



### AN EXAMPLE

The above sign explains the highway situation on US 23-441 between Franklin and Georgia state line, a stretch that will soon be paved again after roughing out the winter weather. The dotted line in the other picture indicates a section of broken pavement — just one of many along the 12-mile stretch.

Severe winter weather is responsible for the condition of the heavily-traveled route.  
(Staff Photos)

## Judge Wears Black Robe For Opening

**Criminal Docket Finished Yesterday; Civil Actions Today**

As the first to wear the state's new black robe in the local courtroom, Judge Hugh Campbell opened the April term of Superior Court Monday morning and quickly moved through most of the criminal docket.

Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., said the court expected to dispose of all criminal cases docketed by afternoon, except for an incest trial that has been rescheduled for Tuesday morning.

Judge Campbell, of Charlotte, will take up the civil docket beginning this morning.

## Jury Reports On Courthouse And Facilities

Macon County's courthouse and jail are "in as good condition as could be expected due to the age of both buildings", according to a report of county facilities prepared by the grand jury.

Inspecting jurymen Tuesday found the prison camp "in good shape" and "driver's licenses of school bus drivers and school busses in good shape, according to P. L. Ferguson."

In talks with H. Bueck, school superintendent, and Erwin Patton, chairman of the school board, the jury learned that Cowee, Nantahala, and Highlands schools need new roofs and that repairs are needed at other schools. However, the report said "Mr. Patton assured the grand jury they would take care of this before the opening of school in the fall."

L. B. Limer was jury foreman. Jurymen were Clyde Hughes, Lemmie Holland, Lester Norton, Ray McConnell, Ray Franklin, Gorman Raby, Claude Duvall, George W. Nix, Cecil Crawford, Cragle Dockery, Homer C. Greene, Dean Mashburn, W. R. Edwards, Earl Emory, Perry Brendle, P. B. Swafford, and Carl D. Green.

## Perry Is Appointed To Elections Board

A. Winton Perry, of Franklin, has been appointed to the Macon County Board of Elections by the state board.

Mr. Perry was one of two recommended to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Fred S. Moore on the three-man board.

## Officer Election To Mark Meeting

An election of officers will feature the regular meeting of the Franklin P.-T. A. Monday night in the high school cafeteria.

Prior to the business meeting at 7:30, the elementary school will be open so parents may visit the classrooms.

## Girl Scouts Going To Cullowhee Meeting

A number of local Girl Scouts and their leaders will be on hand Saturday at Western Carolina College for a rally sponsored by the Nantahala Area Girl Scout Council.

Set to begin at 2 p.m., the rally will be held at Hunter Library. It will be a "swap shop" of ideas and activities.

## First Graders Will Give East Franklin P.-T. A. Program

First grade children will have charge of the program Tuesday night at the East Franklin P.-T. A. meeting.

The meeting is set for 7:30, according to Mrs. Harry Pangle, president.

## STANDLEY ELECTED

The Rev. R. R. Standley was elected Monday night to serve as chairman of the executive promotion committee of the Macon Baptist Association. He will serve the unexpired term of the Rev. M. W. Chapman, resigned.



## A RARE HONOR

A tribute rarely accorded anyone off the campus of the University of North Carolina came to Franklin's Weimar Jones in Chapel Hill Monday night. The widely-known and quoted newspaper editor was one of two men tapped for honorary membership in the Order of the Golden Fleece, highest men's honorary society at the university. Mr. Jones is a former president of the North Carolina Press Association and served as lecturer on the university journalism faculty for a year. The other man selected for the honor was Jan Phillips Schinhan, a member of the university's music faculty.

## WMU Meet Is April 23

The annual associational meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the Macon Baptist Association will be held at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, April 23, beginning at 10 a.m.

Out-of-town speakers will be Mrs. Wayne Slaton, of Bryson City, regional superintendent; Miss Irene Chambers, of Poochantas, Ark., field representative of the home mission board; and Miss Miriam J. Robinson, of Raleigh, state executive secretary.

