

SCHOOL LAND OWNERSHIP IS DISPUTED

May Heirs Contesting Board's Right To Property

Ownership of the old Nantahala school property, recently put up for sale at public auction, is in dispute, it was disclosed at Monday's meeting of the county board of education.

Contesting the school board's title to the tract in the Nantahala township are the J. M. May heirs, being represented by attorneys J. Horner Stockton and C. Banks Finger.

The school board claims ownership by a condemnation proceeding filed in the clerk of court's office June 25, 1923, according to Board Chairman Bob S. Sloan.

In a letter to the chairman, Mr. Stockton explained his clients' stand:

"I believe that if you will investigate this matter thoroughly you will find that my clients do have a title to the property and entitled to the possession thereof, since the school has been abandoned. It was being used for school purposes with the permission of the owner and with the agreement that when it was ceased to be used for school purposes the board of education would have no further right thereto, so I am informed."

According to records in the clerk's office, a petition requesting that the tract be condemned was filed by the board of education May 21, 1923. Damages were assessed by a three-man jury at \$200 before the final proceeding was filed in June of that year.

At Monday's brief session, the board named a three-man committee to oversee the sale of five school lots behind the new Highlands school, with the final approval of any sales resting with the board. Appointed were Walter Bryson, education board member, Fred Edwards, and Sid McCarty.

Following the business session board members visited the Chapel (Negro) school property and tentatively selected the site for a new school. County School Supt. Holland McSwain said the new structure probably will be erected between the present building and the highway in order to provide ample space behind the school for a playground.

C. Of C. Member Drive Gets Under Way Today

The annual membership solicitation for the Franklin Chamber of Commerce will get under way this (Thursday) afternoon, it was announced yesterday. B. L. McGlamery heads the drive.

SPEAKER SAYS U. S. VICTIM OF SINISTER COMMUNIST PLOT

The United States is the victim of a sinister plot by Communists and Socialists to "control the minds, bodies, and souls" of its citizens, Robert J. Putnam charged in a talk at a combined Rotary-Lions club dinner meeting at the Slagle Memorial building Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. Putnam is public relations director for the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, Canton.

Using a series of printed posters to illustrate his talk, Mr. Putnam, speaking with the fervor of a religious evangelist, held his audience for more than an hour.

Taking as his topic, "Our Problem", he said the problem of America is to "recognize the danger of materialistic Socialism and Communism to our American way of life and to act accordingly."

The problem, he said, was pointed out at a freedom forum at Harding college, Searcy, Ark., at which four objects were outlined:

"To identify encroaching Socialism and Communism; to point out the superiority of the American way of life; to understand the American way of life; and to preserve the American way of life."

Using the words "socialism" and "communism" almost interchangeably, the speaker said:

Win In Race For School Board



CLAUDE W. CABE



JOHN M. ARCHER, JR.



NEVILLE BRYSON

NIGHT PATROL IS PLANNED BY ALDERMEN

Adopt Privilege Tax Schedule At Brief Meeting Friday

A systematic night patrol of Franklin was mapped and the 1952-53 privilege tax schedule was approved at a brief called meeting of the board of aldermen Friday night.

The board's regular meeting Monday night was cancelled because a number of aldermen planned to be out of town.

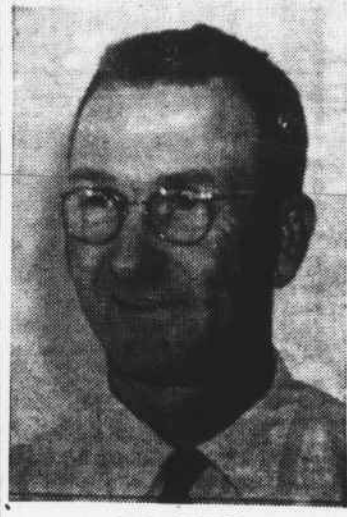
Under a system outlined by aldermen, the town's night policemen will patrol the town, checking in at certain "key" stations with a watchman's clock. The stations were not disclosed for security reasons and aldermen said the policeman would be instructed to stagger his rounds and not establish a definite pattern to the patrol.

The privilege tax schedule, which annually raises about \$2,500, was revised to cover new businesses that have gone into operation here in the past year before being approved.

A faulty sewer complaint at the home of Phil McCollum was turned over to Water Superintendent Herman Childers for immediate corrective measures.

