



IT'S NOT WHERE YOU THINK IT IS

People ice skating in Highlands? Nope, you're wrong. It got cold enough last week for skaters to take on the frozen stuff on Lake Emory, near Franklin. It was good skating on the lake for a couple of days until the temperature rose and ruined the fun. However, water was still solid enough in Highlands over the week end to bring in a bumper crop of out-of-state skaters.

HURST LEAVES —

Local Army Musician Gets Washington Assignment

A once-in-a-lifetime assignment has been handed Sgt. Bryan Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Hurst, of the Cowee section.

A tuba player formerly with the Third Army Band in Atlanta, Ga., he left this week for Washington, D. C., and a coveted chair with the U. S. Army Band.

Sgt. Hurst started his musical training with the Franklin High School Band, under the direction of Sammy Beck. He gives most of the credit for his musical career to the former Franklin director.

He joined the U. S. Army in 1953, two days after being graduated from high school. He attended band training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and for a year was a member of the Eighth Division's "Golden Arrow" band in Columbia, S. C., before taking a chair in the Third Army Band. Sgt. Hurst was a member of the 30-voice chorus of the Third Army that won the All-Army contest in 1954-55. He also studied for six months at the U. S. Naval School of Music in Washington.

Sgt. Hurst and his wife, the former Miss Jo Ann Wilhide, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilhide, of Franklin, plan to live in Arlington, Va., while he is assigned to the Washington band.



Sgt. Hurst
... Joining Band

They Slipped And Slid ...

Iceing conditions turned the early Monday morning hours into some precarious living for motorists and pedestrians.

A rash of minor vehicle accidents occurred over the county, particularly along US 64 between Franklin and Highlands. Many "close shaves" were reported. Highway crews sanded many sections.

Many Maconians on foot are nursing a variety of bruises and sore places as the result of falls on ice. In a fall in front of her home, Mrs. William Katenbrink, of Franklin, received a broken left shoulder and wrist.

For the most part, highway accidents were minor and involved scraped paint and dented fenders

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'Aunt Carrie' Crawford Recovering From Attack

Word has been received here that Mrs. Lee Crawford ("Aunt Carrie") suffered a heart attack at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Rousseau, in North Wilkesboro recently, but is recovering and has been able to leave the hospital to return to her home.

Mrs. Crawford is 93 years old and has lived here most of her life. In recent years she has spent the winter months with Mrs. Rousseau.

WATER LINE EXTENSION IS APPROVED

Franklin Board Hear About New Area Commission

A water line extension in the Hillcrest Circle section has been approved by the Franklin Board of Aldermen.

Town officials hope the extension will correct "rusty water" problems in that section by providing a circulation of water.

A thousand feet of six-inch line will be hooked to the dead-end near Hillcrest and a fire hydrant will be installed. From the end of the six-inch line, a three-inch section will be installed to the new Jacobs well and another three-inch section from the well up Pauline Avenue. Pipe for the job already is on hand.

Action was taken on the extension January 6 during the board's regular meeting. J. M. Archer, Jr., and Allan Brooks, Hillcrest Circle residents, aired "rusty water" complaints.

A. B. Slagle, a member of the W. N. C. Regional Planning Commission, and W. W. Sloan, the county representative, explained to the aldermen some of the functions of the newly-formed commission, which will offer assistance to county and towns in a variety of fields. They requested \$150 from the town as its share in financing the regional program. A district engineer will be located in one of the towns in the area, the board was told, and will be available at all times.

Aldermen also voted to request traffic islands from the state highway commission at the intersection of US 23-411 and US 64 (Highlands highway) and at Church Street and NC 28.

Hightower Is At It Again!

Another item about Franklin in Paul Hightower's syndicated column, Senior Forum, (see Brady's Blarney this issue) Monday caused an avalanche of mail inquiries at the chamber of commerce.

Mrs. Lasea E. Horsley, executive secretary, reported receiving 44 letters from persons inquiring about Franklin.

A breakdown of the total shows Connecticut postmarks on three; New York, 6; New Jersey, 8; Michigan, 5; Indiana, 4; South Carolina, 3; Ohio, 10, and Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Kentucky, and California, one each.

"It appears that Mr. Hightower is becoming our No. 1 booster," Mrs. Horsley declared.

Girls Win; Boys Lose

Franklin High's lassies won their two games this past week, but the boys lost both.

In the local gymnasium Friday night, the girls handed Cullowhee the short end of a 75 to 61 score, with Cissy Dowdle bucketing 29 points, Leota Beck, 26, and Lucy Henry, 20. The boys lost to Cullowhee, 75 to 40.

Tuesday night at Webster, the girls romped to an easy victory, 98 to 57, with Dowdle and Beck each getting 25 points and Henry hitting for 18. The boys were defeated 63 to 57. Doug Pearson was high scorer for the locals with 13 points.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, Franklin meets Highlands on the home court. Tuesday night the teams journey to Glenville.

Standley To Speak On Brazil Saturday

A meeting of the North Franklin Neighborhood Club has been called for Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at Slagle Memorial Building.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. R. R. Standley, pastor of the First Baptist Church. He will speak on his work in Brazil, where he was a flying missionary for a number of years.

