

SLAGLE, BRYSON PICKS OF PARTY

Appointed In All But Two Counties Of District

BARNARD WINS; HARRISON ALSO

Walter Gibson Is New Nominee For County Commissioner

FIVE TO ONE FOR BAILEY

Pritchard Is Nominated; Weaver Easily Defeats Wallace Stone

Official primary returns released Monday evening by George Mallonee, local registrar, gave W. A. Rogers the nomination for Democratic representative from Macon county, A. B. Slagle the nomination for sheriff, C. T. Bryson the nomination for register of deeds, and J. O. Harrison, W. D. Barnard, and Walter Gibson the nominations for county commissioners.

Frank I. Murray, without opposition in the primary, officially became Democratic candidate for clerk of superior court. Lake Ledford was without opposition for county surveyor and C. M. Moore was without opposition for coroner.

The accompanying table gives the totals by precincts for each candidate. The totals for the county are official, but the totals by precincts are subject to correction.

Results from the primary gave W. A. Rogers a commanding plurality over his two opponents, although J. Frank Ray, Jr. and J. A. Porter polled substantial totals. A. B. Slagle polled a majority of more than twice that of the combined votes of his opponents, John H. Dalton and Frank H. Norton. C. T. Bryson's nomination was in doubt until returns from the last two precincts to report had been received. J. L. Rogers ran a close second to Bryson, receiving 440 votes to Bryson's 496.

Members Renominated
J. O. Harrison and W. D. Barnard, members of the present board of county commissioners, were renominated with practically no opposition, while Walter Gibson became the third nominee.

State returns up until Tuesday give Josiah W. Bailey a lead of 66,000 over Senator F. M. Simmons for the United States Senate. George M. Pritchard was in the lead for the Republican nomination for the Senate. Bailey's majority in Macon county, estimated before the election as probably three to one, proved to be five (Continued on page five)

Fires Of Past Spring Hazardous And Difficult To Control

STATE AIDS COUNTIES

County Appropriations Average 1-4 Cent Per Acre Of Forest Land

The commissioners of Cherokee county, at their June meeting, signed a co-operative agreement with the State Forest service for forest fire protection. Clay county signed a similar agreement in May, so there are now only two non-cooperating counties in the thirteen that comprise the Western District. These two are Transylvania and Graham.

The fire season just passed was the worst experienced since the spring of 1926. It was characterized by greatly sub-normal rainfall and by almost continuous high winds. Such conditions make the control of a forest fire extremely difficult and even dangerous. There were instances this spring where the wind blew so hard and in such fitful gusts as to actually blow out a fire when it reached the top of a ridge or mountain.

50-50 Basis

Forest fire control work in this State is financed by a 50-50 appropriation by the State and the individual counties. In other words, the State matches any appropriation a county sees fit to make, the work depending entirely upon the voluntary co-operation of the several counties. Here in the Western District, in the eleven counties now cooperating, county appropriations average about one-fourth of a cent per acre of forest land. The added State appropriation gives us a total of one-half cent per acre of forest land with which to carry on the work of fire protection. It is plain, then, that the county taxes paid upon forest land contribute but a negligible amount to this highly important forest land activity. We may consider five cents per acre per year as the minimum required to give fairly adequate protection to these mountain forests. At present, as stated above, we have only one-half of one cent per acre per year to work on.

Good Record

In view of the above facts the record of the warden organization in District One this spring is considerably better than is at first apparent. We had about 550 fires, which burned over about two and one-half per cent of the forest land under protection. It is the objective of the State Forest service to keep the burned area down to one-tenth of one per cent.

Paving of Highway 28 Going Forward Rapidly

More than two and a half miles of the eight mile stretch of Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Gneiss has been paved, it is stated by residents of the Cullasaja section. Concrete pouring is now in progress near the home of Alvin Stewart. Paving of the entire eight miles is expected to be complete early in July.

County Jail Remodeling Soon To Be Complete

Remodeling of the outside wall of the Macon county jail is practically complete. The work has greatly improved the appearance of the building, and to the casual observer the jail has the appearance of being new. Inside remodeling is to begin soon and will be carried to completion at an early date, according to present plans.



