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Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings. — Samuel Johnson.

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The addition to Burlington's plant here is pictured above with the firm's sign on its front. It joins the present plant, a portion of which may be seen at the left in the photograph. The addition is about half again the size of the main one in floor space. Officials plan to begin moving knitting machines into the new section Sunday.

FIRM TO START MOVING SUNDAY

Hosiery Plant To Begin Occupying Addition To Local Plant

Franklin Hosiery Company is scheduled to start moving Sunday into its new addition, according to Supt. Stephen A. Bundy.

The move is to be conducted in "stages" whenever we get a "break" and is expected to be finished by the first week in March, he said this week.

For the most part, the new section is to house the hosiery plant's knitting operation, Mr. Bundy explained, and the knitting machines now in the main plant area are to be shifted there. Additional machines also are scheduled for installation.

The main plant area is to be used for other knitting operations, including looping and inspection, Mr. Bundy said.

Except for some minor jobs, the new addition to the south end of the Burlington plant is finished. It was started the latter part of August.

Although officials have declined to comment, the size of the addition is roughly half again the size of the main plant. This would make its floor space about 14,000 square feet. Also included in the addition is more office space, supply and storage rooms.

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NO COMMENT

Sen. Bennett, Newsman Vie In Saying Nothing

"An old codger like me doesn't answer questions like that," State Sen. Kelly Bennett replied last week in Bryson City when asked by a Press reporter what legislation he had in mind for the General Assembly which convenes in February.

"I let the representatives from my district (33rd, which includes Macon County) introduce the bills the counties want, and then I form my opinions. I don't believe it would be right for me to interfere there. Of course, if a representative introduced a bill and the people of his county happened to be against it, then I would consider it my duty to take appropriate action in the Senate." Senator Bennett, Bryson City druggist, is an old hand in the legislative halls of Raleigh. His first term in the assembly was 1917 and his face has been a familiar one at swearing-in ceremonies since that time.

Asked if anybody from Macon County had approached him with "prospective legislation, he said, "nobody".

What opinion, then, did the senator have on the half dozen reports of special commissions which recently were released? "I'll have to wait until I get to Raleigh to comment on those."

"I'll be sending the folks back home a weekly newsletter, I hope, and will try to let them know what we're doing down there."

"By the way," the senator asked the reporter, leaning out from the drug store's pharmacist's window, "Who's Guy Houk going to have as his sponsor for the Governor's Ball?"

"An old codger like me doesn't answer questions like that," replied the reporter.

Temperatures, Rainfall Above Average In '56

Weather-wise, 1956 was not an average year. According to figures compiled at Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory, the temperature ran four degrees higher than normal and rainfall was 1.94 inches above the average.

December was the thermometer's unruly month. Its readings averaged 7.8 degrees higher than usual for the twelfth month.

Last February was the rule breaker in rainfall, as the average was exceeded by 6.27 inches. On the other hand, the preceding month—January of 1956—the rainfall was off by 4.85 inches.

What is an average year in temperature and rainfall? The laboratory takes several years over what it considers to be an average weather period and then takes an average of those years. This, then, becomes the yardstick against which future years are measured.

NEW VAULT DISCUSSED

Commissioners Defer Action; Radios For Police Cars Considered

Although they took no official action on it at their meeting Monday morning, the Board of County Commissioners talked about building a fire-proof records vault in the register of deeds office at the courthouse.

Such a vault was recommended for "immediate attention" by the grand jury at the December term of Macon Superior Court.

Should the new records depository be constructed, the old vault probably would be turned over to the clerk of superior court.

Presently, the county's lone records vault is filled to capacity, while valuable records, such as birth and death certificates, sit, unprotected, on open shelves in the register's office.

The commissioners had no idea what a new vault would cost, but indicated they would look into the matter further.

Monday's meeting was to have been a joint one between the commissioners and the Franklin Board of Aldermen. The session was to hear D. E. Marble, of Charlotte, explain how the county and town can get radio equipment through the federal government at half price.

The town board was not called to the commissioners' meeting because Mr. Marble, who is with Motorola, Inc., was unable to come. A meeting was set for (yesterday) Wednesday, after Mr. Marble phoned he would be here at that time.

Under the civilian defense program, the federal government

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Is A Watershed Satisfactory? 8 Other Towns' Experience To Be Told In Next Press

Franklin town officials and citizens are studying the problem of obtaining an adequate supply of good water.

The mayor and aldermen have under particular consideration the proposal of the engineering firm of Harwood Beebe Company that the town get its water from Cartoogechay Creek. The cost of the necessary filtering plant, pumping station, etc., is estimated at a third of a million dollars.

