

TIME CHANGE IS PROPOSED FOR BUSES

Commission Looking Into Request; Davis Explains Proposal

Queen City Coaches is requesting a schedule time change for two busses on its Franklin-Asheville run, according to D. D. Davis, district inspector for the N. C. Utilities Commission. In order to improve over-all service between the two points, the bus company wants (1) Franklin's morning bus to leave for Asheville an hour earlier, at 6 o'clock rather than at 7, and (2) the late afternoon bus from Asheville to Franklin to depart two hours later, at 6 o'clock rather than 4, as now scheduled.

Mr. Davis pointed out that the proposed morning change would give an hour's extra time for locals going to Asheville and that they could return on the 1:15 or on the later bus.

By changing the departure time two hours on the Asheville end, they could stay longer in the city, he added, and still not arrive home at too late an hour.

If the change is approved, the morning bus would leave here at 6 and arrive in Asheville at 8:20. The afternoon bus would depart Asheville at 6 and arrive here at 8:25.

No effective date has been set for the change, which must be approved by the utilities commission.

Mr. Davis said if there is no strong opposition to the change he will recommend to the commission that it be approved.

Committees Are Appointed

With an eye on scheduled try-outs April 2, some 75 boys and adults Tuesday night did more polishing on the Little League Baseball program.

Fred Vaughn presided, in the absence of Frank Dean, commander of the league sponsoring American Legion post. Bob Carpenter outlined the program and progress to date.

The following committees were appointed: Field: Bob S. Sloan, chairman, Frank Shope, Owen Ammons, Mrs. Harve Bryant, and W. G. Crawford.

Team Managers: The Rev. Bryan Hatchett, chairman, Herman Mason, and Dr. O. H. Burnside.

Umpires: John Swan, chairman, Newell Pendergrass, and Dick Stott.

Late News and Briefs

TO GREET GOVERNOR

Mrs. Carl S. Slagle and James (Jim) Raby have been selected for the welcoming committee to greet Gov. Luther H. Hodges Saturday at the Buncombe courthouse, when he appears to address the annual meeting of stockholders in Farmers Federation. The meeting is set for 10 a. m.

TO MARK BIRTHDAY

In observance of the birthday of American Legion, members of the local post and auxiliary plan a covered dish supper Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Slagle Memorial Building, it has been announced.

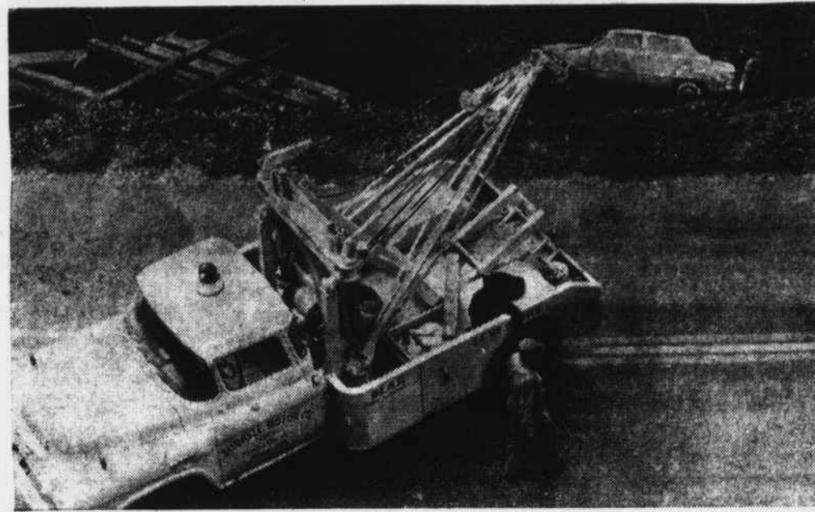
FIELD DAY SLATED

Principal Harry C. Corbin announced this week that a field day has been scheduled at Franklin High for April 13. It will feature exhibits by students, competitive examinations, and athletic field events. Teacher Jack Angel is in charge.

STATE OFFICIAL HERE

Mrs. John Crawford, of Raleigh, state P. T. A. president, was here yesterday (Wednesday) for the county-wide P. T. A. study course at East Franklin School.

The state official was accompanied by Mrs. Olin Dillard, of Candler, district P. T. A. director. Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, of Western Carolina College, was the guest speaker.



A WRECKER is shown pulling a 1949 Ford up the steep side of Cullasaja Gorge, near Cullasaja Falls on US 64. A retired nurse, Margaret Evelyn Norris, 62, of San Diego, Calif., lost control of the vehicle on the rain slick pavement about 4:25 p. m. last Thursday, but stepped out with only minor injuries. Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson listed the car as "demolished" in his report. At left in the picture is the old wooden ramp built to accommodate logging trucks going into the gorge.

Jaycees' 'Young Farmer' Award Given To Parker

Robert C. Parker, Cartoogechaye dairy farmer, Monday night was honored by the Franklin Jaycees as "Macon County's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1955".

