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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING FOR PARADE

Event To Signal Opening Of Yule Season In Town

Supported by marching bands, festive floats, and streets lined with bright-eyed children and appreciative adults, Santa Claus will officially bedeck Franklin in Christmas trimmings today (Thursday).

On tap for the official opening of the Yuletide is a parade through town at 2:30.

And old St. Nick himself will be the featured attraction. He is scheduled to arrive at 2 o'clock by airplane at the local airport and from there he will join the parade and ride along the route in a sports car, tossing out candy and gifts to the children.

The parade is a tie-in feature of a merchants' "shop early and avoid the last minute rush" trade promotion. A committee of Jaycees and merchants is handling arrangements.

More than 30 floats are being entered in the parade by businesses, organizations, and communities. At least three bands have been pledged, according to Mall Callahan, Jaycee in charge.

The parade will assemble on Depot Street at 2 o'clock. It will move along the one-way "loop"; that is, up Town Hill and along Main Street and then back to Depot along Palmer Street.

New Well For Town Approved

With the idea of heading off pending trouble before it arrives, the Franklin Board of Aldermen has given the go-ahead on sinking a new well.

The board's action, taken in special session Tuesday night of last week, is two-pronged:

(1) Water shortages at intervals last summer pointed up the need for an increased supply before the pressure of the next tourist season again works on the town's inadequate supply; and

(2) Some work is going to have to be done on the town's largest producing well near the Friendship Tabernacle. A new well will serve to meet demands while this work is being done.

Plans Still On

The sinking of the new well does not mean the town is abandoning plans for some day building a filtering plant on Cartoogechay Creek. A survey of this plan is still under way.

"Even if we had approved a filtering plant, it would be impossible for us to call for a bond election and have the job finished by next summer," Mayor W. C. Burrell pointed out at the meeting.

"We need this new well to carry us through next summer and to let us work on the big well," he added.

At least three sites are now under consideration for the new well. All are in the vicinity of the Franklin Hosiery Plant on US 23-441.

Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey estimates that \$5,000 will be needed to drill and equip the well. The work can be done out of current funds, he said.

Pumping Mud

It was brought out in the meeting that the Friendship Tabernacle well is pumping mud into the system because of a faulty casing. Mayor W. C. Burrell said the firm that dug it will correct the trouble under terms of its contract.

As the biggest producer of the town's five wells, when it went into production in 1952 its output was 204 gallons per minute. At present, its capacity has dropped to 115 gallons.

Eight-Inch Shaft

Specifications now being prepared on the new well are on the basis of an eight-inch shaft with a maximum depth of 350 feet. The town will advertise for bids this week.

White Way Soreading

The "white way" along Franklin's Main Street is contagious. Aldermen have revealed plans for installing 17 more of the new fluorescent street lighting fixtures, 11 of them on Palmer Street and the remainder at points over the town.

Nantahala Power and Light Company buys and installs the fixtures. The cost of the units is retired over a 20-year period in the light bills paid each month by the town.

Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey said he has been told by power company officials that the addition of the 17 units will raise the town's monthly power bill about \$50, or about \$2.95 per unit.

Just recently the old lighting fixtures along Main were replaced by 22 fluorescents.

They'll Have Fingers Crossed In Asheville

A delegation of about 25 Maconians will have crossed fingers in Asheville Saturday. This crossing of the digits will be in the hopes that Carson Community will be among the top winners of the 1956 W.N.C. Rural Community Development Contest.

The names of the winners are to be announced Saturday at the annual contest awards luncheon, to which the locals have been invited as special guests. It will be held at City Auditorium in Asheville.

County Agent T. H. Fagg said representatives from a number of Macon communities plan to attend the luncheon. County and town officials also have been invited.

As winner of the county rural contest, Carson Community automatically carries Macon's banner of progress into the area event. The contest judges visited the community two weeks ago.

Dockets Are Light For Court Term

Majority Of Cases Are Violations Of Motor Vehicles Law

Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will face light criminal and civil dockets when he convenes Superior Court here Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Majority of the cases listed for trial on the criminal docket are traffic violations, ranging from permitting a non-licensed person to drive to second offense drunk driving.

Miss Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court, estimates criminal actions will not consume more than two or three days.

Trial of civil matters is scheduled to begin Thursday morning. The docket lists nine civil actions and seven divorces.

Cases Listed

Following is a list of criminal actions docketed for trial:

Claude Martin, non-support; R. L. Anderson, abandonment; E. H. Brown, assault; Harville Miller Parks, speeding; Robert Derald Ashe, drunk driving; Robert A. Patton, aiding and abetting drunk driving; Willie Wykle, possession of home brew; James Stanfield, non-support of illegitimate child; Bentley Parker, speeding; Ross Ensey, reckless driving, speeding, transporting whiskey, no driver's license; Charles Robert Norris, drunk driving; John Alvin Solesbee, reckless driving; Claude Cowart, possession of whiskey for sale (2 counts); Will Singletary, escaping prison; Max Ray Hunsucker, reckless driving, speeding; Charles Denning Woodard, drunk driving (2nd offense); Ralph E. Baldwin, speeding, reckless driving.

