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**THAT'S A** snappy new sign The Bank of Franklin has erected over its door. "Coffee" Hall welcomed that job because of the nearness of the coffee urn across the street.

**A VIRUS** struck in some of the schools last week. Franklin High was hardest hit by "the bugs", with about 150 absent Wednesday. Supt. H. Bueck says none of the other school got this kind of treatment from the mysterious virus.

**MISS SALLY** Kesler, who attended the three-day Spring meeting of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild in Asheville last week, was "walking on air" when she came home. Seems the Nonah Craft Center and two local individuals, Mrs. Rex Andrus and S. R. Simpson, were accepted as members of the guild; the center for weaving, silk screening, and printing; Mrs. Andrus for weaving; and Mr. Simpson for wood-working.

**THEY'LL HAVE** a working Saturday at Franklin Memorial Park, which, like everything else, is showing the scars of winter. Everyone is asked to donate a little time to this worthwhile project and Meandering is advised that they'll have handles to fit all size hands.

**KENNETH GRASTY**, husband of the former Miss Shirley Ledford, of Franklin, has been named manager of the Winn-Dixie Food Store in Elizabethton, Tenn. He once was meat manager of the local Winn-Dixie store, leaving in 1953 to go to Asheville.

**THE ADULT** choir of the First Baptist Church participated in a state choir festival Saturday at Wake Forest College. Considered one of the best, the choir is under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Henry.

**BRUSH AND** trash fires have been giving the Franklin volunteer firemen fits for the past couple of weeks. The "capper" came Wednesday afternoon of last week, however. Fire got out of hand at the town dump and spread to nearby woods.

**SATURDAY'S** incident at the youth center was unfortunate. However, it has been handled sensibly, and firmly enough to serve notice that future incidents will not be tolerated.

**THAT TRIP** to Washington and New York planned by the home demonstration women had to be postponed until later in the year. Mrs. Florence Sherrill will have some more information later.

**DO YOU** own a plot at Woodlawn Cemetery? Some owners have suggested that it would be very fitting to remove some of the ravages of winter at the cemetery before Easter flowers are placed Sunday. The caretaker's duties do not extend to a general cleaning, so it is up to the owners to have the job done.

**BRUCE BRYANT** is setting ready to move Macon County Supply's furniture department into the store on Town Square just vacated by Bryant Furniture Store.

**ABOUT THAT** old well that was uncovered by a motor grader at the old Ridgecrest School. Not as much a mystery as we were led to believe. A lot of people

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## so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Being a feller somewhat "sot in my ways" I like tradition. Seems to me that the Easter sunrise service and Gilmer Jones' camp, "High Haven", on Wayah Bald, were just made for each other. But, they've decided that it's too hard to get to the camp and have moved the service to the Franklin High football stadium.

Guess a body can worship his Lord anywhere, but it seems to me that you're a little bit closer to Him on the top of a mountain.

The road to Christianity hasn't been easy, so the preachers tell us, and I'd say the difficulty we faced in trying to reach the Jones camp Easter morning just gave the day a little deeper meaning.

And I thank you.

Mr. Maconian



**SURVEYING** the location for the proposed youth center at Franklin Memorial Park are (L to R) Dr. G. R. McSweeney, president of the youth center association, George Slagle (at transit), and Allan Brooks, chairman of the building committee. (Staff Photo)

HAVE YOU GIVEN? —

## Challenge, Donations, Mark Center Campaign

A challenge, a big materials donation, and several cash gifts put Franklin's campaign to raise money and materials for a youth center on the home stretch this week.

In fact, if the weather permits, actual construction will begin within the next two weeks. Allan Brooks and George Slagle staked out the center's location at Franklin Memorial Park early Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile, donations of cash, materials, and labor keep coming in, according to Robert E. (Bob) Carpenter.

### Tosses Challenge

In a letter to THE PRESS this week, Dr. Furman Angel challenged nine others to match his \$50 donation for the center.

If the doctor's challenge is met, Dr. G. R. McSweeney, president of the youth center association, said construction can begin almost immediately.

"That \$500 will give us enough cash on hand to pour the concrete floor," he said. "The people have been more than generous in donating materials... what we need now is enough cash to get the work started."

### Doors Donated

Tuesday morning, in a call from Atlanta, Ga., Irving C. Hitchcock.

### TAYLOR TO PREACH —

## Sunrise Service Slated Easter At Ball Field

Franklin High's football stadium will be the scene Easter morning of a sunrise service sponsored by the Franklin Ministerial Association.

Plans for an Easter breakfast in the school cafeteria have been cancelled, according to the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, because the church group wanting to hold it felt it could not clear the \$20 rental on the cafeteria.

The Rev. C. T. Taylor, missionary of the Macon Baptist Association, will preach at the service. The program will start at 8:30, and the sunrise will be shortly before 7 o'clock.

R. M. Biddle, Jr., director of the Franklin High chorus, will have charge of special music. Also participating on the program will be the Rev. R. R. Standley, the Rev. John Tucker, the Rev. Robert E. Early, and Mr. Langfitt.

