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METHODISTS APPROVE NEW ANNEX PLANS

Addition To Building Will Cost \$37,500; Drive Under Way

Plans for a new \$37,500 annex to the Franklin Methodist Church have been approved by church officials and a fundraising campaign is now under way.

The church hopes to begin construction of the new addition by the first of April, according to the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor.

E. J. Whitmire is chairman of the building fund committee. Other members are H. W. Cabe, M. L. Dowdle, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., W. W. Sloan, and A. A. Siler.

The annex will be, in effect, a three-story extension to the west wing of the church's present education building. The basement floor, which will be at ground level, will contain five Sunday School rooms. A ladies' lounge and four men's and ladies' classrooms will be on the second floor, and an assembly room and four classrooms will be on the third floor.

Mr. Murray said the present basement will be used for an assembly and social hall and an enlarged kitchen.

Macon Doctor Is Honored By Georgia Town

Dr. T. H. Brabson, of Cornelia, Ga., a former native of Macon County, was honored recently by the people of his community.

More than 350 persons gathered at the Community House in Cornelia to attend ceremonies at which Dr. Brabson was presented a plaque in recognition for his many years of service to the community.

Eugene Cook, Georgia attorney general, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Dr. Brabson once practiced medicine in this county and is the brother of Mrs. George Bulgin, of Franklin.

Dr. Crawford, Senator, Under Treatment Here

Dr. J. H. Crawford, of Robinsville, newly-elected state senator from the 33rd district, is under treatment at Angel Clinic for diabetes, according to Dr. Furman Angel.

CENTER CLOSING

The Jackson-Swain Cancer Center will be closed December 26 for the Christmas holidays, it has been announced. It will operate on regular schedule the following Friday, January 2.

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

The Franklin Lions Club "Christmas Cheer" dime board went into operation on Main Street Saturday... just follow the sound of the ringing bell and help the Lions spread a little happiness during the holidays.

For an advance preview of what Christmas trees probably will look like in the year 2052, take a gander at the one in the window at Franklin Hardware Company. It's the brainchild of John Crawford and is guaranteed to ward off even the most vicious attack by kids on Christmas morning.

It was a hardy person who didn't dip into the closet for an overcoat this week. Brrrrrr!

Have you noticed the handprints, and noseprints too, on the windows of Franklin stores? They're the products of imaginative young minds compiling Christmas lists. From the wide variety of toys displayed this year, the younger generation could easily become psychiatric material from wrestling over which article to choose and which to reject.

Body Grants Rate Boost To Company

A rate increase designated to boost the Nantahala Power and Light Company's annual income approximately \$35,000 has been granted by the N. C. Utilities Commission.

The increase, the first for the power company since its formation in 1929, affects only industrial consumers, according to John M. Archer, Jr., power company president.

He said the rate hike amounts to slightly less than two per cent of the company's gross revenues.

Also granted by the commission was a higher meter reconnection fee, the only feature of the increase having a direct bearing on residential consumers of electricity. Hereafter, homes within cities and towns served by the company will be charged a \$2 reconnection fee. Rural customers will be charged a minimum of \$3 and 15 cents per measured mile, with a maximum distance of 50 miles, the president said.

The increase went into effect Monday.

A petition requesting the increase was filed with the utilities commission in July, and at that time Mr. Archer said higher operating costs forced the request.

Counties served by N.P. & L. include Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, and Jackson.

Local Boy's Speech Wins FFA Contest

Emory Crawford, a member of the Franklin Future Farmers of America Chapter, won first place in the Nantahala Federation FFA Public Speaking Contest held last week in Cullowhee.

He will represent the Western counties in a district contest planned in Asheville in the spring.

Young Crawford, son of Mrs. Gilmer Crawford, spoke on "Soil Conservation Through Grassland Farming".

LICENSE TAGS MOVING SLOW

Sale Below Figure For This Time Last Year, Swafford Says

North Carolina's 1953 license tags, which went on sale December 1, are moving slowly, according to Verlon Swafford, manager of the local Carolina Motor Club branch office.

Through Monday, 392 tags had been sold, as compared with 440 for the corresponding period last year.

Pointing to the January 31 deadline, Mr. Swafford urged motorists to buy tags early and avoid the last-minute rush.

The C.M.C. office is situated at the rear of the Western Auto Associate Store on Main Street. License sales here in 1952 totaled 3,849, the manager said.

Jaycees Seek Macon's Young Man Of Year; Who'll It Be?

Who will be the outstanding young man of the year in Macon County?

At the present time he is being sought by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce, which plans to present him a Distinguished Service Award Key at the organization's anniversary banquet in February.