Furman Tillman Hedden, drunk driving; Roy Guffey, no driver's license, drunk driving; Joe Hudson Jackson, drunk driving; Russell Camp, drunk driving, no driver's license; Robert Earl Owens, aiding and abetting drunk driving, no driver's license; Newton Penland, fishing on posted property; Pless Patton Henry, speeding; Lawton Jess Taylor, speeding, reckless driving; Troy Arvil Welch, larceny (2 counts), driving after license revoked; Vernon R. Wilson, drunk and disorderly; Everette Lee Hurst, reckless driving, driving after license revoked; Jefferson Burston, assault on a female.

Gilmer Lee Hall, assault on a female; Lela Thomas, disturbing the peace; Ralph V. Angel, speeding; James R. Philpot, drunk driving; Jack Reece, drunk driving (2nd offense); Franklin D. Forbes, no driver's license; James Robert Ward, speeding; Raymond Boyd Ellis, speeding; Charlie Henry Jones, drunk driving; Earl E. Swain, speeding; Leroy B. Gene Wilbanks, speeding, no driver's license; Raymond Miller Jackson, speeding; Charles Donald Raby, reckless driving, no driver's license; A. L. Allen, reckless driving; Fred Newton Byers, speeding; Edwin J. Smith, speeding; James Wesley Hickman, speeding; McKinley Mc. Stevenson, no driver's license; James William Talley, reckless driving; Edward Rabun Roberts, reckless driving; Amos Sylvester Mull, driving after license revoked; Blaine Jenkins, rape (2 counts); Doyle Herbert Ward, violating prohibition laws; John Henry Hayatt, reckless driving; William Robert Cabe, drunk driving (2nd offense); improper operator's license.

Kenneth M. Dills, non-support; James Dock Talent, permitting a minor to drive; Elmer James Taylor, drunk driving (2nd offense); Steve Joseph Sheppard, violating prohibition laws; Fred Browning, speeding, reckless driving; Willie Ray Ledford, drunk driving (2nd offense); William Lee Adcock, speeding; L. D. Keller, drunk driving, violating prohibition laws; Marvin Junior Dean, improper registration, improper driver's license; Lloyd Donaldson, drunk driving; Jerry Fouts Dills, drunk driving; Don Laws Henry, drunk driving; Walter Yellock, no driver's license; Albert Barnes, forcible trespass; Estes William Lyday, drunk driving; Woodrow Wilson Baker, violating prohibition laws; J. M. Rogers, speeding; Everett Herrin, permitting non-licensed person to drive; James Roy Pennell, speeding; Jesse Sidney Sloan, speeding; Chad Eugene Cook, speeding, reckless driving; James Coleman Passmore, no driver's license.

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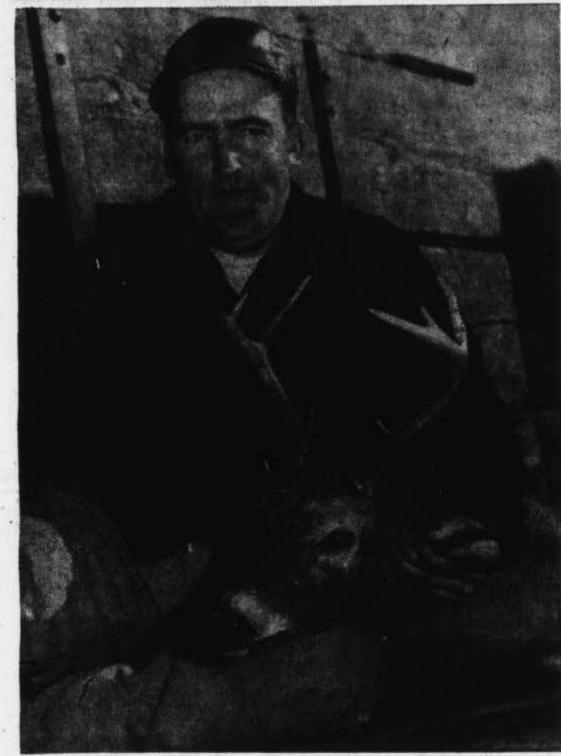
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GOT 'EM — Wayne Harrison (above, left) got his 175-pound buck on the opening day in Harrison Cove with a 30-30. In his party were Afton Weaver and Norman Seay. At left is J. D. Southard, of Franklin, Route 1, with the 150-pound buck he bagged opening day on Bryson Branch. Among other kills during the week was Franklin Delano Campbell's. He got a 150-pounder Wednesday morning of last week in the Mill Creek section. Ellis Buchanan was with him. A rundown of bag data for the two-week season in the wildlife areas will appear next week.

