

## Interest Stirs In Politics

Political interest is stirring here. Candidates and potential candidates are jockeying for position in this spring's outstanding race—the Democratic primary, slated for May 31.

Republicans, too, are meeting and electing convention delegates, who in turn will nominate candidates for the fall election. Friday will bring the first official sign that an election year is in the making. That day chairmen of the state Democratic and Republican executive committees must recommend members of county election boards to the state board of elections.

In preparation for the Democratic primary locally, the Macon County Democratic executive committee has recommended Siler Slagle, Walter Bryson, and J. L. Barnard for appointment to the county boards of election. Plans for county precinct meetings are in the making. Election boards in the state's 100 counties will hold their first meetings April 12. The present county board of elections is made up of Siler Slagle, chairman, and A. R. Higdon, Republican member. Walter Bryson, named as the second Democrat on the board, resigned when he became a member of the county board of education.

Macon County's interest in the primary centers around the nomination of a representative to the general assembly, of a county surveyor, and of a five-man county board of education. The state senator cannot be picked from Macon this year, since an act of the 1950 assembly calls for the rotation of senators in the 33rd district, and the selection this year rests with Graham County. Other counties in the district are Clay, Cherokee, and Swain. Though he must come from Graham county, the senator will be nominated and elected by voters in all five counties of the district.

At this time only one man has announced for the local nominations. Macon's representative to the 1950 general assembly, C. Tom Bryson, of Cullasaja, has said he will be a candidate for reelection. Candidates for county offices and the general assembly must file by April 19.

Republican activity is picking up speed here. Thursday of last week, the party held a convention at the county courthouse to select delegates to the 12th congressional district meeting scheduled for 2 p. m. Saturday. That session also will be held at the Macon courthouse. Delegates chosen were T. C. Harbison, of Highlands, Calvin Henson, of Otto, Wendell Keener, of Gneiss, Richard J. Cobb, of Highlands, Howard Ledford, of Franklin, Route 2, Ralph McClure, of Gold Mine, Clyde Morgan, of Nantahala, Roy Mashburn, of Franklin, John Wilson, of Nantahala, Clyde Bateman, of Franklin, Route 3, and Marshall Burnette, of Sealy. These men also will represent this county at the Republican state convention in Charlotte. George W. Reece is chairman of the county executive committee.

Yet, the May primary offers still more interest outside the county races, with the nominee for representative from the 12th Congressional district to be decided.

Candidates who already have tossed hats into the ring for Rep. Monroe Redden's seat in the U. S. house of representatives are L. Dale Thrash, of SEE NO. 1, PAGE 7

## Archer Purchases Maitlands' Home For About \$20,000

John M. Archer, Jr., has purchased the John B. Maitland home and adjoining property on Hillcrest circle, according to a deed filed in the register of deed's office last week.

The consideration involved in the transaction was not made public, but documentary stamps on the deed indicated that the sum was about \$20,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer moved into the Maitland home this week.

## ANOTHER MEET ON ZONE PLAN MAY BE HELD

Franklin Aldermen Also Consider Night Fire, Theft Patrol

The Franklin board of aldermen in regular session Monday night:

(1) accepted a zoning ordinance prepared by the town planning and zoning commission and discussed plans for holding a second public zoning meeting, prior to adoption.

(2) discussed starting a night fire and theft patrol of the town as an overall safety measure.

(3) reviewed delinquent water bills.

W. N. Sloan, chairman of the zoning commission, and commission members H. H. Plemons and Wayne Faulkner submitted the zoning ordinance and accompanying zoning map to the board for approval.

The board commended the commission for its conscientious work on the ordinance, and planned to call a special meeting of the town board sometime this week to review the proposal. At this session aldermen probably will set a date for a public hearing on the zoning proposal. One hearing already has been held (January 15), and citizen reaction at that time was one of approval.

Discussion of a night patrol centered around buying a watchman's clock for the night policeman. "Key stations", under the plan, would be set up in different sections of the town, with the police officer "punching" the clock at each station as he makes his patrol. Aldermen commented that local businessmen would probably be willing to pay a small charge for the added protection against fire and theft.

Unpaid water bills were read by Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey and the board suggested that the clerk contact delinquent customers and if the bills were not paid, discontinue service.

Mr. Ramsey also reported that about half of 1951 town taxes have been paid. It was SEE NO. 2, PAGE 7

\$2,843

## Contributed In County For Polio Fund

Contributions in the annual March of Dimes drive, which ended this week-end, totaled \$2,843.47, according to the drive chairman, County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

Nine of the 11 townships either reached, or topped, set quotas. The total was several hundred dollars short of the \$3,500 county quota, but Mr. McSwain said he was more than pleased with the response.

