

Machinery Coming For Highway Job

Grading should start this week on the \$675,897.80 highway relocation project from Franklin to the state line. Resident Highway Engineer S. T. Usry said Monday that W. E. Graham and Sons, contractor for grading and paving, plans to move in equipment to

REQUEST BY-PASS
A move is now under way locally to provide a by-pass of US 23-441 from Franklin to the Georgia line to offer a measure of relief to motorists while the highway is under construction.

The state highway department has been asked to bulldoze and gravel a section of less than a mile as the connecting link between county roads from the line up the Little Tennessee River, into the Clark's Chapel community and Franklin. This small link is below Otto and is between the McDowell and Bradley homes.

If the connection is made, traffic can move over the by-pass from the state line to Franklin without going on the main highway.

begin operations right away. In grading the 12.46-mile job, about 800,000 yards of dirt will be moved.

Mr. Usry said the structure work and right-of-way are about 50 per cent complete.

Ray And Welch Set Opening Of Super Market

Opening of the new Ray and Welch Super Market on Palmer Street is set for tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. L. B. Welch and Glenn Ray are partners in the business. Mr. Ray built and owns the building.

The super market's services include a complete market and a complete line of grocery items.

For the convenience of customers leaving the store loaded with groceries, the owners have installed an automatic door at the exit, which swings open on electrical impulse when the customer steps on a special floor mat.

In line with the present trend, Mr. Ray said compact and low aisle shelves were installed throughout the store and do not block store-wide vision.

Started last October, the new building has gone up on the site of Mr. Ray's old store building on the corner of Phillips and Palmer. Before being razed, the old building was among the oldest in town.

The new structure is 44 by 70 feet and of concrete block and brick veneer construction. Areas around the glass front are crab orchard stone.

A full basement hold the store's stock. It is accessible from the main floor by a small freight elevator. Stairs were eliminated from the main floor to the basement to allow more display space, Mr. Ray explained.

The Rev. Fred Sorrells was the building contractor.

Little League Standings

Team Standings	W	L	Pct.
Jaybirds	4	0	1.000
Thunderbirds	2	2	.500
Wildcats	1	2	.333
Reddys	1	2	.333

Leading league hitter is Wildcat third baseman Ronnie Higdon at .555.

Week's Scores

May 30: Jaybirds, 5, Wildcats, 3; Reddys, 8, T-birds, 6.
June 1: Wildcats, 4, Reddys, 2.
June 4: Jaybirds, 13, T-birds, 10.

Coming Games

June 8: Reddys vs Thunderbirds, 5:30 p. m.
June 11: Wildcats vs Jaybirds, 5:30 p. m.
June 13: Double-header, 3 p. m., Wildcats vs Reddys and Thunderbirds vs Jaybirds.

Goin' To See Railroad Star

Where's everyone going? Well, for four days starting Sunday just about everyone capable of moving about will likely be heading for the local theatre, where Macon County's own "Cinderella Railroad", the old Tallulah Falls, will be starred in Walt Disney's Civil War epic, "The Great Locomotive Chase". Because of the local angle in the movie, the theatre manager, Charles Ivester, is planning special morning runs to accommodate the anticipated large crowds. If the interest in the movie even approaches the popularity of the railroad when Disney's company was here last fall filming "The Chase", four days will hardly be adequate. For several weeks, thousands poured into this area and north Georgia to watch the balloon-stacked locomotive and movie stars reenact the page from Civil War history.

Corbin Gets Masters

John Kenneth Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corbin, of Franklin, Route 5, Sunday was awarded a master's degree during commencement exercises at Clemson College.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Corbin plans to work in Washington, D. C.

A number from here attended the exercises.

PRENTISS HOMECOMING

Homecoming and singing will be held at Prentiss Baptist Church, Sunday, June 10. Lunch will be served at noon. All singers and quartets are invited.

From Cartoogechaye —

Newspaper Faces Competition

Out Cartoogechaye way competition to The Press is rearing its head.

