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Whatever thy hand
findeth to do, do it with
all thy might.
—Ecclesiastes.

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

MACON COUNTY certainly is ideally located from a weather standpoint. Last week, although tornado conditions were ripe, the twisters failed to jump the ridges and hit in Georgia instead. A. J. Sunday while snow was falling all around the area heavily, only a few flurries made it in our valley.

POLITICS is in the air again. Not on the local scene quite yet, but the caldron is beginning to boil over Western North Carolina. It's a bit early yet for local candidates to be flushed out of their cloak of I-might-if-the-people-want-me.

LAST WEEK'S comments about the old Skyway Hotel and its fantastic store of memories sure seemed to stir up talk of the old days among a lot of folks.

YOU FOLKS who are wondering why there's no mention of Groundhog Day in this week's issue are reminded, quite tartly, that we hold to the old school that holds to the 14th as the day when the little creature comes out of his hole to make a weather prediction.

BELIEVE IT or not, there still are children in the world who know how to behave. Last Thursday morning, Principal Z. Weaver Shope and his teachers slipped a whole bunch of children into the Nantahala Building to record Cullasaja School's radio program for the following day. And there was nary a peep out of the children. They stayed in line, whispered politely, and drew many, many compliments from grown-ups who thought the days when a child was seen and not heard had passed.

DIRTY STREETS are really in Franklin now, with no thanks to last week's ice and snow. Highway crews had to sand most of the avenues to keep traffic moving. The thaw disposed of the ice and snow in short order, but the sand — it's all over the place — is still there. Disposing of it presents something of a problem. Just let the town decide to wash the streets down and the odds have it that the temperature will dip to below freezing. Like the fellow once said, "you can't win with women or the weather!"

IT'LL BE nice when Spring finally arrives and the merchants start planting flowers in the sidewalk boxes again. Many visitors to Franklin last season commented on the flower boxes.

HIGHWAY traffic counters have been installed on the main highways. This is one good sign that Spring is just around the corner.

ICE SKATING in Highlands does have a dull side. A Franklin man fell on the ice recently and broke a couple of bones in his leg. He'll be on the shelf for about six months recovering.

THAT BRIDGE job contractor W. A. Hays has over in Haywood County is going to help our economy here some; maybe an estimated \$20,000. He says he'll hire mostly local labor.

WAYAH BALD was just right this past week for sled riding. Among those going up to the Bald for a little slippin' and slidin' were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore.

1,298 PARTICIPATE — \$68,463.83 Is Received By Farmers Through ACP

Macon County farmers received \$68,463.83 in 1957 from the Agricultural Conservation Program administered by Agricultural Stabilization.

Miss Mildred Corbin, A.S.C. office manager, said \$56,095 was on practice payments and \$12,039.40 on small pay increases.

A total of 1,298 farmers participated in the program in the county.

The A. C. P. is a national conservation service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and it shares with farmers about a half of the out-of-pocket cost of practices needed for conserving soil and water resources.

Following is a breakdown of practices for '57 and the cost-share rate:

Practice No.	Farmers Participating	Acres	Cost Share Rec'd	Cost Share Per Acre
1. Establishment of Permanent Pasture or Hay	767	1,256	\$29,671.00	\$23.62
2. Establishment of Vegetative Cover in Crop Rotation	138	213	5,388.00	25.30
3. Liming Materials	142	495	3,146.00	6.36
5. Forest Tree Planting	1	7	56.00	8.00
6. Permanent Pasture or Hay Improvement	389	1,487	13,708.00	9.22
11. Tile Drainage	11	2,907	396.00	.13 per ft. linear ft.
14. Establishing of Winter Cover Crop	300	1,700	3,757.00	2.21

NO PENALTY CHARGED — Franklin Is Short Of \$\$\$; Tax Money Not Coming In

The Town of Franklin is running short of funds, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey.

But, the situation isn't unusual. It happens about this time every year, he explained this week.

At the core of the problem is a piece of local legislation passed several years ago abolishing a tax penalty for non-payment of taxes in the county and its two towns, Franklin and Highlands.

Since there is no penalty for non-payment, Mr. Ramsey explained that taxpayers aren't paying off as fast as they would if the state penalty law was in force.

At present, about \$18,000 is outstanding in unpaid 1957 taxes, reported last October 7, the clerk re-

If the state law was valid here, taxpayers would pay a 1 per cent penalty beginning February 2; 2 per cent after March 1; and after April 1, until taxes were paid, one-half of 1 per cent monthly, in addition.

Because the tax money isn't coming in, Mr. Ramsey is meeting current obligations of the town from water revenues. However, he says several large bills owed cannot be settled until later in the year when funds are available.

He is holding in reserve \$10,000 to meet a municipal bond payment that is due May 1.

"If we had a penalty law, enough money would be coming in at this time of year to avoid this," he declared.

STILL ON TOP, THOUGH — Franklin Lassies Suffer First Conference Defeat

Franklin High's lassies lost their first conference game Tuesday night against Cullowhee, but the defeat did not jeopardize their top standing in the eastern division of the Smoky Mountain Conference.

