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FRANKLIN FIREMEN are shown hosing a chimney fire early Monday afternoon at the home of Ted Gillespie on US 64 just outside the city limits. Light damage was reported from the blaze.

## Newspaper Editorial Page Wins Top Award In State

Editor Jones Accepts Plaque From Governor At Duke University

Macon County's newspaper, The Franklin Press, has received the top weeklies award of 1954 for its editorial page.

The award — a bronze plaque — was accepted Friday night at Duke University by Weimar Jones, editor-co-published of The Press, from Gov. Luther Hodges, who made 37 other presentations to top weekly and semi-weekly newspapers and 57 to daily newspaper staff members.

This marks the second time in recent years The Press editorial page has won first place in the annual contest sponsored by the N. C. Press Association. It also has received several lesser awards. The Press is one of only a few state weeklies devoting a full page to editorial comment.

The awards ceremony at Duke was a feature of the annual institute for newspapers. As immediate past president, Mr. Jones presided at the Saturday morning breakfast honoring past presidents, held at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. With the close of the institute at noon Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for a two-week vacation in Florida.

An honorable mention in photography also was received by The Press in the contest.

## Escapee Goes Back To Prison

The Virginia Penitentiary escapee, Arthur Glenn Schachman, who was picked up in a stolen automobile by a highway patrolman here last week, Friday was taken back to prison by Virginia authorities.

Schachman, 24, had been in the Macon County jail since his arrest about midnight January 17 on US 23-441 (south) by Patrolman A. A. Lewis. He was one of six men who broke out of the Virginia prison the previous Saturday. He was driving a stolen "hot-rod".

## Hotel Reopens

The Skyway Hotel on Franklin's Main stem reopened Monday after being closed for nearly a year.

Mrs. J. W. Ledford, of Hayesville, is managing the 30-room hotel for Harry and Florence Seamon, of Murphy, who recently leased it from the Schulman Brothers in Sylva.

The Seamons operate the New Regal Hotel in Murphy.

## ATTENDING COURSE

Miss Rose King is attending a short course in community living at the John Campbell Folk School at Brasstown as a delegate from the Cartoogechaye Rural Community Development Organization.

## Editorial Tribute Paid Press Editor By Asheville Paper

A tribute to Editor Weimar Jones, of The Franklin Press, for having the best editorial page among North Carolina weeklies in 1954 appeared on the editorial page of Tuesday's issue of The Asheville Citizen.

The editorial, entitled "Tribute," follows:

"Better than one-fourth of the awards for editorial excellence made annually to weekly and semi-weekly newspapers by the N. C. Press Association went to mountain newspapers. WNC papers won prizes in every category.

"None of the awards, either in the non-daily or daily fields, however, brought more response than the honor which came naturally to Editor Weimar Jones of The Franklin Press. As Weimar went forward to receive his handsome plaque as first place winner in the editorial page competition the applause doubled and tripled and quadrupled until the rafters of Duke University gymnasium, where the meeting was held, fairly rang.

"The Citizen cannot recall a similar ovation in the long history of these coveted awards. As we have said, it came naturally for this plain-spoken and sweet-tempered son of the high hills. Among other things, Weimar Jones inspired the drafting of the code of ethics for North Carolina journalism which the Press Association has just adopted. Let it be recorded along with the applause that his professional career has always exemplified this code. And the tribute, we'd say, must have been worth a score of plaques. It came out of the very heart of a sometimes very cynical profession."

## Tobacco School Set January 31

A school for tobacco growers is scheduled to be conducted January 31 at the Agricultural Building under the direction of a specialist from the extension service in Raleigh, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

The school, set for 9:30 a. m., will be marked by discussions on irrigation, best variety of tobacco, proper fertilization, correct harvesting and curing, diseases, and insect control.

## Delegation Attends V. F. W. Gathering

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars post sent a large delegation to a district meeting in Asheville Sunday.

Making the trip were Commander C. Jack Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Tony) Welch, Jr., and Mrs. James E. Perry, Jr., W. W. Reeves, Dick Slagle, John G. (Speck) Murray, and Edwin T. Williams.

## Deadline For License Is Monday

The January 31 deadline for purchasing 1955 license tags is breathing hot and heavy on the necks of motorists and the expected last minute rush won't make things much easier.

