

Community Takes Fifth In Contest

Holly Springs—one of two Macon communities entered in the 1952 W.N.C. Rural Community Development Contest—tied for fifth place in a field of 70 in the competition.

The 60-family community, which spent an estimated \$74,000 for improvements during the contest year, split a \$50 prize with Allen's Creek, a Haywood community.

Macon's other entry, Carson, did not place in the top bracket.

The winners were announced Saturday at an awards meeting in Asheville. Attending the session from here were County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, Walter Taylor, president of the Holly Springs community, Mrs. Mary B. Justice, vice-president of the community, Mrs. Rita Ferguson, community reporter, and Mrs. Jack Cabe, and Misses Othello Cabe and Mildred Corbin, also of Holly Springs.

Holly Springs' large expenditure during the year included \$57,000 for new homes or additions to old ones; \$6,203 for inside home improvements; and \$10,730 for outside work.

The community's most outstanding project, one that required the help of every family, was the conversion of the old Holly Springs school building into a community center.

Women of the community canned 32,000 quarts of food and 129 acres of ladino-orchard grass pasture were seeded. Some 7,000 new birds went into hatching flocks and 151 animals were added to beef herds.

Clark's Chapel has joined Holly Springs and Carson in entering the 1953 contest.

State Tax Man Is Coming Here

Robert Penland, deputy collector with the N. C. Department of Revenue, will be in Franklin February 10 and 11 and March 10 to assist tax payers in filing state income tax returns.

He will be in the courtroom at the county courthouse on each of the dates from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

SAILS FOR KOREA

Lt. Col. W. N. Sloan, Jr., son of W. N. Sloan, of Franklin, sailed for Korea Tuesday. For the past two years he has been stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. His wife and two children will remain at Fort Sill.

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

MEMO TO THE PUBLIC
no news is good news to everyone except a newspaper since the first of the year, happenings in Macon County, which as a general rule fairly seethes with choice bits of news, has slipped into a void of inactivity... this makes newsmen dig deeper and harder... symptoms of inactivity—amble parking space on Main Street, the hustle and bustle of people recording documents in the register of deed's office dropped considerably this week, store clerks, generally on the move constantly waiting on customers, were noted sipping coffee or Cokes more frequently during the day, "back warmers" were sorely missed around the pot-bellied stoves... Why? maybe the first of the year slump, change of administration, upshot of flu and colds, bad weather...

BO PEEP... you must have lost your you-know-what in front of the Van Raalte plant Tuesday afternoon...

RALEIGH, PLEASE NOTE... "I like the pretty maroon and white license plates so much", lamented the lady motorist, "they matched my car so perfectly."

PUZZLE OF WEEK... how did the magician, Furst, get out of the wooden box?

PRUETT DIES SATURDAY OF MISHAP HURTS

Was Crushed By Tunnel Car January 10; Services Here

Buron Jason Pruett, a 41-year-old Macon County native, died Saturday in the C. J. Harris Memorial Hospital in Sylva of injuries received in an accident January 10 on a power project in Jackson County.

A tunnel foreman for the Harrison Construction Company on the Nantahala Power and Light Company's Wolf Creek hydro-electric project, Mr. Pruett was crushed by a tunnel car loaded with rock. He and his family recently moved from the Iotla community here to Jackson County.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Iotla Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The officiating ministers were the Rev. William L. Sorrells, the Rev. C. C. Welch, and the Rev. Judd Duvall. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Franklin.

Mr. Pruett, a member of the Junaluska Lodge No. 145, AF and AM, was born August 21, 1911, the son of Mrs. Elsie Dillis Pruett and the late Jason Prutt, of the Cullasaja community. In 1932 he was married to Miss Vernon Parrish, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ray Potts, and Miss Beatrice Pruett, of Franklin; three sons, Tommy, Kenneth, and Edward, of the home; two brothers, Vernon C. Pruett, of Ellijay, Ga., and Berlin C. Pruett, of Franklin; two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Gaston, Jr., of Fayetteville, Ala., and Mrs. Nell Lamb, of Orange City, Fla.

Pallbearers were E. L. Hyde, George M. Slagle, J. R. Ray, Ed Whitaker, James L. Hauser, and John Bulgin. Potts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SEWER JOB IS STARTED

Supervisor Reports For Work; Local Concern Has Contract

Work got under way on the Bonny Crest sewer extension Monday.

