



THE HOUSE THAT BILL BUILT

For Christmas, Bill Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyde, of Franklin, stepped into the kitchen and applied a bit of artistry to some sugar cubes, gum drops, wafers, and icing and came out with a house. He got the idea from a magazine and just decided to see what he could do with it. That's Bill above with the finished product.

TAX LISTERS ARE READY FOR WORK

Value At 35% Of Total; Schedule Is Announced

Because of the New Year's holiday yesterday (Wednesday), tax listers over the county delayed opening their books until today. They have been instructed to list property at 35 per cent of its value, according to Tax Supervisor Thomas C. (Tom) Henson. This figure also was used last year and the year before.

In conjunction with listing, farm landowners will be asked to cooperate in the state's 1958 Township Farm Census, which supplies data concerning North Carolina's agricultural picture. This census is required by law and the State Department of Agriculture and the boards of county commissioners are charged with the responsibility of carrying it out. The information obtained is held in confidence and is used only for the purpose of compiling accurate statistics on land use, crop acreages, and livestock numbers.

Listers will ask farmers such questions as total acreage for each tract over three acres; number of acres from which crops were harvested in 1957; number of acres of idle crop land and improved pasture; and data on individual crops, cattle, hogs, and chickens.

Following is the tax listing schedule for the month, by townships:

FRANKLIN: Frank I. Murray, lister — downstairs at the courthouse during the entire month.
MILLSHOALS: Harold Cabe, lister — Beeco's home, Jan. 3 and 4; Lee Crawford's service station, Jan. 10 and 11; Holly Springs Community Building, Jan. 17 and 18; Mountain Grove Church, Jan. 20; Harold Cabe's home, Jan. 21 through Jan. 31, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
ELLIJAY: Mrs. Leslie Young, lister — Tom Bryson's store, Jan. 3 and 4; Bob Estes' station, Jan. 10 and 11; David Stanfield's store, Jan. 17 and 18; Leslie Young's home, Jan. 23; L. D. Norris' store, Jan. 24 and 25; Mrs. John Bryson's home, Jan. 30; Charlie Jones' home, Jan. 31—8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
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IN FLORIDA CITY —

Former Macon Minister Shoots Family And Self

A former Macon County Methodist minister shot his wife, their two sons, and himself at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was identified as the Rev. Sanford Williams, 49, who served the Franklin circuit in 1939 and 1940 before going to Asheville.

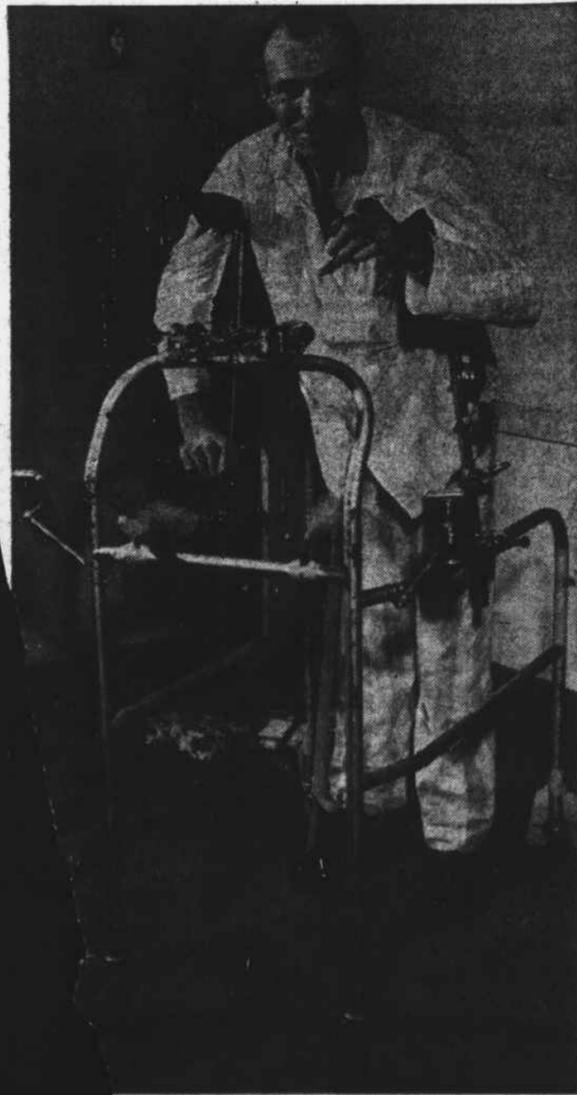
St. Petersburg police investigating the case said the shootings and suicide apparently occurred Christmas Eve. The bodies were not discovered until the day after Christmas.

