

FIRST DRAFT OF NEW YEAR LEAVES HERE

Six Report Tuesday For Induction; No Calls In February

The first draft contingent for 1954 left here Tuesday morning for Knoxville, Tenn., and induction into the army.

Making up the six-man call were Otis Owen Bradley, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, Dennis Arvey, of Franklin, Route 4, Paul D. Seagle, of Franklin, Route 2, Joseph Dean Henson,

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Uncle Sam fitted 62 Macon boys in those "natty khaki suits" during 1953, according to the local draft board. Most of the men were inducted in small groups, in contrast to large calls during 1952 when the Korean War was at its bitterest stage.

of Otto, Dillard Morgan, of Nantahala, and Frederick L. Stewart, of Franklin. The latter two volunteered for induction, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, draft board secretary.

No calls for either induction or pre-induction are planned in February, the secretary said.

Neal Mooney, formerly of Franklin, who is registered with the local board was inducted yesterday (Wednesday) at Athens, Ga., Mrs. Jones said.

Four men reported for pre-induction examinations Tuesday.

Pastor Says Baptist Plant About Ready

The Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tuesday said the church's new three-story education plant should be ready for occupancy by February.

The new unit, which is going up on the site of the present church, is the first step in a building program outlined by the church at a cost of more than \$200,000.

Last week officials of the church placed \$100,000 in bonds on sale on the open market to finance part of the program.

Once the education plant is completed, construction will shift to an extension to the plant, the pastor said. This phase of the program should be completed sometime in March, he added.

Future plans call for the razing of the present church building at the intersection of Iotla and Church and the construction of a large auditorium.

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

RANDOM SHOTS: Kirsten Horsley, age 4, spinning on the stool in her father's downtown restaurant, singing "I don't Want No Ricochet Romance" with the juke box. . . . Water Superintendent Herman Childers washing the town's admitted dirty streets Monday morning—in a heavy downpour of rain. "It's going to take a little assistance from above to get those streets clean", commented a sidewalk observer. . . . Franklin Principal Ralph L. Smith, sipping a cup of coffee, a comic book sticking conspicuously out of his coat pocket. . . . the popularity of the pot-belly stoves in the courthouse during the nippy hours of the morning. . . . County School Supt. Holland McSwain's private eye tactics in trying to identify the person who wrote a cheery Merry Xmas on the wall in his office during the holidays with some of that new "canned snow".

BAKE SALE SLATED

The St. Agnes Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will hold its monthly bake sale at the Children's Shop Friday, beginning at 9 a. m., it has been announced.

Stork Wins Big Victory Over Reaper During '53

The prolific old Stork registered a clear-cut and decisive victory over the Grim Reaper in the birth-death race in Macon County during 1953.

Records from the county's 11 townships turned over to the register of deeds office this week show that 327 births occurred here during the year, as compared with only 93 deaths.

The death figure was considerably lower than the 128 for 1952, and the birth figure was one less.

One township—Flats—had no births or deaths. The large Franklin Township, obviously led all others in both births and deaths. Two hundred twenty-three births were listed and 52 deaths. Highlands was next with 44 and 12, respectively.

Sugarfork and Smithbridge were the only ones of the 11 where deaths overrode births. The former recorded five births and seven deaths, the latter seven and 10.

In addition to the above, other township statistics, with births listed first were: Millshoal, 6-1; Ellijay, 9-6; Cartoogechaye, 11-1; Nantahala, 1-0; Burningtown, 10-1; and Cowee, 11-3.

'53 POSTAL RECEIPTS HIGHEST

Only 13 Days Left To Purchase Tags

To what? To purchase 1954 license plates. The deadline is January 31.

Sales at the local Carolina Motor Club office are running well ahead of last year for the corresponding period, according to Verlon Swafford, manager. Tuesday 1954 sales totaled 1,862, as compared with 1,224 for the same period last year.

"Buy now and avoid the last minute rush", is the advice of Mr. Swafford.

4-H COUNCIL SETS MEETING

Election To Mark Quarterly Session Of Youth Movement

Election of new officers will feature the regular quarterly meeting of the Macon County 4-H County Council Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Agricultural Building.

