



Franklin Annex (right) Takes Shape

MUST MOVE LEFT HAND MAILBOXES

Postmaster Reports
Carriers Cannot Go
Over Center Line

Roughly 50 per cent of the 1,703 rural mail boxes served by the Franklin Post Office will have to be moved to the right side of the road, according to Postmaster Zeb Meadows. A recent ruling by the Attorney General of North Carolina furnishes the reason: mail carriers, like regular drivers, may cross the center line to the left side of the road only when overtaking and passing another vehicle. Carriers crossing over the center line to serve mail boxes on the left side of the road are violating Section 20-146 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The ruling also makes no distinction between a paved highway or a gravel or dirt road.

Following, in part, is a statement from Mr. Meadows dealing with the action: "The traffic regulations applicable to other motor vehicles apply to one driven by a mail carrier in delivering the United States mail. Section 20-146 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides as follows: 'Upon all highways of sufficient width, except on one-way streets, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the same upon the right half of the highway, and shall drive a slow-moving vehicle as closely as possible to the right-hand edge of the curb of such highway, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of the highway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle subject to the limitations in overtaking and

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Franklin-Georgia Highway Looms As Hot Issue Here

Construction of a new 14-mile stretch of US 23-441 south from Franklin to the Georgia state line looms as a heated issue in the months to come.

The facts point it up: Last Thursday, Macon County was allocated \$425,000 for a seven-mile link of the Georgia project in 1955-56. This is \$25,000 short of the original allocation of \$450,000, which was "borrowed" by Highway Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan nearly two years ago to push construction of US 23-441 from the Macon County line to Dillsboro in Jackson County.

McSwain In Raleigh For School Talks

School Supt. Holland McSwain has been in Raleigh since Monday, talking school problems with state officials.

Prior to leaving Sunday, the superintendent said his trip primarily was to determine, if possible, the status of the proposed distribution of \$25,000,000 by the state for school construction under provisions of the 1953 state-wide bond issue. The allocation of the money has been halted unofficially until the segregation issue is aired.

He plans to return to his office some time today (Thursday).

COMMUNITY MEETING

The Cowee Rural Community Development Organization will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, at the Cowee School. A film will be shown by J. Fred Bryson, county ranger.

JOINS BANK STAFF

Robert C. Carpenter has joined the staff of the Bank of Franklin. For the past four months he has been associated with his father, E. J. Carpenter, in the insurance business. He said this week he plans to continue selling insurance as a sideline.

Ramsey Will Speak Here

D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville, will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce the evening of March 25.

Announcement that Mr. Ramsey, who is much in demand as a speaker, had accepted the chamber's invitation to address the annual meeting was made this week by Erwin Patton, chairman of a committee arranging for the event.

The dinner, which usually draws 200 to 300 persons, is tentatively set for the Slagle Memorial Building, Mr. Patton said.

At the meeting, Woodrow W. Reeves and Frank B. Duncan, last year's president and industrial committee chairman, respectively, will be honored for their part in the chamber's successful effort to bring Burlington Mills' plant here. Burlington officials will be invited as special guests.

The gathering also will mark the beginning of the term of the chamber's new officers: W. SEE NO. 6, PAGE 12

Sunday Dinner Set To Raise Money

A Sunday dinner to raise money for a playground is planned March 13 under the sponsorship of the Franklin P. T. A.

The meal will be served in the high school cafeteria from 12 noon until 2 o'clock.

NEW UNITS GOING UP

School Construction
Moving Along Between
Breaks In Weather

Macon County's \$269,028.97 school expansion program is in various stages of construction.

Contractors report they have averaged only about a day and a half of work each week during the winter. For the past few months, suitable working days have been few and far between.

Franklin High's roughed-in \$105,000 gymnasium is beginning to break the skyline, as masonry work nears 30 per cent completion. E. J. Whitmire, general manager of Macon Construction Company, this week said about 20 more working days should see the masonry finished. The gymnasium roof will go on shortly afterwards, he said.

Meanwhile, construction of 18 additional classrooms, to the tune of \$164,128.97, moves along during fair weather.

The seven-room two-story annex to Franklin High is reported near the 50 per cent mark. W. C. Norris is the contractor. The annex is going up on the town side of the high school building.

Macon Construction is building additions at East Franklin, Cartoogechaye, and Cowee. Mr. Whitmire reported most of the work is under way on East Franklin's four classrooms and he estimated the job at 50 per cent complete. From this job, he said, crews will go to work on Cartoogechaye's one addition. The site already has been graded, foundations prepared, and materials are on hand. The same applies at Cowee, where two additions are proposed.

Materials have been delivered for the additions at Highlands and Nantahala and construction is scheduled to start as soon as the weather permits. Two additions are proposed at each school.

RUMMAGE SALE SLATED

A rummage sale will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. on Rankin Square under the sponsorship of the Morrison Presbyterian Church. Proceeds will be for the church building fund.



New Municipal Building To Be Built As Planned

Franklin's new municipal building will go up according to plans and specifications, although sufficient funds are not on hand for its construction.

Rather than revise the original plans and cut specifications for the building, which ran about \$12,000 above estimates, the Board of Aldermen Monday afternoon awarded the \$51,857 job to the low bidders on "continuing contracts".

