



7 Running For Town Alderman

Mayor Burrell Is Unopposed; Martin Out

LOCAL POLITICKING, which hasn't reached the luke warm stage since the campaign of Franklin's "kissin' mayor", the late R. M. Dillard, could take some lessons from Franklin High. They've really been at it picking students to run the town Friday.

WITH SPRING nudging us, seems to be about time for this column to start hollering about getting the streets washed and the town spruced up for the tourist season.

STILL THINK the power company should get some kind of citation for rain making.

NICE TO learn that our Smoky Mountain Cloggers are hitting the trail once again. The wonderful publicity they brought us by being on the Ed Sullivan show last year is still paying off.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP could very well be the answer to that industry "to employ men" that everyone here talks about needing. At least it's worth the effort to see if we can't land something that will bring the "boys home" from Michigan.

MAY 17 is still the target date for the change to dial telephones in Franklin. Work is proceeding on schedule.

WOULDN'T YOU say that Maconians are grabbing a lion's share of honors lately? Every time we turn around someone has done something noteworthy.

THE NEW grass on the main runway at the Franklin Airport is making the best of the rainy weather and is really coming up fast.

A FLY-IN from Georgia is coming up next month, so we hear. Coming to dig for rubies. Richard Parker, of Andrews, is handling the arrangements.

FRANKLIN, Dillard, and Clayton are erasing the state line and are hoping to form an organization to promote the mountains. How's that for pulling together?

LYMAN LEDBETTER is opening a cafe in the Reid building in East Franklin. Fellow asked him the other day if it'd be a drive-in. "I don't care how they get here," declared Mr. L. "just so they stop and eat with me."

LOOKS LIKE the way to stop traffic is to put up those colored flags or balloons. The latest to adopt this psychology are the Tootie-Freeze and Gas for Less on West Palmer.

WON'T BE long now before school is out and all the boys will be thinking about Little League and Babe Ruth ball. These are worthwhile programs and Macon County should make every effort to see that they're continued.

DON'T FORGET that Macon has a beautification program under way. This doesn't mean you have to eat your chewing gum or candy wrappers, but it would help matters if you'd see that they get to the trash cans and not on the street.

SURE WOULD be nice if the Saturday weather would let up long enough to let them prepare the site for the new youth center. Just about every scheduled working has been rained out.

FOLKS OUT Cullasaja way are hopping mad. Vandals have all but uprooted their beautiful picnic area; brick cooking places torn up and the registration box ripped down.

A LOCAL student, Miss Patricia Tatham, is a member of the Brevard College Glee Club, which SEE NO. 1, PAGE 4

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors: Well sir, in recommendin' a new courthouse, the grand jury puts me in mind of the ol' "second verse, same as the first" song we used to sing when we were kids.

Of course, the grand juries have got to report somethin' when they make an inspection, so we can't fault 'em there. But, they've been hollerin' about a new courthouse now for more than a quarter of a century. That's a heap of "second verse, same as the first" and offhand I'd say the county fathers are tone deaf to the song. And I thank you.

Seven men are in the running for Franklin's six alderman seats in the biennial non-partisan election set for May 5.

Five of the seven are incumbents. Mayor W. C. Burrell is unopposed for another term.

New candidates are Frank L. Henry, Jr., and Herman Dean. The five incumbents are A. G. Cogh, Dr. J. W. Kahn, William (Bill) Bryant, E. C. Shook, and Prelo Dryman. Incumbent alderman Frank Martin is not seeking reelection.

Mr. Cagle is seeking his fifth term as an alderman. With the exception of Mr. Dryman, the other incumbents are after second terms on the board. Mr. Dryman was appointed last year to serve the unexpired term of H. H. Gnuse, Jr.

Registration books will remain open the rest of this week at the town office. Challenge day will be Saturday.

The filing deadline was last Saturday.

Students Will Run Franklin

Youth will have a hand in government here tomorrow (Friday).

Having been elected to offices in hot political campaigns at Franklin High School, students will take over the reins of town government, filling all posts from mayor to police chief.

A two-party system (Tar Heels and Mountaineers) has been waging political war for the past two weeks and the walls at the high school are plastered with campaign literature.

Results of yesterday's election, however, were not available at press time.

The experiment in elections and government is being sponsored by the Franklin Rotary Club.

Hall's Office Manager Here

Any problems you'd like to air with Congressman David M. Hall?

Today (Thursday) is the day to do it. The congressman's district office manager, Mrs. Edith P. Alley, will be at the courthouse from 9:30 to 5 to talk over 12th district matters with local voters.

A number of women also will have "dutch" lunch with Mrs. Alley at Kelly's Tea Room between 12 and 1.

She will go to Highlands tomorrow for talks with constituents.

Raby Amends Salary Bill For Deputy

Macon's chief deputy sheriff, who was slighted in Rep. James M. Raby's recent bill that would increase the salaries of county officials, has been vindicated.