In addition to the minister, dead were his wife, the former Miss Alice Wenslig, 49, of Asheville, and their sons, Ward, 10, and Eldon, 9.

Officers said Mr. Williams apparently was despondent over the unsuccessful efforts of the National Retirement Foundation, an organization for helping older people, of which he was president. He is reported to have invested most of his own savings in the program.

Originally from Chattanooga, Tenn., the minister was educated at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, the University of Chattanooga, the University of Tennessee, and Emory University. He entered the Army as chaplain in 1942 and after the war went to Kannapolis. In 1950 he became

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Pennies Open Drive For Polio

A donation of 1,600 pennies this week kicked off the 1958 March of Dimes drive here under the chairmanship of J. W. (Red) Smith.

The donation came from Tommy and Audrey Roper, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roper, of Franklin, Route 3, who for the past several years have saved their pennies during the year for the polo drive.

A quota of \$3,000 has been set for the county by Mr. Smith and the drive will run the entire month of January.

Coin collectors will be distributed at stores this week, and the chairman is now preparing to send out 2,500 letters requesting donations for the drive.

A "Mother's March on Polio" will be staged later in the month by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. Several other organizations and schools are scheduling benefits for the drive.

New Chamber Directors Slate Meeting

A reorganization meeting for 1958 is scheduled by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday night, January 9, according to Verlon Swafford, the outgoing president.

New and old directors will meet at 8 o'clock at the power company building to map a program for the year.

The newly-elected directors will officially take over their duties at the meeting and the retiring directors will step down. The new directors are S. A. Bundy (re-elected), Erwin Patton, Bob S. Sloan, Dr. G. R. McSween (re-elected), and Victor H. Perry. Holdovers from the outgoing board are T. W. Angel, Jr., and H. H. Gnuse, Jr.

A president will be elected by the directors from their own number.



AND A YAPPY, YAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Count 'em, there're five Chihuahua pups in that mixing bowl and each one is yapping out a Happy New Year to all. Keeping the pups in line are Gail and Wayne Seabock, chil-

dren of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seabock, of Franklin. The mother Chihuahua of the large litter belongs to the Seabock children.

The Bottle Hit Him . . .

Here's a case of a bottle hitting a fellow, instead of visa versa.

While walking along the Franklin-Sylva highway Sunday night, Weaver Wykle, of Franklin, was struck by a beer bottle tossed from a passing automobile. Knocked unconscious, he was taken by two companions to Angel Clinic, where it was discovered he had a broken shoulder blade.

Local officers are attempting to locate the person who threw the bottle.

Franklin Teams Playing Friday In Waynesville

Although Christmas holidays are still in progress at Franklin High, the school basketball teams will open the second half of their season over the Balsams at Waynesville High tomorrow (Friday) night.

Tuesday night, the teams will again be playing out-of-town games, this time with Swain High in Bryson City.

Next Friday (January 10) they play host to Cullowhee High teams on the home court.

It's A Brand, Spanking New Year Ahead; Holiday Incidents, Accidents, Reported

A tattered Old Man 1957—muttering softly under his breath about sputniks and international unrest—quietly tiptoed away Tuesday night.

He was immediately replaced by a brash youngster in a diaper (No. 1958) who flexed his muscles and announced he could lick his weight in satellites.

