



WORKMEN ARE SHOWN pouring the foundation for the new county library on Phillips Street between the county jail (building at right) and the new Tippett Building. Miss Lassie Kelly, chairman of the library committee, this week said a concerted drive to raise funds for the new building is planned at an early date.

POWER DAM RESERVE IS AT LOWEST

Despite Near Critical Situation, Gnuse Sees No Power Curtailment

Although water reserves are nearing the "critical" stage at Nantahala Power and Light Company dams, no curtailment of power is anticipated in this area at present, according to a company vice-president, H. H. Gnuse.

Meanwhile, the company is taking precautionary measures to conserve the small reserve of water at the Nantahala and Thorpe power dams until the reservoirs start filling.

Mr. Gnuse said both dams are operating only a few hours each day.

On the basis of round-the-clock operation, he estimated that Nantahala's 11 1/2 feet of usable storage would be exhausted in about three days and Thorpe's foot and a half in a day's time.

However, he said by running shorter hours "we are about holding our own" and that unless a prolonged dry spell occurs the situation should improve.

"We are confident that it will break before long," the vice-president declared.

Mr. Gnuse said the low stream flow this January is the "worst since I've been here." At present, it is lower than it was in January, 1954.

"And 1954 was the worst year we experienced," he said. He also noted that it is unusual to experience a drought at this time of the year. Normally, the reservoirs are filling during January.

Most of the southeast, however is facing the same problem and Mr. Gnuse said the outlook is a "critical power shortage" unless the rainy season begins soon.

4-H Electric School Slated For Saturday

A farm and home electric school for 4-H members is scheduled Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the Agricultural Building.

E. S. Coates, of Raleigh, specialist in agricultural engineering, will be on hand to assist in organizing a farm and home electric club in the county if enough interest is shown by the members. Several monthly meetings are now being planned to assist them with electric projects, according to Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, 4-H assistant agent. Also expected to attend the Saturday session is G. L. Carter, district 4-H leader, also of Raleigh.

Power Company Adds 358 New Customers

In the five-county area it serves, Nantahala Power and Light Company added 358 new customers during 1955.

This figure includes both residential and commercial customers, according to W. W. (Bill) Sloan, director of rural service and personnel.

The power company, which has home offices in Franklin, serves Macon, Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, and Graham.

STATE HEAD COMING HERE

Jaycee President Gurganus To Speak At Franklin Event

Edgar (Red) Gurganus, president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been obtained as guest speaker for the Franklin Jaycees' annual banquet honoring Macon County's Young Man of the Year.

Arrangements for the event on February 3 are now being worked out, according to the club president, C. Banks Finger.

Mr. Gurganus, a Williamston attorney, plans to spend the week of February 2-8 in the western area and will be the guest of the local Jaycees at least two nights during his visit.

Meanwhile, Jaycee C. Jack Ragan urges all civic clubs, rural communities, and individuals to turn in nominations for the young man award. At the banquet, the Jaycees will present the winner with a Distinguished Service Award Key for his outstanding service to the community during the past year (1955). Any young man not over the age of 36 is eligible for the award. Mr. Ragan emphasized that a nominee does not have to be a Jaycee.

A Jaycee "Boss of the Year" award also will be made at the banquet. Club members are nominating their employers for this honor.

Suggest Tax Increase For Schools Here

As a means of bettering school facilities, a committee of the Franklin P. T. A. suggests asking the county commissioners to raise the tax rate.

This is the essence of a report presented to the P. T. A. Monday night by H. H. Gnuse, chairman of the committee recently appointed to study school needs.

Following the business session, Mrs. Beth Guffey, elementary supervisor, spoke on "The Handicapped Child." She later turned the program over to Miss Esther Seay, special education teacher in the elementary schools, for a talk on handicapped children receiving instruction in the county.

The devotional was given by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. President B. L. McGlamery presided.

JUDGE PATTON SAYS — Freedom Dangers 'Within'

The dangers to American freedom "from without are small compared to the dangers from within", Judge George B. Patton told the Franklin Rotary Club at its weekly meeting last Thursday evening at the Slagle Memorial Building.

Judge Patton cited two major "dangers from within":

1. Under a democratic form of government, he said, "the main cog, the pivot around which the whole thing revolves, is the individual. Its strength lies in his character, and in his opportunities to make his convictions felt. Today the individual is caught "in the squeeze" between big business, on one hand, and big government, on the other.
2. Out of the controversy among

the authors of our Constitution, over whether this should be a limited monarchy or a democracy, he said, a compromise was worked out, giving us three separate and distinct phases of government — the administrative, the legislative, and the judicial — with a sharp "line of demarcation" drawn between them. There has been a growing tendency, the Franklin superior court judge said, for one branch to "step over into another's pasture". He cited the Supreme Court's segregation decisions as "a shining example" of the break-down of the division of powers and the historic system of "checks and balances". He described the segregation decisions as "a red flag flaunted in the face



COLD NOSES—These automobiles almost appear to be huddling for warmth during Monday's snowy taste of winter. Flurries piled up snow on parked cars and in some sections covered the ground.

