

## TREASURER TO ADDRESS CHAMBER HERE

Franklin C. Of C Sets Annual Meet Tuesday At School

State Treasurer Edwin M. Gill, of Raleigh, Tuesday night will address the annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce at the Franklin High School cafeteria.

This year's meeting is planned as a joint affair with the local Rotary and Lions clubs, according to out-going president William Katenbrink.

At the dinner, which is set for 7 o'clock, the new chamber of commerce officers and directors officially take over their duties for 1954-55.

W. W. Reeves, hardware merchant, is the new chamber president, Verlon Swafford, vice-president, and J. L. West, Jr., treasurer. Directors are Mr. Swafford and H. W. Cabe, both incumbents, and Mr. Katenbrink, C. Banks Finger, Norman Blaine, and Erwin Patton.

A lawyer, veteran of World War I, and a native of Laurinburg, Mr. Gill stepped into the post of state treasurer July 20, 1953, following many years of service to his state. He served as private secretary to Governor O. Max Gardner (1931-33), Commissioner of Paroles (1933-42), Commissioner of Revenue (1942-49), Collector of Internal Revenue for District of North Carolina (1950-52), Director of Internal Revenue (1952-53), and was a member of the law firm of Gardner, Morrison, and Rogers in Washington, D. C., from 1949-50.

The state treasurer received his education at Trinity College (now Duke University). He studied illustrative advertising at the National Academy of Design and the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts before and after service in the army in World War I. He was admitted to the state bar January 28, 1924.

## A.R.C. MAN IS SPEAKER

Varner To Address Local Chapter As Kick-off Of Drive

As a kick-off feature of the 1954 American Red Cross fund drive here, Joe Varner, of the A.R.C. area headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., will address a meeting of volunteer workers tomorrow (Friday) night at the Franklin High library.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter secretary, Monday officially opened the Macon fund drive. The county's quota is \$3,000.

In announcing Mr. Varner's plans to come here, Mrs. McCollum said the area official will give a complete picture of Red Cross activities and will place special emphasis on the benefits the county will derive from the funds raised this year.

Franklin volunteers for the campaign include John Crawford and Jack Ragan, who will canvass Main Street; Mrs. Margaret Cabe, Nantahala Power and Light Company; Wiley Brown, Loganville; Mrs. Grover Jamison, Jr., Porter Street; Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Franklin Elementary; Harry Corbin, Union School; Mrs. Marie Roper, Iotla School; Jack Angel, Franklin High School; Mrs. Beatrice Alley, Otto School; J. R. Overton, Macon Prison Camp; Mrs. H. T. Collins, Georgia highway; Henderson Caloway, Franklin Post Office; Bill Lenoir, Negro section; Mrs. Lasea Horsley, Harrison Avenue; Mrs. Polly Bule, Iotla Street; Mrs. Roy Cunninham, Palmer Street; Mrs. Woodrow Dowdle, Depot Street; Mrs. F. E. Brown, Murphy Highway; Olen Stratton, Nantahala Power House; Joe T. Tyler, Eurrell Motor Company; Lake V. Shope, courthouse; Mrs. Ruth Patton, White Oak and Riverview Streets; Fred Dowdle, Angel Hospital; Mrs. Frank B. Duncan, Golf View Drive; Mrs. Mae Crawford, West Main Street; George Byrd, highway shed; Mrs. G. A. Schafer, Wayah Road; Mrs. Vic Perry, Wayah Road; Miss Barbara Jean Pannell, East Franklin; and Mrs. Ruby Bradley, Bidwell Street.

## 2nd Cousin To 'Whammy'



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

A "Speed Clock", second cousin to the radar "Whammy", chalked up 22 arrests in the county this past week. The mechanical cop, operated by highway patrolmen on NC 28, US 64, and US 23, caught 13 autos, six trucks, two tractor-trailer units, and one bus exceeding the speed limit by more than nine miles per hour, according to officers. Most of the violators were from out-of-state. Highway Patrolmen A. A. Lewis (foreground) and H. T. Ferguson are shown operating the machine.

