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WEATHER SNAPS 9-YEAR RECORD, LOW OF 3 NOTED

Unofficial 14-Below Is Reading Reported At Highlands

Winter descended upon Macon county with all the fury of a ruffled hen this week, and Saturday found people, heavily overcoated, fighting off the worst November cold spell recorded in this area in nine years.

A cutting wind, accompanied by snow, which paralyzed most of the nation's industrial centers, smacked the temperature down to the vicinity of zero Saturday and Sunday. The Coweeta experimental station listed the minimum temperature for the two days at 3 and 4 above zero. Highs for the two coldest days were 18 degrees Saturday, and 30 Sunday.

Rangers at the station said it was the coldest November recorded at the experimental forest since the station was set up in 1934. At one point in the forest, it was said, the mercury dipped to 8 below zero. Rangers worked around the clock keeping ice from forming in the 31 stream gages so accurate records could be kept.

Unofficial reports from Highlands said that the temperature went to 14 below Saturday morning, and two or three inches of snow fell there.

In Franklin, steaming radiators or pleading calls for fuel oil and coal pointed out those individuals who neglected to lay in an ample supply of fuel, or to fill radiators with antifreeze.

Plumbers are still working overtime to catch up with burst pipes, which, after the thaw, sent many housewives to phones in search of someone to stop "Old Faithful" from playfully spewing all over the house.

Many Maconians were stranded in other towns when bus service was halted because of icy roads over the mountains. Those who have returned—and many are still waiting for better weather before giving it a try—tell hair-raising tales of eerie skids on ice, cars in ditches, and narrow escapes. Thus far, no fatalities have been reported.

E. J. Carpenter, principal at Coweeta school, was snowbound in Lexington, Ky., and finally made it back home Wednesday morning.

Miss Mildred Bryson, who visited in Elizabethton, Tenn., Thanksgiving and intended to return to Franklin Sunday, finally arrived by bus Monday night.

The Nona community center workshop, slated for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, was postponed because of the weather, and the Highlands school play, "Here Comes Charlie", was postponed for the same reason.

Ouy L. Houk, school superintendent, said the schools at Highlands and Nantahala had to be closed. Highlands was shuttered Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and there was no reading and writing on Nantahala Monday.

Busses ran off schedule but managed to get through to Franklin and the mails all right.

PLAY POSTPONED

The Highlands high school junior play, "Here Comes Charlie", scheduled to be presented tonight (Thursday), has been postponed because of weather conditions. The play will be given December 7, weather permitting, hit has been announced.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Tuesday	53	23	trace
Wednesday	52	26	.02
Thursday	61	24	00
Friday	53	28	.04
Saturday	18	3	00
Sunday	30	4	00
Monday	32	23	.01
Tuesday	40	21	00
Wednesday	11	00	00

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Stiles for TVA)

Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none; Thursday, none; Friday, none; Saturday, 1 1/2 inches snow; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.

Yule Dime Board To Be Set Up Here Saturday Morning

A Christmas Dime Board, sponsored by the Lions club, will be set up on the Square and will go into operation Saturday, Paul H. Russell, Lions president, has announced.

The dime board is an annual Yuletide project, staged by the organization, with the proceeds used to buy Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Macon County.

Mr. Russell said the board will operate every Saturday until Christmas, and will be moved from the Square to the front of the Macon theatre every Wednesday night, for the convenience of theatre-goers who would like to donate.

V. F. W. Post Here Is Now In New Home

It has taken a number of weeks and approximately \$2,200 in extensive alterations, but the new Veterans of Foreign Wars club room now is out of the blueprint stage.

The organization held its first meeting in its new "home" last Wednesday night. The post purchased the building, on West Palmer street, formerly occupied by Wayah Industries, and for a number of weeks workmen have been revamping the inside, turning it into an ideal meeting place.

Frank Plyler, commander of the post, said the organization hopes to make the new club room available to school children at least one night a week, under the supervision of V. F. W. members.

"If our plans go through," he said, "it will give the school children some place to dance and have parties."

Plans also include letting other organizations use the club room as a meeting place for a small fee, he said.

Inside alterations, Mr. Plyler said, include the installation of two bathrooms, stuccoed walls, a partition setting off a 30 by 40 foot meeting hall, putting celotex on the ceiling, and a new paint job on the floor and walls.

Future plans, he said, call for the installation of a snack bar and juke box, for dancing.

The V. F. W. auxiliary made drapes for the windows and donated \$18 toward the purchase of chairs for the meeting hall, he said.

Alterations will be completed, Mr. Plyler said, as soon as weather conditions permit workmen to repaint the outside and grade a parking lot. As soon as the work is completed, the building will be open for semi-public use, he said.