RETAIL MILK RATINGS OUT

Sanitarian Gives All Four Outlets Grade A Marks

Ratings of "Grade A" have been given the four distributors selling retail milk in Macon County, according to Sanitarian H. T. Collins.

They are Addington Dairy Farm, Nantahala Creamery, Southern Dairies, and Pet Dairies.

The sanitarian also reported that 37 producer dairy farms here were given "Grade A" ratings for the semi-annual grading period.

More Than 30 Teachers Take Special Course

More than 30 county teachers and several from nearby Georgia are enrolled in Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker's course here on special education.

His instruction is offered by Western Carolina College as an off-campus course. He is here each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 at Franklin High.

The lecture series deals with exceptional children and their needs.

County-Wide Young Democrats Meet Called

A county-wide meeting of the Young Democrats Club has been called for Saturday, January 28, at the courthouse. It has been announced.

Election of officers will feature the meeting, which is set for 2 p. m.

SING ON SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday sing will be held at the Burningtown Baptist Church Sunday, beginning at 1:30 p. m. It has been announced by Lon Thompson, president.

Winter Breathes On Macon's Neck With Snow And Cold

Recreation Field For Camp Being Made

A large field near the state highway maintenance shed is now being transformed into a recreation field for the Macon Prison Camp nearby.

The project is another phase in the camp's new rehabilitation program since it changed to an institution for youthful first offenders, according to Supt. John E. Cutshall.

About five acres are being graded and cleared for the field.

When the project is completed, the superintendent said the camp will have facilities for baseball, tennis, softball, basketball, volley ball, handball, boxing, shuffleboard, and track.

It will be used only on weekends and holidays by the camp, he explained.

Mr. Cutshall also said that he has received permission from the state to allow prison teams to play local teams, provided the games are played in the daytime on the prison field.

Board To Meet With Patrons Of Cowee School

Members of the board of education and Supt. Holland McSwain plan to meet with patrons of the Cowee School tonight (Thursday) to discuss the needs of the school.

The meeting is set for 7:30. This will be the first of a number of meetings set by the board with patrons over the county before Macon's final school building allocation of \$152,027.87 is divided among the schools.

Winter blew its cold breath down Macon County's neck this week. The temperature stayed below freezing in both Franklin and Highlands at night, but pushed to the 40's and 50's in the day. Franklin had a low of 8 Saturday, while Highlands recorded 12.

Hundreds of skaters from South Carolina and Georgia poured into Highlands over the week-end to glide over its many frozen lakes. A Greenville, S. C. TV station Monday evening featured a movie of skating in the resort town.

Monday brought the first real snow of the season to the county. Flurries began in early morning, and as the mercury rose, snow started sticking to the ground. Parked automobiles were soon covered. However, a high temperature of 49 in the afternoon discouraged the falling of more.

It was "clear as a bell" yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

Road Work Is Listed

During December, state highway maintenance forces did 4.05 miles of road work in this county, according to a report from the office of the division commissioner, Harry E. Buchanan.

Graded, drained, and surfaced with traffic-bound macadam were the following 12-foot wide county roads, and their lengths: Welch Road, 0.4 mile; Wilson Road, 1 mile; and Holt Road, 0.55 mile.

The surfaces of four other roads were strengthened with traffic-bound macadam. They are McClure Mill Road, 0.4 mile; Erins Creek Road, 0.4 mile; Holly Springs Church Road, 0.4 mile; and Fagan Cabe Road, 1 mile.

BENEFIT DANCE SLATED

A square dance will be held at Otto School January 27 at 8 p. m., for the benefit of the polio drive. It has been announced.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hill and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and in the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 11	53	31	—
Thursday	51	30	—
Friday	50	21	—
Saturday	56	08	—
Sunday	57	13	—
Monday	49	25	.03
Tuesday	49	11	—

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 11	44	24	—
Thursday	42	24	—
Friday	40	20	—
Saturday	43	12	—
Sunday	45	16	—
Monday	37	29	—
Tuesday	41	14	—

COWETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 11	55	27	—
Thursday	54	29	—
Friday	49	21	—
Saturday	53	10	—
Monday	58	36	—
Sunday	50	16	—
Tuesday	46	13	—

* trace of snow



TELEPHONE in hand, Barney Lee Mason, 25-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Shorty) Mason, of Franklin, is trying to span the word and speak to his grandmother in Germany. He wants to thank her for the clothes he is wearing, which are what well-dressed little boys over there wear. The outfit includes coat (joppet), leather pants (lederhosen or sepphosen), suspenders (hosentrager), hat (sepphut), and calf socks (wadenstrumpfe). Carved deer horn ornaments are on the suspenders and coat. Mrs. Mason is a native German. She met her husband while he was serving with the army there in 1951 and she came here in 1953.

Over Your Shoulder



REMEMBER this old lookout tower on top of Albert Mountain? It burned some 25 years ago and was replaced by a more modern one. Ranger Tom Alexander is standing at left. The man who manned the lookout during the fire season, Dan Sweetman, is at right.