FRANKLIN TERRACE, shown above, has for many seasons been among the popular summer resort hotels of Macon county. The Terrace is situated near the center of town, but is far enough removed to offer a quiet retreat to vacationists.

CHARACTERS PREPARE FOR CHINESE EPISODE

Many From Franklin Will Take Part In Rhododendron Pageant

Characters who will take part in the Chinese episode of the Rhododendron pageant to be presented at Asheville on Wednesday night, June 18, at 8:30 o'clock will meet for final rehearsals next Monday night. Mrs. Helen Macon, director of this feature of the pageant, has announced. The town of Franklin was chosen by officials of the Asheville Rhododendron festival to present the Chinese episode.

This episode is the eighth in the pageant. Franklin boys will do a Chinese devil dance at the foot of a large statue of Buddha, after which the dragon carriers will bring the sacred dragon, a glistening monster 40 feet in length before the king and queen of the festival. Following this ceremony, the lotus blossom will be presented to the king. This flower will be refused in favor of the rhododendron.

Devil dancers in the episode are: John Cunningham, Glenn Patton, Charles Robert Patton, Richard Conley, Edward Eaton, Harry Cunningham, Joe Dowdle, Francis Tessier, Ralph West, Daniel West.

Dragon Carriers

The dragon carriers are: Jess Conley, L. H. Meilke, Fred Sloan, Frank Leach, I. A. Flanagan, Bert Slagle, Harry Higgins, Eugene Welch, Bill Sloan, John Bulein, Jim Perry, Roan Bradley, Lyles Harris, Don Young, James Porter, Frank Shope, William McGuire, Harry Higgins, Jr.

Those who will play the parts of Chinese women and girls in the episode are: Jean Porter, Kathryn Siler, Margaret Slagle, Marie Palmer, Jessie Higdon, Georgianna Tessier, Amanda Slagle, Lucy Slagle, Bess Cunningham, Eunice Cunningham, Agnes Higgins, Ruth Higgins, Mrs. I. T. Peek, Mrs. E. B. McCollum, Velma Peek, Meta Peek, Grace Conley, Elizabeth McGuire, Margaret McGuire, Mrs. Lyles Harris, Margaret Cozad, Mildred Cozad, Helen Cunningham, Virginia Cunningham, Nell Young, Elizabeth Dowdle, Rosalind Bulgin.

A special rehearsal of the devil dancers will be held in Boy Scout house on Monday night at 7 o'clock. Afterward a rehearsal of the entire episode will be held in the court house, at 8 o'clock. All members of the cast who have not made arrangements for transportation to Asheville are requested to give their names to Lyles Harris.

W. A. Keener Is Still Candidate For Sheriff

W. A. Keener, Republican candidate for nomination for sheriff of Macon county, writes that the report has been circulated that he has withdrawn from the race. This report is an error, and Mr. Keener believes it has been circulated with malicious intent.

HOTEL CARLEIGH NEW NAME GIVEN TO ROGER'S HALL

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burton, formerly of Asheville and Lexington, N. C., have leased Rogers hall for a period of three years and hereafter will operate this delightful place under the name of Hotel Carleigh—Carleigh being the name of their little nine-year-old daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Burton plan to keep Hotel Carleigh open all the year, whereas in the past Rogers hall has only been kept open from May to November.

Hotel Carleigh is now open for business, and Mr. Burton advises that the same high standard established by Rogers hall will be maintained, and that the Carleigh will also cater to parties, special occasions, chicken dinners, and special Sunday dinners.

AQUONE'S POST OFFICE ROBBED

Thief Get Over \$60 In Money And 2-Cent Stamps; No Clues

A thief broke into the Aquone post office, Tuesday night, June 3, and robbed the cash and stamp box of \$54.30 cash and 500 2-cent stamps, the entire contents of the box. Entrance into the building was gained through a window which opened on the porch of the office. The putty had been cut from around a window pane which was removed and left on a bench on the porch. The thief having thus gained entrance into the building made the robbery by twisting the steeple from the locked cash and stamp box.

D. F. Howard, the postmaster, whose house is only 100 feet or so, from the store and post office building was at home with his family. Four boarders were also sleeping in the house. No one heard any sound to indicate burglary during the night. It was not until the following morning when Mr. Howard went to the post office building to open it for the day that he discovered the loss. No clue as to the identity of the thief was discovered.

