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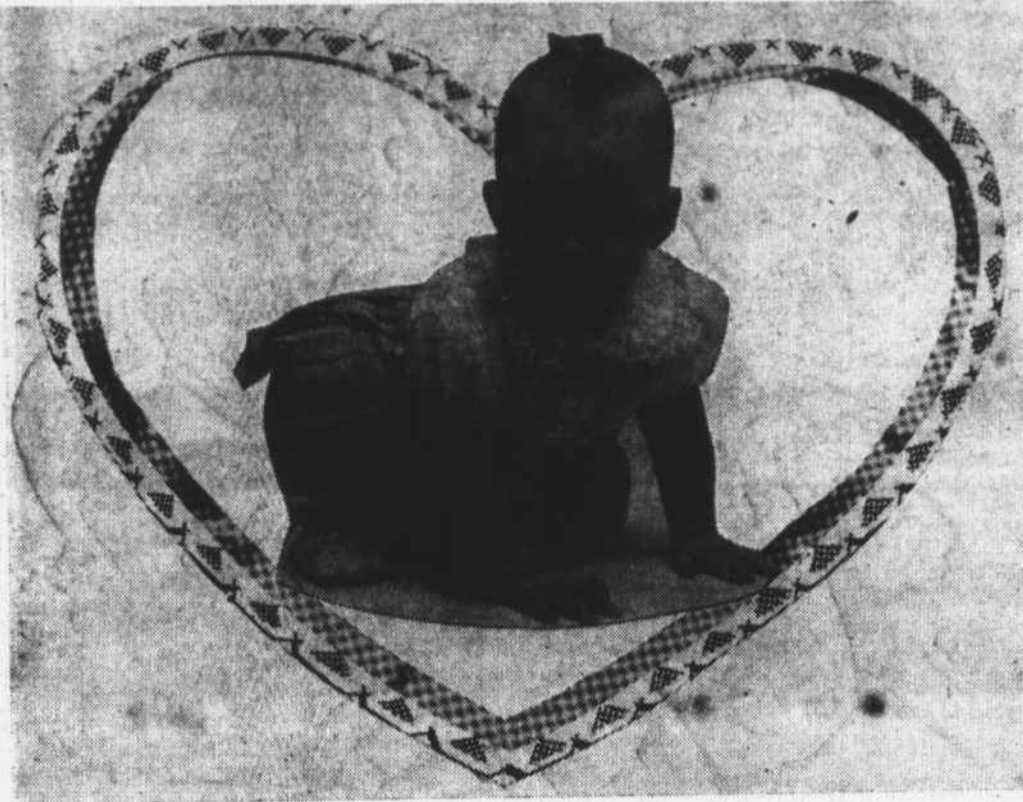
Be not merely good;
be good for something.
—Henry Thoreau.

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Won't You Be My Valentine?

Anna Jane Carson, 16 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Carson, of Franklin, reminds that Valentine's Day is tomorrow (Friday). (Staff Photo)

STICKLEY TO SPEAK — Zone Lion Social Slated In Franklin Friday Night

John L. (Jack) Stickley, of Charlotte, immediate past president of Lions International, will be the guest speaker here tomorrow (Friday) night when the Franklin Lions play host to a Zone 2 social and "ladies night".

More than 250 Lions and their wives are expected from clubs in Chasers, Sylva, Glenville, Bryson City, Highlands, and, of course, Franklin. The meeting will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Lion B. B. Scott is serving as chairman of the zone social committee.

Wayne Faulkner, president of

the local club, will be master of ceremonies.

The guest speaker will be introduced by Lion H. Bueck, international counselor.

A native of Cambridge, Mass., who moved to Charlotte at an early age, Mr. Stickley served as international president—the association's highest office—during the year 1956-57. He joined the Charlotte (Central) Lions Club in October, 1938, and rapidly moved up through state national, and international offices. During his year as president, he traveled more than 250,000 miles visiting Lions and Lion projects throughout the world. He was decorated by several governments.

