

## Directors Elected By Chamber Voting

Results of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce's annual mail election were announced Tuesday afternoon following a tabulation of ballots.

Five directors were named to the seven-man board. The new directors and the votes they polled

are S. A. Bundy, 113 (re-elected); Erwin Patton, 103; Bob S. Sloan, 83; Dr. G. R. McSween, 89 (re-elected); and Victor H. Perry, 79.

The retiring members are Verlon Swafford, who has served two years as president, J. C. Crisp, treasurer, and J. P. Brady, who is ending a one-year term.

"Hold-over" members with another year of two-year terms to serve are T. W. Angel, Jr., and H. H. Gnuse, Jr.

The new directors will take office in January and will elect a president for the year from their own number.

## Potts Still Unconscious After Mishap

Charlie W. Potts, 66, who was critically injured Monday night when struck by a truck on US 23-441 in East Franklin, was still unconscious yesterday (Wednesday) morning at Angel Hospital.

Walking toward his home along the highway near the junk yard, he was struck by a truck driven by Junior Thomas Wilcox, 24, of Franklin, Route 1.

Investigating officers said no charges will be preferred against the driver.

The mishap occurred about 6:15 during a light rain.

## Girls Win; Boys Lose

Franklin High's lads lost both their games this past week while the lassies cruised to easy victories.

Friday night against Sylva on the home court, Lucy Henry bucketed 33 points to lead the girls to an 85 to 44 victory. Cissy Dowdle was in second place with 12 points. The halftime score was 49 to 18, in favor of Franklin.

In a close game all the way, Sylva dumped the boys 35 to 33. Doug Pearson was high scorer for the locals with 16 points. Sylva led at the half, 20 to 17.

Tuesday night in Cherokee, the lassies rolled to another easy victory, 76 to 31, with Leota Beek hitting the strings for 31 points. Franklin was out in front 39 to 16 at the half.

Franklin boys lost another "squeezer" against the Indians, 44 to 36. Gary Clark scored high for the locals with 12 points. The Indians led at the half, 24 to 19.

With Christmas holidays coming up, the Franklin teams do not play again until January.

## December Court Channels \$9,266.90 To School Fund

Macon County's school fund is getting a much-needed shot in the arm from the December term of Superior Court.

A total of \$9,266.90 was channeled to the school fund by the court, as specified by law.

The largest sums came from forfeitures and fines, \$4,920.10 and \$3,116.45, respectively.

Other amounts were solicitor

fees, \$448; jail fees, \$79.50; highway patrol fees, \$121.60; jury fees, \$224.75; clerk of court fees, \$301; and sheriff's fees, \$55.50.

The December term marked the first time the fees of the clerk of court and sheriff went into the school fund. These two county offices were taken off the fee system in October and became salaried jobs.



SPREADING CHEER AMONG THE NEEDY

Kenneth Clark and his young daughter, Robin, make their contribution to the Lions Club "Christmas Cheer" dime board Saturday, while Verlon Swafford (center) and Lion President Wayne Faulkner look on. The board will again be in operation this Saturday. The money is used to buy baskets for the needy.

## Lions Operating Dime Board For Christmas Needy

Members of the Franklin Lions Club are again operating their "Christmas Cheer" dime board in the downtown area.

Lions President G. Wayne Faulkner expects the board to raise more than \$350 to supply Christmas baskets for the needy.

The club last year distributed more than 30 baskets.

Harry C. Corbin is the chairman in charge of the dime board, which is operating on Saturdays only. Serving on his committee are Robert J. Korte, C. B. Hussey, H. T. Collins, and Dr. Ben P. Grant.

Lions will deliver the baskets Christmas Eve.

## IT WAS SUDDEN — Mail Monday Sets Record At Franklin Post Office

A sudden deluge of Christmas mail and packages set an all-time record for a day at the Franklin Post Office Monday, according to Postmaster Zeb Meadows.

Inside a 15-hour period Monday, the office's six employees cancelled 18,700 cards and letters and handled about 500 pieces of parcel post.

Mr. Meadows said no extra help was needed to cope with the problem. The office's two custodians pitched in and helped the four regulars, he said. Each employee put in about three hours overtime work.

The postmaster said the Monday "peak" came without warning. Mailing was about average

prior to then.

"And then it hit us," he declared.

Tuesday it appeared the rush was over and the post office had things well under control.

Mr. Meadows yesterday (Wednesday) had a suggestion to pass along to patrons planning to mail packages. To assure delivery, he said they should be mailed not later than Friday.

