

GRAND JURY ENDORSES JAIL RENOVATION

Press Campaign Workers Begin Exciting Race For Grand Prize

ANNEX WILL BE ADDED SHORTLY

CONTEST TO RUN SIX WEEKS YET

Seventeen Candidates Have Entered Drive To Secure Subscribers

INTEREST IS GROWING

Subscriptions Easily Secured Since Press Has Made Improvements

They're off in a bunch! The race is now on, the bars are up, the track is cleared, and everyone of the Franklin Press' live wire candidates has the right of way from now on until the final count is made on June 2. This fine list of workers will be battling for honors, and first chance at the beautiful new Chevrolet six.

No Quitters Here

A careful study of the workers in the campaign will disclose the fact that there is not a quitter in the bunch. Readers, friends, and relatives need not be afraid to support their favorite to the finish.

All of these candidates have entered the campaign after careful consideration, and they deserve your support. They are offering dollar for dollar value when they solicit your subscription to, the Franklin Press. The paper is larger than ever before, and will be bigger and better as time moves on. During years of campaigning, the campaign manager has not seen a paper that offered a more adequate service to the community it served.

The Franklin Press is the mirror in which the "outside world" beholds your town, your community, and your county. Whatever the merits of your section, it will be determined and measured by the type of newspaper that goes out from Macon county into the outside world. Friend! You owe it not only to yourself, but to the pride you have in your own home community, and to the loyalty you profess for one of these tireless workers—to subscribe to the Franklin Press. Subscribe now while the votes on your subscription count most; help your favorite candidate toward winning that Chevrolet automobile, and do your bit toward making your community newspaper a bigger and better institution for the betterment of your county.

Let's Go Candidates

Candidates you are off at the post, and the race is growing "hot." Your ability and capacity have already been demonstrated. Will you try and finish as strong as you have started? You most certainly can if you will (Continued on page four)



MOVING PICTURES of the Dry Falls (left) and Lower Cullasaja Falls (right) were filmed last Saturday on Highway 28 by forestry representatives.



FORESTRY MOVING PICTURES ARE BEING FILMED IN MACON

POWER PLANT IS NOW UNDER WAY ON WAYAH CREEK

Road Superintendent Grady Siler of the Nantahala National forest is engaged in the construction of a water power unit on Wayah creek to be used as a source of light and power at the forest service equipment depot near Wayah creek. Water will be diverted from Wayah and will flow a short distance to the power plant. The plant will be ready within 30 days, it is reported from local forestry offices.

CITIZENS LEARN ABOUT MUSCLES

Flower Gardeners Discover Joys of Beautifying Main Street

Several Franklin citizens discovered muscles Tuesday morning that they had forgotten existed. Sore shoulders, stiff arms, and weak backs, not to mention sprained fingers and skinned knuckles, were among the symptoms of which complaint was heard.

Monday marked the inauguration of a clean-up campaign in Franklin. Many citizens gave an hour of time (Continued on page four)

Shots Are Taken Of Cullasaja and Dry Falls On No. 28

Forestry service moving picture production is underway in Macon county and will continue through this week, announces A. A. Wood, supervisor of the Nantahala National forest. The cameramen represent the Public Relations committee of the Eastern district of the United States national forest. One will depict local wood-using operations, and the other will show the place of virgin hardwood forests in economic life.

Shots are also to be taken in the Wayah Game refuge, including "still" shots, prints of which will be used to supplement the collection of photographs in local forestry offices.

The cameramen, who are under the direction of H. R. Kylie, spent last Saturday on Highway 28 between Franklin and Highlands filming scenic attractions of the section. Mr. Kylie was very much impressed with the scenery along this route and states that he will take advantage of the natural beauty of the section to take additional shots for use in films other than those on which plans have already been made. Moving pictures of the Lower Cullasaja and Upper Cullasaja (Dry) falls were filmed from several points.

These pictures will be shown locally if sufficient interest is shown by Macon county people. The photographers will leave at the end of this week for the Pisgah National forest.

CENSUS FIGURES GIVE HIGHLANDS 442 POPULATION

With an increase in its permanent population of 129 in the last decade, Highlands is among the first of the towns in Western North Carolina for which census figures have been released. The present population of Highlands is 442 compared with 313 in 1920.

Census taking in Macon county is going forward as rapidly as the census takers can secure the necessary data. People of the county have been asked to co-operate as fully as possible in the work, and have responded readily.

In Waynesville a population of 2,406 is reported compared with 1,942 in 1920. Robbinsville, county seat of Graham county, boasts 345 now compared with 119 when the last census was taken.

THREE GUILTY IN AFFRAY CHARGE

Bryan Setser Is Fined \$100; Waldroop and Ledford \$30 Each

Deputy Sheriff Bryan Setser was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, in addition to one-third of court trial costs, by Judge John Harwood in Macon county superior court Monday morning for guilt in an affray against Charles Waldroop and Clyde Ledford last Christmas eve. Waldroop and Ledford were each sentenced to pay fines of \$30 and one-third of trial costs. The total cost in the case is understood to be \$218.

On the day of the affray Waldroop and Ledford were present when Setser arrested a man named Frank Anderson on charges of drunkenness and of fighting with a man named Harley Ledbetter. After jailing Anderson, Setser was hailed by Waldroop and Ledford near Waldroop's home in the Cartoogechaye section of the county as the deputy was returning home. Testimony conflicted as to the details of the affray which followed. Waldroop, however, was shot twice in the right hip by Setser before the affair ended. Charges of assault were instituted by Setser, and counter charges were brought against the deputy by Waldroop and Ledford.