Nonah Center Workshop Postponed To Next Week

The special workshop at the Nonah Community center, planned for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week, was postponed because of bad weather conditions and will be held next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, it has been announced.

PLAN SQUARE DANCE

A benefit square dance will be held at the Otto school Saturday night from 8 to 11:30 p. m., sponsored by the P. T. A.

Santa Claus Coming To Franklin; Writes He'll Be Here Saturday

A special communique received this week from Santa Claus, date-lined the North Pole, said that the jolly, red-nosed fellow will arrive in Franklin Saturday morning.

He explained that he plans to make a last-minute check on the behavior of the children in Macon County before returning to the North Pole to complete his "good children" gift list.

Santa said, if the weather permits, he will land at the Franklin airport in the special plane that will leave here for the North Pole sometime Thursday to bring him on his visit. Should he be fog or snow bound, the plump old gentleman said, probably with a twinkle in his eye, "I might just ride in on the nearest snow cloud, but you can bet ol' Santa will be there."

Mr. Claus said he had planned to bring his reindeers and sled on his pre-Christmas visit to Franklin but decided not to. He went on to explain that Francer and Dancer were helping the elves make toys, and that Donner and Blitzen were putting a new paint job on his sled, and couldn't get away.

"Anyway," he said, "my reindeer are going to have plenty to do Christmas night pulling that big sled loaded with presents, and I'm putting on a little weight too."

"Tell all the kids to mind their p's and q's," he said, "and I'll see them in Franklin Saturday."

The announcement was received by the Franklin Merchants association.

LIONS OUTLINE PLANS FOR MAIL DELIVERY HERE

House Numbering Project Next Step In Club's Campaign

The Lions club, at a meeting Monday night, projected long range plans for a program to get house-to-house mail delivery in Franklin, by inaugurating a house numbering project.

As a followup on recently completed projects in the same vein, which brought about the naming of Franklin city streets and the erection of street signs, the club announced plans for making a map showing city streets, with all houses and lots numbered.

Paul H. Russell, president, said the map will be submitted to the board of aldermen for approval as soon as it is completed. The map should prove to be useful, he said, when Franklin applies for house-to-house mail delivery.

The map layout, he said, will be done by H. H. Plemmons, using the base map at the Nantahala Power and Light company for an outline. The power company map, he said, is complete up to 1944 in regard to city streets, and Mr. Plemmons will bring the Lion map up to date, including the numbering of houses.

District Governor Hugh Monteith, of Sylva, Deputy District Governor Lawrence Leatherwood, of Waynesville, Zone Chairman Hieronymus Bueck, of Murphy, Dale Lee, president of the Murphy Lions club, Loren C. Davis, secretary of the Murphy Lions, Herbert Angel, of Waynesville, Tom R. Kirkpatrick, of Candler, and G. B. Woodward, of Sylva, were present at the meeting Monday.

Death Claims Mrs. Bingham At Age Of 89

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosetta Nebraska Bingham, 89, who died Wednesday morning, November 22, at the home of a son, W. R. Bingham, of the Patton settlement, after a long illness, were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gillespie Chapel Methodist church on Upper Cartoogechaye.

The Rev. Mrs. R. H. Hull officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Bingham was born June 2, 1861, the daughter of William and Alphonse Ledford Hodgins. A native and lifelong resident of Macon county, she was a member of the Gillespie Chapel. In 1887 she was married to C. L. Bingham, who died 50 years ago.

Surviving, in addition to her son, are one daughter, Mrs. Ivie Williamson, of Franklin, Route 1; one brother, Charlie Hodgins, of Prentiss; one sister, Mrs. Annie Jeanetta McClure, of Clayton, Ga., and 22 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Charlie and Dick Bingham, Odell Clarence and Wilburn Hodgins and Luther Thomas.

Potts funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Draft Board Given Preinduction Call For 30 For Dec. 29

The local draft board received a pre-induction call for 20 men Friday, and Monday received an amendment to the call, boosting the number of men to 30.

W. N. Sloan, chairman, said the group is scheduled to leave December 29 by bus for Charlotte and undergo examinations, preliminary to induction into the army.

Men making up the call will be notified by mail this week, he said.

Panthers Win Over Clayton In Last Game

A slow starting Panther eleven caught fire in the third quarter, punched across three quick touchdowns, and downed a scrappy Clayton, Ga. eleven, 28 to 20, in a Thanksgiving Day non-conference scrap that ended the 1950-51 football season for the amazing Panthers.

The locals, who at the start of the season were given little chance to make the headlines, finished the year with a seven-win, one-loss, and one-tie record. They lost only to Swain High, who emerged conference champions by virtue of the Panthers' tie with Hayesville.

