

## 1951 RECEIPTS AT POST OFFICE SHOW 15% GAIN

Every Quarter Last Year  
Better Than Same  
1950 Period

Business at the Franklin post office in 1951 was 15 per cent better than it was in 1950.

Figures compiled by E. W. Long, acting postmaster, show a gain in postal receipts of \$3,662.93. Postal receipts generally are considered an excellent barometer of business generally.

A substantial gain was shown in each of the four quarters in 1951 over the corresponding quarter in 1950.

The figures follow:

	1950	1951
1st qt.	\$5454.91	\$6226.95
2nd qt.	5232.24	5748.66
3rd qt.	5722.24	6576.16
4th qt.	7516.84	9037.39
Totals	\$23926.23	\$27589.16

## 16 Selectees In First '52 Draft Group

Macon County's first draft contingent for 1952 left Tuesday morning for Charlotte and induction into the army.

Those making up the 16-man contingent included Ralph E. Baldwin, Harold J. Denny, Harold J. Cope, Kenneth E. Johnson, Otis P. Welch, Wayne F. DeWeese, Max D. Cruse, Obadiah N. Moore, Howard E. Carpenter, Don W. Henry, Doyle G. Peek, William Y. Bryson, Paul R. Craine, Herbert G. Southard, Jack Grant, and Harry R. Talent.

A 15-man contingent from here will leave February 15, selective service officials announced.

It also was announced that a pre-induction call for 25 men for February 25 has been received. According to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary, a number of reclassified married men, with no prior service in the armed forces, will be included in this number.

Since the reactivation of the local board in August, 1950, 89 men have been inducted from here, selective service figures show. In addition, 155 men registered with the board have enlisted in some branch of the armed forces.

## Study Group On Parent Education Set For January 23

The Franklin Parent-Teacher association has extended an invitation to all parent-teacher groups in the county to attend a county-wide parent education study group at the East Franklin school Wednesday, January 23.

The session will be held from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Luncheon will be served in the school cafeteria for 25 cents a plate, it was said.

Mrs. Weimar Jones, education chairman, will direct the study groups. Interested persons are invited to attend.

## Will Bring Body Of Guest, Killed In Korea, Home

The body of Pfc. George E. Guest, 23-year-old Macon County soldier, who was killed in action in Korea October 17, 1951, is being returned to this country, the Defense Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coley Guest, of Franklin, Route 4.

Special services will be conducted when the body arrives for burial.

## Franklin, Chapel Teams To Play Saturday Night

Franklin elementary and Chapel (Negro) school cagers will take to the hardwood Saturday night at 7:45 o'clock in the Franklin High gym for a loop classic that promises to be a thriller. Admission will be 25 cents, school officials said.

## 1951 Macon Birth Rate Nearly Triples Deaths

The birth rate in Macon County during 1951 was almost triple the death rate, vital statistics in the register of deed's office show.

A lively boost was given the county's 16,000-odd population by the birth of 354 babies. The death rate totaled 123 persons, counting 11 still births.

In only one Macon township did the death rate outrun the births. That was in the Highlands township, where nine births were recorded, as against

12 deaths.

Franklin township led all others in births for the year with 215. The second highest was Cowee township with 31.

Following are births and deaths in each township, the first figure designating births, the second, deaths:

Franklin, 215-63; Cartoogechaye, 11-3; Cowee, 31-8; Ellijay, 17-4; Flats and Nantahala, 9-2; Sugarfork, 11-4; Burningtown, 17-1; Smithbridge, 12-8; Millshoal, 22-7; and Highlands, 9-12.

## Macon Teams Have Games Friday Night

Basketball in Macon County will be rough and ready for the next couple of months as Franklin High and Nantahala move into the strong ends of their schedules.

Tuesday night in Jackson county, the Franklin lads and lassies racked up a two-way victory over the Sylva High male and female cagers. The lads tucked away at 48 to 31 win, and the lassies came out on top of a 26 to 24 score.

Franklin High boys' and girls' teams take on Coach Blaine Denton's Robbinsville cagers at the Franklin High gym tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock.

