

Yule Candid... (Press Photographer's Hidden Camera Investigates Christmas Shopping)

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A Kiss For A Teddy Bear



Now Here's A Turkey...



Christmas Cards Anyone?



So I'm Not A Liberace!



Wrap It Up, Please Mam!

HIT BY TRUCK — Potts, Accident Victim, Dies From Head Injuries

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The editorial appearing in this issue concerning the Potts accident was written and printed prior to his death.)

Charles (Charlie) William Potts, 69-year-old Maconian and retired store clerk, who was critically injured Dec. 16 when struck by a truck in East Franklin, died Sunday at 7:30 a. m. at Angel Hospital.

He received head injuries in the mishap and never regained consciousness, the hospital reported. Mr. Potts was struck as he walked toward his home by a truck driven by Junior Wilcox, 24, of Franklin, Route 1. No charges were lodged against the driver.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Tuesday) at 2 p. m. at the Franklin Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Standley, the Rev. Doyle Miller, and the Rev. William L. Sorrells. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lee Poindexter, Troy Shook, Homer Mashburn, Harve Bryant, Kenyon Hyde, and Thomas H. Johnson. Mr. Potts was the son of the late James Henry and Mrs. Susan Morrison Potts, of this county. He is survived by a brother, Lawrence, of Franklin, Route 4; a sister, Mrs. Arvil Swafford, of Franklin, Route 3; and several nieces and nephews.

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FS-1 NEEDED — Tags Go On Sale Jan. 2; Require New Plate

North Carolina's 1958 license tags go on sale Thursday week, January 2, but:

No tags will be sold unless a buyer produces an FS-1 form, proof of compliance with the new state-wide vehicle responsibility law.

Also, a \$1 charge will be tacked to each license, although registration tags do not indicate it. The charge will help finance the motor vehicle program in the state.

Registration tags will have a town license for 1958. These will go on sale January 2 also. Made in Raleigh, the tags will be the same color as those of the state plates (black with yellow numerals), but will only be two

and a half inches wide. A serial number and the word "Franklin" are printed on them and motorists will be required to affix them to the state license.

The town tags will be sold only at the town hall on West Main and not at the branch office of Carolina Motor Club (Western Auto Associate Store), where state tags may be obtained.

Franklin aldermen approved the town license in late July, at the request of Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey. The clerk at the time explained the tags will provide an accurate registration of automobiles for tax listing purposes, in addition to providing additional revenue.

Declining to purchasing both state and town tags is February

WATER PLENTIFUL — Newest Well Is Tested To Be Ready In Spring

Franklin's new well in the Bonny Crest section produced 22 gallons per minute in a 24-hour pumping test just completed.

However, the new addition to the town's water system probably will not be hooked into the mains before late spring, according to H. H. Gnuse, Jr., a member of the town water committee. He explains there is ample water at present to meet demands until summer.

This is the third producing well financed by the town in the past year to boost a diminishing water supply. One other shaft was a "dry hole".

Mr. Gnuse this week said when the new well is introduced to the system the town will be "pretty well fixed" if "Big Betsy", the biggest producer, does not have to be abandoned. He explained that preliminary tests show that water from "Big Betsy" is on a par with that produced by others. Town officials have theorized for some time that "Big Betsy" is responsible for rusty water in certain sections of the town. However, Mr. Gnuse said additional tests of the well are planned to assure that no error was made in the preliminary one.

For Nine-Year Period — Retail Sales Up 133 Per Cent Here

In the past nine-year period, retail sales in Macon County have increased 133 per cent, according to figures just released by the Department of Tax Research.

The period covered is 1947 to 1956 and the figures include all sales, not just those on which a sale tax is collected.

In 1946-47, sales here were \$3,703,000. In the next nine years, ending in 1956, they reached \$8,628,000, an increase of 133 per cent and one that ranked Macon County 43rd in the state in per cent increase.

In 1956, the county ranked 72nd in volume among the state's 100 counties.

For the nine-year period, the heaviest percentage gains in retail sales were made by the small counties that do not have large cities or shopping centers.

The first 10 counties in percentage gain are Chatham, 393 per cent; Alleghany, 374; Onslow, 362; Dare, 354; Yadkin, 322; Wilkes, 267; Alexander, 227; Orange, 226; Mitchell, 220.2; and Avery, 220.

Not one of the above 10 counties has a town with a population in excess of 10,000, the tax report shows.

Recent figures released and published in The Press several weeks ago, show that gross retail sales in the county for the fiscal year ending June 30 were more than a million dollars over the prior year—\$9,926,651 for 1956-57, as compared with \$8,682,943 for 1955-56.



HE WAS CHECKIN' UP ON 'EM

Oh! Santa Claus was in town a couple of days back, giving out candy and checking up on boys and girls. Helping themselves to some of Santa's goodies are Nadine West (left) and her sister, Diana, and Frank Moffitt and Jimmy Scroggs.

Yule Activities Are Listed Here

Here're some items on the Christmas activities calendar.