Mrs. C. T. Taylor, of Franklin, associational superintendent will preside.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

The Cartoogechaye Rural Community Development Organization will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the community house, it has been announced by Mrs. Joe Setser, president.

## TIME WILL TELL

## 'Operation Red Water' In Franklin Seems Successful

Although it will take a couple more weeks to make sure, "Operation Red Water" last week end in Franklin appears to have been a success.

A member of the town water committee, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., commenting on the operation to clear up the red water problem in the town's water system, Tuesday said "so far it appears to be working... but it will take a couple of weeks to get a complete answer."

Warned in advance of the "week end drought", Franklin residents had drawn water reserves for cooking and drinking.

## OLD ORDER RESCINDED — New Registration For Four Precincts

The Macon County Board of Elections has rescinded its May 11, 1957, order for a county-wide registration of voters.

Instead, new registrations will be required only in four precincts created by the board as a companion action to the May 11 order, according to J. Lee Barnard, chairman. These four precincts, Union, East Franklin, Iotla, and Franklin, contain approximately 40 per cent of the voters in the county and prior to the board's action constituted a single precinct known as Franklin.

In announcing the board's decision to abandon plans for a county-wide new registration, Mr. Barnard said the registration books of the other precincts were re-examined and it was decided "they weren't in bad shape" like the four new precincts.

Books will open May 3 for new registrations and will be open the next two Saturdays, May 10 and May 17.

Mr. Barnard said it will be necessary for voters to go to their precinct polling places on the three legal Saturdays for registering. However, during the week he, as chairman of the elections board, will register anyone if they will stop and see him at the courthouse.

Following are descriptions of the territory covered by the four precincts:

**Union Precinct:** Covers all who live from Cartoogechaye Creek south to the Smith's Bridge precinct line. Polling place is at Union School.

**East Franklin Precinct:** Embraces voters who live in the area east of the Tennessee River and west and south of the Millshoal, Ellijay, and Smith's Bridge lines. Polling place is at East Franklin School.

**Iotla Precinct:** Includes the area from the Trimont divide north to the Burningtown and Cowee precinct lines. Polling place is at Iotla School.

**Franklin Precinct:** Covers the area from the Tennessee River west, from the Trimont divide south and from Cartoogechaye Creek north. Agricultural Building is designated as polling place.

## Donations Slow

Contributions to the local American Cancer Society fund drive are coming in slowly, according to the chapter president, Mrs. Lester Conley.

Tuesday, she had about \$225 on hand.

## The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Hansen Stiles U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers, and at the Cowee Hydrological Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
Wed., 9th	65	31	trace
Thursday	69	45	.38
Friday	52	41	trace
Saturday	60	30	.00
Sunday	69	22	.00
Monday	68	24	.00
Tuesday	62	23	.02
Wednesday	44	41	.34
COWETA			
Wed., 9th	66	21	.00
Thursday	60	45	.13
Friday	58	35	.58
Saturday	53	19	.00
Sunday	60	20	.00
Monday	69	34	.00
Tuesday	65	45	.12
Wednesday	53	40	.52
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., 10th	54	32	*
Thursday	52	41	*
Friday	56	37	*
Saturday	56	32	*
Sunday	63	27	*
Monday	60	23	*
Tuesday	52	41	*
Wednesday	41	42	*

\* No record

## MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

**COURT WEEK** really flushes folks into town, doesn't it. Many newcomers, unaccustomed to seeing the opening day crowd, thought at least a half dozen politicians had passed on by the size of the mob hanging around the courthouse door.

**AND IT JUST** keeps raining, and raining, and raining... and folks just keep looking up and jumping puddles and recalling what the sun looked like when it used to shine.

**IT'S THE** lucky motorist who happens to find a parking meter that is jammed with an hour and a half of time left on it.