This means the town will use the \$39,357.85 on hand and will add to town offices, has been a top project of the present board for nearly three years. This past fall, voters passed a \$50,000 bond issue to finance its construction. Of the \$50,000, \$10,000 was expended for the site, and election costs and fees consumed roughly \$2,000. This left only \$39,357.85 for the actual construction of the modernistic building.

Low bidders for the job were Wiley J. Clark, general, \$38,667; J. P. Wurst, electrical, \$3,640; C. E. Holder, heating, \$6,200; and Holder, plumbing, \$3,350.

After bids were opened February 15, aldermen delayed making any decision until the special session Monday.

Roughing-in portions of the building, which will go up on the old Blaine lot at the intersection of US 23-441 and West Main, was considered as a possible solution at one time.

But Mayor W. C. Burrell has clarified the board's feeling about this approach: "We felt it would be a crime to cut-back on the building after going to all the trouble to plan something Franklin can be proud to call its own." The new building, which will house the fire department, in

M. Y. F. WILL MEET

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-district meeting will be held Monday at Asbury Church at 7:30 p. m. Jerry Norton, publicity chairman, has announced.

'Third Time' Superstition Catches Franklin's Girls

The ancient superstition, "Third time's a charm", asserted itself as a still potent idea Saturday night in Bryson City when Franklin High's incomparable girls were hoodooed out of the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament crown by a believing and determined sextet from Andrews.

Franklin's lassies, eastern division champs for the past three years, were shooting for their third straight tournament championship. But Andrews, who had bowed to the locals in the finals for the two previous years, just didn't handicap it that way. They underlined their belief in "Third time's a charm" with a decisive 61 to 50 victory before a capacity crowd in the Swain High gymnasium.

Earlier in the evening, another Macon County team, Nantahala, lost the consolation game with Glenville, 46 to 38.

Miss Easy Shots

Coach Howard Barnwell just didn't floor the same sharp-shooting team that powered to division championships with undefeated conference play over a span of three seasons, and this season held opponents to a 28-point average. Easy shots by Franklin's forwards rimmed

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THE DISBELIEF registering on the faces of Franklin's cheer-leaders (below) explains the action going on at left. That's an Andrews boy cutting down the basket following the Franklin girls' defeat by Andrews in the conference tourney Saturday. (For more tournament pictures, see Page 3).



More Laurels

Count these among basketball laurels gathered by Macon teams during the 1954-55 season and tournament.

Making the All-Conference team were Jodie Lenoir, Audrey Gibson, and Anna Setser, of Franklin High, and Wanda Gregory, of Nantahala High.

All-Tournament berths went to Lenoir, Gibson, Setser, Gregory and another Nantahala girl, Shelvaine Cochran.

In boys' play, Franklin's Willard Smith was named to the All-Tournament team.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

A 'BRUSHY BROTHER', Kenyon Hyde, shows his Franklin centennial badge to a "Belle of the Bustle", Mrs. Hope Patton, who is using her badge to anchor her bonnet. Derby and beads have become standard dress for the males, and the ladies of the town, as the centennial in mid-June approaches, will start breaking out old-timey clothes to add flavor to the celebration.

GEORGIA MAN IS ELECTED

Brown Heads Group
Seeking Watershed
Survey Along River

Harry Brown, of Mountain City, Ga., chairman of the Blue Ridge Soil Conservation District in Georgia, last Thursday night was named to head a group of interested citizens seeking a flood control and conservation project for the Little Tennessee River drainage area.

Mr. Brown was named to the post at a meeting of Macon and Rabun County (Georgia) citizens at Otto School here. Others elected to serve with him are Tom Alley, of Otto, vice-president; H. L. Frye, vocational agricultural teacher at Rabun Gap School, secretary; and Elmon Teague, of Prentiss, treasurer.

These officers are now in the process of meeting with all agricultural agencies in the two counties and they plan at an early date to make formal application to the governors of North Carolina and Georgia for a survey of the area.

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Centennial Incorporated; Badge Sales Dropping Off

Papers incorporating the Franklin centennial celebration and earmarking any proceeds for the Macon County Band were mailed yesterday (Wednesday) to the secretary of state.

The papers, prepared by attorney C. Banks Finger, list the group of interested citizens promoting the mid-June celebration as "The Franklin Centennial Association, Inc."

Meanwhile, it is reported that sales of centennial badges, particularly those for women, are slowing down. The badges are being used to raise prize money for contests and floats in the opening day parade.

At a meeting last week, it was voted to incorporate as a non-profit organization and give any profits to the band. The band was selected, it was explained, because of its county-wide make-up.

"Although we are celebrating Franklin's birthday, we feel that the entire county should realize any benefits from the celebration," Holland McSwain,

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor S. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer; and at the Coweeta Hydrological Laboratory:

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 23	63	42	.67
Thursday	50	37	.27
Friday	58	22
Saturday	62	22
Sunday	60	46	.10
Monday	70	46	trace
Tuesday	71	51	.012
HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 23	48	43	2.41
Thursday	46	38	.39
Friday	50	23
Saturday	52	24
Sunday	56	43
Monday	64	42	.29
Tuesday	63	46	trace
COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 23	64	44
Thursday	46	42
Friday	56	24	.32
Saturday	61	24	.26
Sunday	58	43	.09
Monday	69	51	.10
Tuesday	70	56	.09