A committee composed of Henry W. Cabe, of the Bank of Franklin, W. W. Reeves, local hardware merchant and commander of the V.F.W. post, and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent, has been picked by the Jaycees to make the selection.

The young man of the year will be picked on the basis of achievement, leadership, service



Mrs. Martha Jane Bryson, who Sunday celebrated her 102nd birthday and is the county's oldest citizen, received a hand in opening her presents from her great-grandson, Dennis Bryson, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bryson, of Cullasaja. More than 40 relatives and friends attended Mrs. Bryson's birthday party at her home on Bryson Branch. Five of her eight sons, all of whom are living, were present for the celebration.

P. T. A. HEAD RESIGNS POST

Franklin Organization Looking For A New President

Resignation of Mrs. Edgar Angel as president, action on lockers for the high school and a piano for the band, and a Christmas music program by students were highlights of Monday evening's monthly meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Association.

Mrs. Angel, elected at the September meeting, has served three months. She gave no reason for resigning, but asked that her resignation be made "effective immediately".

Announcing it at the close of the business session, she called on the committee which had nominated her—John Crawford, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle and Mrs. J. Ward Long—to find a successor.

The organization approved the proposal that the association match the \$200 each which Mrs. Angel said is being contributed by the senior and junior classes toward lockers for the high school—making a total of \$600.

Mrs. Angel explained that Band Director S. F. Beck had agreed that his boys will move the Lions Club playground equipment, being turned over to the school by the club, to the school, repair it, and erect it, in a space back of the parking lot, if the P. T. A. would buy an inexpensive piano for the band. The project was given approval, with the understanding that a committee will look

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W. L. McCoy Dies Tuesday

William L. McCoy, a well-known Franklin resident, died Tuesday morning in a local hospital at the age of 79.

Mr. McCoy, who was graduated in law in 1896 from the University of Georgia, practiced law in Bryson City, Marion and Franklin until 1905 and operated a mercantile business in Dillard, Ga., and Franklin from then until about 1920.

He at one time was owner and operator of Franklin Telephone Company which is now one of many exchanges owned by the Western Carolina Telephone Company, and ran a hotel here for several years.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) at 2:30 o'clock in the Potts Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. C. C. Welch and the Rev. W. N. Cook. Burial was in the Cowee Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. McCoy was born April 8, 1873, the son of J. A. and Mrs. Angeline Miller McCoy, McDowell County. He received his education in the public schools at Hiwassee, Ga., and the University of Georgia. In 1898 he was married to Miss Ada Crawford, of Old Fort, who died here in October of this year at the age of 71. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by a son, Crawford McCoy, of Franklin, and a number of nieces and nephews.



JOHN M. ARCHER, JR.
Mr. Archer, president of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, last Thursday was elected vice president of the North Carolina Engineering Foundation at the organization's annual meeting at N. C. State College, Raleigh.

MARKS 102ND YEAR SUNDAY

County's Oldest Citizen Has Birthday Party At Her Home

A 78-year-old white frame house on Bryson Branch (Cullasaja) shared in an unusual birthday celebration Sunday afternoon, but it was far from being the center of attraction.

The principal figure was Mrs. Martha Jane "Aunt Jane" Bryson, who was marking her 102nd year as Macon County's oldest citizen.

Seated before the fireplace in a comfortable arm chair, she greeted more than 40 members of her family and friends and her main concern was "make sure the little ones get plenty to eat".

"Aunt Jane" has been blind for a number of years, but she is still quite alert and fingered the wrappings on the many presents the celebration produced. She appeared to be in excellent health, considering her age, and members of her family said she stays in her chair by the fireplace for most of the day.

All of her eight sons are still living and five were present at her birthday party—the eldest, Will, who is 71, Charlie, 76, Elbert, 68, Sam, 70, and Beulan, 67. Unable to be present were Joe, 62, of Terrebonne, Ore., Newton, 56, the "baby", of Raleigh, and George, 70, of Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Mrs. Bryson was born December 14, 1850, the daughter of Billy Deal and Mrs. Martha Jennings Deal. She was married to John T. Bryson at the age of 23 and they built the house on Bryson Branch where she has lived since. Mr. Bryson died about 17 years ago at the age of 85.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward Long were called to Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday night by the death of Mr. Long's brother-in-law, Paul F. Easley.

Coming New York City Trip Has Four 'Walking On Air'

Four Franklin youngsters this week are "walking on air" as they prepare to leave Sunday for a week or 10 days in New York City.

Dancing pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Don Oscar Beque, of Sylva, they, along with children from other nearby towns who take dancing from the Beques, are to receive special instruction in ballet dancing, attend ballet performances, and be

Services, Plays To Mark Yuletide

Next Week's Press To Be Issued Day Ahead Of Schedule

In line with its custom of several years, The Press will publish its last issue before Christmas one day ahead of schedule, and its first issue after Christmas one day later than usual.