Meanwhile, Macon County and its 16,500-plus kindred souls looked back on 1957 as a pretty good year. A lot of water poured under the bridge and the prospects for young 1958 appeared bright.

Quiet Christmas
Christmas, 1957, in Macon County was a pretty quiet affair. It was a bright sunny day, not too cold and not too hot and most Maconians took the opportunity to spend some quiet hours with relatives and friends. Holiday visiting was unusually heavy (read the News About People in this issue).

Minor Accidents
Law enforcement agencies reported a couple of minor accidents on the highways. The Franklin Police Department experienced some firecracker trouble Christmas Eve. Chief Sid Carter, who was off duty, was called back to work about 10 o'clock to help his officers meet the problem. The

chief said their main concern was firecrackers being tossed into filling stations while gasoline was being pumped. A couple of youths were arrested and bound over to Superior Court and the problem abated somewhat, Chief Carter said.

Hits Warehouse
Policeman Homer Cochran reported a pick-up truck driven by Mrs. Trula St. Clair, of Cartoogechaye, ran into the front of Bob Ray's Warehouse Christmas Eve night after its brakes failed. A passenger, Mrs. Lola Bingham, received a fracture of the forehead and a brain concussion, according to Dr. Furman Angel. Mrs. St. Clair was uninjured. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$250. Several blocks had to be replaced in the warehouse wall.

Two-Car Wreck
A two-car wreck occurred about 9:30 a. m. on the 26th at the intersection of US 23-441 and US 64 (Highlands road), with two men receiving injuries.

Chief Carter identified the injured as James W. Guest, 67, of Franklin, Route 4, driver of one of the cars, who received a fractured collar bone; and Kelsey McMahan, also of Route 4, a passenger in the Guest car, who was skinned and scraped. Both men were

thrown out of the car to the

ment. The driver of the other vehicle was Loum Dillard Holbrook, about 36, of Route 5, who was injured.

Chief Carter said the Guest car was pulling out of US 64 and Holbrook's car was traveling on US 23-441.

Both drivers have been charged with reckless driving.

Power lines were downed in three places Thursday night near the 441 trolley main line. A mishap occurred according to Light Com-

Auto Tags On Sale

North Carolina tags go on sale in (Thursday).

And, the local Carolina Motor Club, suggests that chase tags early to avoid last-minute

February 15 deadline.

Town tags also may be obtained at West Main Street. The C. M. C. office is in the rear of the Associate Store.

ATTENTION
A special meeting of the Barracks, Veterans, 1, has been called (Friday) at 7:30 p. m. at the county courthouse.

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. G. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coverts Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 25	59	35	.00
Thursday	50	40	.73
Friday	57	17	.00
Saturday	47	35	.00
Sunday	55	20	trace
Monday	52	16	.00
Tuesday	50	18	.00
Wednesday	57	36	.14

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 25	53	38	.00
Thursday	48	41	.00
Friday	56	18	.00
Saturday	48	32	.00
Sunday	55	21	.00
Monday	52	16	.00
Tuesday	50	18	.00



SCOUTS RECEIVE HIGH AWARDS AT SERVICE

Five Boy Scouts of Franklin, Troop 21, received God and Country awards at a special service Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. The God and Country award is the second highest in the movement and the occasion marked the first time in the western district the award had been presented to that many Scouts from the same troop, or at a single ceremony. Participating in the service were Dr. J. L. Hill, Scoutmaster, the Rev. J. L. Hill, and B. L. McGlamery, district Scouter. In the picture (L to R) are Dr. Hill, Mr. Hill, Mr. McGlamery, Douglas Vinson, Fred Bulgin, and Charles Slagle. They are members of the troop.

HE'S READY TO ROLL

(Bill) Phillips, who was injured last July in an airplane crash, awoke Christmas morning to find that Santa had left a few accessories to the walker he is using to get around. Santa (friends of the pilot) installed backflaps on the wheels, lights, horns, bell, siren, and a picture of Santa. Mr. Phillips' picture shows he plans to "fix the wagon" for the next few days.