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The conquering flag of civilization has always been the baby's diaper hanging on the clothesline.
—Harry Carr.

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PLANT FEARS ABOUT WATER ARE SOOTHED

New Well And Water Survey Indications Of Town's Interest

Officials of Burlington Industries, Inc., flew here Tuesday to receive first-hand reassurance from the Franklin Board of Aldermen that the uncertainty surrounding the town's water supply will be cleared up before the demands of another tourist season are felt.

They received this reassurance from the board through Mayor W. C. Burrell, who:

(1) Pointed out that only last week the town contracted for the digging of a new well to help ease the situation while adjustments are being made, and

(2) Introduced a representative of the Harwood Beebe Company, who summarized a water survey his firm has just completed for the town with a view to supplying ample water.

'DISTURBED'
John Harden, vice-president in charge of public relations for Burlington, explained the hosiery concern was "disturbed" over reports of water problems here because "there is a great deal at stake" in their Franklin plant, which is now in the final stages of an expansion program representing an expenditure of about a million and a quarter dollars in building and machinery.

"The only cloud on the horizon is the water problem," he declared.

W. I. English, chief engineer for Burlington, estimated that the completion of the plant addition will put water demands in the 3,000,000 gallons per month category. At present, consumption by the main plant is about 1,500,000 gallons, half of what will be needed when the addition is in full operation.

MORE EXPANSION?
Although unable to comment officially, the Burlington officials nevertheless hinted at the possibility of even more expansion at the local plant. When the present expansion program is completed, they said it would then be big enough for a dyeing operation needing 150,000-200,000 more gallons of water per day.

EXPLAINS PLANS
Mayor Burrell explained the town's plans for alleviating the pressure of summer demands on water.

The new well, which will be dug on the Thomas-Blaine property near the hosiery plant, is to be used to supplement the water supply this spring while some repairs are made to the biggest producer of the town's five wells. This well, situated near the Friendship Tabernacle, is pumping mud because of a faulty casing, he said. The firm that dug the well, Virginia Well and Machinery Company, will make the necessary adjustments under terms of the contract.

Aldermen last week awarded the contract for the new well to the Virginia firm for \$6.65 per foot. The only other company bidding, Macon Well and Pump Company, submitted a higher bid of \$6.85. The well will be an eight-incher and work is expected to begin the first of the week.

The new well and the one to be repaired are expected to be in operation inside of four months.

DISCUSSES SURVEY
With the assurance of relief, the Burlington officials relaxed and listened while the Harwood Beebe representative, T. T. Dawson, disclosed the findings of the preliminary water survey ordered by the town in September.

In brief, Mr. Dawson said the survey favors using Cartoogechaye Creek, near the hosiery plant, as the most favorable water source for a pumping station and filtering plant with a capacity of a million gallons per day.

He estimated a set-up of this type, including installation of mains tapping into the present system, would cost \$335,580.

Mr. Dawson noted that this latest survey is almost identical
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Work Halts On Highway Job; Z. W. SHOPE Move On To Remove Detour REELECTED

Construction on US 23-441 south has been halted until warmer weather returns in the spring.

Grading on the 12.46-mile job is finished, except for a short stretch near Franklin, and the contractor started pulling out his machinery last Thursday for transfer to other jobs.

Paving on the project is programmed for the spring, according to Resident Highway Engineer S. T. Usry.

"As far as I know now, it will be done then," he added. With the project now usable for traffic, a move is under way locally to get the highway department to remove the detour signs, thus opening the highway to through traffic this winter.

Local C. A. P. Turns Out To Help Find Airplane

Members of the Franklin squadron of Civil Air Patrol took to the air early Monday morning to help search for a light plane missing in the Smokies.

While the search was on, the pilot of the plane walked out of the rugged mountains and reported he had crashed in the vicinity of Clingman's Dome. Last radio contact had been made with the plane about 11:20 a. m. Sunday in this general area.

Members of the local squadron were alerted late Sunday afternoon and plans for participating in the search were made that night.