In years past, this service has been held on Wayah Bald. Last year, at the last minute, it was cancelled because of bad weather. The ministerial association decided to hold it in town this year.

### Two Services

Two morning worship services will be held Easter Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Franklin, according to the Rev. R. R. Standley. The first will be at 8:30, prior to Sunday school, and the second following Sunday school at the regular 11 o'clock hour.

### Holy Communion

An Easter service will be held at 9 a.m. Easter at St. John's Episcopal Church, on Cartoogechaye and will include the celebration of Holy Communion. The regular 4 p.m. service also will be held.

### First Service

Easter morning will mark the first service in the new Patton Methodist Church. Also, the four churches of the circuit, Patton, Asbury, Mulberry, and Union will hold a sunrise service at 6:30 on the lawn at the Asbury church. The Rev. Earl T. Crowe will preach.

### BOARD TO MEET

The board meeting of the Franklin Garden Club will be held Monday at 2 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church. It is called to the attention of the members that the place for the meeting has been changed from the Presbyterian church.

## Election Set For May 5

Franklin Books To Open 18th; Hours Given

Franklin's nonpartisan biennial election is set for May 5.

Filing deadline for candidates is April 18.

Registration books will be open April 18 through April 25; on the 18th and 25th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and all other days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meeting in special session Monday night to plan for the election, aldermen named Mrs. Jo Ann Corbin as registrar and Mrs. Velma Conley and Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum as judges.

A mayor and six aldermen will be elected for two-year terms.

## Burn Permits Now Required In Franklin

Prompted by a rash of brush fires, the Town of Franklin and Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger have issued a joint order requiring residents to obtain burning permits and also notify adjoining land owners of their plans for burning.

Permits may be obtained from the fire department.

In addition, no fires may be started in town until after 4 p.m., where there is no wind. Chief Tysinger said the department must insist that someone be present at all times when burning is taking place.

Pointing to the 13 fires the department has been called to extinguish since the first of the month, the chief declared, "There will be no exceptions."

Seven of the fires were inside the city limits, and six outside. Chief Tysinger estimates that its costs \$50 each time the truck leaves the fire house on a call, which means the 13 brush fires have run up a \$550 bill.

He also urged county residents to contact the county ranger, J. Fred Bryson, before starting any burning.

## 'QUEENIE' SHINES —

## Got A Firebug

If the Macon Prison Camp's bloodhound, "Queenie", is a little smug she's got a right to be.

"Queenie" caught herself a juvenile firebug, who set eight forest fires Friday in the Seely section of North Carolina and Georgia.

Rangers requested the lady bloodhound's services after battling small blazes from about 10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. inside a radius of about two and a half miles.

"Queenie" put her nose to the ground and led them right to 16-year-old Calvin Talley at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sarry Brown, at Seely.

Calvin confessed to setting the fires with a penny box of matches. He told County



**DAVID ENLOE** and Ann Maddox (above) were chosen "King and Queen of 4-H" in a penny-a-vote contest in the schools. They rode in the annual 1-H parade Saturday afternoon. Winning floats were Cartoogechaye, first; Iotia, second; and Holly Springs, third. In the junior division, East Franklin and Carson tied. (Staff Photo)

AT SLAGLE MEMORIAL —

## Awards Made Saturday To 4-H'ers, Leaders

Outstanding 4-H clubbers and two of their leaders were honored Saturday night as a feature of the annual "4-H Achievement" program.

Held at Slagle Memorial, the event saw the awarding of 57 awards to 4-H'ers for work during 1958; the presentation of roses to Mrs. Vernon Bryson, of Cullasaja, and Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, of Carson, for their outstanding contributions as leaders; and the recognition of Spike Maddox, of Cartoogechaye community club, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Ammons, of Holly Springs community club, as the outstanding boy and girl in '58. Spike and Elizabeth Ann each received Savings Bonds, compliments of The Bank of Franklin.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Robert Enloe, president of the Cartoogechaye senior club. The welcome was given by Sue Crawford, of the East Franklin Club. Mrs. Ted Blaine presented the devotion, "How Wide is the Cross". Special music was by Linda Ledford, June Wells, and Martha Blaine.

Presentations of awards to individual club members were handled by the extension agents in charge of 4-H. Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe and Kenneth Perry. Following are the recipients and the fields in which they earned their awards:

Achievement: Brenda Cunningham, Patsy Corbin, Pat Henry, and Eugene Dean. Boy's Agricultural: Michael Bryson. Canning: Lois Calloway, Frances Taylor, Pauline Curtis, and Patsy Corbin. Clothing: Patsy Corbin, Jo Ann Corbin, Suzanne Cunningham, and Claudette McCoy. Dairy: Robert Enloe, Charlie Enloe, and David Enloe. Dairy Foods Demonstration: Elizabeth Ann Ammons, Jackie Cabe, and Glenda Lee. Electric: Martha Blaine, Rosanne Cabe, Wanda Bailey, Harris Elmore, and John Kahler. Food Preparation: Peggy Dills, Patsy Stiles, Carol Ann SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

## 4-H Girl One Of 8

A Macon County 4-H girl has been selected as one of eight in North Carolina to be interviewed as a possible delegate to the National 4-H Club Conference in Washington, D. C., in June.