## Board Asks For \$80,000; State Survey Report Arrives

Request Includes \$20,000 For School Maintenance Program

An \$80,000 budget request for 1954-55, an increase of about \$35,000 over last year, was approved by the County Board of Education in session Monday morning for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

The increase provides for a \$20,000 maintenance program for the school system; vocational teachers at Highlands and Nantahala and an additional one at Franklin; and three new school buses.

On the basis of present valuation, the request would earmark about 60 cents of the tax rate to schools—an increase of 27 cents. For 1953-54, the school system received 33 cents for current expenses and capital outlay.

The budget request lists bus driver salaries at \$15,840. This figure includes the salaries of three additional drivers for the three new buses requested, according to County School Supt. Holland McSwain. The system currently is operating 41 buses, he said.

Salaries and travel expenses for the three new vocational teachers accounts for another \$11,260.

Cost of the three new buses is listed as \$9,000.

**Accepts Report**  
At the brief meeting, the board also accepted the survey report of school needs in the county from the State Division of School Planning and authorized the superintendent to request the services of state officials when the time comes to adopt plans for a building program.

Permission also was given elementary principals to conduct an elementary basketball tournament. Dates for the tournament will be decided upon some time this week.

## NEW BAPTIST PASTOR HERE

Altland Takes Over Iotla Church Sunday; Pennsylvania Native

The Rev. Edward G. Altland, a native of Pennsylvania, Sunday will take over his duties as pastor of the Iotla Baptist Church here.

For the past year and a half, Mr. Altland has been pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church at Suit, N. C. He also is serving as a professor of the Seminary Extension Center at Murphy.

Although born in Pennsylvania, the new Iotla pastor received his education in the south and southwest. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex. Prior to taking the pastorate in Suit, he was pastor of the Blumb Baptist Church, Blumb, Tex.

He is married and has a son, Edward, Jr.

Four-Man Committee Reports On County Needs For Schools

The report of a four-man committee from the State Division of School Planning on the pressing school needs in the Macon school system was received this week by County School Supt. Holland McSwain and includes recommendations for:

- (1) at least 18 additional classrooms and lunchrooms at Otto, Cowee, and Highlands.
- (2) adequate furniture and equipment at all schools, and a
- (3) gymnasium and auditorium at Franklin High School.

Aside from these major points, the survey committee, which visited all schools here in December, recommended an ex-grams at Franklin High and the addition of vocational or industrial arts programs at both Highlands and Nantahala.

The committee's report will be used in determining how much money Macon will receive under the state-wide school building bond issue which was passed overwhelmingly by the voters last October. The county stands to receive a minimum of \$163,000, and could receive considerably more on the basis of need and effort, according to the school superintendent.

Mr. McSwain said Tuesday he understands the formula for computing allocations to the state's 100 counties will be ready in about two months.

Pointing to the county's bonded indebtedness incurred in the recent million dollar school building program and the subsequent growth in school population, the committee termed the problem "an acute situation in so far as capital needs are concerned."

The furniture and equipment situation is "critical" particularly in the high schools, the report emphasized, and "classroom space is woefully inadequate at Franklin High School."

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## How To Stop A Speaker . . .

"My friends, it is indeed a pleasure . . ." began Franklin Principal Ralph L. Smith last Thursday night.

And that was as far as he got.

The fire siren on top of the fire house drowned him out and firemen scrambled for the trucks, rolling outside the city limits to a fire at a small chicken house belonging to Gus Cagle behind Scenic Motor Court.

It was a fitting, but unfortunate, climax to the firemen's monthly dinner meeting. They were preparing to light cigars (new father in the crowd), following an oyster stew dinner at the fire house when the siren cut short Mr. Smith's remarks.

"That's sure one way to stop a speaker," said the startled principal.

The fire had gained too much headway and Mr. Cagle's chicken house was destroyed. He estimated the loss at \$600.

## TOURIST GROUP SETS ELECTION HERE FRIDAY

Macon Highlanders Will Map Season Plans At Meeting

The election of new officers and mapping of plans for the 1954 tourist season will highlight a meeting of the Macon County Highlanders tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at Kelly's Tea Room.

The organization formerly was known as the Macon County Tourist Association.

