

# The Franklin Press

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The Highlands Maconian

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This state strictly forbids over-crowding commercial buses, but it permits children to be packed into school buses like sardines in a can.

## Macon Highway Safety

Record for 1948 to Date

(From State Highway Patrol records)

KILLED ..... 2

INJURED ..... 9

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## BOBBY MORROW KILLED IN AUTO-BICYCLE WRECK

### Boy On Bicycle Collides With Car Driven By Harding Angel

Bobby Morrow, 10-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lennox (Dock) Morrow was killed instantly in a bicycle-auto accident Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock. The accident occurred at the intersection of Ulco drive and Wayah street in the Bonny Crest section of Franklin.

The driver of the auto, Harding Angel, 24-year old son of Mrs. A. A. Angel, has been released under a \$1,000 bond pending a hearing which will be held Monday morning before Magistrate John M. Moore.

Young Morrow was going to a nearby grocery store on his bicycle. As he entered Wayah street to turn west he collided with the car driven by Angel which was traveling east on Wayah street. The boy was knocked approximately 25 feet. His skull was crushed.

Eye-witnesses stated that Morrow apparently did not see the car before entering the street.

Frank Caba was riding with Angel at the time of the accident.

Funeral services for the child were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Andrews cemetery, with the Rev. T. A. Ogg officiating.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are two brothers, Billy and Gene; two sisters, Linda and Clara Ann; and the grandmothers, Mrs. Clara Belle Morrow, of Andrews, and Mrs. Emma Watson, of Bryson City.

The body remained at the Bryant funeral home in Franklin until noon Wednesday.

## Sloan Named Methodist S. S. Superintendent

W. W. Sloan has been named superintendent of the Franklin Methodist Sunday school. Mr. Sloan succeeds Louis W. Manning. Mr. and Mrs. Manning are moving away from Franklin.

## PATROLMAN ASSIGNED

Vincent Bryson, of Andrews, has been assigned by the North Carolina State Highway patrol to this county. For two months he will work with Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., as a trainee. Following completion of the training period, he will be assigned to the Highlands area. He recently completed an eight-week course at Chapel Hill.

## Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

## 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. S. P. Ravenel, Jr., having declined the nomination as chairman of the Democratic executive committee, N. L. Barnard, late chairman, called the central committee together in Dr. S. H. Lyle's office Saturday. On motion, A. W. Horn, Esq., was elected chairman and Dr. S. H. Lyle, assistant chairman. The following township chairmen were chosen: Franklin No. 1, James Wilkes; Franklin No. 2, J. L. Barnard; Millshoal, Logan Berry; Ellijay, J. B. Gray; Sugarfork, W. W. Moss; Highlands, John Norton; Flats, G. P. White; Smithbridge, D. W. Penland; Cartoogechaye, Arthur Siler; Nantahala, T. W. Munday; Briartown, Brow Lowery; Burningtown, G. W. Parrish; and Cowee, John Dalton.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Franklin will have another attractive Lyceum course this winter. This course will consist of four high-class numbers, more expensive and of a higher type than the well liked course of last year.

A force of men is busy this week erecting the new water tank next to the old tank on Harrison avenue.

## 10 YEARS AGO

The Franklin chapter of the Future Farmers of America have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Raymond Culver; vice-president, Mack Patton; secretary, Brownlow Addington; treasurer, Bobby McClure; reporter, Albert Ramsey, Jr.

## Dream Comes True; Now Cartoogechaye Has Its Own Community Center

This is the story of a dream that came true.

Rather, it is the story of how the dreamer made it come true; for few dreams come true of themselves.

It was a highly impractical dream; there was little or nothing to give it substance. A strictly practical man, in fact, would have dismissed the whole idea as impossible. A strictly practical man would have said: "You don't build things without money, lots of money; and certainly not in these times. A very nice dream", a strictly practical man would have concluded, "but it just can't happen."

Yet it did! Out of a dream has grown a church, a community center, the beginnings of a clinic, a playground, and a movement to preserve and revive the hand skills that in other days here wrought beautifully and well.

