

CLUB WILL NAME 'MAN' AT BANQUET

Jaycees Slate Event Monday; Asheville Man Speaker

The "Young Man of the Year" in Macon County, whose identity still is a secret, will be honored for outstanding service to his community by the Franklin Jaycees at the organization's anniversary banquet Monday evening at Slagle Memorial Building.

Gene Ochsenreiter, of Asheville, who recently received the "Young Man of the Year" award

Franklin Jaycees met with several men in Highlands last (Wednesday) night with a view to organizing a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Highlands. The Franklin club also is in the process of helping Bryson City set up a junior chamber, according to Jack Ragan, president.

in Buncombe County, will be the principal speaker.

A Distinguished Service Award Key will be presented to Macon's "young man" by Dwight Baty, of Waynesville, vice-president of the first Jaycee district.

While the local Jaycees are giving the award, the selection of a recipient is being worked through other civic organizations. A special committee composed of Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent, H. W. Cabe, of the Bank of Franklin, and W. W. Reeves, Franklin merchant, is now studying nominations made by the various groups.

Civic groups making nominations for the award have been asked by the Jaycees to make see NO. 1, PAGE 12

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

GOODBYE OL' DOBBIN . . . proof that the horse is having a tough time competing with vehicles . . . a team of equines (that's horses) found the steep end of Bidwell Street too much for iron-shod animals to pull Monday and Max Parrish and a tractor came to the rescue, giving the horses and wagon a shove up the hill, which proved most embarrassing to the horses, no doubt . . .

FACE LIFTINGS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT . . . the Children's Shop is wearing a new coat of paint inside . . . last month's playful wind storm, which took time out in Franklin to cut its teeth on the awnings at Belk's Department Store, has some new material to chew on at the store. New awnings went up Monday . . . the Jamison Building, which took a trip on rollers last month from Main Street to East Palmer, is being readied for a new enterprise, Macon Bargain Store. The gentlemen opening the store are not ready to reveal plans and the like, but everyone in town knows who they are . . .

TIP OF THE WEEK . . . if flu and runny noses had commercial value, Franklin would be worth a million . . . the new Gas-For-Less station on West Palmer Streets, reported to have the largest underground storage tank in the county . . .

IT'S SCOUT WEEK . . . and leaders are out working toward the \$800 goal for the local boys . . . there also is talk of organizing a new troop at Nantahala . . . this is one annual drive that has paid dividends through the years . . .

GROUND HOG DAY . . . and the old argument still rages over whether it's February 2 or February 14 . . . old timers in the mountains here say the 14th . . . IF it's the 2nd, then the little prophet saw his shadow; what the 14th has in store is still a guess . . . which reminds one of the story of the young and beautiful girl who asked her magic mirror one morning, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the fairest one of all?" To which the mirror replied, "You are, my dear, but don't pay any attention to me, I'm CRACKED."

Mrs. Bulgin Is Selected PTA Prexy

Mrs. John Bulgin is the new president of the Franklin Parent-Teacher Association. She will preside at the next meeting, set for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school.

Mrs. Bulgin, a former secretary and long active in the association, was selected by a committee that was named to find a successor to Mrs. Edgar Angel, who resigned at the December meeting.

The Monday meeting will be devoted to observation to Founders' Day, Mrs. Weimar Jones, district P. T. A. director, has been asked to conduct the program.

The Founders' Day meeting will honor past presidents of the Franklin association, and all past presidents are especially invited, Mrs. Bulgin said.

NORTON DIES OF INJURIES

Young Macon Native Succumbs Monday In Oregon

Clyde Norton, 22-year-old Macon County native, died Monday night of injuries received Sunday afternoon in an automobile accident in Roseburg, Ore.

The young man's wife, his father, J. P. Norton, his brother, J. P. (Pat) Norton, Jr., and his sister, Mrs. Mary Sue Phillips, left here Sunday night for Oregon after learning of the accident.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, and members of the family said services will be conducted here.

Mr. Norton had been working on the coast for several months.

6 Local Students Make Honor List

Six Macon County students at Western Carolina Teachers College made the honor roll for the fall quarter, the college registrar has announced.

Miss Barbara Gribble, of Franklin, and Mrs. Wilma Gordon, of Highlands, qualified for the Alpha (A) honor roll, while Lester Arnold, John W. Edwards, and Miss Mary Jane Crawford and Selma Josephine Dalton made the Beta (B) honor list.

FINDS URANIUM ORE

Dr. William A. Matthews reports that uranium ore has been found in a pegmatite seam on his property near Highlands falls. This is said to be the first uranium ore found on the Highlands Plateau and has been identified by the government as euxenite. Dr. Matthews added that this euxenite has not yet been found in sufficient quantity to be mined commercially.

Can Macon Have Fair Without Carnival?

Can a county fair be successfully held without a midway operated by an imported carnival?

Discussion of that question highlighted a meeting of Jaycees and agricultural workers last Thursday evening at the Agricultural Building.