A request for gravel on Lyle street from Mrs. Joseph W. Fouts, who plans to operate a kindergarten at her home, was placed with the street committee for investigation.

The board set its next meeting date at June 16.



A. A. SILER



J. C. SORRELLS

Names Of 137 Pupils Appear On Franklin's Honor List

The names of 137 pupils appear on the honor roll for the final grading period of the year in the Franklin schools, Principal R. G. Sutton, announced this week.

To be eligible for the honor roll a pupil must maintain an average of 90 in class work, the principal explained.

The roll follows, by grades:

Fourth: Max Gladwell, Arthur Hays, Douglas Slagle, Brenda Cunningham, Barbara Duncan, Virginia Guffie, Jane Long, Jo Ann McClure, Margaret Simonds, Doris Sprinkle, Gary Calloway, Sandy Kinney, Tommy McCollum, John Phillips, Anne Dean, Joyce Pendergrass, Willie Jean Sprinkle.

Fifth: Ruth Tallent, Katrina Elmore, Ann Hall, Nancy Siler, Ann Sutton, Frances Whittington, Jacqueline Clark, Dwain Horsley, Rebecca Reeves, Judy Wurst, Barbara Wallace, Grace Wilkes, Dickie McWilliams, John Killian, Edward Shope, Billy Davis, Dick Wallace.

Sixth: Franklin McSwain, Gary McKelvey, Joann Burrell, Claudette McNeal, Perry Wiggins, Catherine Emory, Wayne Taylor, Rachel Brown, Beverly Bryson, Carolyn Dowdie, Myrtle Dryman, Janet Greene, Louise Long, Susie Kate Mashburn, Betsy Russell, Frances Tallent.

Seventh: Luana Baker, Randolph Bulgin, Lewis Cabe, Edith Christy, Helen Cochran, Jackie Dockery, Billy Gosnell, Evelyn Joines, Margaret Jones, Richard Patton, Jeanne Russell, Jim Ty-

singer, Clyde Wiggins, Tom Hunnicutt.

Eighth: Bill Mendenhall, Monroe McClure, Bobby Stanfield, John Tippet, Marjorie Moody, Ruth Snyder, Paulette Ward, Beverly Stockton, Tommy Gnuise, Joan Dryman, Dale Edwards, Tom Hunnicutt.

Ninth: Mildred Childers, Carolyn Cochran, Jake Henry, Betty Hurst, Leonard Long, Joan Henderson, Caroline Reece, Anna Setser, Shirley Shepard, Jessie Stiwinter, Carol Stockton, Edna Earl Stouemire, Virginia Swanson, Bobbie Gray Tallent, Martha Vinson.

Tenth: Charles Conley, Louetta Browning, Jean Blaine, Clara Anderson, Betty Jennings, Raymond Ledford, Eugene McDonald, Holland McSwain, Jimmie Sherrill, Carlene Sorrells, Norma Jean Welch, Annette Dalrymple, Ruth Edwards, Betty Jean Henson, Marilyn Higdon, Thad Dowdie, Richard Gibson, Max Henderson, Clyde Houston.

Eleventh: Joyce Baldwin, Myra Crawford, Annie Ruth Dean, Shirley Dean, Mildred Gregory, Ann Hays, Bryan Hurst, Selma Ann Ledford, Jack Love, Kenneth McMeans, Julia Moody, Ray Moses, Max Phillips, Lee Poindexter, Barbara Pannell, Patty Phillips, Nancy Ramsey, Evelyn Ray, Peggy Solesbee.

Twelfth: Don Henry, Charlotte Love, Georgia Nell McDonald, Martha Ann Stockton, Clara Jo Waters, Joyce Welch, Johnny Dills, Leshar Green, John Henderson.

Three Changes In Local Bus Schedule Are Announced

Three bus schedule changes have been made—one eliminating a long wait in Asheville for passengers Franklin-bound, it has been announced.

In the past, the earliest bus out of Asheville for Franklin has been 2:10 p. m., causing bus travelers to spend a morning of thumb-twiddling in the big city. Under the new schedule, a bus will leave Asheville at 6:15 a. m., arriving here at 8:35.

Another bus will leave Franklin for Asheville, via Highlands, at 9 a. m., arriving at 11:59.

The Asheville-bound bus which formerly left Franklin at 1 p. m. now leaves here at 12:55 p. m., reaching Asheville at 3:25.

