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SPECIAL EMPHASIS was put on this slogan, "If you want to live in a better community, help build one", by Morris L. McGough (right), of Asheville, who spoke at the dedication of the Carson community building Saturday night. He's talking with Earl Cabe, Carson's president.

Firemen Set Moving Day This Week

Although Franklin's \$51,000 city building is not quite ready for occupancy, the volunteer fire department plans to move in by Monday at the latest.

With the exception of some minor jobs, the department's quarters are completed and Chief A. C. Tysinger said the move is being made because the rental month on the old fire house runs out the 10th. Firemen plan to paint the garage floor before moving the two trucks.

Meanwhile, the building contractor, Wiley Clark, reports the office section will be ready for occupancy inside of two weeks. Several jobs, including putting down the tile flooring, still have to be done, he said.

TOWN VALUE IS TOTALED

Passes 3 Million; More Than Doubles In 10-Year Period

The taxable value of property within the corporate limits of Franklin has more than doubled in the last ten years.

This year it passed the three million-dollar mark.

The 1955 figure is \$3,024,153. That compares with \$1,489,776 for the 1946 tax year.

The exact figure for this year became known when town authorities received from the State Board of Assessment the evaluations placed on public service corporations operating in the town.

Of this year's total, 61 per cent is real estate, and 39 per cent is other property.

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First Aid Supplies Given To Schools By Junior A. R. C.

First aid supplies have been distributed to the county's 11 schools by the Junior American Red Cross.

The supplies cost about \$55, according to Mrs. Gladys Kinsland, chairman of the junior chapter.

Tatham Girl Heads Macon 4-H Council

Patricia Tatham, daughter of Mrs. Grace Tatham, of Route 4, is the new president of the Macon 4-H county council. She is a member of the Franklin club.

At a council meeting Saturday morning at the Agricultural Building, the 4-H clubbers picked 1955-56 officers, adopted a point system for grading in individual clubs, and discussed their "Achievement Day", which is set for November.

In addition to Patricia, other new officers are Peggy Jean Morgan, Nantahala club, vice-president; Jackie Ann Cabe, Franklin club, secretary-treasurer; Brenda Cunningham, Cartoogechaye club, reporter; and Linda Neal and Wanda Bailey, East Franklin club, song leaders.

Nancy Cable, outgoing council president, presided at the meeting.

TALKS TO ROTARY — Dr. Morgan's Hawaiian Trip

Next to the beauty of the islands, perhaps the most striking thing about Hawaii is the courtesy of the people, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan told the Franklin Rotary Club at its meeting last week.

A delegate to the recent general convention of the Episcopal Church, held in Honolulu, Dr. Morgan returned to Franklin the latter part of last month, having made the trip by air. The Rotary talk is only one of a series he has made since his return.

He had hardly got settled in his hotel room, the Franklin rector said, until he had a message to telephone a "Mrs. Hart".

He was surprised, because he felt sure he knew no Mrs. Hart; when he called, it turned out to be Mrs. Turner DeHart, whose husband, a lieutenant commander stationed in Hawaii, is a native of Macon County.

The DeHarts took him everywhere and showed him everything of interest, he said.

One day, they planned to visit a sugar mill, but learned, on their arrival, that it was a non-visiting day at the mill. Conversation with the manager, however, revealed that the manager and Dr. Morgan had lived in Columbia, S. C., at the same time, and had many mutual friends. The manager took the party over every inch of the plant.

And everybody he met was like that, he said.

He described the process of

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Hayesville Bows Down To Panthers

By TOMMY GNUSE
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Franklin dominated play in the second half here Friday night to come from behind, and take a 13 to 6 victory over Hayesville.

Tomorrow (Friday) night at 8, the Panthers meet Sylva here for a conference scrap.

In the Hayesville game, the Panthers fell behind in the early moments of the game when Hayesville drove 55 yards to a touchdown with Avery Dills going over from the 3. The try for the extra was no good.

Late in the second period, Franklin threatened to even the score but Hayesville stopped the advance on the 1-yard line.