Another home game Tuesday night at the same hour will pit the locals against a strong Murphy aggregation, under the coaching hand of "Ike" Olson, a former Western Carolina Teachers college cage star. Pre-game predictions give the Murphys a slight edge over the locals, but Coach Ray Lowe this week promised sports fans that, predictions or no predictions, his teams would be in there fighting.

On the other side of the county, Nantahala High lads and lassies will pace the hardwood tomorrow (Friday) night against Murphy, and Tuesday night will journey over Wayah, up U. S. 64 to Highlands High for a game there.

In last Friday's cage tilts, the Franklin lads pushed over Andrews, 43 to 30, and the local lassies hooped out a 52 to 26 victory over the Andrews girls' team. Tommy Raby bucketed 12 points to lead the Franklin lads to victory and Shirley Dean was high scorer for the girls with 20 tallies.

The same night saw the Murphy lassies dump the Nantahala gals, 49 to 42, in a cage thriller, while the Nantahala lads evened things up with a 45 to 37 win over the boys.

## Mack Hopper Silver Star Winner, Is Given Promotion

Mack H. Hopper, of Highlands, a veteran of the Korean war and holder of the Silver Star, recently was promoted to sergeant first class in the 31st Infantry (Dixie) division at Fort Jackson, S. C., the fort information office has announced.

Sgt. Hopper, a veteran of 11 months' fighting in Korea, won the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Purple Heart before returning to the States.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McClure and attended Franklin High school prior to entering service. He presently is attached to the 31st Reconnaissance company at Fort Jackson.

## Crawford Resigns Post

E. G. Crawford, principal at Otto school, resigned this week from the local selective service board because of pressing matters elsewhere. Mr. Crawford has served on the board since the reorganization of selective service in this county in August, 1950. No appointment to fill the vacancy has been made as yet. The selection will rest with a three-man committee appointed here by the state board.

**PLAN BAKE SALE**  
A bake sale, sponsored by the St. Agnes Episcopal auxiliary, is planned for tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock at the Children's shop, it has been announced.

## WILL OCCUPY NEW SCHOOLS DURING MONTH

Cartoogechaye Structure  
Ready, Union Will  
Be Shortly

Barring unforeseen circumstances, school children will move into the new Cartoogechaye school by the first of next week, and into the new Union building by the last of the month, County School Supt. Holland McSwain said yesterday (Wednesday).

Reports that a number of school children will be taken out of other county schools and sent to the new ones was called to the superintendent's attention.

"It may have to be done to relieve serious congestion at the Otto and Franklin elementary schools," Mr. McSwain said, "but the decision will be up to the county board of education. As yet no action has been taken."

## Cochran Case Reward Fund Totals \$600

The local reward for information leading to the slayer of a 24-year-old Macon County youth in Mount Airy December 31, yesterday (Wednesday) totaled more than \$600, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Persons wishing to contribute to the reward fund are asked to contact the sheriff's office. The reward does not apply to any law enforcement officer, the sheriff pointed out.

The youth, William Homer Cochran, Jr., died in a Mount Airy hospital from injuries suffered when a mysterious booby-trap explosion demolished his pick-up truck. He was a teacher at White Plains High school, near Mount Airy. No motive for the slaying has been uncovered by officers, who are still working on the case.

The movement to collect a reward locally for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the teacher's slayer got under way here last week. Surry County, where the murder occurred, is raising a \$2,500 reward.

Any donation, regardless of the amount, will be welcomed, Sheriff Thomas said.

## 2 SCOUTS HERE WIN HIGH RANK

Bill Zickgraf And Howard  
Patton Given 'Eagle'  
Award At Court

Two Franklin Scouts last Thursday night received scouting's highest award—Eagle rank—at a Smoky Mountain district court of honor at the Methodist church here.

Forty additional awards also were made to Boy Scouts in the Franklin, Bryson City, Sylva, and Cherokee troops.

Elevated to Eagle rank were Bill Zickgraf, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Zickgraf, and Howard Patton, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Patton. Both Scouts are members of the Franklin Explorer post.

