



THE LATEST MODELS in fire extinguishers will be sold beginning Saturday by members of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department as a fund raising project. Pictured are John Crawford (left) and Reid Womack (right) showing businessman Terrell Holman three of the types being offered.

Franklin Firemen To Kick Off Extinguisher Sale Saturday To Raise Respirator Money

A Couple Of The Tippett Men Starting Race With Other To Walk Again

A couple of the men folk in the Lee Tippett family in Franklin are taking walking lessons all over again. They are father Lee and son Eddie, and they are making something of a game out of it. "Kinda racing to see who can beat the other learning to walk," is how 11-year-old Eddie explains it. Right now both are depending upon the aid of crutches, but before long father Lee hopes to have the feel of his new artificial leg and son Eddie plans to forget about his broken leg. That's where the racing comes in, which one is going to get rid of his crutches first. Mr. Tippett, a well-known mechanic, had his leg crushed October 2, 1951, by a bulldozer tread as he was testing the machine near his shop. The leg never was quite right after that, and after months and months of treatment and a half dozen operations it was amputated this past July. Since then he has been wearing an artificial leg. On December 21 he got it and says he is "doing fine" outside to walk on it. Eddie on the other hand, had his leg troubles begin when he and his bicycle this brakes failed, tumbled with a pick-up truck near his home in mid-August. The leg has been out of the cast about six weeks, but he still has to rely on crutches to navigate any distance. He did, however, make a recent trip to Knoxville, Tenn. without them. "I think I'm going to get rid of my crutches before he does," the Franklin fifth grader feels. "You'll get a good race, son," his father assures.



They've Got A Walking Race

Houk Takes House Seat in Raleigh

Macon's representative to the 1955 legislature, G. L. Houk, filled Seat 88 in the house yesterday Wednesday as the session officially opened in Raleigh. The Franklin attorney and his wife left for the capital city Tuesday morning. They are living at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel temporarily. Mr. Houk said he plans to return to Franklin over most of the week ends. In a special interview last week the representative said he had no specific legislation in mind for Macon, and would favor permissive rather than mandatory legislation on any local issues.

McGuire Named To Duke Power Board Position

William B. McGuire, a native of Franklin and assistant general counsel of Duke Power Company, has been named to the company's board of directors. The son of Mrs. Margaret B. McGuire, he joined Duke Power after graduating from Duke University Law School in 1933. Mr. McGuire and his wife, the former Miss Grace Robinson, of Charlotte, and their four children make their home in Charlotte.

Mr. McGuire is a past president of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association, a member of the North Carolina State Bar and the North Carolina State Bar Association, American



Mr. McGuire

Bar Association, American Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternities, member of the Civil and Military Alpha Club, and a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and served as the chairman of a local committee.

RECEIPTS UP IN FRANKLIN

Post Office Does Better Than \$2,000 More Than In '53

Postal receipts for 1954 at the Franklin Post Office were up slightly more than \$2,000 over the previous year because of the receipt of two rural delivery mail subscriptions, one of which was a rural route according to Postmaster John V. Meadows.

With the total of the year 1954 receipts totaled \$347,421.12, compared with \$426,030.00 in 1953.

The post office is now open from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays and public holidays.

January Meeting of School Board Slowed Saturday

JAYCEES TO HONOR 'MAN' AT BANQUET

To Make 'Boss' Award This Year; Search Is On

The Young Men of the Year award is being sought by the Jaycees of Franklin. The award is given annually to a young man who has been outstanding in serving his community and any young man who did not reach the age of 36 by December 31 is eligible for the award. A secret committee is now receiving nominations for the award from other clubs and organization. Jaycee Calvin Henson, award chairman, this week emphasized that membership in the Jaycees is not a prerequisite for winning the award and he urged that nominations be made at once. Dr. McSwen said his organization also plans to present Key Man awards to two members of the club who have been sparkling in the past year.