Taking part in the discussion was A. Q. Ketner, of Murphy, field representative of Coble Dairies. Mr. Ketner, former county agent in Cherokee, explained that he has been active in operation of the Cherokee County Fair for the past 17 years.

He answered the question flatly: "No".

He added that the only way to build a fair is to ignore the criticism of the carnival almost sure to come from "preachers and newspapers".

J. P. Brady, chairman of a Junior Chamber of Commerce committee recently named to investigate the possibilities of a fair here, outlined a tentative program prepared by the committee. He explained that it is not the purpose of the Jaycees themselves to operate a fair,



When the Franklin High male cagers step into the eastern division tournament of the Smoky Mountain Conference tomorrow (Friday) night against Webster their hopes will be riding with (L to R) Ray Henry and Tommy Raby, the team's high-scoring for the season. Henry will move into the tournament as second best with 189 points and Raby with the top scoring honors, 208 points. The tournament will be played in the Swain High gymnasium.

Franklin Girls Take Crown; Boys Going To Tournament

Cage Men Will Meet Webster; Lassies Ruled Out

Franklin High's high-flying cage men will make their opening bid for the Smoky Mountain Conference eastern division crown Friday night against Webster as tournament play moves into high gear in the Swain High gymnasium in Bryson City.

But the high school's undefeated girls' team, which has been raising eyebrows in the division this season with its high-scoring antics, will be sitting the tournament out.

A ruling this year prohibits girls from playing in "regional" tournaments. However, there is talk here of a county tournament for the girls from Franklin, Highlands, and Nantahala.

The Franklin-Webster game will tip off at 8 o'clock and if the local lads tuck away the game they will take on the winner of the Nantahala-Robbinsville tilt. And if victory again smiles upon them they will meet the winner of the Cullowhee-Andrews clash.

Tournament play will move see NO. 3, PAGE 12

Girls Win 14th Game For Top Spot In Division Play

The eastern division Smoky Mountain Conference crown landed squarely on the heads of the Franklin High lassies here Tuesday night when they rolled to their 14th straight victory.

Bryson City's female cagers failed to stop, or even slow down, the crown-bound local



A blonde, high-scoring lassie has been largely responsible for the smash success of the Franklin High girls, who won their 14th straight game here Tuesday night against Bryson City to take the eastern division Smoky Mountain Conference crown. She is pictured above—introducing, Jody Lenoir, who split the strings this season with 240 points.

lassies, who more than doubled the score—75 to 37. Audrey Gibson paced the girls to the one-sided win with 26 markers, closely followed by the team's high-scorer, Jody Lenoir, who split the strings for 21 points and pushed her season total to 240.

The Franklin lads pulled an even more one-sided victory by chalking up a 76 to 32 score to see NO. 4, PAGE 12

Influenza Hits Here; Not Serious

Wide awake and active Mr-con County peered miserably through red and cold-bleary eyes this week as influenza and its bosom pals, "down-and-out-feeling" and "runny nose" moved in to slow down business and social activity.

Despite the fact that local drug stores have been doing a stirring business in cold remedies and doctors have been kept on the move making house calls and giving shots and pills, the situation at present is nowhere near the epidemic stage, according to health officials.

Children apparently are not suffering from colds as much as adults. Among grown-ups in Franklin this week it was conceded that "I'm taking the flu" or "I'm think I'm going to live now."

Spotty absenteeism was noted in the schools for the past several days but County School Supt. Holland McSwain said yesterday (Wednesday) that attendance was only "slightly below normal".

Although other schools seem to be weathering the storm, Cowee School is reeling under the punch of colds and flu. Normal daily attendance at the school is about 300—Friday 102 children were absent, Monday and Tuesday about 105 and Wednesday the number went up to 120, officials at the school have reported. But as the situation stands now the school will continue to operate unless the spread becomes worse.

On Friday some 45 absentees were reported at Union School, but most of the children were back in school Monday, the school superintendent said.

Dr. Leo P. McCampbell, of Sylva, health officer for Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, said Tuesday that unless the spread of influenza becomes more pronounced here no steps will be taken by the health department to close schools and public meeting places. The doctor said schools had to be closed in Swain last week but that Macon and Jackson apparently were not as hard-hit by influenza as neighboring Swain.

A general slow-down in business in Franklin Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday was blamed by a number of merchants on flu.

The Cowee Parent-Teacher Association, which had its regular meeting scheduled tonight, postponed it to next Thursday night because of illness in the community.

TAX MAN COMING

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the register of deeds office, in the courthouse here, February 25 and 26, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., to assist taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns, the service has announced.

SALE PLANNED

A bake sale, sponsored by the St. Agnes Episcopal Auxiliary, is planned tomorrow (Friday) at the Children's Shop beginning at 9 a. m., it has been announced.

Says Teen-Age School Bus Drivers Safer Than Adults

Much has been written in recent months about the danger of permitting teen-agers to drive, but the experience of North Carolina with school bus drivers indicates that teen-agers are safer drivers than adults.

Of the 7,000 drivers operating school buses in this state last year, only about 10 per cent, or 700, were adults, but those 700 adults were involved in one-fourth of all the bus accidents, Carroll Angel told the Franklin Rotary club at its dinner meeting at the Slagle Memorial Building last Wednesday evening. Mr. Angel, of Burnsville, is field representative of the state's Highway Safety Division.

He cited two factors as explaining the better safety record of the teen-age bus drivers. In the first place, he said, the salary of the school bus driver is too low to attract capable adults. The pay in Ma-

3 19-Year-Olds In Draft Group

Survey Shows Lifting Of Wage-Price Curbs Means Little

The lifting of controls on wages and salaries and the removal of price curbs on thousands of consumer items by President Eisenhower Saturday apparently will have little effect in Macon County.

A cross-section survey of several of the county's larger businesses and stores indicated that things will go on pretty much as they have in the past.

Merchants pointed out that even with price curbs, prices on consumer goods here have "always been below" the ceiling prices. Most of them felt that the price will come down on some items, rather than go up.

As for wages and salaries, the survey indicated that employees are making just about as much as the traffic can bear now and those questioned said no wage and salary increases were in the immediate future.

The executive order abolishing all federal controls over wages and salaries and removed price curbs from thousands of items, including restaurant meals, clothing, furniture, and household goods.

MUSIC HEAD RESIGNS JOB

Murray Accepts Post With Baptist Church In Fayetteville

Orval Murray, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, is resigning his post here to accept a music minister's position with the Trinity Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

His resignation is effective March 9. Mr. Murray, who came here in September, 19 1, said he and his wife and their small child will leave for Fayetteville on March 10.

In addition to his duties with the church, Mr. Murray was instrumental in the formation of the Macon County Chorus, composed of home demonstration club women, and is director of the choral group.

The Fayetteville church to which he is going was organized by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, present pastor of the Baptist church here.

SUPPER PLANNED

A box supper, sponsored by the Carson Chapel Methodist Youth Fellowship, is planned Saturday night at the Cartoogechaye School at 8 o'clock, it has been announced.

BANQUET PLANNED

A "Sweetheart Banquet" for members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club and their husbands and dates is slated tonight (Thursday) at Slagle Memorial Building at 7:30 o'clock.

Large Contingent Sent For Induction; March Call Received

A 17-man draft contingent—including three 19-year-olds—was sent to Knoxville, Tenn., Tuesday morning for induction into the army.

Not only was it the largest to leave this county in more than a year, but the contingent was the first one listing 19-year-olds since World War II, indicating that the local board is dipping deeper into its manpower pool.

The three 19-year-olds are Morris Eugene Vinson, Lawton James Brown, and Frank Arthur McCall. Other inductees were Paul Duvall, Jack Sheridan McCoy, George Harold Moore, Jr., William Homer Grant, Richard Delano Potts, Charles William McKay, Ray Mason, Ernest Calhoun Dendy, John Leonard Tippet, Rufus Leonard Hall, Odell Eugene Vinson, Edwin C. Hall, Max Buchanan, and James Dock Parrish. McCoy, Moore, and Grant volunteered for induction, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary.

While Tuesday's call was large, the one received by the board for March is the reverse, asking for three men on March 9 for induction and 22 for pre-induction examinations.

Twenty-two went to Knoxville Tuesday for pre-induction examinations.

Dimes Drive Nears Goal

March of Dimes contributions this week totaled \$2,380.38 with all but two of the county's 11 townships reporting. County School Supt. Holland McSwain, county chairman, announced Tuesday.

The county's goal is \$3,500, which leaves \$1,119.62 still to be raised if it is to be reached. Highlands and Flats had not turned in contributions to the drive chairman Tuesday.

Amounts raised by the other nine townships follow: Millsboro, \$187.07; Ellijay, \$65.64; Sugarfork, \$53.90; Smithbridge, \$292; Cartoogechaye, \$150.80; Nantahala, \$87.10; Burningtown, \$20.65; Cowee, \$246; and Franklin, \$1,277.22.

Several of the townships raised their proportionate shares of the goal through benefit square dances and box suppers.

Dimes also have been coming in from schools, organizations, and businesses. Macon Theatre raised \$101.63; Veterans of Foreign Wars, \$91.35; Franklin Junior Woman's Club through the "Mother's March on Polio", \$320; Franklin schools, \$201.01; Van Raalte, \$50; Cartoogechaye School, \$130.49; Iotlia School, \$33.15; Cullasaja School, \$71.58; and East Franklin School, \$141.40.

BEING RELEASED

Pfc. Bobby J. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Myers, of Franklin, is scheduled to be released from active duty tomorrow (Friday) at Camp Atterbury, Ind., where he is serving with the 31st Infantry Division, the Army Home Town News Center announced this week.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	55	33	....
Thursday	51	16	....
Friday	44	40	.35
Saturday	50	41	.17
Sunday	50	26	....
Monday	63	18	....
Tuesday	67	28	....
COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	54	30	....
Thursday	49	16	....
Friday	45	39	.45
Saturday	50	40	.30
Sunday	51	27	....
Monday	61	17	....
Tuesday	61	26	....