L. D. Clontz, president, said listings for the 1954 vacation map are now being made, and he urged all members of the tourist group to attend the meeting so this project can be completed. The deadline for submitting listings is Saturday, he said.

Other officers are Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, secretary - treasurer, and E. M. McNish, director.

## 'Day Of Prayer' Set For Friday

Tomorrow (Friday) citizens of Macon County will join the peoples of all free nations in a concerted prayer for guidance to meet the problems of the times.

By special proclamation, the mayors of Franklin and Highlands have designated the day as "World Day of Prayer."

Special programs are planned in the schools and union services will be held in both towns.

The Franklin service will be at the Methodist Church at 8 p. m., and persons of all denominations are invited to attend.

The world-wide day of prayer is sponsored by the United Church Women.

## REECE AGAIN GOP CHAIRMAN

Macon Republicans last Wednesday reelected George Reece as party chairman, a post he has held for the past seven years.

At a special meeting at the courthouse, the local party picked delegates to attend the state convention in Charlotte Saturday, and nominated three men to the county board of elections.

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## Scout District Sets Training Series Here

The 1st of seven training courses for adult leaders of the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District is scheduled Sunday in Franklin at the Nantahala Power and Light Company building, local Scout officials have announced.

The courses will be held for the next six Sundays at 2:30 p. m. at the power company building.

## Gets The First And Last



J. T. (Uncle John) Jennings, who will be 78 in two months, had one wish—he wanted to be the last to purchase a money order at the Cullasaja Post Office, which was closed Sunday after some 80 years. About 50 years ago, Uncle John bought the first money order at the small office and it was only natural for him to want the last one too. So his wish was granted. Mrs. C. T. Bryson, postmaster, is shown selling him the last one. He sent the \$5 money order to Toccoa, Ga. Mrs. Bryson reported she had more than 100 letters from all over the country with requests for last-day cancellations. The small Elijah Post Office also was closed. Patrons will be served by a rural carrier.

## April Term Jury List Is Picked

Fifty-four jurymen—including two women—were picked Monday by the Board of County Commissioners for the April term of Superior Court.

The term opens here April 12, with Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, resident judge of the 12th Judicial District, presiding.

Mrs. Hermie Bryant and Mrs. William Katenbrink, both of Franklin, were picked for duty; the former to serve the 1st week, the latter, the 2nd.

Brenda Garrett, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Garrett, of Franklin, picked the names from the jury box.

In addition to Mrs. Bryant, those selected to serve the 1st week are Mark Haney, of Nantahala; Meldrum D. Cabe, of Otto; Tom W. Stiles, of Route 2; Orron Holland, of Cullasaja; D. J. Baldwin, of Route 3; Leslie Young, of Ellijay; Ira Keener, of Gneiss; Sherman McClure, of Gneiss; Grover Jamison, Jr., of Franklin; Andy Lee Howard, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Furman Welch, of Route 3; R. D. Wells, of Route 1; W. R. Cochran, of Nantahala; Clifford Dendy, of Gneiss; Prince Curtis, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Sam R. McCall, of Highlands; M. W. Beck, of Prentiss; Elbert H. Hedden, of Gneiss; Fred Cabe, of Franklin; Beulon Holland, of Cullasaja; Woodrow Dowdle, of Franklin; L. A. Speed, of Highlands; Lewis Moses, of Route 4; R. O. Wells, of Route 2; Grady Coffee, of Highlands; R. D. Carson, of Franklin; George Keener, of Otto; S. C. Wiggins, of Route 2; Lee Cook, of Route 3; Hilliard Solesbee, of Route 1; Jess H. Norton, of Otto; Frank Stiles, of Route 2; Norman Blaine, of Franklin; and Louie Cabe, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1.

Second week jurors are Frank Curtis, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1; C. A. Shields, of Route 3; Herbie Nicholas, of Route 1; Mrs. William Katenbrink, of Franklin; M. B. Norton, of Route 2; Dan R. Reynolds, of Route 1; C. T. Bryson, of Cullasaja; D. T. Allen, of Route 3; Floyd Nichols, of Route 1; Claude Bateman, of Flats; Andrew Gregory, of Gneiss; Robert L. Estes, of Cullasaja; Jeff Morgan, of Stiles; Ralph Bradley, of Route 3; George Hurst, of Route 4; W. C. Taylor, of Route 4; Charlie Conley, of Franklin; C. A. Williams, of Route 4; and Perry Swafford, of Route 4.