This arrangement permits the paper to give members of its staff a week's vacation at Christmas. This year the arrangement also is necessitated by the fact that Christmas and New Year's Day, both mail holidays, fall on Thursdays, the normal publication day.

Next week's Press will be put in the Franklin post office Tuesday night, December 23, for delivery to readers Wednesday morning. The deadlines for display advertising and news will be Monday; for want ads, Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The following week, the paper will be put in the post office Thursday night, January 1, for delivery to readers Friday morning. Deadlines in that case will be moved forward by 24 hours.

Five Scouts Get Tenderfoot Rank

Five Franklin boys received Tenderfoot rank at a Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District Court of Honor last Thursday night in Cherokee.

They are Daniel C. Cagle, Clinton S. Byrd, George S. Kinney, Jack H. Hyde, and John R. McWilliams. Scouts Gary McKelvey and Bobby Jamison received horsemanship and swimming merit badges, respectively.

Lewis Cabe, of Franklin, who was scheduled to be advanced to Eagle rank at the court of honor, will receive the advancement at the January court. Local Scout officials said the authorization for his rank was delayed because of heavy mail.

MACON KIDS GIVE DINNER

Event Fetes Those Who Supported Local Show Entries

Approximately 125 businessmen, farmers, and their wives were feted at a steak supper Monday night at the Slagle Memorial building. The event was sponsored by the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America as a means of showing their appreciation for the support given them at the Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show and sale held in Asheville in November.

Partly because of the strong financial backing received from local people, Macon County boys and girls received \$11,222.16 for their 35 calves shown at the show.

The banquet program was presented completely by F. F. A. members. Victor Teague served as master of ceremonies and expressed the appreciation of the organization for the fine support they had received from those present.

Emory Crawford, recent winner in a declamation contest held at Western North Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

Civic Organizations Plan To Distribute Gifts To Needy

Special church services, pageants, and plays, and the distribution of gifts to the needy will mark Macon County's celebration of the Christmas holidays.

Since Christmas is only a week from today, a number of events are scheduled for this week-end.

A Christmas pageant is scheduled for presentation to-night (Thursday) at the Cartoogechaye School in conjunction with the regular meeting of the school's parent-teacher association.

Two choruses, featuring 125 school children, will take part

Christmas holidays for Macon's school children will begin at noon tomorrow (Friday), ending the 29th, when school doors will again swing open. County School Supt. Holland McSwain announced this week

in the pageant, which is being directed by Mrs. Virginia Ramsey, seventh grade teacher. Mrs. Henry W. Cabe and Miss Esther Wallace are directing the choral groups.

The pageant will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Following a business meeting of the P. T. A., the men of the organization will serve refreshments.

"The Christmas Carol", the immortal story written by Charles Dickens, is planned Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. T. L. Jamison, Mrs. M. W. Chapman, and Orval Murray. Having roles in the play are Verlon Swafford, Bill Zickgraf, Richard Dryman, Frank I. Murray, Jr., and Clarence Henry. More than 25 persons will take part in the production. Mrs. Alba Price is in charge of properties, and costumes are being supplied by Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. John Jamison, and Mrs. Paul Kinsland. The public is invited.

Three Christmas features will be given at the Franklin Methodist Church on Sunday according to the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor. A "White Gifts" service is planned at 10 a. m., with all Sunday School pupils bringing gifts of food wrapped in white for distribution to needy families in the county. At 11 a. m. a Christmas sermon and a special program of Christmas music is planned by the church choir, followed by another service at 7:30 p. m., "Carols and Candles", in which more than 40 persons, including the choir, will participate.

A midnight service and the celebration of Holy Communion will be held at the St. Agnes Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector. The service will begin at 11:30 p. m. Mr. Morgan plans two services on Christmas day, one at the St. Cyprian's church at 6 a. m., the other at the Highlands Church of the Incarnation at 10 a. m.

A Christmas tree and treat program will be held at the Highlands Methodist Church at 5 p. m. Sunday, the Rev. Robert E. Early announced this week.

The Franklin Presbyterian Church plans a Christmas can- SEE NO. 3, PAGE 7

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Sides, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN			
	Temperatures		High Low Rain
Wednesday	58	49	1.42
Thursday	50	30	.02
Friday	49	20	....
Saturday	41	26	....
Sunday	36	10	....
Monday	30	13	....
Tuesday	54	11	....

COWEETA			
	Temperatures		High Low Rain
Wednesday	56	45	3.40
Thursday	47	28	.03
Friday	52	20	....
Saturday	41	17	....
Sunday	35	10	....
Monday	31	08	....
Tuesday	50	11	....