More than 1,500 fans left the Thanksgiving dinner table to attend the final game of the season.

The Panthers took the wraps off the game in the first quarter when the swivel-hipped back, Bobby Potts, ripped loose from the backfield and squirmed his way 50 yards for a touchdown. Quarterback John (Eardy) Archer toed the ball through the uprights for the first of four good conversions.

Clayton snapped back in the first quarter, when End Henry Bickers recovered Archer's fumble on the Franklin 38, and there pass plays later, one for the extra point, the two teams were deadlocked at 7 all.

In the second period the two teams settled down until Clayton started a downfield drive that ended in paydirt and put them ahead. Taking a Panther punt on their own 20-yard marker, the Clayton eleven moved for 80 yards, then gave the ball to Fullback Bobby Bowen who smashed his way over from the five. The extra was no good.

Trailing behind at half-time, the Panthers emerged from the dressing room, took the field, and started sparkling to the tune of three talleys in the third period. Bo Norton dug his way over, Archer's kick was good, and the Panthers led once again, 14 to 13.

Then the Panthers started an all-out drive to put the game on ice. Richard Jones recovered a Clayton fumble on the Georgia 31, the Panthers ran one running play, and Archer took to the air on a faked running play, tossed one in the end zone to Pat Patillo for the tally.

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New Auto Tags Of Red And White To Go On Sale Tomorrow

North Carolina's "new look" license tags for 1951 will go on sale December 1. Verlon Swafford, manager of the local office of the Carolina Motor club, announced this week.

Motorists who purchase plates before the first of the new year will add a "Christmasy" touch to their cars, since the 1951 tags display red numerals on a white background—a far cry from North Carolina's almost perennial black and orange license plates of bygone years.

The local motor club office is situated in the back of the Western Auto Store.

A motor vehicle estimate made recently by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, covering automobile registration from January 1, 1950 to October 1, showed that Macon county ranked fifty-seventh among counties in the state, with an estimated 3,080 registered motor vehicles and trailers.

The total registration for the state was listed as 1,124,411 vehicles, including trailers. Mecklenburg county ranked first, with 64,126, the survey showed.

30 MEN TO LEAVE HERE THURSDAY TO ENTER ARMY

First Draft Contingent From Macon Since Korean War

W. N. Sloan, chairman of the making up this county's first draft contingent since the start of the Korean war, will leave Franklin this (Thursday) morning for Charlotte, where they will be sworn into the army.

W. N. Sloan, chairman of the local draft board, said the group is scheduled to leave at 8:15 by chartered bus from the Square.

Although the board has received a number of calls for men from this county for pre-induction examinations, this marks the first actual induction of men from here since the board was reactivated in July, in answer to the United States speed-up call for a standing army.

The names of the men who make up the contingent were announced as follows:

Neville Oscar Buchanan, Clarence O'Neal Wilson, Gilmer Harry Henson, Orvel Franks, Harold Rogers, Deveraux G'brson, Harley Lyle Stanfield, Jr., Rass L. Huggins, Eugene Wallace Waldrop, Fred Hugh Kinsland, Urban Alexander Pendergrass, D. L. Rogers, Thomas Ligon Creswell, Cecil Arthur Morgan, Ralph Bell, George Emerson Crawford, William A. Berry, Mack Pierson Neely, William Harold Keener, Wiley Howell Smith, George Edgar Guest, James Marshall Talant, Charles Curtis, Jr., Earl Herbert Cabe, James Augustus Seay, Frank Louis Greenwood (Negro), James Roy Rickman, Bobby Claud Conley, David Samuel Dills, Paul Blaine Crawford.

Members reelected to the executive committee were Lake V. Shope, Weimar Jones, John M. Archer, Jr., James L. (Jimmy) Hauser, Frank B. Cook, Stacey C. Russell, Charles J. Anderson, Lonis Edwards, the Rev. Robert E. Early, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, the Rev. C. E. Murray, and the Rev. M. W. Chapman.

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Miss Lassie Kelly, production chairman, said her committee knitted 24 pairs of socks, 24 sweaters, and 24 beanies. She pointed out that there have been a number of requests for sewing from hospitals caring for men wounded in Korea.

A film, entitled "When Disaster Strikes", was shown at the meeting.

More Than Score Of Deer Killed In 3-Day Hunt Here

Twenty-five deer—possibly more, since bag data is incomplete—were killed by hunters inside the Fires Creek, Wayah, and Standing Indian areas during the three day hunt, Monday through Wednesday of last week.

E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala forest, reported that five deer were killed in Monday's hunt in the Fires Creek area. Results of the Tuesday and Wednesday hunts were not known.

In the Wayah area, nine deer were bagged during the three days, he said, and hunters killed 11 in the Standing Indian area Monday and Tuesday. The number killed on Wednesday in that area was not known.

