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The refuge from pessimism is the good men and women at any time existing in the world,—they keep faith and happiness alive.
—John Townsend Trowbridge

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FRIDAY IN ASHEVILLE —

Local Delegation Expected To Ask Better Bus Service

A demand for better bus service is expected to be made by a local delegation tomorrow (Friday) in Asheville at a special hearing called to probe a move by Queen City Trailways to drop a bus from the local schedule. The hour for the meeting has been changed from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. It will be held at the Buncombe County Courthouse. Mayor W. C. Burrell and Ver-

lon Swafford, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, will head the delegation. The hearing was called by the State Utilities Commission last week when it learned of an unpublicized move by the bus company to change schedules in Franklin and in other areas. It was proposed to drop the early morning bus from here to Asheville.

FAMILIAR CANS —

They'll Be Disappearing Soon

Those stainless steel milk cans that have become an accepted part of rural Macon County will gradually start disappearing from the roadsides soon.

They're giving way to the more modern tank storage and delivery system which is being adopted by the large retail milk outlets.

Twenty-eight local milk producers for Southern Dairies in Asheville are now awaiting the arrival of stainless steel storage tanks for their dairies. Also on order are two 1,500-gallon tank trucks that will pick up the milk at the local dairies and deliver it to Asheville.

County Agent T. H. Fagg this week said the shift from cans to tanks is to be made "as soon as possible after Feb. 1".

Once the tanks are installed, milk cans on the roadside will be things of the past for the 28 Southern Dairies producers.

Some Left

However, others in the county, who supply Nantahala Creamery, a local retail concern, will continue to use cans for the time being, according to Mr. Fagg. But it will be only a matter of time before these producers also change to the tank system. The creamery's largest supplier, Slagle Dairy on Cartoogechaye, already has in use a large dairy storage tank and is sending its milk to the processing plant in Franklin in a tank truck.

Big Investment
Installation of the storage

Spring In His Lap . . .

Spring was heralded this week as the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, who always has a fresh flower in the button-hole of his clerical coat, wore a sprig of "breath of spring".

Although the calendar says winter's end is still seven weeks away, Mr. Morgan found the "breath of spring" shrub flowering near St. John's Chapel, on Cartoogechaye. He says this fragrant bush is a daughter of the honeysuckle family.

LOAN CONCERN REPORTS BEST YEAR WAS '56

Savings For Year Up 12 Per Cent For Building And Loan

Organized in 1922, the Macon County Building and Loan Association completed the best year in its history in 1956.

Savings were up by 12 per cent over 1955 and loans increased by about the same amount, R. S. Jones, secretary-treasurer of the association, said this week.

An audit of the association's books was completed at the end of last week and the auditors reported everything in good shape, Mr. Jones said.

Asked if the current so-called "tight money" situation in the United States has sent more people to the building and loan for money—banks have raised their rates—Mr. Jones said it has not. The association's rate of interest on loans is six per cent and has been that for several years.

Henry W. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, said yesterday that the bank here is now charging six per cent interest on all its real estate loans. Although a person using the G. I. Bill for a home loan gets money at a four and a half per cent interest rate—backed by a government guarantee to the lending agency—Mr. Cabe said the bank is no longer making G. I. loans, because of the low rate.

Does the building and loan have any money on hand now for loans? Mr. Jones was asked. "Our financial statement shows we had only \$16,000 as of Dec. 31," he answered. "We've always

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Raleigh Official To Conduct Local Livestock School

Session Is Slated Monday Afternoon; One Of A Series

A livestock school for local farmers is to be conducted by a Raleigh extension service specialist Monday afternoon at the Agricultural Building.

Set to start at 2 o'clock, the session will be featured by discussions on production, feeding, and management of sheep, beef cattle, and swine, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

It is one of a series of special planning meetings slated between extension officials and local farmers this year. Sessions with poultry and tobacco farmers already have been held.

DEFEAT CULLOWHEE —

Franklin High Girls Stretch Winning Streak To 17 Games

In defeating Cullowhee Tuesday night, Franklin girls' basketball team ran its undefeated conference record to 11 games.

The girls have a season's record of 15 undefeated matches. They won two post-season games last year, to push their record to a total of 17 straight wins.

Friday night, Franklin plays Webster at Sylva and Tuesday meets Highlands here.