Cullowhee won 59 to 51 in a real loop thriller. With three games left to play in regular season, the Franklin girls are still in the No. 1 slot in their division. At Cullowhee, the local lads lost 103 to 47.

Friday night, the Franklin girls downed Swain High on the home court, 53 to 37. The boys came up on the short end of a 70 to 53 score.

Tomorrow (Friday) the Franklin teams play host to Webster, with the first game set for 7:30. Tuesday night, they'll go to High-

lands for games. February 14, the teams will meet their last opponent, Glenville, on the home court.

Bloodmobile Slates Visit In Highlands

HIGHLANDS — A Bloodmobile from the regional American Red Cross Blood Center in Asheville will be here February 19.

The unit will operate at the Methodist church from 2 to 6 p. m.

Highlands community is the only one in Macon County now participating in the regional blood program.



'YOUNG MAN' CONGRATULATED BY PRESIDENT

District Principal Harry C. Corbin is getting a handshake from Jack Sharpe, president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce, for having been chosen Macon County's "Young Man of the Year" for 1957. Looking on are (left) Stover

Dunagan, of Rutherfordton, a national Jaycee director, and Bob S. Sloan (right), who received the "Boss of the Year" award.

Cloggers Are Practicing ...

It's practice, practice, practice for the Smoky Mountain Cloggers — Macon County's prize-winning square dance team from Otto — as they prepare for their coming appearance March 2 on Ed Sullivan's television show.

The Cloggers are practicing twice a week; on Mondays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberson and on Thursdays at Otto School.

Mrs. Roberson is manager of the team. Parents of the Cloggers also are helping her put the team through its figures at the practice sessions.

The Cloggers are scheduled to fly to New York City on March 1 from Spartanburg, S. C.

'Uncle Samnik' Heard By Youth

"Uncle Samnik", or if you choose, "Explorer", was heard Monday night in Franklin by young Fred Bulgin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bulgin.

On his short wave set, he listened to the satellite's signal for about 45 minutes — from 6:30 to 7:15.

The satellite, which was launched Friday night, is giving off a steady "E" sound and a "beep", according to Fred. He also heard faint "code of some kind" in the background about every five seconds.

Fred picked the orbiting "Uncle Samnik" upon a frequency of 1800.

Montreat Chorus Appearing Today At Franklin High

The Montreat College Singsers, the touring chorus of Montreat College, will appear at Franklin High School today (Thursday) at 11 a. m.

The singers, composed of 3 girls under the direction of Alle Guy, will present a program of secular music.

In the past five years on annual tours, the chorus has traveled more than six thousand miles through the South, singing in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia. This year they are appearing in Western North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Local Contractor Low Bidder On Job

A local contractor, W. A. Hays was low bidder for construction of a bridge over Pigeon River in Canton.

His bid on the state highway project was \$54,983.68.

Mr. Hays this week said he will hire mostly Macon County labor on the job.

CENTER TO OPEN

The Franklin Teen Center will be open Friday night after the basketball game, it has been announced.

Corbin Recipient Of Jaycee Award

Harry C. Corbin, principal of District 1 of the Macon County School System, is Macon County's "Young Man of the Year."

Selected from among six young men nominated for the annual award, he was announced as the recipient and was honored Saturday night as a feature of a banquet held by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Corbin, who is active in church and civic work and is a member of the Franklin Lions Club, is the third non-Jaycee to receive the award in the six years it has been given. The award is made on the basis of community service.

Jack Sharpe, of Kannapolis, president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker at the banquet. Introduced by J. P. Brady, who served as toastmaster, Mr. Sharpe discussed the many facts of Jayceism in church, home, and community.

Stover Lunagan, of Rutherfordton, a national Jaycee director,

recognized the young men nominated for the "Young Man of the Year" award and presented Mr. Corbin with a Distinguished Service Award key after announcing him as the recipient.

The other nominees were J. W. (Red) Smith, Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., Roy M. Biddle, Jr., Sam Gibson, and Robert W. Moore.

Boss Honored
A "Boss of the Year" award was made to Bob S. Sloan, publisher of The Franklin Press, for

**Local Scout Leader
Awarded Silver Beaver**

B. L. McGlamery, of Franklin, was awarded the Silver Beaver at the Daniel Boone Council's annual recognition dinner in Asheville January 13 for his long and faithful service to Boy Scouts.

He is the Smoky Mountain District finance chairman. This is the highest award made to a

Late News and Briefs

POULTRY MEETING
Interested in the production of commercial eggs?

Then you'll want to attend a special meeting tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 at the Agricultural Building, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

He emphasized that the poultry meeting is only for those interested in commercial production.

BAKE SALE SET
A bake sale will be held by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club February 14 at Angel Drug Store, it has been announced.

RAISES \$295.60
The recent local campaign for the Children's Home Society raised \$295.60, according to Mrs. Betty McKay, president of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club, which conducted the project.

LIONS ARE COMING
About 250 Lions and their wives of Zone 2 are expected to attend a zone social and "ladies' night" in Franklin February 14, according to Wayne Faulkner, local president.