Phillips and Ward, a local concern, recently was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$2,601 for the installation of 7,432 feet of pipe and the construction of 19 manholes.

Bill Brandon, of Murphy, who has been hired by the town to supervise the project, reported for work Monday. He is staying at Kelly's Inn.

All materials for the extension, which will allow some 40 Bonny Crest residents to tie in to the town sewer system, are being furnished by the town.

Macon 4-H

CLUBS NAME OFFICERS

Officers of Macon County's 15 4-H clubs have been elected and plans of work for both boys and girls have been outlined for 1953.

The year's calendar for the boys, by months, lists: February, dairying; March, beef cattle; April, farm and home electricity; May, crop production; June-July-August, visits and project work on farms with individual club members by the agent in charge; September, records and organization; October, forestry; November, table manners; and December, Christmas programs. Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg is in charge of the boys' 4-H movement.

Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, assistant home agent, said this week that the girls' monthly subjects include: February, 4-H dressing unit; March, rural electrification; April, "As Others See Us"; May, local dress review; June, dairy foods demonstration; July, principal of good frozen foods; August, annual picnic and record keeping.

Will Draft 19-Year-Olds; First Since World War II

For the first time since World War II, 19-year-olds are going to be drafted from Macon County.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, selective service secretary, said this week the county's February 10 call for 15 men will include four 19-year-olds.

She said, with a few exceptions, that all 20-year-olds registered with the board have been drafted. It is a policy of the board to take older men first.

In many sections of the country, boards have been drafting 19-year-olds for some time under a speed-up in selective service. However, this county has been able to meet its quota without dipping into the lower age group.

The secretary said the names of the draftees will be released for publication after the men have reported for induction. Ten men also are scheduled to go to Knoxville, Tenn., for preinduction examinations with the draft contingent.

V.F.W. Post Auxiliary Given Cup

A silver cup was awarded the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for the best conducted ritual of the year in District 17 at a quarterly meeting Saturday and Sunday in Asheville.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum accepted the cup on behalf of the auxiliary.

Representing the local auxiliary at the two-day session were Mrs. Marie Barnard, Mrs. Margaret Dowdle, Mrs. Frances Newman, Mrs. Byrda Nell Perry, Mrs. Mildred Perry, Mrs. Edythe Reeves, Mrs. Clyde Slagle, Mrs. Jessie Sutton, and Mrs. Annie Laurie Welch.

The meeting opened Saturday with a banquet and dance at the George Vanderbilt Hotel and business sessions were held Sunday.

Iotla P.T.A. Hears Nurse Discuss TB

A talk by Mrs. Frank Shope, county health nurse, supplemented by a film, and selections by piano pupils of Mrs. Welmar Jones marked the program at Monday night's meeting of the Iotla Parent-Teacher Association.

At the business session, the group voted to buy a combination vacuum cleaner-waxer for the school. Principal Harry Moses recommended the purchase.

Treasurer Ed Bradley reported \$200 in the treasury, but explained shades ordered for the school rooms are to be paid for from this. The vacuum-waxer is to be bought on the monthly payment plan. Mr. Bradley also reported that \$92 has been contributed to date toward paying for the new book cases recently installed in the school.

It was voted to hold future meetings at 7:30 p. m. instead of 7.

The subject of Mrs. Shope's talk, dealing with tuberculosis as a public health problem, was SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

COMMERCEBODY PICKING BOARD

Mail Election Under Way To Select 5 Directors

By mail-ballot, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce this week is picking five men to serve on its seven-man board of directors.

The 10 men in the race, selected by a nominating committee, are Verlon Swafford, Victor Perry, William Katenbrink, Wiley Brown, Holland McSwain, Jess Conley, Reid Womack, Henry W. Cabe, R. R. Gaines, and Lee Wood.

E. W. Renshaw, president of the commerce body, and Oscar Ledford are the two members of the present board. Both are serving their second year of two-year terms.

The deadline for mailing ballots is February 5, according to Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, secretary.

New officers for 1953 will be nominated by the board of directors at an early date.

4 Franklin High Girls And Beck Going To Clinic

When the fifth annual music clinic for Western North Carolina high schools opens tomorrow (Friday) at Mars Hill College, four Franklin High girls will be among singers attending from 22 other high schools.

S. F. Beck, Franklin music director, said yesterday he has selected Misses Ann Hays, Carlene Sorrells, Mary Ann Johnson, and Norma Jean Welch to represent the local high school at the two-day event.

