

Big Nantahala Area Bought By Group

BILL NAMES 5 NOMINATED TO SCHOOL BOARD

May Meet, Organize On First Monday In April

The ammbus boards of education bill, which is now before the lower house of the N. C. general assembly, names to the Macon County board the five men nominated in last spring's Democratic primary — Bob S. Sloan, Walter Gibson, J. C. Sorrells, Charles Nolen, and T. T. Love.

The bill, appointing school boards in this and other counties, was introduced in the house last Thursday by Rep. Herman Edwards, of Swain county, chairman of a special sub-committee named to handle the bill.

Macon's Rep. C. Tom Bryson had announced earlier that he had filed with the committee the names of the five nominated.

The measure was reported favorably by the house education committee Tuesday.

The bill is expected to be passed by both houses the last of this week or early next, and members of the boards may take office on the first Monday in April, or as soon thereafter as they qualify and are sworn in. A press report that none of the boards named by this legislature would take office until May was in error. R. S. Jones, this district's state senator, told The Press Tuesday.

Following its organization, a new board usually takes up as the first item of business the election of a county superintendent for a term of two years.

Of the five members of the new Macon County board, two — Mr. Sloan and Mr. Gibson — are serving on the present board. The other three are new.



—Franklin Press Photo
"Brother, I'm kickin' mad!" said Brer 'Coon, as he was introduced to members of the Macon County 'Coon Hunters association last week. The ring tail, being held at arm's length by J. Clinton Brookshire, association president, was one of 128 purchased by the local organization for a re-stocking project. Unloading the sharp-fanged animals, none too pleasant after a jolting 200-mile ride from Winston-Salem, presented quite a problem. They had to be caught, one by one, with metal tongs, which fortunately were long enough to keep Brer 'Coon's claws and teeth out of range.

Red Cross Fund Now Is Within \$436 Of Quota

The Red Cross annual drive, slated to end Saturday, is short of its \$2,836 goal by approximately \$436, the Rev. C. E. Murray, drive chairman, said this week.

He pointed out, however, that a number of workers still have not reported contributions. He urged everyone assisting in the drive to turn collections into the local Red Cross office by Saturday.

Contributions to date total approximately \$2,200. A breakdown of the figure showed that \$1,100 of the amount was collected in Highlands. James O. Beal is in charge of Highlands collections.

Drawing attention to the higher quota this year, an increase of 38 per cent over last year, Mr. Murray said county workers have been doing an excellent job.

"In addition, the local drive started late," he said, "and adverse weather conditions have somewhat hampered workers. However, I feel sure that Macon County will have its goal as soon as the rest of the workers report in."

Garden Club Plans Annual Luncheon Meeting On Monday

The Franklin Garden club will hold its annual spring luncheon meeting at the Presbyterian church here next Monday at 1 p. m.

The program will be featured by the installation of Mrs. John Wasilik, recently elected president, and other new officers, followed by a social hour.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made with Mrs. Gus Leach. Tomorrow (Friday) is the last day on which reservations may be made, club officials said.

BOOKS TO OPEN FOR TOWN VOTE REGISTRATION

Franklin Folk To Name Mayor, 6 Aldermen In May 8 Election

E. W. Long, town clerk, this week announced registration dates for the semi-annual non-partisan Franklin town election May 8, at which time a mayor and six aldermen will be elected.

Registration books will be open for three Saturdays, April 14, 21, and 28, before the election. Challenge day will be April 28.

CABE WON'T RUN

Mayor Henry W. Cabe announced yesterday that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

Any person wishing to run for any one of the seven offices—a mayor and aldermen—must file with the town clerk on or before Saturday, April 14, Mr. Long said.

The board of aldermen set the election machinery in motion at the board's regular monthly session, March 7. At that time John M. Moore was appointed registrar, and L. C. Higdon and James A. Palmer were named as judges for the election.

The board did not order a new registration and the books will be open on the three Saturdays in April for the benefit of those who have not registered previously.

