

JOB OF PAVING THREE STREETS NOW UNDERWAY

Hope To Complete Work
Oct. 20 On Phillips,
Second, And Cherry

Weather permitting, by October 20 Franklin residents should be able to view the material results of Powell bill street aid funds, town officials said this week.

Monday the Allison Construction company, of Waynesville, moved machinery here and started grading operations on Phillips, Cherry, and Second streets, in preparation for surfacing.

The three city streets will be paved out of the town's share of Powell bill funds.

Surfacing on the three streets should be completed by October 20, provided warm weather holds out. Officials explained that the composition of black-topping is such that it must be laid when it is warm. If the temperature drops below the minimum degree for surfacing, officials said the projects would be postponed until spring.

A low paving bid, submitted by the Waynesville company was accepted by the board of aldermen at the board's monthly meeting last week.

The three streets will be 16-foot wide. Phillips streets is four-tenths of a mile long and runs between Palmer and Way-ah streets.

Second and Cherry streets are in East Franklin. Officials said approximately 600 feet of black-topping will be put on the two.

Setser Promoted To Major In U. S. Marine Reserves

Mac S. Setser was recently promoted to the rank of major in the U. S. Marine Corps reserve, marine corps headquarters announced this week.

Major Setser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setser, of the Cartoogechaye community, was commissioned in the corps in 1942, and served 27 months in the Pacific theatre with the Fifth Anti-aircraft Artillery battalion during World War II. He is a graduate of N. C. State college and is now a student in veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia.

Higher Parcel Post Rates Now In Effect

New, higher rates on fourth class (parcel post) mail are now in effect, E. W. Long, Franklin postmaster, pointed out this week. The increase, of approximately 25 per cent, was voted by congress sometime ago, and became effective October 1.

Franklin Terrace

Hotel Sold To Canal Zone
Couple

The Franklin Terrace hotel main building has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Culler, of the Panama Canal Zone, Mr. and Mrs. Dean announced yesterday.

The annex has been converted by Mr. and Mrs. Dean into an apartment house, but Mr. and Mrs. Culler will continue to operate the main building as a hotel, using the cottages on the grounds to supplement the room in the main building.

Mr. and Mrs. Culler have spent the past three summers at the Terrace, which has been operated as a tourist hotel for decades.

PRESS CONTEST TO CLOSE TODAY

6 P. M. Is Deadline
For Editorial
Entries

The Franklin Press' guest editorial contest will close today (Thursday).

To be eligible, entries must be delivered to The Press office by not later than 6 o'clock this afternoon, or, if mailed, must be postmarked not later than today.

Up to noon yesterday, a score of entries already had been received. Among them are articles from as far away as California and New York—but written by former Macon residents.

Charles K. Robinson, editor of The Sunday Citizen Times, Asheville, will judge the editorials submitted, and as soon as sufficient time has elapsed for any mailed as late as today to be received, all the entries will be forwarded to him. He will select the best.

The first five will be awarded prizes—a \$25 Defense bond for the best article submitted; \$10 in cash for the second best; \$7.50 for the third; \$5 for the fourth; and \$3 for the fifth.

The five next best will be given honorable mention, and the writer of each will be given a one-year subscription to The Press.

A \$5 prize for promptness will be awarded to the writer of the first article received (or earliest postmarked, if mailed) that wins any one of the 10 first places for excellence.

The contest, open to anybody, anywhere (except members of The Press staff and their immediate families), is for the best editorials on the general subject of Macon County as a good place to live.

FAMED DRILL TEAM TO MARCH AT FRIDAY GAME

25-Man Michigan Legion
Group To Entertain
At Half-Time

Football fans attending the Franklin-Sylva game here tomorrow (Friday) night are assured of getting their money's worth.

As an added attraction, the crack Kingsford, Mich., American Legion Drill team will demonstrate the intricacies of close order marching during half-time.

The drill team's appearance here is sponsored jointly by Rotarians and members of the local American Legion post. The 25-man unit is en route to Miami, Fla., where it will compete with other drill teams for national honors.