Last Thursday, Rep. Raby had the bill amended to fix the deputy's salary at \$3,300. It is now \$2,700. The bill has passed the House.

The deputy was the only one who failed to benefit in the original bill, which was introduced in the House April 6.

Mr. Maconian



Through the efforts of the above Shriners, a club for this area is being organized. They are (L to R) A. C. Tysinger, of Franklin, who is temporary chairman, Julian W. Helms, of Charlotte, recorder, Frank Bridges, president of the Brevard

club, S. Casper Chandler, of Charlotte, recorder emeritus, Henry Henderson, of Brevard, ambassador, and J. Ward Long, of Franklin, temporary secretary. (Staff Photo)

Area Shriners Club Being Organized Here

Groundwork for a Shriners Club embracing eight towns in this area was laid Friday night at a meeting of 30 Shriners at Slagle Memorial Building.

An organizational meeting has been called for May 15 at Slagle Memorial. Invitations have been extended to Shriners in Sylva, Bryson City, Andrews, Robbinsville, Cherokee, Murphy, Highlands, and Franklin to attend.

A. C. Tysinger and J. Ward Long, both of Franklin, are serving as temporary chairman and secretary, respectively, until regular officers are elected.

The new club will hold monthly meetings here. Mr. Tysinger says there are 72 Shriners in the eight towns, 21 of them from Franklin.

Study Group Stops Here Saturday For Lunch And Tour

Representing 11 states, a 26 person delegation stopped here Saturday while on a study tour of Western North Carolina and Tennessee sponsored by the Huckleberry Mountain Workshop of Hendersonville.

They lunched at Kelly's Tea Room, and then visited Jim Brinkman's gem shop, where they were given souvenir key chains with polished native stones.

Contest Winner And Advisor New York Bound

Miss Margaret Davis, winner of Franklin High's United Nations speaking contest, and her advisor, Mrs. Ellen Ledbetter, will leave Sunday for New York City and a visit to the U. N.

The trip was Miss Davis' prize for winning the contest. The expenses of the trip are being covered by the Franklin P.T.A.

They will leave from Greensboro on a special bus chartered for U.N. contest winners from over the state, and expect to return home Thursday.

Dress Review Set Wednesday At Cullasaja

About 200 are expected next Wednesday, April 29, at Cullasaja School for the annual home demonstration Spring federation and dress review.

This year's theme will be "Springtime of Fashions".

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home economics agent, invites the public to attend.

Club women entering costumes are asked to register at the school at 9:30 a.m. Judging and modeling will be held from 10 to 11:30.

The regular show will begin at 2 o'clock.

AN OLD STORY — New Courthouse Asked By Jury Once Again

Picking up an old cry voiced by grand juries for more than a quarter of a century, the grand jury of the April term of Superior Court recommends construction of a new courthouse.

But, until something is done, the jury suggests additional fireproof storage in the courthouse offices. This is another recommendation that has been sounded

STILL IN SESSION

Superior Court still was in session (yesterday) Wednesday at press time.

Judge Frank Huskins was hearing both criminal and civil actions.

Dispositions will appear in next week's PRESS.

for many years by juries.

The current report, filed last week after an inspection of facilities, notes that the tax collector's office has no storage arrangements, except for current receipts.

Jury members found the county jail and prison camp in good condition. The committee visiting the

Jurymen Free Five Charged In Beating

Indictments charging five local men in the alleged February 10 beating of a union official in Franklin were dropped last week by the grand jury.

Jurymen, after hearing evidence presented by 16 witnesses, including S.B.I. Agent P. R. Kitchen, failed to return true bills of indictments against the five. Norman Seay, Ernie Sanders, Gene Husconsun, Gene Mashburn, and Dolan Bates.

The men were charged with assault with intent to commit bodily harm. The complaint was lodged by Robert D. Beame, of Greensboro, a representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

Mr. Beame charged he was taken from a motel room, beaten, and forced to leave town by a group of men. He was here in the interest of union organization at Franklin Hosiery Plant.

The union official was one of the 16 witnesses appearing before the grand jury.

Remembering that he was interested only in violations of criminal law, not in any dispute between the hosiery workers union and the local plant, Solicitor Glenn Brown said, "As far as I know, this ends the matter as far as any violation of state law is concerned."

Nantahala Finally Gets Work Done

Although the men got a little wet, Nantahala Power and Light Company finally got the line maintenance work it has been planning for several weeks done Sunday.

Intermittent rain didn't stop the men from tackling the job this time. They had been trying to do the work since February but the weather interfered each time.



FACE OF A CENTENARIAN

Meet "Uncle Billy" McCoy. He's 100 years old and that cigar he's puffing on is but one of many delights in his life. For a glimpse into the daily life of Macon County's oldest citizen, turn to the front page of the second section.