The clinic, which will feature rehearsals and conferences, will be climaxed by a concert at the college Saturday evening.

What's Doing?

Today (Thursday), Woman's Society of Christian Service, home of Mrs. C. M. Dowdle, 1 p. m.

Friday, March of Dimes square dance, Otto School, 8 p. m.

Friday: Quarterly meeting of Baptist promotions executive committee, Longview Baptist Church, 7 p. m.

Saturday, March of Dimes box supper and cake walk, East Franklin School, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday, V. F. W. sponsored March of Dimes square dance, Franklin High gym, 8 p. m.

Saturday, box supper and cake walk, Union School, 7:30 p. m., proceeds for school and polio drive.

Monday, local N.C.E.A. dinner meeting, Franklin High cafeteria, 6:30 p. m.

Monday, regular meeting of Franklin Board of Aldermen, town office, 7:30 p. m.

Monday, regular meeting board of county commissioners, register of deed's office, 10 a. m.

Monday, regular meeting county board of education, school superintendent's office, 10 a. m.

Monday, Franklin Jaycees, Nantahala Building, 8 p. m.

RAMSEY WILL ADDRESS UNIT HERE MONDAY

State Education Board Official To Discuss School Goals

D. Hiden Ramsey, vice-chairman of the State Board of Education, is slated to be the chief speaker at a dinner meeting of the local unit of the N. C. Education Association here Monday evening.

The dinner will be served in



D. HIDEN RAMSEY the Franklin High cafeteria at 6:30 o'clock.

Special invitations to attend have been extended members of the Macon County Citizens' Committee for Education, according to Mrs. Roberta Parker, local N.C.E.A. president.

Mr. Ramsey, an executive of the Asheville Citizen-Times Company, will explain the legislative goals for schools.

Students of the home economics department of the high school, under the supervision of Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, will prepare and serve the meal.

Polio March In Franklin Set Tonight

At 7 o'clock sharp tonight (Thursday), the Franklin fire siren will signal the start of a "Mother's March on Polio", a door-to-door campaign to put the county over the top of its \$3,500 March of Dimes goal.

Leading the march will be members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. When the fire siren sounds, homes wishing to make contributions are requested to leave porch lights burning as a signal so the town can be canvassed as rapidly as possible.

Elsewhere in the county, other events are being planned with proceeds earmarked for the dime drive.

Tonight's march by the volunteer army of women is even more significant for today is the birth date of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, founder of the March of Dimes.

Tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock, Otto School will be the scene of a second March of Dimes square dance. Harry Roberson, drive chairman in the Smithbridge Township, is in charge of the event and the music. Two weeks ago, a dance at the school raised approximately \$100 for the campaign.

Three events—two box suppers and cake walks and a square dance—will hold the entertainment spotlight on Saturday night.

Millsboro Township, led by Owen Ammons, township chairman, will sponsor a box supper and cake walk at the East Franklin School at 7:30 o'clock to finish raising the township's share of the county goal.

At the same hour another box supper and cake walk will get under way at the Union School, with the proceeds to be divided between the dime drive and the school.

Harry Roberson and his band and caller Joe Ed Wilson, will start things hopping in the Franklin High gymnasium at 8 o'clock at a square dance sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

School Supt. Holland McSwain, county chairman, expressed the hope this week that the series of events will push the county over its goal.

Rate Boost Given Telephone Concern

Auto Tag Deadline Saturday

Saturday is "the day", motorists—the deadline for buying 1953 automobile license plates.

After the deadline, operators of motor vehicles adorned with the state's new black and yellow tags will be open to arrest.

Where to buy them? At the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club, situated at the rear of the Western Auto Associate Store, Franklin.

After lagging far behind since they went on sale December 1, tag sales here finally have pulled almost up to last year's sales for a corresponding period, according to Verlon Swafford, local C.M.C. manager.

As of Tuesday afternoon new tag sales totaled 1,977 as compared with 1,991 for the same period last year, he said. The figure includes 1,222 automobile tags, 685 truck, 65 trailer, and five motorcycle.

Sales here in 1952 totaled 3,849.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

The week's cage tilts found Franklin High lads and lassies continuing to bowl over all opposition in the Smoky Mountain Conference; Nantahala splitting twin bills with Robbinsville and Murphy; and Highlands falling under the attack of Bryson City.

