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## Democrats Renominate All Incumbents In Primary

MEANDERING  
ALONG  
MAIN STREET

FAIR PLANS MADE —

### Mrs. Bryson New Council President

SEVERAL CANDIDATES wondered why The Press failed to run their pictures in the political story last week, especially after saying we would. Well, growing pains are still in our limbs and we just didn't have enough room for 'em, or several correspondent columns. However, you folks see us through this and we promise to be the "Best Weekly Newspaper In North Carolina."

JUST A REMINDER that killing is still going on along the state's highways. As of May 26, 345 met death on the highway, as compared with 382 for the same period last year.

WHEN THE VOTES were really piling in for W. E. (Gene) Baldwin and Wiley Brown at the count-out Saturday night, some was commented that both grocerymen could "raise their prices" and get away with it on the strength of their following.

A SURE SIGN of a change in the seasons is youthful "cowboys (and girls)" totin' water pistols.

MACON'S NEW search and rescue outfit met its first assignment Sunday with flying colors. Congratulations!

A NUMBER OF people say they still haven't adjusted to the eight-column pages of The Press. One fellow says, it wears him out spreading his arms. And everyone is reminded that you can now line two garbage cans with each page instead of only one. Viva la charge!

THE RESIGNATION of Clark Walker as assistant county agent is announced this week. He'll be missed, especially by the 4-H clubbers with whom he has worked for more than a year and a half. Clark will be taking a bit of Macon County with him when he leaves. While here he married a Macon County girl and they just recently received mention in Macon's Newest Citizens.

**BROTHERS ARRESTED**

### Federal Agents Discover Big Still Operation Here

A & T. T. agents swooped down on the Coweta section here over the weekend and discovered what they described as the most complete still operation uncovered in this area in years.

Their bag data:

Game: J. R. Bell and Robert Bell, brothers of the Coweta section, who were found on the site. They have posted bonds of \$500

**FOUND ONE, TOO**

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas reported Mrs. Floyd Shuler and her daughter, Renetta Kate, found a 35-gallon still Wednesday of last week in the Mouse Mountain section on Jim Deal Branch. It was destroyed by the sheriff.

for appearance in U. S. District Court in Bryson City. A warrant also is being held for Sam Cunningham, in connection with the illegal distilling operation.

Whiskey: 308 gallons.

Transportation: A '58 Mercury sedan and Jeep truck.

Agents also reported the arrest of Mrs. Leah Hastings. They said

### 14 Receive Diplomas

Fourteen Macon County students were among the 204 who received diplomas in the 69th annual commencement ceremonies at Western Carolina College Monday, June 2.

These students, with their major subjects, are listed below:

Mrs. Betty Jeanne Henson Taylor, of Franklin, received the bachelor of arts degree with a major in French.

The bachelor of science degree was conferred upon the following: Earl Forrest Baty, of Highlands, business administration; Billie Sherrill Huggins, of Route 3, business administration; Melvin R. Penland, of Route 3, business administration.

Those receiving the degree of

bachelor of science in education were Mrs. Sue Williams Baldwin, of Franklin, chemistry; Thurman Lewis Blaine, of Franklin, business education and social science; Charles Lee Cabe, of Otto, grammar grade; R. L. Cunningham, of Route 4, science and chemistry; D. L. Huggins, of Route 3, grammar grade; William Joseph Kinsland, of Franklin, chemistry; Miss Patricia Louise Phillips, of Franklin, social science; Miss Norma Jean Welch, music and Spanish. Miss Welch was graduated with honors.

The degree of master of arts in education was awarded to Mrs. Virginia G. Barnwell and Mrs. Lois Irene Keener.

**4-H Dress Revue Scheduled Friday**

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East Franklin School will be the scene tomorrow (Friday) afternoon of the annual Macon County 4-H Dress Revue.

Scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock, the show is open to the public and will feature 4-H girls modeling clothes they have made.

Judges will be Mrs. Betty Stiles, assistant home agent in Jackson County, and Mrs. J. H. Fisher, of Franklin.

