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Diligence is the mother
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Recent rains washed out some shoulder sections along the new roadbed of the Franklin-Georgia link of US 23-441. Crews are now at work repairing the damage and preparations are under way for paving the 12.46-mile link. The pictured washout is near the Union cutoff.

Franklin-Georgia Highway Closed As Work Is Resumed

The 12.46-mile link of US 23-441 from Franklin to the Georgia state line was closed to traffic yesterday (Wednesday) as work preparatory to paving got under way.

S. T. Usry, resident state highway engineer, says watchmen are being posted at both ends of the project to stop traffic. Since winter halted work on the job several months ago, through traffic has been moving over the new roadbed.

Now that work has been resumed, the engineer said the

highway is closed to "all traffic" and will not be open until paving is completed "some time in July."

The contractor, W. E. Graham, flew here Monday for an inspection of the project.

Recent rains washed out some shoulder sections along the new highway, but did little damage, according to Mr. Usry. Repairs already are under way on the shoulder washouts, which probably were not any more serious than those occurring on most new construction jobs, the engineer added.

Sunrise Services, Church Events Slated For Easter

Maconians are now preparing to celebrate Easter at traditional sunrise and church services. At least four sunrise services are scheduled over the county.

Wayah Service
The annual dawn service atop mile-high Wayah Bald will again be held at "High Heaven," camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

Speaker will be the Rev. Robert J. (Bob) Goldston, pastor of the West Macon Methodist Circuit. He is now serving his third year as circuit pastor here and just recently was graduated from Candler Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga.

The service will begin at 5:30. On Whiteside

Churches of Highlands and Cashiers are sponsoring the annual, dawn rite on Whiteside Mountain.

Set to begin at 6 o'clock, the service in the parking lot near the crest of the ancient mountain is expected to attract several hundred worshippers.

Bringing the Easter message will be the Rev. Eugene Walter, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church.

Music will be by a choir of voices from the participating

4-H Leader Workshop Is Slated Friday

A workshop conference for 4-H community leaders is set for tomorrow (Friday) at the Agricultural Building.

On hand to assist local extension officials will be G. L. Carter, of Raleigh, assistant state 4-H leader.

Workshop hours will be 2 to 4 p. m.

In addition to group discussions on a variety of topics, including record books, community club records, gardening, dairy foods, health, recreation and crafts, those attending will hear a talk by Jo Anne Solesbee, of the Nantahala club. Her topics will be "The Philosophy of Youth."

TOWNS QUIET AS ELECTIONS DRAW NEARER

Franklin Has No Aspirants Yet, Highlands Has One

Although there aren't many outward signs to indicate it, Saturday is the deadline for candidates to file for office in Franklin and Highlands.

Yesterday (Wednesday), Franklin's political ring was empty and Highlands had but one hat—a reelection "derby" belonging to Commissioner H. S. Talley, who filed a couple of weeks ago.

But, in spite of the apparent lack of interest in the May 7 biennial elections in the county's two towns, the deadline (Saturday, 5 p. m.) is expected to flush the usual number of aspirants.

Franklin will elect a mayor and six aldermen, while Highlands voters will pick a mayor and five town commissioners.

Murphy And Macon Swap School Superintendents

Bueck Coming Here From Murphy, McSwain Taking His Job

Murphy and Macon County are swapping school superintendents in actions described as "unplanned" by Erwin Patton, chairman of the county board of education.

H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy City Schools for 25 years, was hired by the local board on April 9 to succeed the present superintendent, Holland McSwain, but the action went unannounced until Monday night to "give Mr. McSwain time to make his plans," according to Mr. Patton.

Monday afternoon the Murphy school board announced that it had hired Mr. McSwain

to succeed Mr. Bueck.

The two superintendents will change jobs July 1.

Mr. Patton said the action to relieve Mr. McSwain of his duties and to hire Mr. Bueck was unanimous. In addition to Mr. Patton, the other two board members are C. C. Sutton and George Gibson.

Nothing Secret

In an interview yesterday (Wednesday), Mr. Patton made the voluntary statement that there was "nothing secret" in the hiring of Mr. Bueck.

"We had been hoping to get him for several weeks... when he agreed to come here the board members decided to be quiet about it until Mr. McSwain could make his plans for a change," he explained.

A native of Spencer, Mr. Bueck received his education at Salisbury High School, the University of North Carolina, and N. C. State College. Before going to Murphy, he was principal of Selma High School. He is presently a trustee of Western Carolina College and vice-president of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities. Fifty-seven, he is married and has one child.

Mr. McSwain, who came here from Flora McDonald College, where he was business manager for a year, is ending his third two-year term as Macon superintendent. Prior to going to Flora McDonald, he was superintendent of Caswell County Schools for 15 years.

Franklin's Face Is Being Washed

"Clean Up Week" is under way in Franklin and a well-scrubbed look is beginning to show through in spots.

Because of court week crowds and the threat of rain, the scheduled scrub down of Franklin's main streets by volunteers yesterday (Wednesday) was postponed until next Wednesday afternoon.

Merchants also are rallying behind a proposal to have flower boxes in front of business establishments in town. Bob S. Sloan, chairman of "Clean Up Week," reports that 14 merchants have ordered boxes, which are being made by F. F. A. boys.

Cowee Baptist Revival Is Now Under Way With Doyle Miller Preaching

Revival services started at the Cowee Baptist Church Sunday night and will continue each night at 7:30 through April 24.