4-H AWARDS TO BE MADE

70 Club Members To Receive Them At Annual Event

More than 70 awards are to be made to 4-H clubbers Saturday morning at East Franklin School as the main feature of the annual "4-H Achievement Day."

Of special significance will be the awarding of Savings Bonds to the most outstanding 4-H boy and girl. The bonds are being presented by the Bank of Franklin.

Ann Pennington, of the Franklin club, is to be awarded a special leadership award by the Danforth Foundation.

Cowee, Mulberry, and Burningtown communities also are in line for special recognition for their recreation programs the past year. Registration for "Achievement Day" will begin at 9:30.

The awards program will open with a welcome by June Baldwin, of the Iotia club. Miss Margaret Wilson, Methodist youth worker, will give the devotional.

Greeting will be extended by Mrs. George Byrd, president of the county home demonstration council.

Carson Community 4-H Club has charge of program arrangements, while the Otto and Mulberry clubs are working on the talent feature. Cullasaja Community 4-H Club has charge of the social hour, which will follow the awards program.

In addition to making the individual member awards, the extension agents in charge of 4-H, Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe and Clark Walker, also plan to make an award to the club having the best programs during the past year and to the one having the largest attendance at "Achievement Day."

"It certainly proves that the people of Franklin can rally quickly to any kind of an emergency," the fire chief declared.

Twin Bill To Open Cage Season At Franklin High

Two twin-bills this week in the high school gymnasium will toss the Franklin lads and lassies squarely into the 1956-57 basketball season.

A non-conference tilt is scheduled Saturday night against Clayton (Ga.) High teams. And on Tuesday night, Sylvia High will send its boys and girls over the Cowees for a conference game.

In all games on the Panthers' schedule, the girls will lead off at 7:30 and the boys will take to the floor at about 8:30. Meanwhile, practice and more practice is the order of the day at the high school.

Coaches Pat Pattillo and Mrs. Rose Corbin both report their

teams are rounding out nicely. Coach Pattillo listed his probable starters as forwards Willard Smith and Bruce Houston, guards Dean Long and Harold Elliott, and Mitchell Houston at center. Guard James Stuart and forwards Frank McSwain and Gary Clark probably will see action, he added.

Slated to carry the load for the lassies are guards Jean Phillips, Jean Sutton, and Frances McClure and forwards Bonnie Lee, Mavis Gibson, Lucy Henry, and Carolyn Dowdle, according to Mrs. Corbin.

Junior varsity squads also are being formed at the high school and they will play a number of games during the season.

Vote Error Noted; Patten Gets More

An error in the official vote tabulation of the Nov. 6 election has been announced by J. Lee Barnard, chairman of the elections board.

Attorney General George B. Patton polled 3,604 votes to lead the ticket here, Mr. Barnard said. It had been recorded that the attorney general received 100 less than this. The error was made in running up the township totals during the official count-out, according to the chairman.

The Plane Circling...

Out of the black, snow-filled sky of Sunday evening it came, a big twin-engine airplane.

Apparently in trouble, it started circling over Franklin. Hundreds of ears picked up the low pitch of its engines and then hundreds of pairs of eyes began scanning the snowy blackness for a glimpse of the plane's blinking running lights.

As it continued to circle, a tense drama began unfolding on the ground.

Under the supervision of Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger and several pilots in the local Civil Air Patrol squadron, preparations got under way for helping the big plane land on the town's small airport along the Little Tennessee River.

Lights on bright, automobiles were lined up on the edges of the airport to illuminate the runway.

The disaster signal wailed from the fire siren uptown. Telephone operators started alerting people to drive automobiles to the airport.

An attempt was made to make radio contact with the circling plane with the short wave outfit a local pilot, Grant Zickgraf, operates at his home. Highway patrolmen were busy on their radios too.

But, no contact could be made.

They reported the C.A.A. did not have any word on a plane being in trouble in the area.

The highway to the airport was soon jammed with vehicles, an estimated 500. The siren wailed like a banshee. And the big plane continued to circle.

Then, as mysteriously as it appeared some 45 minutes earlier, the plane started climbing up and away from the brightly-lit runway and disappeared to the north.

"There he is, way up there," yelled an excited teen-ager. But it was only a star breaking through the overcast.

As the rotating beacon on the fire truck bathed the airport drama in streaks of red, Chief Tysinger called off the emergency operation.

Soon, the nondescript little air field wallowed in blackness once again.

And those who turned out to witness the incident sought the warmth of their homes.

The peacefulness of a Sunday evening returned.

Before long, Chief Tysinger received the official lowdown on the circling plane.

A military Beechcraft, it had been ordered to circle while another flight of planes cleared the area.

The incident, however, was not a complete failure.

"It certainly proves that the people of Franklin can rally quickly to any kind of an emergency," the fire chief declared.