The grand senior winner will represent the county in district competition in Asheville July 9.

She also will receive a check for \$15 from Belk's Department Store. Other stores providing prizes are People's Department Store, The Quality Shop, Macon Bargain Store, and J. B. Pendleton.

**Two County 4-H'ers At Fontana Meeting**

Brenda Cunningham, of Carson, and Douglas Teague, of Prentiss, are representing Macon County at the Regional Resource Development Conference for senior 4-H club members at Fontana.

The workshop, sponsored by the State Home Demonstration Music Committee, is scheduled for June 22-27.

Mrs. Sadler was a member of the now inactive home demonstration chorus here and is active in other club activities.

### Wins Music Scholarship

Mrs. Leona Sadler, music leader of the Cullasaja Home Demonstration Club, has been announced as the winner of a scholarship to attend the fifth Annual State Music Workshop at Brevard College.

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BALL LEAGUES OPEN PLAY HERE SATURDAY

Spectators turned out Saturday afternoon at the East Franklin diamond for the opening of the Little League and Babe Ruth League seasons. In opening play, the Little League Wildcats downed the Thunderbirds, 8 to 1, while the Babe Ruth Rexallites handed the Yardbirds a 4 to 2 defeat. In action Monday afternoon, the Little League Jaybirds defeated the Reddys, 14 to 1, and the Babe Ruth Corvettes chalked up an 11 to 8 victory over the Cardinals. (Staff Photo)



THEY'RE MAKING THE VOTE OFFICIAL

Election officials from over the county met Tuesday morning at the courthouse with J. Lee Barnard (left, foreground), elections board chairman, to conduct an official tally of Saturday's primary vote. A tabulation of the official vote in Macon County may be found on Page 12 of this issue. (Staff Photo)

### Walker Resigns

County Agent T. H. Fagg has announced the resignation of Clark Walker as assistant county agent.

Mr. Walker, who joined the county agent's staff in August, 1956, submitted his resignation, effective Sunday (June 1), because of the illness of his father.

He plans to leave the last of this week or the first of next for Old Fort, where he will take over the operation of his father's large dairy farm. Mr. Walker also will teach science next fall in the high school there.

While here, Mr. Walker was presented to Miss Jewel Alice Angel. They recently had their first child.

**Reports On Fair**

Mrs. Eva Cunningham, president of the Franklin club, reported on a meeting she attended in the interest of the local county fair. The session was held May 23 at East Franklin School and she was named as chairman of a committee to arrange a recreation program and talent show the first two nights of the fair, August 21 and 22. Mrs. Cunningham also explained tentative plans for holding a barbecue supper one night to raise funds to support the annual fair. Details of this are now being worked out.

The devotional was given by Mrs. S. B. Moss.

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**2 Drown When Boat Capsizes**

A floating log and an overloaded boat teamed early Sunday morning in the tragic drowning of two visitors boating on Nantahala Lake.

The victims of the accident were identified as Miss Allie Mae Rice, 16, of Oteen, and Maurice Ellis, 36, a building contractor, of Asheville, Route 6.

**Two Rescued**

Quick action on the part of two teen-agers from Burntontown saved the lives of two others in the boat, which capsized after striking a log about 300 yards out from Sam Passmore's boat dock about 6:45.

The teen-agers, Lee Swafford, 14, and Charles Cochran, 18, rowed to where the boat had capsized and rescued Miss Mitch Sizemore, 21, of Asheville, and Herbert Melton, 28, of Black Mountain.

The boys almost succeeded in saving Miss Rice and Mr. Ellis. But an oar extended by the boys was wrenched free by Mr. Ellis, who was trying to support Miss Rice, and the two sank out of sight.

**Squadron Called**

When word of the tragedy reached Franklin, the newly-formed Macon Search and Rescue Squadron, commanded by Frank Plyler, was mobilized, along with Explorer Scouts of Troop 21.