The 'Can' Is Responsible — His Fingers Are Frosted!

Bill Higdon has two fingers that stay frost-bitten all the time, although he wears gloves. Frost-bitten fingers? Gloves? The mystery clears up quickly when you understand that Mr.

Higdon is the inseminator for the Macon County Farmers Cooperative, Inc. (formerly Macon County Artificial Breeders Association) and that he's using frozen semen in the artificial breeding program.



Mr. Higdon . . . Frozen Fingers

His thumb and index finger on the right hand receive the frost treatment several times a week when he retrieves small containers of frozen semen from a specially-constructed "can" in the trunk of his automobile. The "can", a freezing unit using liquid nitrogen, keeps the semen at 110 degrees below zero, so it's easy to understand why gloves don't offer too much protection.

In November

The local cooperative started using frozen semen in November, a month which saw its introduction in many North Carolina counties.

Raleigh extension service officials estimate that farmers over the state bred 12,000 cows artificially during November. This figure represents almost as many cows as were bred during the entire year of 1948, when the program was first started.

Two Factors

Rapid growth of the program is due largely to two factors: (1) frozen semen offers many advantages over the old system, including higher conception rates, better service, and better choice of bulls, and (2) more and more farmers are milking daughters from artificial breeding.

A Record Year

With 960 animals serviced, 1957 was a record year in Macon County, according to Mr. Higdon, who has been inseminator for nearly six years.

Except for one or two, all dairymen in the county are using the service. Mr. Higdon, who is employed by the cooperative, also offers the service to "quite a few" family cows.

Membership in the cooperative
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HOSPITAL ANNOUNCES SIX GRANTS

Program Started To Provide Nurses For The Future

Realizing that many girls being graduated from Macon County high schools this year would like to pursue a career of nurses training, and realizing the many career opportunities open to young women through the field of nursing, Angel Hospital, Inc., proposes to create six scholarships to expedite this training at the Greenville General Hospital, or any other accredited training school of the student's choice.

The amount of \$300 will be allowed for each student. This will cover all expenses of training, other than personal needs, for a period of three years. A similar program will be carried out in subsequent years depending upon the success of the program during the first year, according to Dr. Edgar Angel, medical director.

The only requirement of Angel Hospital will be an agreement that, on completion of training, they will accept positions as registered nurses at the hospital for a period of two years at prevailing salaries then being paid registered nurses. Otherwise, the scholarships are given without reservation, the doctor said.

Arrangements have been made with Greenville General Hospital for a certain number of those selected to visit there during the weekends of February and perhaps early March, at which time they will be allowed to observe the training school, instructed as to
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Nantahala Lake Is Trout Water; License Needed

Nantahala Lake has been designated as public trout water and is being posted this week by state wildlife protectors.

Protector C. H. Boring, of Franklin, said enforcement will begin Monday, February 17, and he cautioned all fishermen to purchase the required license before going on the lake.

As designated trout water, the protector said the lake will be stocked with trout this Spring.

Nantahala Lake is open year-round to fishing.

Protector Boring also announced that public trout streams will be open 24 hours a day this season, instead of from dawn to dusk. Trout season opens April 15.



LOCAL TEACHER ELECTED CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Miss Nora Moody (left), Macon County teacher, is shown accepting the president's gavel from Mrs. J. W. Davidson after her election as head of the local chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma at a luncheon meeting Saturday in Franklin. Mrs. Davidson, of Murphy, is chapter president. At right is Mrs. C. K. Olson, of Franklin, chairman for the meeting. Present for the local luncheon were representatives of chapters west of Asheville. (Gene Dowdle Photo)

Tag Sales Lag Behind

Only three shopping days left—to purchase 1958 license plates, that is.

And things are going to be a bit rushed at the last minute, according to Verlon Swafford, manager of the local Carolina Motor Club, where the tags are on sale.