The team will arrive here Friday afternoon in automobiles furnished by the Ford Motor company, and members will be guests of Rotarians.

The local sponsors expressed the opinion that football fans should consider the appearance of the drill team a top-flight attraction, since the team has performed at a number of professional football games, including Green Bay Packers vs. Detroit Lions, in 1950, and the Packers vs. Chicago Bears this year.

In addition, the drill team was Michigan state champion in 1950-51, upper Michigan champions in 1950, won sixth place in national competition in Los Angeles in 1950, and won first place in the national Legion convention parade in Los Angeles in 1950.

Franklin Wins From Bethel High, 20 To 0

Friday night the Franklin High Panthers found a winning combination, both in the air and on the ground, and humbled the battling Blue Demons from Bethel High, 20 to 0, before a crowd estimated at 1,000. From the start, it seemed that the Demons had the key to splitting Franklin's powerful ground attack, but the Panthers rallied to shove a touchdown across in the first quarter, pass for one in the third period, and plow another across in the fourth.

The win gave Coach Ralph McConnell's charges their third victory of the season. The locals also tied with Clayton, Ga., two

SEE NO. 1, PAGE 6



L. Dale Thrash, of Asheville, tenth division highway commissioner (center), was caught by the camera as he made a brief talk at the road dedication ceremony at Walnut Creek Gap last Thursday afternoon. On the right is a former Macon County sheriff, Alex Moore, who at one time owned most of the land in the Walnut Gap section. At left is E. J. Whitmire, of Franklin, who served as master of ceremonies.

500 At Walnut Creek Gap For Formal Road Opening

Highway Across Mountain
Links Communities In
Two Counties

Issue Warning On Diphtheria As Child Dies

Local health department officials said this week that the recent death of 10-year-old Marion C. DeHart is believed to have been due to diphtheria.

Pointing out the seriousness of the disease, Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse, issued the following report on diphtheria:

"North Carolina finds itself in an extremely critical position, regarding diphtheria. Just think of it—we have more than twelve times as many cases reported as such states as Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Illinois, and the District of Columbia! This state led all the other forty-seven in the Union in the diphtheria case rate. This fact constitutes a serious reflection on North Carolina, and your local health department urges the cooperation of the entire population, looking toward the immunization of every child in Macon County and North Carolina against diph-

SEE NO. 2, PAGE 6

SCOUT WOMACK TO GET EAGLE

Franklin Boy Wins Top
Award; Siler, Long
To Be Promoted

Eagle rank—the highest award in Scouting—will be awarded to Robert Womack, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Womack, at a Boy Scout court of honor tonight (Thursday) at the Franklin Methodist church.

Scouts Robert (Bud) Siler and Leonard Long will receive Life and Star rank, respectively, and two other Franklin Scouts will be awarded merit badges. The honor court is scheduled for 7:30 o'clock.

Young Womack joined the scouts in August, 1949, and served as a patrol leader in Franklin's Troop 1. He is now a member of the Franklin Explorer post, an organization for scouts 14 years of age and over. He has earned 30 merit badges, nine more than the required number for the Eagle rank.

He is a ninth grader at Franklin High school and a wing back on the football squad.

John D. Aisup, troop commit-tee man, will make the Eagle presentation.

Scout Mark Dowdie will receive the lifesaving and swimming merit badges, and Lewis Cabel will be awarded a swimming badge.

Discussion To Mark P. T. A. Meet Monday

Mrs. Eloise H. Potts, county superintendent of welfare, and Mrs. Weimar Jones, will conduct a round table discussion on child welfare at the monthly meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the school. The Rev. Hoyt Evans will lead the devotional.

Macon's School Buses Inspected, Found O. K.

Macon County's 32 school buses have been inspected and all are in good condition, County School Supt. Holland McSwain announced Tuesday. The inspection was made by Highway Patrolman C. M. Byrd. Approximately 2,900 children ride the busses daily.