Planes owned by the Rev. Glenn Anderson, Roy Fouts, A. C. Ty-singer, and Dr. G. R. McSweeney.

Search Is Under Way For 'Young Man Of The Year'

A search has started for "Macon County's Young Man of the Year".

Individuals, civic organizations, and communities are invited to nominate young men for the honor who, in the opinion of those making the nominations, have made outstanding contributions to the community during the past year.

After being selected from among the nominees, the 1956 recipient will be presented a

"Distinguished Service Award" by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet in January. His identity is to be kept a secret until the night of the banquet.

Membership in the Jaycees is not a prerequisite for being nominated, he emphasized.

Wayne Proffitt, Franklin High vocational teacher and a non-Jaycee, was the recipient of last year's award.

Franklin High Lassies Lengthen Winning Streak



FRANKLIN HIGH'S lassies lengthened their winning streak this week, while the lads split their two games. Friday night the girls registered an easy victory over Cherokee, 53 to 18, with Mavis Gibson taking scoring honors with 18 points. Thrills of the evening were provided by the boys, who squeaked out a close one, 39 to 35, over the Cherokee Braves. Willard Smith was high scorer for the locals with 15. Tuesday night the boys lost to Swain High in another thriller

Gets Red Cross Post For Third Time At Meeting

For the third straight year, Z. Weaver Shope has been handed chairmanship of the Macon County chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Cullasaja school principal was reelected for another term at the chapter's annual meeting Saturday night in the Franklin High cafeteria.

Named to serve with the chairman were Frank B. Cook, of Highlands, vice-chairman; Lake V. Shope, of Franklin, treasurer; J. Horner Stockton, of Franklin, reelected finance chairman; Mrs. Lester Conley, reelected publicity chairman; Miss Lassie Kelly, reelected production and supply chairman; Roy H. Fouts, disaster chairman; R. A. Byrd, reelected water safety chairman; W. W. Sloan, reelected first aid chairman; Mrs. Mae Shope, reelected home nursing chairman; Mrs. Rita Ferguson, reelected home service chairman; and Mrs. Gladys Kinsland, reelected chairman of Junior Red Cross.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting was the Rev. Roy Bell, of Sylva. He spoke on planning for the annual fund campaign.

Also appearing on the program was James McDaniel, assistant administrator of the regional blood center in Asheville. He discussed the possibility of the local chapter's becoming a participant in the blood program.

School To Present Yule Program For Cowee PTA Meeting
A program, entitled "Living Christmas Cards", will be presented by the school at a meeting Monday night of the Cowee P.T.A.

The rhythm band will play several numbers.

A short business session will be held. The meeting is set for 7:30 at the school.

Presbyterians Plan Yule Service Sunday
A Christmas candle-lighting service and joy gift program will be held Sunday night, December 16, at 7:30 at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

School Bus Accidents Here Have Only Been Minor Ones

As a rash of school bus accidents over the state continues to draw heated demands for corrective measures, Macon County's record shows up well.

In the past three years, five school bus wrecks have been reported here. All were classed as "minor" and involved no injuries to either passengers or drivers, according to Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson.

And, in all cases but one, the drivers were absolved of any blame, the officer recalled this week.

In some sections of the state, the increased accident rate among school buses is attributed directly to the use of student drivers.

However, Patrolman Ferguson speaks out in favor of the students here, describing them as "excellent drivers".

Fourteen of the county's 48 drivers are students. Judge Zeb V. Nettles, who presided over Superior Court here last week, is another supporter of student drivers.

In his charge to the grand jury Monday morning, the Asheville jurist commented that he "nearly had a fit" when it was first announced that students would be allowed to drive school buses.

However, Judge Nettles said, he

School Groups Will Present Yule Concert

The Franklin High School Band and Choral Club will present a Yuletide concert Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the high school gymnasium, under the direction of Bill F. Harris, school band director.

The professional group will be "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and will be done by the band and choral group.

