

Court Unofficially Closes Saturday

Judge Gwyn Finishes Dockets; Cases Are Listed

The April term of superior court, which opened here Monday of last week unofficially closed about 8 o'clock Saturday night when the jury returned its verdict in the last case listed on the civil docket.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn cleaned out the criminal side of the term Wednesday of last week and the remainder of the week was spent in trial of civil matters.

Officially the term is not over until Saturday, leaving the way clear to resume the session in the event some pressing matters warrants such action.

Five divorces were granted by the court during the civil session and the judgment of nonsuit was handed down in the following three cases on the civil docket: Nell Dowell Moses vs William Moses, Jr.; Edna May Sumner vs Charles M. Sumner; Seth Norton vs Melissa S. Norton.

Other civil dispositions included:

Lois E. Burnett vs Glenn West, Asheville Motor Express, Inc., and Calvin Roland, Jr.; plaintiff awarded \$1,100.

Helen Fuller vs Donald Burnett, Glenn West, Atlanta-Asheville Motor Express Inc., and Calvin Roland, Jr.; plaintiff awarded \$600.

Jesse Sanders, et als, vs Dewey McConnell and wife, Nina McConnell; plaintiff awarded \$85.

Rosa Anne Hill, petitioners, vs Helen Hill Norris Thornton, Burwell Thornton, Hazel Hill Sloan, Willit P. Sloan, and Sarah Helen Hill Meacham, and Richard W. Meacham, defendants; jury trial waived, court decreed Rosa Anne Hill owner of one undivided one-eighth interest in tract of land in Horse Cove.

Helen W. Riley vs Richard Holt; plaintiff allowed 45 days to amend original complaint, defendant allowed 30 days to answer.

William L. McCoy vs Stella McCoy; Crawford McCoy substituted as administrator of estate.

H. H. Willis and wife, Alice M. Willis vs Zickgraf Hardwood Company, Inc.; plaintiff awarded \$1,125.

The following cases were continued: Echel Rowland vs Sam Passmore and wife, Dorothy Passmore; A. A. Siler and wife, Lucille Siler, vs J. R. Parrish.

Criminal dispositions follow: Turner Eugene Ramey, Jr., larceny and breaking and entering (three counts), 15 months suspended five years, costs. Defendant ordered to deposit \$1,000 bond for appearance at April, 1958 term, paying amount at rate of \$5 per week into the clerk of court's office for five years. At end of five years, money to be refunded.

John Ramey, larceny and SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

Methodists Plan Week Of Services Here Next Month

Methodist churches in this county plan a week of evangelistic services May 3-7 in connection with the Methodist Evangelistic Mission of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Guest preachers during the series will be from Virginia under a preaching-visitation exchange with ministers of the Waynesville district.

The Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, left last Thursday for King George, Va., where he will hold evangelistic services at the First Methodist Church.

When the May series opens, the Rev. Owen T. Kelly, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Hopewell, Va., will conduct services at the Franklin church.

The Waynesville district also plans a district youth rally in Bryson City on May 2, with Dr. Mack Stokes, of Emory University, as guest speaker.

During the week of May 3-7, services will be held at the Highlands, Asbury, Bethel, and Maiden's Chapel churches. Visiting pastors at these will be announced next week.

Registration Ends Saturday In City Races

Saturday is the last day voters may register if they expect to cast ballots in the May 5 elections in Franklin and Highlands. Saturday also will be challenge day in both towns.

Franklin voters may register in the town office in the Bank of Franklin building. The Highlands' books will be open in the town office in the community recreation building.

Saturday's filing deadline in Highlands brought out three men in the mayor's race and 13, including one woman, for the five-member board of commissioners.

Two men are seeking the mayor's post in Franklin and eight have filed in the alderman contest, including the incumbent six-man board.

All posts in the two towns are for two years.

Highlands Mayor W. H. Cobb, who is ending his fifth term, filed for reelection and will be opposed by H. S. Talley and Henry A. Cleveland. Three members of the incumbent Highlands board of commissioners are seeking reelection—Tudor N. Hall, Harry A. Holt, and Luther W. Rice. Charles J. Anderson and C. Edward Potts did not file for reelection.

