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STATE OKAYS 3-MAN BOARD ON SATURDAY

Elections Board
Goes In April 10;
Politics Is Quiet

Macon's new three-man board of elections — Lee Barnard, chairman, Fred S. Moore, and Walter Bryson — was approved Saturday by the State Board of Elections. It has been learned here.

However, official confirmation still had not been received yesterday (Wednesday).

The new board will take office April 10.

All is quiet on the local political front. Although the general procedure is to file with the elections chairman, candidates seeking nomination in the May 29 Democratic primary may, under the law, certify their intentions with the clerk of court.

Installation Slated Friday In Highlands

The newly-elected officers of the Highlands Chapter No. 284, Order of Eastern Star, will be installed tomorrow (Friday) night at a special ceremony at the Masonic Hall.

The ceremony is set for 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Doris Barrett, of Sylva, district deputy grand matron, will be the installing officer.

Miss Ethel Calloway is the new worthy matron and Thomas C. Harbison, worthy patron. Other elected officers include Mrs. Elizabeth R. Harbison, associate matron; J. Lawrence Hicks, associate patron; Mrs. Agnes R. Calloway, conductress; Mrs. Anne B. Holt, associate conductress; William N. Slattery, secretary; and Mrs. Vernon N. Slattery, treasurer.

Industry Book Comes Off Press

"Progressive Macon County," an eight-page booklet prepared by the Macon County Industrial Committee, came off the press yesterday (Wednesday).

The committee plans to use the publication in promoting this area to prospective industry. The small booklet gives a thumb-nail sketch of the county's economic picture and briefly covers pertinent points generally asked by industry.

Frank B. Duncan, committee chairman, emphasized that the booklet was designed solely "as an introduction to the county."

"Once we interest industry in coming here and looking us over, we feel sure the county will sell itself . . . the booklet is their invitation."

Funds for publishing the booklet were raised by the Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Franklin. It was printed by The Franklin Press.

The cover is printed in green and is a solid layout of pictures showing Maconians at work and at play.

Folk Festival Slated In July

July 29-30-31 have been set as the dates for the 2nd annual Macon County Folk Festival.

Officers of the Franklin Jaycees, festival sponsors, this week requested other organizations not to schedule events for these dates, if possible.

Plans for the festival, which drew large crowds last year despite bad weather, are now being made. The event will again be held at the Franklin Stadium, weather permitting, and entertainment will be "double" that of last year, the Jaycees said.

A well-known entertainer is now being signed to do shows each of the three nights as an added attraction to the home talent festival.

SING IS SLATED

The 4th Sunday sing will be held at the Tellico Baptist Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. John Campbell, president, has announced. All singers and the public are invited.

Big Docket Coming Up, Clerk Says

The docket for the April term of Superior Court here is building into one of the biggest in recent years, Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court, revealed Monday.

With the opening of the term still more than three weeks away (April 12), 102 new cases have been added to the docket since the December term, the clerk reported. In addition, 42 hold-overs from the last term are docketed for trial.

The majority of the new cases are motor vehicle violations, Miss McGee said.

Seventy-nine cases made up the criminal term docket in December and for the past two years dockets have seldom exceeded this number.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, resident judge of the 12th Judicial District, will preside at the upcoming term.

Band Boosters Meeting Tonight

A special meeting of the Franklin Band Boosters Club, which has its work already cut out in view of the band's crippling loss of instruments and music in the recent high school fire, is slated tonight (Thursday) at the high school at 7:30 o'clock.

Scheduled for introduction at the meeting is the club's new fund raising campaign, a proposal hinging on letting the band pay its own way with concerts during the year, according to club officials.

Memberships, entitling members to attend all concerts, and window and automobile stickers have been printed and will be turned over to boosters at tonight's meeting.

Officers emphasized that anyone interested in supporting the band is eligible to join the club and "speak his mind" at the meetings.

At a recent session, the club favored hiring an additional band director to teach in all of the county schools, with the ultimate objective of forming a county band composed of elementary students. Such a proposal would assure the Franklin band of a continuing supply of young musicians.

CENTER BIDS TO BE OPENED

Date Set April 1;
Features Of Proposed
Building Listed

Sealed bids for the construction of the proposed Macon County Health Center will be opened April 1 by the Board of County Commissioners.

Blueprints of the proposed one-story structure show it will be 62' 2" by 28' 2" and will contain a large waiting room, three examination rooms, X-ray room, laboratory, and four offices, including two for the sanitarian and health officer.

Construction will be cinder block with brick veneer. The estimated cost will be about \$30,000. Under an agreement with the Medical Care Commission, the county will shoulder 19.2 per cent of the total. The commission is an agency which allocates funds for health centers in the state.

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

DOWN SHE COMES! A wrecking crew moved in Wednesday morning of last week to knock down the fire-gutted walls of the old Franklin high school building, which burned the previous morning. The bleak walls were termed a hazard to school children. The arrow in the action picture points to the section in the wall where a heavy steel ball, used to smash the wall, is imbedded. The ball was suspended on a heavy cable and was battered into the wall with terrific force by the operator of the wrecking crane.

LOCAL GIRL WINS CONTEST

Miss Cable Loses
In District Event;
Gets County Award

As county winner of the 1954 Cooperative essay contest Miss Nancy Cable competed in the district contest last Thursday in Lincolnton.

Although she failed to win the district event, Miss Cable, daughter of Mrs.

Pauline F. Cable, received a \$10 prize and a gold medal for being county winner.

The Franklin High student, who is serving this year as president of the 4-H County Council, was the only contestant from the western area of the state. She already has indicated she plans to enter the contest again next year, which is sponsored by the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, the N.C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, and the Carolina Cooperator Publishing Company.

