

### START PUTTING MACHINES IN AT TEXTILE PLANT

Van Raalte Firm Hopes To Begin Operation About March 15

Installation of approximately 60 machines started Monday at the Van Raalte textile plant in East Franklin, and it is hoped that operations can be begun about the middle of March in that section of the plant that has been completed, E. W. Maebert said this week.

A period of three or four weeks is expected to be required to install the machines—various types of sewing machines, all shaft-driven by electricity.

Final touches were put on the section of the building under construction last Saturday, with plumbing, heating, etc., installed, and work on the remainder of the plant probably will get under way late in the summer, Mr. Maebert said.

Approximately 80 women and girls are to be employed in the portion of the building just finished, manufacturing fabric, in seam dress gloves. The glove parts will be cut at the Dunkirk, N. Y., plant of the Van Raalte firm, and the gloves will be returned there for steaming, packing, and distribution, but all the other manufacturing operations will be performed in the Franklin plant.

When the entire plant goes into operation, Van Raalte officials previously explained, the Franklin mill may manufacture gloves or some other Van Raalte item.

In addition to the operators of the machines, about 20 persons will be employed doing hand work.

Of the 80 expected to be at work soon, 12 are now employed in the small operation under way in the Leach Building. These persons will be transferred to East Franklin when operations are begun there. Another 10 were selected last spring and summer. And about 60 are yet to be employed.

T. J. Griffis, Van Raalte personnel manager, explained that persons who have signed applications will be notified as to the time to appear at the U. S. Employment service in the courthouse here for aptitude tests. On a basis of these preliminary tests, appointments will be made by the USES for applicants to see either Mr. Griffis or Norman Blaine, now in training as a personnel counselor, for interviews at appointed dates and hours.

Only a limited number of interviews can be conducted each day—possibly no more than three or four—Mr. Griffis said. He added that, as far as possible, persons will be notified in the order in which their applications were filed. Notifications should begin reaching those whose applications are already on file in about two weeks.

All new applications will be taken at the USES office, after it assigns a man here for the

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### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
Mr. J. P. Bradley of Smith Bridge township was in town Saturday looking cheerful over the arrival of a new boy. He named him after Sheriff Roane.

Dr. J. H. Fouts has commenced the erection of a dwelling on Iotia street just below Mr. Shanks' residence on the opposite side of the street.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Representative Patton of Macon County delivered a short address over the radio from Raleigh Tuesday night at 7:30 in which he discussed the advantages and opportunities to be found in Western North Carolina.

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan of Franklin, was elected stated clerk at a meeting of the Asheville Presbytery Tuesday morning at the First Presbyterian church in that city. Mr. Flanagan succeeds the Rev. W. A. Murray of Black Mountain whose resignation was accepted at the meeting.



Released by War Department Public Relations Division  
A MILITARY POLICEMAN from Greenville, Georgia, Pfc. Harry A. Argroves, converses in sign language near the Seoul, Korea, railroad station with a venerable Korean typical of this country of contrasts, full of the lore and traditions of the Orient and imbued with a determination to rehabilitate and modernize itself.

### GODSHALL WILL TALK ON ORIENT

Second In Series Of Lectures To Be Heard Friday

Dr. W. Leon Godshall, of Bethlehem, Penn., the second in the series of four speakers being brought here by the Franklin Rotary club, will be heard at the Franklin Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening. At 12:50 in the afternoon he will address students from the Franklin High school at the church.

Last week's evening address dealt with the topic, "Getting Together in Europe", and Dr. Godshall will talk on "Getting Together in the Orient".

Tickets for the lectures may be obtained from any member of the Rotary club.

Dr. Godshall, who is head of the department of international relations at Lehigh university, has traveled widely in the Far East, and is well known as a lecturer. He has served as visiting professor at St. John's university, Shanghai, China, at Lingnan university, Canton, China, and at the University of the Philippines. Dr. Godshall also has traveled extensively in Russia. He served in the navy during World War I and was orientation army lecturer in the last war.

He is the author of three books dealing with the Orient and diplomatic problems.

The third in the series of lectures on international understanding, to be delivered Friday of next week, will be on the topic, "UN, Vehicle of World Cooperation?", while the subject of the fourth and final address March 7 will be "Cooperation or Confusion in Ten-Mile-A-Minute Travel?"

### 9-Year Old Boy Is Injured When Struck By Taxi

Jerry T. Bailey, III, nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. (Tom) Bailey, of East Franklin, was injured when he was struck by a taxi driven by Jeff Angel last Saturday morning on West Main street, in front of Duncan Motor company, where Mr. Bailey is employed as a mechanic.

The boy had just come from the library, it was said, and was more than halfway across the street when the accident occurred.

He was taken by John Bulgin to Angel hospital for treatment of severe shoulder and back bruises and possible internal injuries. He is now at his home. No charge has been preferred against Mr. Angel.

The Business Girls' circle of the Presbyterian church has announced plans for a rummage sale, to be held March 1 on the Public square. Proceeds will go to the church building fund.