He estimates that about 1,500 motorists still must buy their plates through his office, which is in the Western Auto Associate Store.

"The waiting line should be pretty long . . . the last day we'll probably sell about 400," Mr. Swafford declared.

Compared with last year's sales, the '53 plates were 111 behind, as of Tuesday noon. In '57, 2,768 tags had been sold, as compared with only 2,657 on Tuesday.

A breakdown of current sales shows 1,767 autos; 983 trucks; and 7 trailers.

Franklinites have another tag to buy, in addition to the state plate. This is the new town tag, which sells for \$1. They are on sale at the town hall and Saturday is also the deadline for purchasing them. It will be a misdemeanor for Franklinites not to purchase and display a tag.

Per Capita Income Nearly Doubles Here

Per capita income almost doubled in Macon County from 1947 to 1956.

In 1947 the annual income was \$449 and in 1956 \$807.

This information was compiled and reported from statistics by the University of North Carolina.

At Franklin Gym — Cage Tournament Opens Next Week

Basketballs will thump-thump in the Franklin High gymnasium for six straight days next week when the local high school plays host to the tournament play-offs of the eastern division of the Smoky Mountain Conference.

Team pairings will not be made until Saturday, according to C. K. Olson, Franklin principal-coach, so a schedule is not available.

The eight division teams will play Monday through Saturday. They are Franklin, Highlands, Cullowhee, Sylva, Glenville, Webster, Swain, and Cherokee.

Teams of the western division will be playing the same days at Murphy.

The finals between the top teams of the eastern and western divisions are set for February 28-March 1 at Hayesville.

In girls play, tournament odds-makers are putting the Franklin High lassies against the Andrews girls. Both teams have impressive strings of victories.

Bloodmobile Is Coming

HIGHLANDS — A Bloodmobile will be here next Wednesday, February 19, from 2 to 6 p. m. at the Methodist church.

The unit is from the regional American Red Cross Blood Center in Asheville.

Surprise! Girls Win Top Spot

It comes as a surprise to no one that Franklin High's lassies have won the eastern division basketball championship.

But, it is official now, for both the boys and the girls teams closed out regular schedules of play this week.

The girls lost only one conference game, to Cullowhee two weeks ago, and this defeat did not hurt their standing.

Last Friday night against Webster, the girls won 92 to 50 with Leta Beck hitting for 23 points and Lucy Henry for 22. The boys, after trailing at the half, pulled ahead to win, 60 to 58. Ledford was high scorer with 19 points. Webster led 26 to 23 at the half.

Tuesday night in Highlands, the teams played their final games of the regular season. The girls won 70 to 35, with Henry bucketing 27 points. The boys pulled another one out of the fire, 57 to 41, with Doug Pearson hitting for 18 points.

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.

	High	Low	Rain
FRANKLIN			
Wed., Feb. 5	40	25	trace
Thursday	53	39	1.27
Friday	51	34	.48
Saturday	34	20	.00
Sunday	34	11	.00
Monday	44	12	.00
Tuesday	45	18	.00
Wednesday	—	17	.00
COWETA			
Wed., Feb. 5	46	25	.02
Thursday	47	41	1.90
Friday	53	38	.40
Saturday	52	19	.00
Sunday	35	11	.00
Monday	36	9	.00
Tuesday	42	15	.00
Wednesday	44	10	.00



THEY'RE WORKING WITH LEATHER

Some 22 crafts leaders from home demonstration clubs in the county turned out for a three-day leathercraft workshop Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week at the Agricultural Building. The individual leaders will instruct in their clubs. Hard at work above are (L to R) Mrs. Echol Rowland, of Highlands; Bob Jones, of Charlotte, representative of Tandy Leather Company, who conducted the workshop; Mrs. Eugene Couch, county crafts chairman; and Mrs. Neville Bryson, of Highlands. (Staff Photo)

Get Ready! DOLLAR DAYS Are Coming To Franklin Before Long