Will Conduct Fish Research Project At Coweeta Station

A research project on the care and feeding of trout will be conducted at the Coweeta Experimental Forest, as a result of action by the State Wildlife Resources commission in Asheville Monday. The commission set aside \$13,000 for the project, and E. A. Johnson, forester in charge of the station, said Tuesday that a full-time man will arrive here shortly to make the study. Funds for the cooperative project come from this state's share of the tax on fishing equipment. The study will seek to determine the relationship between forests and streams which will support trout; and which streams will and will not support trout, and why. The purpose of the study, Clyde P. Patton, executive director of the commission, said, is to determine in what streams state hatchery production can be best placed.

FARM EXHIBITS 'FAIR' PLANNED HERE OCT. 26-27

Expanded 'Achievement
Days' Program To Be
Held At School

Macon County Agricultural Achievement Days will be observed here October 26 and 27. Plans for the event were announced this week by W. W. Sloan, chairman of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce fair committee, who is working in cooperation with local farm agencies.

For this year, the event will be an expansion of the Achievement Day previously held each fall by the home demonstration clubs. They will be joined this year by the 4-H clubs of the county. It is hoped that the event can gradually be developed into something like a county-wide fair.

Prizes are to be awarded, and business men are to be asked to provide funds for these awards.

The exhibitions, to which the public is invited, will be at the Franklin school. Exhibit will be placed Thursday, October 25, and judging will take place Friday morning.

Following the home demonstration clubs' achievement meeting at the Methodist church at 10 a. m. Friday, they will hold their covered dish luncheon at the Agricultural building at 12:30 o'clock, and the "fair", in the school auditorium, will be opened to the public at 2 p. m. and will remain open until 9 p. m. The exhibits will be open to the public again on Saturday until mid-afternoon.

The 4-H-ers will hold their achievement program Saturday morning.

Smith's Bridge, Macon Landmark, To Be Replaced

The old Smith's Bridge, a Macon County landmark almost as old "as the first Indians in the county", and a constant victim of high water through the years, will soon go into retirement.

The State Highway department is building a new structure over the Little Tennessee a few hundred yards above the old bridge. When finished residents of the Smith's Bridge township (the township derived its name from the old bridge) will be able to "come out" over the new bridge, even when the old one is covered with flood water.

An old fashioned cake walk and box supper will be sponsored by the East Franklin Parent-Teacher association Saturday night at the school at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Morgan Shatley, publicity chairman, announced this week.

Proceeds from the event will be turned over to the school lunch room fund, she said. Woodrow Franklin will auction the boxes.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	82	48½	....
Thursday	84½	46	....
Friday	86	45	....
Saturday	88	55	....
Sunday	82½	52	....
Monday	67	41	....
Tuesday	62	39	....
Wednesday	....	38	....

Franklin Rainfall
(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, none; Sunday, .19; Monday, .03; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.

Youth Nears End Of 2,028-Mile Hike Over Maine-To-Georgia Appalachian Trail



Two self-appointed "men of leisure"—one seeking to set a record by walking the 2,028-mile Appalachian Trail from north to the south, the other taking the jaunt just for the fun of it—made camp near here last week.

These two woodsmen, Chester Dzengielewski, of Naugatuck, Conn., and William W. (Bill) Hall, of East Liverpool, Ohio, rested their weary feet at the campsite at Wayah gap that night. Behind them lay more than 1,900 miles of the famed hiking trail.

Their destination? Mount Oglethorpe, Ga., in this case achievement for Chester, who hit the trail June 3 and has worn out four pairs of boots in an attempt to become the first hiker to walk the complete trail from Mount Katahdin, Maine, to Mount Oglethorpe.

If his boots hold out, it is believed that the ambitious hiker will have the honor of being the first to make the north-south hike; he had little more than 65 miles to go from Wayah gap.

Asked by this reporter what he expected to get out of hiking this 2,028 miles, he bummed a cigarette, lit up and inhaled;

SEE NO. 3, PAGE 6

JUST TOUGH FEET! These two ambitious hikers, walking the 2,028-mile Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia, rested their weary feet at the campsite at Wayah gap one night last week. At left is William W. Hall, of East Liverpool, Ohio, who is walking the trail just for the fun of it; at right, Chester Dzengielewski, of Naugatuck, Conn., who, if he completes the trail, will be the first to do so from the north to the south.