He was presented a special plaque by Siler Slagle, winner of the award in '54. Mr. Slagle, Wayne Proffitt, and John J. Wrinn served as a selection committee and sifted nominees for the award.

In making the presentation, Mr. Slagle remarked that "it was obvious from the start that he (Mr. Parker) was the man for the award". He was nominated by several individuals and organizations.

C. Banks Finger, Jaycee president, said Mr. Parker will be entered in the state "Outstanding Young Farmer" contest next fall.

Active in community and church affairs, the young farmer operates a 484-acre dairy farm in partnership with his brother, A. C. Parker. He is a member of the Mount Hope Baptist Church and is now president of the local Farm Bureau. He formerly managed the Franklin branch of Waynesville Tractor Company.

Mr. Parker is married to the former Miss Helen Johnson. They have two children, Neal, who is 4, and Eugenia, 3.

Rotary Elects Dr. McSween As New President

Dr. George R. McSween, Franklin chiropractor, last Thursday night was elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club.

He succeeds Erwin Patton, who automatically, as retiring



Dr. McSween

president, becomes vice-president.

Others named to serve with Dr. McSween are Bob Carpenter, secretary-treasurer, and E. J. Whitmire, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., Dr. J. W. Kahn, and H. W. Cabe, directors.

The officers constitute the club's board of directors.

V. F. W. Election Is Scheduled

Members of the local V. F. W. post have an officer election scheduled Wednesday night (28th) at the post home, on Palmer Street.

Zeb Meadows is the present commander. The meeting is set for 8 o'clock.

'Locomotive Chase' Premier Slated For Atlanta In June

Walt Disney plans to hold the world premier of his Civil War epic, "The Great Locomotive Chase", on June 8 in Atlanta, Ga., at Loew's Grand Theatre.

The master of frontier, future, and fantasy filmed the movie over the tracks of the Tallulah Falls Railway here and in Georgia early last fall.

Is there anything to a rumor that Disney plans to film another movie in this area?

This question was answered this week in a letter from a Disney publicist, John Conner:

"There are no plans for any further filming by Disney in your area. 'Light in the Forest' is scheduled for a location in Pennsylvania in June and 'Westward Ho — the Wagons' is being shot at Los Angeles right now."

As an added "bonus" to Press subscribers, who followed the filming of the movie both in the newspaper and along the tracks of the railroad, the production of "The Great Locomotive Chase", with some pictures, will appear in next week's issue.

Victory Smiles On Locals In Final Basketball Game

Victory smiled on Franklin High's lads and lassies Friday night in the final game of a somewhat brief home basketball season.

The lassies rolled over Murphy 54 to 39, fired by the 30-point scoring of Lucy Henry. In a see-saw battle, the local boys edged the Murphy lads 54 to 52. Willard Smith, with 18 points, and Mitchell Houston, with 15, paced the team to victory.

This was the third and final game this year for Franklin High in its new gymnasium,

which was officially christened March 9 in a post-season clash with Clyde Erwin High School. Then, Tuesday night of last week, the locals took on Cullasaja in the second blessing for the gymnasium.

It is estimated that more than 2,700 fans turned out for the three games. Principal Harry C. Corbin reported yesterday (Wednesday) the school cleared \$1,010 on the three. The money is to be equally divided between the athletic association and a fund to pay for sidewalks around the gymnasium, he said.

58 Service Establishments Have Receipts Of \$879,000

Receipts of 58 service establishments enumerated in Macon County in the 1954 Census of Business amounted to about \$879,000, according to a preliminary report covering service trades, published by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The combined yearly payroll of the county's service establishments was \$193,000. They reported 75 employees, of whom 60 worked full-time in the pay period ending nearest November 15. Proprietors actively employed in the operation of unincorporated businesses numbered 58.

Establishments providing personal services numbered 18 and reported receipts of \$180,000.

Establishments primarily engaged in automotive repair, parking, and other automotive services numbered six and had receipts of \$110,000. Establishments listed as "all other services" in the preliminary report numbered 34 and had receipts of \$589,000.

"Personal services" group includes such businesses as barber and beauty shops, cleaning and dyeing plants, laundries and laundry services, garment alteration and repair services, funeral services, photographic studios, shoe repair shops and shine parlors, as well as other personal services.

"Automotive services" group includes general automobile repair. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 2

Jury List Is Named For Court

Jurors for the April term of Superior Court here have been drawn.

The term convenes on the 16th with Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, presiding.