The featured speaker at the gathering, which will be held at the high school cafeteria, will be John L. Stickle, of Charlotte, immediate past president of Lions International.

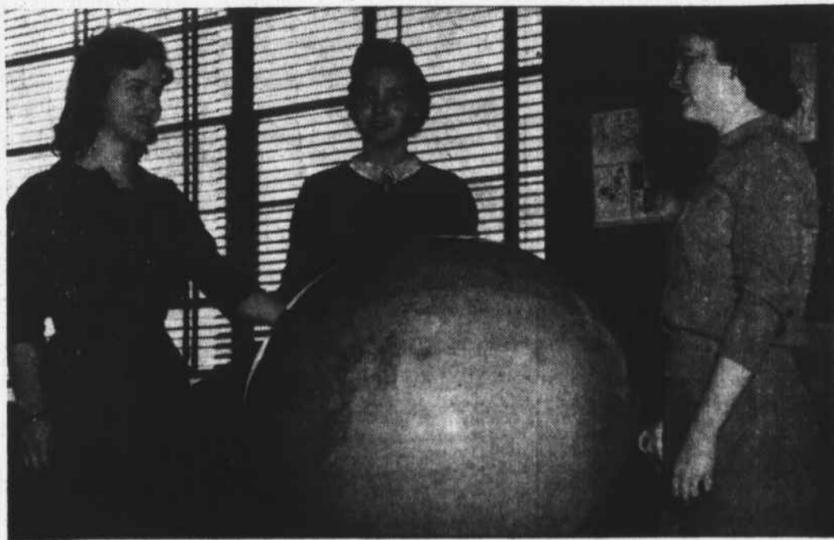
STATION ENTERED
Poindexter's Amoco Station in East Franklin was entered late Monday night or early Tuesday morning, according to Police Chief Sid Carter. Entrance was gained through the grease pit side of the station and Lee Poindexter, owner, reported about \$150 in small change missing and some cigarettes.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manon 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.

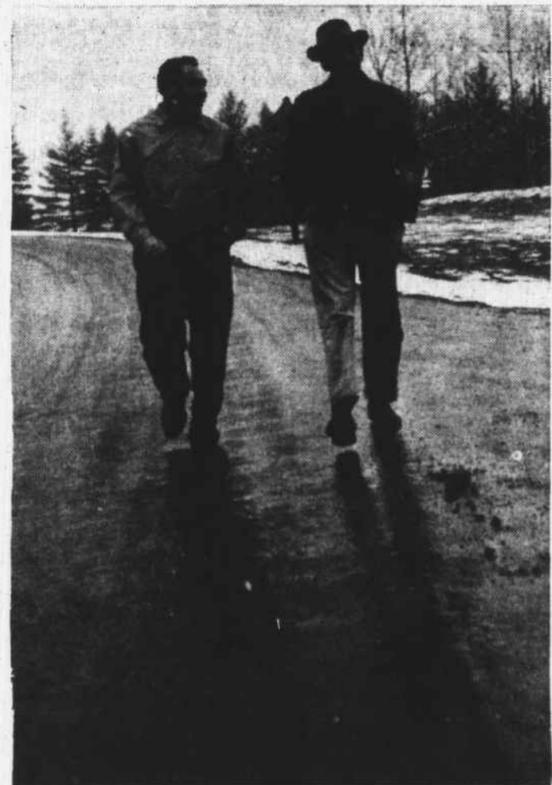
	High	Low	Rain
FRANKLIN			
Wed., Jan. 29	42	22	.00
Thursday	48	18	snow
Friday	54	34	.00
Saturday	46	23	.95
Sunday	29	15	.00
Monday	27	14	.00
Tuesday	45	16	.00
Wednesday	—	25	trace
COWETA			
Wed., Jan. 29	45	25	trace
Thursday	35	15	.05
Friday	31	47	.00
Saturday	55	33	1.19
Sunday	36	16	.00
Monday	30	14	.00
Tuesday	29	11	.00
Wednesday	46	25	.02
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., Jan. 29	35	24	.00
Thursday	42	23	.00
Friday	42	34	.00
Saturday	30	22	.00
Sunday	23	10	.00
Monday	24	7	.00
Tuesday	39	10	.00
Wednesday	—	29	.00

* No record.



HONOR STUDENTS AT FRANKLIN HIGH

A valedictorian and two salutatorians have been announced for Franklin High's graduating class of 1958. Miss Joann Burrell, (center) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burrell, is the valedictorian. She made all A's during her four years of high school for a perfect 4.0 average. Miss Shirley Henson (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Henson, and Mrs. Geneva Hedden Shuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hedden, tied for salutatory honors, each having a 3.941 average. (Gene Dowdle Photo)



LONG, LONG ROAD

A bet between Tommy Jenkins (left) and Ben Harrison to see who could out-walk the other was born Wednesday of last week during a light snow. Wayah Bald, more than 20 miles away from Franklin, was set as the finish line. The picture was made at the city limits on US 64 as Mr. Harrison, 69, set a blistering pace for Mr. Jenkins, 39. By mutual consent (they say), they called it a draw after nearly seven miles and a truck was sent to Wayah Valley to pick them up.