### The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
February 13	60	21	....
February 14	63	19	....
February 15	54	20	....
February 16	54	24	....
February 17	53	23	....
February 18	67	22	....
February 19	57	28	.41

Total rainfall for the year, to date, 11.81 inches.  
To date, for the month, .67.

### 800 Persons Hear Seger In 2 Talks

Approximately 800 persons here heard Dr. Gerhart Seger, first of four lecturers being brought to Franklin by the local Rotary club, last Friday.

The evening address, when his topic was "Getting Together in Europe", attracted 300 or more adults, and in the early afternoon 500 high school students packed the Methodist church to give him pin-drop like attention as he told of his escape from a concentration camp in the early days of Hitler, and emphasized that Germany offers a lesson in the importance of the American constitution and bill of rights.

In his talk to the adults Friday evening, Dr. Seger made the point that individual peace treaties will not solve the European situation, but that "a bold step is needed—the creation of a United States of Europe", as an entity within the United Nations.

The first objections to such a proposal, he said, always is the barrier of language, but he cited the history of Switzerland as the answer to that objection. That country, he said is made up of Germans, French, and Italians. Each of the three nationalities lives in a separate section of Switzerland. Each has held on to its customs and culture, and each continues to use its mother tongue. Yet the three nationalities have lived together in peace for more than 600 years.

The United States of Europe, he said, cannot be created overnight, and will have to be

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### Former Franklin Negro Presented High Scout Award

A Negro who formerly lived in Franklin is believed to be the first member of his race in the South to be presented with the coveted Silver Beaver, highest award given adult leaders in the Boy Scout movement.

He is the Rev. James T. Kennedy, archdeacon in the Episcopal church, and pastor of St. Cyprian's church here.

The presentation was made recently in Asheville, where the Negro clergyman lives and where for many years he has been active in Boy Scout work.

Many years ago he was a cabinet maker in Franklin.

### Red Cross

To Hold 'Kick-off' Drive Dinner Tuesday

The annual "Kick-off" dinner for the 1947 Red Cross fund campaign for Macon County will be held Tuesday night at Lucille's dining room, in Hotel Hearn, at 7 o'clock, according to the Rev. Charles E. Parker, county fund chairman.

Mr. Parker also announced that this year's quota had been set at \$2,410. This amount is \$1,040 less than the quota for last year. The chairman expressed the hope that this goal will be easily reached and the campaign completed in a short time.

All Red Cross workers and persons who wish to assist in the drive this year are invited to attend the dinner. It is requested, however, that they notify either Mr. Parker or Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan before Monday night.

W. D. Dibrell, general field representative of the American Red Cross, will be the principal speaker of the evening.

### MRS. M'KEE IS SPEAKER AT PTA

Girl Scouts Give Play, Are Given Awards, Merit Badges

A talk by Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, a Girl Scout play, and the presentation of awards and merit badges to members of the Girl Scout troop marked Monday night's monthly meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

Accepting a suggestion of the president, Mrs. Weimar Jones, the association voted to buy 100 song books for use at the meetings and by the school children, and Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., and Mrs. Clinton Johnson were named a committee to make the purchase.

Mrs. Lyle reported \$31.50 spent by the association for three loads of gravel placed in front of the school building, and County Supt. G. L. Houk announced that he had bought electrical equipment suggested by the association for the home economics department. Treasurer R. S. Jones reported a balance of \$366 in the bank.

Miss Nora Moody, chairman of the committee in charge, discussed the N. C. Symphony concert scheduled here March 21, and emphasized that a lot of work must be done if the required \$750 is to be raised. A number of association members took tickets to sell.

Following the Girl Scout play, directed by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, awards and merit badges were presented by Mrs. Jones to the following girls:

Betty Lou Constance, Julia Hunnicutt, Elizabeth Jones, Laura Lyle, Janet Parker, Edith Plemmons, Wilma Gay Phillips, Mary Sue Potts, Patty Lou Phillips, Martha Ann Stockton, and Mary Ann Sherrill. Wilma Renshaw, who was scheduled to receive awards, was ill.

Mrs. McKee, who was introduced by Mr. Houk, discussed what teachers have a right to expect of parents, and what parents have a right to expect of teachers. "You have just as good a school as you demand," she said, "and if it isn't good enough, blame yourself."

Teachers, she declared, have a right to expect that the child sent them by parents shall be reasonably healthy, well fed, well clothed, self-controlled, honest, trained in the property rights of others, and with the right attitude toward the school. She added that teachers have a right to expect children to come to school regularly and on time.

Parents, on the other hand, have a right to expect that a teacher shall have a good education, speak perfect English have a pleasing speaking voice have a character of strict integrity, and cooperate as best she can with the parents.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Mrs. Flanagan led group singing, and the minutes were read by Mrs. John Bulgin.

### Mexico Club To Hold Bunco Party Friday

The Mexico Club of the Franklin High school has announced plans for a Bunco party Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Agricultural building.