Different Story

In the second half, it was a different story and the Panthers took complete control, holding Hayesville to only seven yards rushing. At the same time, the Panther offense rolled up two scores and 171 yards rushing and passing.

The locals' big break came in the third period when Tommy Corbin pounced on a fumble on the Hayesville 11. A penalty moved the ball to the 1 and Crawford Moore scored on a quarterback sneak to tie the score. Furman Mason was stopped on a try for the extra.

Pay Dirt Again

In the fourth stanza, the Panthers again struck pay dirt, this time after a 42-yard drive. Mason smashed across from the 3 for the six-pointer, putting Franklin ahead 12 to 6. Bruce Houston ran the extra.

Mason was the workhorse of the Panthers offense, running the ball 20 times for a total of 69 yards. Passing also was a strong point of the locals' offense, with Moore completing eight aerials, four of them to end Bill Mendenhall.

Methodist Shifts Made

Two pastoral assignments changed in Macon County with the Annual W. N. C. Methodist Conference in Charlotte over the week-end.

The Rev. R. L. Poindexter was shifted from the Macon circuit to the Franklin circuit. The pastor of the Franklin circuit, the Rev. J. David Barkley, is returning to Emory University for full-time study.

The vacancy on the Macon circuit was filled by J. C. Anderson, a divinity student at Emory.

All other assignments here remain the same; the Rev. S. B. Moss, at the Franklin church; the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., at Highlands; the Rev. R. J. Goldston, West Macon circuit; and the Rev. R. J. Hahn, Snow Hill-Iotla charge.

Speaker Calls For Continued Rural Progress

"This truly shows what can be done when people of a community work together."

The object in question — Carson's new community building. The speaker — Morris L. McGough, of Asheville, guest speaker at the building's dedication supper Saturday night.

"Just pause and reflect that this building represents more than block, mortar, and lumber," the speaker suggested. "It tells the story of people, of better neighbors, and it will have a tremendous impact on future progress."

As executive vice-president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, sponsor of the W. N. C. rural community contest, Mr. McGough is in a position to know community progress.

In commending Carson and its citizens for pace-setting activities in community development, he tossed out a challenge:

"Don't let this building stand as a monument to your labor but as just one forward step you have made toward building the kind of community you want."

As continuing avenues of progress he suggested emphasis on community appearance, churches, education, recreation

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Jacobs Sells Store Interest To Bryant

Bruce Bryant has bought J. C. Jacobs' half interest in the Franklin 5 and 10 Store.

Bill Bryant owns the other half interest.

Mr. Jacobs said this week he has no plans for the immediate future.

The new owner has been associated with Macon County Supply Company.



WALT DISNEY (at left) chats about locomotives (they're his hobby) with the engineers of "The General", the steam engine stolen by Yankees in Mr. Disney's new movie being filmed here, The Great Locomotive Chase. Fess Parker (above) leans out from a railroad car to shake hands with the young son of the Scott Hudsons, of Highlands. Fess is a star of the train thriller.



Title of "Mrs. H. D. Club Woman of 1955" goes to Mrs. Fred Wood, Walnut Creek club member. Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent, is shown pinning a corsage on her, following the county-wide "Achievement Day" Friday.

'Leader In A Wheel Chair' Picked For Home Demonstration Club Honor

"A leader in a wheel chair", Mrs. Fred Wood, is "Mrs. H. D. Club Woman of 1955".

Selected from among 22 women nominated for the honor, Mrs. Wood, a victim of arthritis, was singled out as "an inspiration" to all. A member of the Walnut Creek club, she is one of the most active club members of the county, and, although confined to a wheel chair, has had a perfect attendance record at club meetings for several years.

The selection of the outstanding club woman came as a feature of the annual home demonstration "Achievement Day" Friday at the Methodist church, following a "Parade of Leaders" — those nominated by clubs for the honor.

