

## QUESTIONS ON REGISTRATION ARE ANSWERED

### Books Open October 11 For General Election November 4

The political lather for the November general election will be whipped to a creamy consistency with the opening of registration books a week from Saturday—but the election finds Macon voters old hands at the voting game with memories of the Democratic primary and resulting run-off in the spring.

By law, registration books must be open the fourth, third, and second Saturdays before election day, so that means October 11—18—25, with election day, November 4, shining as a bright red-letter date on political calendars.

Since the May primary, an increasing number of Maconians have been overheard asking:

"I registered for the town election. Must I register again for the county election?"

Answer. YES. Town and county registrations are separate and distinct. Check and make sure you are registered on the county books.

"Do I have to register again for the November election, I voted in the primary?"

Answer: If a voter registered prior to the primary, THIS REGISTRATION SUFFICES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, as well as the primary.

And these too:  
"I've been out of the county working up North. Am I still registered here?"

"I've only lived here a short time. Am I eligible to vote?"

These and a host of other questions concerning registration may be answered by thumbing through a "Guidebook for SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

## MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

A couple of Franklin citizens were overheard discussing the construction of the new Franklin-Cowee Gap highway this week.

"I read in The Press", remarked one "that local motorists will be able to travel over the old road at their own risk for the next month."

"That's nothing new", the other pointed out, "We've been going over that road at our own risk for the last couple of years."

The Nantahala Power and Light company has bird trouble. A woman called up this week to report that birds were blowing fuses in one section of the county. It seems our feathered friends have been roosting by the hundreds on power lines and when they suddenly take off the lines bob up and down, touching other power lines—bingo, blown fuses!

Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey has the following reminder in a prominent place on his desk in the town office:

God gave man five senses—touch, sight, taste, smell, and hearing. The successful man has two more, Horse and Common.

Is your faith in humanity slipping?

Do you wonder sometimes just how many honest people there are in the world?

Are you inclined to feel that those who are honest are that way only when they can't get by with dishonesty?

If the question to those questions is "yes", then consider something that happened in Franklin a few days ago—maybe you'll change your mind:

"Here's two dollars I owe you", a man said to Principal R. G. Sutton, of Franklin High school, holding out two one-dollar bills.

"What is this for?" Mr. Sutton wanted to know.

"Two of us sat in my car, outside the fence, the other night and saw the ball game", came the reply. "I owe you for two tickets."

## Dr. Slagle Temporary Health Man

Dr. Richard D. Slagle, a native of Macon County, who is practicing medicine in Sylva, has been named acting health officer of Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, local health department officials have announced.

He succeeds Dr. Carl C. Janowsky recently resigned to accept the post of health officer in Burke county. Dr. Janowsky, who served here three years, assumed his new duties October 1.

Dr. Slagle, son of Mrs. Henry Slagle and the late Mr. Slagle, of Franklin, Route 1, is a graduate of Cornell university and practiced in Puerto Rico before entering the navy during World II. He was discharged from service with the rank of commander.

He and his wife and their four children have been living in Sylva for about five years.

## HIGHLANDS MAN HURT IN KOREA

### Wounded In "Old Baldy" Battle; Is In Tokyo Hospital

Frederick H. Seder, son of Mrs. W. K. Kernan, of Highlands, was seriously wounded about September 22 in the battle of "Old Baldy" in Korea.

He is now in a hospital in Tokyo, Japan.

In a telephone conversation last week, the young soldier, who was wounded while on patrol duty at the front, assured his mother that he was all right and would be home soon. However, a physician at the Tokyo hospital told Mrs. Kernan her son lost his right arm and suffered a number of superficial wounds.

## ROTARY 25TH FETE PLANNED

### Club To Hold Silver Anniversary Meet October 22

The Franklin Rotary club will celebrate its 25th birthday as a special ladies' night program the evening of October 22.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. C. Sylvester Green, executive vice-president of the Medical Foundation of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Plans for the observance are being made by an arrangements committee made up of John M. Archer, Jr., R. S. Jones, and J. S. Conley. Mr. Conley is the only member of the club with a continuous 25-year membership.

Phases of the program have been assigned by the arrangements committee, as follows:

President Don Smith will serve as toastmaster. Holland McSwain will introduce the guest speaker, Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Biddle will decorate Slagle SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

## OLD FOLKS WILL GATHER ON SUNDAY: HISTORY WILL FLOW

A flash-back on more than a half century of Macon County history is expected Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Franklin Presbyterian church when the county's old folks gather for a "Fellowship Hour". Only those 65 years "young" or over are invited to attend the gathering, which is being sponsored county-wide by interested citizens, who hope to make it an annual affair.

