

TOWN SETS ORDINANCE ON PARKING

Limits Harrison Avenue
Parking To One
Side Only

Congestion on Harrison Avenue—a first-class traffic bottleneck since US 23 was closed—has forced the Franklin Board of Aldermen to pass an ordinance limiting parking to one side of the avenue.

Under provisions of the new ordinance, it will be unlawful to park on the left side of the avenue leaving town, from Church to Bidwell Street.

The ordinance was the climax to a discussion centering around the traffic situation on the avenue during the board's regular session Monday night.

Harrison Avenue, which links the city with NC 28, became the main artery for traffic through Franklin when new construction closed US 23 east to Dillsboro this past October. All through traffic is now detouring over NC 28 to Bryson City and points east.

Several parked cars on the avenue have been side-swiped in recent months.

The avenue also was the topic of a letter to the board from Mrs. Herman Dean. In the letter she urged aldermen to "do something about it and maybe save a life."

Ramey Picked By W. C. T. C. As 'Teacher'

The title of "Mr. Student Teacher for 1952-53" at Western Carolina Teachers College has been placed upon Prince M. Ramey, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Ramey, of Franklin.

A senior and active campus leader, Mr. Ramey last fall was named to the 1952-53 Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

He is majoring in business education and mathematics and is serving this year as state secretary of the Future Teachers Association, an organization in which he has been quite active. At W.C.T.C. he is vice-president of the student body, chairman of the standards committee, a member of the judiciary committee, a student senator, and a member of Alpha Phi Sigma.

Colleges throughout the state with teacher education programs annually select "Mr. and Mrs. Student Teachers" to attend the North Carolina Education Association convention. Mr. Ramey will be presented to the N.C.E.A. meeting in Asheville in March along with representatives from other colleges in the area.

SING SLATED

The second Sunday sing is planned at 1:30 p. m. at the Double Churches, Carter W. Henson, president, has announced.



The undefeated Franklin High lassies are occupying the No. 1 spot in the eastern division of the Smoky Mountain Conference and appear likely to end up as conference queens when the east-west tournament winds up in Bryson City next month. The lassies are (l. to r.), front row, Evelyn Dean, Shirley Dean, Margaret Crawford, Jody Lenoir, Jean Duvall, Ruth Brown, Audrey Gibson; back row, Annette Dalrymple, Elaine Nicholson, Betty Smith, Anna Setser, Mildred Corbin, Nancy Ramsey, and Fennis Pruett.

MACON VET FIRST TRAINEE

Buchanan Approved For
Korean Farm Training
Program

Neville O. Buchanan, of the Tesenta community, Monday became the first man in the 15 mountain counties to enter the Korean veterans' farm training program.

He was approved for training here last week by B. L. Lunsford, Jr., of Asheville, assistant supervisor of the program in the western district.

Mr. Buchanan, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buchanan, will operate his father's 77-acre farm through lease agreement under the supervision of George Hunnicutt, program instructor, and Wayne Proffitt, Franklin High vocational agricultural teacher. His two years of service entitle him to the maximum of 36 months training under the program, which is the same as the one set up for World War II veterans.

Eighty-three World War II veterans are now in training here, according to Mr. Proffitt, and a one time 220 were enrolled.

ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. T. W. Porter, Sr., Miss Laura Jones, and W. N. Sloan attended the quarterly meeting of the Western North Carolina Historical Association in Asheville on Saturday.

BILL BEING PREPARED FOR FIRE PROTECTION

A solution to the problem of rural fire protection in this county may come from Raleigh if a bill now being prepared here receives the approval of the general assembly.

The Town of Highlands this week took the initiative in the fire protection issue by authorizing Town Attorney J. Horner Stockton to prepare a bill setting up a cooperative plan between the county, towns, and communities.

A delegation from Highlands, led by Mayor W. H. Cobb, Monday requested a donation from the county to buy a fire truck for use in Highlands and in the county. The request was turned down by the board of county commissioners. Recently, Franklin aldermen were unsuccessful in selling the county on a joint county-town fire protection scheme.