Specifically, Monday is the 31st and this means only four days remain to buy tags; after midnight, '54 tags join the ranks of law breakers and motorists displaying them are ripe candidates for possible fine, according to Verlon Swafford, manager of the local Carolina Motor Club office, where the tags are sold.

Hours at the motor club office — in the Western Auto Associate Store in Franklin — are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

And as the deadline nears, it appears that several thousand motorists in the area still have to purchase the black and yellow plates between now and 5 p. m. Monday. With the closing of the office Tuesday afternoon, only 2,944 sets of plates had been sold. Total sales of '54 tags topped 6,000.

However, a good majority of those who still have to buy will purchase from the newly-opened C. M. C. office in Bryson City, Mr. Swafford pointed out. In past years, the local office has served that area also.

A breakdown of the sales figures shows 1,876 sets have been sold for automobiles, 986 for trucks, 80 for trailers, and 2 for motorcycles.

Mr. Swafford urged all motorists needing tags to get them today, tomorrow, and Saturday, if they want to avoid the inevitable long line that materializes on the last day.

## 'MARCH' SET FOR FRIDAY

Woman's Club Plans Polio Fund Drive; Behind Last Year

A blast on the fire siren promptly at 8 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) night will signal the opening of the "Mothers' March on Polio" in Franklin.

As a feature of the annual dimes drive, members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club plan to canvass the entire town for contributions in the "mothers' march".

A burning porch light will be a signal to club members that a home wants to contribute. Mrs. Pat McSween and Miss Kate McGee are co-chairman of the march.

Meanwhile, the county-wide campaign appears to have been slowed by the weather. Andrew Jones, county chairman, said yesterday drive progress was about one-third off on the basis of last year's collections. Recognizing that the weather possibly is responsible, the chairman called for an all-out effort in the coming week to put Macon over the top of its \$3,000 goal. If necessary, the drive will be extended, Mr. Jones said. It is scheduled to close February 1.

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## Girls Keep Winning As Boys Lose

Franklin's lassies continued their undefeated climb in Smoky Conference circles in Cherokee Tuesday night, but the Indians dropped the lads along the way.

The girls won 41 to 37 with Jody Lenoir and Audrey Gibson collecting 18 and 15 points, respectively.

But the boys fared sadly with the Indians, losing 45 to 29. They collected only two points in the first period, four in the second, and at the half trailed 23 to 6.

Last (Wednesday) night, the local teams met Sylva to play a game that had been scheduled for last Friday night, but was cancelled because of the weather. Outcome was not known at presstime.

Tomorrow the teams play in Cullowhee and Tuesday in Webster.

## YOUNG MAN TO RECEIVE AWARD HERE

Recipient Of D. S. A. Medal To Be Disclosed At Banquet Monday

The identity of Macon County's "Young Man of the Year for 1954" will be revealed Monday night at Slagle Memorial Building when the Franklin Jaycees stage their annual awards banquet.

Gene Ochsener, Jr., of Asheville, immediate past president of the state Jaycee organization, will be the guest speaker.

Slated for 7 o'clock, the banquet also will see the local Jaycees honor the "Boss of the Year," award "Key Man" medals to two Jaycees, and present certificates of appreciation to local firms for their cooperation in various club projects.

The name of the "Young Man of the Year" is a secret known only by a closed committee of non-Jaycees, which made the selection from among nominees presented by civic organizations and service groups. Several young men were nominated for the award, according to Jaycee Calvin Henson, who is serving as liaison between the secret committee and organizations making nominations.

The Jaycees will present the "Young Man of the Year" a Distinguished Service Award key for his outstanding contribution.

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## Local Girls' Quartet Will Entertain Lions

Several members of the Franklin and Highlands Lions Clubs plan to attend the mid-winter convention of Districts 31-A and B in Asheville on Saturday.

Under the sponsorship of the Franklin club, a local girls' quartet will sing at the luncheon session. They include Lucille Holland, Robbie Gay Tallent, Katherine Holden, and Nancy Angel, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Moody at the piano.

The girls' quartet will perform at the luncheon session of the Lions Clubs convention in Asheville on Saturday. The quartet consists of Lucille Holland, Robbie Gay Tallent, Katherine Holden, and Nancy Angel, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Moody at the piano.