Franklin Garden Club's annual lighting and decorations contest was judged last (Monday) night, but the winners were not available for publication.

Holy Community
The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan will officiate at Holy Communion Christmas Day at 11 a. m. at the St. Agnes Episcopal Church. The public is invited.

At Ellijay Church
A Christmas program is slated for Christmas Eve at 7:30 p. m. at the Ellijay Missionary Baptist Church.

Children's Service
A children's service is slated tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5 p. m. at the St. Agnes Episcopal Church. The church's midnight service Christmas Eve will begin at 10:40, according to the Rev. John Tucker, minister in charge.

Watauga Program
A Christmas program will be presented Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Watauga Baptist Church. Two plays will be given, "The Search for the Christ Child" and "The Scarlet Ribbon". Gifts will be exchanged following the program. The public is invited.

Jimmie Angel Is Honored For Discoveries

The late Jimmie Angel, the Macon County native and geologist, whose discovery of the world's highest peak, Mt. Everest, in 1953, was one of the world's greatest achievements, will be honored in services here at the funeral of the late Jimmie Angel, who died Dec. 8, 1957, at the Carol Zone following a stroke.

The falls he discovered bears his name, "Angel Falls".

At the Portal memorial services, tributes were paid to the Macon native by Col. Warren Ewing and Admiral Charles Horne. A memorial wreath was presented to his wife.

The services were held on "Kitty Hawk Sunday" (December 15).

5 Boy Scouts To Get Awards

Five Boy Scouts of Franklin, Troop 21, are scheduled to receive God and County awards Sunday at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

It is believed this will mark the first time in the western district that this many boys from a single troop have received this high award in a single ceremony.

The Scouts are Fred Bulgin, Charles Slagle, Doug Slagle, Dennis Vinson, and Doug Vinson.

COURTHOUSE SING

The fifth Sunday singing convention will be held at the courthouse Sunday, Dec. 29, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Two hours of the program will be broadcast over WPSC. All singers and the public are invited to attend.

It's Everywhere! It's In The Air...

Christmas is in the air. It's everywhere.

It's very evident at the Franklin Post Office, where, although the rush is over, late-starters are still dropping Christmas cards in the chutes and mailing packages.

It's along Main Street, where men, women, and children, many of whom put off shopping last week because of rainy weather, are darting back and forth and in and out of stores, their arms filled with packages.

It's in the relieved smiles of store owners and managers, who thought for a couple of days last week that weather was going to ruin their Christmas business. (Most stores now report business is good.)

It's in the eyes of youngsters moving wishfully through the toy departments, stopping now and then to caress a much-wanted item.

It's in the feet and on the weary faces of store clerks—who are genuinely glad there is only one more shopping day left before Christmas.

It's in the homes, where trees and bright Christmas scenes twinkle friendly greetings.

It's in the hearts of everyone working to make sure a needy family is going to be remembered.

Christmas is everywhere!

NOMINATIONS ASKED — Search Is Started Here For 'Young Man Of Year'

A search is now under way for Macon County's "Young Man of the Year".

The award is made annually by the Franklin Jaycees to some young man under 36 years of age on the basis of his contributions to the county.

Those qualifying under the award are eligible to be nominated according to Thomas B. Collier, Jaycee in charge. Membership in the Jaycees is not necessary, he emphasized.

Mr. Collier has written letters

to a number of civic and service groups over the county, requesting that they nominate someone for the award.

A special banquet is being planned in February honoring the winner. It will be highlighted by an address by the state Jaycee president, Jack Sharpe, of Kannapolis. The banquet also will serve as "bosses' night" and "ladies' night", the chairman said.

Nominations should be mailed to Mr. Collier not later than January 29.

NEARLY 3 INCHES — Heavy Rain Causes Minor Flooding But No Damage

Heavy rains falling from an inch and a half to nearly three inches over the county caused some minor flooding of rivers and streams but no damage Tuesday and Friday.

Under clearing skies the Little Tennessee River reached its crest Friday afternoon, flooding bottom land and a portion of the Macon County Airport. A portion of the west approach to Phillips Bridge in Franklin was inundated, but traffic continued to use the bridge.

The weather was the aftermath of tornados that lashed several Southern states.

Franklin was without power for a short while Friday morning when wind blew a heavy oak limb into wires near Baird Cove Road. The limb twisted the wires together and tripped the main feed-

er line into Franklin, according to power company officials. The power failure occurred shortly after 9 o'clock.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Franklin, a total of 2.70 inches of rain fell. Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory recorded 2.71 inches.

A 2.38-inch fall was recorded at Nantahala Dam for a 24-hour period ending about noon Friday.

Many motorists running from Franklin to East Franklin encountered a "lake" Friday morning near Indian Mound Service Station. A clogged drain was responsible.

Corbin To Graduate From Kentucky Seminary

Charles M. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Corbin, of Franklin, Route 5, will be graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., at the winter commencement exercises on January 16.