The banquet is tentatively scheduled for the Shilo Memorial Building.



THE FIRST BABY of 1955 was just a little late arriving in terms of January 1. She (see, a girl) made her entrance on the 3rd at 1:55 a. m. at Angel Hospital. Who is she? Why, Rose Marie Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moss, of Highlands, Buck Creek Route. That's the eight pound two ounce miss above with her mother, Dr. L. W. Fisher was the attending physician. Mr. and Mrs. Moss have two other children, a boy and a girl.

Franklin Expected To Ask Building Bids Next Week

Bids for construction of Franklin's proposed municipal building probably will be invited next week, town officials said yesterday (Wednesday).

Plans for the new one-story building were approved by the board of aldermen in session Monday night and the architect was authorized to prepare specifications at once. Bids will be asked as soon as the specifications are ready. Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey said they probably will be on hand by the first of next week.

Actions marking Monday night's session included selling the present fire department building and property at the intersection of 10th and Church streets, awarding contracts for the water line extension to the new Burlington Mills hosiery plant, and authorizing the city to discontinue water service to several delinquent customers.

That is about everyone but the Methodist pastor, the Rev. S. B. Moss, who resides but a stone's throw from the church.

"I didn't hear a thing," he declared.

Seems the time mechanism on the chimes at the Franklin Methodist Church became fouled and citizens were treated to an unscheduled concert.

Forget About The Psychiatrist

Did some of you in Franklin experience a strange ringing in your ears shortly before 7:30 Sunday morning?

If you did you can cancel your visit with the psychiatrist. The ringing wasn't mental. It was real.

KNOW YOUR COUNTY—Clerk Post Sets Precedent

(Note: This is the first of a series of articles on county officials that will appear in the Press from time to time. Rather than individual office holders, the articles will stress the duties of each in order to enlighten the public as to the scope of each office.)

The Clerk of Superior Court in Macon County is a prominent office.

Being down the job is Mrs. R. B. McGee, the first woman office holder in the county.

A native of Macon, the county clerk was educated in the county schools and as a graduate of Cecil's Business College in Asheville. She is a Democrat and has just started her second four-year term.

Her chief duties as clerk and those which are the most important are the administration of estates and the preparation of court papers, a preliminary to the trial of cases. Mrs. McGee also serves as a public defender but she is not a lawyer. She also serves as a collector of the county taxes.

Here are the official powers of a clerk under the present statute of the state:

(1) To take oaths and to equip the all judges of any wife's residing in the county, or to complete the printing of any bench or paper material to any inquiry pending in the court.

(2) To administer oaths and take acknowledgments when ever necessary, in the exercise of the power and duties of his office.

(3) To issue commissions to

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Miss Kate McGee

Site Is Cleared

A town moved closer to getting a new building for the new water line extension yesterday. The site of the old building on the building at the intersection of US 29 and West Main Street.

Plans drawn by an Atlanta, Ga., architectural firm house the town offices and the department on the ground floor of the building. When later work is done a large staircase is included for carrying other necessary equipment.

Buys Old Property

The board anonymously approved Paul Carpenter's bid of \$8,000 for the small one-story house and property. Previously the board had rejected other bids as being too low. The new owner will not take possession until July under terms of the sale.

Bids Are Opened

Bids for the installation of the Burlington Mills water line were opened.

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The Weather

FRANKLIN

Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	63	54	.12
Thursday	64	32	2.11
Friday	49	25	
Saturday	51	39	.06
Sunday	64	32	
Monday	69	27	
Tuesday	63	31	

HIGHLANDS

Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	60	51	4.8
Thursday	64	29	3.15
Friday	56	24	
Saturday	51	43	.09
Sunday	56	28	.15
Monday	61	31	
Tuesday	61	31	

POWEETA

Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	60	4	2.50
Thursday	54	31	
Friday	51	23	.08
Saturday	54	40	.11
Sunday	63	30	
Monday	70	32	

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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