



FIRE CHIEF A. C. Tysinger, head of the "law" for Franklin's Centennial, "fines" taxi driver Joe Angel for being clean shaven in front of the "centennial caliboose", the lock-up for non-conforming males who are supposed to grow sideburns, beards, or mustaches.

'Law' For Women Decried To Push Centennial Sales

To stimulate the sale of "Belles of the Bustle" badges for the Franklin Centennial, it has been decreed that all females over the age of 18 must wear headdress or hair style in keeping with the spirit of 1855, beginning Tuesday, March 15.

Women not complying with the "law" will be fined 25 cents for each violation between March 15 and April 15, 50 cents for each between April 15 and May 15; and \$1 between May 15 and June 18. They are asked to use their own judgment in observing this "law" when attending church. The Franklin Junior Woman's Club

ENDORSES EVENT

The Franklin Board of Aldermen, in session Monday night, endorsed the coming Franklin Centennial celebration, urged the co-operation of all citizens in the venture, and suggested that citizens now living in other places make the celebration dates, June 16-17-18, the time for "homecoming".

has charge of collecting fines and enforcing "law" for the women.

Meanwhile, centennial "law" for the males is asserting itself. Friday, a "centennial caliboose" was erected at the court house to house those men over 18 years who have not entered in the spirit of the celebration by growing sideburns, mustache, or beard. Each "non-conformist" is subject to a fine of 50 cents a day for being clean shaven, or he may purchase a shaving permit for \$3 a week from any member of the fire department.

All of the money collected is earmarked for the celebration June 16-17-18.

Several features of the planned celebration are now being worked out and will be announced at intervals to keep interest up, according to Holland McSwain, co-chairman.

The "law" for the women was set by a group of women meeting at the Presbyterian church Friday night.

Montreat Chorus Sets Free Concert Friday

A free concert is scheduled tomorrow (Friday) at 8 p. m. at East Franklin School by the Montreat College Chorus.

The 34-member girls chorus will arrive about 4 o'clock and will spend the night here as guests in several homes.

BAKE SALE SLATED

The St. Agnes Episcopal Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Friday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock, at the Children's Shop, it has been announced.

CABE FAILS TO RESCIND HIS MOTIONS

Shatley Obstacle; Grading Contract Motion Changed

School board member Claude W. Cabe tried Tuesday night to keep his promise and rescind motions he made last month hitting at Supt. Holland McSwain and his work.

But Mr. Cabe hit an obstacle in member Morgan Shatley, who seconded the original motions, and who contended at Tuesday's call meeting that under rules of order he had to second the rescinding motion. This he refused to do.

"At least I've cleaned my skirts," Mr. Cabe commented after an exchange between Mr. Shatley and Chairman J. C. Sorrells over a point of order.

Rescinds Another

Another action by the board was rescinded, however. In regular session Saturday morning, the board — Mr. Sorrells, John E. Smith, and Mr. Shatley — awarded the contract for grading at Iotla School to a local contractor, Howard Stewart, although he was not low bidder. Because money would not be immediately available to pay for the grading, the board gave the contract to Mr. Stewart with the understanding that he wait until after October for payment, instead of awarding it to Ferguson and Dietz, of Sylva, who bid a low of \$1,680 — \$96 lower than Mr. Stewart's \$1,776. Chairman Sorrells pointed out at the time that the board probably would have to borrow money to pay the debt and that the interest would make up the \$96 gap between the two bids. The contract was awarded to Mr. Stewart.

Tuesday's meeting was called by the board chairman to reconsider the action. "They're dissatisfied with the way the bids were handled," Mr. Sorrells told the board, which now included Mr. Cabe, who was not at the regular meeting.

He said since the board's decision Saturday, "several of them" (contractors) "have been to see me." Ferguson and Dietz, Mr. Sorrells related, had informed him that a financing agreement like the one offered Mr. Stewart would have been satisfactory, had they been asked.

"We just made a mistake by not contacting them," Mr. Cabe said.

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Shearouse Gets Presidency Of N. C. E. A. Unit

F. N. Shearouse, Highlands School principal, is the new president of the local unit of the N. C. Education Association for 1955-56.

Named to serve with him are Mrs. Paul Carpenter, vice-president, and Jack Angel, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The new officers, elected at a meeting Friday at Franklin High, will be installed at the April meeting, according to Edwin T. Williams, the outgoing president.