The Rev. J. Doyle Miller is preaching and Mrs. Ed Brogden has charge of the music.

The pastor, the Rev. Clyde Rhinehart, extends a welcome to the public.

Legion Organizations Slate Meeting Friday; Welfare-Health Program

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at Slagle Memorial Building Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

A program on "Child Welfare and Mental Health" will be given. Hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. Frank Reece, Mrs. Frank I. Murray, and Mrs. Reid Womack.

SCOUTERS TO MEET

Scouters of the Smoky Mountain District will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at 6:30 at Clark's Restaurant between Franklin and Dillsboro. Several from here plan to attend.

UNION SING FRIDAY

A public singing at Union School, sponsored by the P. T. A. and in which any individual or group of singers is invited to participate, will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken.

Maconians Can Have 'Star' Roles In Patrol's Picture

Macon County—in the limelight a couple of years back when Walt Disney filmed portions of his "Great Locomotive Chase" here—is back in the movie business again.

But on a somewhat more limited scale and in a judicial instead of an entertainment vein.

The "producer" is Troop E, State Highway Patrol, with headquarters in Asheville.

"Director" of the saga, which could well be entitled "Peek-a-boo, I've Got The Reel Goods On You", is the troop commander, Capt. Lewis, a man who is dedicated to drastically reducing the accident and death rate on the highways.

His "cameramen" are the county's two highway patrolmen, H. T. Ferguson and E. N. Hooper.

These uniformed "cameramen" are now using the very latest in equipment—the all-seeing Abell-Traffic Camera, a device mounted inside the patrol cars that can take movies of traffic violators along the highways. And it does

2 Franklin Students Win First Places

Miss Jean Phillips and Miss Margaret Jones, Franklin High School entrants, won first places in the 11th annual Western District Science Fair and High School Day, held Wednesday of last week at Western Carolina College.

Miss Phillips won in the mechanics of English. Miss Jones took honors in oral interpretation. Miss Phillips is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Phillips, of Franklin, Route 5. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones, of Franklin, are the parents of Miss Jones.

There was no list kept of second place winners, a field day official said.

Bulls Intruded

"Mister," said the stranger at Harry C. Stoudemire's door late Thursday night, "would you mind getting my truck wheel out of your bull lot?"

Mr. Stoudemire said he'd be glad to oblige, but wondered what the wheel was doing there in the first place. The man told this story:

A logging truck driver, two or three days earlier he'd had a flat tire and he guessed the wheel lugs must not have tightened enough, for tonight as he drove toward Franklin on the Murphy road, just above the Slagle barns, at Max Ledbetter's house, a rear wheel came off.

One wheel of the dual wheel rolled into a field on the right hand side of the road. The other continued down the highway some several hundred feet and went through:

1. Four strands of barbed wire.
2. A 2 x 6 timber.
3. And an electric fence, coming to rest in the branch inside the Slagle bull lot.

There were bulls in the lot and the man didn't want to risk a scrape with them. Mr. Stoudemire said it's a good thing the logger decided to stay out of the lot, because one of the bulls was a mean one.

BULLETIN

MURDER TRIAL

The Superior Court murder trial of James H. Maney and R. C. Ledford, Shooting Creek men charged in the slaying of C. L. (Cecil) Ledford last Christmas Eve, got under way late yesterday (Wednesday) morning. The state agreed to reducing the charge from first degree murder to second degree murder against Maney. R. C. Ledford is charged with being an accessory.

Earlier, it was thought a special venire of jurors would be called. However, this was not necessary when the men entered guilty pleas.

Dr. Hayes Will Preach Closing Sermon Friday

HIGHLANDS — Union "Holy Week" services are under way here this week at the Church of the Incarnation. They begin tonight at 7:30.

The Rev. S. B. Moss, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, will be the speaker tonight (Thursday).

Tomorrow night, Dr. L. B. Hayes, of Canton, a former Franklin pastor, will preach the closing sermon.

The Rev. Roy Bell, of Sylva, spoke Monday night; the Rev. F. C. Smathers, of Lake Junaluska, Methodist district superintendent, Tuesday night; and the Rev. Joe Hauser, of Bryson City, Wednesday night.

Macon Circuit Service Slated

A communion service for the Macon Methodist Circuit will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Union church.

It will be conducted by the circuit pastor, the Rev. Glenn Anderson, who will be assisted by the Rev. Sherman Beird, assistant pastor. The service starts at 8 o'clock.

WAR I VETS CALLED

World War I veterans living in Macon County are invited to a courthouse meeting Sunday, April 28, at 2:30 p. m. at which time pension legislation affecting them will be explained. Efforts will be made to organize a local barracks of the North Carolina department of veterans of World War I, U.S.A. Inc.

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 Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 4 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., April 10	64	24	1.05
Thursday	64	28	.00
Friday	72	38	.00
Saturday	65	39	.00
Sunday	59	37	.00
Monday	62	21	.00
Tuesday	63	33	.00
Wednesday	—	40	trace
HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., April 10	58	32	.00
Thursday	66	33	.00
Friday	63	36	.00
Saturday	57	33	.00
Sunday	56	27	.00
Monday	56	23	.00
Tuesday	57	34	.00
Wednesday	—	46	trace
COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., April 10	63	26	.00
Thursday	61	27	.00
Friday	73	35	.00
Saturday	60	40	.00
Sunday	57	36	.00
Monday	62	24	.00
Tuesday	62	35	.00
Wednesday	—	46	.01



'Cameraman' H. T. Ferguson 'Dollies In' With His Camera