Mr. Stockton said yesterday the proposed bill would authorize the county government to give financial assistance to towns and rural communities in a joint fire protection set-up. He said it will be sent to Rep. Walter Dean for introduction in the house.

As things stand now, rural residents have no assured fire protection from the county. The burden of protecting both the town and the county is being shouldered as a "moral" obligation by the Franklin volunteer fire department and its lone fire truck.

'Uncle Ham' 102-Year-Old Ex-Slave Dies On Thursday

"Uncle Ham" Penland is dead!

The 102-year-old ex-slave, who not too many months ago stopped hoeing in his garden long enough to be interviewed by a Press newsmen, died early last Thursday afternoon of pneumonia at his rustic frame house in the Cat Creek section where he had lived for more than 65 years with memories of the Civil War and early Macon County history.

In his death, the county has lost a very colorful figure. His extreme age, although affecting his sight and hearing, failed to dull his razor-sharp memory.

"Uncle Ham" could always be counted upon to spin his yarns about his days as a youngster in slavery and how things were in Franklin "back yonder". One of his favorite stories centered around a visit by a Union scouting party at the outset of the war between the states.

"Uncle Ham", whose full name was Wade Hampton Penland, used to be a familiar sight in Franklin and his claim to fame was his reputation for being a hard worker. By his own admission, through the years he had worked for about everybody from "here to the

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POLIO DIMES ROLLING IN

McSwain Says Donations
Total \$1,527.49; To
End Saturday

Polio-fighting dimes poured slowly but steadily into County School Supt. Holland McSwain's office this week as Macon moved closer to its \$3,500 March of Dimes goal.

Mr. McSwain, who is heading the drive, yesterday (Wednesday) said donations totaled \$1,527.49, with only two of the county's 11 townships reporting complete collections.

The figure, he said, includes \$320 raised in Franklin last Thursday night during a "Mother's March on Polio", led by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Mr. McSwain added that he hoped to wind up the drive by Saturday.

A box supper and cake walk, with proceeds going to the dimes drive, is planned Saturday at 7 p. m. at the Cowee School.

2 ENLIST IN NAVY

Roy B. Keener, of Franklin, and James R. Bryson, of Cullasaja, enlisted in the navy in January, according to an announcement from the Asheville recruiting office.

BACK FROM FAR EAST

Pfc. Donald B. Owenby, of Franklin, Route 3, has returned home after six months with the 224th Infantry Regiment, 40th division, in the Far East.

Revised Negro Plans Approved

Prison Land Bids Opened Here Tuesday

Winton E. Perry and Grover Jamison, Sr., were high bidders for two tracts of prison property land fronting Harrison Avenue put up for sale by the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Bids for the property were opened Tuesday morning at the state Highway garage here by A. E. Snelson and George Clayton, of the 10th highway division right-of-way department in Asheville.

Mr. Perry bid \$16,312 for a 13.6-acre tract. The second highest bid for this tract, \$10,126, was submitted by M. L. Dowdle. A bid of \$1,155 made Mr. Jamison high bidder for the other tract, 3.85 acres.

Final approval of the bids is up to the commission.

A total of 10 bids were received.

Attorney Authorized To Settle Disputed Land With May Heirs

County School Supt. Holland McSwain told the county board of education Monday morning the revised plans for the new Chapel (Negro) School have been approved by Raleigh officials.

The superintendent and board member J. C. Sorrells drove to Raleigh Monday of last week to discuss the proposed school with state education officials.

Mr. McSwain said construction will start on the new building as soon as the architect and contractor discuss final arrangements.

When bids ran more than \$30,000 above the \$40,000 allocation, school officials here began revising plans to bring costs down. By eliminating a proposed wing on the building and reducing classroom size, the contractor's bid of \$51,700 was cut \$12,000, lowering the overall cost to \$58,862.29. In December, the board of county commissioners assured an additional \$18,000 in the 1953-54 budget, to go with the \$40,000 already on hand for the school's construction.

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Scout Week Observance Is Planned

Franklin Boy Scouts have several special things on tap to celebrate scouting's 43rd birthday during Scout Week, February 6 to 12.

