklin.

Speed Zones Set Up On Roads Into Highlands

New speed zones have been set up on all highways entering Highlands and the law will be rigidly enforced, Highlands Police Chief M. A. Nelson has announced.

CORBINS PLAN REUNION
The annual reunion of the Corbin family will be held at the home of Dewey Corbin Sunday, September 24, it has been announced.

Garden Club Members Vote To Join State Federation

The Franklin Garden club, at its meeting Monday, at the Slagle Memorial building, unanimously voted to join the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs.

The matter has been under consideration for some time, and Monday's decision followed a general discussion.

In the discussion it was brought out that the 25-year old Federation, made up of 270 clubs with 9,000 members, has three major purposes—conservation, beautification, and restoration.

Its latest effort toward restoration, it was pointed out, was contribution of \$150,000 toward the restoration of the Tryon palace at New Bern. The planting of dogwood throughout the state (the Franklin club planted approximately 60 last spring), efforts to eliminate unsightly billboards, and work with

Franklin P. T. A. To Hold First Meeting Of Year Monday

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association will hold its first meeting of the 1950-51 school year at the school next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. Allen Siler, president, announced this week.

Milburn Atkins, athletic director, will have charge of the program.

Principal R. G. Sutton is expected to discuss the year's plans and outlook for the school.

Mrs. Pearl Hunter will conduct the devotional.

Mrs. McFalls, Mother Of 3, Kills Self

The body of Mrs. Opal Marie Baxter McFalls, 37-year-old mother of four, was found Sunday morning near her home in the Double Branch community. Near the body authorities found a note addressed to her husband.

At an inquest conducted by O. L. Blaine, coroner, it was held to have been a case of suicide, and death was attributed to a shotgun wound in the heart.

A note to her husband, Colye McFalls, signed "Love Opal" was found pinned under a rock near the body and read, "Be good to the kids and take them to church."

A son, Claude McFalls, found the body about 7 a. m. near the barn, about 75 yards from the house. He started searching for his mother after he arose Sunday morning and found her missing. The time of her death was placed at about 4 a. m.

Mrs. McFalls was dressed, but barefoot, and Deputy Sheriff Walter Dean said the shot from the gun penetrated her body and struck the roof of the barn. He said she apparently fired the .12 gauge shotgun by placing the stock against a tree and using a stick to trip the trigger. No reason for the action was

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POWER CONCERN OFFERS \$15,000 FOR COUNTY LOT

Proposition Is Under
Consideration By
Commissioners

The Nantahala Power and Light company Monday made a formal offer of \$15,000 cash for the county lot on West Main street. John M. Archer, Jr., president of the company, appeared before the board of county commissioners to make the offer.

The commissioners took the matter under advisement, but yesterday had reached no decision.

The property, generally known as the Rogers lot, was bought by the county in 1937 for \$6,000 as the site for a new courthouse.

In making the power company's offer, Mr. Archer agreed to sign a contract to construct a building, to cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000, on the lot, as a new home for the Nantahala firm, which has its headquarters here.

The matter was discussed in some detail, and it was tentatively agreed, in the event the deal should be made, that the county would sell the property for only about 200 feet back from Main street, reserving the land on which the Agricultural building stands and the Church street lot in front of that building. Also the commissioners made it plain they would reserve sufficient space for a street at the west end of the property, to run from Main to Church.

The property fronts approximately 135 feet on West Main street, but, after space was reserved for a street, would have a frontage of 115 feet.

A suggestion that the power company would buy the lot has been before the commissioners for sometime, but no definite offer had been received until Monday. In making the proposition, Mr. Archer emphasized that \$15,000 was the top price his firm would pay.

Persons favoring sale of the land point out the value to the county and town of having an attractive, tax-paying structure on the lot, and suggest it may be years before Macon County can build a new courthouse. Those opposing the proposal say that the lot was bought for a courthouse and should be kept for that purpose.

Applications Still Being Received For Red Cross Post

The executive board of the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross, at a meeting Tuesday night, deferred action on the employment of an executive secretary, and announced that applications for the position will continue to be received through September 22.

Meanwhile, Mrs. A. R. Kinney, who has been substituting as secretary since the resignation of Miss Ann Lyle, agreed to serve until a new secretary is chosen and takes office.

In discussing the position, members of the board emphasized the desirability of obtaining someone who will be reasonably permanent, and someone who, in the event the war situation increases the responsibilities of the Red Cross, could serve full-time, if necessary. Applicants should own and be able to drive an automobile, and should be able to type, it also was pointed out.

The position at present is half-time and pays \$75 per month.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	66	39	00
Thursday	64	53	230
Friday	67	59	50
Saturday	75	59	69
Sunday	79	51	00
Monday	81	55	00
Tuesday	79	51	16
Wednesday	49	00

Franklin Rainfall
(As recorded by Macon Stiles for TVA)
Wednesday, none; Thursday, .56 of an inch, Friday, .68; Saturday, .64; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, .06; Wednesday, none.