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for such groups, on request, Mr. Orr added.

LEASE IS RENEWED

Franklin's Dixie Home Store has renewed its lease on its present Main Street building, it has been learned here.

Although he holds written commitment for the lease, J. C. Jacobs, local businessman, this week said he does not plan to press the matter.

TO SPONSOR TEAMS

Team sponsors for Little League baseball in the Franklin area have been announced.

They are Nantahala Power and Light Company, Macon County Supply, Conley Motor Company, and the Franklin Jaycees.

League play will start in the latter part of May.

DRIVING TESTS SLATED

Nationwide Insurance is sending a specially equipped car here Friday for driving tests.

It will be at Franklin High at 10 a. m. and at Highlands High at 1:30 p. m. The public is invited.

The car, by firing paint bullets when a stop signal is flashed, tests driver braking reaction.

TO HOLD SUPPER

Patrons of East Franklin School and residents of the community are invited to attend a covered dish supper on March 17 at the school to plan the community's role in the new town development program. Supper will be served at 7.

TO PLAN PROGRAM

Technical, community, and county committees will meet tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a. m. at the A. S. C. office in the Agricultural Building to plan the A. S. C. program for the year, it has been announced.

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an engineer. When Alcoa's child, Nantahala Power, was conceived in 1929, he was in on the ground floor.

He's witnessed the company's growth, dam by dam—Nantahala (started in '29, stopped by the market crash in the '30's, and restarted in '40), Thorpe, Queen's Creek, White Oak, Dick's Creek, Tuckaseegee, Cedar Cliff, Bear Creek, and Tennessee Creek.

Mr. Ray did the original layout work on most of them in his capacity as chief engineer. So it's really no wonder he is pretty well known in the western end of the state.

Party in Honor

To show their appreciation to this "charter member" of the company, Nantahala officials and employees tossed a banquet party in his honor Friday night. Out-of-town guests coming for the occasion included Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Whitaker (she's his sister), Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Willis (she's a daughter), all of Birmingham, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Philbrick, of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.

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Mr. Shope

cussed and a committee was named to study the proposal. It was suggested that a fee paid by each teacher could be divided between the state and national organizations and a scholarship fund to assist young people interested in teaching.

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Franklin sometime."

"But aren't you going to speak here Friday, Governor?"

"Friday? Why, no." Another slight pause. "My calendar doesn't list any speaking engagement in Franklin Friday; I've had no invitation to Franklin. As a matter of fact, I have an engagement for a news conference in Raleigh Friday."

This time the pause was at the Franklin end of the line—and a much longer one.

In answer to further questions, Governor Hodges said he wasn't engaged to speak Friday in Franklin County even. And, while he plans some speeches in this section of the state a few weeks from now, Franklin isn't on his itinerary. He's had no invitation to Franklin.

That being that, telephone calls to Mr. Murray and Mr. Gibson seemed in order.

Mr. Gibson didn't know how the Governor had misunderstood him, or he had misunderstood the Governor.

And Mr. Murray was sure he had "read in some paper" that the Governor was going to speak in Franklin March 9.

Anyhow, the man who knows most about the Governor's movements—the Governor himself—says he'll be in Raleigh Friday. He will not be in Franklin.

Approximately 25 fat stock shows and sales will be held throughout the state of North Carolina this year.

Cochran, of Alcoa, Tenn., and Kenyon Hyde and Vennie Jenkins, both of Maryville, Tenn.

On behalf of the employees, Claude Bolton presented a watch to the retiring chief engineer.

And, Allan Brooks solemnly gave him a small printed calling card:

No Address Retired No Phone
No Business No Money

Miss Tallent Takes Hospital Nurse Job In Thomasville, Ga.

Miss Freda Tallent, a nurse at Memorial Hospital in Anderson, S. C., for the past two years, left last week for Thomasville, Ga., where she will join the nurses' staff at Archbold Hospital.

Miss Tallent is the daughter of Mrs. P. T. Kell, of Franklin, Route 1.

Pine Grove Church Observing 'Week'

The W. M. S. of Pine Grove Baptist Church is observing a week of prayer for home missions this week.

A meeting is scheduled at the church at 7 o'clock each evening. On Friday night a play, "Aunt Tilly Learns To Tithes", will be presented.

The public is invited.

SING AT PLEASANT HILL

The second Sunday sing of the southern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held Sunday, beginning at 1:45 p. m., at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on the Middle Skeenah Road, nine miles south of Franklin off US 23-441. All singers and the public are invited, according to Tom Henson, sing secretary.

Mrs. H. E. Freas is a patient in the C. J. Harris Community Hospital, Sylva. Mrs. Freas is under treatment for a digestive ailment.