Announce New Closing Hours For Post Office Lobby, Starting June 16

The Franklin post office lobby will be closed at 7 p. m. week days and at 6 p. m. Sundays, starting June 16, it was announced this week.

At present the lobby is being closed at 9 p. m. E. W. Long, postmaster, announced this week that he has been authorized by the post office department to close the front doors to the lobby at the earlier hours.

REUNION PLANNED
The Gibson reunion will be held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Nancy Carden in the Liberty community, Mrs. Frank I. Murray, secretary, has announced.

Mrs. Carden is the only living direct descendant of the John Stewart Gibson family of 15 children.

Umstead Wins Macon And N. C. Majorities

Catholic

Bishop Purchases Lot For Church Here

A Catholic church is expected to be built here in the near future.

A lot on the northeast corner of Wayah Street and the old Georgia Road was sold last week by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Duncan to the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, of Raleigh, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of North Carolina.

Sale price of the lot, according to documentary stamps on a deed filed with the register of deeds, was approximately \$4,000.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO WAR DEAD

V. F. W. Post Conducts Special Service At Union School

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars post paid tribute to the country's war dead at a special Memorial Day service Friday morning at Union school.

At a ceremony preceding the special service, the school was presented a flag pole by the post and an American flag by the newly-formed Union Boy Scout troop.

More than 75 attended the joint Memorial Day feature, which began at 8 o'clock, and the program included a talk by the Rev. R. L. Poindexter and the pledge of allegiance by members of the Scout troop.

Mrs. Lucy Bradley, Union principal, accepted the flag and flag pole on behalf of the school.

Giving flag poles to Macon schools is a V. F. W. project. W. W. Reeves, commander, said the post hopes to present poles to all schools before the beginning of the next school year. Cullasaja school received one at a recent May Day ceremony.

W. Sierks, 82, Wayah Lodge Owner, Dies

News of the death of William Sierks, of Wayah Bald lodge, has been received by Mrs. Gladys Penland, of the lodge.

Mr. Sierks, native of Holland and one-time ship captain, died Thursday morning of last week in St. Francis hospital at Miami, Fla., following a long illness. He was 82.

Funeral services were held in New York Monday, and burial was on Long Island.

Mr. Sierks came here from Miami for the summers for a number of years before building Wayah Bald lodge. The structure, with a capacity for about 25 guests, has been in operation four or five years.

Mrs. Sierks, it is understood, will arrive here soon to open the lodge for the season.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Sierks is survived by a daughter, in Florida, two daughters in New Jersey, and a son in New York, all by a former marriage.

SING PLANNED

The regular second Sunday singing convention will be held at the Newman's Chapel Baptist church at 1:45 p. m., Gene Southard, secretary - treasurer, has announced.

WINS NOMINATION



W. B. UMSTEAD

Legion Team Wins Opener At Cherokee

The American Legion Junior Baseball team scratched off the first of a 12-game series Monday afternoon by walloping Cherokee 27 to 7 over at the Indian village.

Seeking revenge for the smarting defeat, the Cherokee lads came here yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon for Franklin's first home game of the season. Outcome of the game was not known at press time.

Sparkplugging the locals to Monday's win was Left Fielder Richard Russell, who racked up five hits in six trips to the plate and scored four runs. His sixth trip was a walk.

Moundsman Roger Tallent, who gave up 10 hits in five innings, and Short Stop Dan Gibson both blasted out four hits in four trips.

Wayne Stewart replaced Tallent in the hurling department and allowed only four hits in four innings, putting the game on ice with seven strike-outs.

The box:

Franklin	AB	H	R
Womack, 2b	5	2	3
Russell, lf	6	5	4
Gibson, ss	4	4	4
Phillips, cf	7	3	1
Renshaw, c	7	2	3
Hunnicut, 3b	6	3	2
Raby, 1b	5	2	2
Poindexter, rf	2	1	2
Tallent, p	4	4	4
Siler, 2b	3	0	1
Mendenhall, lf	0	0	0
Mehaffey, cf	2	0	0
Fenney, lf	1	0	0
Hunnicut, 3b	1	1	0
Gnuise, 1b	0	0	0
Stewart, p	1	0	1
Swindell, rf	1	0	0
Corbin, rf	0	0	0
Totals	55	27	27

Burning Truck On NC 28 Extinguished By Firemen

The local fire department was called about 8:30 a. m. yesterday (Wednesday) to extinguish a burning truck about two miles south of Franklin on NC 28. Damage to the truck, owned by Dickerson, Inc., a concern doing road work in the county, was not determined.