MEETING CHANGED

The scheduled January 23 meeting of the Franklin Music Study Club has been changed to January 30, it has been announced. The session will be held with Mrs. H. W. Cabe at 8 p. m.



A LIFETIME GOES UP IN SMOKE

A Sunday afternoon fire in Brendletown destroyed the eight-room frame house of the Frank Brendles and all their belongings. The Brendles were sitting on their front porch and did not discover the fire until it had gained considerable headway. A defective flue was blamed for the blaze. A fire truck dispatched by the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department pumped out its water supply in attempting to check the blaze. The family has received many offers of assistance, including donations of labor in rebuilding, building materials, clothing, household furnishings, and cash. An hour-long program sponsored by radio station WFSC Monday afternoon raised more than \$100 in cash and several hundred dollars worth of materials and clothing. (Gene Dowdle Photo).

Late News and Briefs

TABERNACLE MEETING

A public meeting to elect a board of trustees to oversee use of the Friendship Tabernacle in Franklin is slated tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the chapel of the First Baptist Church. The meeting has been called by the Macon County Ministerial Association.

CENTER TO OPEN

The Franklin Youth Center will open Friday night following the basketball games between Franklin and Highlands in the Franklin gymnasium.

METHODISTS HERE

More than 150 Methodists of the Waynesville district gathered at the Franklin church yesterday (Wednesday) for their annual conference.

The district is composed of Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Cherokee, and Clay counties.

SKATING IS OVER

At least temporarily, ice skating is over.

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Dr. McSween New Chamber President



Dr. McSween

Dr. George R. McSween is the new president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for 1958.

His companion officers for the year are H. H. Gnuse, Jr., vice-president, and Victor H. Perry, treasurer.

The chamber's new directors elected the officers at their first meeting of '58 last Thursday night at the power company building.

Dr. McSween, a local chiropractor, has been an enthusiastic church and civic worker since coming here in 1951 to set up practice. He is a past president of the Franklin Rotary Club and was named "Young Man of the Year" in the county in 1953.

Other directors of the chamber are T. W. Angel, Jr., S. A. Bundy, Erwin Patton, and Bob S. Sloan. Plans are now being made for holding the chamber's annual membership banquet in March. Mr. Sloan will have charge of obtaining a speaker.

It was reported at the meeting that the chamber ended 1957 with \$500 on hand.

P.T. A. WILL MEET

The Franklin P.T. A. will meet Monday night, January 20, at 7:30. Miss Dwain Horsley, who will be in charge of the program, will speak on "The Role of the United Nations in Search of World Peace".

COUNTY AGENT REPORTS — Farm Income Here Expected To Remain Same As Before

Farm income in 1958 should remain about the same as last year, but net income is expected to drop slightly, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

The agent's following comments on the agricultural new year are based on information compiled by the Extension Farm Management Department of N. C. State College.

Dairying: The number of producers is decreasing. The number of cows is down. Production per cow, however, is steadily increasing, producing an increase in total production. The blend price in 1957 was close to \$6 per hundred. The outlook for '58 appears to be about the same as for '57—maybe a slight reduction in cost of certain protein feeds.

Poultry: Outlook for poultry in '58 is for slightly higher prices for commercial eggs. Hatching eggs will average around 65 cents per dozen on both higher prices in spring and lower in fall. More income from broilers through bet-

ter feed conversion rates rather than higher prices.

Livestock: (Beef Cattle)—Numbers down, cattle prices look better for '58. Good time for cow and calf programs. Demand for feeder calves will be good. Steer business will be good if calves can be found. (Sheep)—Sheep about same as '57. Wool prices might be slightly lower. (Hogs)—Good in spring, numbers increasing fast, low in fall.

Apples: About same as '57. Potatoes: Carry over from '57 smaller. Chances good for higher prices of early potatoes. Fall potatoes not so good, lower price.

Cabbage: Larger production in '58, lower prices. Other Vegetables: About same as '57. Burley Tobacco: Slightly less carry-over for '58. Prices excellent in '57 due to lower production. However, there will be less exports in '58 and manufacturers are finding more ways of using sorry tobaccos, so you can't expect any higher prices.

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 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. 8	30	15	.00
Thursday	40	1	.00
Friday	36	10	.00
Saturday	59	16	.00
Sunday	53	12	.00
Monday	46	38	.06
Tuesday	47	37	.80
Wednesday	—	38	.00

COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 8	40	15	.00
Thursday	32	2	.00
Friday	37	12	.00
Saturday	53	21	.00
Sunday	56	16	.00
Monday	52	29	.17
Tuesday	45	33	1.50
Wednesday	46	36	.00

HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 8	25	10	*
Thursday	36	6	*
Friday	46	18	*
Saturday	54	30	*
Sunday	46	25	*
Monday	40	34	*
Tuesday	42	36	*
Wednesday	—	34	*

* No record.



DRIVER TRAINING CAR GOES TO NANTAHALA

W. C. Burrell, of Burrell Motor Company, (right) is shown presenting the keys of a new Chevrolet to Principal Jerry Hall, of Nantahala School. The presentation marks the first time a driver training program has been taught at Nantahala and Mr. Hall reports having 24 students signed up for the special class.