Listed below are the first 36 jurors, who are slated for duty the first week:

J. D. Burnette, Highlands; Joe M. Henry, Franklin; P. E. Dowdle, Route 2; Barnett Glidwell, Franklin; E. R. Huggins, Route 3; Will Talley, Route 4; Floyd Ramsey, Route 3; Claude Conley, Route 2; Ted Crunkleton, Highlands; Mack Moffitt, Franklin; Grady Coffee, Highlands; W. C. Arvey, Route 3; Clyde O. Morgan, Nantahala; Gilmer Setser, Route 1; Tom Alley, Otton; Walter Hall, Franklin; Vernon Cunningham, Route 2; Bill Burch, Route 1; Pritchard Russell, Route 5; Sammy Bryson, Route 5; George E. Doster, Route 2; Woodrow Poindexter, Route 1; Charlie Henry, Route 5; Fred Dehart, Route 2; G. C. Woody, Route 3; John N. Conley, Route 2; Lewis Moses, Route 5; E. E. Roten, Route 1; George R. Pattillo, Route 4; Jewel Smith, Route 3; W. P. Pierson, Highlands; Morris Ledford, Route 3; Austin Mashburn, Route 4; S. C. Creswell, Highlands; Sam O. Sellers, Route 2; and Reid Elliott, Route 4.

Picked for duty the second week are:

Fred M. Slagle, Route 1; J. A. Taylor, Route 5; Harold Cabe, Route 4; Lorenz Moses, Route 5; T. H. Callahan, Franklin; J. H. Brookshire, Route 1; H. H. Gnuse, Jr., Franklin; J. A. Hodges, Highlands; Charles W. Nolen, Route 1; Earl Dryman, Flats; Roger Vanhook, Route 2; Frank Gibson, Route 4; Wendell L. Keener, Route 5; Leonard Myers, Route 2; W. Roy Carpenter, Franklin; W. H. Cobb, Highlands; and T. H. Fagg, Franklin.

GOING TO CHARLOTTE

Dr. G. R. McSween leaves today (Thursday) for Charlotte to attend a chiropractic educational clinic. He plans to be in his office again Monday morning.

Easter Dawn Rites Are Being Planned

Services Are Slated On Wayah Bald, Raven's Rock, and Whiteside

Preparations are now under way for three Easter sunrise services.

The Jones' camp, "High Haven", atop mile-high Wayah Bald will again be the scene of Franklin's annual dawn service, which is being sponsored by the local churches and the Franklin Jaycees. Arrangements, including the selection of a guest minister, are now being made by a committee composed of the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, the Rev. S. B. Moss, Mrs. R. S. Jones, and Frank Martin. Transportation to the camp will be furnished by Jaycees. A time schedule will be announced next week.

ON WHITESIDE

The inter-church group of Highlands also is working out details for the annual sunrise service on the crest of the county's scenic mountain, Whiteside. Owners of the mountain, which is between Highlands and Cashiers, are offering the use of the attraction, and no charge will be made over the toll road.

Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, Episcopal minister and professor at Western Carolina College, will deliver the Easter message. The service will begin about 6 o'clock.

Raven's Rock Rite

Another service increasing in popularity is one on Raven's Rock, near Otto. Although still small in comparison to the other two, this service is drawing larger crowds of worshippers each year.

The Rev. Glenn Anderson, pastor of the Macon Methodist Circuit, will deliver the message this year.

Persons planning to attend this service are requested to meet at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory at 5 a. m.

Winter Gasps; Spring Grasps

Winter struck out savagely as it gave its dying gasp Tuesday.

Spring officially arrived that day accompanied by a low temperature in Franklin of 14 degrees. It was the coldest weather here in more than two months. Not since Saturday, January 14, when the mercury dropped to 8, had it been so cold here.

Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, the temperature here dropped a degree lower than Tuesday, to 13.

The low reading in Highlands Tuesday was a shivery 12, while it stood at 16 at Coweeta.

In Highlands, the mercury never got above 30 degrees Tuesday. At Coweeta it climbed to 42 during the day and in Franklin to 45.

Snow flurries blew over the week-end, as Spring's icy fingers started relaxing.

Spring comes with the vernal solstice—the time when the day and night are equal, the world over. While March 21 usually is thought of as the first day of spring, the vernal solstice varies from the 20th to the 21st, falling this year on the earlier date.

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, T. A. observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

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Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Mar. 14	73	52	1.03
Thursday	55	45	.41
Friday	62	39	1.02
Saturday	50	25
Sunday	57	28	.04
Monday	44	25	.08
Tuesday	45	14
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., Mar. 14	62	44	1.01
Thursday	44	37	.09
Friday	41	36	1.64
Saturday	38	18	.02
Sunday	47	28
Monday	36	18	.18
Tuesday	30	12	trace
COWEETA			
Wed., Mar. 14	72	53	1.11
Thursday	49	44	.33
Friday	50	42	1.19
Saturday	48	26
Sunday	56	27	.14
Monday	41	21	.09
Tuesday	42	16



MACON COUNTY'S 4-H king and queen, Clarence Poindexter and Suzanne Cunningham, got a lot of fun out of waving to their "subjects" from the back seat of a convertible in Saturday's 4-H parade. Clarence is a member of the Cartoogechaye Senior club and Suzanne of the junior group.