



AGITATED BY HEAVY rain and snow, ground moved from under a large fill Monday afternoon on US 23-441 near Cowee Gap, sending some 75,000 yards of dirt thundering

into the valley below. The slide ripped out about 200 yards of the highway. Rather than refill, highway officials probably will relocate the section of highway.

## Political Pot Erupts As Filing Deadline Arrives

### SERVICE IS SMALL PRICE

Judge Pless Charges Jury; Says System Is A Safeguard

Service on the grand jury is a small price to pay for being an American citizen and no one should intentionally avoid this obligation when called upon to serve.

That's the feeling of Judge J. Will Pless, who is presiding over the April term of Superior Court here this week.

In his charge to the grand jury with the opening of the

term Monday morning, Judge Pless stressed the importance of service on the jury and the oath jurors take to carry out this service. Describing it as an "important body", he said the grand jury is the result of conditions that surrounded our forefathers when they settled in this country. In England, he pointed out, they had no rights of any kind, so when they settled America they were afraid of all governments. This prompted them to set up a number of safeguards for the individual, including the

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### Three-Way Fight On For House Seat; Four After School Posts

Shortly before the noon filing deadline Saturday, Macon's smoldering political pot erupted into life for the May 26 "off-year" Democratic primary, throwing the representative race into a three-way fight and pitting four men for the three seats on the county education board.

Meanwhile, J. Lee Barnard, chairman of the elections board, has announced registration dates for the election and appointed officials to oversee its conduct.

Incumbent Richard H. Slagle is unopposed for the nomination as county surveyor. He also filed on the final day. Although it cannot enter candidates in the primary, the Republican party had to meet the filing deadline with its men in the fall general election. The G. O. P. put J. C. Crisp, local photographer, out for the representative post and J. L. Sanders for surveyor.

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The first name listed is that of the registrar, the next two are Democratic judges and alternate, and the fourth is Republican judge. By precincts, they are:

- Franklin: Prelean Shope, Jim Palmer, and Roy Mashburn.
- Cowee: Carroll Gibson, Robert Rickman, Frank Browning, and Floyd Bradley.
- Burningtown: Bill Parrish, Floyd Ramsey, Fred Ledford, and Forest Huggins.
- Nantahala No. 1: Luther Jacobs, Newell Baldwin, Wade Lambert, and Osborne Younce.
- Nantahala No. 2: James R. Shields, Jim Grant, Ray Shields, and Grady May.
- Cartoogechaye: Bob Southards, Eugene Crawford, Wayne Smith, and Bunn Klser.
- Smithbridge: Morris Norton, Prince Curtis, Ted Henry, and Alex Holbrooks.
- Flats: Raymond Penland, Roy Dryman, Jim Fisher, and J. L. Miller.
- Highlands: Weldon Paul, Henry Cleveland, Neville Bryson, and Thomas Harbison.
- Sugarfork: Raymond Wood, Fred Henson, Troy Holland, and Willis Norris.
- Ellijay: Charles B. Bryson, George Stanfield, Canton Henry and Pritchard Russell.
- Millshoal: James M. Raby, Owen Ammons, and Woodrow Franklin.

Books To Open  
Registration books will be open for three Saturdays, April 28, May 5, and May 12. Challenge day will be May 19.

### Late News and Briefs

### Bulletin

An expansion program of "substantial proportions" is in the cards for the Burlington Industries, Inc., hosiery plant just outside Franklin.

Supt. Stephen A. Bundy yesterday (Wednesday), in an exclusive statement to The Press, said the go-ahead for the addition has been given and the construction will start almost immediately.

GOING NORTH  
At 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon, some 40 seniors from Franklin High School will leave via chartered bus for Washington, D. C.

Accompanying the seniors on their annual "invasion" of the northland will be Principal Harry C. Corbin, T. J. Edwards, and Mrs. Roy Biddle, Jr.

