

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

A MIGHTY good project for some civic club to adopt would be planting dogwoods along the streets of Franklin. There's nothing prettier than dogwood, unless it's dogwood and a pretty girl.

HOPE it isn't a sign of more winter, but Paul Blaine, janitor at the courthouse, was hauling in another load of coal Monday.

WESTERN UNION was interested enough in the big telegram to Ed Sullivan to request a picture of it for publication.

THE CEILING has been painted at the Franklin Methodist Church and members of the congregation will be treading on new carpeting next week. The improvements are being made by the Wesleyan Sunday School Class.

EVERYONE'S nerves are back in place again. The steeplejack has finished painting the flagpole in front of the post office.

THAT WHITE stuff hanging over the town in the twilight hours isn't early night fog. Residents are just taking advantage of the quiet time to do some Spring burning.

LIGHT RAINS are helping keep the dirt down on Franklin streets, but that is no reason to let the streets stay so dirty. Looks like the merchants would grow weary of having their merchandise covered with dust and sand, doesn't it?

HENRY BARTOL, Jr., one of the owners of radio station WFSC, has never seen the sun shine in Franklin, although he's a frequent visitor here. It is always raining when he comes.

"WHY CAN'T you get them to do something about cleaning up the town?" is a question asked members of The Press staff two or three times a day. And it's a good question. Why isn't something done, particularly with the filthy streets? Franklin has a mighty dirty face to be greeting tourists.

DON'T FORGET those red-letter days of April 12-13, when you'll be unable to drink or cook with Franklin water because of the chlorine concentrate being used to kill iron bacteria.

OKAY MERCHANTS, get out those flower boxes and get ready to plant flowers in 'em!
A LOT of people are sprucing up as "models" for the fashion show being sponsored Saturday night at East Franklin School by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

PRESTON HENN is building a new fence around his drive-in theatre. Too low to keep people from peeping in, so it must just be for looks.

MRS. H. BUECK and that snappy little foreign car she drives are becoming familiar sights along the byways of Macon County.

GEMCUTTER Jim Brinkman, who cut the rubies for Ed Sullivan, has been invited to appear on a Channel 5 interview-type television show soon. Jim is preparing a display of native stones and gems and hopes to be given the opportunity to get a good plug in for the Cowee Ruby Mines.

ALL YOU nice people who promised labor to help the Frank Brendes rebuild their home can now step forward and roll up your sleeves. The hammerin' and sawin' has started!



CLUB HOLDS LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE IN FRANKLIN

School Supt. and Mrs. H. Bueck (right) were among guests who attended the open house Sunday afternoon at the Franklin Public Library. The event was sponsored by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club, in connection with the local observance of National Library Week. Serving the school official and his wife is Miss Esta Mae Childers. At left is Miss Meda Angel, a club member. (Staff Photo)

Investigate Highlands Break-Ins

Break-ins at three summer homes in Highlands are being investigated by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and S. B. I. Agent P. R. Kitchen.

Sheriff Thomas said the thieves appeared to be more interested in antiques than in other items and that several antiques were taken from the Maney, Chambers, and Brown homes.

The owners are still checking to determine what was taken, he said.

The break-ins occurred some time during the winter.

Teachers Going To Convention

Several Macon County principals and teachers will be in Asheville today (Thursday), Friday, and Saturday for the 74th annual convention of the N. C. Education Association.

Supt. H. Bueck will go this afternoon for a meeting of the superintendents policy committee, of which he is a member.

Others representing this county will be Mrs. Lily Moody, Mrs. Fannie Arnold, Miss Gladys Kinsland, Miss Nora Moody, Mrs. Joyce Baldwin, Mrs. Katherine Henry, Mrs. Elizabeth Guffey, Mrs. Dora Carpenter, Mrs. Gay Teague, Miss Alice Slagle, Mrs. Beatrice M. Alley, Mrs. Nellie R. Owens, Mrs. Frank Martin, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Harry C. Corbin, C. K. Olson, F. J. Watson, Norman West, Donald Seagle, C. H. Kimberly, O. F. Summer, and Jerry Hall.

The delegate assembly of the meeting is scheduled Friday morning. Delegates will be called upon to consider a legislative program, proposed amendments to their constitution, reports of state committees, and to adopt resolutions.



ACCEPTS CALL

The Rev. M. W. Chapman, former pastor of the First Baptist Church here, has accepted a call to the Graystone Baptist Church in Asheboro and is leaving today (Thursday). He said this week plans for moving his family to Asheboro are indefinite.

