

Net Paid  
CIRCULATION  
Last Week  
2826

# The Franklin Press

and  
The Highlands Maconian

Despotism is the same  
in a popular assembly,  
an aristocratical council,  
an oligarchical junta,  
and a single emperor.  
— John Adams.

72nd Year — No. 11

Franklin, N. C., Thursday, March 14, 1957

Price 10 Cents

Twelve Pages

## RED CROSS DRIVE IS UNDER WAY

Kick-Off Dinner  
Held At Kelly's;  
Film Is Shown

Macon County's annual American Red Cross fund campaign is now officially under way, following a special kick-off dinner meeting of volunteer workers.

Held Tuesday night of last week at Kelly's Tea Room, the program of the "dutch treat" gathering was featured by the showing of a movie, a short talk by a former A.R.C. field director, and the distribution of campaign literature.

The movie, entitled "A Letter", was brought here and shown by Miss Ruth Lockman, of Asheville, area A. R. C. representative.

Miss Elsie Lee, who now lives in Wayah Valley, spoke to the more than 25 present about the work of the A. R. C. in Japan. She was a field director at a large hospital there for 21 months.

Co-chairmen of the campaign, the Rev. S. B. Moss and W. W. Sloan, have asked for the support of the entire county in topping the chapter's \$3,873 quota as soon as possible. In recent weeks, both have been meeting with organizations over the county, speaking on the work of the chapter. They hope to complete the drive within the month.

### F. F. A. Judging Teams Have Contest Here

Future Farmers of America teams from the Nantahala Federation met here Monday afternoon for a land judging contest.

Held at the Parker Brothers' farm on Cartoogechaye, the contest saw Bryson City take first place, Franklin second, and Hayesville third.

Teams from Robbinsville and Stecoah also competed.

The contest was staged by officials of the local soil conservation district, with Joel Hawthorne and W. Lacy Harper in charge.

Members of the Franklin team were Bill Fouts, Ronald Harper, Richard Setser, and Johnny Killian.

## And Suddenly It Wasn't Spring Time Here Anymore



SPRING-LIKE WEATHER became a winter wonderland for Macon County Friday when a light snow blanketed the area. Those harbingers of Spring, Robins, sat slyly on lawns, obviously caught unawares, and undoubtedly confused at the turn of events. Early risers found their automobiles heaped with snow and had to bring windshield scrapers into



play like Mrs. Tommy McKay (above) before going to work. Schools were not closed because of the light snow, so most school children missed the fun. However, pre-schoolers like Johnny Rucker turned out some classic snowmen before the sun melted the needed ingredients. Johnny (left) is getting some help with his undertaking from his mother, Mrs. Vance Rucker.

### Mrs. Murray Heads V. F. W. Auxiliary

Mrs. Anne Murray has been elected president of the local V. F. W. Auxiliary, succeeding Mrs. Clyde Slagle.

Named to serve with Mrs. Murray during elections Monday night were Mrs. Katherine Perry, senior vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Perry, junior vice-president; Mrs. Tootsie Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Peggy Christy, chaplain; Mrs. Laura Dean, conductress; and Mrs. Lucinda Crowner, reelected guard. The retiring president, Mrs. Slagle, was made a trustee.

An installation of the new officers is scheduled later in the year.

Following the election, the district auxiliary president, Mrs. Marie Barnard, of Franklin, entertained members at tea.

### Advance Ticket Sale Opens Today For Chamber Dinner

Advance tickets for the Franklin Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner meeting on March 28 go on sale today (Thursday).

Chamber directors, who are pushing the advance sales, urge everyone planning to take in the banquet to buy their tickets ahead of time so some gauge of attendance can be had.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Chancellor Robert B. House, of the University of North Carolina.

The kick-off event of the chamber's annual membership drive, the banquet will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Both the Rotary and Lions clubs have voted to attend the banquets at their regular weekly meetings.

### Meeting To Talk New Girl Scout Troops Called

A meeting to discuss organization of new Girl Scout troops has been called for tomorrow (Friday) night by Mrs. Ernest Hyde, county chairman.

It will be held at the Franklin Methodist Church at 7:30. All girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts are asked to attend with their parents.

### SCOUTERS TO MEET

Scouters of the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District committee have a supper meeting scheduled tomorrow (Friday) night at 6:30 at Clark's Restaurant, between Franklin and Dillsboro. Several Scouters from here will be on hand.

### ALL-NIGHT SINGING

The annual all-night singing will be held at the Cartoogechaye Church of God, beginning at 7:30 Friday night. The public is invited.

### 4-H (B-r-r-r) Parade Held; Iotla Wins

Undaunted by a blustery, chilly winter wind and flurries of snow, Macon County's 4-H clubbers paraded Saturday through downtown Franklin as the closing feature of their week-long celebration of "National 4-H Week".

Leading the parade along Main Street were the "King and Queen of 4-H", Tommy Sherrill and Jean Dills, Cartoogechaye students who were sponsored in the penny-a-vote king and queen contest by the Carson Community 4-H Club. Heavily overcoated, the royal pair waved bravely to the sidewalk crowd from an open convertible. Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sherrill and Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Dills.

### Iotla Wins

Iotla's entry took top prize in the float contest. Its theme was "Eat Better and Grow Better". Second place went to Cartoogechaye's livestock project float, while a soil conservation entry by Otto won third.