Foremost on the afternoon's program is a social hour, planned especially to bring together old friends who haven't seen each other in years. And in all probability, the social hour will be marked by a flood of stories about people and the county in the "good old days" as old friendships are renewed. Refreshments will be served.

Oh yes—there will be prizes too, for the "youngest" present



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, but this motorist's eye view of a detour sign is being welcomed by Macon County. It means that construction is getting under way on the new \$618,000 highway (US 23) from Franklin to the Jackson county line at Cowee Gap. While all through traffic is now being detoured through Bryson City, local motorists may still travel the highway until about the first of November, according to S. T. Usry, resident state highway engineer. However, he warned that equipment crossing the highway may cause short delays, and he asked motorists to drive carefully. The picture was made at the intersection of US 23 and 64 (Highlands road).

## Lions Club Plans White Cane Drive

The Franklin Lions club will launch its annual White Cane drive for the blind here Monday night with a stepped-up door-to-door canvass of homes. One third of the club's collections will be returned to aid the blind in Macon County, and the remainder will go to the North Carolina State Association for the Blind for use in state work.

The Lions plan to visit homes from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. The White Cane drive is sponsored state-wide by the more than 300 Lions clubs and their more than 13,000 members. The state association was organized by Lions in 1934 and is a non-profit lay group entirely supported by the once-a-year drive. The reason for its organization and the purpose of its existence is work for the blind on a state-wide basis.

## Chaplain Will Address Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter On October 20

The Rev. Alban Richey, chaplain at the state hospital for alcoholics at Butler (formerly Camp Butler), will speak at a meeting of the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous October 20 and at a public meeting the following day.

The hour and place of the public meeting will be announced later.

## LOCALS BEAT HAYESVILLE

### Panthers Take Football Game 20 To 0; Play Sylva Friday

Pile-driving line play, perfectly coordinated with a touchdown-happy backfield, made football harmony Friday night in Hayesville as the Franklin High Panthers merrily rolled along to a 20 to 0 victory over the Hayesville grid machine.

The game, which despite the lopsided score smacked with good, hard football, stretched the Panthers' winning streak to four games.

Tomorrow (Friday) night the Panthers invade Jackson county where the Sylva Golden Hurricane sits in the driver's seat football-wise. Game time is 8 o'clock.

An estimated 250 to 300 Macon County football fans, shivering in the nippy night air, watched as the Panthers removed the sting of the Hayesville Yellow Jackets with the offensive antics of backfielders Sammy Henderson and Carroll Keener.

The Panthers shoved over a touchdown in each of the first three quarters and threatened several other times to push the score even higher.

Henderson, a spunky and swivel-hipped 162-pound full-back, ripped off all three touchdowns. SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12

## Church Board Names Sloan As Chairman

W. N. Sloan was elected chairman of the official board of the First Methodist church here for the coming year, at a meeting of the new board Sunday night. He succeeds Rufus Snyder.

Miss Laura M. Jones was named secretary, and Henry W. Cabe was reelected treasurer.

A budget of \$10,500 for the year was tentatively adopted.

The official board, under action taken by the Methodist church last spring, is now made up of the stewards, the trustees, officials of the church and Sunday school, and representatives of various church organizations.

## PLAN HOMECOMING

A homecoming is planned Sunday, October 12, at the Newman's Chapel Baptist church. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. J. I. Vinson in the morning and singing will feature the afternoon session.

## Will Start Bonny Crest Sewer Deal

The proposed Bonny Crest sewer extension and parking and speeding problems caught most of the attention of the Franklin board of aldermen in regular session Monday night.

As a preliminary to beginning the Bonny Crest project, the board moved to start obtaining right-of-way agreements from property owners and instructed Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey to order pipe for the job.

Reported speeding by motorists on narrow Bidwell street prompted the board to set a 25 mile-per-hour limit on the street. After pointing out that a lot of children play along the street and that speeding is endangering their lives, Mayor W. C. Burrell requested The Press to ask the cooperation of everyone in observing the new speed limit. He also asked residents of Bidwell to park their automobiles off the street at night because they constitute a hazard on the narrow street.

The board also discussed the illegal parking of automobiles on Wayah street, near Franklin High school, during the school's night football games, and ordered police to enforce a town ordinance prohibiting parking along the street.

A lot of the board's time was devoted to Franklin's parking situation—"a case of just too many automobiles", remarked Alderman Verlon Swafford. In order to have a fairly rapid turnover in parking around the county courthouse, the board ordered police to enforce a one-hour time limit, and to crack down on double parking.

The possibility of the town maintaining parking lots was brought up but no official action was taken. However, the SEE NO. 4, PAGE 12

## Cullasaja Will Get Lunchroom

### COUNTY HOME SITE WANTED

#### Delegation Pays Visit To Board About Old Home Conditions

Wanted—five or six acres of land suitable for the site of a new Macon county home. Apply to the board of county commissioners.

