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A bad neighbor is as
great a misfortune as a
good one is a great
blessing.—Hesiod.

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

A LOT OF folks, fed up with the filthy condition of the streets, have volunteered to pitch in and clean them if that's the only way to get the job done.

A PICKPOCKET, Jack London, is coming here May 1 to help the new Macon County Rescue Squad get its start. Members of the squad already have an eye on a surplus ambulance and other equipment. The London show proceeds will help purchase things.

IT'S A GOOD feeling to be a good neighbor—just ask the local volunteer firemen who helped Sylva with the hospital blaze Sunday night.

MAYBE IF everyone would wear those old timey goggles the dirt and sand from Franklin's dirty streets wouldn't blow into their eyes.

KERR SCOTT'S branch head boys in Macon County were deeply shocked by the death of "The Squire from Haw River"; and more than just surprised at Gov. Hodges' appointment of B. E. Jordan to succeed him.

Brady Elected President Of Local Jaycees

J. P. Brady, news editor of The Franklin Press, Monday night was elected president of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce for the 1958-59 year.

He succeeds Robert W. (Bob) Moore as head of the young men's organization.

Named to serve with the new president are Roy M. Biddle, Jr., first vice-president; Jim Williamson, second vice-president; Tom Collier, secretary; Charles Ledbetter, treasurer; Mr. Moore, state director; and Mr. Moore, Raymond Ledford, Dr. J. L. Hill, and Bud Taylor, directors.

An installation banquet by the club is slated for May 3.

Mr. Brady is a charter member of the Franklin club and served in 1954-55 as a state vice-president of N.C.J.C.C.

Local Church Will Be Host To TU Meeting

First Baptist Church in Franklin will be host Friday and Saturday to the annual meeting of the Regional Training Union Convention.

The session opens at 3 p. m. Friday and will close at noon Saturday.

Carl Corbin, of Sylva, director, will be in charge.

Friday night, the Rev. R. W. Abrams, pastor of the Sylva Baptist Church, will be the speaker. The Rev. J. G. Miller, association missionary for the Western North Carolina and West Liberty associations, will address the gathering Saturday morning.

With participants from associations of Region 10, program contests will include junior memory work drill; intermediate sword drill; young people's better speakers tournaments; and adult Bible reading.

It's Nearly Spring Again!

Taking advantage of breaks in the weather, farmers are turning Macon County's earth for spring planting.

Astride tractors and/or walking behind plows, they're out in the field in ever-increasing numbers as winter relaxes its hold.

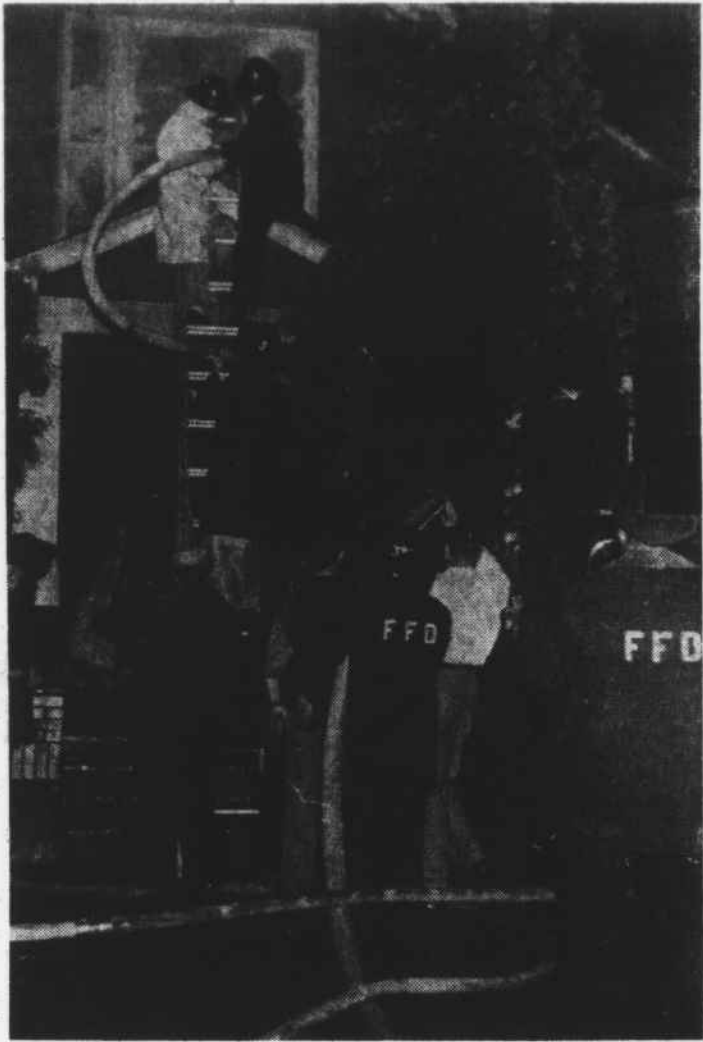
There are other signs of spring, too; signs like robins hopping around; spring-fever looks creeping into eyes; more paint-up-fix-up projects; and, of course, warming temperatures.