Other groups entering floats were Carson community club, Cullasaja community club, East Franklin, Cowee, and Franklin High School. Union's float fell victim of the gusty wind and was destroyed on the trip into town.

### \$84.49 Raised

Mrs. Joan Hennessee, assistant agent, reported that the king and queen contest in the schools raised \$84.49. The money is to be used by the county council for 4-H work.

## Town Elections Slated For May

### Balloting Set For May 7 In Franklin And Highlands

Macon's two towns, Franklin and Highlands, are now preparing to hold nonpartisan biennial elections in May.

Balloting is set by law for the 7th.

Election procedure, including the establishment of a filing deadline, tops the business programmed by the Franklin Board of Aldermen at its coming April meeting, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey.

Highlands already has set its election machinery in motion. The town's attorney, J. Horner Stockton, this week prepared the necessary legal papers for the election. The deadline for filing in Highlands is April 13.

Registration books will be open for seven days prior to the election, April 20 through April 27. The 27th will be challenge day. On the 20th and the 27th (Saturdays) the law requires the books to be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Tolliver Crunkleton has been appointed registrar and C. A. Wilson and Henry Wright will be judges.

A mayor and five town commissioners are to be elected for two-year terms in Highlands. Incumbents are Mayor V. W. McCall, Tudor N. Hall, C. E. Talley, H. S. Talley, J. S. Potts, and L. W. Rice, Jr.

In Franklin, a mayor and six aldermen are to be picked. Serving presently are Mayor W. C. Burrell, A. G. Cagle, J. Frank Martin, J. C. Jacobs, Prelo Dryman, Sam Gibson, and J. L. West, Jr.

## Town Is Seeking Repeal Of Tax Penalty Legislation

The Town of Franklin is seeking repeal of a piece of local legislation which removes penalties for non-payment of taxes.

In session last week, the board of aldermen voted to request Rep. G. L. Houk to take

the necessary steps toward that end.

Passed 12 to 15 years ago, the legislation applies to the three local taxing units; that is, the two towns of Franklin and Highlands and the county.

However, the aldermen are interested only in seeing the penalty clause restored in Franklin, as provided under General Statutes 105-345. G.S. 105-345 provides for a penalty of 1 per cent on unpaid taxes on Feb. 1; another 1 per cent on March 1; and then one half of one per cent per month interest thereafter until full payment.

The only "penalties" paid now by delinquent taxpayers are advertising costs and six per cent interest on unpaid amounts after tax sales certificates are drawn.

### Sewer Extension

Aldermen also have approved a sewer extension in East Franklin from the Little Tennessee bridge to the city limits. Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey says the 2,000 feet of pipe needed for the project already is on order.

### The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Marion Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers, and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

#### FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 6	50	39	.10
Thursday	43	36	.12
Friday	39	29	.42
Saturday	39	27	.00
Sunday	61	21	.00
Monday	73	27	.00
Tuesday	67	47	.10
Wednesday	31	trace	

#### HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 6	42	26	trace
Thursday	40	32	.25
Friday	30	23	.27
Saturday	31	19	.00
Sunday	59	19	.00
Monday	61	29	.00
Tuesday	65	40	trace
Wednesday	32	.00	

#### COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 6	48	38	.10
Thursday	43	34	.13
Friday	39	29	.65
Saturday	39	26	.00
Sunday	60	20	.02
Monday	73	28	trace
Tuesday	67	45	.13
Wednesday	34	.00	

## Berrong Fatally Injured In Auto Wreck Near Sylva

Lee Roy Berrong, 43, sales manager for Burrell Motor Company in Franklin for the past 10 years, died in C. J. Harris Hospital Tuesday morning of injuries received in a head-on automobile collision Sunday night near Sylva.

He suffered head, chest, and internal injuries. A passenger riding with him, Thomas Clarence Dickson, 46, of Charlotte, is still hospitalized in Sylva. His injuries are not critical. An auditor, Mr. Dickson had been working on Burrell Motor Company's books for several days. Mr. Berrong had taken him to Asheville to get some personal belongings and auditing supplies.

State Highway Patrolman S. W. Sanford, of Sylva, who investigated the accident, gave

this description of what happened:

Mr. Berrong's automobile was traveling toward Franklin at a high rate of speed. At a point three and a half miles east of Sylva, in the Addie community, the Franklin man's '57 Chevrolet went partially into the other lane and in a curve met an auto coming from the opposite direction.

Both cars were demolished. Occupants of the second car, all Negroes, were hospitalized in Sylva. The speed of their car was estimated at between 30 and 40 miles an hour.

There was an eyewitness to the wreck, Patrolman Sanford said.

Both Mr. Berrong and Mr.

SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

## 4-H'ers Parade Through Town Saturday



MACON'S 4-H CLUBBERS paraded through downtown Franklin Saturday as the closing feature of their observance of "National 4-H Week". Overcoated against the cold and wind (top picture) are the "King and Queen of 4-H", Tommy Sherrill and Jean Dills, who were sponsored by Carson. Iotla 4-H had the prize-winning float of the parade (bottom picture). Its theme was "Eat Better to Grow Better".



THIS IS an on-the-scene photograph of the automobile in which Lee Roy Berrong, of Franklin, was critically injured in a head-on collision near Sylva Sunday night. He died Tuesday morning in the Sylva hospital. (Photo Courtesy of THE SYLVA HERALD.)