The Eagle presentation was made by Hugh Monteith, of SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

## Killian To Speak At P. T. A. Meeting Monday

Dr. Karl Killian, head of the education department at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, is to be guest speaker at a meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association Monday evening at Franklin High school.

His appearance here was announced Monday by Mrs. S. H. Lyle, program chairman of the organization. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Killian, who will speak on "Meet Your Mind", will be introduced by Richard Stott, Franklin High school teacher and former student of Dr. Killian at W. C. T. C.

## Outcry For New Courthouse Has Been Heard Here, From Time To Time, For Half-Century



A "famous landmark" or an "architectural monstrosity"? Macon County's red-brick courthouse, built in 1881, still survives the half-century old cry for a "new courthouse."

By J. P. BRADY

The persistent outcry that Macon County "needs a new courthouse" is nothing new. Its been going on for years.

The county's old "horse-and-buggy-days" courthouse, built in 1881 and condemned for a brief interval in 1936, started coming under fire about 50 years ago, and the clamor still goes on.

Behind the history of the red brick structure, costing \$8,033.85, including bond interest, stand

almost countless grand jury recommendations advocating a new building; the ordered indictment of responsible officials if measures weren't taken to repair the building; and a special election in 1941.

The most recent lambasting of the old landmark came during the December term of superior court here when the grand jury branded the structure a "disgrace" and recommended the construction of a new one as soon as possible.

Records show that such recommendations have been the vogue in this county for a long time.

In 1926, during the April term, the grand jury took up the song "the county needs, and should, as soon as possible, build a new, better, and more commodious courthouse and jail."

## MAYOR DIES



ROBERT M. DILLARD

## MAYOR DILLARD DIES, FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Former Atlanta Lawyer  
Succumbs To Heart  
Ailment

Mayor Robert M. Dillard, who suffered a series of heart attacks about three weeks ago, died Saturday at 5 p. m. in a Franklin hospital. He was 67 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. M. W. Chapman, assisted by the Rev. C. F. H. pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, the Rev. J. E. Evans, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, and the Rev. J. F. Marchman, of Mount Gap, Ga. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. Dillard, a retired attorney, came to Franklin in January, 1949, from Dillard, Ga., where he had lived after retiring in 1946 as a member of the Burgess-Dillard law firm in Atlanta, Ga.

Although a comparative newcomer to Franklin, Mr. Dillard, campaigning as a full-time mayor for a cleaner and better town, entered the mayor's race in the 1951 town election and was voted into office by an overwhelming majority. He was keenly interested in young people and often took the time to

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## Outlines Zoning Plan At Meeting

Directors  
And Officers Of Bank  
Are Relected

Members of the board of directors of the Bank of Franklin and the officers of that body have been reelected for another year.

Renamed directors at a stockholder's meeting January 9 were A. B. Slagle, M. L. Dowdle, H. W. Cabe, Fred M. Arnold, Grover Jamison, Sr., R. S. Jones, and L. B. Liner.

At a directors' session the following night Mr. Slagle was reelected chairman; Mr. Dowdle, president; Mr. Jones, vice-president; Mr. Cabe, cashier, and George Dean and Grover Jamison, Jr., assistant cashiers.

Mr. Cabe reported at meeting that business at the bank in 1951 was considerably higher than the previous year, on the basis of the number of accounts with the bank.

Sloan Explains Program;  
No Opposition Voiced  
By 75 At Session

Approximately 75 persons attended the public zoning hearing Tuesday night and there was no visible opposition to the proposed zoning ordinance, presented by Franklin's five-man zoning and planning commission.

The questions that arose during the hearing appeared to have been prompted by a desire for clarification of the points raised.

Presiding at the session, held in the Macon courthouse, was Zoning Chairman W. N. Sloan. Mr. Sloan read the highlights of the zoning ordinance and explained the zoned areas—residential, business, and industrial—by use of a map of the town.

The spirit of the ordinance, the chairman explained, is to protect residential areas from the spread of business and industry. Residences may be erected in business and industrial areas, but commercial ventures and industry are restricted from invading residential areas.