The first part of the dream came true eight years ago when the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan came back to Macon County. All through the years away he

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**TINIEST CHURCH**—This is St. John's Episcopal church, on Cartoogechaye, which stands on the site of the old church. A beautiful chapel, it is perhaps the smallest church in America.



**HERE'S COMMUNITY CENTER**—Above is a view of the community house and health center at Nonah Center, on Cartoogechaye. The lower floor is used as a community gathering place, the upper will serve Cartoogechaye as a clinic.

## Says Schools Try 2 Jobs, Fail At Both

The high schools of today are attempting to prepare students both for college and to earn a living, and are doing neither, E. J. Whitmire, vocational agriculture teacher at the Franklin High school, told the Franklin Rotary club at its meeting Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Whitmire's remarks followed an analysis he made of the high school and college grades of seven young men—all of them now in college—who were present for the meeting. Among the seven were students who were near the top of their classes, students at the bottom, and students who were about average in their grades—and six of the seven, he pointed out, failed one or more courses in college.

Remarking that the high school curriculum of today is little different from that of 25 or 50 years ago, he suggested that high school students should be offered one of two courses—a college preparatory course or "honest-to-goodness vocational training"—rather than a smattering of both.

At present, he continued, the average child would be almost as well off if he stopped school at the end of his eighth or ninth year. Under present conditions, he has to unlearn much he has been taught in school when he sets out to earn a living, and the colleges are unanimous in agreeing that the high schools do not now properly prepare students for college work.

Macon County, he said, is ahead of the average county in this area, "but still are not getting the job done."

Much of the difficulty with the schools is at the state level, Mr. Whitmire said, remarking that the average layman has no conception of the amount of red tape in the state school system.

## ATTENDS POLIO MEET

Mrs. Gladys Mae Shope, Macon County public health nurse, attended a meeting in Asheville Tuesday of representatives of 13 Western North Carolina county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

## FRANKLIN HIGH MEETS ANDREWS FRIDAY NIGHT

### Hope To Play First Home Game In New Concrete Stadium

With one victory under their belt and hopes of playing in a new stadium, the Franklin Panthers will play their first home game of the 1948 season here Friday night when they take on the Andrews high eleven at 8 o'clock.

Every effort is being made to have the new concrete stadium which will seat approximately 530 persons, according to John M. Archer, member of the building committee, completed by game time Friday night.

This will be many local fans first opportunity to see this year's team in action, however many team supporters followed the team to Murphy last Friday night saw Franklin, although outweighed 10 lbs. to the man, trounce Murphy 18 to 0. Frank L. Henry III, the Panthers' leading ground gainer for the evening scored twice on long end runs and Lewis Welch scored the third touchdown on a 35 yard jaunt through center. John M. (Bardy) Archer III, playing his first game as first string quarterback, handled the ball well and was a vital cog in making the T offense click. Brown, Parrish, and Pattillo were outstanding in a hard tackling line.

Coach Atkins said that he was pleased with the mental attitude of the team and that he felt that that was the deciding factor in enabling them to defeat the heavier team. However, he said, that the play was spotty and that we were particularly poor on pass offense and defense.

When asked about Friday night's game with Andrews, he said that he was afraid that we were in for a "good licking". He pointed out that several players received injuries in last week's game and that we had no replacements. Heading the injury list was Henry, who hurt his side and probably will not be able to play Friday night. Other first stringers who were injured were Pattillo, Penland, and Welch.

Coach Atkins said that the probable starting line up would be ends Pattillo, White, B.; tackles, Parrish, Waldrop; guards, Penland, Thomas; center, Alsop; qb. Archer; lh. Henry or Myers; rh. Keener; fb. Welch. Kick off time is 8 p. m.

## Legion Postpones Picnic One Week

The American Legion picnic scheduled for this week on Wayah Bald has been postponed until Sunday, September 26. This was to avoid conflict with the air show set for this Sunday at the local airport.

A regular business meeting of the Legion will be held Thursday evening at Slagle Memorial.

## SCOUT GROUP TO MEET

The Smoky Mountain district committee, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a dinner meeting at the Slagle Memorial here tomorrow (Friday) night at 7 o'clock.