The woman filing in the Highlands election was Dr. Jessie Moreland Hedden, dentist. Others seeking seats are J. A. Hodges, Joe Reese, Carter Talley, Carlton Cleveland, John W. Paul, F. A. Edwards, Steve Potts, Frank Crane, and John H. C. Perry.

Mayor W. C. Burrell, who is serving the unexpired term of the late Robert M. Dillard, is opposed in Franklin by C. Banks Finger, attorney.

Members of the incumbent board of aldermen, which filed as a body at its April meeting, are Verlon Swafford, J. C. Jacobs, A. G. Gagle, Frank Martin, Oscar Ledford, and Erwin Patton.

Bill Horsley, Franklin restaurant owner, and T. T. Love, Cowee School principal, filed in the alderman race on April 11, the Franklin deadline.

WELCH ELECTED V. F. W. LEADER

District Meets Sunday Here; Others Get Offices

R. E. (Tony) Welch, of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, has been named district commander of the 17th V.F.W. District, which embraces Buncombe and all counties west.

He was elected here Sunday



afternoon at a district meeting attended by 93 V.F.W. and auxiliary members.

Ed Williams, also of the Macon post, was elected district quartermaster-adjutant and C. Banks Finger, local attorney, judge advocate for the district.

W. W. Reeves, past commander of the local post, was named chief of staff for the district. Auxiliary members, who held their meeting at Slagle Memorial Building, reelected Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum as the district senior vice-president.

Following the business session, auxiliary members served refreshments at the post home on Palmer Street. Mrs. Jessie Sutton, of the Macon auxiliary, was in charge of arrangements.

Bill Introduced To Divide Township Into 4 Precincts

Macon Rep. Walter Dean introduced a bill in the house of representatives on April 14 "to require the board of elections of Macon County to divide Franklin Township into four voting precincts."

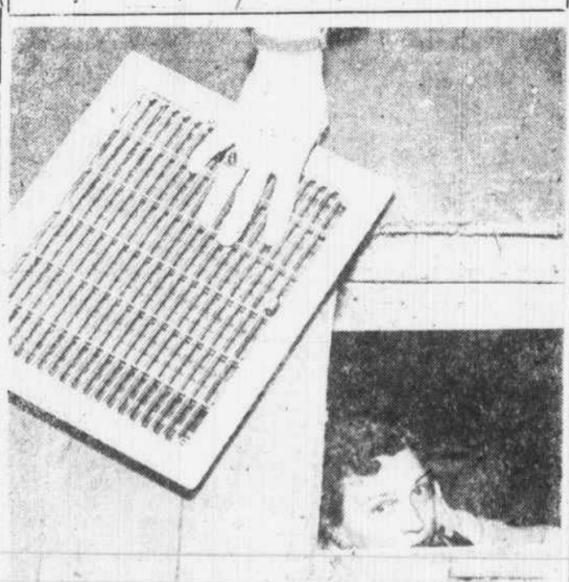
In dividing the township, the bill stipulates the elections board must take into consideration (1) population, (2) number of registered voters, (3) number of voters that should be allocated to each precinct, (4) distance to be traveled by voters in precincts, (5) convenience and availability of precincts to voters, (6) travel expense, and (7) other relevant factors.

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Just Part of a Story



This picture is just part of a story—but it illustrates how the upper rooms at the Macon County home are heated. There are no stoves in the upper bedrooms, the heat from a stove in the lower bedrooms rises through registers in the floor and heats the upper ones. Mrs. Roy Biddle, standing in a lower bedroom at the home looks up through the unique, but unsatisfactory, heating system. Mrs. Biddle was one of several to visit the home Friday. For conditions as this group saw them, turn to the seven-picture spread on the home on the inside of this issue.

New Macon Education Board Sworn In Monday; Sorrells Is Chairman



The new Macon County Board of Education, which was approved by the legislature this week, was sworn in Monday evening in the county school superintendent's office by Miss Kate McGee, clerk of superior court. Members are (L to R) Claude W. Cabe, John M. Archer, Jr., W. N. Bryson, A. A. Siler, and J. C. Sorrells, who was named chairman.

School Wins Music First At Field Day

Franklin High School's music department made a clean sweep in music events at the 7th Annual High School Field Day at Western Carolina Teachers College Friday and Saturday, winning the school's only first place.

The high school placed second in both the Exhibit and Literary divisions. More than 100 students participated in the two-day event, which was sponsored by the college.