Lucy Henry got 33 points against Cullowhee as Franklin won, 66-56. The Cullowhee boys whipped the local team, 67-40.

Bruce Houston was high for Franklin with 14 and Willard Smith got 13.

On Friday of last week, the Franklin girls got a scare from Bryson City but maintained their perfect record with a 43-40 victory. Mavis Gibson had 16 points.

The Franklin boys lost, 52-40, to Bryson. Smith's 11 points were high.

First string players Mitchell Houston and Dean Long have been dropped from the boys' basketball team for "academic reasons", according to Franklin High Principal Harry Corbin.

Newspaper Wins Editorial And News Coverage Awards

The Franklin Press is winner of two state newspaper awards for 1956.

Both awards were second places. One in news coverage and the other in editorial page excellence.

Presentation of awards to the state's daily, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers came as a highlight of the annual midwinter institute of the North Carolina Press Association held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the University of North Carolina and Duke University.

Representing The Press at the institute were Mr. and Mrs. Weimar Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bob S. Sloan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brady.

At Its Best
Of The Press' editorial page, the judges noted:

"The Franklin Press is personal journalism at its best. Its easy-going conversational style masks an intellectual depth of rare quality. Clearly, its editorials are written in the formula proposed by the late William Allen White—briefly and bravely by a wise, kind-hearted man . . . never forgetting to be merry while for, after all, the liar and the cheat and the panderer are smaller offenders than the solemn ass."

Is Mentioned
Although it failed to place among the award winners in photographic competition, The Press was mentioned:

"In the weeklies group, I'd like to commend among the non-winners, The Madison Messenger and The Franklin Press, for having very attractive and well executed front pages photographically. Their pictures show that their photographers have been exposed to some of the advanced techniques of photography . . ."

OPENS FEB. 4 —

Troops To Celebrate Week

Macon County Boy Scouts will have a week all their own, beginning Monday, Feb. 4, as "National Boy Scout Week" is celebrated.

A display, wearing of the Scout uniform, a covered dish supper, a parade, and church attendance are included in the planned activities.

A camping scene on Rankin Square will be erected by the Cub, Boy, and Explorer Scouts of the county.

All boys who are members of one of the three Scouting age

groups are invited, with their families, to a covered dish supper at Franklin High School cafeteria next Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p. m.

A parade is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9, at 3 p. m. and it is hoped the Franklin High School band will march.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, Franklin Troop 1 will attend the Methodist Church morning service and Troop 21 will go to the Presbyterian Church. Cub Scouts will go to the church of their choice.

During the week, all Scout members will wear their uniforms.

Besides the two troops in Franklin, there are Scouting organizations at Carson, Union, Highlands, Otto, Liberty, and Holly Springs.

In its annual report, the Daniel Boone Council, of which Macon County is a part, listed three new units chartered in the county during 1956. These were Cub Pack 6, at Highlands; Explorer Post 2, at Franklin; and Troop 18, at Otto.

Town Quits Well Project

Shaft Still Dry At 418 Feet; Seek Site For Another

Franklin has abandoned its "dry hole" well at the 418-foot mark and Mayor W. C. Burrell and his aldermen are now pondering other sites to sink a shaft.

Digging at the present site, near the Burlington Industries plant, however, is to continue to the 450-foot depth at no cost to the town while a new site is located.

Meeting with the mayor and aldermen Tuesday night, W. A. Martin, representing the Virginia Well and Machinery Company, asked the town to accept 32 more feet of digging "on us" to ease the feeling of some that water might be found at that

depth. He estimated the gift of 32 feet would mean about three more days of work.

It was Mr. Martin's personal recommendation that the well be abandoned and a new site selected. Under terms of the contract, the "dry hole" has cost the town \$2,779.70. The well concern's bid was \$6.65 a foot.

Although expressing the opinion that if it was his own well, he would continue digging deeper, Mayor Burrell noted that "we are gambling with the town's money" and he thought it advisable to abandon the project and seek another site.

The mayor and others met with Sanitarian H. T. Collins yesterday (Wednesday) morning to pick other possible sites that will meet with the approval of the State Department of Public Health.

A motion by Alderman J. L. West gave the official touch to abandoning the "dry hole". However, his motion did not receive a second for more than half an hour while talk tottered back and forth between more digging or a new well site.