Red Cross Reports Coming In Slowly; \$136 On Hand Now

Reports on the progress of the 1955 American Red Cross fund drive in Macon are coming in slowly, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, executive secretary.

Tuesday, only \$136 was on hand. The quota is \$3,570.

The secretary asked all workers to report results as soon as possible.

Macon Girl Scouts Marking Week; 'Craft Day' Friday

Eighty-six Girl Scouts and Brownies of this county this week are celebrating the 43rd birthday of Girl Scouts in the United States.

The girls and their leaders opened the local celebration Sunday (Girl Scout Sunday) by attending the First Baptist Church in a body and taking part in the service by singing, "I Would Be True". Tomorrow (Friday) they will climax the observance with a "Craft Day" at the Franklin High cafeteria.

Parents and friends of the Scouts will join them at the end of "Craft Day" for a covered dish supper at 6 o'clock in the cafeteria. The program following the meal will see the girls presenting skits and displays of activities.

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Highlands Hospital Tax Asked

Highlands citizens — faced with the possibility of losing the Highlands Community Hospital because of an insufficient operating budget—are petitioning for a 40-cent ad valorem tax increase to support the hospital.

If granted, this would mean tax payers living inside the city limits would pay \$2.65 per hundred valuation, and those outside, but in the Highlands township, \$1.80. The present Highlands tax rate is \$2.25, and the county rate is \$1.40.

The petition requests Macon Representative G. L. Houk to have the General Assembly enact a law creating the 40-cent boost for the hospital. The petition would have the county collect the township tax through regular tax channels and then turn it over to the hospital. It would have the levy begin with the calendar year 1955.

The board of trustees of the hospital, at a meeting Saturday, gave its approval of the petition. It cited the following points in favor of the tax increase:

(1) The Highlands Community Hospital is an absolute necessity for Highlands and the surrounding communities, to adequately care for the sick of this area.

(2) Even with strictest economy and care, it is not possible to operate the hospital with the charges received from patients.

(3) Unless the excess of cost over income — the deficit — is not provided by taxes and contributions, it will be impossible to operate this fine community facility for the benefit of our people.

VACCINE REQUESTED

New Polio Drug Asked For First, Second Graders

The local health department has requested enough of the new polio (poliomyelitis) vaccine to inoculate approximately 1,000 first and second graders in the school system, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse.

Although it is not known at present when the vaccine will be sent here, the nurse said the health department's staff is concentrating on being ready to speed the program to completion when it does arrive.

Form letter requests for the vaccine have been sent to all parents of first and second graders. Mrs. Shope said the purpose of parental requests is primarily to show the department how much vaccine is going to be needed and she urged parents to return them as soon as possible.

The nurse emphasized there is no element of danger associated with the new vaccine and that it is being distributed nation-wide.

The request for vaccine is being supported by the Macon County Medical Society.

Don't Slave, Ladies! P. T. A. To Feed 'Em Sunday In Franklin

Stop! Don't slave over that hot stove preparing this coming Sunday dinner.

Members of the Franklin P. T. A. will do the necessary slaving and will serve "Sunday dinner" from 12 noon to 2 p. m. in the high school cafeteria. Proceeds are for a school playground.

The cafeteria-style menu lists chicken pie, ham, scalloped potatoes, string beans, selection of salads, home-made rolls and brown bread, home-made cakes and pies, coffee and milk, and even hot dogs and soft drinks.

COMMUNITY MEETING

A meeting of the Iotla Rural Community Development Organization is set for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Iotla School, according to an announcement by Mrs. Jack Cansler, community reporter.

OPEN HOUSE FOR CENTER IS SUNDAY

State Officials Invited; Hours Are 2 To 5 P. M.

Macon County's new health center on Riverview Street in Franklin will be open for public inspection Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

A number of state and district health officials have been sent invitations to attend the open house and will be on hand to meet the public, according to Sanitarian H. T. Collins, who is in charge of arrangements.

No formal program is planned for the event. Refreshments will be served those touring the new center by home demonstration club women under the supervision of the home agent, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill.