## 614 REGISTER IN DRAFT HERE

Draft registration continued at even pace this past week with 222 registering during the week ending Tuesday. This brought the total number of registrants up to 614.

The total number subject to draft is at present 137, under the present regulations. Sixty-nine of these registered during the past week.

The draft board offices have been moved to upstairs in the new Burrell building, across from the post office, and beginning next week will follow a new schedule.

The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Monday through Friday only.

## MEN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Cartoogechaye Men's club will meet Saturday night at the community center at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement by President Fred Slagle. Every one is invited, and pictures will be shown, following the business session.

## Nylon Hose Manufacture Is Started At Franklin By Van Raalte Company

The Van Raalte plant here this week began the production of nylon hose.

Production got under way upon completion of installation of a huge knitting machine. The plant, in the past, has been devoted to production of gloves and the mending of hose made by Van Raalte elsewhere.

The new machine, 52 feet, nine inches in length, an intricate mass of delicate mechanisms, is the first of 10 such machines it is proposed to install here. A second machine is on hand, and will be set up as rapidly as possible. Nine and a half weeks is the time ordinarily required to erect such a machine, but the one just put into operation was installed in 28 days, the contractor having worked night and day to get the job done.

The machine, which required an entire freight car to bring here from Reading, Penna., where it was manufactured, contains some 60,000 moving

parts. Its weight is approximately 23 tons. At full capacity, it will turn out 30 stockings in 47 minutes.

Mechanically picking up tiny threads of nylon, which roll off of scores of spools, the thousands of needles transform these strands into the material for nylon hose. The material comes from the machine properly shaped and cut, but must go to the plant's loopers and seamers to be seamed and completed—like a sleeve cut out by a tailor but not sewed together.

The machines will stand in pairs, facing each other, and when the operators are trained, one man operator and two women assistants can care for two machines.

The plant here will manufacture hose of 51 gauge, 15 denier, a very sheer fabric.

The Van Raalte plant now employs approximately 80 persons, about 60 of them in the glove department, and 20 on hosiery.

## U. S. Chamber Of Commerce Official To Speak Here

Edd Cherry, of Atlanta, assistant manager of the Southeastern division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will address a Franklin Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Agricultural building tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Cherry's topic will be "Money Alone is Not Enough". The talk will be illustrated with slides.

The meeting, for chamber of commerce members and other interested persons, originally was set for 7:30 o'clock, but has been changed to 7 in order not to conflict with the football game here Friday evening. It will be over in ample time for those present to get to the football field by 8 o'clock, chamber of commerce officials said.

## DEFER HEARING ON BEER VOTE

The court hearing on the Macon County beer-wine election case has been postponed again, but no date has been set.

Pending the hearing—on an injunction obtained three days before the election—the county board of elections is forbidden to certify the returns from the August 28 election, at which legal beer and wine were voted out by overwhelming majorities.

The temporary injunction signed by Judge J. H. Clement in Wilkesboro August 25, set the hearing for Friday of last week before Judge H. Hoyle Sink in Robbinville. Judge Sink, however, completed the Graham county criminal docket prior to Friday and left Robbinville. He left word that he would return to Robbinville this week to try civil cases, and suggested that attorneys in the case call him Tuesday morning, when an exact time for the hearing would be set.

Tuesday morning, however, he had adjourned court and again left Robbinville, and attorneys have been unable to reach him by telephone.

Attorneys in the case—R. S. Jones, Macon County attorney, representing the county board of elections, J. B. Gray, of Murphy, employed by Macon County dries, and W. Roy Francis, of Waynesville, who represents the plaintiffs upon whose petition the injunction was granted—have tentatively agreed on Friday of next week in Waynesville as the date and place for the hearing, but this arrangement is yet to be approved by Judge Sink.

## 250 Attend 51st Annual Reunion Of Higdon's

The 51st consecutive annual reunion of the descendants of Major William Higdon was held Sunday at the old Major Higdon-home place.

Approximately 250 members of the family and guests were present for the gathering and the bountiful picnic lunch served at noon.

