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Tale-bearers are as
bad as tale-makers.
—Sheridan.

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

A GOOD SIGN of spring—or of warmer weather—is the reappearance of merchandise on the sidewalks in front of the stores.

HAVE YOU noticed the many dented fenders caused by loose chains falling?

AN OUTSIDE coat of trim paint is now being applied by painters to the post office. Matches the new paint work inside, naturally.

SAVE FOR a few sad looking snowmen in some shady areas, last week's big snow is gone.

L. A. BERRY, of Route 4, is showing a picture of a snake and a chicken. In attempting to swallow the chicken, the snake died. The chicken, unable to get loose, suffocated in the snake's throat.

FRANKLIN'S STREETS could take all the prize money for being dirty. Some merchants are washing down in front of their stores—a decided improvement, to say the least.

FREEZING AND THAWING sure has played hob with the pavement on the Georgia highway. Trying to keep out of the holes is like playing motorized hopscotch. It's fortunate that this is not the final surfacing. In this state, they wait a couple of years for a new highway to "settle" before applying the final paving.

HIGHWAY DEATHS in the state, as of February 17, were considerably lower than they were for the same period in '57: 91 deaths as compared to 142. This is proof that the state's concerted safety campaign is paying off.

WEATHER BUFFS who need some supporting facts might find these interesting. An old diary kept by Jacob Siler (he started it in 1842) on Cartoogechaye's weather says a big snow fell Dec. 10, 1876, and was still on the ground December 24 when another snow came, and then still another January 1, 1877 for a total of 26 inches. On Jan. 11, 1886, it was 10 below zero and 17 below Jan. 16, 1887. On Feb. 14, 1899 it was six below, as compared with a reading of 15 above in Franklin this 14th.

HOW LONG has it been since you can remember the Little Tennessee River frozen solid above the Franklin bridge? And did you ever see anything prettier than the ice while the sun played on it?

ALL A. G. Cagle is waiting for is some good weather to open his new crafts and gift shop in the East Franklin intersection. He's also waiting for better weather before installing a big sign above the building.

TURN THOSE televisions to CBS this Sunday night at 8 o'clock and watch our very own Smoky Mountain Cloggers capture the heart of all America. And, it would help us all in this mountain area if everyone would either write or telephone Ed Sullivan and thank him for giving the Cloggers their big break.

FRANKLIN'S Cub and Boy Scout troops really did themselves up brown with their window displays marking National Boy Scout Week.

WOULDN'T some overhead arrows indicating lanes of traffic help tourists move through the one-way street system much easier this season? A lot of towns are using them, you know.

DOLLAR DAYS are being eyed by local merchants to pull them out of the red side of the ledger, where they dropped during the cold snap last week.

IN DISCUSSING business conditions, one businessman asked last week "If there is no hell, where has business gone?"

'Dollar Days' Open Today

A three-day trade promotion, "Dollar Days" opens in Franklin today (Thursday).

All merchants are participating, according to Sam Gibson, chairman, and shoppers will be eligible to win a hundred silver dollars at drawings slated Saturday afternoon at 4:30 on the town square.

Four separate drawings are planned — \$50, \$25, \$15, and \$10.

Shoppers may register for the prizes at any store, Mr. Gibson said.

Watch Out New York! Here Come 'Our Cloggers'



Mrs. Lois Roberson, Team Manager, Practices The Smoky Mountain Cloggers. (Staff Photo)

Long about 8 o'clock Sunday night in the middle of New York City's television world, the infectious strains of "Sugarfoot Rag" will wing across the CBS studio.

And from the wings will dance the Smoky Mountain Cloggers, a group of talented young square dancers from the hills of Western North Carolina—more specifically, from right here in Macon County.

Just out of camera range will be Ed Sullivan, the man responsible for the appearance of the Cloggers on his nation-wide variety show.

His will be the look of a stern critic, for this will mark the first time in the history of television that a non-professional group like the young dancers has been thrust so rapidly and dramatically into the national limelight.

But all of this is coming up Sunday. How are things with the Cloggers now?

They're Practicing. Well, as they have been for several weeks, they're practicing, practicing. And they're talking happily about the coming trip to the big city. And, way in the back of their minds they're harboring a dream that could well come true—a trip to Hollywood for a movie! They've been

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'Gesture' Of Gems For Ed

A "mountain gesture" of appreciation is ready for presentation to Ed Sullivan during his Sunday night show.

The gift consists of four native gems from Cowee Valley. They were donated and cut by Jim Brinkman, local gem cutter.

Two of the gems are rubies, one is a blue sapphire, and the fourth is a rhodolite. Each is about a carat in size.

Bob Cox, CBS talent scout for this region, who has helped with arrangements to put the Smoky Mountain Cloggers on the Sullivan show, was given the gems this week and he said he would make the presentation to Mr. Sullivan personally "on camera" during the show.

Write, Wire, Or Telephone

Telegraph, telephone, or write Ed Sullivan after the Smoky Mountain Cloggers appear on his show Sunday night, requests Dr. G. R. McSweeney, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

"The Cloggers' appearance has paved the way for future mountain entertainers on national television," he said, "and all of us should let Mr. Sullivan know how much we appreciate his interest in this area and his faith in our talented Cloggers."

His address:
Mr. Ed Sullivan
CBS Television
New York City, N. Y.

Area Girl Scout Training Course Scheduled Here

A training course for Girl Scout leaders of the Nantahala area is scheduled in Franklin for the next two Saturdays, March 1, and 8.

It will be held at the Methodist church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Mrs. Harry J. Price, of Franklin, in charge.