**HAVE YOU** noticed all the bowing and scraping that goes on in the double doors of the post office? Someone will open the outside door for someone and then the someone just served steps through with a "thank you" and holds the door on the inside for the one he's just "thank you'd".

**APPEARS AS HOW** someone is going to have to warn tourists about driving and trying to read their road maps at the same time. A couple of local motorists did some sidewalk running one day last week when meeting a visitor buried deeply in his map.

**THE CHLORINE** taste improved some of the coffee in town, didn't it?

**IT'S A SHAME** all that water poured out by the town Saturday night couldn't have been used to clean those filthy streets.

**ISN'T IT** a nice feeling to have that income tax headache out of the way for another year? That is, until your check bounces at the bank, as many meandering along Main Street have predicted for their own.

**TOURISTS ARE** beginning to pay more and more interest in Cowee Valley and its rubles. Just shows that publicity pays off. Might be a good idea for everyone who meets the public to carry some rough stones to show.

**IF THE STAFF** of The Press eventually has to clean the streets, it'll have some help at least. Numbers of men and women have volunteered to help with the job.

**FISHERMEN** are reporting Macon County's streams are yielding better-than-average catches.

**THAT'S REALLY** good news about the state's plans for paving the Georgia highway. The stretch from here to the state line is badly broken in many sections. Highway crews were spot-patching several days last week.

## LETTING THIS MONTH

## Hutchison Says US 23-441 Paving Bids Coming Soon

Bids will be asked by the State Highway Department on April 29 for the paving of US 23-441 from Franklin to the Georgia state line, according to Frank Hutchison, 14th division engineer.

The existing surface of the new highway has been badly damaged by winter weather.

In a telephone interview from his office at Webster, Mr. Hutchison said the project probably would not get under way for about

a month after the bids are received.

The paving involves 12.46 miles. Meanwhile, the engineer reported highway maintenance crews have Macon County's secondary road system in "fair condition", following one of the roughest winters in many years.

"Time is all we need" to get the system back in good shape, he added.

## ARNOLD IS ELECTED

## Pony League Abandoned In Favor Of Babe Ruth League

Last year's Pony League has been dropped in favor of a Babe Ruth League.

At a meeting Friday night in the high school cafeteria, C. K. (Ike) Olson, Pony League president, resigned and Alex Arnold was elected to succeed him.

Others named to offices include Weaver Shope, vice-president, and Mrs. Robert Corbin, secretary.

It was decided to drop Pony League because a loss of members from age eligibility would limit the league to only three teams. The age limits of Babe Ruth League are 13 to 16 and the boys will play by professional rules and on a regulation field.

Guest speaker at the meeting was John Wood, of Asheville, district representative of Babe Ruth League.

A meeting of Babe Ruth officers

and managers has been called for tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock in the cafeteria.

## Little League Benefit Slated At Iotla School

A Little League benefit is slated Saturday night at Iotla School under the sponsorship of the school P.-T. A. and the league parents' organization.

Set to begin at 8 o'clock, the night's program of fun will include cake walks, Bingo, "white elephant" sale, bowling darts, and music by Roy Ramsey's string band.

Refreshments also will be on sale.



Miss Denny



Miss Dills

## NANTAHALA HIGH HONOR STUDENTS

Honor students for the 1958 graduating class of Nantahala High School have been announced as Miss Susie Denny, valedictorian, and Miss Frelia Dills, salutatorian. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Denny, Susie has a scholastic average of 92.23, while Frelia's average is 92.08. She is the daughter of Mrs. Earl Dills and the late Mr. Dills. Susie plans to attend Western Carolina College and Frelia wants to enter nurse training.



## THERE WAS WATER IN THE STREETS

Under the watchful eyes of R. F. Hill (center, standing), district engineer with the State Department of Health, and alderman H. H. Gnuse, Jr. (right, standing), a squad of Franklin firemen opens a main Saturday night to start off "Operation Red Water", a town project to clean the water system. (Staff Photo)