

## Scott And Erwin Visit Macon Schools

### STORM DAMAGE BOOSTS QUOTA OF RED CROSS

Ask People Here To Give \$195 More To Aid Victims

An additional \$195 was added Monday to Macon County's \$2,826 American Red Cross quota, following a death-dealing series of tornados which ripped through six southern states over the week-end, killing an estimated 220 and injuring some 1,100.

The A. R. C. raised the amount of its national quota in order to give assistance to homeless refugees in the disaster area.

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### HONOR STUDENTS



GEORGIA NELL McDONALD  
Valedictorian



MARTHA ANN STOCKTON  
Salutatorian

Miss McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McDonald, and Miss Stockton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Horner Stockton, have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1952 graduating class of Franklin High School. Graduation exercises are set for May 26 at Macon theatre.

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### Sunrise Service On Wayah Bald Planned Easter

Plans are being worked out for the program of the fifth annual Easter sunrise service on mile-high Wayah Bald April 13.

The service, as in past years, will be conducted at "High Haven," camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, and timed to end just as the sun comes over the rim of the eastern mountains.

The program will be announced as soon as details are completed, the committee announced yesterday.

Approximately 200 persons attended last year's service.

### DEATH CLAIMS ROBERT STAMEY

Was Macon Magistrate 55 Years; Funeral Held Tuesday

Robert Stamey, who had served as a magistrate in this county for 55 years, died about midnight Sunday at his home in the South Skeenah community, after an illness of a week. He was 81 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the Black Mountain Baptist church by the Rev. James I. Vinson and the Rev. Claude Ledford. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Baptist church cemetery.

Born May 14, 1870, Mr. Stamey was the son of Robert R. and Mrs. Elizabeth Stamey, of Clarkesville, Ga. He spent most of his life in this county, and in 1887 was married to Miss Rosette Sanders. He was a member of the Black Mountain church.

Survivors include 120 descendants; four sons, Ernest Stamey, of Franklin, Route 2, and Charlie, Wiley, and Claude Stamey, all of Prentiss; one daughter, Mrs. Leona Sanders, of Franklin, Route 2; one brother, Jake Stamey, of Clarkesville, Ga.; and 35 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. Also

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### TURN PAGES BACK

### Old Records, Taken From Iota School Cornerstone, Tell Story Of Educational Progress There

Another page of Macon County history turned up in a rusty Nabisco tin during the recent razing of the old Iota school building.

Its contents, remarkably preserved after nearly 38 years of entombment, give a cursory history of the Iota schools—from the first, founded in 1901, to the second, which bowed to progress recently as school children abandoned it in favor of a new and modern structure.

Inside the tin were money pledges signed by Iota citizens to rebuild the first structure, which burned in January, 1914;

a yellowed photograph (now on display at The Press office) of school children and teachers standing on the porch of the school before it was destroyed; a copy of the school catalogue for the year 1913-14; a brief penciled background of the first school; the cornerstone laying program for the new school; and a copy of The Franklin Press, April 8, 1914, containing a story of the planned cornerstone ceremony.

The biscuit tin was sealed in the cornerstone of the second school at ceremonies April 10, SEE NO. 1, PAGE 4

### Board Of This County Appointed

Siler Slagle, Lee Barnard, and A. R. Higdon are the members of the newly-appointed Macon County board of elections. They were appointed last Saturday by the State Board of Elections.