Jurors Recommend That Storage Of Confiscated Liquor Stop

DEPLORE PAST DELAY

County Home Well Kept and Inmates Receive Good Treatment

After inspecting the Macon county jail, the grand jury for the April term of Macon county superior court recommended to Judge John Harwood that the plans of the county commissioners for repairing the jail and building an addition to it be adopted. The jail was reported to be very well kept considering the condition of the building.

Plans for remodeling the jail were submitted for bids on April 7, and include the construction of a six-inch concrete wall around the four sides of the building, the construction of an annex, and inside remodeling. The grand jury stated that one additional window should be added to each room of the prisoners' quarters in the jail and also in the proposed annex.

Will Last 15 Years

"In our opinion," reads the grand jury report, "reconstruction will eliminate the necessity of building a new jail for several years. We recommend that you pass an order requiring that the county commissioners shall adopt these plans, and put them into effect immediately. After a careful study of these plans we find that they will adequately take care of the needs for the next ten or fifteen years."

"We recommend that in addition to the above plans, that the present jail shall be repaired and put in a sanitary condition. We also recommend that the old building owned by J. R. Pendergrass on the west end of the jail be condemned and removed as it is a fire hazard and very unsanitary."

Concerning whiskey which has been stored by Sheriff C. L. Ingram in his office following raids on stills or confiscations from whiskey runners, the grand jury made the following recommendation:

Want Whiskey Destroyed

"We, the grand jurors, find that in the sheriff's office there is a considerable quantity of whiskey. We feel that some order should be passed by his Honor whereby the sheriff shall destroy the whiskey immediately after its capture. We feel that it is unfair to the sheriff to have to hold said whiskey, and also we feel that it is too great a temptation to those who are inclined to drink whiskey to have this at all times before the public." (Continued on page four)

Colonel Cooper Of Murphy Is Heard By Franklin People

Colonel Harry Cooper, mayor of Murphy and candidate for solicitor of the twentieth judicial district, sprang a surprise on the other four candidates here by suddenly appearing in the Macon county court house and making a speech to the audience in support of his candidacy, during the noon recess of court.

Colonel Cooper's speech was well received and much favorable comment was heard on all sides during the afternoon, and he undoubtedly strengthened his chances for the nomination.

Colonel Cooper cited the fact that he is the only World war veteran in the race, that he is 39 years old, and is a man of wide and varied experience, and attained his legal education by diligent effort and the burning of much midnight oil, after his day's work; that he was left to shift for himself at the age of 13 on the death of his father, and in addition to bringing up a family and

supporting them he has been able to attain his legal training.

Turn About

Attention was called to the fact that the Western counties have never had a State office, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, and Macon counties each having, had judges and solicitors, and that turn about is fair play.

Colonel Cooper also called the attention of his audience to that fact that the United States Government during the War entrusted him with a commission as an officer, he having been promoted in rank several times, and that the people of Murphy have twice in succession honored him with the office of mayor, and that all things now being equal he feels that inasmuch as he is an ex-service man he should be supported by the people of this district.

The campaign is now getting warm and the candidates busy, as the Democratic primary will be held on June 7.

Two Clubs Begun By County Agent

County Agent F. S. Sloan reports that two 4-H clubs were organized in Macon county last week. One of these was in the Cartoogechaye community where 14 members were enrolled. About 15 members were enrolled in a club organized in Highlands.

Raising of calves, pigs, poultry, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, and beans will be among the projects fostered by the clubs. Monthly meetings will be held with club officers presiding. Members will give talks at this meeting, material for which will be mailed to them by the county agent in advance. The work will thus afford training in public speaking as well as familiarize the club members with details of the work of which they are making a study.

MEETING OF IOTLA SOCIETY

The Missionary Study class of Iotla Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. P. Ray on Friday, April 25, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. John Gribble will be the leader.

Asheville Selects Mid-June For Rhododendron Festival

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 23.—Mid-June, the time this year when the wild rhododendron gardens scattered over the mountain slopes in the vicinity of the city will be at the height of their colorful glory has been set as the time for the third annual Rhododendron festival. The festival which has come to be known as the most colorful celebration held in the South is expected to attract this year one of the largest throngs of visitors ever entertained in Asheville.

The date of the festival is set in accordance with the advance of the blooming season of the wild mountain shrubs which in June color entire mountain sides with their massed flowers. Principal shrubs which attract the attention of visitors during the June flowering season, are the rhododendron which in its three principal varieties ranges in color from white to purple, the mountain laurel, a mass of pink blooms

and azalea which present a riot of color from pure white to deep, flaming orange.

Foresters and botanists predict that the mountain shrubs this year will be unusually gorgeous in the abundance of their bloom as judged by the appearance of the early blooming varieties. The wild gardens which cover large areas of the mountain summits and slopes near the city may be reached by visitors over the network of fine highways which radiate from the city through the surrounding mountain region.

Plans for the 1930 Rhododendron festival are already being made and officials predict that the event this year will be one of the most interesting and colorful celebrations ever held in Asheville. Growing in popularity from year to year, the event in June is expected to attract an even greater national notice than was accorded the two previous annual festivals.