OFF TO SCHOOL

Miss Doris Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gribble, of Franklin, Route 2, and Miss Lucille Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Edwards, of Franklin, Route 3, left Saturday for Atlanta to enter Adolph's Harper Method Beauty school.

Mule And Car In Dispute; Mule Killed, Driver Hurt

Which has the right-of-way on the highway, a car or a mule?

James Shields, of the Blossomtown community, wound up in the hospital after an encounter with one of the balky creatures about midnight Monday on the Georgia road and he probably has the answer.

His car and the mule met headon. The mule lost!

Mr. Shields received treatment at Angel clinic for glass cuts and neck injury, suffered when the mule was bounced over the car hood and into the windshield by the impact. He was released Tuesday.

Damage to his 1950 automobile was estimated at \$300. The mule was owned by Paul Coggins.

Bryson, Cabe, Siler Sorrells, Archer On School Body

In the Democratic primary Saturday, Macon County followed the lead of the rest of the state in giving former U. S. Sen. William B. Umstead a green light for the governorship.

The 57-year-old Durham attorney collected 1,119 of Macon's 2,020 votes cast, to edge out former Superior Court Judge Hubert E. Olive, who received 821. A third candidate, Manley R. Dunaway, of Charlotte, got 23 votes.

A second primary seems assured to settle the races of lieutenant governor, state supreme court associate justice, the congressional seat from the 12th district, and the 33rd district state senator seat.

Should a run-off materialize, it will be held June 23.

In the 12-candidate fight here for the nomination to the five-member county board of education, Neville Bryson, of Highlands, led the field with 1,044 votes. Others receiving nomination and their vote were Claude W. Cabe, of Otter 952; A. A. Siler, of Franklin, 871; Incumbent J. C. Sorrells, of Co-wee, 936; and John M. Archer, Jr., of Franklin, 907.

In the four races that may be run off in a second primary, the top men were: Luther H. Hodges and Roy Rowe, in the lieutenant governor's race; George A. Shuford and Frank M. Parker, in the 12th congressional district race; Dr. J. H. Crawford and R. B. Jack Morpheus, in the 33rd district senatorial race; and R. Hunt Parker and William H. Bobbitt, for associate justice of the state supreme court.

In the local school board race, unsuccessful candidates: and their vote were Calvin Roland, of Franklin, 638; Mrs. Roy Phillips, of Highlands, 529; Mrs. Joseph W. Fouts, of Franklin, 415; W. C. Cahoun, of Franklin, Route 3, 676; Charles A. Jacobs, of Nantahala, 810; Incumbent Charles W. Nolen, of Cartoogechaye, 773; and James R. Norris, Jr., of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, 259.

Voting here was comparatively light and spasmodic. The unofficial count-out was completed about 1 a. m. Sunday. Past elections have turned it into an all-night and Sunday affair.

In the 33rd district senate race, Claude Dayton received the backing of the county with 615 votes, but Dr. Crawford and Mr. Morpheus battled it out in Swain, Cherokee, Clay, and Graham, putting Mr. Morpheus close enough to call for a runoff. All three candidates were from Graham this year under a district rotation bill passed in the 1951 general assembly.

In a telephone interview yesterday (Wednesday) Mr. Morpheus said he would be in the running if a second primary is called.

The 12th congressional district race for the seat now held by Rep. Monroe M. Redden, who is retiring, saw Mr. Shuford keep a slight lead in the three-man field, but not a majority. Friends of the runnerup, Mr. Parker, say he probably will enter a runoff.

In this race, Macon threw its support behind the loser, L. Dale Thrash, former 10th division highway commissioner. The count here was, Mr. Thrash, 690; Mr. Shuford, 676; and Mr. Parker, 287.

In a statement this week, Mr. Thrash said he would throw his support behind Mr. Parker if a second primary is called.

C. Tom Bryson, this county's representative to the 1951 general assembly, who was unopposed in the primary, received 1,346 votes.

Sgt. Evans Returns To New Mexico Base After Furlough Here

S. Sgt. Carl H. Evans, Jr., has returned to Holloman Air Force base, New Mex., after spending a furlough here with his wife and family, of Franklin, Star Route.