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Get Those Tags! Friday Is Deadline

Motorists who don't have 1957 license plates on their vehicles after midnight tomorrow (Friday) will be violating the law. The Franklin branch of the Carolina Motor Club is expecting a flurry of last-minute tag buyers today and tomorrow. The automobile series is currently in the SH600 numbers. Through closing time, Tuesday afternoon, 1,970 automobile tags had been sold, two motorcycle, 820 private trucks, 92 farm trucks, 56 light trailers, and 10 heavy trailers.

Radio Station Behind Schedule Over Weather

Franklin's new radio station, WFSC, is running about a month behind schedule because bad weather has held up construction. Sam Higdon, who handled the realty transfer for the Lake Emory transmitter-tower site, said grading operations were completed only this week. If the weather continues fair, he expects building to begin next week.

The station had expected to be on the air about March 1. Downtown studios have been leased and will be located in the Nantahala Building in the law offices formerly occupied by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., and C. Banks Finger. The station is owned by a group from Tryon and Landrum, S. C.

Drive Brings \$225

A house-to-house canvass Monday night in Franklin produced \$225 for the Lion's annual White Cane Drive for the blind. The drive chairman, J. Ward Long, said the drive is to continue for the rest of the month. Business establishments and several communities are next in line for visits from Lions, he said.

BENEFIT BUNCO SLATED

A benefit Bunco party will be sponsored Saturday night at Kelly's Tea Room by the Nequassa Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, it has been announced.

Young Man To Be Honored; State President To Speak

Macon County's "Young Man of the Year", whose identity is still a secret, is to be honored at a special banquet next Wednesday (Feb. 20) night by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce. Set for Slagle Memorial Building at 7 o'clock, the banquet also is to be highlighted by an address by the state president



HERE'S FRANKLIN HIGH'S championship girls' team, winner of the eastern division of the Smoky Mountain Conference. Left to right, they are: front row, Jean Phillips, Frances McClure, Mavis Gibson, Jean Setser, Lucy Henry, Bonnie Lee, and Mrs. Rose Corbin, coach; middle row, Barbara Carpenter, Joyce Cole, Carolyn Dowdle, Garnetta Vanhook, Joyce Cabe, Leota Beck, and Claudette Leatherman; back row, Helen Setser, Joyce Pendergrass, Edith Sheffield, Shirley Lenoir, Grace Shepherd, Kate Buchanan, and Inez Hedden.

Garrison New Rotary President

William B. (Bill) Garrison was elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club last week to succeed Dr. G. R. McSween. Other officers elected were Dr. McSween, who automatically became vice-president; Bob Carpenter, re-elected secretary-treasurer; and directors, Dr. J. W. Kahn, Wayne Proffitt, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., and Dr. H. J. (Hank) Brunk. Rotary elected its officers earlier this year in order that they could attend the district conference Feb. 21 at Morganton. They will not be installed until July.

Local Cage Teams Enter Tournaments

Franklin Girls Play Friday After Drawing A Bye

Basking in the warmth of a 20-game victory streak, Franklin High's championship girls' team tomorrow (Friday) at 5 p. m. takes on the winner of the Sylva-Murphy game as the annual Smoky Mountain Conference Girls' Basketball Tournament gets into full swing in the Swain High gymnasium in Bryson City. The local girls drew a bye in the opening round of the tournament yesterday (Wednesday). Undefeated, the team copped the eastern division championship last week with games still to play. If the Franklin girls make it by Friday's game, they'll meet the winner of the Glenville-Hiwassee Dam and Cherokee-Hayesville games next Thursday, the 21st, at 9 o'clock. The tournament finals are set for Saturday, the 23rd, at 9 o'clock. Macon County's two other high schools also are in the thick of the conference tourna-

ment. The outcomes of the Nantahala-Swain High and the Highlands-Robbinsville games were not available at press time yesterday. Both local teams played in the opening round.

ON DISPLAY

Fairings of both the boys' and girls' Smoky Mountain Conference tournaments, including hours of games and scores of those played, may be found on The Press bulletin board at the courthouse. The boys' teams of all three Macon high schools—Franklin, Highlands, and Nantahala—have games scheduled today (Thursday) in the opening round of play in the male tourney at Robbinsville High School. Nantahala takes on Cullowhee at 5 o'clock, Andrews and High-

lands clash at 6:30, and Franklin and Stecoah meet at 8. The semi-finals of the boys' tournament are slated for next Wednesday, the 20th, and the finals for Friday week, the 22nd. Franklin divided its final game of the season. At Glenville Friday night, the girls won, 66 to 56, with Bonnie Lee getting 23 points. Willard Smith's 11 and Gary Clark's nine markers were high for the boys, who were whipped by Glenville, 63 to 45.

'Dollar Days' Promotion Set For Franklin

"Dollar Days" are to be observed by Franklin merchants Feb. 21-22-23.

The event will be the third trade promotion sponsored inside of a year to stimulate the "trade at home" idea. A "Harvest Festival" was staged last fall and a Christmas promotion later. As a feature of "Dollar Days", a give-away of 100 silver dollars is slated at 4:30 p. m. on the Town Square on the 23rd, according to Sam Gibson, chairman of the merchants committee. Eighty-five business firms in town are participating in the promotion of "Dollar Days", the chairman said, and all plan to feature special bargains. Assisting Mr. Gibson with the promotion are Bob S. Sloan, Roy Moore, Bruce Bryant, and T. Y. Angel.