ZONE MEETINGS  
A "covered dish" supper is slated Saturday night at 7:30 at Slagle Memorial Building for all residents of Zone 3 of the town neighborhood development program. The zone will be officially organized.

Zone 3 is the area within West Main and Iotla Streets. T. H. Fagg will preside.

HEAR GOVERNOR  
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire, Mr. and Mrs. Bob S. Sloan, Mrs. Welmar Jones, and John Long were among those from here attending the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting at Western Carolina College Saturday night. The meeting was highlighted by an address by Gov. Luther H. Hodges.

IN NEW YORK  
Miss Margaret Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones, of Franklin, left Tuesday for a trip to New York City to visit the United Nations. She recently won a high school speech contest on the United Nations.

## Rebounding Winter Strikes At County

A rebounding Winter wiped its feet on Macon County's welcome mat for Spring this past week, leaving as calling cards damage from storms, flood, and landslides.

Biggest blow was a huge earth slide Monday afternoon near Cowee Gap (US 23-441) that ripped out nearly 200 yards of highway during a heavy snow storm and sent some 75,000 yards of dirt thundering into the valley.

Starts Wednesday  
It all started off Wednesday of last week with an unseasonable snow that measured anywhere from 12 to 14 inches in the Highlands-Cashiers area to just a trace in Franklin. Telephone and power crews from

### The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Mason Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tubor N. Hill and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

	FRANKLIN		Rain
	High	Low	
Wed., April 11	55	34	.95
Thursday	68	27	—
Friday	69	31	—
Saturday	72	31	.05
Sunday	63	52	1.20
Monday	57	33	1.53
Tuesday	53	31	—
COWEETA			
Wed., April 11	52	33	.4
Thursday	68	28	—
Friday	68	30	—
Saturday	70	32	.13
Sunday	66	55	4.31
Monday	51	41	—
Tuesday	55	30	—

Rain Came  
Saturday morning dawned bright and clear, but by afternoon dark clouds moved in and the rain came. There were snow flurries, too.

For the 24-hour period beginning at 5 a. m. Sunday, 2.73 inches fell in Franklin, 4.17 in Highlands, and 4.31 at Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

Under the press of the down-pour, streams feeding the Little Tennessee River sent the river out of its banks, inundating the Franklin Airport and the approaches to the Phillips Bridge. Near the N.C.-Ga. state line, the river flooded sections of the highway.

Damage from flood water, however, was light and confined

## 'Too Close ...' Says Man Of Narrow Escape

"I feel the Lord was with me on this, so I don't have much fear for the future."

That's Phil Brown's philosophy. He offers it with good reason.

His car was the last across the big fill on US 23-441 just a minute before the slide occurred.

"I didn't realize it at the time, of course," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Asheville, "I thought I was on solid ground."

Even as Mr. Brown's car moved over the section large cracks were breaking in the pavement. Nearby, highway maintenance men collectively held their breath as the car rolled toward the Cowee Gap side.

Once on safe ground, he got out and looked back just as the huge earth slide thundered into the valley below, taking about 550 feet of highway with it.

A materials inspector with the 14th Highway Division, Mr. Brown had one regret:

"I just wish I hadn't gone through . . . it was just too close for comfort."

## Locals Get VFW Posts

Members of the local V.F.W. post and auxiliary broadened their scope of activities Sunday afternoon by being elected to several district posts.

Mrs. Howard Barnard was named district auxiliary president, Mrs. Neal Johnston, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, trustee.

In post politics, C. Jack Ragan, former local commander, was elected junior vice-commander of the district.

The meeting of the 17th V.F.W. District was held in Brevard. Others attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slagle, Zeb Meadows, Howard Barnard, Mrs. T. H. Fagg, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Mrs. Lucille Angel, and Mrs. Lucinda Crossover.

## Long Elected P. T. A. Leader

J. Ward Long is the new president of the Franklin P.T.A., succeeding B. L. McGlamery.

Election of new officers for 1956-57 featured the organization's last meeting of the current school year Monday night in the high school cafeteria. Its May meeting has been canceled to avoid conflict with graduation exercises.