A program for the new year also will be outlined, according to Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg.

Present officers include Buddy Waters, of Nantahala, president, and Brandon Christy, of Franklin, secretary-treasurer. Nancy Cabe, of Franklin, held the vice-president's post until graduating last June. Since that time the office has been open.

In addition to a program by club members, the council meeting will be highlighted by the presentation of medals to members who have done outstanding work on projects during the past year, Mr. Fagg said.

All club officers are urged to attend the meeting.

P. T. A. To Hear Jones On Issue Of Delinquency

A talk on juvenile delinquency by Andrew Jones, Franklin attorney, will highlight Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Association.

The meeting is set for 7:30 o'clock at the high school cafeteria.

Other items on the program include a special music feature by Mrs. Margaret Cooper's music pupils, and entertainment by Mrs. Lois Jones' speech class.

Mrs. Margaret Bulgin, president, will preside.

Cherokee Teams Down Highlands

Friday, January 8, Highlands traveled to Cherokee, but were stopped cold by the Indians, in both games.

Littlejohn, of Cherokee, stepped out big in the girls' game and led both teams in scoring with 16 points. Reed was high for Highlands with 12 points.

Others scoring for Highlands were Lorraine and Carrie Vinson with nine points each. The final score was 37 to 29.

In the boys game West led the winners with 17 points and Houston led the losers with 10 points. The final score was 43 to 27.

'YOUNG MAN' TO BE NAMED MONDAY NIGHT

Will Be Honored By Jaycees At Banquet At Local High School

Who is Macon's "Young Man of the Year"?

This closely guarded secret will be announced Monday night at a special Jaycee-sponsored banquet honoring the mystery man. At the present time, his identity is known only by a secret committee unconnected with the Jaycees. This committee has selected him from among a number of young men nominated for the honor by local citizens.

Monday night's banquet, previously announced for Slagle Memorial Building, has been changed to the Franklin High cafeteria. The hour will be 7:30 o'clock.

A number of special guests have been invited, according to Jaycee J. L. West, who is in charge of arrangements.

The Distinguished Service Award is made annually by the Jaycees honoring some young man who has served his community through achievement and leadership. The only qualification is that he be under 36 years of age. He need not be a member of the Jaycees.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain will award the D. S. A. key to the recipient.

Jaycee President Vic Perry also will present "key man" awards to two members of his organization. The names of the two also are secret.

State Jaycee President Gene Ochsenschlager, Jr., of Asheville, is tentatively slated as guest speaker. He will be introduced by C. Banks Finger, vice-president of the 1st Jaycee district.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Bryan Hatchett and guests will be welcomed by Mr. Perry. J. P. Brady will serve as master of ceremonies.

Hickory Knoll 18th To Join County Contest

Hickory Knoll last Thursday night became the 18th community to organize for participation in the Macon Rural Community Development Contest.

Organization of the newest community was perfected with the assistance of the Otto community group.

The following officers were elected: R. L. Hogland, president; Garland Bateman, vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Hogland, secretary; Mrs. Cecil Alexander, treasurer; Robert Alexander, junior president; Frank Stiles, Lawrence Fenland, and J. S. Gray, directors; J. L. Young, SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12

Pastors Pick Hatchett As New Leader

The Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church, is the new president of the Macon County Ministerial Association.

He was elected to the post at a meeting of the association



Mr. Hatchett

last week, succeeding the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, former pastor of the Iotla Baptist Church. Mr. Sorrells recently went to Lenoir as pastor of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Others elected to serve with Mr. Hatchett include the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, vice-president; the Rev. A. F. Gordon, Methodist pastor, secretary-treasurer; and the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, program chairman.

PAXTON PICKED AS NEW CHIEF

Named By Highlands Board To Succeed Wilkie On Friday

Russell Paxton, formerly of West Palm Beach, Fla., tomorrow (Friday) officially takes over duties as chief of police in Highlands, succeeding Burt Wilkie, resigned.

