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## DIAL PHONES ARE COMING TO FRANKLIN

Installation Slated  
For Spring Of '59,  
Garibaldi Reveals

Dial telephone will be coming to Franklin in the spring of 1959.

This promise of progress was made last week to Franklin Rotarians by Linn D. Garibaldi, president of Western Carolina Telephone Company.

He described Franklin's present equipment as obsolete and antiquated and declared "we just can't grow with it anymore."

The telephone company official made the disclosure during a talk at the Rotarians regular meeting last Thursday night. He used facts and figures to predict the country's future progress.

## Trout Season Is Best Yet

High water didn't wash out the opening of the trout season here Saturday like it did over most of Western North Carolina.

Wildlife Protector Charles H. Boring described fishing in Macon County as "the best opening" so far.

Flooding Thursday and Friday from heavy rains was not as serious here as it was in other sections, he explained, and for this reason fishing was not affected.

The biggest catch Saturday—probably for all of Western North Carolina—was made by Macon County's Sam Frady, who hauled a big brown trout out of Mirror Lake in Highlands. The fish was just two ounces short of five pounds, was 22½ inches long, and 12 inches in girth.

## Benefit Cake Walk And Box Supper Slated At Iota

A benefit cake walk and box supper is slated Saturday night at Iota School at 7:30.

Co-sponsoring the event are the Iota Rural Community Development Organization and the Franklin squadron of Civil Air Patrol.

The public is invited.



SOME BOYS AND A DOG engaged in a little horseplay in the front yard "swimming pool" at Mrs. Lizzie Simonds' home in Franklin. The "pool", however, is only a temporary thing, appearing when the Little Tennessee River floods

like it did last week. The river's temperament is old hat to Mrs. Simonds and she usually just sits it out in her house, which is behind Bob Gaines Motors.

—Press Staff Photo

## Record-Breaking Rainfall Over County Brings Flooding But Very Little Damage

A record-breaking rainfall of "Loganville" area in Franklin four inches within a 25-hour period last week did remarkably little damage here.

Some bottom land flooding was reported along swollen rivers and streams and some washouts occurred on several secondary roads—damage that is accepted as routine during normal rainy periods. A road fill washed out on US 23-441 east, also, but traffic was not stopped.

The last time a near equal amount of rain fell locally, mid-afternoon Friday. However, damage was extensive and the except for some flooding of

### Crests Friday

Swelled by smaller streams, the Little Tennessee rose rapidly, reaching its crest about 18 inches below the bottom of the Little Tennessee Bridge.

The approaches to Phillips Bridge were covered and water for a short time lapped over the bridge itself. At its highest point, the river was about 18 inches below the bottom of the Little Tennessee Bridge.

County Agent T. H. Fagg said he had no reports of damage to farms over the county as a result of the downpour.

Water on the Franklin Airport—which usually is the first to go under water when the river rises—was at the highest point in years. When rising water threatened the "T" hanger at the north side of the main hanger, planes were moved into the larger hanger, which is several feet higher.

Water broke over the dike at the south end of the air strip, but did little harm.

### Road Washouts

Soaked by the rain, a small fill about half way up Cowee Mountain on US 23-441 east (Franklin-Sylva) dropped out and traffic was detoured around it.

Another fill on the highway threatened to drop out. The roaded dropped several inches. Highway officials are keeping an eye on this trouble spot for any more signs of movement. A slide in this section would mean temporary closing of the highway while a detour is cut in the side of the mountain, according to George Byrd, of the local state highway shed.

Mr. Byrd also reported washouts on the Burnington Road, Duvall Road, and Riverside Road.

### HOLIDAYS OVER

Macon County children went back to school Tuesday after a long week end's spring vacation.

Cases against the seven prisoners are docketed for trial at next week's term of Superior Court.

## Raises Roof

Hillard Solesbee must have thought a "twister" had arrived at his place Monday afternoon.

A farmer in the Jones' Creek section of Cartoogechaye, he was in his barn milking when a big gust of wind plucked the roof off.

Also knocked over was a light pole.

About this time last year the wind scalped his silo.

"We're just hoping it won't be the house next year," declared his daughter, Miss Sue Solesbee, a Burrell Motor Company employee.

## Cleanup Week In Franklin

If it can be accomplished in a week, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee intends to clean up Franklin—from Main Street to vacant lots.

"Clean Up Week", complete with mayor's proclamation, gets under way Monday, and is scheduled to end Saturday. Bob S. Sloan is chairman of the project.

A scrubbing of Main Street is planned for Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. One lane of the street will be roped off at a time, while scrubbing goes on from the post office to Kelly's Tea Room. Mrs. John Bulgin is in charge of the work and will be assisted by students from Franklin High School and other interested persons.

Mrs. Rafe Teague is handling the vacant lots with the help of youth organizations.

Merchants on Main and Palmer Streets will be contacted to see if they are interested in buying flower boxes for the fronts of their stores.

Sometime during "Clean Up Week", other streets in Franklin will be hosed down.