Region Engineers Tour Coweta Lab And Timber Job

Between 40 and 50 U. S. Forest Service engineers toured Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory and the Stamp Creek timber project Tuesday.

They observed streams, logging operations, road building, and erosion.

The engineers, all from the Southern region, came up from Clemson, S. C., where they are holding a meeting.



FIREMEN FIGHT SYLVA BLAZE

The initials F. F. D. (Franklin Fire Department) were very much in evidence Sunday night in Sylva where firemen of three towns rallied to fight a blaze that gutted the C. J. Harris Community Hospital. (See Story, Page 16). Two Maconians, Mrs. Bertha Hurst and Mrs. B. W. (Rosa) Justice, were among the 23 patients evacuated from the burning hospital. Mrs. Hurst was sent to a hospital in Bryson City and Mrs. Justice is in Waynesville. (Staff Photo)

TWO TELL OF TRIP —

Mrs. Horsley Is Elected Head Of Franklin P.-T. A.

Members of the Franklin P.-T.A. Monday night elected Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley to head their organization for the 1958-59 year.

Also elected and installed with Mrs. Horsley were Mrs. Kate Williams, vice-president, Rafe Teague, treasurer, and Mrs. Margaret Cooper, secretary.

S. A. Eundy is the out-going president of the parent-teacher group.

Featuring the program were talks by Miss Frances Winstead and Miss Dwain Horsley on their trip to New York City last week.

SLATED FOR SATURDAY —

'The Old South' Coming Again At Junior-Senior

"The Old South" is slated for rebirth Saturday night when the annual Junior-Senior Banquet is held at Franklin High School in the cafeteria.

Carrying out the theme of the South, a Southern-style meal with barbecue as the main course, will be served by sophomore honor students dressed as Negro

waiters and waitresses. The entertainment committee, headed by Jean Burrell and Larry Brooks, has arranged for underclassmen to present a "Minstrel Show".

The cafeteria will be decorated like the interior of an old Southern home. The banquet will start at 7:30, and the "Tigertown Quintet" from Clemson College will play for a dance starting at 9.

YOUTH GIVES SPEECH —

Local N.C.E.A. Elects Mrs. Martin President

Mrs. Mildred R. Martin is the new president of the Macon County unit of the N. C. Education Association.

In addition to an election of 1958-59 officers of the organization's annual banquet Friday night in the high school cafeteria, principals and teachers and special guests heard Gary McKelvey give his prize-winning American Legion speech and they also were entertained by a group of 4-H clubbers from the Patton Community.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Martin were Norman West, vice-president, and Miss Elizabeth Meadows, secretary-treasurer. The outgoing president, W. G. Crawford, presided at the banquet, which was attended by about 150.

Gary's speech was entitled "America's Rights and Responsibilities on the Constitution". Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKelvey, he recently advanced to the state finals, before being eliminated in the annual American Legion speaking event.

The 4-H clubbers entertaining included Misses Jane Wells, Linda



Mrs. Martin
... Heads Teachers

JUDGE CLOSES COURT TERM ON TUESDAY

115 Cash Bonds
Are Confiscated;
Cases Are Listed

Judge Hugh Campbell closed out the April term of Superior Court here about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

The term, which opened the 14th, saw cash bonds confiscated in 115 traffic violations cases.

Following are criminal dispositions of the term, with the exception of the actions taken the last day. These actions will appear next week:

Cy Seth Birchfield, violation of prohibition laws, 60 days suspended, \$50 and costs.

Dewey Cunningham, no chauffeur's license, \$25 and costs.