A JOKER AT 102

The county weekly editor called at the home of Uncle John Reynolds, the county's oldest resident, to interview him on the occasion of his 102nd birthday.

"To what do you attribute your great age?" asked the editor.

"It's very simple," replied Uncle John. "I've been taking vitamin tablets ever since I was 99."

YESTERDAY?

It was tough for Joe to get up in the morning so he went to his doctor who prescribed a certain pill. Joe took the pill, slept well, and was awake before he heard the alarm clock. He dressed and ate breakfast leisurely. Later he strolled into the office and said to the boss: "You know, I didn't have a bit of trouble getting up this morning."

"That's interesting," replied the boss, "but where were you yesterday?"

BORN KIBITZER

The man fishing at the end of the pier had been aware for some time of the silent stranger observing him intently. Finally, the fisherman grumbled in annoyance, "Say, Mister, you've been watching me fish for two hours. Why don't you try it yourself?"

With a blank look, the stranger replied, "Not me, Bud, I haven't any patience!"

CLOSER

A small boy came home from school one day proudly exhibiting a book which he said he had won.

"However in the world did you do that?" asked his mother.

"The teacher asked how many legs an ostrich had and I said three."

"But an ostrich has only two legs," his mother prompted.

"Well, I came closer than anybody else—all the rest of the class said four."

TOO LONG

Eight years working for the firm—never late—never absent—then one morning he came in an hour and a half late, his clothes torn, his face and hands scratched and cut.

Asked the boss, "Why are you late?"

"I leaned out the window and fell three stories!"

"That took you an hour and a half?"

AGE OF AUTOMATION

Taking due cognizance of this TV age, the Cincinnati Enquirer recounts the experience of one prominent Cincinnati who bought a baby grand piano for his children in the hope that it might encourage their musical talents. When he arrived home that evening he found all three of the youngsters examining the instrument in an effort to find where they could plug it in.

REPULSIVE

Asked if fertilizer would stimulate a certain plant's growth, a farmer replied: "Can't say for sure. I've never been able to understand whether the stuff actually stimulates the plants or whether it's just so downright repulsive that they try to grow away from it."

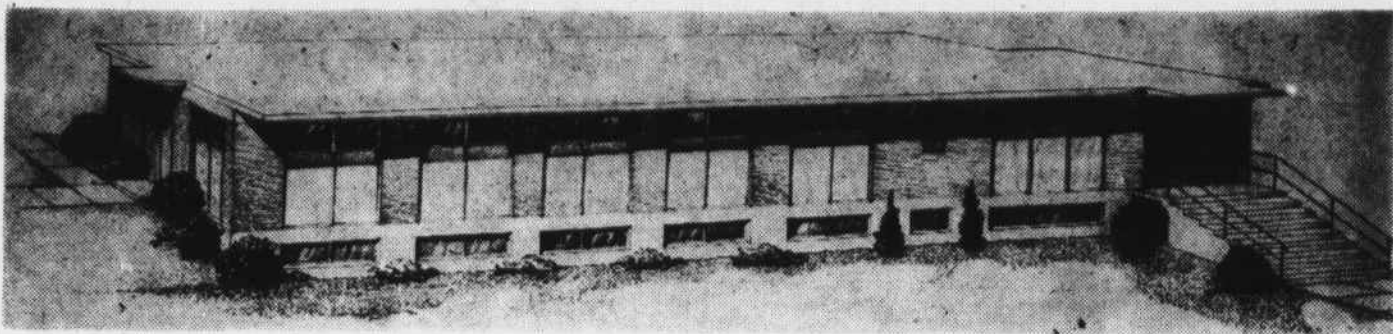
NO CHEAP IMITATION

"Lady," said the young boy, "will you give me a nickle if I make me little brudder imitate a hen for you?"

"What will he do," smiled the lady, "cackle like a hen?"

"Nah, none o' them cheap imitations. I'll have him eat a worm."

Proposed Clinic Wing For Angel Hospital, Inc.



HERE'S THE ARCHITECT'S drawing of the proposed out-patient clinic wing at Angel Hospital, Inc. The new wing, which is expected to be under construction within a short time, will represent an ultimate investment of \$100,000, according to Dr. Edgar Angel, medical director. It will be built off the southwest end of the present hospital building, joining at the steps in the drawing.

Agricultural Shift Noted In Farm Census Of County

The continuing shift of Macon County's agricultural economy to dairy and beef cattle and poultry enterprises is mirrored in the preliminary census of '54 crops.

Of the total land in farms of 135,610 acres, which claims 9,360 of the county's population of 16,000-plus, pastures accounted for 24,240 acres; 6,620 in improved pastures and 17,720 in unimproved open pastures.

For milk, farmers kept 3,365 cows and for beef, 2,162. These figures cover only cows and heifers two years old or over.