T. B. Higdon, of Atlanta, read a genealogy of the Higdon's he had prepared, tracing Major Higdon's ancestors back through the Colonial period to England, and Mrs. Margie Ramsey, family historian, reported that a check she had made indicates there are approximately 1,000 descendants of the Major. James K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, who recently visited Europe, discussed the crop and food situation there, and praised such family gatherings as the one held Sunday as basic pillars of a progressive civilization.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Major Higdon, president; Wayne Higdon, vice-president; W. G. Crawford, secretary; A. R. Higdon, treasurer; and Mrs. Margie Ramsey, historian.

## Highlands Theatre Rental Now \$50 To \$250 Monthly

The rental now being paid by O. F. Summer for use of the Highlands school auditorium as a theatre range, seasonally, from \$50 per month to \$250, Supt. Guy L. Houk said this week. The figures—\$25 per month in mid-winter and \$200 in mid-summer—published in The Press last week were those in effect until about two years ago, when a new contract provided for the larger amounts, Mr. Houk explained.

## AIR SHOW WILL BE STAGED BY PROFESSIONALS

### Three Hours Of Aerial Exhibitions Slated Here Sunday

A three-hour program of aerial exhibitions will be staged at the Franklin airport Sunday, starting at 1:30 o'clock.

The air show, sponsored by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary and Lions clubs, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be the first exhibition by professional fliers in Franklin's history, it was said.

The show, which was arranged by the Macon Flying Service, in cooperation with the five participating civic organizations, will be put on by a professional team, headed by G. O. Shaver, of Charlotte, said to be one of the few who attempt to transfer from an automobile on the ground to a plane in the air.

In the event of inclement weather, it was explained, the show will be held at the same hour Sunday, September 26.

Fliers who will take part in the show, in addition to Mr. Shaver, include Wendell Jarr, stunt automobile driver, who will assist Mr. Shaver in his exhibition; J. D. Edwards, of Charlotte, one of the few civilian parachute jumpers, who will stage a 10,000-foot delayed parachute jump, leaving a "smoke" trail in flour from the time he leaves the ship carrying an American flag; Tommy Stocks, of Hendersonville, who will do smoke acrobatics with his Stinson PT17; Oscar Meyer, owner-operator of the Hendersonville airport, who will put on his "crazy act" and do precision flying; and J. D. King, Western North Carolina stunt flier, who is slated to offer a thrill with his high-speed acrobatics.

While arrangements for the show have been made by the Macon Flying Service, all the net proceeds will go to the sponsoring agencies. The chamber of commerce will receive half of the net, to be added to its operating and advertising fund. The other half will be divided equally among the other four, each one of which has many calls for funds. The Rotary club is now seeking money to install a heating plant in the Slagle Memorial; the Lions club is active in providing playgrounds and equipment; and the two veterans organizations participate in and contribute to a variety of community endeavors.

The program, slated to start at 1:30 and last until 5:30, follows:

Formation flying, with aerial parade over Franklin; 350-mile-per-hour high-speed diving in advance army trainer; parachute jump by Mr. Edwards; ribbon cutting and simulated bombing by Mr. Meyer; smoke acrobatics by Tommy Stocks; intermission (at 3:30); high speed acrobatics by Mr. King; plane taking off from and landing on top of automobile, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Shaver; Mr. Meyer's "crazy act" and precision flying; transfer from moving car to plane, and wing walking, Messers. Edwards, Shaver, and Jarr; and delayed parachute jump from 10,000 feet, Mr. Edwards.

Ample automobile parking space has been arranged, it was said, and members of the state highway patrol will keep the roads clear.

## Corbin Family Reunion Will Be Held Sept. 26

Descendants of John and Nancy McClure Corbin will hold their annual family reunion at the home of Dewey Corbin, six miles east of Franklin, in the Rabbit creek community, Sunday, September 26. All relatives are invited to come and bring baskets of lunch for the picnic dinner, Miss Villa Corbin, secretary, announced.

## The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station, follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	82	57	.00
Thursday	85	60	.04
Friday	89	60	.03
Saturday	78	53	.02
Sunday	80	42	.00
Monday	77	46	.00
Tuesday	81	49	.00
Wednesday	80	50	.00