

## PRESS TO MOVE TODAY TO ITS NEW QUARTERS

Will Open For Business On Palmer Street Tomorrow

The Franklin Press will move its office from its present location, on the Square, to its new quarters, on Palmer street, tomorrow (Wednesday).

Due to the move, the newspaper office will be closed all day today. It will open for business at the new location Thursday morning.

The new home of The Press is near the eastern end of Palmer street, near where Palmer and East Main intersect. The newspaper plant and offices are on the north side of Palmer, directly across the street from Wood's Motor Court.

Because this is the busiest season of the year, the newspaper printing equipment will not be moved to the new location until after Christmas.

Persons having business with the newspaper, however, are asked to come to the office, at the new location on Palmer street, starting Thursday morning.

The staff of The Press will take its customary one-week Christmas vacation from today through December 25. The office on Palmer street, however, will be open as usual, except on Christmas day.

Returning from vacation the morning of December 26, the staff will put out next week's issue of the paper in a two-day period—Wednesday and Thursday. The paper will be put in the post office, Thursday night, for delivery Friday.

On Friday morning, December 28, the difficult task of moving the newspaper's equipment will get under way.

It is hoped that it can be in order in time to start work Monday, December 31, on that week's paper, with a view to getting that issue out at the usual time — on Wednesday night.

## Gregory Is Cited For Outstanding Work At U. Of Mo.

Keith E. Gregory, of Franklin recently was cited for outstanding achievements at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., during the college's fifth honors convocation, it has been learned here.

Mr. Gregory, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Gregory, received honors in Gamma Sigma Delta, honor society in agriculture, and Sigma Xi, the science honor society.

## Holiday Time!

### What's New At Franklin High

**By BETTY HENRY**  
Already the students of Franklin High school are getting restless, waiting for the holidays to begin. And it won't be long, just until the 21st, and then it will be no more school until the 31st.

Programs have been arranged in the individual home-rooms, all in the Christmas vein. These programs will be given the 21st, just before class is dismissed for the vacation.

**Heat? Plenty!**  
The students of Franklin High school are happy, indeed to be in the new building. This building has been the dream of each student and faculty member for years. And now that the dream has become a reality, they are striving to take advantage of all the opportunities offered.

Probably the most-needed and most-appreciated item of the new building is the heat. In the old building the heat was hardly sufficient to keep even those who were fortunate enough to have a seat near a radiator warm. Now the heat is evenly distributed over all the rooms. In the old building the students had to keep their wraps on until noon on cold days which, of course, prevented them from doing their best work. Now that they have a

## Back To Work — In New Building



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

These two beaming young ladies, both second graders at Highlands school, were more than pleased last Thursday with the move into the new Highlands school. So pleased, in fact, that they settled right down to work on the 3-R's, only taking time out to smile their approval of the new surroundings for the photographer.

## Board Names Tax Listers For '52 Year

Tax listers for 1952 in Macon County's 11 townships were appointed by the board of county commissioners at its regular session Monday morning.

Listers, by townships, are as follows:  
Frank I. Murray, Franklin; Jack Cabe, Millshoal; C. B. Bryson, Ellijay; Everett Mashburn, Sugarfork; L. A. Edwards, Highlands; Earl Dryman, Flats; C. S. Sams, Smithbridge; J. H. Ebrookshire, Crotoogehaye; Frank Baldwin, Nantahala; Robert Parrish, Burningtown; and Parnell Bryson, Cowee.

A number of road petitions were approved during the brief session and forwarded to the state highway engineer in Bryson City.

## Draft Board Gets Call For 15 Men January 15

The local draft board last week received an induction call for 15 Macon County men, to leave here January 15, it has been announced.

## WILL BE CLOSED

The local health department will be closed December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1, officials have announced.

## GOLF COURSE, LODGE BOUGHT BY LOCAL MEN

Duncan And Angel Plan To Lease Property In Near Future

The purchase of the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course by Frank B. Duncan and T. W. Angel, Jr., local businessmen, was announced this week.