A scouting exhibit, emphasizing knot tying and mineralogy, went on display today (Thursday) at Belk's Department Store.

On Sunday, all local Scouts plan to attend church in full uniform in observance of "Scout Sunday".

And on Monday night, parents and troop committeemen will be special guests of the Scouts at a covered dish supper at Slagle Memorial at 6:30 o'clock. A program of Scout skills and stunts will be handled by the junior Scout leaders.

4 Franklin Men Sign Air Force

Four Franklin men — George E. Curtis, Verlin L. Curtis, Clinton E. Campbell, and Lester D. Norton—enlisted in the U. S. Air Force last week, according to Sgt. Clay Hensley, local army-air force recruiter.

The recruiter is in Franklin Tuesday of each week at Angel's Drug Store.

SUPPER CANCELLED

The supper meeting of the local unit of the N. C. Education Association, scheduled Monday night at Franklin High, was cancelled because of the illness of the guest speaker, D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville newspaper executive and vice-chairman of the State Board of Education.

Livestock Auction Yards Are Leased

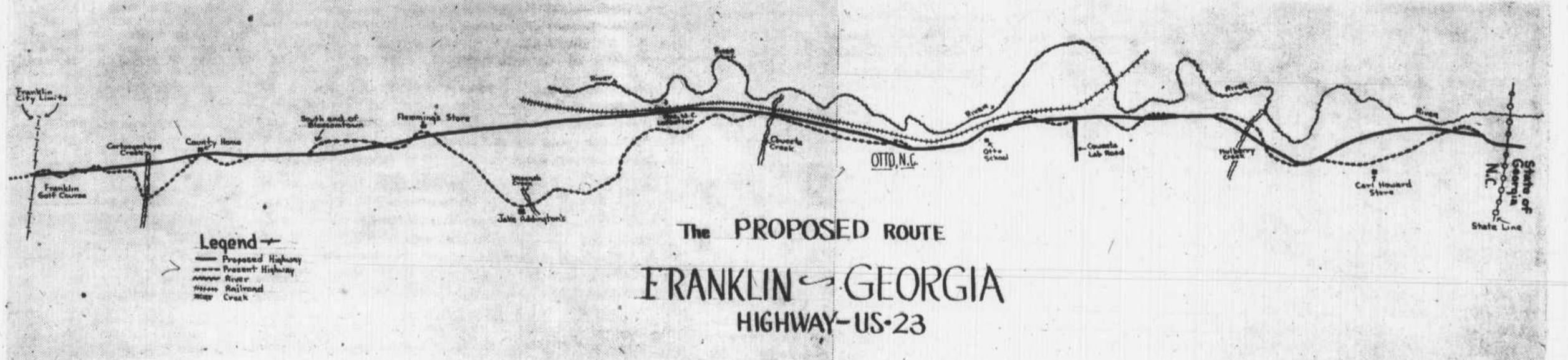
Lease of the Franklin Livestock Auction yards, just off the Georgia road, by George Gibson, of Franklin, and King brothers, of Murphy, was announced the last of last week. The yard was leased from the former operator, B. V. McCoy.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures:			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	59	40	.43
Thursday	48	19	.....
Friday	55	19	.....
Saturday	61	34	.....
Sunday	60	43	.02
Monday	61	28	.....
Tuesday	60	28	.....

COWEETA			
Temperatures:			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	49	45	.695
Thursday	49	17	.....
Friday	53	17	.....
Saturday	59	31	.....
Sunday	61	42	.053
Monday	58	27	.....
Tuesday	60	27	.....



Shown above is a rough sketch of the proposed highway from Franklin to the Georgia state line (US 23). In late 1951, the state allocated \$450,000 from surplus highway funds for the project. Yesterday (Wednesday) state highway officials were here for a preliminary survey of the 15-

mile stretch. In the above sketch, taken from a highway department map posted in the county courthouse, a number of curves have been exaggerated to better show the location of the present and proposed highways. Also, the Little Tennessee River and the Tallulah Falls Railroad have been

drawn in at points where they approach the highways to better illustrate the routes. Construction already has started on US 23 from Franklin east to Cowee Gap at the Jackson County line.