### CENTER CLOSING

The Cancer Detection Center in Sylva will observe Friday, December 27, as a holiday, it has been announced. The center will be open Friday, January 3.

## Have You Caught The Tempo Yet?

Have you caught the tempo of Christmas in Macon County? It's quickening as each day and night brings Christmas, 1957, closer.

Counting today (Thursday), there are just five more shopping days left.

Christmas business, after a slow start in Franklin, appears to be speeding along now and most merchants are pleased with holiday business in general.

The Franklin Post Office already has survived its Yuletide headache. The office's "peak" mailing hit Monday and things are pretty much back to normal again.

Decorations are going up in homes in increasing numbers. Many will be entered in the Franklin Garden Club's annual decorations and lighting contest.

Churches and organizations over the county are scheduling a variety of Christmas activities. Following are some of them:

### Choirs To Sing

The adult, junior, and children's choirs of the Franklin Methodist Church will present a Christmas program at the church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The program

will include Christmas music by each of the choirs and a play, "The Story of Christmas", by the children of the church. The public is invited.

### Gift Service

A "Joy Gift" candlelight service will be held Sunday at 5 p. m. at the Franklin Presbyterian Church with Mrs. T. H. Fagg in charge. The public is invited, according to the Rev. Donn Langfitt, pastor.

### Friday Program

A Christmas program is slated tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 at the Morrison Presbyterian Church. Miss Winnie Bates will have charge of the program and the public is invited.

### Elijah Program

The Elijah Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Christmas program Christmas Eve, beginning at 7:30. The public is invited.

### Children's Service

A children's Christmas Eve service will be held Tuesday at 5 p. m. at the St. Agnes Episcopal Church, according to the minister in charge, the Rev. John Tucker. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 4

## Dimes March Slated For Next Month

Macon's 1958 March of Dimes campaign will be conducted during January, according to J. W. (Red) Smith, chairman.

Civic clubs and other groups have been contacted and asked to assist with the drive, he said this week. A quota of \$3,000 has been set.

A "Mother's March on Polio" will be staged during the month by members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. The Franklin Jaycees will operate road blocks in town to raise funds. Other groups also are planning benefits for the drive.

R. L. West has resigned as treasurer for the campaign. Claude Bolton, who has held the job for several years, is serving temporarily until a new treasurer is appointed.

## 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 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Dec. 11	48	10	.00	
Thursday	26	0	.00	
Friday	35	4	.00	
Saturday	47	29	trace	
Sunday	60	34	.04	
Monday	58	43	.00	
Tuesday	57	46	trace	
Wednesday	45	.05		
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., Dec. 11	22	22	•	
Thursday	20	-10	•	
Friday	36	9	•	
Saturday	49	34	•	
Sunday	54	32	•	
Monday	54	41	•	
Tuesday	50	44	•	
Wednesday	—	37	•	

\* No Record.

## They're Talking About The Weather...

Talk about the weather . . .

And that's about all anyone could talk about for the past week in Macon County, where temperatures and weather attitudes ran the gamut of seasons in short order.

It has been sunny, rainy, warm, freezing, snowy, and foggy—all since Wednesday of last week.

Starting Wednesday of last week, the temperature dipped to 10 degrees in Franklin. Oddly enough, it only dropped to 22 in Highlands.

Thursday everyone shivered. It was 10 below zero in Highlands (and the ice skaters cheered), in the neighborhood of zero in Franklin, and service station operators and tow trucks won all popularity polls.

Snow blanketed the higher elevations. Highway crews sanded Cowee Mountain so traffic could move east and west between Franklin and Sylva. Several

inches of snow fell on the Balsams, between Sylva and Asheville.

Friday was another chilly day; four degrees in Franklin and nine in Highlands.

Saturday the rain started as a drizzle and the temperature climbed to a high of 47 in Franklin and 49 in Highlands (ice skaters howled in indignation).

Sunday, the mercury zipped up to a pleasing 60 high in Franklin while .04 inch of rain puddled the landscape.

High of 58 and 57 were recorded in Franklin Monday and Tuesday. Highlands wasn't far behind (exit ice skating) with 54 and 50. Lows at both places were in the 40's.

Yesterday (Wednesday) started out as an overcast day with promise of rain. Lows of 45 and 36 were recorded in Franklin and Highlands.

Talk about the weather . . .



Below Zero Weather Brought Out The Ice Skaters In Highlands Last Week



Cowee Gap Was Covered With Snow Wednesday Of Last Week