The new owners plan to lease the property in the near future. The lodge and adjoining land were purchased from the George K. Bowen estate.

Mrs. J. M. McGill, of Cassadaga, Fla., a sister of the late Mr. Bowen, of Chicago, Ill., has operated the lodge for the past several seasons.

## Franklin PTA Yule Program Attracts 375

Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association, highlighted by a Christmas program and the presentation of school golf trophies, drew an estimated 375 persons.

Special Yuletide selections were sung by first, second, third, and fourth graders, and the elementary glee club, under the leadership of Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher.

The Franklin band and the high school chorus, directed by S. W. (Sammy) Beck, played and sang Christmas numbers.

Trophies to winners in the recent school golf tournament were presented by Dick Stott, high school teacher who supervised the golf classic. Pat Pattillo was awarded the championship trophy. Bill Finland, first flight, and Bill Zieckgraf, second flight.

Refreshments were served by the association hospitality committee. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor of the West Macon Methodist circuit.

## Fouts Is Promoted To Corporal Grade

Merritt C. Fouts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fouts, of Franklin, Route 3, recently was promoted to corporal in the air force, it has been learned here. The Macon County airman, who enlisted in April of this year, received basic training at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He served briefly at F. E. Warren Air Force base, Wyoming, before being transferred to Kansas City, Mo., where he is now stationed. He recently spent a 10-day furlough here with his parents.

## John G. Cloer Is Due Back In U. S. On Christmas Eve

John G. Cloer, a third class petty officer aboard the USS Rendova, is expected to arrive in San Diego, Calif., Christmas eve, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Cloer, of Franklin, Route 2.  
The Macon County sailor is a Franklin High school graduate. He enlisted in the navy in 1948.

## Mystery Shrouds Identity Of Human Skeleton Found In Shallow Grave

A mystery has descended on Macon County, the recent discovery of a skeleton in the Cullasaja community.

Bobby Downs, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Downs, unearthed the remains while burying a chicken near his home December 6, and since that time it has been the talk of the county.

And like most mysteries of this kind, speculation as to the identity of the person, sex unknown, once supported by the skeleton smacks of superstition, missing persons, and just plain guesses.

Here are the facts: The skeleton was in a shallow grave, about two feet deep and four long; on the ground above the grave were the bones of either a horse or mule; the bones of the human skeleton

## 4 Above Zero Temperature Noted As Winter Strikes

Winter put a stranglehold on Macon County this week!

It's been chilly for a couple of weeks, most assuredly of recent weather, but Saturday and Sunday saw the mercury skid downward from a low of 25 to a low-low of 4 above zero Sunday. Monday the temperature climbed back to 40, then slid down to 7 above. This quick change saw vehicles of all descriptions receiving winter treatment against burst blocks and frozen radiators.

Tuesday, with only a minimum temperature of 24 brought chains out for automobiles moving between Franklin and Highlands, and Franklin and Sylva, in the early morning. A clearing sky and accompanying sunshine, and sand spreading crews from the State Highway department, made quick work of the treacherous ice.

Just what else is in store for Maconites as winter gets a firmer hold is anybody's guess. Old timers, however, say it will be a hard winter.

## Decorations To Be Judged December 22

Judging of the Franklin Garden club sponsored third annual outdoor Christmas decoration contest, previously scheduled for December 23, has been changed to December 22 (Saturday), for the convenience of one of the out-of-town judges, club officials announced this week.

The judges, as yet unannounced, will tour Franklin that night to select contest winners.

Three divisions are planned for judging: Best outdoor Christmas scene; best outdoor tree; and the most effective window and door display.

As in the past, no prizes will be awarded, but first, second and third place winners, and a number of honorable mentions will be announced.

Judging will stress originality and general appearance, it was said.

## Cadet Fulton Completes Advanced Flight Course

Naval Cadet Samuel J. Fulton, son of Mrs. M. L. Holt, of Highlands, recently completed advanced flight training as a student carrier pilot at Corpus Christi, and has been ordered to the Naval Air station, Pensacola, Fla., for carrier qualifications, according to a navy announcement. Cadet Fulton is a Franklin High school graduate and attended N. C. State college, Raleigh, prior to entering service in 1948.