Firing the competitive spirit in the parade of news is a sprightly little monthly mimeographed publication of the Cartoogechaye Rural Community Development Organization called the "Cartooge-Jay-Bird."

Its four editors — Miss Sally Kesler, Mrs. E. M. McNish, Miss Rose King, and John Gunn — tackle each issue with enthusiasm and freshness reflected in the news sheet's motto: "There's Just Ain't No Birds Like Jay-Birds."

SEES RACE MEASURES FOR SESSION

Local Legislator Discusses Aspects Of Called Meeting

Macon Rep. G. L. Houk sees the special session of the General Assembly to plot the state's stand on the school segregation issue as "loading the pistol, just in case".

And while he doesn't hanker for any of Raleigh's scorching July weather, he'll be on hand in the capitol at noon on July 23 to meet with the rest of the lawmakers at the invitation of Gov. Luther H. Hodges.

While there is talk of other measures (highways and prison) on the assembly's agenda, Mr. Houk feels the entire special session will be taken up by the segregation issue. This, he says, probably will take about 10 "working days", unless the lawmakers use night sessions to speed things up.

He predicts that a resolution at the opening session will limit the session to segregation problems only.

Mr. Houk sees two constituents —

Gibson Clan Sets Reunion Here Sunday

Descendants of John Stewart and Martha Carrol Gibson will gather Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibson in the Iotla section for their annual reunion.

All members of the family and their friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Mrs. Frank I. Murray, Sr., family secretary, reports the Gibson descendants number 2,145.



WAYAH BALD'S famous flame azalea is enhanced by the appearance of Miss Katrina Cochran, of Franklin, who is "framed" by the colorful mountain flower. Azalea and mountain laurel are gradually opening in the mid-elevations of Wayah and should be at the peak of their beauty toward the last of the month.

Local Youth Nearly Wins State Teen Driving Event

A toe-headed Macon County youth, whose driving skill and knowledge made him a two-time winner locally, almost drove his way to the top spot in the state-wide "Teen-Age Road-e-o".

Only about a point and a half separated Kenneth Brown and

the boy who placed first in the annual teen-age driving competition.

But, Kenneth is pretty content with second place and the plaque, trophy, and \$50 Savings Bond he won in the contest, held over the week-end in Greenville.

"It was really tough," he reports.

Kenneth feels he was handicapped to some extent by the strange automobile he drove in the Sunday afternoon driving tests, but qualifies this by noting the other 57 contestants also were strangers to their cars.

In the written examination on Saturday afternoon, he missed only one question.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown, of Clark's Chapel community, Kenneth has won the local "Teen-Age Road-e-o" for the past two years. In the state event last year he placed tenth.

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COMMUNITY MEETING

The Cowee Rural Community Development Organization will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the school. The program will be given by the Girl Scouts of the community.

Van Raalte Plant To Reduce Shifts

PLANT WORK WILL START

Expansion Will Mean About 50 Per Cent Of Present Facilities

Plant Supt. Stephen A. Bundy this week said construction of the proposed addition of the Franklin plant of Burlington Industries will get under way inside of six weeks.

While the company is still hush-hush about the expansion program, he disclosed that the previously announced "substantial proportions" means about 50 per cent more than the present floor space of the plant.

Since the present plant contains about 30,000 square feet, it is presumed the expansion will see the addition of 15,000 or better.

Mr. Bundy said he was not at liberty to comment about the expansion's relationship to employment. When the expansion program was announced in mid-April, company officials said a "sharp increase" would result.

Voices Needed For Revival Series Choir

A choir of at least 75 voices is needed for the annual interdenominational revival series, which starts in Franklin on June 17.

Lowell McKee, who is in charge of music, this week requested all interested in singing in the choir to meet the next two Sunday afternoons, June 10 and 17, at the Friendship Tabernacle at 2:30 for practice.

A special men's choir for the series is to be formed, he said.

Guest minister at the week-long (June 17-22) revival at the tabernacle will be the Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Lenoir.

Committees already are making advance preparations for the revival.