The polls will be open on election day from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

The present town officials are Henry W. Cabe, mayor, and W. C. Burrell, Russell Cabe, Erwin Patton, Verlon Swafford, and E. J. Whitmire, aldermen.

The sixth alderman elected two years ago—W. W. Reeves—resigned several months ago.

60 To Attend School Event At Cullowhee

R. G. Sutton, Franklin High principal, announced this week that approximately 60 students at the school will attend the fifth annual high school Field Day at Western Carolina Teachers college next Friday, April 6.

Last year Franklin High placed second among 15 schools in this area participating in the event, which is sponsored by the Science club of the college.

All high schools in Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties have been invited to attend.

The field day is designed to promote interest in science in high schools, stimulate a healthy competition in both literary and athletic fields among the high schools, give talented students a chance to express their gifts, give high school faculties an opportunity to check and compare their students with those of other schools, stimulate interest in sports and promote a physical fitness program, enable the college to get first hand information on the work being done in high schools, strengthen the cordial relationships between the college and public schools, and to lay the foundation for a fuller cooperation in the future.

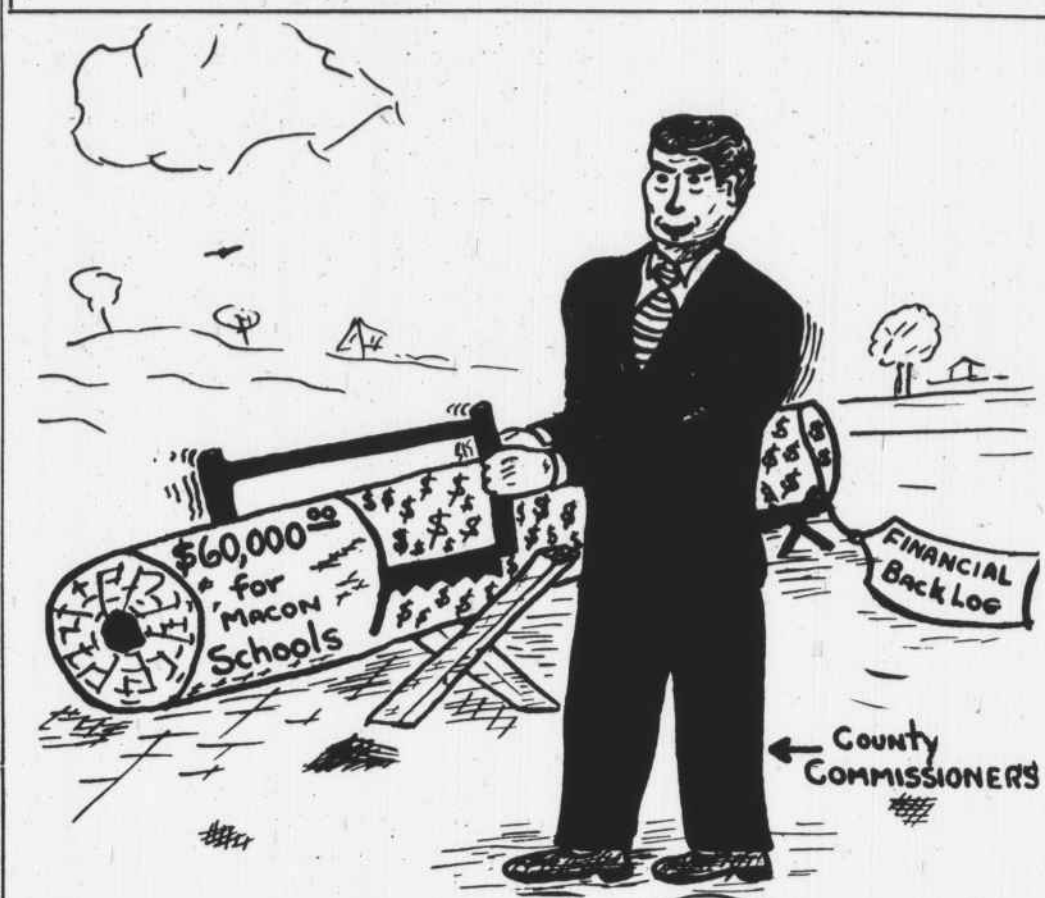
More than 100 competitive events are planned for the day, including 28 written tests, 48 musical events in arts and handicrafts, and 22 athletic events.

METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced Sunday services in circuit churches.

Mr. Grant will conduct a service at the Bethel church at 11 a. m., the Salem church at 3 p. m., and Clark's Chapel at 7:30 p. m.

A Step Forward . . . And Plenty Left



CURTIS SHEDD IS EXECUTED

Governor Declines Plea Of Attorney For New Check Of Sanity

Curtis Shedd was executed in the gas chamber last Friday.

Shedd, 29, of Walhalla, S. C., was convicted in superior court here last December of the murder of two sisters, Johnnie May, 14, and Jo Ann Boyter, 8.

Senator R. S. Jones, of Franklin, made a last-minute appeal to Governor Scott in behalf of Shedd, explaining that he did not feel Shedd was mentally responsible. Mr. Jones, a member of the firm of Jones and Jones court-appointed defense attorneys in the Shedd trial, conferred with the governor a ter visiting Shedd in death row. He said Shedd apparently did not recognize him, although Mr. Jones repeatedly had conferred with him before and during the trial.

Mr. Jones urged a further investigation of the prisoner's sanity, but Governor Scott said Shedd and James Richard Hall, who died with Shedd, were found "suffering from no mental illness" after examination by a psychiatrist.

Both Shedd and Hall were baptized the day before their executions.

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Draft Group Will Depart On April 5

The 15-man draft call yesterday was cut to 10 men, on orders from selective service headquarters in Raleigh, W. N. Sloan, local board chairman, said today. The last five names on the draft list will be dropped he said. The move, Mr. Sloan said, is probably in line with the national order, cutting April's draft call from 80,000 men to 40,000.

Fifteen Macon County men will leave here next Thursday morning, April 5, for Charlotte and induction into the army.

The contingent will bring to 65 the number of men who have been inducted into the army through the local draft board since it was re-activated last July. W. N. Sloan, chairman, said.

Names of the inductees making the call will be announced next week, he said.

Construction Of 3 Schools To Be Pushed

Construction of the Iotla, Slagle, and Union schools will be pushed, County Supt. G. L. Houk announced the latter part of last week.

Mr. Houk said the contracts for the three schools had been let and the contractors' bonds approved, and that work would begin immediately on two of the schools, and on the third a little later.

At the Union school, he said, it will be necessary to dig a well before construction starts. Water is available already at the other two sites.

The announcement followed action of the board of county commissioners, March 12, in making \$60,000 available to the county school authorities to complete the school building program.

Scout Membership Drive Exceeds Its Goal Here By \$27

The Boy Scout adult membership drive here exceeded its 775 quota by \$27.60, Ted Reber, drive chairman, announced this week.

He expressed appreciation to Paul West and John Alsop for outstanding and conscientious work during the campaign. Funds raised will be contributed toward rebuilding the dam at Camp Daniel Boone, Scout recreation center, which was destroyed by floods two years ago.

It Isn't Just The Modern Woman Who Is Independent Of Her Mate

The old saying, "never underestimate a woman," must have been coined somewhere about the year 1849. To be still more exact, March 24, 1849!

An old deed, bearing that date, proves that the woman is wearing the pants in the family, or intends to sooner or later. W. J. Allen, of Nashville, Tenn., sent the deed to Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent. Mr. Allen is a brother-in-law of Ed McNish.

In the old document, an evidently well-to-do Tennessee woman decided, for the outrageous sum of \$5, practically all of her worldly possessions to one David Barry, for "the following uses and trusts and no other purposes. That is to say, I am about to be married to John G. Brown and it is my wish to secure the above mentioned property both real and personal to my sole and separate use and benefit and not to be subject to the payment of any liability contracted by the said John G.

