

Net Paid
CIRCULATION
Last Week
2645

The Franklin Press

and
The Highlands Maconian

PRICE
10 Cents

70th Year — No. 14

Franklin, N. C., Thursday, April 7, 1955

Sixteen Pages



HERE'S WHERE DETOUR troubles begin in Georgia on US 23-441, just outside Dillard. At right is a barricade stopping traffic from entering the small town and routing cars to the highway (NC 106) to the left. Dillard is by-passed by a good gravel road a tenth of a mile up 106 and it reenters US 23-441 just below the Rabun Gap school. However, highway officials are detouring traffic away from US 23-441 in Clayton, Ga., although actual construction is now only in the Dillard area.

NEW DETOUR IS PROBLEM

Action Poses Local Questions; Officials Look To Georgia

Detour-hacked US 23-441 currently is top-drawer talk in Macon County, although the latest construction break in the vital tourist travel artery lies in nearby Georgia.

But anything affecting US 23-441 is of major concern to this area, for the heavily-traveled highway is the north-south "bread and butter" for more than just a few.

Therefore, when new detour signs went up last week in Franklin and Clayton, Ga., routing traffic up scenic, but winding, US 64 to Highlands and down NC 28 to Pine Mountain Road in Georgia, questions started.

Why, if North Carolina has been able to keep nearly 20 miles of US 23-441 open most of the time during construction (Franklin to Dillsboro), must Georgia — where an earth moving project of a million yards is almost unheard of — close the highway and reroute traffic?

Why is it necessary to detour traffic over a winding and out-of-the-way course when actual construction on the highway is confined only to a short stretch at Dillard, Ga.?

Is the rumor true that a clause in the construction contract stipulates the contractor must keep the highway open?

Why was the detour run from Clayton, through Highlands, to Franklin, when a good gravel road bypasses Dillard and the

SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

Publication Of Centennial Special Edition Planned

Pictures Wanted
Wanted: Old pictures of Franklin and vicinity.

In its Centennial special edition, The Press hopes to publish many pictures of life here in the old days.

Have you such a picture — reasonably clear — that you would lend the paper? It will be handled with care, and returned to you.

What is wanted is scenes or pictures of important or interesting events or photographs showing the way people lived and did things here 100, 75, or 50 years ago.

Portraits of individuals are not requested, since there are far more interesting pictures of this type than it would be possible to publish.

Judge Faces Average Term

Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, will find "about average" criminal docket when he comes here April 18 to preside over the April term of Superior Court, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court.

As the docket stands now, by the opening of the term roughly 200 cases will be on it for trial, the clerk said. The majority of them will be motor vehicle violations.

"A very light" civil docket is on tap, she added. Judge Moore is the resident judge of the 20th Judicial District.

FRANKLIN BUILDING BOOM ON

Construction Under Way On Restaurant, Center, And Court

Franklin's business building boom continues, to the tune of several thousand dollars.

The opening of the new \$125,000 Franklin Motel drops one construction job into the open-for-business picture, but several other projects, including a small shopping center in East Franklin, a restaurant, and a proposed motor court are spotlighting the boom.

A modern one-story restaurant is being built by Sam Gibson and Hall Callahan as the new home for Mr. and Mrs. Kay Montague's "Dixie Grill". The 52 x 32 foot structure is going up on the Franklin (west) side of the Little Tennessee River between Manson Stiles' service station and the river. It should be ready for occupancy by the middle of the month, according to the owners. Estimated cost of construction is \$12,000.

A small shopping center is being built on the east side of the river by W. H. Mashburn. Footings for the three-store unit — tentatively a jewelry store, restaurant, and grocery

SEE NO. 4, PAGE 8

Angel Succeeds Cox As Manager Of Bower's Here

T. Y. Angel, a former manager of the Franklin Bower's Store, has returned here in that capacity.

He succeeded A. L. Cox as local manager April 1. Mr. Cox, who is being transferred to be manager of the Bower's store in Lenoir, and his family have been here since he became the local manager last July.

Mr. Angel, who comes here from a similar post in Toccoa, Ga., will be joined by his family when school is out in June. He was Bower's manager here from February, 1947, to October, 1949. During that period, he was active in the local Methodist Church, Lions Club, volunteer fire department, and Boy Scout work.

PATTON NEW ROTARY HEAD

Creamery Official Succeeds Sloan As Franklin Leader

Erwin W. Patton was elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club at the organization's weekly dinner meeting Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. Patton, manager of the Nantahala Creamery, will succeed W. N. Sloan.

William B. (Bill) Garrison, manager of Slack Franklin Parts Company, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Elmon M. Teague, Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., John B. Ray, and E. J. Whitmire were elected directors.

Under the club's by-laws, Mr. Sloan, the retiring president, automatically becomes vice-president.

The new officers will take office July 1.

It's Gotta Be Spring!

It's Spring! It's gotta be. 'Cause a wall on the second floor of the Bank of Franklin building says it is. For just to the left at the head of the stairs are two mysterious lipstick prints. It's Spring!

WILHIDE SATISFIED — 'Dan' And 'Dinah' Dancing

The rhythmic clickity-clack of tiny dancing feet kept perfect time with the strains of "Down Yonder".

Those sure-fire crowd pleasers, "Dan" and "Dinah", were dancing again. And so were the eyes of the two-year-old, for whom a command performance of Wilhide's "Dancing Dolls" was being staged.

And also, there was a smile of satisfaction trickling from the corners of H. A. (Chub) Wilhide's mouth, as he tapped out a steady beat on the sounding board under the feet of the foot-high wooden figures.

"I get just as much kick out of it as they do", Mr. Wilhide declared, his right foot keeping rug-muffled time with the infectious clickity-clack coming from the feet of his two minstrel dancers.