"The Government's Place in Agriculture" was this year's topic.

Miss Cable was accompanied to the district event by Mrs. Jessie Lee Downs Cabe, assistant home agent.

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Johnson, Saw File Poet, Dies Monday At Bethel

George M. Johnson, whose saw filing dexterity was known far and wide, used the classified section of his county's newspaper to attract customers with the matter-of-fact and witty poetry. Typical of his many limericks is the following, one of the last he wrote:

I'll file your hand saws to cut straight and to the line.

Still file 'em at seventy-eight; soon be seventy-nine.

He is survived by four sons, Edwin, of Clayton, Ga., Frank, of Franklin, Route 1, Walter, of Candler, and L. M. Johnson, of Belmont; a daughter, Mrs. Norman McDonald, in the Bethel Community following an illness of six weeks.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) at 2:30 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Officiating were the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church. Burial was at Cartoogechaye.

Born April 9, 1875, Mr. Johnson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnson. In 1897 he was married to Miss Margaret Dalrymple, who died a number of years ago.

Pallbearers were Harve McConnell, Mack Norris, Wiley Clark, Davis Morgan, J. Paul Vinson, and Elmer McClure.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DRIVE OVER THIRD MARK

Slightly more than a third of the county's \$3,000 goal has been raised since the annual Red Cross fund drive was kicked off here the first of the month.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter secretary, Monday reported contributions totaled \$1,346.55. Less than half the rural communities have reported drive progress, she said.

More than \$273 has been collected in the Franklin business district, and Highlands, under the leadership of the Rev. Robert M. Hart, Tuesday reported donations totaling \$627.

Attending from here were County School Supt. Holland McSwain, Mrs. Beth Guffey, Miss Alice D. Weaver, Mrs. Ollie L. Cabe, Principal Ralph L. Smith, Mrs. Dora Carpenter, Mrs. Jennie Reschke, Principal and Mrs. E. G. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Williams, Mrs. Regina Schiffli, and Principal F. N. Shearouse.

Miss Jean Blaine and Bobby Cabe attended the convention as representatives of the Future Teachers Club of Franklin High School. Their trip was arranged by the local N.C.E.A.

The following students will canvass these areas: Highlands — Jimmy Waller, Jack Patterson, Phyllis Buell, Linda Potts, Lina Potts, and Nora Rogers; Scaly — Donald Vinson, Pearl Nicks, and Betty Owen; Clear Creek — Otis Ramey, Woody Wilson, Carter McCall, and Katherine Wilson; Shortoff — Erwin Dandy, Mary Sue Dalton, and Nancy Henry; Horse Cove — Mary Ann Edwards; Bear Pen — John Rogers; Country Club area — Martha Munger and Lucy Reese; Franklin road — Curtis Carpenter and Betty Baldwin.

Macon's rural campaign this year is being conducted by the communities entered in the rural development contest.

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Performances Of La Boheme Slated Friday

La Boheme, a four-act opera sung in English, is scheduled for two performances at the East Franklin School tomorrow (Friday) under the sponsorship of the Macon unit of the North Carolina Education Association.

The Grass Roots Opera Company, of Chapel Hill, will present the opera at 1 and 8 p.m.

A small admission will be charged.

Sandtown Is 23rd County H. D. Club

The 23rd home demonstration club in the county was organized last Tuesday in Cartoogechaye Township by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent.

In Highlands, Mr. Hart has enlisted the aid of students in the drive and has put them in charge of canvassing certain sections of the township.

The new club, covering the Poplar Cove and Muskrat Creek sections, is named Sandtown — an old Indian name for that

section of the township.

The Youth Center will sponsor a spring dance at the Franklin High School cafeteria Saturday night at 7:30. Admission will be 50 cents per couple. All interested persons are invited.

The agent said for the time being he is going to "spend just a couple of hours a day" at his office, gradually working into a full day as his recovery permits.

School Fire Damage Estimated \$135,000

RABIES SCARE IS EASING UP

Sanitarian Reports
Lack Of Cooperation
In Some Communities

The rabies outbreak seems to be easing somewhat, but "some are posing a threat to the public and livestock by allowing their dogs to run loose", Sanitarian H. T. Collins reported yesterday (Wednesday).

However, most of the county is cooperating with the 30-day rabies quarantine imposed March 4 by Dr. Leo C. McCampbell, district health officer, following what officials termed "a serious" outbreak of rabid dogs in the Iota-Cowee areas and a small section near Otto.

Explaining that owners in some areas are not confining their animals, the sanitarian said this lack of cooperation could bring on an extension of the quarantine if another outbreak develops. The quarantine is scheduled to be lifted April 4.

"We urge everyone to cooperate in observing the quarantine and having their animals vaccinated . . . if cooperation is received the danger will be over in a short time", Mr. Collins declared.

Since the quarantine, he said, several mad dogs have been caught and disposed of. Others that went mad during confinement did not pose too serious a problem.

Following is the coming week's rabies vaccination clinic schedule released by Dr. O. H. Winslow, engineer with the state division of insurance, inspected the ruins last Wednesday and interviewed several people regarding the fire.

No salvaging will be allowed until the insurance matter is settled, the superintendent said, explaining he has received a number of offers for brick from the ruins.

Of the \$13,231.55 in instruments lost in the fire, \$3,592.45 is listed as school-owned and \$4,699.10 as student-owned. The band director valued the band and vocal music library at \$7,175.

With a pre-graduation concert coming up in May, band members are scouring around for instruments. Director Beck said the school has borrowed several from Cullowhee.

Coach Byrd said the school will meet its baseball schedule. Team members have been borrowing equipment and soliciting donations in an effort to get practice under way as soon as possible.

Will Show Movie Here

"Operation Orient", a color motion picture filmed in the