This honor goes to Miss Brenda Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, of Carson community.

She will report to N. C. State College for her interview April 1. Brenda just recently was named to the "teen board" of a national magazine.

## Trout Stocking Starts Here

Macon's designated trout waters so far have received 2,600 rainbow and brown trout, and about 8,000 more will be stocked in streams and lakes before trout season opens April 4, according to Wildlife Protector Charles Boring.

Officials of the fish division of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission report trout being stocked are heavier than last year.

Protector Boring cautions fishermen to observe the 7 a.m. starting time opening day. After opening day, fishing will be allowed around the clock, he said.

## Working Set At Town Park This Saturday

An all-day working is set Saturday at Franklin Memorial Park to prepare the grounds and facilities for the season.

Plans for the working were made Saturday night at a meeting of the Franklin Community Club at the Agricultural Building. Allan Brooks, president, requests anyone who can spare the time to spend all or part of the day at the park.

## SPEED WILL SPEAK —

## Franklin Chamber Banquet Friday

About 200 are expected to be on hand tomorrow (Friday) night to hear Major C. A. Speed, of Raleigh, director of highway safety for the State Department of Motor Vehicles, address the annual membership meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. The supper meeting is set for 7 o'clock in the high school cafeteria.

President J. C. Jacobs, in urging a big turnout to hear Major Speed, said a number of out-of-county guests have been invited to attend.

As a feature of the program, Mr. Jacobs will outline the chamber's plans for '59, as well as officially open the annual fund-raising campaign.

Major Speed began his career in law enforcement in 1935, only six years after the highway patrol was formally organized.

He was stationed first in Rutherfordton, where he remained from 1935 to 1943. He was granted a leave of absence in 1933 and subsequently volunteered for service in the United States Army. He was assigned to the Army's Criminal Investigation Division and served on foreign duty (France and Germany) until his discharge in 1946. Major Speed rejoined the highway patrol the same year and was assigned to Smithfield as a sergeant.

He had been in Smithfield three years when in May, 1949, he was promoted to captain and transferred to Fayetteville as commanding officer of Troop B.

Sometime later the veteran patrol officer was reassigned as commanding officer of Troop E, with headquarters in Asheville. He remained in that station until January, 1954, when he was summoned to Raleigh by Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt, promoted to major, and appointed director of highway safety.

Major Speed was born August 13, 1913 in Granville county and was educated in the public schools of Oxford. He is married to the former Miss Virginia Wall, a native of Mecklenburg county, and they have three children, two daughters and a son.

## Hooker Resigns At Van Ralte; Leaving Here

W. K. (Ken) Hooker, for the past 10 years foreman-fixer at the Van Ralte Hosiery Plant here, has resigned to accept a position with Donald Adcox in Hendersonville.

Mr. Adcox is owner of the Ada Company, which specializes in the manufacture of hand and power loom rugs and carpets, ladies hand bags, and woven specialties.

Mr. Hooker first worked for Van Ralte in Blue Ridge, Ga., prior to World War II. He served with the U.S. Navy during the war and worked for T.V.A. in Norris, Tenn., before coming to Franklin in 1948.

Mr. Hooker, with his wife and two daughters, Susan and Cindy, will move to Hendersonville Monday of next week. They have one other daughter, Miss Judy Hooker, who is a student at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee.

## Earlys To Present Program To Club

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Early will present the program, "My Father's World", at Tuesday night's meeting of the Macon County Methodist Men's Club, E. G. Crawford, the president, has announced.

The dinner meeting will be held at Carson Community Center at 7 o'clock, and members are invited to bring their wives or other guests.

In the Early's program, already presented to a number of groups, nature photographs in color, music, and poetry are intertwined.

The March meeting of the Methodist Men was postponed from the usual fourth Tuesday, on account of pre-Easter services this week.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Benson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tule 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., 18th	59	17	.00
Thursday	58	18	.00
Friday	61	40	.00
Saturday	64	35	trace
Sunday	68	40	trace
Monday	67	22	.00
Tuesday	72	28	.00
Wednesday		34	.00

### COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 18th	53	16	.00
Thursday	58	20	.00
Friday	59	34	.00
Saturday	58	40	.02
Sunday	59	29	.20
Monday	66	25	.00
Tuesday	67	27	.00
Wednesday	72	33	.00

### HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 18th	62	20	*
Thursday	61	20	*
Friday	53	39	*
Saturday	56	40	*
Sunday	67	32	*
Monday	68	28	*
Tuesday	69	30	*
Wednesday		37	*

\* no record.



Earl Mason And "Queenie"

—Staff Photo