Members of the rescue squadron and other volunteers, including a skin diver, J. E. Hibberts, a TVA employee of Murphy, searched for the bodies in water about 65 feet deep.

**Body Located**

Grappling hooks finally located Miss Rice's body about 11:15. In the boat were Frank Jones, A. C. Tyssing, John Bulgin, and Howard Patton.

Mr. Ellis' body was found in almost the same spot about 3:10 by Bob Phillips, Frank Plyler, and Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Watching the drama unfold from shore were about 1,500 spectators, including Mrs. Mary Alice Watford, 23, of Oteen, and Roland B. Auten, 28, of Black Mountain, members of the ill-fated boating party, who stayed ashore.

**Boat Overloaded**

Sheriff Thomas said the aluminum boat in which the four were riding "definitely was overloaded". It was a 12-footer made for two passengers, he said.

The boat had no air tanks and sank immediately. Witnesses said the boat, powered by a small outboard, was on a straight course when it struck the log and overturned.

Sheriff Thomas was high in

the air when he said the boat had been overloaded.

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### He's Getting Pay For School

R. M. Biddle, Jr., is going to school this week—and he's being paid, too!

He's attending the special Travel Host School operating in Waynesville under the sponsorship of the Travel Council of North Carolina.

Mr. Biddle has been hired by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to attend the sessions and then set up a special school for local businessmen who meet the traveling public. The object of the school will be to acquaint them with new techniques in meeting and serving tourists.

Dr. G. R. McSween, chamber president, said Mr. Biddle was hired because it was felt few businessmen would have attended the Waynesville school.

**Privilege Tax Due**

Privilege taxes for 1958-59 are now due in Franklin, and beginning today (Thursday) policemen will start collecting.

Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey pointed out that a new law passed last year allows charging a penalty for non-payment.

In regular session Monday night the board of aldermen:

Authorized sale of the old town 2 1/4-inch water line to the town playground now being developed below Slagle Memorial Hill.

Instructed Water Supt. Herman Childers to prepare a daily schedule of his activities so he can be located at any time.

Gave the budget committee, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., A. G. Cagle, and J. Frank Martin, the green light in preparing a budget for 1958-59.

Referred a request for a salary increase from policemen C. D. Baird, Nelson Ledford, and Homer Cochran to the budget committee.

Authorized the sale of old town garbage truck and the 1939 Ford coupe that was confiscated from a Georgia bootlegger last year and turned over to the town by court order.

Okayed the extension of a two-inch water line from Maple Street to the Graves and Bundy property.

Authorized Mayor W. C. Burrell to investigate the possibility of obtaining the old Mundt lot in town for a parking lot.

**4 TO CAMP**

About 40 children from this county plan to attend the 4-H camp, Camp Schaub, near Waynesville, the week of June 16-21, according to the county agent's office.

**Girls Attending Camp Down East**

Three members of the Franklin chapter of Future Homemakers of America are camp at White Lake this week.

**WATAUGA SINGING**

The second Sunday sing will be held at the Watauga Baptist Church June 8, as a feature of the church's regular homecoming service. Singing will start at 2 p. m. All singers are invited to attend.

No charge is made at the pool.

**VETERANS TO MEET**

Veterans of World War I of U. S. A. Barracks No. 906, will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at the courthouse at 7:30.

**Arrowood Pool Opening Saturday**

The swimming pool at Arrowood will open for the season Saturday, according to Wayah Ranger W. L. Nothstein.

He said the opening was delayed this season pending arrival of a treated lumber to rebuild the diving platform.

The ranger also said the pool has been cleared of rocks in the wading section and new sand has been spread on the beach.

No charge is made at the pool.

**The Weather**

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Mabel Stiles. U. S. weather observer: in Hillsboro 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**

Wednesday, 28th	83	55	.00
Thursday	82	47	.00
Friday	81	44	.00
Saturday	84	52	.00
Sunday	84	57	.00
Monday	85	59	.26
Tuesday	83	57	.00
Wednesday	85	57	.00

**COWETA**

Wednesday, 28th	75	51	.00