Poultry edged into the economy picture with 71,706 birds—all hens and pullets of laying age.

Other points brought out by the census: Harvested cropland totaled 16,566 acres.

Land used only for soil improving crops and crop failures came to 375 acres.

Idle land hit 6,592 acres. All other lands (woods, waste, cutover, and home sites) accounted for 87,837 acres.

Excluding the sweet variety, corn grown for all purposes took 6,180 acres.

Farmers harvested 48 acres of tobacco.

There were 917 peach trees reported growing in the county. Farmers used 3,857 tons of commercial fertilizer, other than lime and plaster.

Sows and gilts kept for breeding numbered 341.

Tons of silage made came to 3,123 tons.

Pulpwood cut totaled 1,703 cords.

Wheat threshed came to 69 acres; oats to 60; all other small grains to 111.

Ten acres were planted to milo and other sorghums.

Soybeans were grown on 23 acres.

For seed, four acres went to lespedeza; for hay, 128 acres.

For hay, soybean and cow peas were planted on 135 acres.

Small grains cut green for hay covered 497 acres; alfalfa for hay, 610; and all other hays cut, 6,211.

Irish potatoes were planted on 512 acres, and sweet potatoes on 81.

Vegetables other than those listed grown for sale totaled 616 acres.

All other crops harvested (includes orchards, vineyards, and gardens) accounted for 1,153 acres.

COWEE P. T. A. MEETING

A meeting of the Cowee P. T. A. is set for tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 with Mrs. Carroll Gibson presiding, it has been announced.

Rail oddities

\$1,000 REWARD

A prominent publisher of books for children has offered to pay \$1,000 for proof that the classic children's story, "The Little Engine That Could," appeared in print prior to 1911.

"ALL TRAINS LOOK OUT FOR BUTFALO HERD ON RIGHT OF WAY NEAR FIRST CROSSING WEST OF GRAYLING." So read a train order sent by a railroad on May 3, 1925, to train crews operating in an area about 80 miles south of Butte, Montana. This was probably the first such warning sounded in 75 years.

Railroads haul fresh grapes farther than any other commodity. The average carload of grapes (shipped in refrigerator cars), travels more than 2,500 miles.

The 1956 corn crop allotment for 27 commercial corn counties in North Carolina was announced as 858,604 acres, compared to last year's allotment of 890,177 for 23 counties.

PREVENT BEDROOM BLAZES—DON'T SMOKE IN BED!



IF YOU FALL ASLEEP, YOUR CIGARETTE MAY START A TRAGIC FIRE. PROTECT YOURSELF—YOUR LOVED ONES—YOUR HOME!

Pays For Both Sides To Profit In A Trade

Selling timber, like any other business transaction, should be fair to both parties, says Jim Andersen, State College extension forestry specialist.

He adds that until very recently, such an idea would have seemed absurd to many people. Landowners were too often "stuck" when they sold their timber.

Now, occasionally, "the shoe is on the other foot"; sometimes it's the timber-buyer who gets "burned."

Mr. Andersen says that while only a very small percentage of timber sales find the buyers holding the bag, those few instances are used to justify sloppy harvesting practices. Buyers claim they must cut costs to come out ahead, resulting in "butchered" woods.

So he advises the timber owner to consider more than price when selling timber. It's a good idea to consider the reputation of the buyer and insist on signing a

written agreement which will insure that woods are left in a productive condition.

He warns that too much "price pressure" on a buyer may lead to a disastrously poor job of logging—which may comply with the letter of the contract, yet leave a ravished woodlot.

FRANKLIN DRIVE-IN THEATRE

STARTS AT DUSK

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

BIG HILLBILLY SHOW

Roy Acuff — Webb Pierce — Lulabelle and Scotty

In

ALL ABOARD... HERE'S ROY ACUFF!

"Night Train to MEMPHIS"

A REPUBLIC PICTURE

STARRING ROY ACUFF

And His Smoky Mountain Boys

ALLAN LANE • ADELE MARA

Directed by Lesley Selander

THEATRE

FRIDAY, SATURDAY — MARCH 9, 10

Joel McCrea

In

"STRANGER"

LATE SHOW:

"MIGHTY JOE YOUNG"

SUNDAY — MARCH 11

"GYPSY COLT"

In Exciting Color

MONDAY Through FRIDAY — MARCH 12, 16

"GONE WITH THE WIND"

Starring

Clark Gable — Vivien Leigh

Leslie Howard — Olivia deHavilland

NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners of Macon County will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 19, 20, and 21.

All Taxpayers desiring to appear before said Board will arrange to appear on said dates.

This will be a final notice to any persons who wish to appear before the Board.

LAKE V. SHOPE,
Clerk to Board of County Commissioners.