Music students received a total of 59 points to win the first place.

Music Director S. F. Beck's students placed as follows:

Instrumental: (Solos) Nancy Angel, flute, good; Bryan Hurst, tuba, superior; Norma Jean Welch, baritone, excellent; Richard Dryman, trombone, excellent; and Bill Zickgraf, trumpet, good. (Ensembles) Flute quartet, Nancy Angel, Beverly Stockton, Cissy Dowdle, and Julia Waldrop, good; trumpet quartet, Bill Zickgraf, Jack Love, Frank McSwain, and Lewis Cabe, good; brass sextet, Charles Baldwin, bass, Norma Jean Welch, baritone, Richard Dryman and Holland McSwain, Jr., trombones, and Jack Love and Bill Zickgraf, trumpets, excellent; trombone quartet, Norma Jean Welch, Bryan Hurst, Richard Dryman, and Holland McSwain, Jr., excellent. (Piano Solos) Laura Lyle, pupil of Mrs. Margaret Cooper, good. (Piano Duets) Carlene Sorrells and Ann Hays, pupils of Mrs. Weimar Jones, superior.

Vocal Ratings: (Solos) Burt Crawford, tenor, good; Betty McCall, alto, good. (Ensembles) Girl's trio, Jean, Joy, and Nancy McCollum, pupils of Mrs. Margaret Cooper, excellent; Boy's quartet, Sam Holland, Bryan Hurst, Jack Love, and Richard Dryman, excellent.

Ratings given in other events: Exhibit Division: pencil sketching, Thomas Higdon, third; water coloring, Bob Stanfield, second; poster designing, senior class project, third. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

SENATOR HITS AT DEAN JP'S

Introduces Bill Friday To Repeal Section On Appointees

Sen. J. H. Crawford, of Graham, introduced a bill Friday in the Senate repealing the section of an act which appointed Macon Rep. Walter Dean's nominees for justices of the peace in this county.

Rep. Dean's bill was ratified on April 2.

Previously, the 33rd district senator had scratched out the Republican nominees put in by Rep. Dean in an omnibus justice of the peace bill and substituted his own. As a result, Rep. Dean put through another bill which passed both houses.

Sen. Crawford's bill was referred to the committee on courts and judicial districts.

CHANCELLOR SPEAKS HERE

Dr. Edward K. Graham, chancellor of Woman's College, Greensboro, addressed Franklin High School students here yesterday (Wednesday) morning in connection with the school's two-day "Career Day" exercises.

Accompanying Dr. Graham were two members of the Woman's College faculty, Miss Catherine Taylor, dean of students, and Miss Julia Barrett, vocational guidance counselor.

Today, the three college officials and a number of business and professional men and women conduct "career classes" at the high school for interested students, giving first hand information. SEE NO. 4, PAGE 12

Negro School Construction Under Way

Workmen began preparations for pouring the footings of the new Chapel (Negro) School last Thursday and the \$58,000 building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the fall.

The two-story building will have three classrooms and a lunchroom. Originally, plans called for the structure to be a one-story affair, with a wing to house the lunchroom. But, rising building costs forced school officials to shift the lunchroom into the basement of the building.

William B. Dillard Construction Company, Sylva, is building the school.

'Buy a Broom, Madam?'



Although members of the Franklin Lions Club aren't planning to sell brooms until the week of April 27-May 2, the town's official "Clean-Up Week", President Frank Martin just couldn't wait to start selling and in the picture above he is applying his salesmanship on Mrs. Claude H. Bolton—a neat trick, because Mrs. Bolton's husband is chairman of the Lions broom sale.

Anglers Get 269 Trout On Opening Day

A chilling wind didn't faze the 52 fishermen who took to the streams in the Wayah Wildlife Management Area with the opening of the trout season Wednesday of last week.

Refuge Assistant Bryan Setser reported the 52 caught 269 trout the opening day.

For the benefit of anglers looking for new waters to fish, the following streams are designated as trout waters in this county:

Little Tennessee River: Cullasaja River, below Cullasaja Falls and 4.5 miles of forest service property above the falls; Cowee Creek, above West's Mill/Tesentee Creek, upper six miles; Cartoogechay Creek, two miles above and below. SEE NO. 5, PAGE 12

DEACONS TO MEET

A county-wide meeting of Baptist deacons is scheduled to night (Thursday) at the Mt. Hope Baptist Church at 7 o'clock. Verlon Swafford, chairman, has announced The Rev. B. S. Hensley, of the Scotts Creek Baptist Church, will be guest speaker.

