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When we are collect-
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—Vincent Starrett.

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

ROLFE NEILL, Charlotte Observer bureau man in Gastonia and former Franklin Press reporter, was a bit miffed at being omitted from the list of Press correspondents over the world. And, if he's a bit bullish in his insistence for recognition, or in his writing, there's a reason. His wife and the police called him home from work last week. Rather inappropriately, a couple of bulls had taken up residence on his front lawn.

LAST WEEK'S picture of the "orphans" looking for some organization to sponsor them as a Brownie troop may have helped some. A new troop has been taken under a wing by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Franklin Methodist Church. There are more "orphans", though, who need "adopting" as troops. Next!

JIM LEE, writer-photographer with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, was in this area last Thursday gathering some material on the unusual shortia. He plans an article about the plant soon in Wildlife in North Carolina, the N.C.W.R.C. publication, of which he is associate editor.

DON'T END up thirsty April 12-13. Those are the dates Franklin's water system will be inactive while a chlorine concentrate is used to kill iron bacteria in the pipes.

FRANKLIN'S streets need cleaning and the Indian Mound is about due its Spring haircut!

SOME OF those slogans submitted to the Franklin Chamber of Commerce were real humdingers. But, more people should have taken an interest in the contest, which after all, boosted the town and its attractions.

THERE ARE some holes in the pavement in Franklin suitable for the burial of small animals, garbage, or what have you. They aren't very easy on tires, however, and it's possible for those of you who drive those little foreign cars to completely disappear in some of them.

IT APPEARS more than likely that it'll never stop raining here. Citizens are advised to keep walking rapidly to stave off mildew.

A NUMBER from here absorbed some of the intellectual atmosphere on the campus of Western Carolina College Monday night when poet-humorist Ogden Nash appeared on the lyceum program. Mr. Nash observed his fame seems to rest on his famous couplet, "Candy's dandy, but liquor's quicker", and he's convinced it'll probably be on his tombstone.

THE WAY some drivers "dig off" from the stop lights, one'd think they owned a tire recapping place.

THE SINCLAIR station at the intersection of US 23-441 and US 64 west is getting the Spring treatment.

THOSE SMALL knots of men along Main Street are the direct result of an election year. And that goes for a lot of handshaking and backslapping, too.

MY, MY what a dirty face the Town of Franklin has!

TO YOU Franklin residents who neglected to purchase town license tags, here's a tip. The town fathers and the town attorney are getting ready to bite!—a hunk out of your wallet, that is.

BAKE SALES, although good money raisers, don't contribute much to the improvement of male figures. Just look at the "pouches" walking down Main Street if you don't believe it.

WHAT BUSINESS needs more than a "shot in the arm" is some pretty weather. Most merchants seem to think things would be fine if shoppers didn't have to dig their way out of the mud and then row to town.

Moore Elected District Head Of Fellowship

The Rev. Roy Moore, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Assembly of God Church, has been elected president of the mens fellowship of the western district.

His election came during a council meeting of the western section of Assemblies of God in Asheville Tuesday of last week.

ALLTOP IS COMING

Lee Alltop, field representative for Social Security, has announced he will be in Franklin Easter Monday (April 7) and Tuesday at the Agricultural Building, as scheduled.

Sunrise Rite Being Planned On Wayah Bald

Plans are now under way for holding the 11th annual sunrise service atop mile-high Wayah Bald.

It will be held at "High Haven", the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

Under a rotation plan used by local ministers, the Rev. R. R. Standley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver this year's Easter message.

Additional information, including the time of the sunrise, will be ready by next week, according to the Rev. S. B. Moss, who is in charge of arrangements.

Easter Cantata Slated April 4 By Presbyterians

An Easter cantata, "Christ, the Risen Lord", is scheduled for April 4 at 8 p. m. at the Franklin Presbyterian Church by the adult, youth, and junior choirs.

Soloists will be Miss Esther Wallace, Miss Sarah Smart, Mrs. Julian Maddox, Dick Slagle, and Willard Bell. Mrs. Margaret Cooper will be organist.

In addition to the cantata, special numbers on the program will be "Consider the Lilies", "Calvary", "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth", and "The Holy City".

LIVES IN ANDREWS —

Former Macon County Youth Wins Top ALCOA Award

John R. Slagle, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Slagle, of Andrews, formerly of Nantahala, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the Alcoa Foundation. It was announced this week by William G. Crawford, chairman of the Nantahala Power and Light Company scholarship selection committee.