Last night (Wednesday), the Franklin teams locked horns in the Cullowhee gymnasium with the Cullowhee Stingarees. Outcome of the cage classic were not known at press time. A win by the Cullowhee lads, who were defeated by the local cagers earlier in the season, would throw the two teams in a tie for top spot in the conference.

Friday night in Murphy the Nantahala boys took a 45 to 37 licking, but the girls evened up the night's tilt by rolling over the Murphy girls, 33 to 11. However, Tuesday night the deal was reversed at Nantahala, the girls losing 49 to 26, the boys winning a close one 62 to 40.

In Franklin Friday night the local lads chalked up a one-side 73 to 30 victory over the Cherokee Indians and the girls continued undefeated with a 45 to 37 score.

Bryson City journeyed to Highlands Tuesday night and packed away both games. The boys won 59 to 18, the girls 25 to 19.

Blaze Destroys Can House In Shortoff Area

A small can house in the Shortoff section burned early Friday morning.

The owner, Jim Crawford, set his loss at \$3,000. Cause of the fire was undetermined, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, who investigated.

Baptist Committee's Quarterly Meeting Is Slated Tomorrow

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist promotions executive committee is scheduled to be held at the Longview Baptist Church tomorrow (Friday) at 7 p. m., the Rev. W. N. Cook, chairman, has announced.

Dr. Dumont Clark, of Farmers Federation, Lord's Acre Plan, will deliver the closing message. Representatives of Baptist churches throughout the county are expected to attend.

P. T. A. WILL MEET

The Chapel School (Negro) Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced.

50 Cents Increase On Residents; \$1.25 On Business

A 50-cent increase on residential and \$1.25 on business telephones has been granted the Western Carolina Telephone Company, which serves Franklin and Highlands.

Effective date for the rate hike is February 11, the first day of the company's billing month.

Announcement that the telephone company has been given the go-ahead for boosting its rates, was made yesterday (Wednesday) by the N. C. Utilities Commission, which has been studying a rate increase petition submitted by the company in October. A hearing on the petition, which met with considerable opposition here, was held by the commission in December.

The new rate schedule for Franklin and Highlands follows, the old rate appearing in parentheses:

RESIDENTIAL: one-party, \$4.75 (\$4.25); two-party, \$4 (\$3.50); four-party, \$3.50 (\$3); rural, \$3.50 (\$3).

BUSINESS: one-party, \$8.50 (\$7.25); two-party, \$7.25 (\$6); four-party, \$6.25 (\$5); rural, \$6.25 (\$5).

R. E. McKelvey, general manager of W.C.T.C., said the new increase will bring in an annual gross revenue of \$76,242, with a net revenue, after taxes, of \$36,758.

The utilities commission estimated the increase would give the company a six per cent return on its investment, he added.

In its original form the company's petition asked for an increase of \$1.25 per telephone unit. However, the petition was later amended to lower the one-party residential rate in Franklin, Highlands, Bryson City, and Sylva to 75 cents per unit.

Soon after the company announced its request for an increase, opposition from customers began mounting. The Franklin Chamber of Commerce board of directors submitted a resolution protesting the increase and several private citizens raised funds to send a lawyer to the December hearing to fight this area's case.

In addition to Franklin and Highlands, W.C.T.C. serves Bakersville, Bryson City, Burnsville, Cashiers, Cherokee, Cullowhee, Hayesville, Hot Springs, Marion, Mashall, Mars Hill, Sylva, and Weaverville.

Main Street Restaurant Is Bought By Saunders

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Saunders, former residents of this county, have bought The Coffee Shack here from Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Walker, and took over operation of the West Main Street restaurant last Friday.

The establishment will be known hereafter as Saunders' Cafe.

Mr. Saunders is a native of this county and Mrs. Saunders, the former Miss Bertha Smith, was reared here. They have made their home in Canton for about 25 years, where Mr. Saunders was employed by the Champion Paper and Fiber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have not announced their plans.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	57	42	.75
Thursday	59	28	...
Friday	53	36	.79
Saturday	55	33	.27
Sunday	34	24	.13
Monday	59	23	...
Tuesday	56	34	...
COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	59	38	...
Thursday	57	24	...
Friday	54	36	1.17
Saturday	47	38	.48
Sunday	38	23	...
Monday	58	20	...
Tuesday	56	28	...