This is, in essence, what the county commissioners have been looking for some time, Board Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin told a delegation which appeared at the board's regular meeting Monday morning to plea for the county to "do something" about bad living conditions at the old county home on the Georgia road.

"But, we haven't been able to find a suitable place", the chairman said.

The delegation, composed of representatives from various county churches, also included a number of women who recently visited the county home to look things over.

A grand jury report at the August term of superior court called attention to conditions at the home and several churches decided to ban together and see if something could be worked out to make life easier for the eight staying at the home. Among other things, the jury report said the home was in bad need of repair.

A member of the delegation, Mrs. Roy Biddle, explained the delegation's position to the commissioners and commented "we wonder what can be done". "We wonder the same thing ourselves", Mr. Baldwin answered. He said the county has been trying to locate a suitable place SEE NO. 5, PAGE 12

## Missionary To Malaya Speaks This Evening

First hand experiences of how Christian Missions has coped with cannibals and headhunters will be told here tonight (Thursday) at the Macon County Methodist Missionary institute by the Rev. Herbert F. Kuehn, who has spent 18 years as missionary in Malaya.

The institute will meet at the Franklin Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Kuehn has known the work first hand of Christian Missions to the island of Sumatra, a former island of cannibals, and the more recent work among the headhunters of Borneo. His talk will center around the progress made with these primitive peoples.

Other speakers on the program include the Rev. Horace R. McSwain, conference missionary secretary of the W.N.C. conference, the Rev. Ernest Yowantz, pastor of the Waynesville Methodist church and district missionary secretary.

The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Waynesville district, will have the devotional.

All ministers of county churches will attend the institute, along with members of their churches.

### Commissioners Submit Proposal; School Board Accepts

A proposal advanced by the board of county commissioners to provide approximately \$8,000 for construction of a lunchroom at Cullasaja school was accepted by the county board of education in regular session Monday morning.

Under the agreement, the board of commissioners will take the money to build the lunchroom out of the general fund, letting the school board repay the indebtedness with court fines and forfeitures, which are earmarked by law for the schools.

A delegation of some 35 patrons of Cullasaja school appeared at both the meetings of the commissioners and school board, with George Mallonee acting as spokesman.

Once the plan had been outlined to the delegation, the commissioners went into joint session with the school board and explained the proposal. School Board Chairman Bob S. Sloan and member, Walter Bryson, of Highlands, were not present at the session.

By accepting the proposal, the school board increased its indebtedness to the county to approximately \$14,000. According to W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the commissioners, the school board still owes the county \$6,000 for school buses purchased this year. He said \$3,000 of the bus debt has been paid.

All fines and forfeitures will go back to the general fund until the debt is paid off.

It will take an estimated \$8,000 to build the school lunchroom. Plans call for using some building materials left over from the construction of other schools in the county. Members of the Cullasaja delegation said the school P.T.A. would be willing to furnish the lunchroom.

Cullasaja school was built in 1947 and the community has been trying to get a lunchroom for several years.

## OPERA GROUP COMING HERE

### Plan Three Performances October 20 At East Franklin School

Three performances of the production, Don Pasquale, will be presented here October 20 by the Grass Roots Opera company under the sponsorship of the local unit of the N. C. Education association.

Proceeds will be used to purchase a record player and record library for use by the county schools, according to Mrs. Roberta Parker, Macon N.C.E.A. president.

All three performances will be held at the East Franklin school auditorium. Two are planned for children, one at 10 a. m., the other at 1:15 p. m. An evening show for adults is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

The opera company, which is administered by the extension division of the University of North Carolina, presented "School for Lovers" here in the spring under the auspices of the local education unit.

## Local Navy Man Gives Five Gallons Of Blood

Chief Hospitalman Thomas Russell Turpin, son of Mrs. Belle Turpin, of Franklin, has donated a total of five gallons of blood—a pint at a time, from Yokasuka, Japan, to New York City—according to a navy announcement received here.

The Franklin native gave his 40th pint Tuesday at the Mare Island blood bank in Vallejo, Calif. He presently is attached to the USS Chikaskia, a navy oiler, which recently returned from Korean waters.

According to the navy an-

nouncement, the chief petty officer's prior 39 pints were donated in so many places the list resembles a travelogue. Among the places listed on his credentials are the Bethesda Naval hospital, Washington, D. C.; Pearl Harbor; Yokasuka, Japan; Truk, in the Caroline Islands; Gibraltar in a British hospital; aboard the destroyer USS Maury; the Bellevue hospital in New York City; the Los Angeles Medical center; the blood bank in Hawaii; Guam; Portsmouth, Va.; and San Diego, Calif.



"For gosh sakes be quiet! The wife'll strangle me for not renewing our subscription to The Franklin Press."