CROWDS ATTEND EASTER RITES

250 At Sunrise Service On Wayah; Churches In County Filled

Members of all denominations and many non-church members attended Easter religious services and program held throughout Macon County Sunday.

The service with the most spectacular setting was the held on mile-high Wayah Bald at sunrise. The fourth annual interdenominational dawn program on Wayah, this year's rite attracted an estimated 250 persons.

Another sunrise service was the annual one at St. Ann's Episcopal church, at 6:30 o'clock which each year draws a capacity congregation, made up of persons from many churches. The rector, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, earlier had held a dawn service at St. Cyrian's (Negro) church.

Despite a temperature of 22 degrees, many of the worshippers on Wayah remained on the porch of "High Heaven" camp during the service, to watch the sun come up over the eastern mountain; as they heard the program over the amplifiers. Others sat in their automobiles while still others sat inside the camp before a wood fire. The service was held inside.

Those attending described the sunrise as the most beautiful in the history of these early morning rites on Wayah.

Highlights of the program: SEE NO. 1, PAGE 6

PROMINENT MEN PLAN HUNT AND FISH PRESERVE

Purchase 1942 Acres From A. B. Slagle; Building Lodge

A group of prominent North Carolina men has purchased 1942 acres on the Nantahala river from A. B. Slagle and taken a lease on an additional estimated 1,500 acres from Carl S. Slagle for a private hunting and fishing preserve, it was learned this week.

The adjoining properties, situated in Cartoogechaye township, lie on both sides of the Nantahala and will give the group control of the river for a distance of five miles. How big the preserve is indicated by the fact that it comprises approximately one per cent of the acreage of the entire county.

Plans call for construction of a big lodge to house the owners, members of their families, and their friends when they come here to fish and hunt.

The purchasers are Don S. Elias, president of the Asheville Citizen-Times company, Gordon Gray, president of the University of North Carolina, R. M. Hanes, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company with headquarters in Winston-Salem, J. Fuller Brown, secretary of the Asheville Mica company, Charles D. Owen, Jr., president of the Beacon Manufacturing company, Swannanoa, and Hugh Chatham, of Elkin. Mr. Chatham, who is the son of Rep. Thurmond Chatham, of the fifth congressional district, is an official of the Chatham Manufacturing company at Elkin.

In addition to the owners, the club membership will include L. G. Sutton, of Raleigh, president of the Carolina Power and Light company, and D. Hiden Ramsey, vice-president and general manager of the Citizen-Times company.

The parties involved have signed contracts, and the deeds will be drawn, it was explained, when surveys are completed.

The purchasers are forming a corporation to be known as the Rainbow Springs company, Mr. Elias said.

The hunting and fishing lodge, work on which already is under way, is to be built near the old dam across the Nantahala, just below the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slagle. It will be situated on the north side of the river, in a clump of big trees.

Designed to comfortably house 12 guests, it will have four bedrooms, with two or more beds.

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A. L. Ramsey, Jr., Is Named To Board Of Public Welfare

Albert Ramsey, Jr., Franklin, Route 3, has been appointed to serve on the three-man county welfare board by the State Board of Public Welfare.

Mr. Ramsey will succeed John M. Archer, Jr., who resigned from the board. Mr. Archer's resignation is effective April 1.

The state board is empowered to name one of the three county board members. Mr. Ramsey's term will begin April 1 and will run for three years. His late father served on the board for many years.

Other board members are Lawrence Liner and H. H. Plemons.

The Weather

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

	Max.	Min.	Pct.
Wednesday	57	26
Thursday	62	22
Friday	70	28
Saturday	58	46	.17
Sunday	59	27
Monday	58	28	trace
Tuesday	58	41
Wednesday	58	24	.53

As recorded by Maconian Station for TVA: Wednesday, none; Thursday, none; Friday, none; Saturday, .07; Sunday, none; Monday, .03; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, .49.