## McGlamery Offers Bill To Validate School Bond Vote

Says No Law Needed For School Board Members' Pay For Meetings

While he was at home last week-end, Representative Herbert A. McGlamery said a number of persons had suggested to him that he introduce a bill in the general assembly which would pay members of the county board of education enough to keep it from being a sacrifice for them to meet as often as the school business might require.

There is a general impression that members of the board are paid a flat \$20 a year.

Mr. McGlamery said, however, that he had looked up the law, and that it permits board members pay of \$5 per diem, plus five cents a mile to and from meetings, for as many meetings as they find necessary to transact the business of the schools.

While here, Mr. McGlamery addressed a meeting of the teachers and another gathering of state highway employees. He said most persons had expressed approval of measures he has introduced.

He cited the law, from the General Statutes of North Carolina, on the school board meetings and compensation:

"Section 115-48. Meetings of the Board.—The County Board of Education shall meet on the first Monday in January, April, July and October. It may elect to hold regular monthly meetings, and to meet in special sessions as often as the school business of the county may require.

"Section 115-46. Compensation of Members.—The Board of Education may fix the compensation of each member at not to exceed five dollars per diem and five cents a mile to and from the place of meeting, and no member of the board shall receive any compensation for any services rendered except the per diem provided in this section for attending meetings of the board and traveling expenses when attending meetings of the board, or such other traveling expenses as may be incurred while performing duties imposed upon any member by authority of the board."

### Francis Tessier

Awarded Silver Beaver For Scout Work

Francis M. Tessier, of Baton Rouge, La., son of Mrs. Reby S. Tessier, of Franklin, recently was presented with the Silver Beaver, highest award given by the Boy Scout organization to an adult.

The Baton Rouge newspaper in which the account appeared carried a photograph of the presentation.

Waltus H. Gill, who made the award, pointed out that Mr. Tessier has served as assistant scout master, troop commissioner, commissioner at large, and scoutmaster for more than 15 years.

"His record of service has always been in the troop because of his great understanding of boys and his unselfish ability to lead them," Mr. Gill said. "Hundreds of boys have come under his leadership and influence. Many of them have grown into manhood with an intense loyalty and lasting friendship because of his unselfish service as scoutmaster."

"This Scouter served with the armed forces during the recent war. He has been directly responsible for the organization of many new Scout troops and the recruiting of many leaders to the movement."

### Sugar Stamp No. 53 To Expire March 31

Spare Ration Stamp No. 53, good for five pounds of sugar, will expire on March 31 instead of on April 30 as originally planned, A. D. Simpson, Jr., OPA regional sugar executive, has announced in Atlanta. A new stamp, good for 10 pounds of sugar, will be validated April 1, he said.

Would Repeal Old Law Requiring Majority Of Those On Books

Representative Herbert A. McGlamery today (Thursday) introduced a bill in the general assembly to validate the county election held in December, 1945, at which issuance of \$400,000 in school bonds was approved, it was learned here.

Mr. McGlamery's bill also would repeal a 1929 law relating to issuance of bonds by Macon County.

Acts validating bond elections are rather common in the general assembly, and it is anticipated that Mr. McGlamery's bill will be passed as a matter of legislative routine.

The 1929 act provided that a majority of all the qualified voters must vote in favor of bonds before they may be issued. A similar law affected the Town of Franklin bond election, also held in December, 1945, and a second election was held to permit issuance of the town's bonds.

Mr. McGlamery's bill, however, would validate the county election and permit issuance of the bonds without the expense of a second election. At the same time, it would repeal the old act and bring this county under the state law as regards bond elections.

## Board Elects Patterson As Coop Manager

A. C. (Claude) Patterson was elected general manager of the recently organized Macon County Farmers Cooperative, at a meeting of the organization's board of directors last Saturday morning.

Mr. Patterson, whose home is at Tesenta, previously had been chosen as president of the cooperative. He resigned that post to become general manager, and the directors elected Robert Fulton, of the Cullasaja community, as president.

The general managership is expected to be a full-time position, and Mr. Patterson will begin his new duties about the first of March, it was understood.

### Sanders' Store

Here Is Purchased By Bowers Firm

Sanders' store, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders for the past 20 years, has been sold to Bowers, a mercantile organization which has stores in Asheville, Murphy, Lenoir, and at points in Tennessee and Kentucky.

The deal was closed Saturday, and G. M. Johnson, Bowers' field manager operating out of Asheville, took charge immediately.

Under its new ownership, the store will be managed by T. Y. Angell, of Brevard, who has been with the Bowers organization since his discharge from the armed forces about a year ago. Mr. Angell, who has arrived here, plans to bring his wife and two sons to Franklin as soon as he can find a house. Mr. Johnson, who was accompanied here by Mrs. Johnson, will return to his Asheville duties the last of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders came to Franklin from Atlanta in 1927. They operated their store in the McCoy building for 16 years, moving to the location in the Bank of Franklin building about four years ago. In announcing sale of the business, they expressed appreciation for courtesies shown them by the public.

While their plans for the immediate future are indefinite, they plan to remain in Franklin, they said. They own a home on Harrison avenue.

Five out of every 1,000 mothers die at child birth in North Carolina.