Alderman Prelo J. Dryman finally seconded the motion and aldermen voted unanimously to stop work immediately.

Mr. Martin then made his offer to dig free to the 450-foot mark.

"We couldn't ask for any more than that," Mayor Burrell declared. "That'll help ease our minds that water is five feet below where we stopped."

Assuming that the "dry hole" will be abandoned, work on a new well will begin immediately.

The urgency for supplying more water by this spring was sounded by Mayor Burrell several times during the meeting.

A new well will only maintain the present water system while repairs are made on the town's largest producing well near Friendship Tabernacle, he explained.

Mayor Burrell said it is "most important" to put a new well in operation as soon as possible so these repairs can be made.

This is the second time in Franklin's history that a "dry hole" has been sunk in a search for water. Many years ago a shaft was taken to a depth of more than 700 feet at a site near Lee Tippet's on Harrison Avenue.

Dr. Kahn Heads Medical Group

Dr. Joseph W. Kahn, staff physician at Angel Hospital, has been elected president of the Macon County Medical Society for 1957.

He succeeds Dr. Furman Angel as head of the local society.

Named to serve with Dr. Kahn during the year is Dr. C. H. Moseley, secretary-treasurer. A vice-president was not elected by the society.

Dr. Edgar Angel was elected as delegate to the state medical meeting in May. Dr. E. W. Fisher was picked as alternate.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Jan. 23	65	38	.41	
Thursday	46	32	.00	
Friday	45	32	.33	
Saturday	47	33	.12	
Sunday	58	43	.35	
Monday	64	54	.07	
Tuesday	70	52	1.13	
Wednesday	47	47	.67	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., Jan. 23	58	46	3.35	
Thursday	39	60	.00	
Friday	50	28	.39	
Saturday	49	33	trace	
Sunday	56	44	.21	
Monday	63	52	.02	
Tuesday	62	46	.78	
Wednesday	46	49	.49	
COWETA				
Wed., Jan. 23	51	50	.00	
Thursday	47	33	.00	
Friday	47	32	.33	
Saturday	47	38	.05	
Sunday	58	43	.29	
Monday	63	52	.13	
Tuesday	69	51	.81	
Wednesday	45	49	.70	

Exceptional Children —

They're Her Job...

Here's a teacher with an exceptional job. She works with exceptional children.

Meet Miss Esther Seay and her 160 students. They are exceptional children because of handicaps in speech or reading, or both. These are children who can be helped but whose regular classroom teachers don't have the time to give them the painstaking individual attention required to overcome the handicaps.

Miss Seay is one of two special teachers employed in Macon County to help these pupils.

"Oh, please," pleaded Miss Seay, "let's not talk about me. Tell them what we're doing and what we want to do."

The student comes to Miss Seay by either teacher or parent referral. Once it is established what help the student needs, work begins.

Cause of the handicap might be physical, emotional, or mental.

In The Hall
At most of the schools, Miss Seay has no classroom for her work. She and the student sit in the hall. "The students and teachers are very understanding about our lack of space and are extra-careful not to be noisy in the area where we're working."

If you had looked over Miss Seay's shoulder as she worked at East Franklin School one day recently you might have wondered where her materials were.

Mostly, her tools are personal ones—exhaustive patience, friendliness toward the student to win his confidence and thereby inspire confidence in himself and the professional ability to spot his difficulties and steer him out of them.

For instance, consider Tommy. Tommy's having trouble with his sounds. For weeks, Miss Seay has been establishing the basic sounds. She tells them to him and he repeats them to her. Then, Miss Seay shows him pictures whose words have that basic sound.

After the basics have been covered, Tommy goes on to combinations.

"Say 't', Tommy. Say 'l'. Say 'flower'." Endlessly, the teacher repeats and gradually Tommy perfects the sounds.

160 Pupils

Although the state suggests that 80 pupils is all that one teacher can handle in such a program as this, Miss Seay is working with about 160.

"Why?" she was asked. "I know it's a little harder and it takes longer to see them all but I don't believe we should turn any one away," Miss Seay answers modestly.

She tries to get to each pupil at least every two weeks. "Of course," she says, "it's better to work with a child each day. We can't do that, so it takes more time to achieve

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Miss Seay Helps A Pupil