The "they" he referred to is any audience watching the amateur showman and his dolls. And this audience is growing larger as each week goes by.

Last week, Wilhide's "Dancing Dolls" performed on Ward A at the Oteen VA Hospital.

A letter from the secretary of the Henderson County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which arranged his appearance, pretty well sums up what a hit was registered:

"They all fell in love with 'Dan' and 'Dinah' and we want you to know how very much pleasure you gave", she wrote.

SEE NO. 3, PAGE 8

Political Pots Start Boiling As Towns Look To Elections



"Okay, Mr. Rabbit", says toddler Lyle Hunnicutt, "let's quit this stalling around and give the inside dope on your egg delivery business Easter morning . . . a couple of dozen will suit me just fine, as long as you don't miss some of my buddies." (Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunnicutt, is just one of thousands of youngsters looking forward to receiving Easter eggs this Sunday.)

Maconians To Mark Easter At Four Sunrise Services

Hundreds of Maconians and visitors will observe Easter, 1955, with special church events, including four sunrise services.

Dawn services are scheduled on Wayah Bald, Whiteside Mountain, Raven's Rock, and at the Iotla Baptist Church.

The services, particularly those on Wayah and Whiteside, annually drew large crowds of worshippers from this area and neighboring states.

On Wayah Bald "High Haven", camp of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jones, of Franklin, on mile-high Wayah Bald, will again be the scene of the annual service for the Franklin area. Set for 6 o'clock, the

Finger Elected Jaycee President

Members of the Franklin Jaycees Monday night elected C. Banks Finger to head their organization for the year 1955-56.

The local attorney succeeds Dr. G. R. McSweeney.

Other new club officers named include Dr. J. L. Hill, 1st vice-president; Sam Gibson, 2nd vice-president; Bob Carpenter, secretary; Bob Moore, treasurer; John Cogan, state director; and J. P. Brady, J. L. West, and Vic Perry, directors.

The new officers will be installed the first Monday in May, just prior to the state Jaycee convention in Asheville.

A local attorney, the new president has been active in the state Jaycee set-up for the three years the Franklin club has been in existence. He is a past vice-president of the state executive board and this year is serving as state chairman of elections and credentials.

Dr. J. L. Hill modeling a young lady's bonnet . . . J. S. Gray strutting around Sunday in a split-tail dress coat and stripped trousers . . . A well-known Franklin man laughing about almost cutting off an eyebrow while trimming his beard with an electric razor: ". . . almost look like a one-horn steer" . . .

Albert Angel, one of the brushiest brothers in town, telling about the four-year-old who seriously asked if he used a curry comb . . .

The watched political pots in both Franklin and Highlands have started to boil and by the April 16 filing deadline for the May 3 biennial elections should be bubbling vigorously.

In Franklin, Mayor W. C. Burrell and incumbent alderman A. G. Cagle filed following Monday night's board meeting and other members are expected to follow suit. In the election, voters will pick a mayor and six aldermen.

At the present time, only five aldermen are on the Franklin board. Erwin Patton submitted his resignation this week, after nearly eight years on the board, in order to serve as a member of the new Macon Board of Education.

Mayor Burrell has served about three years, a year of this unexpired term of the late Robert M. Dillard and an elected term. Alderman Cagle is seeking his third term.

Highlands Town Clerk Louis (Bud) Potts has announced the filing of two men.

V. W. McCall, former town clerk, has tossed his hat in the ring for mayor. He is now associated with the Highlands Branch of the Jackson County Bank.

Incumbent Commissioner Carter Talley also has filed for his second term.

Highlands will elect a mayor and five commissioners. Registration books in the two towns will be open April 9, 16, and 23, with the latter serving as challenge day.

John W. Paul is registrar for Highlands and Henry Wright and C. A. Wilson have been appointed judges.

The Franklin registrar is E. W. Long. Judges are L. C. Higdon and J. A. Palmer.

Late News and Briefs

BOARD WAITING

The newly-appointed three-man Macon Board of Education had not been sworn in yesterday (Wednesday) at presstime.

Although Rep. Houk's house bill naming Erwin Patton, C. C. Sutton, and O. F. Sumner, as a replacement board was passed by the senate Friday, it still has not been ratified.

It is expected the three will be sworn in today or tomorrow.

CANCER DRIVE OPENING

The annual American Cancer Society fund drive will open Tuesday morning with an increased quota of \$729.

Co-commanders of the drive are Mrs. Lester Conley and the Rev. Bryan Hatchett.

For the past eight years, under Mrs. Conley's leadership, Macon has been the first county in the state to top its quota.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by T. N. Hall and W. C. Neaton, T. A. A. observers; and at the Coscocta Hydrology Laboratory.

FRANKLIN		Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Mar. 30	64	17	.....	.....	.....
Thursday	69	20	.....	.....	.....
Friday	72	23	.....	.....	.....
Saturday	60	44	40	.....	.....
Sunday	72	29	28	.....	.....
Monday	75	31	.....	.....	.....
Tuesday	64	44	17	.....	.....

HIGHLANDS		Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Mar. 30	56	18	.....	.....	.....
Thursday	63	22	.....	.....	.....
Friday	62	26	.....	.....	.....
Saturday	52	44	.....	.....	.....
Sunday	65	40	1.73	.....	.....
Monday	66	32	.....	.....	.....
Tuesday	56	42	.....	.....	.....

COWEETA		Temperatures		High Low Rain	
Wed., Mar. 30	61	18	.....	.....	.....
Thursday	69	23	.....	.....	.....
Friday	70	26	.....	.....	.....
Saturday	57	47	1.24	.....	.....
Sunday	72	38	.....	.....	.....
Monday	73	33	.....	.....	.....
Tuesday	62	45	1.27	.....	.....



Wilhide's 'Dancing Dolls'