The one-story modernistic center, which has been in operation since October, was built on land donated by Dr. Edgar Angel and was financed by the county, state, and federal governments. Of the total cost of \$29,181.25, the county covered \$5,602.80 (19.2%), the state \$11,049.93 (36.8%), and the federal government, \$12,528.52 (44%). Construction was administered under the Medical Care Commission, an agency which allocates funds for the construction of health centers in the state.

State officials who have been invited to attend Sunday's open house include Dr. J. W. R. Norton, state health officer, Dr. C. C. Applewhite, director of local health division, Dr. Ernest A. Branch, director of oral hygiene division, J. M. Jarrett, director of sanitary engineering division, Dr. William A. Smith, of the tuberculosis section of the State Board of Health, and Mrs. Mary K. Needler, director of nursing service.

Invitations also have been extended to a number of district officials, all doctors of Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, as well as local county and town officials and civic leaders.

WHILE RECORDS SPIN

Lester's A-waitin' Also

"Moonlight's a-wastin' tonight, beautiful golden light..." sang the breezy easy-going baritone voice from the throat of the brightly colored juke box in a downtown restaurant.

Across town on a construction job, a stocky curly-haired young man tossed a load of bricks skyward and commented:

"I bet I've tossed 10,000 of those things today... sure gets you in the arms."

Any similarity between the voice emitting from the juke box and the one on the construction job is intentional, for both voices came from Lester (Les) Waldroop, Macon County's latest contribution to the world of hillbilly harmony and composing.

There's also some kinship between the juke box and the construction job.

"Moonlight's a-wastin'", a

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\$850,000 Available For Georgia Project

A total of \$850,000, instead of just \$425,000, will be available for construction of US 23-441 from Franklin to the Georgia state line.

The road will be built as a single project, instead of as two projects, let at different times.

The contract will be let between now and the 1956-57 fiscal year.

Those three statements were made to The Press Tuesday by G. G. Page, division highway engineer.

Mr. Page explained he was in Franklin seeking to clear up what he said was a misunderstanding about the State Highway Commission's plans for this road.

When the commission two weeks ago announced that \$425,000 had been approved for construction of seven miles of the approximately 13.5-mile stretch, a storm of protest developed here.

Protesting public officials, civic organizations, and citizens made two points:

(a) Originally \$450,000 was allocated for the Georgia road, but the highway commission "borrowed" this sum about two years ago to speed construction of US 23-441 from the Macon County line to Dillsboro, in Jackson County. It was pointed out Macon County was getting back \$25,000 less than had been lent.

(b) The Franklin-Dillsboro road was let as two projects, with long intervals between the lettings. As a result, Macon County has been cut off to the east for nearly four years, about twice as long as would have been necessary had it been built all at once. People here objected to having a repeat performance of that situation to the south. They wanted the Georgia road let as a single project.

The Press last week telephoned Division Highway Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan about the situation, but that telephone conversation failed to clear it up.

Funds Were Available

Mr. Page said that \$425,000 of the "borrowed" funds has been available since last July; work wasn't begun at that time, he added, because the highway commission wished to avoid breaking the Georgia road project up into two contracts, let at different times. "We wanted to wait till we had enough money to finish the job," he said.

And the engineer added: "I guess we should have announced it then" that the money was on hand.

The \$425,000 approved two weeks ago, he said, is a second and additional fund to complete the project.

This second amount is to come from anticipated highway revenues; and Mr. Page, in answer to a question, said the only possibility of the full \$850,000 being available lies in the possibility of a decrease in revenues. Replying to another question, he said approval of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads also is necessary, but that this is assured.

As a matter of fact, the engineer said, had the commission not "borrowed" the \$450,000, one section of the Georgia road would have been started

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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 John N. Hill and W. C. Newton, TVA observers at the Coonetta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Mar. 2	72	35	....
Thursday	71	34	....
Friday	72	51	.02
Saturday	76	59	....
Sunday	69	40	.53
Monday	46	27	....
Tuesday	57	16	....

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 2	66	40	....
Thursday	60	34	....
Friday	64	54	....
Saturday	70	56	.25
Sunday	64	34	....
Monday	44	22	.16
Tuesday	49	22	....

COWETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., March 2	70	35	....
Thursday	68	38	....
Friday	72	51	.015
Saturday	77	57	....
Sunday	65	58	.462
Monday	47	27	....
Tuesday	55	19	....



Les Checks His Record