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School Bonds Approved By 4 To 1 Vote

YEAR'S COLDEST WEATHER, SNOW STRIKE COUNTY

Schools Closed, Bus And Mail Service Slowed By Icy Roads

Macon county this week has experienced the coldest weather of the winter, so far, and Tuesday had its third snow in a six-day period.

The snow and ice have interrupted or delayed bus and mail service and made it necessary to close the schools, while Monday morning's temperature of five above zero resulted in a number of burst water pipes. Thursday morning the temperature dropped to 8 degrees.

Before last Thursday's heavy snow, the first of the winter, had disappeared, Franklin had a snowfall of two-tenths of an inch on Sunday, and Tuesday, the day of the school bond election, it snowed almost all day. That day's fall measured three and a half inches here.

The county's schools, which had been scheduled to continue in session through December 21, on Tuesday were closed until December 31.

The local buses to Highlands and Bryson City and that from Murphy to Highlands did not operate on Tuesday, while the Asheville - Highlands - Atlanta buses detoured by Franklin. Virtually all buses have been running late.

Postmaster T. W. Porter reported that the train mail had been as late as three hours during the week. The mail has gone to Dillsboro twice daily, but on Wednesday and on one day last week the mailman failed to return to Franklin on the second trip.

The official high and low temperature readings and the precipitation for each of the past seven days follow:

	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	40	31	0
Saturday	40	28	Snow*
Sunday	31	11	Trace
Monday	37	5	0
Tuesday	30	19	Snow**
Wednesday	40	24	0
Thursday	—	8	—

*Two-tenths of an inch.
**Three and a half inches.

Do You Remember . . .
(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
A new girl at Mr. C. L. Ingram's the latter part of last week brings sunshine and paregoric into the family again.

Mr. (Thomas A.) Edison predicted the other day that work would be altogether abolished in the next generation, and that our only labor would be to press a button.

25 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The pipe organ built for the new Methodist church of Franklin has been installed during the past week.

On November 24th Mrs. Neville Sloan was hostess to the MacDowell club, and Mrs. Kingsberry was leader.

Mr. Frank Curtis with the Moving Picture Show was at the Holly Springs school house last Friday night.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barnard celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday at their home in the Iotia community, entertaining 54 guests at dinner at noon, and 15 others at supper in the evening.

James Patton, Nick Hunter, and Robert Hurst, who are attending N. C. State college at Raleigh, came home last week to spend the Christmas holidays.

"The Christmas Pageant of Holy Grail" is the title of a pageant which will be presented at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday evening.

CHURCHES PLAN YULE PROGRAMS

A Christmas cantata will be given at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday night, at 7:30 o'clock. The program is as follows:

"Chimes of the Holy Night", by Fred B. Holton; "Christmas Bells are Ringing", choir; "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains", by Mrs. Neal Johnston, Mrs. Harold Sloan, and choir; "But Thou Bethlehem", Miss Nora Moody and choir; "Earth's Weary Waiting Done", choir; "In the Watches of the Night", Mrs. Joe Dowdle; "Good Tidings", men's chorus; "Let Us Go Even - Unto Bethlehem", men's chorus; "Jesus, Our Lord", choir; "The Star in the Eastern Sky", Dick Sloan; "The Lord is Born Today", choir; and a reading by Mrs. Richard S. Jones.

Christmas will be celebrated at the St. Agnes Episcopal church as usual with a midnight service beginning at 11:30 o'clock on Christmas Eve. This will be the service of the Holy Communion with the traditional carols. There also will be a service (evening prayer) at St. Agnes on Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Members of the Woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church are sponsoring a Christmas candlelighting at the church Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

U.S. Weather Unit Opened In Franklin

The U. S. Weather Bureau has established a standard weather station in Franklin, and has appointed Guy L. Houk as cooperative weather observer.

The bureau sent a representative here to install the equipment required for weather observations. The instruments include officially tested maximum and minimum thermometers, of the recording type; standard rain gauge, and standard barometer.

They have been placed in a standard weather shelter—a small, outdoor structure through which the air passes, but which protects the thermometers from sun and wind—at the rear of Mr. Houk's home, and he has already begun making observations.

Establishment of the station here will make it possible for The Press, through the cooperation of the observer, to give its readers official weather information each week. The report for the past week will be found elsewhere on this page.

Pfc. Bruce Bryant, who is stationed at Fort George Meade, Md., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his family at their home in East Franklin.

M'CLURE WINS BRONZE STAR FOR HEROISM

Macon Man Decorated By General For Service In Philippines

Capt. George W. McClure, Macon county man now with the Sixth army in Japan, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroism in action, a dispatch from the Sixth army headquarters announces.