Red Cross Drive Moving Slowly

With more than half of "American Red Cross Month" (March) already gone, contributions are coming in too slowly, according to Mrs. J. Ward Long, executive secretary of the local chapter.

As of Tuesday noon, she had received only about \$500 from volunteer workers over the county and she urged the volunteers to make reports as soon as possible.

A goal of \$3,662 has been set for the county this year.

G. O. P. MEETING

A meeting of the county Republican party has been called for March 28 at 8 p. m. at the county courthouse by Bryant McClure, county chairman.

The party will select a slate of candidates.

Fashion Show Set Saturday

A Spring fashion show is slated for Saturday night at 8 o'clock at East Franklin School under the sponsorship of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Local stores are cooperating and are supplying models.

Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children. Door prizes will be awarded. Proceeds are earmarked for shoes for needy children, a club project.

Stores participating include The Twins' Shop, The Children's Shop, People's Department Store, Bower's Department Store, Belk's Department Store, J. B. Pendergrass, and Dryman's.

Club committees working on the show are:

Decorations: Mrs. Maxine Davis, Mrs. Sally Clark, Mrs. Jean Welch, Mrs. Louise Ledford, Miss Meda Angel, and Miss Esta Mae Childers.

Refreshments: Miss Harriett Murray, Mrs. Lorraine Corbin, and Mrs. Betty Smith.

Music: Miss Harriett Murray, Mrs. Betty McKay, and Mrs. Lorraine Corbin.

Models: Miss Esta Mae Childers, Miss Meda Angel, Miss Josephine Dalton, Mrs. Joann Corbin, Miss Shirley Cloer, and Mrs. Frances Pendergrass.

Publicity: Mrs. Betty McKay, Mrs. Mary Lou Salain, Mrs. Diane Sloan, Miss Mamie Lee Murray, Mrs. Josephine Roper, and Mrs. Frances Pendergrass.

New Brownie Troop Formed

A new Brownie troop is being sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Franklin Methodist Church.

A meeting of parents of the second grade Brownies is set for this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:15 at the church. Mrs. Harry Price is the leader, and is being assisted by Mrs. Bob Sanders and Mrs. J. H. Fisher.

202,500 Pine Seedlings Put Out This Winter

Macon County farmers and 4-H clubbers have planted 202,500 pine seedlings this winter, according to figures supplied by the county agent's office.

Last year, the sale of 23,398 cords of wood channeled \$287,582 into the county's economic stream.

Of this winter's planting of pines, 34,500 seedlings were given free to 4-H clubbers by Champion Paper and Fibre Company, of Canton. Farmers paid \$5.75 per thousand for theirs.

Macon's 4-H clubbers ranked third in the 12-county area west of Asheville in the number of seedlings planted.

FLOWER HUNTING

Several Girl Scouts and leaders from here plan to go on a Spring wildflower hunt Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Cherokee School campus. The trip is being sponsored by the Nantahala Area Girl Scout Council.

Wilson, Magazine Editor, To Address Chamber Event

Politics Keeps Ahead In County

Politics continues to keep the spotlight this week with the following developments:

The present county commissioners—W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, John W. Roane, and Wiley Brown—announced they will seek reelection. Coburn Holden, feed and hatching egg dealer, announced he has withdrawn from the county sheriff's race in the primary.

Glen Robinson, who announced for the board of county commissioners last week, paid his filing fee and made his race official.

In the 12th Congressional District race, five hats are now in the ring: Incumbent George A. Shuford, Heinz Rollman, Waynesville industrialist; Sanford W. Brown, Asheville lawyer; Arch Nicholson Wallace, college physics professor; and Beverly "Bevo" Middleton, Hendersonville and Canton radio executive.

Fourth Term

In the commissioners' race, Mr. Baldwin is seeking his fourth term; Mr. Roane his third; and Mr. Brown his second.

With the withdrawal of Mr. Holden from the sheriff's contest, it is now a two-way race between incumbent Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and C. D. Baird, Franklin policeman.

The race for county representative to the General Assembly is still a two-way run, with James M. (Jim) Raby and Weimar Jones off and running.

Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn and Lake V. Shope, incumbents, are still unopposed for the offices of clerk of Superior Court and Register of Deeds.

Coroner John Kusterer is unopposed.