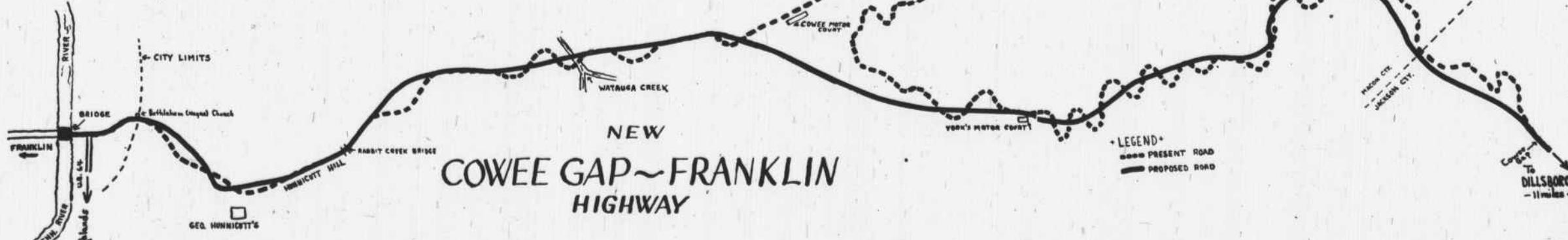
Mr. Slagle, named just prior to the general election two years ago to fill a vacancy on the board, is the present chairman. Mr. Barnard succeeds Walter Bryson as the second Democratic member. Mr. Higdon, reappointed, is the Republican member.

The board, which will be responsible for holding this year's primary and general elections, is expected to meet Saturday, April 12, to organize and appoint registrars and judges for the primary election May 31.

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### NEW COWEE GAP~FRANKLIN HIGHWAY



**WHERE NEW COWEE MOUNTAIN ROAD WILL GO**—Shown above is a sketch of the route of the proposed Cowee Gap-Franklin highway. Contract for the new nine-mile stretch, which in general will follow the roadbed of the old highway, is expected to be let in the spring, according to highway officials. The dotted line in the sketch

designates the route of the present highway, the solid line, the proposed route. At points where the two roads merge into a solid line, the proposed highway follows the path of the present one. Several curves in the above drawing have been exaggerated for the sake of clarifying the positions of both roads. When completed, the proposed high-

way, a 22-footer with 10-foot shoulders on each side, will chop about one mile from the present distance from Franklin to Cowee Gap, highway officials said, adding that the project will involve the excavation of an estimated million yards of dirt.

### COOPERATION RESULTS CITED BY GOVERNOR

90-Mile Tour In 8 Hours Contrasts With Scott Visit In 1917

In 1917 a horse and buggy brought a North Carolina citizen, W. Kerr Scott, here for a visit.

Thirty-five years later the same citizen returned in a limousine, this time as governor of his state.

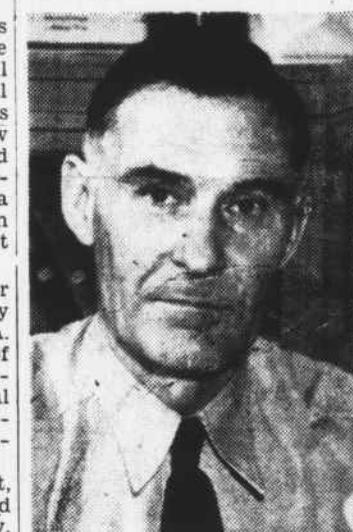
By way of contrast, Tuesday's tour of Macon County schools by Gov. W. Kerr Scott and Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, was indicative of the state's progress.

The two state officials covered more than 90 miles on the tour in about eight hours, making brief speeches at each of 11 schools. This most assuredly couldn't have been done in the horse and buggy days!

North Carolina's progress in schools, roads, and hospitals is the result of its cooperative people, the governor emphasized at each school, and he requested that each school

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### NAMED PRESIDENT



E. W. RENSHAW  
Mr. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, was elected president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the new board of directors last Wednesday night. He succeeds J. C. Jacobs. Frank B. Duncan was named vice-president, and Oscar Ledford was reelected treasurer. The new directors, chosen in a mail ballot of members, are Mr. Renshaw and Mr. Ledford, named for two years each, and Lee Wood, W. W. Reeves, and W. G. Burrell, for one-year each. Completing the board are Mr. Duncan and Claude Bolton, who presided at Wednesday's session, whose terms extend for another year. Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Reeves were named a committee to prepare a tentative 1952 budget.