

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Retired Man At Work

HASN'T RETIRED —

### Henry Has Just Changed Jobs

#### Variety Marks March Of Temperatures Here

Variety seemed to mark the up-and-down progress of the mercury in Maconian's thermometers this past week.

For example: In Franklin last Wednesday (14th) the low was 11 and the high 51; Friday and Saturday lows of 9 were registered; Sunday things leveled off with a low of 33 and a high of 43; and Tuesday it went down to 22, then back up to 46. An expected cold front from the north did not arrive.

#### The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Dec. 14	51	11
Thursday	42	19
Friday	41	09
Saturday	50	09
Sunday	43	33
Monday	53	25
Tuesday	46	22

  

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Dec. 14	49	13
Thursday	43	20
Friday	39	8
Saturday	47	12
Sunday	44	31
Monday	55	28
Tuesday	46	24

### Tag Cards To Be Sent Next Week

This is a reminder to motorists to be on the lookout next week for pocket registration cards.

You'll need them to purchase 1956 license tags when they go on sale January 3.

Verlon Swafford, manager of the local Carolina Motor Club office, where tags are sold, reports the state is now preparing to mail the registration cards and that they should be arriving within a few days.

The '56 license (only one per vehicle) has black numerals and letters on a yellow background — the reverse of the '55 plates.

Starting license sales in January is something new this year. In the past, plates have been put out December 1.

### Teams Beat Highlands

Franklin's lads and lassies closed out the '55 portion of the basketball season Friday night by registering victories over Highlands High teams.

Mavis Gibson paced the girls to a 38 to 25 victory by bucketing 19 points. Franklin led 19 to 16 at the half.

The boys chalked up a 69 to 44 win over Highlands. Franklin's Moore and Highlands' Keener tied for scoring honors with 19 points each.

The game of the final one of the year for Franklin. The teams will move into the 1956 portion of their schedule on January 10 against Sylva.

### NOT 'OUR FRANKLIN'

#### Correction — No Kin To Ben!

Fifty-two Franklins throughout the United States (cities, towns, and counties) in 1956 will be celebrating the 250th birth year of their namesake, Benjamin Franklin, discloses a dispatch from the "Poor Richard Club".

Correction, friends, 51 Franklins will be whooping it up, because be it here recorded that Franklin, North Carolina, has no ties with Benjamin Franklin.

And be it further noted that this Western North Carolina town probably is the only one of 28 cities and towns in the county not named for the statesman-author.

Fact is, "our Franklin" is named for Jesse Franklin, a state commissioner; who in 1820 helped organize a corps of surveyors to mark off the plot of land appropriated by the state for a town.

More Franklins On the subject of Franklins, the "Poor Richard" (the pen-

### COURT GIVES NICE GIFT TO SCHOOLS

Fines, Forfeitures, Fees From Superior

Court \$5,897.50

In the vein of Christmas giving, the December term of Superior Court has a nice cash gift for the school fund's stocking.

Collections earmarked for the schools came to \$5,897.50, according to Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court.

A break down of the total shows \$3,400 in fines; \$1,670 in forfeitures; \$480, solicitor fees; \$228, jury tax; and \$119.50, highway patrol fees.

The term closed officially Saturday midnight. It was one of the longest sessions in recent years.

### Wins Soil Post Here

Edwin J. Bradley, Iotla dairy farmer, is the new supervisor of the Macon County Soil Conservation District.

He was elected to the three-man board in balloting last week. The other nominee for the post was W. W. Sloan, incumbent member serving out the unexpired term of E. J. Whitmire, resigned.

Mr. Bradley's term is for three years. He takes Office January 1.

Other supervisors are J. S. Gray, chairman, and Robert Parker.

### Tax Listers For County Are Named

Tax listers for the county's 11 townships have been appointed by the Macon Board of County Commissioners.

They are:

Franklin—L. B. Liner; Millshoal—Harold Cabe; Ellijay—P. N. Moses; Sugarfork—Raymond Woods; Highlands—Tom Potts; Flats — Earl Dryman; Smith-bridge — Tom McDowell; Cartoogechaye — Gilmer Setser; Nantahala — Newell Baldwin; Burningtown — Floyd Ramsey; and Cowee—W. R. Gibson.

A schedule for listing '56 taxes will be announced next week, according to Lake V. Shope, secretary to the board.

### TOO EARLY TO KNOW

Mail Situation About Same As Last Year At Franklin Office

Postmaster Zeb Meadows yesterday said it was too early to decide if the flow of Christmas mail was going to break any record at the Franklin office.

He described the load as "about the same as this time last year" and said his staff is managing to keep up with little over-time work.

"I'll be able to tell more by the last of the week ... it may start rushing right at the last ... and it may not", the postmaster declared.

Last year's flood of Yuletide mail left an all-time high and some breathless employees in its wake. The office cancelled 131,200 pieces of out-going first class mail and sold, among others, 97,000 two-cent stamps.

### Some Rapid Transactions

The Gulf service station on the A. W. Reid property, at the junction of Highways 23-441 and 64, East Franklin, has been changing hands fast.

Last week the station, which had been closed, was leased and opened by Fred Queen. After a day or two, he sold to Earl Angel, and Tuesday Mr. Angel sold the lease to Earl and Forrest Slagle, brothers, of Franklin, Route 3.

The Slagle brothers say they are going to keep it.

### GOING TO CONFERENCE

Macon pastors are planning to attend the W. N. C. Baptist Pastor's Conference on January 9 at the First Baptist Church in Bryson City. It has been announced. The session is set for 10:30 a. m.



ICE SKATING is becoming a popular pastime on the lakes in Highlands for locals and visitors. The latest cold wave brought numbers of skaters from Georgia and South Carolina to the resort town. On one finger of Lake Sequoyah, lights have been installed for night skating parties. Above, "Bud" Potts and Carlton Cleveland show how blades and ice meet.

## Maconians Ready To Celebrate Day

It's just three days now until the jolly old bearded gentleman in the red suit parks his sled and reindeer over Macon County to officially herald Christmas 1955.

And traditionally, Maconians are celebrating the Yuletide with a variety of church services and other events.

Many churches, schools, and organizations already have held celebrations. Still others plan them between now and the "Day of Days".

**Snow Hill Service** Tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30, a candle lighting service will be held at the Snow Hill Methodist Church.

**Community Sing** At Cowee School tonight at 8:30, the public is invited to attend the community's annual carol sing.

**Christmas Program** Tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30, a toy or gift of food or clothing for the needy will be admission to the third annual Jaycee-sponsored Christmas program at the First Presbyterian Church.

The event was previously announced for the Methodist church.

Being directed by the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Franklin Jaycee and pastor of the Presbyterian church, the program will consist of Christmas selections, including "Glory To God In The Highest", "Hallelujah Chorus", "I Wonder As I Wander",

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**Bright Lights Of Contests In County Drawing Hundreds**

The bright lights of three Christmas lighting contests over the county are drawing hundreds of motoring spectators.

Largest of the three is the county-wide event sponsored by the Nantahala Power and Light Company for the organized rural communities.

The other two are locally sponsored contests in Franklin and Highlands.

**11 Participating** Twelve communities are participating in the county competition and the top five — to be

## Press Photographer's Camera Captures Spirit Of Christmas In Toy Department Scenes



Test Run



Now Let's See



Musician



What, No Dolls?



Girl Sailor



Dandy, Ain't It?