

Court Convenes Here On Monday

Judge Gwyn Faces Light Criminal Docket; 25 Drunk Driving

Judge Allen Gwyn, of Reidsville, will face a comparatively light criminal docket when the April term of superior court opens here Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventy-six cases, 25 involving drunk driving, are scheduled for trial during the criminal session, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court, and she added that more may be added to the docket between now and the opening of the term.

Twenty-one cases are listed on the civil docket, including 11 divorces.

Following are criminal cases listed on the docket:

Drunk driving: Charles Burgess, Bobby Joe Stewart, Carl Holland (also leaving scene of accident), Carlton Sanders, James D. Dills, Lloyd Zachary, Doyle Painter, A. C. Ivestor, June M. Welch, Charles E. Johnson, George B. Bates (also careless and reckless driving), Lester B. Chappel, Boyd Thompson, Glenn Wilson, Hess Ray, Harvey Green, Frank Scott, Samuel E. Alkens, Robert Glen Owens, A. L. Jacobs, Ben McClure, Dwight N. Buchanan, Lax Dills (also no driver's license, breaking and entering, violation of prohibition laws, assault with a deadly weapon, resisting an officer), Ivan H. Wyatt, and John Gregory.

Others are G. D. McClure, abandonment; Rufus A. Askew, fraud; Wayne Ledford, abandonment; Ralph Vinson, non-support; Frank Waldroup, forcible trespass; Harold V. Merrill, aiding and abetting drunk driving; William W. Callison, non-support and assault; L. W. Rice, Jr., aiding and abetting drunk driving; Lem Hafer, careless and reckless driving; James Russell Maney, careless and reckless driving; Ernest Bennett, non-support of illegitimate child; Jural Smith and Louise Hall, adultery; Shirley Walter Kerns, abandonment; Charlie William Paul, careless and reckless driving; Howard Hasting, speeding; Joe Albert Shuler, aiding and abetting drunk driving; Eugene T. Keener, manslaughter; Samuel Leonard Gibson, carrying concealed weapon; Harold Swafford, non-support; Claud Louis Calloway, no driver's license; Edgar McCall, assault; Cletis McCall, assault with a deadly weapon; Otis P. Welch, abandonment; Norman P. Fitzgerald, abandonment;

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200 ATTEND H. D. MEETING

Members Come From 3 Counties; Tour Holly Springs

Approximately 200 home demonstration club members from Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties held their annual District 2 federation here yesterday (Wednesday) at the Franklin Methodist Church.

New officers of the district were installed by Mrs. J. S. Gray, former president of the N. C. Federation of H. D. clubs.

Mrs. E. M. McNish, of this county, was named chairman, Mrs. W. J. Grady, of Jackson, vice-chairman, Mrs. George Culbreth, of Swain, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Carl Slagle, of this county, was reelected historian.

The highlight of the afternoon's program was a tour of the Holly Springs community, which tied for fifth place in last year's Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Contest. Preceding this, the women were served lunch at the Holly Springs community building.

In line with the tour of the progressive community was the theme of this year's federation: "All Together for Rural Progress".

A coffee hour in the church basement, arranged by members of the Union-Maple Springs and Iotla clubs, opened the afternoon.

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MURDER TRIAL JURY SELECTED

12 Men And Alternate Picked From Venire Of 100 Citizens

A special 12-man jury and one alternate Monday was selected from a venire of 100 Macon County citizens to decide the fate of a 45-year-old Cherokee County woodcutter, who is charged with the first degree murder of Cherokee Sheriff Frank C. Crawford on March 3.

The accused slayer, Noah Dockery, went on trial Monday in Murphy. Most of the day was spent selecting jurors.

To make the highly-publicized trial as impartial as possible, Macon Sheriff J. Harry Thomas two weeks ago was ordered by the court to summon a venire from this county.

Those serving on the jury are J. B. Brendle and Earl Justice, of Franklin, Route 4, Vernon Bryson, of Cullasaja, Van Vanhook, of Franklin, Route 2, G. B. Dayton, of Franklin, Route 1, Ted Campbell, Morris Ledford, and James (Jim) McCall, of Franklin, Route 3, and Harry Higgins, Nat Phillips, Earl English, and H. W. Cabe, all of Franklin.

The alternate juror, who will serve in the event one of the regular jury drops out because of illness or some other reason, is W. R. Gibson, of Franklin, Route 3.

Dockery is alleged to have killed Sheriff Crawford with a shotgun when the officer came to his house to serve a warrant on him.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Rev. M. W. Chapman and the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, Macon Baptist pastors, plan to attend the Western North Carolina Baptist Pastor's Conference at the Pleasant Balsam Baptist Church near Waynesville on Monday. Both are listed on the program as speakers.