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## SPEEDING ON BIDWELL AGAIN

Board Faces Old Problem; Pledges Quarantine Support

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The narrow street, which has a large child population, has in times past been termed a "24-hour race track" and angry parents along the street are determined to return it to a sedate tree-lined avenue.

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## Rabies Quarantine Ordered By Doctor

### LOCAL LASSIES AREA CHAMPS

Win Division Crown With 13 Victories And No Defeats

A 70 to 24 victory over the Swain girls in Bryson City last Friday night saw the Franklin girls' team close out the 1954 season and bring the eastern division conference crown once again to Macon County.

The local high-scoring lassies, heavy favorites from the start, wound up undefeated in 13 division clashes. Earlier in the season, the lassies dropped a game to Hayesville, a western division team, for the only

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### Mad Dog Outbreak Spreads; Schedule Of Clinics Listed

With the mad dog outbreak becoming more serious by the day, Dr. Leo C. McCampbell, district health officer, today (Thursday) ordered a 30-day rabies quarantine of the entire county.

All dogs, whether vaccinated against rabies or not, must be confined for the duration of the quarantine, the doctor said.

Meanwhile, Dr. O. H. Burnside, county rabies inspector, and Sanitarian H. T. Collins are scheduling rabies vaccination clinics on a county-wide scale as a means of stopping the outbreak.

Last week the mad dog outbreak was confined to the Iotla-Cowee areas, but since then it has spread to the Cartoogechay and Otto areas, Mr. Collins said yesterday.

A three-year-old girl is undergoing anti-rabies treatment for a bite received from her pet cocker spaniel. A Cartoogechay man and a 12-year-old boy were bitten last week, the sanitarian reported. The dogs responsible are now under observation and should they be rabid the two bite victims will be given immediate treatment, he said.

**Clinic Schedule**  
Dr. Burnside has released the following vaccination clinic schedule and all dog owners are asked to bring their animals to the nearest location for immediate treatment:

- March 5: John Roane's, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 6: Otto, 9 a. m. to 12 noon.
- March 8: Harley Stewart's (Patton) 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 9: Gneiss Post Office 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 10: Prentiss Post Office, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 11: Clark's Chapel church, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 12: Bryson's Store (Cullasaja), 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 13: Highlands, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- March 15: Union School, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 16: Iotla School, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 17: Carl Morgan Store, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 18: Burningtown Baptist Church, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 19: Oak Grove church, 4:30 to 6 p. m.
- March 20: Crawford's Store (Watauga) 9 to 11 a. m.

Other clinics will be announced later, Dr. Burnside said.

**Against Law**  
When announcing the quarantine, Dr. McCampbell emphasized that it is a misdemeanor not to have dogs vaccinated. Owners convicted could be liable for a fine or imprisonment.

He also warned that dogs running loose during the period will be picked up by officers and disposed of.

"The situation is becoming more serious by the day," the doctor said, "and we must act quickly. I urge every citizen in the county to cooperate . . . it may be their own life they are saving."

One dog in the Cartoogechay section is reported to have bitten 14 other dogs before it was caught and killed. Clinical tests showed the animal to be rabid, the health officer said.

In a 1950 outbreak of rabies here, more than 2,200 dogs were vaccinated by Dr. Burnside.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Marion Street, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN		
	Temperatures	High Low Rain
Wednesday	49 24	.07
Thursday	60 18	trace
Friday	65 26	.....
Saturday	68 15	.....
Sunday	67 45	.50
Monday	51 38	1.52
Tuesday	59 24	.....

  

COWEETA		
	Temperatures	High Low Rain
Wednesday	51 38	.11
Thursday	66 28	.01
Friday	56 47	.....
Saturday	61 25	.....
Sunday	59 48	.78
Monday	40 29	3.75
Tuesday	53 21	1.49