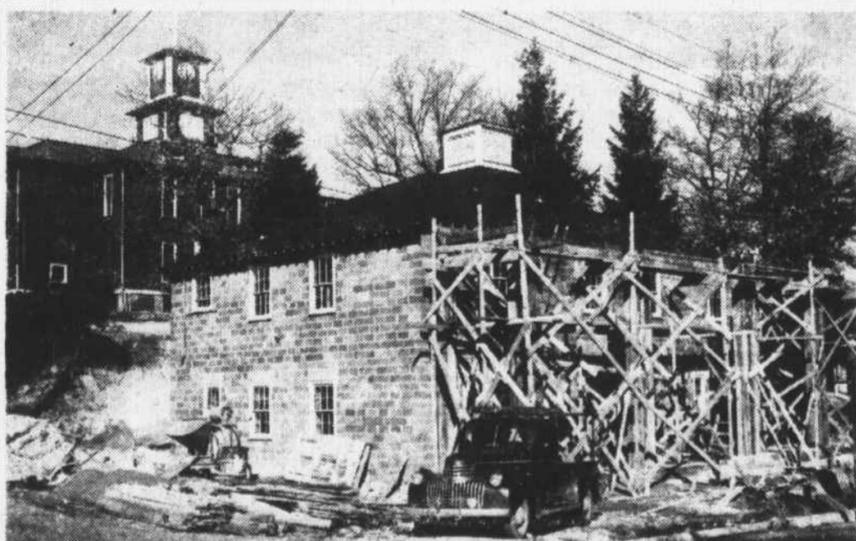
Mr. Paxton, who has been living in Highlands for some time, was appointed to the post at the January meeting of the board of aldermen.

Mr. Wilkie, who came to Highlands from Sylva as successor to the late M. A. Nelson, has served for slightly more than three months.

COMMUNITY MEETING

The Otto Rural Community Development Organization will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Otto School at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced.

City Hall Going Up Rapidly



The new Highlands City Hall is going up rapidly and should be ready for use at an early date. Construction of the two-story building was started in September. It will house the fire department, police department, town office, and jail. Estimated cost is set at \$12,000. The second floor is being "roughed in" and will be completed as funds are available, according to town officials. The building is at the intersection of Oak and Fourth Streets. In the background of the above picture is the old Highlands School, which has been converted by the town into a recreation center.

Duncan And Slagle Reelected To Posts

DIMES DRIVE MOVES AHEAD

Chairman Report Macon Rallying To Fight Polio

The 1954 March of Dimes drive began snowballing toward the \$3,000 goal this week as volunteers throughout the county started active solicitations.

"Encouraging reports are coming in from all sections of the county", according to Mrs. C. Banks Finger and Mrs. G. R. McSween, co-chairmen of the drive.

Benefit ball games, dinners, parties, and talent shows are now being planned by a number of communities, schools, and organizations, the co-chairmen pointed out, and as these events are announced the public is urged to give them wholehearted backing.

"We must remember that science is calling 1954 'the show-down year' in the war on polio", Mrs. Finger declared, "and the 30,000 dimes we have been asked to raise here will be a great help."

Cowee School is an early starter in raising funds for the drive. Saturday night at 7:30, a box supper, cake walks, and Bingo are planned at the school. As an extra feature, a play, "The Great Chicken Stealing of Ebenezer", will be presented by Alex Arnold's 7th grade.

Collections for the drive in the schools is being handled by Principals Ralph L. Smith and W. G. Crawford; W. W. Sloan is in charge of clubs and organizations; Mrs. Lasca Horsley is canvassing the business district in Franklin; and Mrs. Clyde Sanders is arranging for the "Mother's March on Polio", which is slated later in the month.