It took more than an appendicitis operation to keep Franklin High's Gary McKelvey from competing in the field day at Western Carolina College yesterday (Wednesday). He was operated on Saturday in Waynesville, spent his waking hours boning up on the subject of chemistry, and, although a little sore in the side, joined other students on the college campus for the field day. (Photo Special to The Press by The Waynesville Mountaineer.)

## Cake-Cutting Features N.C.E.A. Party



Principals in the cake-cutting feature of last week's party staged by the local unit of the N.C.E.A. Education Association were (L to R) Z. Weaver Shope, president of the local unit, E. G. Crawford, a former president, and Miss Launa Baker, president of the Future Teachers Club of Franklin High School. (See Story, Page 2, Second Section.)

## Murder Trial Set For Court Term

### Clay County Men Charged With Death Of Local Citizen

Two Clay County men charged with the Christmas Eve slaying of C. L. (Cecil) Ledford, Cartoogechaye storekeeper, are scheduled to stand trial during the April term of Superior Court, which opens Monday morning at 10.

The case is among 135 on the docket, most of which are motor vehicles violations. Judge P. C. Froneberger, of Gastonia, will preside over the two-week session.

James Maney is charged with firing the fatal shotgun blast at Ledford following an argument and after Ledford allegedly first shot him. R. C. Ledford (no relation), who was with Maney at the time of the shooting, is also named in the murder indictment. Both men live in the Shooting Creek section of Clay County.

### Cases Listed

Other cases on the criminal docket are:

R. L. Anderson, abandonment; Harville Miller Parks, speeding; James Stanfield, non-support of illegitimate child; Ross Ensley, reckless driving, speeding 100 m.p.h., no operator's license, transporting non-tax paid whiskey; Will Singletary, escaping prison; Max Ray Hunsucker, reckless driving, speeding; Lawrence Elmer Phillips, speeding; Ernest Arwood Lyons, speeding; Ben Ray Dockins, speeding; Lloyd D. Clontz, violating prohibition laws; Wayne Clyde Penland, no operator's license; Thomas Russell Hunter, speeding; Sturgill Keaton, speeding; Ralph W. Cunningham, transporting non-tax paid liquor; Carlton David Johns, no operator's license.

Ted Bailey, violating prohibition laws; Francis Marion Kinzel, speeding; R. M. Berthelsen, speeding; Jessie F. Shirley, speeding; Thomas W. Angel, driving after license suspended; Wayne Allen Reese, speeding; Samuel A. Ashe, driving drunk; Ralph E. Brown, speeding; Charles M. Welch, resisting arrest; Freeman Williamson, speeding.

John Wiley Angel, reckless driving; Earl A. Simons, no chauffeur's license; Max Curtis Holland, driving drunk, reckless driving; Robert Earl Owens, aiding and abetting in driving drunk, no operator's license; Newton Pendleton, fishing on posted property; Vernon R. Wilson, drunk and disorderly; Jack Reece, driving drunk (second offense).

James Robert Ward, speeding; Charlie Henry Jones, driving drunk; A. L. Allen, reckless driving; Amos S. Mull, driving after license revoked; Blaine Jenkins, rape (two charges); William Robert Cabe, driving drunk (second offense), improper operator's license.

Elmer James Taylor, driving

### Seven Rioters To Stand Trial

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Cases against the seven prisoners are docketed for trial at next week's term of Superior Court.

drunk; Steve Joseph Sheppard, violating prohibition laws; Willie Ray Ledford, driving drunk (second offense); Freeman Branson Rogers, driving drunk, violating prohibition laws; Henry Herbert Bailey, driving drunk; Julius Harvey Trice, improper operator's license; Dr. George Ashby Winstead, driving under influence of narcotic.

Charles Allen Berry, no chauffeur's license; Jack Snow, assault; Grady Kinsland,reckless driving; Pearl Kent Beal, speeding; Pearle Alexander Cabe, driving drunk; Loy Parrish, aiding and abetting in driving drunk; Wade Hampton Jr., driving drunk, speeding; Charles William Solomon, speeding; Lawrence Elmer Phillips, speeding; Ernest Arwood Lyons, speeding; Ben Ray Dockins, speeding; Lloyd D. Clontz, violating prohibition laws; Wayne Clyde Penland, no operator's license; Thomas Russell Hunter, speeding; Sturgill Keaton, speeding; Ralph W. Cunningham, transporting non-tax paid liquor; Carlton David Johns, no operator's license.

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### 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 Cowee Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. of the day listed.

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday, April 3	72	38	.00
Thursday	69	57	.10
Friday	67	51	3.90
Saturday	65	58	.06
Sunday	72	29	.00
Monday	69	42	trace
Tuesday	62	31	1.05
Wednesday	64	24	.00
<b>HIGHLANDS</b>			
Wednesday, April 3	65	39	.00
Thursday	60	52	.44
Friday	58	49	4.78
Saturday	62	31	.00
Sunday	66	31	.00
Monday	62	51	trace
Tuesday	56	24	1.22
Wednesday	32	.00	.00
<b>COWETA</b>			
Wednesday, April 3	71	40	.00
Thursday	61	59	.19
Friday	66	52	4.75
Saturday	64	37	.00
Sunday	73	29	.05
Monday	68	43	.00
Tuesday	56	32	1.38
Wednesday	32	.00	.00