## Howard E. Wallace Is Promoted To Corporal

Howard E. Wallace, son of Mrs. John L. Wallace, of Franklin, Route 1, recently was promoted to corporal while serving with the 135th Infantry Regiment's 47th division at Camp Rucker, Ala., it has been learned here.

## Many Events Planned As Community Dons Yuletide Atmosphere

That unusual zing in the air means just one thing—Christmas isn't far off!

Downtown Franklin has donned its Yuletide garments, colorful lights installed by the town firemen, and silvered Christmas trees lining Main street, compliments of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, commanded by W. W. Reeves.

And Maconites have a full program ahead for the holidays, including special church services, Christmas plays and programs, and a visit by Santa Claus sometime in the wee hours of Christmas morning.

Following are some of the things happening within the next week in Macon:

"The Search for the Christ Child" will be presented at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The play will be directed by Mrs. W. M. Chapman, Mrs. Harry Corbin, and Orval Murray. The church choir also will take part

in the program.

The local Order of Eastern Star's annual Christmas party is planned for Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Masonic lodge, and will be featured by the exchange of gifts by members.

A Christmas cantata, "Song of the Holy Night", will be given Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Highlands Presbyterian church, under the directorship of Mrs. Louis Edwards and Mrs. O. F. Sumner, organist.

A Christmas tree and treat program is planned Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the Highlands Methodist church.

The Otto school has announced plans for a Christmas program Thursday at 1:30 p. m., at a meeting of the school parent-teacher organization.

A Christmas program is planned at the East Franklin elementary school Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with school choruses and pupils highlighting the Yule celebration. Nativity scenes, with an all-student cast, are planned, and the boys' and girls' choruses will sing a number of special Christmas selections.

Celebration of Christmas at the Morrison Presbyterian church will include the enactment of a play, "The Man who Shut the Door on God", Friday at 7:30 p. m. Recitations and Christmas songs will be given by the children of the church Sunday school.

"Behold This Child", will be given at the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday at 7:30 p. m., with Miss Alice Slagle directing. An offering for retired ministers will also be taken during the program.

Churches on the West Macon Methodist circuit all are planning to celebrate Christmas with Christmas programs. "The Life of Christ", through the use of color slides, will be shown Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Maiden's Chapel church, and Saturday night at 7 o'clock at Gillespie's chapel. The young people of the Mt. Zion church will give "A Christmas Album" Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas eve at 11:30 p. m. celebration of the Holy Communion is planned at the St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin the Rev. A. Rufus Morzan, has announced. A program of Christmas music also is planned, and the public is invited to attend. Christmas day at the Highlands Church of the Transfiguration, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 a. m. A Christmas program also will be presented at the Highlands church Christmas eve at 4 p. m., and a similar program is planned for St. Cyprian's (Negro) church at 6 p. m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Cyprian's Christmas day at 6 a. m.

A Christmas play, "The Empty Room", will be given at the Cowee Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Junior and intermediate groups at the church also plan individual plays or presentation at that time.

A Christmas pantomime will be given at the Snow Hill Methodist church Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the church's Methodist Youth Fellowship. M. Y. F. President Miss Anna Laura Shepherd invited the public to attend.

"This is Christmas", a yule play, will be presented at the Windy Gap Baptist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Miss Beatrice Douglas, Macon Baptist missionary, will direct the play.

The weather

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	High	Low	Pet.
Wednesday	39	29	...
Thursday	49	27	...
Friday	46	27	...
Saturday	52	26	3.34
Sunday	36	4	...
Monday	40	7	...
Tuesday	...	24	1.26

Franklin Rainfall  
(As recorded by Mennon Stiles for TVA)  
Wednesday, trace; Thursday, 1; Friday, .18; Saturday, 1.7; Sunday, none; Monday, .06; Tuesday, .04.