The next scheduled hunts in the areas will be December 7, 8, and 9, he said.

Garden Club's 'Tacky Party' Is Postponed

The benefit "tacky party" the Franklin Garden club had planned for tomorrow (Friday) evening has been postponed, it was announced this week. A new date for the event will be announced later.

Urges Ridgetop Road In Park From Newfound To Deal's Gap

A Western North Carolina movement to make more of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park available to the general public was suggested by W. N. Sloan at last week's meeting of the Franklin Rotary club.

Mr. Sloan is thoroughly familiar with the park, having surveyed most of it. He headed a survey party, back in 1912, which covered most of the Tennessee side of the park, at a time when it was proposed to buy that area for the U. S. Forest Service. Later, he was in charge of the survey of the North Carolina side when it was being acquired by this state for transfer to the federal government as a national park.

While the park is the most popular one in the country, Mr. Sloan remarked that it has relatively few roads, much of it being quite inaccessible, except to the hiker. The entire southern end of the park is without roads, he pointed out.

Trial Of Shedd In Murder Of 2 Set For Tuesday

Sanderstown Dogs Are Quarantined Till January 1

A quarantine on all dogs in the Sanderstown section of the county until January 1, 1951, was imposed this week by the local health department.

Several dogs in that district have died from rabies and others have been put to death because they were rabid, it was said. A calf, believed to have had rabies, died recently, officials said.

Owners are warned to confine all dogs, and any dogs found running loose during the period of quarantine will be destroyed by an officer of the law, officials said.

All Officials Of Red Cross Named Again

All officers of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross were reelected for another year at the annual meeting of the chapter Tuesday night at the Franklin Presbyterian church.

Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, the Rev. Hoyt Evans was named chairman of the county chapter. W. R. Potts, vice-chairman, J. C. Jacobs, treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Kinsland, Junior Red Cross chairman, Mrs. R. R. Gaines, home nursing, Miss Lassie Kelly, production, E. J. Whitaker, treasurer, Carl Tysinger, first aid, J. H. Stockton, finance, Mrs. Lester Conley, publicity, R. E. McKelvey, home service, John Edwards, water safety.

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Autopsy reports showed that the older girl had been strangled, and the younger one had been choked to death with her own dress sash.

It was then that Shedd began changing his confession. He at first told officers that he had choked both of the girls, but changed his story when he was confronted with the autopsy report on the younger girl. He then admitted that, in the excitement of the moment, he may have used the sash to choke her, but never admitted—

Judge Pless Will Swear In County Officers Monday

It has been learned that Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., will swear in all Macon County officials elected in the November election, when he convenes court here Monday morning.

Special Venire Likely; Pless Will Preside At Court Term

The murder trial of Curtis Shedd, 29-year-old convict and confessed slayer of three, will be the outstanding case on the criminal docket when the December term of superior court convenes here Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, with Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, presiding.

Shedd's trial, which was set for the August term of court and then continued because of the death of Solicitor Thad D. Bryson's father, probably will get under way Tuesday morning, Solicitor Bryson said this week.

A special venire of not less than 50 men, from which to select a jury to try the Shedd case, probably will be picked Monday morning, he said.

"The situation is just about the same as it was in August," the solicitor said, when asked if there were any new developments in the case, which created marked interest over most of the Southeast during the August term and filled the Macon courtroom to capacity.

Since the continuance, the slight, blonde-headed Shedd, who lived in Walhalla, S. C., and has a record of armed robbery in Georgia, has been confined in the Waynesville jail awaiting trial in connection with the August 3 slaying of John Boyter, 38, of Walhalla, S. C., and Boyter's two daughters, Johnnie May, 14, and Jo Ann, 11.

Shedd, who made a number of confessions, was arraigned August 22 on two counts of murder . . . both in connection with the death of the two girls, who were killed near Highlands. He will not stand trial here for the slaying of Boyter, since Boyter supposedly was killed in Georgia.

Shedd's defense will be handled by Gilmer A. Jones and R. S. Jones, of the Franklin law firm of Jones and Jones. The attorneys were appointed to act in Shedd's behalf by Judge Pless, who presided over the August term, when it was found that the youthful defendant was unable to employ counsel.

Shedd was picked up for questioning August 9 after the shotgun-riddled body of John Boyter was found by a hunter in a heavily wooded area just across the Georgia line. He and Boyter attended a trade school together in Walhalla and it was reported that he was seen in the company of Boyter and the girls on the day of the slaying.

Sunday, August 12, Shedd made a confession, the first of a series, to the murders, and led officers, who had been combing the mountain area around North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia join, for the girls, to a spot on the Highlands-Dillard road.

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