The present school board, Erwin Patton, C. C. Sutton, and George Gibson, likewise is unopposed at present.

What Does It Cost?

How much are filing fees for the various public offices?

For offices on a salary schedule the fee is one per cent of annual salary; or \$50 for sheriff; \$38 for clerk of Superior Court and Register of Deeds; \$18 for county representative to the General Assembly.

On non-salary offices like board of education member, county commissioner, coroner, and surveyor the filing fee is \$5.

Two Men Charged For Grill Fight

Ray Dehart, 20, and Fred Sanders, 27, are free on bonds in connection with a fight Monday about 2 a. m. at the Springwood Grill behind the county courthouse.

The grill owner, Ed Guffey, was treated for cuts and bruises. Dehart and Sanders are charged with malicious damage to property and assault, according to police officers.

An estimated 200 members and special guests are expected to attend tomorrow (Friday) night's annual membership banquet of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Set to begin at 7 o'clock, it will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Featured speaker will be Jeff B. Wilson, of Raleigh, editor of Tar Heel Wheels, a general interest monthly magazine published by trucking interests of the state.

A native of Jones County in Eastern North Carolina, Mr. Wil-

son attended Durham High School, New York University, and Wake Forest College. Active in civic and community work, he is a past district governor and is now international counselor of Lions International. He is a past state director of highway safety, is a member of the board of the Southern Safety Conference (14 states), and is director of information and safety for the N. C. Motor Carriers Association.

Mr. Wilson will be introduced by Bob S. Sloan, a chamber director.

Dr. George R. McSween, new chamber president, will outline the 1958-59 program, and also will submit a \$5,500 budget to the membership for approval. The membership also will be asked to vote on the proposed construction of a new information booth in town. This was a project started by the 1957-58 board of directors.

Verlon Swafford, immediate past chamber president, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. John Tucker.

S. A. Bundy is chairman of the committee for the banquet arrangements.



Mr. Wilson
... Guest Speaker

How About Your Slogan?

The slogan contest being held by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce is receiving "fair" response, according to Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, executive secretary.

However, slogans that have been received are "excellent... I wouldn't want to be the judges," she declared this week.

Maconians have until noon today (Thursday) to submit a slogan for a cash prize. The winning slogan will be used on chamber of commerce advertising.

A maximum of 10 words has been set and the slogan must boost Franklin.

The winner will be announced at tomorrow night's annual chamber banquet.

Scouts Talk About Safety

Talks by Boy Scouts on traffic safety featured Saturday night's meeting of the Northwest Franklin Community Club at Slagle Memorial Building.

On the program were Doug Vinsón, Doug and Charles Slagle, and Fred Bulgin, all Life Scouts of Troop 21. They recently attended the speakers bureau of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council.

No Easter Bunny For School Kids

The Easter bunny won't be calling at the county schools, at least not during the regular school week.

Supt. H. Bueck this week announced that the Easter holidays are being cancelled as a partial make-up of time lost during the recent bad weather.

He also said Nantahala and Highlands are holding Saturday classes to make up lost time.

Schools are closing for the summer on May 30.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Fudor 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., 12th	64	27	.00	
Thursday	57	41	.00	
Friday	54	31	.43	
Saturday	54	30	.05	
Sunday	48	24	.00	
Monday	54	24	.00	
Tuesday	52	32	.74	
Wednesday	47	38	.05	
COWETA				
Thurs., 13th	62	40	.50	
Friday	50	31	trace	
Saturday	42	27	.00	
Sunday	45	26	.00	
Monday	52	25	.00	
Tuesday	47	31	1.08	
Wednesday	50	37	trace	
HIGHLANDS				
Thurs., 13th	46	37	*	
Friday	48	26	*	
Saturday	52	24	*	
Sunday	58	25	*	
Monday	41	30	*	
Tuesday	51	32	*	
Wednesday	45	35	*	

* No record.



M'KELVEYS HONORED BY TELEPHONE FAMILY

Frank Dean (right), Franklin plant manager, is shown presenting a silver service to R. E. McKelvey, Mrs. McKelvey, and their son, Gary, at a farewell party given in their honor Friday night at Clark's Restaurant by Western Carolina Telephone Company employees of the western division. Mr. McKelvey recently resigned as a company vice-president to accept a job with the N. C. Utilities Commission in Raleigh. He starts to work today (Thursday). His family will join him in Raleigh later. (Staff Photo)