AH SHUCKS — That's the sentiment of five-year-old Mary Frances McGlamery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, of Franklin. Mary Frances' disgust lies in two facts — there's not enough snow left for sledding, and all her playmates have gone back to school. She has "Stumpy" to play with, but even he isn't particularly interested in what is taking place.



SNOW, SEVERAL INCHES of it blanketed the county in two falls this past week, but was just about melted yesterday. This picture, showing a section of west Franklin, gives some indication of what greeted citizens with the dawn last Wednesday. Might be worth saving until the hot weather this summer.

## Snow And Low Temperatures Help Winter Grip County

Backed by snow and dipping temperatures, winter kept a firm headlock on Macon County during the week and a low of 14 degrees in Franklin yesterday (Wednesday) morning served notice that more may be coming.

The week's picture: Snow — after a fall of from two to five inches over the county Tuesday night of last week, a fresh fall blanketed the county again Friday night and the shoveling out process began all over again. In the Friday snow, six inches fell at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory and three in Franklin and Highlands.

Temperature — from a low of 23 Wednesday morning of last week, the mercury took a steep dive down into the teens in Franklin and even lower in Highlands. Monday and Tuesday, Franklin recorded readings of 16 and 14, while Highlands endured a shivering 12 degrees both days.

Schools — Macon's school children were handed three unscheduled holidays during the week because of ice and snow on some county roads. They romped and played in the new snow last Wednesday and Thursday, but were back with the R's again Friday. However, Friday night's snow closed schools Monday but they opened again Tuesday morning.

Highways — as always, the two snows put kinks in the sleeping plans of the county's state highway employees and they sanded highways and ran snowplows to keep traffic moving.

Accidents — Highway patrolman and city police reported only two accidents directly caused by icy conditions on the highways and no one was injured in either. Franklin Police- man Homer Cochran said a new automobile driven by Clinton Eugene Bowers, of Cullasaja, slid on ice at the intersection of West Main and Harrison Avenue about 1:30 a. m. Sunday and hit a wall in front of the Roy Beshears home. Mr. Bowers, home on leave from the U. S. Navy, received a slight cut over his left eye, the officer said, adding that damage to the new automobile was from three to four hundred dollars.

Patrolman A. A. Lewis investigated another weather-prompted accident January 18 on the Patton Road. He said an automobile driven by Wallace Lamar Vanhook, 19, of Franklin, Route 2, skidded on the ice and snow and overturned down an embankment about 11:30 p. m. Mr. Vanhook was not injured. Damage to the automobile was about \$250, the patrolman said.

Storm Damage — Only minor trouble was reported by the

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## BURLINGTON PROGRAM TO BEGIN

Will Officially Start Tuesday; Hussey In Charge

Burlington Mills' training program will open officially Tuesday morning "on a very moderate" scale at the V. F. W. Building on Palmer Street.

The program, a preliminary to the opening of the new plant in mid-spring, for the present will train loopers only. Employment is being handled through the state employment service.

John R. Evans, personnel director, yesterday (Wednesday) said instructors plan to acquaint themselves with their surroundings Monday and will begin training loopers the next morning.

In charge of the training program is C. B. Hussey, from Burlington's Harriman, Tenn., plant.

Later, as the new plant just outside Franklin nears completion, various jobs for both men and women will be open, officials have said.

## Siren Signal Of No School

Two blasts on the Franklin fire siren promptly at 7 a. m. will be a future signal that schools will not operate on that day.

District Principal Ralph L. Smith said this new arrangement has been worked out with the fire department and will go into effect tomorrow (Friday).

## The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 19	35	26	.061*
Thursday	49	12	...
Friday	34	21	trace
Saturday	46	20	.39*
Sunday	40	26	...
Monday	39	16	...
Tuesday	40	14	...

\* 2 in. snow Wed.  
\* 3 in. snow Sat.

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 19	31	27	.07*
Thursday	44	13	...
Friday	30	20	...
Saturday	40	28	.52*
Sunday	29	21	...
Monday	33	12	...
Tuesday	36	12	...

\* 4.8 in. snow Wed. 19.  
\* 3 in. snow Saturday.

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 19	37	32	.54
Thursday	45	15	...
Friday	35	24	.575
Saturday	45	23	...
Sunday	31	26	...
Monday	36	16	...
Tuesday	40	17	...

\* 6 in. of snow Friday.