He expressed appreciation to those assisting with the campaign in the different townships, and to "those who generously joined the fight" against polio.

## Moody Claims He Sought To Collect Damage Blast Bill Through Insurance

Wade C. Moody, the Mount Airy man who billed W. H. Cochran, Franklin's acting police chief, for damage done Moody's apartment building by the mysterious explosion that killed W. H. Cochran, Jr., is quoted this week in The Elkins Tribune as saying he had in mind collecting through liability insurance.

Shown the story in the Elkins newspaper, Mr. Cochran said yesterday that the Mount Airy man had not mentioned anything about insurance, either to him or to his wife. The letter Mr. Moody wrote Mr. Cochran simply asked him to pay \$167.21 for damage to the Mount Airy apartment building in front of which the younger Mr. Cochran's truck was parked when the truck was destroyed and Bill Cochran killed in the New Year's Eve booby trap explosion. Mr. Cochran does not know if his son carried liability insurance on the truck.

The Tribune, published near

## Will Play Here Next Week



Pictured above is the N. C. Little Symphony orchestra, which will present two concerts here Friday of next week (March 14). The group will present a children's concert at 1:30 p. m., and will play for adults at a performance at 8 o'clock Friday evening at the Franklin Methodist church. Admission memberships are on sale at the Nantahala Power and Light company, the three Franklin drug stores, and at Miss Sara Gilder's store in Highlands.

## Symphony Is Coming Here Next Friday

Coming here for its seventh successive season, the North Carolina Little Symphony orchestra will present two concerts in Franklin Friday of next week.

The matinee at 1:30 is for interested children from the county's schools, and the evening concert for adults is set for 8 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church.

Since this year's children's concert is limited to those who are interested enough to contribute 25 cents each, it has been anticipated that a smaller-than-usual auditorium would serve, but indications yesterday were that the only place in town that will hold them is the Friendship tabernacle, used the past several years. Approximately 1,000 have signified their intention of attending.

Contrary to past practice, no membership drive was made this season. Instead, a group of business houses and individuals underwrote the orchestra's visit here, and decided to leave it to the public whether they want these annual concerts. If a large enough number buy admission memberships at \$2 for the evening performance to make the event "pay out", that will be proof, it was said, that SEE NO. 3, PAGE 7

## Miss Hannah Is On Dean's List At Woman's College

Miss Lucille Hannah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hannah, of Franklin, Route 1, was on the dean's list at Woman's college for the first semester of this school year. It has been learned here. To make the dean's list, a student must have an academic average of B or better, and no grade lower than a C. Miss Hannah is a senior at Woman's college.

## APRIL COURT JURORS DRAWN

The jury list for the April term of superior court, which will convene here April 14, was made public Monday afternoon by Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court.

Presiding at the term will be Judge Frank M. Armstrong, of Troy, judge of the fifteenth judicial district.

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## Plan Five-Church Conference Series Here March 21-22

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The church rector, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, will be chairman of the area gathering. The sessions will be held each night from 7:30 to 9:45 o'clock.

## Children Move Into New School At Union

School children moved into the new \$100,000 Union elementary school Monday.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain said only about five of the eight classrooms are being used, but he added that all space at the new school will be utilized next year when pupils are transferred to Union from over-crowded schools elsewhere in the county.

In addition to the eight classrooms, the new school has a lunchroom and auditorium.

It is the seventh school to be completed under Macon's million dollar building program.

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## Dr. Roland Will Be Cartoogechaye PT Meet Speaker

Dr. E. O. Roland, of Brevard, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher association Tuesday night at the school.

The meeting is slated for 7:30 o'clock. The Brevard doctor will discuss "Care of the Eyes", and will use picture slides to illustrate his lecture, it was said.

## State Funds Available For Road, Thrash Says

The state has funds available to match federal money for building the road through Wayah Gap into the Nantahala section, L. Dale Thrash, tenth division highway commissioner, said this week.

He added that the road, when built, will be a state highway, but explained that the state is not responsible at this time for maintenance of the present road, since it is a Forest Service road, not yet taken over

## HERE ARE NEW SCHOOL COSTS

A total of \$576,625.59 of county funds has been spent on Macon County's seven new schools since the building program got under way in September, 1950, according to a financial report prepared by County School Supt. Holland McSwain and presented at the county board of education meeting Monday.

Grounds grading costs and other expenditures incurred since the completion of the buildings are not included in

the total figure, the superintendent said.