A year ago last August this post office was broken into and a similar robbery carried out. The guilty party made a complete escape, and his identity remains an unsolved mystery.

Negro Youth Is Taken By Death At Home Here

Thomas Scruggs, 17-year-old colored youth, died at his home on June 5, at nine o'clock in the morning after nine days' illness. He was a member of the A. M. E. Zion church. He is survived by his mother, five sisters and two brothers.

FAMOUS AIRMEN ARE IN FRANKLIN

Will Do Dare-Devil Stunts Here Next Sunday Afternoon

On Tuesday afternoon Messrs. Jimmy Kronskop and Bonie Rowe, pilot and stunt flier extraordinary, dropped onto the Smoky Mountain landing field for a few days' stay in, over and around Franklin.

These gentlemen will be here all the rest of this week. During this time they will fly for hire and do many stunts. One of the most spectacular ones that will be done is the one where Bonie Rowe will jump from the plane 3,000 feet up and fall for half the distance to earth before he pulls the rip cord of his parachute. This stunt will take place Sunday afternoon if and when the wind and weather conditions permit. Bonie says he does not hold anything other than the greatest respect for the weather, and that he does not take undue liberties with it.

Both Mr. Kronskop and Mr. Rowe were enthusiastic over the possibilities of the field here. They think that Franklin would be missing a great opportunity if we do not make every effort to equip the field and make it a well-known landing field. They are of the opinion that the field is of sufficient size to allow the landing and taking off of all classes of planes now in use.

MACON COUNTY OFFICIAL PRIMARY RETURNS

CANDIDATES	Nantahala No. 1		Nantahala No. 2		Cartoogechaye	Sugarfork	Highlands	Burrington	Cowee	Millsboro	Smith's Bridge	Flats	Ellijay	Franklin	TOTALS
	1	2	1	2											
REPRESENTATIVE															
W. A. Rogers	15	2	119	11	50	14	123	81	112	4	64	355	950		
J. Frank Ray, Jr.	12	16	41	7	51	22	57	13	92	2	47	250	610		
J. A. Porter	15	0	58	12	13	29	45	6	83	0	42	226	509		
CLERK SUP. COURT															
Frank J. Murray	41	15	174	19	110	55	192	93	258	6	73	739	1775		
SHERIFF															
A. B. Slagle	33	9	177	11	85	50	87	62	109	0	100	646	1369		
John H. Dalton	6	0	58	3	21	4	125	34	19	0	21	90	338		
Frank H. Norton	3	6	28	14	7	11	12	4	155	6	14	68	328		
REG. OF DEEDS															
C. T. Bryson	24	2	27	30	49	12	82	11	26	0	164	61	496		
J. L. Rogers	1	0	38	2	30	1	12	19	125	0	4	208	440		
Harry S. Higgins	7	1	69	0	3	4	12	42	0	0	5	170	338		
Albert L. Ramsey	3	14	6	1	3	19	51	20	6	0	20	170	313		
J. M. Brabson	9	0	48	1	2	1	3	80	6	3	78	237			
W. T. Fouts	5	0	7	4	1	27	21	0	1	0	0	37	99		
J. A. Tyler	0	0	6	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	2	57	74		
Chas. W. Potts	0	0	4	4	15	0	6	6	0	0	3	30	64		
Chas. A. Elmore	0	0	9	0	0	0	41	1	4	0	1	7	63		
SURVEYOR															
Lake Ledford	38	13	182	14	74	57	165	93	221	4	3	644	1575		
CORONER															
C. M. Moore	38	12	161	14	94	54	160	91	220	4	38	526	1417		
COMMISSIONERS															
I. O. Harrison	11	7	148	26	87	50	174	67	195	0	39	622	1471		
W. D. Barnard	11	8	133	24	50	57	160	66	132	6	113	531	1291		
Walter Gibson	5	9	124	10	54	41	129	68	103	2	127	486	1113		
J. E. Lancaster	26	4	63	2	25	13	76	52	51	0	14	344	670		
J. P. Moore	33	5	57	5	61	21	54	40	109	4	72	203	664		
C. H. Norton	30	6	68	7	36	3	38	3	151	6	10	126	484		