"Bob", a senior at Andrews High School, was selected as a winner from a group of 27 sons and daughters of Alcoa's employees at Nantahala Power and Light Company, with headquarters in Franklin, and Carolina Aluminum Company at Badin. Four of the contestants for the scholarship are children of Nantahala Power and Light Company employees, according to Mr. Crawford. All of the candidates for the scholarship, he said, had previously met the scholastic, moral, and leadership qualifications and had been chosen to take the college entrance examination by their respective selection committees. The final decision of the committee was greatly influenced by the score made on the competitive examination by young Slagle, the local chairman said.

The Alcoa Foundation Scholarship program was inaugurated in the fall of 1953 for children of Alcoa employees. Now in its fifth year, there are 156 Alcoa Foundation Scholarships in effect throughout the nation, at an annual cost of \$78,000.

Young Slagle has established an outstanding record at Andrews High School. He is vice-president of the senior class, editor of his 1958 high school annual, a member of the varsity basketball squad, a column editor for the school paper, and president of the Latin Club. In church activities, he is presently serving as assistant Sunday school teacher and as president of his youth fellowship group. He has been very active in 4-H club work, having served as club president for six years and county council president one year. He plans to enter Stetson University this fall and has chosen English as his major field of study.

Other contestants from this area competing for this 1958 Scholarship award were Miss Patricia Hedden, Franklin; Roger Gibson, Bryson City; and Thomas E. Norton, Jr., Tuckasegee.

Members of the selection committee, in addition to Mr. Crawford, are Harry C. Corbin, Franklin; Stanley W. Black, Bryson City; R. M. Ainsley, Cullowhee; J. Smith Howell, Robbinsville; and L. B. Nichols, Andrews.

Mr. Slagle, father of this year's scholarship recipient, has been employed by Nantahala Power and Light Company, subsidiary company of Alcoa, for 17½ years and is presently a shift foreman at the company's Nantahala generating plant.



Slagle . . . Scholarship Winner

LATE BULLETIN — No Toll For The Parkway

The Franklin Press learned at presstime that Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Interior, had informed Congressman George A. Shuford there will be no toll charged on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Congressman Shuford has headed a North Carolina delegation fighting the decision by the Department of Interior to start charging for the use of the parkway.

FOR 1957-59 WORK — \$288,800 Allocation Made For Secondary Roads Here

Macon County has been allocated \$288,800 for secondary road improvements during the 1957-59 biennium, according to an announcement from Highway Director W. F. Babcock in Raleigh.

For 1957-58, the county will receive \$95,300 and the remainder, \$193,500, is being set up for work during 1958-59.

County allocations are made on the basis of need. In a report from Cameron W. Lee, assistant highway director, the first of the month, the following conditions existed in Macon County:

"Primary highways are in good shape with the exception of the road between Franklin and the Georgia line; it is showing some major breaks and will require major surfacing

this summer. The paved county roads are generally in good shape. Some of the major roads, however, show quite a number of breaks. The unpaved county roads are in very, very poor shape.

Mr. Lee said the road conditions in the 10 mountainous counties in the southwestern pocket of the state were caused by extreme cold weather and snow, followed by the sudden thawing and warm weather.

Bloodmobile Visit Slated

HIGHLANDS—A quota of 100 pints of blood has been set for the April 4 visit of the Bloodmobile here.

The unit from the Red Cross regional blood center in Asheville will be at the Methodist church from 2 to 6 p. m. Louis (Bud) Potts is in charge of arrangements locally.

A visit of the Bloodmobile in February was cancelled because of bad weather.

HIGHLANDS is the only town in Macon County now participating in the A.R.C. blood program.

Republicans Will Select Candidates

A slate of candidates to oppose Democrats in the general election in the fall will be selected tomorrow (Friday) night by the county Republican party. The election year convention is set for 7:30 at the county courthouse. Bryant McClure, county party chairman, will preside.

COURTHOUSE SING

The fifth Sunday sing is scheduled for the county courthouse this coming Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m. All singers and the public are invited.

HISTORY IS RECALLED —

Legend Says Ellijay Church Site Was Once Gaming Place

By MRS. LESLIE YOUNG
The first Ellijay Missionary Baptist Church, as near as can be determined, was formed in the late 1880's or 1890's and met in an old school building that stood on what is known as the John T. Henry place.

Some of the present members recall hearing their parents say that Bard Angel was one of the Sunday school teachers of this first church.