The report shows that \$51,864.81 was expended from August 31, 1950 to December 31, 1950, before "even one brick was laid", Mr. McSwain pointed out. This included the purchase of school sites, preliminary grading, and funds to set the school bond machinery in motion.

Of the total county figure, \$517,178.92 is school bond mon-

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## List Workers In Fund Drive Of Red Cross

Volunteer workers in the annual American Red Cross fund drive, which got under way here Monday of last week, were announced Tuesday by the local Red Cross office.

Macon's quota has been set at \$2,826. T. T. Love, of Franklin, and Coleman M. Reece, of Highlands, are leading this year's drive.

County workers and the areas they will canvass are as follows:

Mrs. A. R. Kinney, Asher building; Mrs. J. Ward Long, bank building; Paul West, Nantahala Power and Light company; Mrs. R. R. Gaines, Angel hospital and Golfview drive; George Byrd, state highway garage; Norman Blaine, Van Raalte; John D. Alsop, Forest Service; Mrs. Lynette Tallent, telephone office; Henderson Calloway, post office; Joe Tyler, Burrell Motor company, Charles Conley, Duncan Motor company; Ed Whitaker, "Loganville" and Ziegler Meadows, elementary school; Mrs. D. A. Stewart, Franklin High school; Mrs. Jack Sherrill, Macon Construction company; Sam Gibson and Robbin L. West, East Main street; Verlon Swafford and John Crawford, West Main street;

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## Commissioners To Meet As Equalization Board

The board of county commissioners will meet at the register of deed's office in the courthouse March 24, 25, and 26 as a board of equalization and review to hear complaints and make adjustments of tax evaluations, it has been announced.

## Cullasaja P. T. A. To Meet Tuesday

The Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association will meet Tuesday night at the school at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced.

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## ROW FLARES OVER BENEFIT SCHOOL DANCES

Otto Petition Presented Board; 'Prejudice', P. T. A. Says

An allegedly church-inspired movement to stop P.T.A.-sponsored benefit square dances at Otto elementary school asserted itself Monday at a meeting of the county board of education, and tempers threatened to get out of hand several times as opposing forces presented stands.

Charges and counter-charges were swapped heatedly between members of the parent-teacher group and the anti-dance delegation. J. C. Sorrells, presiding in the absence of Chairman Bob S. Slean, several times had to call for order.

A petition, allegedly signed by some 300 persons opposed to dancing in the school, was turned over to the board for study.

## Negro School Plans Get Preliminary O. K.

Preliminary plans for a new Chapel (Negro) school have been approved by the state board of education, County School Supt. Holland McSwain reported at Monday's session of the county board of education. Construction of the school will begin as soon as plans are complete and funds are available, board members said.

Mrs. Grace Norris, of the Otto community, reportedly is leading the anti-dance forces. She prepared the petition, in the form of a letter to Otto School Principal E. G. Crawford, saying that a union prompted her to protest dancing in the school.

Members of the P. T. A. contended that the move was "religious prejudice", and began when some members of the Newman Chapel church split and formed the Calvary Baptist church in the community.

A recent vote on the dance issue by the parent-teacher group showed that 44 were in favor of continuing dances and 22 against, it was brought out. P. T. A. members also pointed out that more than \$4,000 had been raised at the school in the last three and a half years from dances, in addition to funds from the annual March of Dimes dance. Funds have been used to buy playground and lunchroom equipment, it was said.

"Drunken Negros" The opposition declared that "bushel baskets" of beer cans and whiskey bottles have been picked up on the school grounds and the nearby church yard after dances at the school, and they fervently denounced the dances as "drunken outfits" and said, "we don't want drunken money".

P. T. A. members countered that the dances are being run properly and contended that, "like any public place", beer cans and bottles can be found SEE NO. 8, PAGE 12

## WILL HOLD CAKE SALE

A benefit bake sale will be held on the first floor of the Nantahala Power and Light company, on West Main street, tomorrow (Friday) morning starting at 9 o'clock. Proceeds will be used to pay expenses of operating the Nonah Craft shop on Cartoogechaye.

## The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	54	34	.36
Thursday	64	25	.06
Friday	65	40	....
Saturday	50	37	.48
Sunday	46	27	.06
Monday	55	38	.87
Tuesday	61	47	1.51
Wednesday	.....	21	....

Franklin Rainfall (As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)  
Wednesday, .28; Thursday and Friday, none; Saturday, .32; Sunday, none; Monday, .35; Tuesday, 1.78; Wednesday, none.