Lake Shope Back On The Job Again

Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, returned to work Monday. Although not well of his ailment (osteomyelitis), Mr. Shope said he was feeling much better. He had been at home and in the hospital for several weeks.

Town Of Franklin Is Trying Again To Find Some Water

The Town of Franklin is making another attempt at sinking a well to boost its water supply. Giving up last week on a non-producing shaft at the 450-foot mark near Franklin Hosiery Plant, on orders of town officials the Virginia Well and Machinery Company shifted its drilling rig to the John Higdon property on the Highlands road and started another shaft. The town has hopes of locating enough water to allow the Virginia company to make necessary repairs to the largest producing well of the town's five. This well, "Big Betsy", is located near Friendship Tabernacle and for several months has been losing production because of a faulty casing in the shaft which is allowing mud to seep in.

Farmers Snap Up Burley Money In Only Four Hours

Macon County's soil bank money for burley tobacco was used up in only four hours last week. Fourteen farmers' applications were turned away for lack of funds and more applications are expected, according to Miss Mildred Corbin, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office manager here.

However, Miss Corbin said more might be allotted to the county. She encouraged farmers who are considering using the soil bank to sign up, even though money is not now available. Should additional funds be given to the county, they will be given to the applicants in the order in which they have signed up, Miss Corbin said.

19 Sign Up

The county got \$2,459. Nineteen farmers signed up, exhausting the funds. A total of 7.90 acres were taken out of production for 1957. The first day of application was Monday and by noon all the money had been spoken for.

Farmers are paid an average of 18 cents a pound for the tobacco taken out of production. (The Asheville market averaged more than 60 cents a pound this year.)

The amount paid is based on the 18 cents figure times the average yield of the land placed in the soil bank's acreage reserve.

Cannot Harvest

When land is in acreage reserve, the farmer may not harvest any crop from it. He can, however, sow it in a cover crop and receive funds (not connected with the soil bank) to pay up to 80 per cent of the cost of seeding and fertilizing the land.

Last year, the county received nearly twice as much money for burley soil bank payments. Then, 44 farmers signed up and split \$4,784.99. Their acreage reserve amounted to 15.02 acres. The county has 213 burley tobacco farmers and an allotment of 64.80 acres.

Farmers who want to sign for burley acreage reserve payments in the hope that more

Jackie Ann Is Back Home Again

Teenager Jackie Ann Cabe, who underwent a delicate tumor operation Feb. 1 at Duke Hospital in Durham, returned home Monday in a cheery frame of mind and a "little bit sore" in the stomach area where the incision was made.

Her doctors ordered her to "take it easy" this week and said if she feels up to it she can return to school next week. "I'll feel up to it," she said emphatically Tuesday afternoon, while on an auto ride downtown.

Coming home was a double thrill for Jackie, 15. She took her first commercial airplane ride from Durham to Charlotte, where she was met by relatives who drove her here.

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 observers; and at the Covetta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 6	67	49	.41
Thursday	69	51	.41
Friday	63	46	trace
Saturday	70	51	.25
Sunday	67	52	.13
Monday	63	33	.00
Tuesday	53	27	.09
Wednesday	—	29	.00

HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 6	62	48	.08
Thursday	62	52	.84
Friday	58	42	.04
Saturday	62	50	.41
Sunday	58	43	.33
Monday	44	34	.00
Tuesday	46	18	.00
Wednesday	—	30	.00

COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Feb. 6	67	46	.16
Thursday	69	50	.79
Friday	61	44	.02
Saturday	72	49	.31
Sunday	69	49	.19
Monday	49	37	.00
Tuesday	55	20	trace
Wednesday	—	28	.00

Who Did You Say Lives In That House?



ONE OF THE top projects this year of the Northwest Franklin Neighborhood Club is the erection of name plates in the yards of each home within the club boundaries. Two-year-old Judy Snow and her brother, Jackie, 4, pose with two plates belonging to residents of White Oak Street. They're the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Snow.

'WHAT'S YOUR NAME?' Boy Never Forgets A Voice

"Hello," said Seivert Holland, addressing his guest in the friendly, inquiring manner of a four-year-old. "What's your name?" Without waiting for the answer, Seivert moved forward uncertainly, until he could touch the visitor. The small boy's hands ran over the stranger, resting finally on the face. The child was learning a new way of life—how to live without his eyesight. Headaches that began last summer ended in a brain tumor operation for the boy in November and complete loss of sight. Vision in his right eye is gone forever, doctors told Seivert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Holland, of Stanfield Branch in the Cullasaja community. Hope is held that someday partial sight can be restored in the left eye. The plucky little fellow last week went back to the Winston-Salem hospital where he had

his operation in the fall. Doctors who examined him told Mr. Holland to bring the boy again in about three months. No evidence of sight was revealed by the examination. There is the possibility that a second operation would bring some vision back to Seivert's left eye. However, no decision will be made until later on whether to operate. When Seivert returned home from his operation, for weeks he lay listlessly in bed, his father recalls. Gradually, he began to take interest in the surroundings of his black world. Sound replaced sight. People he once knew with his eyes, he came to know by their voices. He learned his four brothers and sisters, his other playmates, and his parents' relatives and friends all over again. In the painful slowness of his adjustment the four-year-old developed an amazing gift. He never forgets a voice.



Seivert Blows His Whistle