Will Trace Ike's Work At Dinner

Accomplishments of the Eisenhower administration for the past three years will be traced here Saturday night by Congressman John V. Beamer (R-Ind.) when he addresses the "Citizens for Eisenhower" dinner.

Set for the Panorama Court at 7:30, the dinner is being sponsored by the local Republican party.

Party chairman Bryant McClure described it as "a social gathering embracing friends of the Eisenhower administration from every section of this congressional district".

Expected to attend and to speak briefly are Dick Clark, of Hendersonville, candidate for Congress, and Ray Wright, of Bryson City, a candidate for the state Senate. Also slated for remarks is J. C. Crisp, local party sponsor.

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Hard To Estimate How Much Of Phone Issue Coming Here

How much of the half-million bond issue authorized by stockholders of Western Carolina Telephone Company will come to Macon County?

"It's too difficult to estimate," according to Vice-President R. E. McKelvey, of Franklin, since the issue is earmarked for general expansion throughout the entire W. C. T. C. system.

In addition to Macon, the company has exchanges in Mitchell, Buncombe, Swain, Yancey, Jackson, Clay, Madison, McDowell, Cherokee, Graham, and Rabun County, Ga.

Stockholders okayed the issue at a meeting in Weaverville on Monday.

Eighteen people — 14 men and four women — will be dropped from Van Raalte's payroll here soon as the full-fashioned hosiery company retrenches.

An announcement from the New York offices of the company this week disclosed that effective July 2 the local plant will cut back to "the equivalent of a two-shift operation".

In the face of production problems brought on by over-supply, the plant for several months has been operating reduced shifts. At the present time, its three shifts are working only half time.

With the July reduction, however, employment will be full-time, it is understood.

Over-production is given as the reason for the cut back. "The full-fashioned (hosiery with seams) hosiery industry has steadily been over-produced for the past several years. Anticipated requirements for full-fashioned hosiery no longer support three shift knitting operations," the announcement said.

The reduction is being handled on an "equitable basis and according to the type of equipment at each plant" in Van Raalte's operation, it is reported.

Those to be released from their jobs have the lowest seniority.

The 18 at the local plant will work through July 1.

Late News and Briefs

COMPLAINTS AIRED

A small delegation of parents and interested citizens appeared before the Franklin Board of Aldermen on Tuesday night to air complaints about the town's pool hall.

The pool hall owner, Fred Cabe, sat in on the session.

After meeting with the delegation, the aldermen renewed the hall's privilege license with the understanding that no minors will be allowed inside and that gambling and drinking will be prohibited.

BEING TRANSFERRED

E. A. Johnson, forester in charge of the Cowetta Hydro-SEE NO. 4, PAGE 8

Quick Winter Comes As Mercury Drops

Maconians were sure they were witnessing the shortest summer on record over the week-end.

For right in the middle of some pleasant June weather, the temperature Saturday dropped into the low 40's and on Sunday added insult to injury by nosing into the 30's.

Sunday, a low of 39 was recorded in Franklin, 37 at Cowetta, and 40 in Highlands, where the temperature is usually as much as five to 10 degrees lower than in Franklin.

But, with the first of the week, the quick winter bowed out again and things started warming up.

The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Macon Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer; and at the Cowetta Hydrologic Laboratory.

	Temperatures	
	High	Low
FRANKLIN		
Wed., May 30	85	60
Thursday	86	56
Friday	83	60
Saturday	69	44
Sunday	71	39
Monday	74	44
Tuesday	81	50
HIGHLANDS		
Wed., May 30	76	60
Thursday	78	56
Friday	69	58
Saturday	62	46
Sunday	64	40
Monday	63	46
Tuesday	66	49
Wednesday	—	44
COWETTA		
Wed., May 30	83	60
Thursday	85	55
Friday	71	58
Saturday	62	41
Sunday	69	37
Monday	71	41
Tuesday	78	48
Wednesday	—	45



THE EDITORS of the "Cartooge-Jay-Bird" prepare to roll off another issue of the sprightly community news-

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