After T. T. Dawson, Harwood Beebe representative, had read his report at a recent conference of town and Burlington Industries officials, he was asked: "What about a watershed?"

FIVE CHOSEN AS DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER

McSween, Gnuse, Crisp, Angel, Brady Named; Will Elect Officers

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce elected five directors this week and Chamber President Verlon Swafford said he will call a directors' meeting some time next week for an election of new officers.

Directors are Dr. George R. McSween, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., J. C. Crisp, T. W. Angel, Jr., and J. P. Brady. Dr. McSween and Mr. Gnuse were elected to two-year terms by virtue of receiving the highest number of votes. The other directors will serve for one-year terms.

Woodrow Reeves was elected a director, but declined to serve. The balloting was conducted by mail.

Holdover directors are Stephen A. Bundy and Mr. Swafford. Outgoing members of the board are Frank B. Duncan, J. C. Jacobs, Allen Siler, John Crawford, and Mr. Gnuse, who was re-elected.

Local Girls Take Ninth Straight Win

Franklin High School girls' basketball team won its ninth straight game Tuesday night when the local girls defeated Clayton, 54-23. The game was played on Georgia soil.

Bonnie Lee and Carolyn (Cissy) Dowdle tied for high point honors, with 19 each. Willard Smith, with 12 points, was high for the boys, who lost to Clayton, 46-33. Tomorrow (Friday), Franklin plays Highlands there. Tuesday, Glenville comes here for games.

Last Friday night, in a non-conference game, the girls beat Hayesville, 50-38, with Franklin's Lucy Henry getting 19 points. In the boys' contest, Franklin came out ahead, 48-34. Frank Bean was high man with 14 points. Hayesville led at the half, 21-18.

Principal Harry Corbin said this week that the reduction in admission prices, an experiment tried for the Hayesville tilt, would be continued for the next home game. That will be with

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Late News and Briefs

MRS. CORN DIES
Mrs. Flora Adelaide Norton Corn, 75-year-old resident of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, died unexpectedly Tuesday at her home.

KILLED IN BLAST
William Howard Keener, a native of Franklin, Route 5, died Monday from injuries received in a dynamite blast on a construction job on which he was employed at White Plains, N. Y. The funeral will be at 2:30 p. m. today (Thursday) at Walnut Creek Baptist Church.

P. T. A. TO MEET
The Union P. T. A. will meet at the school cafeteria tonight (Thursday) at 7:30.

Business Leaders Here See Good Year Ahead

After a good business year in 1956, what are the prosperity prospects for 1957?

"As good as the past year," says the cashier of the bank.

"As good or better," answers the secretary-treasurer of the building and loan association.

"About the same, speaking for the farmers," reports the county agent.

"Best year yet," forecasts the president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

The four men made their predictions on the heels of Franklin Christmas trade, which topped the previous year's, despite unseasonable weather.

Deposits were up in the Bank of Franklin by more than \$200,000 in 1956, Cashier Henry W. Cabe says. "Our growth has been steady and we expect the same thing this year," he added.

Mr. Cabe points to the tight money situation — so-called, because interest rates are higher and money is harder to borrow—as being a question mark in the 1957 prosperity. "It's hard to predict exactly what effect it will have."

Tight money also is mentioned by R. S. Jones, of the Macon County Building and Loan Association. Mr. Jones says the association had a banner year in 1956. Now, with

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Council Chairman



W. W. (BILL) SLOAN

Mr. Sloan, of Franklin, has been elected chairman of the steering council for the W.N.C. Rural Community Development Program for 1957. An employee of Nantahala Power and Light Company, he has been active in both the county and area rural development contests since they were begun in the early 1950's and he is now serving as treasurer of the county steering council. His co-chairman on the area council is Mrs. W. G. Dillard, of Jackson County.

Motor Tag Sales Slower Than In '56

Motorists are not as quick to buy their auto license plates this year as they were during the same period last year.

Verlon Swafford, manager of the branch office here for the Carolina Motor Club, listed these figures through Monday of this week: Autos, 430; trucks, 146; and trailers, 10.

During a comparable period last year, the figures were 510, 238, and 23, respectively.

To get the first auto tag issued in Macon County, Furman Angel, Jr., arrived before 5 a. m. the day the tags went on sale, Mr. Swafford said. His father, Dr. Furman Angel, who was with him, got the second tag. These are numbers SE 701 and 702.

Low numbers came up last Saturday. About 9 a. m., SF 1 was issued.

Power Firm Sets Record In Safety

Last year was a record breaker, safety-wise, in the 27-year history of Nantahala Power and Light Company.

W. W. (Bill) Sloan, safety director, reports the company made it through the year without a single disabling injury resulting in loss of time.