Elected to serve with the new president are Mrs. J. Frank Martin, vice-president, Mrs. Bill Horsley, secretary, and Dan Stewart, treasurer. Mrs. John Bulgin installed the new officers.

The program also featured committee reports. Exhibits prepared by both elementary and high school grades were on display for the meeting.

Mrs. Pearl Hunter gave the devotional.

## Jaycees Name Hill President

Franklin Jaycees have elected Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., local optometrist, to lead their organization for the fiscal year 1956-57.

Meeting Monday night to elect new officers, the club also made plans for sponsoring its annual rodeo in June, staging the "government for a day" project in the schools, and holding the "Teen-Age Road-e-o", the student driver competition.

Named to serve with Dr. Hill are Bob Moore, 1st vice-president; Bob Carpenter, 2nd vice-president; Roy Biddle, Jr., secretary; Neil Finger, treasurer; C. Banks Finger, state director; and Hall Callahan, Sam Gibson, and Vic Perry, members of the board.

Mr. Finger is the retiring president. The new officers will be installed at the club's regular meeting in May.

## Harden Says Industry Must Give More Than Employment

Industry has to offer more than just the opportunity of gainful employment, John Harden, vice-president of Burlington Industries, told the Franklin Chamber of Commerce last (Wednesday) night at the organization's annual meeting.

In a prepared speech handed The Press prior to the dinner, the speaker declared:

"Industry must also have character. Along with offering jobs at good wages, under pleasant working conditions, industry must — and generally does today — practice the Golden Rule with those who comprise the various industrial families.

"In this day and age business must build character as it

builds volume. Character is necessary to business success today. People quickly discern the difference between truth and falsehood, between honesty and dishonesty, between sincerity and insincerity."

John M. Archer, Jr., president of Nantahala Power and Light Company, introduced the speaker, who is director of public relations for Burlington. Held in the high school cafeteria, the dinner meeting drew more than 125 members and their wives.

As a feature of the program, President Verlon Swafford outlined his program for the year

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## H. D. Anniversary Event Slated Here

As hostesses for the 20th anniversary celebration of home demonstration work in this area, Macon County's club women are now preparing to welcome club members of the 2nd District Federation to Franklin on Tuesday morning.

Set for the Methodist church, the celebration officially will open at 10 o'clock. However, beginning at 9:15, members of the Cartoogechaye club, with Mrs. Fred Slagle in charge, will serve coffee to guests in the F. S. Johnston Bible Class room.

Special Invitations  
Special invitations have been extended to members who were present in Franklin for the first district Federation meeting in 1936, according to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent. These pioneer women will be honored by Mrs. Carl S. Slagle, of Franklin, who served as first president of the district.

Early Leaders  
Also expected to attend are several early leaders of the farm and home development program. Coming from Raleigh for the celebration will be

I. O. Schaub, Fred S. Sloan, and Miss Ruth Current.

Mr. Schaub is the retired dean of the N. C. Extension Service. Mr. Sloan, who will bring greetings to the club women, is a native of this county, a former Macon farm agent, and was district farm agent for several years. He is now a program planning specialist with the service. Miss Current, who is state home agent, attended the first meeting here.

Miss Anna Rowe, of Asheville, who served as district home agent with Mr. Sloan, also is expected to be on hand.

State Greetings  
Mrs. J. C. Berryhill, of Charlotte, president of the N. C. Federation Home Demonstration Clubs, will bring greetings from the state organization.

A 4-H club member in 1936, Mrs. Paul Ammons, will give the 4-H report of that year, and her daughter, Elizabeth Ann, will tell of the work being done today.

The beginning of the home demonstration program will be

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HEAVY RAIN Sunday sent the Little Tennessee River out of its banks, covering the approaches of Phillips Bridge. In a 24-hour period, 2.73 inches fell in Franklin alone and more than four in the Coweeta area and in Highlands. Flood waters receded Tuesday.