On Same Hill

These old members decided to build a church and it was started in 1893, on the same hill where

ANOTHER IN SERIES

This article is one in a series of church histories that will appear from time to time for the next two or three years in The Press.

the Ellijay church now stands. Alex Moore, of Franklin, remembers that he and the late Charlie Mincey cut some of the first timber for the building.

Legend says that the hill on which the church was erected once was a gathering place for the young men of that time to drink and gamble around huge campfires.

Mother Watches

Across the valley, on another hillside, a mother, Mrs. William Young, could see the campfires and knew her sons probably were in the group. It was her request that, at her death, she be buried on that spot so that no more drinking or gambling would occur there. She hoped someday a church would stand there.

Mrs. Young died in her fifties



SLOGAN WINNER, CHAMBER PRESIDENT, AND SPEAKER

Dr. G. R. McSween (center), president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce is shown presenting a \$15 check to Miss Jereline McDowell, winner of the chamber's slogan contest. At right is Jeff B. Wilson, magazine editor, who was guest speaker at the chamber's annual membership banquet Friday night in the high school cafeteria. (Staff Photo)

AT CHAMBER BANQUET —

Magazine Editor Pledges Support In Boosting Area

Jeff B. Wilson, editor of Tar Heel Wheels, has pledged the support of his general interest magazine with a circulation of some 60,000 in helping Macon County publicize its many attractions.

Speaking here Friday night before the annual membership banquet of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, the editor and well-known trucking official promised to "spread the word" about Franklin's new slogan, "Franklin — A Ruby On The Finger Of The Smokies", and told his audience

he already had made arrangements to carry a story and pictures on the Cowee Ruby Mines in an early issue. He also noted that Tar Heel Wheels carried a story about Don Smith's jams and jellies business in the February issue.

Budget Adopted

At a brief business session prior to the introduction of the guest speaker by Bob S. Sloan, the chamber president, Dr. G. R. McSween presented two items of business.

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THE POLITICAL PICTURE —

Ray Running For Sheriff; Patton Resigns His Post

Another candidate pitched his hat into the county sheriff's race this week as the filing deadline for the May Democratic primary moved closer.

Robert (Bob) Glenn Ray, Jr., who is in the fertilizer, feed, and country ham business in Franklin, paid his filing fee

with J. Lee Barnard, chairman of the elections board.

Mr. Ray, a resident of the Iotla community and Navy veteran, was the only one to announce for any office this week. He is married and has two children.

Patton Resigns

Attorney General George B. Patton officially resigned Tuesday in Raleigh to enter the primary race for Superior Court judge of the 30th Judicial District. He announced his intentions two weeks ago.

The filing of Mr. Ray for Sheriff puts three names in the Democratic pot—Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, the incumbent, and C. D. Baird, Franklin policeman, are the other two.

Filing deadline for county offices is April 19.

Brown Is In

Glenn W. Brown, Waynesville

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Briefs

CARL STORY CHARGED

Country music star Carl Story has been served with a warrant in Knoxville, Tenn., charging him with fraud and false pretense.

It was drawn by Mrs. Vernon Pruitt, of Franklin, who alleges he obtained \$10,000 from her for construction of a radio station here.

Mr. Story has posted bond and a preliminary hearing has been set for April 21 before Justice of the Peace Sam J. Murray.

WHO SAID SPRING?

If Spring officially arrived last Thursday, nobody noticed it for the heavy snow flurries that continued on through most of Friday.

About an inch fell in Highlands and nearly two inches in the Nantahala section.

Only a light fall was recorded in Franklin.

The Weather

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 19th	54	37	.05
Thursday	41	31	.00
Friday	38	18	.00
Saturday	51	25	.00
Sunday	54	33	.00
Monday	49	32	trace
Tuesday	61	42	.48
Wednesday	45	.04	

COWETA

Wed., 19th	50	37	trace
Thursday	55	31	.00
Friday	38	27	trace
Saturday	38	22	.00
Sunday	50	33	.01
Monday	55	36	.17
Tuesday	47	42	1.19
Wednesday	59	43	.00

HIGHLANDS

Wed., 19th	56	35	*
Thursday	41	25	*
Friday	40	21	*
Saturday	56	20	*
Sunday	54	32	*
Monday	43	35	*
Tuesday	57	39	*
Wednesday	—	42	*

* No record.



Ellijay Missionary Baptist Church