First part of the program follows: "Carol Medley", "Cantique de Noel" (band), "I Wonder as I Wander", and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (choral).

Second part of the program will begin with "Semper Fidelis." Other numbers are "Christmas Festival" (band), "Master's in This Hall", "White Christmas" (choral), and "Joy to the World" (recessional).

SHORT COURT TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY

Jenkins Incest Trial Declared Mistrial By Judge

Judge Zeb V. Nettles left for his home in Asheville Wednesday afternoon of last week after presiding over one of the shortest terms of Superior Court here in recent years.

When the jury was unable to reach a verdict in the trial of Blaine Jenkins, 51-year-old Highlands man charged with incest with his teen-age daughters, the judge Wednesday morning declared a mistrial and Jenkins was returned to the county jail under \$1,000 bond. His daughters, 14 and 16, both

COMING NEXT WEEK
Appearing in next week's issue of The Press will be a complete account of criminal dispositions of the December term of Superior Court and the text of the grand jury report. Because of space limitations, they had to be withheld this week.

testified during the trial, which made up most of Tuesday's courtroom activity. Jenkins originally was charged with rape, but it was changed to incest prior to the opening of the trial.

The light criminal docket, mostly traffic cases, was disposed of quickly by Judge Nettles and Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr. Cases on the civil docket were either settled out of court or continued, with the exception of seven divorce actions that were heard. The term opened Monday, Dec. 3.

Board Operating

The Franklin Lions Club hopes to raise at least \$500 with its dime board this year.

With Verlon Swafford in charge, the board went into operation Saturday and will be manned by Lions for the next two Saturdays preceding Christmas.

Proceeds of the dime board, supplemented by other funds, are used to purchase baskets for the needy. Last year the club distributed 32 baskets at a cost of about \$400. About \$250 of the amount was raised by board contributions.

Methodist School To Present Yule Pageant Sunday

The church school of Franklin Methodist Church will present a pageant, "The Christmas Story", Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the sanctuary.

A version of the Biblical Christmas, it will be given by members of the church children's and youth divisions.

SUPPER CLEARS \$9

The intermediate boys' and girls' class of the Franklin Methodist Church cleared \$9 on a spaghetti benefit supper Saturday night. About 60 people were present. The funds will be turned over to the church for use in its White Christmas program.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA Laboratory, and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 5	70	27	.00
Thursday	71	35	.00
Friday	73	39	.00
Saturday	76	41	.00
Sunday	55	35	.03
Monday	58	19	.00
Tuesday	53	19	.00
Wednesday	46	.82	
HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 5	62	36	.00
Thursday	68	40	.00
Friday	66	38	.00
Saturday	69	39	.00
Sunday	54	40	.00
Monday	52	21	.02
Tuesday	49	24	.00
Wednesday	42	.80	
COWEETA			
	High	Low	Trace
Wed., Dec. 5	68	30	.00
Thursday	71	38	.00
Friday	71	37	.00
Saturday	76	41	.00
Sunday	62	40	.02
Monday	52	20	.00
Tuesday	50	25	.00
Wednesday	44	.89	

* Unavailable.

Christmas Concert Is Rescheduled

The community Christmas concert originally set for next Tuesday at the Franklin Methodist Church has been rescheduled for Friday night, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock.

Christmas carols and other Christmas music will be presented by members of the choirs of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

'Womanless Wedding' Going To Iotla

Cowee P. T. A. is taking its comedy play, "The Womanless Wedding", to Iotla School tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. It was presented Saturday night at East Franklin School.

that went into double overtime. The score: 47 to 42. With Lucy Henry scoring high with 26, the lassies easily won, 63 to 47. Tonight (Thursday) the Franklin teams go to Cullowee for a game; Tuesday night they return home for games with Webster, beginning at 7:30. The above pictures were made during the Cherokee games. At left Gary Clark (25) and two other Panthers jump high for a Brave rebound. At right Mavis Gibson (43) battles for possession of the ball.