IS PLANT GUILTY? Board Hearing To Open Monday

Has Franklin Hosiery Company denied employees their rights under the Taft-Hartley law?

The answer to this question is what the National Labor Relations Board will be seeking here Monday when it opens a hearing into charges made by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

In a telephone interview earlier in the month, James R. Webster, of Winston-Salem, chief law officer, said the hearing will last from two to four days. It will be held at the courthouse.

The hearing will deal only with the A.F.H.W. charges of Taft-Hartley violations on the part of the local hosiery plant. It will not go into the alleged beating of union official Robert D. Beame, since this was a criminal law matter and was handled as such last week during Superior Court by the grand jury (see related story on this page).

It is understood that the charges of discrimination and interference with rights of employees were lodged by A.F.H.W. following the discharge of some workers at the plant earlier in the year.

A trial examiner from Washington, D. C., will conduct the hearing.

Armstrong Will Speak At Banquet

Event To Honor Franklin High's Top Students

Franklin High's top honor students in all classes will be honored next Thursday night, April 30, by the Rotary Club.

Guest speaker at the banquet, which the Rotarians plan to make an annual affair, will be Roy Armstrong, a former University of North Carolina official, who now is executive secretary of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Forty students—10 with the highest scholastic ratings from each of the four classes—will be honored guests of the Rotarians, who feel that excellence in scholarship is being under-emphasized, not only in many schools but also in the public mind.

The guest speaker will be introduced by W. W. (Bill) Sloan. A native of Spencer, Mr. Armstrong was graduated in 1926 from U. N. C. He taught two years in Greensboro Public Schools before returning to the university to study law for two years (1928-30).

In 1930 he accepted the position of director of pre-college SEE NO. 3, PAGE 4.

Unusual Area Jaycee Meeting Slated Friday

One of the most unusual district meetings in the history of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce will take place "down the road a piece" from here tomorrow (Friday) night.

About 100 Jaycees from Western North Carolina (District 1), and a host of special guests, will invade nearby Georgia for a meeting.

That's right, Georgia! Almost secretly, in fear of being ostracized by North Carolina Jaycees, for the past year members of the Franklin Jaycees have been holding monthly "eating meetings" at the Dillard House, in Dillard, Ga., where the bill of fare is all-you-can-eat, with country ham and fried chicken being featured.

In fact, and again in near secrecy, North Carolina's Jaycee President, Marvin Koonce, Jr., of Raleigh, was spirited recently across the state line for one of these meals he'd been hearing about down east and had come to investigate.

Instead of chastising the Franklin club for deserting the Tar Heel State, between slabs of country ham and fists full of fried chicken, President Koonce swore his allegiance to the State of Georgia and vowed that the rest of North Carolina must learn of the unusual over-the-line trips being made by Franklin.

And so tomorrow, Jaycees from Saluda west will doff their hats as they pass through here on their way to Dillard, Ga., for a unique out-of-the-state district meeting.

Attending as a special guest of the Franklin club will be Georgia's state president, Jeff Davis, Decatur, Ga., and a large delegation of Georgia Jaycees.

Since it's election time in North Carolina Jaycee circles, candidates from all over the Tar Heel State will be on hand for some politicking.

As a door prize, the Franklin Jaycees are offering a cut and polished ruby from the Cowee Ruby Mines. They'll toss in a country ham and many other prizes as well.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Maxson 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.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Date, Temperature, Rainfall. Includes FRANKLIN, COWETA, and HIGHLANDS data.

ON 'OPERATION BOOTSTRAP' — School Children Tapped For Delivery Of Books

Tomorrow (Friday), Western North Carolina's school children will carry into their homes the story of "Operation Bootstrap".

The 12-county project seeking to publicize the area for industry and tourists.

Each child in the cooperating counties will be handed an "Operation Bootstrap" booklet on leaving school. The child's instructions are simple: Ask Mom

and Dad to read it, for it explains in detail the objectives of the program.

Macon County's participation is being directed by Sam Gibson and J. P. Brady, who were appointed to the regional board by last year's chamber of commerce. The co-chairmen ask that anyone interested in helping with "Operation Bootstrap" here get in touch with them immediately. They will need about 200 volunteers to handle collections and work on road blocks.

It is highly appropriate that W.N.C.'s school children should carry the message of "Operation Bootstrap", for they are the ones who some day will reap the benefits as job holders, according to the sponsor of "Operation Bootstrap", the W.N.C. Industrial Development Corporation. The main purpose of the project is to pub-

licize the mountain area as an "industrial paradise", with the ultimate objective of locating new industries over the area. The corporation proposes to raise \$100,000 on "Operation Bootstrap Days" May 1-2 to finance a traveling trailer exhibit that will show interested industrialists what Western North Carolina has to offer.

Each person in Western North Carolina is asked to contribute 33 cents toward achieving this goal.

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