Rural Contest Is Perfected Here Tuesday

A Macon County Rural Community Development Contest organization was perfected at a special meeting Tuesday night in Franklin.

Called by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, the meeting was attended by presidents of the 10 Macon communities entered in the 1953 W. N. C. Rural Community Development Contest, representatives of local civic organizations, and extension service personnel.

After hearing Morris L. McGough, manager of the Asheville Agricultural Council, Inc., explain the community development program and the contest approach used by other W. N. C. counties, the group elected a county council to oversee a local contest and this body in turn named one to raise prize money for the winning communities.

Named to the county council for the contest, which will function as a steering body, were Erwin Patton, president; Walter Taylor, vice-president; County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, secretary; W. W. (Bill) Sloan, treasurer; and John Crawford, Frank Plyler, and W. W. Reeves, representing the American Legion, Franklin Jaycees, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, respectively, as directors. Mr. Patton is president of the Patton community, Mr. Taylor is the Holly Springs leader, and Mr. Sloan is a representative of the Nantahala Power and Light Company.

Presidents of the other eight communities also will serve on the council as directors. They are Fred Bryson, Carson; Charlie Sutton, Clark's Chapel; Woodrow Teague, Prentiss; Roy Potts, West Union; Wallace

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Need Baby Sitter? Franklin Girl Scouts Available

Need a baby sitter? Well, the Girl Scouts of the Franklin Intermediate Troop 4 are looking for babies to sit with as a means of strengthening the troop's financial standing.

Just telephone 382, day or night, and a Girl Scout sitter will be lined up.

Miss Lillian Jones and Mrs. Larry Cabe are the troop leaders.

ALL FRANKLIN ALDERMEN AND MAYOR IN RACE

Registration Starts On Saturday For Election On May 5

Probably for the first time in recent Franklin history, the mayor and the entire board of aldermen have filed for reelection.

Mayor W. C. Burrell and Aldermen Erwin Patton, A. G. Cagle, J. C. Jacobs, Frank Martin, Oscar Ledford, and Verlon Swafford all filed Monday night, during the board's regular meeting, as candidates in the two non-partisan election on May 5.

In the election, voters will select a mayor and six aldermen for two-year terms.

Many of Franklin's older citizens say this is the first time, in their recollection, that all incumbents have decided to run again.

From all outward signs, the election is destined to be one of the quietest in years.

With the filing deadline coming up Saturday, only one other man has announced his candidacy. C. Banks Finger, local attorney, tossed his hat in the ring as a candidate for mayor two weeks ago. In the 1951 election, several men were in the race long before the deadline.

Saturday also will see the opening of registration books, the first of three registration dates. The books will be open the two following Saturdays, April 18 and 25, in the town office in the Bank of Franklin building. April 25 will be challenge day.

John M. Moore is the registrar and J. A. Palmer and L. C. Higdon are judges.

Mayor Burrell is now serving the unexpired term of the late Robert M. Dillard, who died in office in January, 1952.

In the election, Alderman Patton will be running for his fourth two-year term and Alderman Swafford, who is serving as vice-mayor, his third.

The other four men, Mr. Cagle, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ledford, were elected in 1951 and will be seeking their second terms.

SUPPER NETS \$218.75

Saturday night's benefit supper at Iotla School, sponsored by the P. T. A., netted \$218.75, it has been announced.

Forest Merger Protest Carried To Legislators

HEADS DRIVE



B. L. M'GLAMERY

Mr. McGlamery has been named by the board of directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to head this year's membership drive, which will get under way about the middle of the month. The commerce body has adopted an annual budget of \$2,875, with \$1,000 of the amount going for promotional work.

SET 'CLEAN-UP' FOR FRANKLIN

Mayor And Board Pick Week Of April 27 To May 2

"Paint up, fix up, and clean up" will be the standing orders of each day during the week of April 27 to May 2.

That week has been designated by Mayor W. C. Burrell and the board of aldermen as Franklin's official "Clean-Up Week".

In conjunction with the clean-up campaign, the Lions Club will stage a broom sale, according to President Frank Martin. The brooms are made

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Health Center Gets Approval

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said Monday the board has decided to accept the Medical Care Commission's proposal to build a health center here, provided Dr. Edgar Angel will give the county a suitable lot on which to build the center.

Dr. Angel, who two weeks ago said he would give the land to the county, reiterated his offer yesterday (Wednesday) and said he would work out the details with the county.