'CLEAN WEEK' OPENS MONDAY

Lions Plan Broom Sale During Week; Mayor Asks Cooperation

A "spic and span" Franklin will begin to emerge Monday as the town's official "Clean-Up Week" (April 27-May 2) gets under way.

The Lions Club has timed a broom sale to coincide with "Clean-Up Week", and some 50 members of the club will start knocking on the doors of business houses and residences to sell citizens "ammunition" for the "war on dirt".

With an eye to cleaning up the town for the coming tourist season, and to make things more pleasant for townspeople, Mayor W. C. Burrell and the board of aldermen set the week at the board's April 6 meeting. The brooms being sold by the SEE NO. 6, PAGE 12

CLUB WILL MEET

The Methodist Men's Club will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Highlands Methodist Church, Erwin Patton, president, has announced. The Rev. Blake Craft, of Clayton, Ga., will be the guest speaker.

Board Approves District Committees Following Oath Of Office

The new five-man Macon County Board of Education—J. C. Sorrells, John M. Archer, Jr., W. N. Bryson, Claude W. Cabe, and A. A. Siler—was sworn in Monday night and immediately went into session to select its chairman.

Mr. Sorrells, the only member of the outgoing board who was reelected, received the chairmanship by a vote of 3 to 2 in a secret balloting. He was opposed by Mr. Bryson.

Rehiring County School Superintendent Holland McSwain for another two-year term, as required by law, was brought up, but the new board postponed any decision until its meeting on May 4. Members indicated they wanted more time to familiarize themselves with the situation.

Mr. Archer nominated Mr. Bryson as chairman, seconded by Mr. Siler. Mr. Sorrells was nominated by Mr. Bryson with Mr. Cabe's second.

Once the chairmanship was settled, the board moved into the appointment of district school committees, which follows:

District 1 (Franklin): George Byrd, Cowee; Owen Ammons, East Franklin; Harve L. Bryant, Franklin; Edwin Bradley, Iota; J. E. Cabe, Otto; E. E. Crawford, Cartoogechay; Bert Mashburn, Cullasaja; and E. M. T. Union.

District 2 (Nantahala): board appointed slate recommended by Nantahala P. T. A.; Luther Jacobs, Mrs. O. C. Hall, John Wishon, Corman Kilpatrick, and Dwight Waters.

District 3 (Highlands): C. E. Mitchell, O. F. Sumner, and T. C. Harbison.

The board voted to hold its meetings the first Monday in each month at 8 p.m.

Miss Kate McGee, clerk of superior court, administered the oath of office to the board.

PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE

The Highlands Presbyterian Church Tuesday was host to the Asheville Presbytery, which includes churches in 10 counties in Southwestern North Carolina.

Approximately 80 ministers laymen attended the meeting.

The moderator's sermon was delivered by Dr. L. Nelson Bell, of Montreat. The Rev. Robert M. Hart, pastor of the Highlands church, and the Rev. Warren F. Thuston, of Hendersonville, administered the communion service.

In addition to various other matters of importance to the church, Dr. R. E. McClure, executive secretary, reported annual gifts of nearly \$400,000. Annual reports from the Home Mission Committee were presented, and the president of the Mountain Orphanage gave the financial report of that institution.

In the statistical summary of the churches, Dr. McClure's report showed a net increase of more than four per cent in total membership, and an additional membership of 600 during the year. The Sunday School enrollment, Dr. McClure said, has increased seven per cent with a total of more than 5,000 in 33 schools, four of which are classed as "outposts". The benevolent contributions passed the \$100,000 mark for the first time in the history of the Presbytery, Dr. McClure said.

The Rev. M. R. Williamson, of Waynesville, state clerk, had charge of Tuesday's session.

On the arrival of the guests Tuesday morning, coffee was served in the church dining room by the women of the church and luncheon was served at noon. Mrs. Lewis Rice, president of the women's organization, was general luncheon chairman. Chairmen of other committees were Mrs. W. H. Cobb, Mrs. J. D. Harcombe, and Mrs. Louis Edwards.