This unusual record represented some 300,000 man hours for approximately 140 employees, he said. It is not going unnoticed. Special safety awards are due to arrive soon from the Southeastern Electric Exchange and from the Aluminum Corporation of America, the parent company of N. P. & L. Nantahala is presently leading the Alcoa smelting division in safety, Mr. Sloan explained.

In 1955, the power company had five disabling accidents and 19 cases requiring medical treatment, but causing no loss of time. Its last disabling accident occurred Dec. 12, 1955.

Poultry Meeting Set For 2 Today

All broiler, hatching egg, and commercial poultry producers are urged by County Agent T. H. Fagg to turn out for a special meeting today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Agricultural Building.

The meeting will be between extension service personnel and local producers. W. G. Andrews, poultry specialist from Raleigh, will have charge of the session.

It's 26 'Guests' At Jail Last Month Cost County \$125

It cost Macon County \$125 for room and board for its 26 "guests" at the county jail during December.

Those who are found guilty of the offenses charged will have to reimburse the county for its hospitality. All of the guilty, that is, except those who receive prison sentences; their expenses are borne by the county.

The county pays the jailer a \$1 turnkey fee for each prisoner locked up, and \$1.50 a day for meals. The December bill was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting Monday.

CONCERN BUYS LAND FOR RADIO STATION TOWER

Site Is On Lake Emory; Firm Hopes To Go On Air About March 1

Purchase of a 16-acre tract on Lake Emory as the site for a radio tower and transmitter was announced here Tuesday by the Macon County Broadcasting Company. The property was bought from Mrs. W. B. McGuire.

Work on the 204-foot tower, to be built of heavy steel, and a concrete block house, 8 feet by 8 feet, for the transmitter, at the foot of the tower, will get under way shortly, with the hope that the station here can go on the air about March 1.

The announcement was made by Graves Taylor and Henry G. Bartol, Jr., of Tryon, and J. E. Boyd, of Landrum, S. C., partners in the broadcasting company, all of whom were here Tuesday.

The company plans to rent space for a downtown studio, but the location is not yet decided.

Meanwhile, arrangements have been made, the three men said, with the Western Carolina Telephone Company for lease of telephone wire circuits between the transmitter and the studio, and with the Nantahala Power and Light Company for operating power.

The 500-watt, 1050 kilocycle local station will be on the air from sunrise to sunset, it was said. Its call letters will be WFSC, and it is designed to serve six counties, Macon, Jackson, Clay, Cherokee, Transylvania, and Rabun, in Georgia.

The construction work will be under the direction of Palmer A. Green, of Greenville, S. C., the company's consulting engineer, the trio announced.

A staff of five to six persons is planned. The only staff member already chosen is James S. Boyd, son of one of the owners, who is now employed as an announcer at the radio station the three men operate in Tryon.

Purchase of the Lake Emory tract was handled through Sam Higdon, real estate dealer. The price was announced as \$1,600.

Jackson Party Bags 3 Bears

A hunting party from nearby Jackson County bagged three bears in the Sealy section of this county on Dec. 31, according to Wildlife Protector C. H. Boring.

The kills were made in the vicinity of the Highlands garbage dump.

Mr. Boring said the animals were a female and two cubs. The cubs weighed more than 50 pounds and were legal game, he explained.

The bear season closed at sundown on Jan. 1.

PLAN B. AND L. MEET

The annual stockholders meeting of the Macon County Building and Loan Association will be held at the association office next Thursday (January 17), at 7 p. m. President H. W. Cabe will preside.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Jan. 2	41	17	.00	
Thursday	45	9	.00	
Friday	40	32	.30	
Saturday	57	35	.35	
Sunday	48	32	trace	
Monday	51	37	.11	
Tuesday	50	20	.00	
Wednesday	—	41	.00	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., Jan. 2	36	14	.00	
Thursday	38	10	.00	
Friday	46	28	.00	
Saturday	53	38	.98	
Sunday	40	36	.00	
Monday	40	28	.11	
Tuesday	42	14	.00	
Wednesday	—	36	.00	
COWEETA				
Wed., Jan. 2	42	17	.00	
Thursday	44	10	.00	
Friday	38	23	.29	
Saturday	56	36	.57	
Sunday	48	30	trace	
Monday	52	36	.18	
Tuesday	48	24	.00	
Wednesday	—	40	.00	



FIRST BABY to arrive in 1957 in a Macon County hospital is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Wood, of Highlands. Weighing in at nine pounds, two ounces, the newcomer has been named Doyle Michael. Dr. J. W. Kahn was on hand at Angel Hospital when Doyle put in his appearance at 3:50 p. m. Jan. 2. The Woods' other son, Scott, 1, appeared elated at the prospects of having a playmate.