Under the set-up proposed by the commission, an organization that allocates funds to counties for health centers, Macon would shoulder 19.2 per cent of the total cost of erecting a center.

While no definite plans have been made, the county probably would build a small center, as suggested by the commissions as suitable for a county of this size, at a cost of about \$30,000. The county's share of this would be about \$6,000.

The land offered by Dr. Angel is directly across from Angel Hospital on Riverview Street.

Evangelistic Series Opens Here Sunday

Dr. R. C. Campbell, well-known Shelby evangelist and author, will open a week-long evangelistic series Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. The services will start nightly at 8 o'clock, running through the following Sunday evening, April 19.

Special music is planned each night by the church choir, according to the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor. Miss Evelyn Gidings will be in charge of the music program and Mrs. Bill Bryson will be organist.

A native of Cleveland County, Dr. Campbell is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southwestern Seminary. He has written eight or more books and is one of the best known

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Four 'Encouraged' Over Chances To Keep Offices Here

Four men appointed here Friday by Franklin citizens to protest the consolidation of the Nantahala and Pisgah national forests have made personal contact with three Washington legislators and yesterday (Wednesday) said they were "encouraged over the chances" of keeping the Nantahala headquarters in Franklin.

The four — John M. Archer, Jr., Mark L. Dowdle, R. S. Jones, and Holland McSwain — returned late Tuesday night after talks with Sen. Clyde R. Hoey, Sen. Willis Smith, and Congressman George A. Shuford, who were home for the Easter holidays.

Mr. Archer said all three legislators indicated they were in sympathy with Franklin's plight, and said if the facts have merit "they will go to bat for us."

An announcement last Thursday that the Nantahala Forest and its headquarters here would be taken under the wing of the Pisgah Forest, which has headquarters in Asheville, was received here with stunned disbelief.

Then, as the shock wore off, a determined move to protest the consolidation snowballed.

Friday morning, some 25 citizens met at the county courthouse to map a plan of action. A steering committee, with Mr. Dowdle as chairman, was immediately set up and another committee was appointed to raise money to finance the protest move.

In the meantime, Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, started circulating a protest letter in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Swain, and Transylvania counties, getting the signatures of the chairmen of both the Democrat and Republican parties. Nantahala Forest land lies within all these counties.

The steering committee named at Friday's meeting appointed Mr. Archer, Mr. Dowdle, Mr. Jones, and Mr. McSwain; and instructed them "to go to Washington, if necessary" in an effort to keep the Nantahala headquarters here. In addition to the four, others on the steering committee are George Reece and Jess Shope, chairmen of the county Republican and Democrat parties, respectively. William Katenbrink, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Mayor W. C. Burrell, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, Victor Perry, Franklin Jaycees representative, and A. R. Higdon, member of the state executive committee of the Republican party.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Higdon were appointed to raise money among citizens to finance the protest.

Fortunately for the four-man contact committee, a trip to Washington was not necessary. They found the three legislators home for Easter and contacted Sen. Hoey on Monday in Shelby, Sen. Smith in Raleigh on Tuesday, and talked with Congressman Shuford at his home in Asheville as they returned here late Tuesday night.

Mr. Archer said the next step by the steering committee will be to compile information and figures on the Nantahala Forest for study by the two senators and congressman.

A reported move to take the U. S. mail contract away from the Tallulah Falls Railroad and inaugurate a star route from Franklin to Athens, Ga., also was put before the legislators in the form of a protest, Mr. Archer said. He indicated that possibly something could be done to help the railroad, the only one in this area, keep the contract.

Cartoogechay P. T. A. Plans Super Tuesday And Installation Rite

A "family night supper" is planned Tuesday evening at the Cartoogechay School by the P. T. A., followed by the installation of new officers.

Supper will be served at 7:30 o'clock and all members are asked to bring a covered dish.

The 'Whammy' Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out



The "Whammy", an innocent-looking little black box which has virtually eliminated "how do you know how fast I was going?" from the motorist's vocabulary, arrived in Macon County this week.

Above (center picture) is the speed indicator of the "whammy", which registers the speed of each passing vehicle. When the picture was made, the needle on the indicator was dropping back from 60 m.p.h., and this chain of events followed:

Patrolman V. E. Bryson (left), after checking the speeding car, radioed by portable transmitter (outside patrol car) to Patrolman C. M. Byrd, who was set up about a mile down the highway. Patrolman Byrd (right), having heard the radio description of the speeding car, stopped it and wrote a ticket. In this case, the speeder was from Ohio and he somewhat sheepishly admitted he should have known better, "we have those things in Dayton". After a

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