A section of the ordinance allowing for the construction of tourist courts in residential areas prompted questions from the audience. It was suggested that tourist courts "of the wrong kind" could become nuisances.

H. H. Plemons, a member of the commission, said the commission felt that it shouldn't restrict the building of tourist courts.

Franklin's economy, on the tourist trade. The commission said, however, that any new tourist courts built would be for the comfort of the town; the proposed ordinance forbids filling stations, public restaurants, soft drink stands, etc., in connection with a tourist court, in the residential area.

Any disputes arising out of the ordinance would be heard by a board of adjustment, which would hear grievances and could handle hardship cases, if not in violation of the spirit of the ordinance, Mr. Sloan said.

In broad terms, the proposed ordinance is designed not only to zone the town as to the three types of construction, but also to regulate the height and size of buildings, percentage of the lot that may be occupied by the building, the size of the yards, and density of population.

The industrial area is confined to a strip along the Little Tennessee river, and embracing Depot street; the business area extends along Main and Palmer streets, from the eastern to the western limits of the town; and the remainder of the town is limited to residential construction.

Under the set-up, the residential area has top priority—no new business or industrial buildings may be constructed in that area. The business area comes next—no industrial structures may be put up in that area. Business houses may be built in the industrial area, however, and homes may be built in any of the three areas.

The commission plans to recommend to the board of aldermen the adoption of the ordinance. Prior to its adoption, it is understood, the aldermen will give it careful consideration, and possibly may hold another hearing.

Following is a brief summary, by districts, of the main points of the ordinance:

**Residential:**  
No building or land shall be

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## Dimes March Campaign Is Started Here

The annual March of Dimes polio campaign got under way in Macon County this week under the leadership of County School Supt. Holland McSwain. Macon's goal is \$3,500.

Pointing out that a nationwide increase in polio in the past several years has outpaced contributions, the county chairman said:

"The fight against polio is one that can be won if everyone will pull together. This disease strikes rich and poor alike, regardless of race, creed, or politics. I feel that it is everyone's duty, not just a few individuals, to pitch in and combat polio."

"Although I am a comparative stranger here, I understand that this county has gone over the top in past drives. I feel confident that the same will be done again this year."

The chairman plans to conduct this year's campaign on a county-wide basis through a special committee in each township. March of Dimes coin envelopes will be distributed throughout the county, Mr. McSwain said, and Macon's schools will have an important role in the collection of funds for the drive.

Following are township committee chairmen, appointed this week by the county chairman:

Franklin township, J. Horner Jackson; Millshoal, Mrs. Walter Taylor; Ellijay, Miss Marie Jennings; Sugarfork, Mrs. Faye Mashburn; Highlands, the Rev. Robert E. Early; Flats, Mrs. Fred Vinson; Smithbridge, Mrs. Carl Howard; Cartoogechaye, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan; Nantahala, Warren Owenby; Burningtown, T. A. Slagle; and Cowee, T. M. Rickman.

Township committees will be appointed by these chairmen to assist with the drive, Mr. McSwain said. Members of the committees will be announced later.

Persons desiring to mail contributions may send them to Claude Bolton, March of Dimes treasurer, Franklin, N. C.

## Nantahala P. T. A. Hears McSwain, Mrs. Richardson

Talks by County School Supt. Holland McSwain and Mrs. J. A. Richardson, of Andrews, highlighted the January meeting of the Nantahala Parent-Teacher association.

Mr. McSwain spoke briefly on the importance of education, and Mrs. Richardson's theme was character training and spiritual development. Their speeches developed the theme that home, school, and church need to work more effectively to produce strong, informed, and spiritually-minded citizens, capable of meeting and solving the difficult problems faced in the world today.

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## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	58	47	....
Thursday	36	32	1.57
Friday	49.5	13	....
Saturday	55	29	....
Sunday	59	42	....
Monday	67	51	.01
Tuesday	66	49	.02
Wednesday	43	12	....

## Franklin Rainfall

Wednesday, trace, Thursday, 1.33; Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, none; Tuesday, trace; Wednesday, .05.