Other community volunteers assisting the co-chairmen with the drive include:

Lee Crawford, Millshoal; Harry Kinsland, Holly Springs; C. T. Bryson, Sugarfork; W. T. Tilson, Pine Grove; the Rev. Robert E. Early, Highlands; Tom Stiles, Longview; E. A. Johnston and E. G. Crawford, Otto; Roy Potts, Prentiss; James Norris, Mulberry; Dr. A. Rufus Morgan, Upper Cartoogechaye; Earl Cabe, Cartoogechaye; Harry Moses, Iotla; Mrs. Beulah Parrish, Burningtown; Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, Rose Creek; Mrs. Robert McGaha and T. T. Love, Cowee; Calvin Roland, Oak Grove; T. A. Slagle, Tellico; Miss Cecile Gibson, Liberty; SEE NO. 4, PAGE 19

Snowy Monday Closes Schools

Winter handed Macon a snowy hit and run blow Monday, forcing the closing of all county schools early in the afternoon so busses could take children home.

Several sections, including Highlands, reported some two inches of snow. Franklin was blanketed with the fluffy stuff early in the afternoon but most of it vanquished when the sun came out in the mid-afternoon.

Although it was chilly, the temperature this past week failed to drop anywhere near the zero days of several weeks ago. Lows of 17, 20, and 22 were registered in Franklin Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Sunday and Monday warmed up somewhat, with lows of 37 and 31, respectively. Tuesday saw the mercury dip again—to a low of 18 and a high of 32.

District Scout Awards Court Set Tonight At Union

A Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District court of honor is scheduled tonight (Thursday) at Union School, local Scout officials have announced.

Scouts from troops in this county, Sylva, Cherokee, Cullowhee, and Bryson City will receive advancements and awards. The court will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Bank Of Franklin Election Is Held; Finger Is Attorney

Frank B. Duncan was reelected president and A. B. Slagle was re-named chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of Franklin at the institution's annual election this week.

Mr. Duncan was named president last October following the purchase of controlling interest in the bank in September by a group of local businessmen, all of whom now have seats on the board.

Verlon Swafford was elected vice-president, succeeding R. S. Jones. H. W. Cabe was reelected cashier.

In addition to the above four, the board of directors is composed of T. W. Angel, Jr., Elmon Teague, R. S. Jones, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, Harve L. Bryant, and John Crawford.

The old board, which has been serving since the bank stock changed hands in September, was composed of all of the above, except Mr. Angel, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Crawford.

C. Banks Finger was named attorney for the bank, succeeding the firm of Jones and Jones.

The six purchasing controlling interest in the bank were Mr. Duncan, Mr. Swafford, Mr. Teague, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Angel, and Mr. Baldwin.

COACH SPEAKS AT GRID EVENT

Rotary Club Honors Coach And Panthers Wednesday Evening

A former Olympic high hurdles champion, Forest (Speck) Towns, was the guest speaker at last (Wednesday) night's annual Rotary-sponsored football banquet honoring Coach R. A. Byrd and the Franklin High Panthers.

Mr. Towns is now a football and track coach at the University of Georgia in Athens. He held the world's record for the high hurdles for some eight years.

The banquet, held at Slagle Memorial Building, also featured the presentation of small gold footballs to each Panther, compliments of Rotarians.

The school cheerleaders and a number of local citizens attended as special guests.

Although previously announced as a feature of the program, movies of the U.N.C.-Georgia football game were not shown. A committee composed of C. S. Brown, chairman, Norman Blaine, C. M. Byrd, Dr. G. R. McSween, and George Hunnicutt was in charge of the annual event.

Citizens Committee District Meeting Set Friday In Bryson City

Several from this county plan to attend a meeting of District 1, Citizens Committee for Good Government, affiliated with the Allied Church League for the Abolition of Beverage Alcohol, tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a. m. at the First Baptist Church in Bryson City. It has been announced. Plans for the 1955 general assembly will be made. The district includes Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, and Jackson.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, and at the Cowee Hydrologic Laboratory:

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	Temperatures		
	High	Low	R
Wednesday	40	25	
Thursday	52	17	
Friday	59	20	
Saturday	63	22	
Sunday	56	37	0.1
Monday	52	31	
Tuesday	32	18	

COWEE			
	Temperatures		
	High	Low	R
Wednesday	40	26	
Thursday	55	18	
Friday	56	22	
Saturday	62	25	
Sunday	58	35	
Monday	42	33	
Tuesday	32	20	