Mrs. Price, who recently moved here, has wide experience in Girl Scout work. She took basic training in Atlanta, Ga., in 1949, and led a troop until 1954. She also has taken National Training for Volunteer Leaders and Day Camp Directors and has been teaching both of these courses since. Mrs. Price's daughter, Peggy, is a Brownie.

BUECK IN RALEIGH
H. Bueck, superintendent of schools, was in Raleigh Saturday for a meeting of the federal relations committee of the N. C. Education Association.

4 Incumbents Announce For Reelection

Four incumbent county officials announced this week they will seek reelection, subject to the May 31 Democratic primary and the general election in November.

They are Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of Superior Court, Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, and John J. Kusterer, county coroner.

The sheriff and the clerk both are seeking their third four-year terms, while the register of deeds is running for his fifth term.

The coroner is now serving out the unexpired term of C. Jack Ragan, resigned.

F. F. A. Team Wins First

First place was won by the parliamentary procedure team of the Franklin Future Farmers of America last week in the Nantahala Federation contest at Andrews.

Team members are John Killian, president; Bud Shope, vice-president; Wayne Taylor, secretary; Perry Wiggins, treasurer; Riley Henry, reporter; Ronald Harper, sentinel, and Wayne Profit, advisor.

The team will compete for district honors in Asheville May 2. The Andrews contest was held February 18.

Garden School Set Today In Franklin

A school for garden leaders is slated this (Thursday) morning at 9:30 at the Agricultural Building.

It is for home demonstration garden leaders and 4-H neighborhood leaders.

The latest garden information and recommended vegetable varieties will be discussed.

Playing Friday Night — Franklin's Lassies Tops In Division

True to advance predictions, Franklin High's lassies are heading for the tournament finals of the Smoky Mountain Conference tomorrow (Friday) night in Hayesville, after copping the eastern division title in playoffs here last week.

The girls will take on the Andrews sextet, winner of the western division title, at 9 o'clock in the Hayesville High gymnasium. A large delegation of local sports fans will be on hand to root for the locals and a victory.

At 7:30 Friday, another Macon County team will play in a consolation battle. The Nantahala lads will meet the Cullowhee boys.

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WANT \$5,500 FOR WORK — Franklin Chamber Directors Approve Record '58 Budget

A record budget of \$5,500 has been approved by the board of directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

The budget—\$1,000 higher than last year's—must now be submitted to the general membership of the chamber for final approval at the annual banquet in March.

Meeting last Thursday night, the chamber president, Dr. G. R. McSweeney, and his directors set up the budget; made advance arrangements for the March meeting; selected '58 committees; voted to continue membership in the W. N. C. Highlanders; and started mapping a slogan contest to promote this area.

H. Bueck, of Franklin, president of the W. N. C. Associated Communities, reported on the organization's recent meeting at Cullowhee. He also urged members

of the chamber to attend the April meeting of W. N. C. A. C., to be held in Franklin on the second Tuesday.

Director Bob S. Sloan reported he had obtained Jeff B. Wilson, editor of Tar Heel Wheels, a general interest magazine published in Raleigh, as guest speaker for the annual membership banquet.

With the speaker confirmed, the board voted to hold the banquet March 21.

Steve Bundy, chairman, Erwin Patton, and Vic Perry were appointed by the president as a committee to work out the banquet arrangements.

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MOTOR GRADER OPERATOR HAD A CLOSE CALL ON HIGHWAY

James N. Lowe (above), state highway motor grader operator, had a close call last Thursday afternoon when rising temperatures sent more than a half ton of ice plummeting down on top of his machine in Cullasaja Gorge. Note the smashed windshield. Lee Keener had the top of his automobile damaged one day last week when ice fell as he went under Bridal Veil Falls. (Staff Photo)

Late News and Briefs

MRS. MATHER DIES

Mrs. Clara B. Mather, mother of Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neill, of Franklin, Route 5, died at the O'Neill home Tuesday at 6 p. m. Services are set for today (Thursday) at 12 noon in the chapel of Bryant Funeral Home.

YOUTH CENTER OPEN

The Franklin Youth Center will be open tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30.

MRS. MILLER SLAIN

A 20-year-old woman and mother of four children, Mrs. Barbara Jean Boone Miller, who is reported to be from Franklin, was shot and killed Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla., by an Air Force sergeant. Her mother, Mrs. Louise Moseley, said she and her daughter and the children had gone to Jacksonville about six months ago from Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Miller was separated from her second husband.

HURT IN WRECK

Mrs. Myrtle Stone, of the Cartoogechaye section, was critically injured in an automobile mishap Friday night in Georgia. She is reported to be partially paralyzed and is hospitalized in Greenville, S. C.

Details of the accident were not immediately available.

CELEBRATING SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wiley, of Highlands, will observe their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 6 p. m.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Taylor 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. 19	38	-4	.00
Thursday	44	10	.00
Friday	56	9	.00
Saturday	56	25	.00
Sunday	65	18	.00
Monday	68	18	.00
Tuesday	64	26	.00
Wednesday	64	45	.88
COWETA			
Wed., Feb. 19th	25	-2	.00
Thursday	37	8	.00
Friday	44	9	.00
Saturday	54	25	.00
Sunday	53	19	.00
Monday	64	20	.00
Tuesday	68	27	.00
Wednesday	64	44	1.33
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., Feb. 19th	35	0	.00
Thursday	46	10	.00
Friday	48	6	.00
Saturday	41	24	.00
Sunday	52	24	.00
Monday	62	25	.00
Tuesday	58	32	.00
Wednesday	—	45	.00

* No record.

A Hundred Silver Dollars On The Square Saturday At 4:30