Capt. McClure is the son of Mrs. C. H. McClure of Franklin, Route 2.

He was presented the decoration by Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkston, commander of the 33rd division, for meritorious service during the northern Luzon campaign, which reached its climax with the capture of Baguio, mountain stronghold of Japanese General Yamashita.

Capt. McClure went overseas with the "Golden Cross" division in July, 1943, to the Central Pacific, and later moved to the Southwest Pacific, where he participated in the New Guinea, Morotai, and Philippine liberation campaigns.

He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star.

E. Dalrymple, Aged 89, Dies In Nantahala

Edmund Dalrymple, known to a wide circle of friends as "Uncle Ed", died at his home in the Briartown section Saturday night, at the age of 89. He is believed to have been the oldest man in Nantahala No. 2 township.

Mr. Dalrymple, who was remarkably well and active for his age, was found dead in his bed Sunday morning. He had appeared quite well the day before.

A farmer and a life-long resident of this county, he had always interested himself in roads, schools, and other things he thought desirable for his county and section.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters, Frank Dalrymple, of the Briartown section, Jim Dalrymple of Cartoogechaye, Mrs. Pinkie Hampton of Tellico and Mrs. Allie Cross, with whom he was making his home at the time of death. His wife, the former Miss Haseltine Kaylor, died a number of years ago.

The funeral services were held at the Briartown Baptist church at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, with the Rev. T. D. Denny officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

\$400,000 TO BE USED TO ERECT NEW BUILDINGS

10 Of County's 12 Townships Favor Bond; 1,189 Votes Cast

The \$400,000 county-wide school bond issue was approved at Tuesday's special election by a vote of more than four to one.

The total vote from the 12 townships, as canvassed and officially announced by the board of county commissioners, was: For bonds, 973; against, 216.

It was the second time within a week that improvement bonds had been voted overwhelmingly by citizens in Macon county, the voters of the Town of Franklin having approved an \$80,000 street-water-sewer issue on Tuesday of the preceding week.

Although three and a half inches of snow fell on the day of the election, 1,189 votes were cast, representing nearly one-fifth of the more than 6,700 voters registered.

Plan 8 New Buildings

The school bond issue, proposed by the county board of education, was voted to modernize the physical plant of the county system. It is proposed to build completely new structures for the Cartoogechaye, Mills Shoal, Nantahala, Highlands, Union-Skeenah-Prentiss, Iotia-Burningtown, Ellijay-Sugarfork communities, construct a new building at Franklin for Negro students, and add to the present facilities at the Franklin white school.

New schools have been built in recent years in the Cowee and Otto sections, and the additional structures the bond issue makes possible will give the county 10 white schools and one for Negroes. Into these 11 units it is proposed to consolidate the 25 schools now being operated in the county.

Ten of the 12 townships in the county voted in favor of the school bonds. In Flats and Burningtown, in each of which the vote was extremely light, the majority opposed the bonds.

The bond issue carried by the most overwhelming majorities in Nantahala No. 2, Highlands, and Cartoogechaye. More than 99 per cent of the Nantahala vote was in favor of the bond issue; just under 99 per cent of that in Highlands, and 98 per cent of that in Cartoogechaye.

Of the 10 townships voting in favor of bonds, Franklin, where a total of 375 votes were cast, registered the smallest percentage in favor of the bonds—65 per cent.

Vote By Townships

Figures for each township follow—the vote for bonds, the vote against bonds, and the percentage, of the total vote cast, in favor of bonds:

Township	For	Against	For
Franklin	245	130	65
Mills Shoal	43	9	83
Ellijay	68	3	96
Sugarfork	35	11	77
Highlands	180	2	99
Flats	3	5	38
Smith Bridge	99	17	85
Cartoogechaye	40	1	98
Nantahala 1	104	10	91
Nantahala 2	114	1	99
Burningtown	11	19	37
Cowee	31	8	79
County Totals	973	216	82

Victory Bonds Sold This Month To Go On Quota

Victory Bond purchases made by Macon county people up to and through December 28 will be credited to this county's quota, Henry W. Cabe, county chairman, this week reminded the people of the county.

Macon still hasn't reached its quota, and is lagging especially in the sale of "E" bonds.

Persons who wish to buy bonds through the Bank of Franklin should bear in mind that the bank will be closed both Tuesday and Wednesday, it was pointed out.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS STORY

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots; and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been of old, from everlasting.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible."

And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. . . . Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. . . . And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of

the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are coming to worship him."

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.'"

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. . . .

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life". And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. . . . And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth.