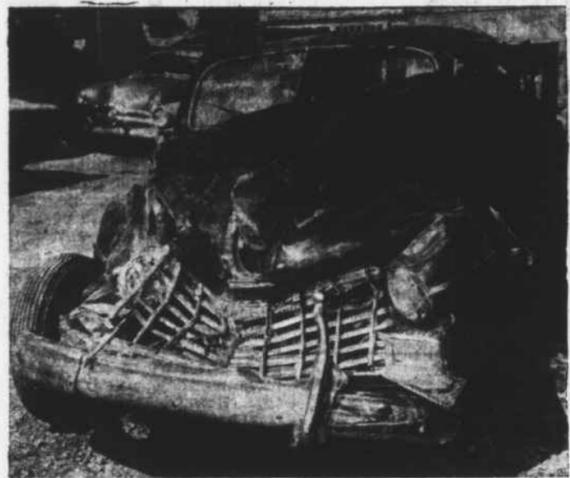


Plant Will Be Constructed Near Franklin



DEATH CAR Macon's second highway fatality of 1954 was recorded Monday when a 16-year-old Jackson County youth died of injuries received in the above pictured automobile wreck. The automobile was demolished in a plunge down an embankment on NC 28 near Highlands.

Jackson Youth Dies Monday Of Wreck Injuries In Macon

Macon's second traffic fatality of 1954 was recorded at 1:15 p. m. Monday when a 16-year-old Jackson County youth died at Angel Hospital of injuries received in a one-car wreck Sunday night near Highlands.

One of four passengers in the car, Walter C. Calloway, 25, of Highlands, is in a "critical" condition at the hospital, but is expected to recover, the hospital reported yesterday (Wednesday).

The victim was identified as Eulas Eugene Coggins, of Cullowhee, Erastus Route.

Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson said the driver of the car, Fred Homer Stewart, 34, of Cullowhee, Erastus Route, left the scene of the accident and was apprehended at Glenville Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff Frank Allen. Uninjured, he is in the Macon jail charged with drunk driving, manslaughter, and driving after having his license revoked, the patrolman said. He also reported Stewart has had three previous drunk driving convictions.

Also injured in the mishap, which occurred about 10:30 in a curve on NC 28 five miles south of Highlands, was Lyle Junior Coggins, 16, also of Cullowhee, Erastus Route. He received a fractured right arm, back injuries, and cuts about the face, Patrolman Ferguson said.

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Ramsey Taking Agent Position

Albert Ramsey, Iotla beef cattle raiser, will report October 18 to his new post as assistant T.V.A. agent for Madison, Yancey, Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga counties.

He will make Burnsville his headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and their young daughter plan to move October 15.



HEADING FOR THE FAIR—Macon 4-H clubbers are hard at work making baskets for a special exhibit at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh October 18-23. Caught weaving Saturday, they are (L to R) Miss Carolyn Cochran, Miss Nancy Cable, Hugh Blaine, Otis Stiwinter, and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson, of the Carson community, one of several adult instructors.

WHERE WILL THIS END?

(Editorial)

A private business that permitted its employees to elect their own bosses wouldn't last long. In the public business, such a policy makes even less sense.

Yet that is exactly what happened here last week.

The board of education is the top administrative agency in the county school system. In cooperation with the school committees and the county superintendent, it hires and fires school principals and teachers. And it lays down policies and makes regulations. The principals and teachers work under the direction of that board.

Yet, when the county Democratic executive committee last week filled a vacancy on the board of education, school employees took part in the selection. Of the eight committee votes cast for the man chosen, two were cast by school employees — a principal and a teacher.

Just because a man is in the teaching profession is no reason to bar him from participation in politics. But by their failure to step aside and take no part in this particular action of the Democratic committee, they betrayed a shocking lack of sense of what is proper.

The situation is called to public attention for the reason that now there is a second vacancy on the board of education. Are these school employees to help elect another of their bosses? And what if there should be a third and even a fourth vacancy? Where is this thing going to end?

EDITOR SPEAKS TO ROTARIANS

Newspapers Discussed By Russ As Feature Of National Week

"Newspapers today are more than mere mirrors that reflect the life of a community onto a sheet of printed paper," W. Curtis Russ, of Waynesville, told the Franklin Rotary Club at its meeting last (Wednesday) night.

"Newspapers are alive, and hold that community mirror at such an angle, and under such conditions, that every public act is permanently recorded."

The address of Mr. Russ, who is editor and co-publisher of The Waynesville Mountaineer and a past president of the N. C. Press Association, was a feature of the observance here of National Newspaper Week, October 1-8. Earlier in the day, The Franklin Press had held "open house." A newspaper program also will be presented at the next meeting of the Franklin Lions Club.

Newspapers, Mr. Russ pointed out are "the sole medium making a complete and unbiased daily history of the community. This history not only serves today, and serves well, but will prove valuable to future leaders in mapping the course of progress and prosperity."

"Today's newspapers are serving as a community laboratory for bringing to light the truth from the mass of false rumors. People today follow the guidance of newspaper presentation of facts, rather than mediums of sensational and fantastic yarns of the impossible."

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NEARS END OF BASIC

Pvt. Jerry J. Love, son of Mrs. Robert C. Love, of Pontiac, Mich., formerly of this county, is nearing completion of basic infantry training at Fort Leonard Wood with a unit of the 6th Armored Division, it has been announced.

Archer Quits School Board

John M. Archer, Jr., has resigned from the Macon County Board of Education—the second to take this action in recent weeks.

Mr. Archer, president of Nantahala Power and Light Company, said business reasons forced his resignation. He explained he will have to spend considerable time out of town for the next few months on company business and would not be available for board meetings.

He is the second board member to resign within a month for business reasons. A. A. Siler resigned three weeks ago because the firm for which he works—Macon Construction Company—submitted bids for school construction in this county.

Appointment of Mr. Archer's successor rests with the local Democratic executive committee. This committee last week named Morgan Shatley to Mr. Siler's seat on the five-man board.

Mr. Archer was not a candidate for renomination in the May primary and was serving his first term on the board.

NOT THE SAME MAN

The Frank Burnett charged with a crime against nature in Superior Court this past term is not Frank Burnett, of Franklin, Route 3. The charged man is serving a sentence at the Macon Prison Camp.

LEAVES HERE SUNDAY

As Macon's Delegate To United Nations

Macon's "delegate" to the United Nations left Sunday for New York City.

She is Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, of Cullasaja, who is one of 104 home demonstration women from North Carolina spending this week at the UN and touring other points of interest in New York and Washington, D. C.

Elected by the local H. D. county council to represent Macon on the 1954 study tour, Mrs. Bryson left early Sunday morning for Raleigh to join the other "delegates" for the trip north.

"Naturally I'm very thrilled to be making the trip," the former Cullasaja postmaster and active H. D. leader confided as she packed for the trip Saturday afternoon.

Washington will be no stranger to Mrs. Bryson, who has visited there at postmaster conventions. There are points, however, that she did not get to see then and they are on her list this time.

"We attended meetings all day at the convention and had little time for sightseeing," she explained.

New York will be a different proposition for her: "I can hardly wait!"

Among others, the women will hear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Sen. Frank P. Graham, SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12

Burlington Mills Hosiery Mill To Cost Three Million

ACTIONS ON BUILDINGS POSTPONED

School Board Sets October 18 As Date To Make Decisions

October 18 has been set by the Macon County Board of Education as the date to act on the perplexing problem of how to finance lunchrooms at Cowee and Otto and the Franklin gymnasium.

The board's problem is simply this: It is still \$77,423.14 short of having enough money to construct the three buildings, even after cutting costs on the proposed gymnasium and investigating the cost of building less elaborate lunchrooms with local labor and budget funds.

After an unsuccessful meeting Monday morning with the Board of County Commissioners to "beg or borrow" enough money, as member Morgan Shatley put it, the school board set the 18th as the time it will take action. The board has until the 22nd to accept or reject the bids for the buildings.

When the bids were opened two weeks ago, the board was faced with a shortage of \$120,827.27 in meeting the low bidders' figures for construction of the two lunchrooms and the gymnasium. Of the total of \$157,423.14 needed to construct the gymnasium, \$105,000 is on hand. Bids for the two lunchrooms total \$68,404.13.

In cutting the amount needed to build the three units, the board estimates the two lunchrooms could be built by local day labor for roughly \$26,000—a savings of about \$42,000 over the bids, although the lunchrooms will not be as complete as drawn in the original plans.

A ventilating system for the gymnasium was sacrificed for roughly \$1,000.

So, it was with this problem hanging heavy over its head that the board went into regular session Monday morning with three members present—Chairman J. C. Sorrells, Claude W. Cabe, and Morgan Shatley. The resignation of John M. Archer, Jr., from the board was SEE NO. 4, PAGE 12

A hosiery plant involving an ultimate investment of some three million dollars is to be erected just outside Franklin by Burlington Mills Corporation, world's largest textile concern.

This was announced here yesterday (Wednesday) jointly by Frank B. Duncan, chairman of the Macon Industrial Committee, and W. W. Reeves, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Plans call for grading to begin within a matter of days on the plant site just off US 23-441 (south) on part of the old Johnston sub-division, three-fourths of a mile outside the city limits.

The textile concern hopes to have the plant completed and in operation by spring, according to Mr. Duncan.

Ultimately, more than 300 persons will be employed at the plant with a ratio of about 65 per cent women and 35 per cent men, it is reported.

Yesterday's announcement capped several weeks of negotiating and laying preliminary ground work between Burlington Mills officials and local officials, businessmen, and civic leaders. Plant officials have flown here several times for conferences. On these trips the men have studied the county and the area from the standpoint of plant location, construction cost, labor supply, available water and power facilities, and transportation.

An expenditure of two million dollars is proposed now, with a million-dollar expansion in the cards for the future.

Employees will be put to work as rapidly as they can be hired and trained, it was said. It is anticipated by company officials that 300 will be at work in the plant 18 months from now.

Giving Plant Site

The tract of approximately 30 acres on which the plant is to be built, is being secured by the Chamber of Commerce for presentation to Burlington Mills.

Yesterday, Mr. Reeves reported a campaign to raise approximately \$30,000 to purchase the land is "coming along nicely." He emphasized that Burlington Mills did not ask for the land, but that local businessmen thought it would be a gesture indicating to the textile concern "we really want them here."

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Youngsters' Will Gather On Sunday

Reminiscing will be the keynote Sunday afternoon at the Franklin Methodist Church when nearly 50 of Macon's young-in-heart gather for their annual "Fellowship Hour."

The church-sponsored event for all over 65 years is set for 2:30 and will be featured by hymn singing, refreshments, and prizes for the "youngest" those traveling the longest distance to attend, and the one with the largest family.

While the "hour" is for those over 65, Mrs. Effie Perry, publicity chairman, said everyone is invited to attend and make the afternoon a success for the "youngsters."

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The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Sept. 29	87	49
Thursday	89	58
Friday	81	62 .021
Saturday	89	62 .02
Sunday	88	53
Monday	89	54
Tuesday	91	57

HIGHLANDS		
Temperature		
	High	Low
Tues., Sept. 28	76	47
Wednesday	80	50
Thursday	77	61 .03
Friday	73	64
Saturday	76	51 trace
Sunday	81	46
Monday	83	54