Holly Springs Wins

The highest club award, "The Gavel" was won by Holly Springs, which collected a total of 2,574 achievement points for the year. Among the winning club's accomplishments is participation in community activities, including an active program in community develop-

ment and work with young people. The club got 1,445 points alone on this phase of work.

In second place was the Higdonville club, with 2,470 points. Cowee club, last year's winner, was third with 1,385.

Some 175 Attend

Some 175 club women and special guests attended the annual gathering.

A song opened the session, followed by the devotional by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

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He Went Huntin' Saturday . . .

Squirrel hunting season opened Saturday.

Weaver Hurst likes to hunt especially for squirrel.

So, in hunting clothes, he headed for the woods.

But he was a little too eager.

Weaver Hurst forgot his gun!

Group Makes Plans For Unique Meal For Youthful Prisoners At Camp

Detailed plans are being worked out for a unique church supper.

The place — the state prison camp here. The hosts — Methodist men of the county. The guests — the prisoners.

It is to be a "covered dish" meal, so the inmates can enjoy some home-cooked food. And plans call for older women of the county's Methodist churches to serve the meal, to give the youthful first offenders at the camp the feeling of

having "mothers" around.

Final decision to hold the supper, set for the evening of October 25, was reached at last week's monthly meeting of the Macon County Methodist Men's Club, a ladies' night dinner meeting at the Carson Community House. About 60 persons were present.

It was pointed out that, with 94 persons at the camp, each of the families represented at last week's meeting would have to bring enough food for about six people, unless additional Methodist families from over the county participate. A committee, made up of James L. (Jimmy) Hauser, Erwin Patton, and Wiley J. Clark, was named to seek cooperation from others, especially churches not represented at last week's meeting.

John E. Cutshall, prison camp superintendent, who was present as a guest, expressed pleasure at the plan, and assured the group of the cooperation of the camp authorities.

An earlier proposal that members of the club seek to become "big brothers" to the youthful inmates will have to be taken up, "through channels", with prison authorities in Raleigh, Mr. Cutshall said.

Miss Margaret Wilson, who recently came here as county-wide Methodist youth worker, was the chief speaker on the program. She told of her background, her convictions, and her ideas of what can be done here — with the help of Methodist ministers and laymen. She plans to emphasize the training of leadership, she explained.

She was presented to the club by J. C. Sorrells.

GIBSON TAKES OFFICE OATH

New School Board Member Officially In; Gymnasium Visited

George Gibson took his seat Saturday morning on the three-man Macon County Board of Education, after being sworn in by the deputy clerk of court, Mrs. Byrda Nell Perry.

Mr. Gibson, farmer and cattle buyer, of Route 3, succeeds O. F. Summer, resigned. He was appointed to the board by the Democratic executive committee last week.

At the brief meeting, Mr. Gibson and member C. C. Sutton were appointed delegates to the state school board meeting in Chapel Hill in November. The third board member, Chairman Erwin Patton, and Supt. Holland McSwain were picked as alternates.

This was the only official action taken.

Following the meeting, the board inspected construction progress at the high school gymnasium.

X-Ray Machine Ready For Tuberculosis Tests

The X-ray machine at the new Macon County Health Center goes into operation today (Thursday) as the first of scheduled twice-monthly tuberculosis clinics gets under way.

Dr. Guy V. Gooding, district health officer, plans to hold the clinics the first and third Thursdays in each month from 11 to 12:30.

Skyway Hotel Closes

The Skyway Hotel in Franklin closed Saturday night, after operating about eight months. The latest closing is but one of a series in recent years.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Skiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Duke N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Sept. 23	80	57	.28
Thursday	82	57	...
Friday	81	59	.09
Saturday	84	64	.39
Sunday	75	58	...
Monday	79	51	...
Tuesday	77	55	...

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Sept. 23	71	59	...
Thursday	74	57	...
Friday	79	52	...
Saturday	80	59	.68

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed. Sept. 23	76	58	.26
Thursday	79	56	...
Friday	80	59	1.60
Saturday	80	59	.40
Sunday	72	59	...
Monday	76	49	...
Tuesday	75	54	...