Jack Robert Shook, driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

Herbert Johnson, driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

Frank Cannon, permitting non-licensed person to drive, nol pros with leave.

John A. Lee, no operator's license, costs.

Horace Page Mann, driving drunk (2nd offense), 6 months suspended \$150 and costs.

Frank Jenkins Williams, driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

Nora Elizabeth Rogers, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

Allen Archie Angel, speeding, costs.

James Eddie Burton, speeding, \$10.

Lucius Cordell Wood, larceny of automobile, 12 months suspended, defendant place on probation, \$200 and costs.

Johnny Mack Lee, larceny of automobile, 12 months.

Daniel Sylvester Vinson, driving after license suspended, \$25 and costs.

Dillard Nicholson, violation of prohibition laws, 6 months suspended, \$300.

Herman Lee Tickle, destroying public property, nol pros with leave.

Herman Lee Tickle, escaping prison, nol pros with leave.

Herman Lee Tickle, escaping from lawful confinement, destroying public property, nol pros with leave for destroying property; 6 months for escaping, sentence to run at the expiration of any and all sentences now being served by the defendant.

William Shepherd, destroying public property, 60 days, sentence to run at the expiration of any and all sentences he is now serving.

Ernest Ray Pinion, escaping from lawful confinement, 6 months, sentence to run at the expiration of any and all sentences he is now serving.

Arlin Barker, destroying state property, 3 months, sentence to run at the expiration of any and all sentences he is now serving.

Paul J. Jackson, driving drunk, 6 months suspended, \$100 and costs.

Richard L. Dryman, speeding, \$25 and costs.

Wymer Edison Young, violation of prohibition laws, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Perry Leroy Wiggins, reckless driving, costs.

Clarence Edmas Wike, speeding, \$40.

Frank Kirkland, larceny, 12 months suspended, \$156 and costs on court conditions.

Daniel Joseph Wike, driving drunk, prayer for judgment continued to July-August term.

Culley Eugene Gabriels, speeding, \$30.

Williston Frank Houston, reckless driving, costs.

Robert McCoy Anderson, driving drunk, 6 months suspended, \$100 and costs.

Harris Henry Dryman, violation of prohibition laws, \$25 and costs.

James Wilson Bates, violation of prohibition laws, \$25 and costs.

Bobby Welch, driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

James W. Justice, improper operator's license, nol pros with leave.

Frank Lemuel Hurst, driving drunk, reckless driving, 90 days suspended \$100 and costs.

Loy Edwin Parrish, aiding and abetting in transporting whiskey \$50 and costs.

Earl Floyd Calloway, driving drunk (from Jackson County), \$100 and costs.

Henry Herbert Bailey, driving drunk, nol pros with leave.

Fearl Kent Beal, speeding, nol pros with leave.

Loy Parrish, aiding and abetting to driving drunk, permitting non-

WHO'S RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Filing Deadline Saturday Puts Candidates Under Wire

IN RADIO INTERVIEW — Elections Chairman Gives Answers To Vote Questions

The Franklin voting precinct, which is being split into four precincts for this year's primary and general elections, was the biggest in North Carolina, J. Lee Barnard, chairman of the Macon County Board of Elections, said in a radio interview last Friday on the why, what, when, and how and where of the new voter registration in Franklin township.

"And I have been reliably informed," Mr. Barnard added, "that it was the largest in the United States." Approximately 4,400 were registered in the precinct, he said. The actual precinct vote cast in the 1956 general election exceeded 2,500.

The interview was on WFSC station's 6:30 p. m. Friday program, "Let's Look at Macon County," conducted weekly by Welmar Jones.

Explaining that there seemed to be some confusion about the new registration, Mr. Jones said

he had heard many questions asked about it, "to get the answers to those and similar questions, it seemed to me the best place to go was to the people who hold elections in this county, our Macon Board of Elections", so Chairman Barnard had been invited to be a guest on the program.

Here's Interview

The interview follows, in question and answer form:

Q. To start off with, Mr. Barnard, why is it necessary for voters to register at all? why can't they just go to the polls on election day and vote?

A. Well, in the first place, it is necessary for a voter to register because the law of North Carolina says he must. Besides, most voters must realize that if the election officials didn't have some system, there would be confusion. A person could go from precinct to precinct and cast several votes on an election day, if there were no system of registration.

Q. As I understand, the old Franklin precinct—which is the same as Franklin township—is being split into four new ones. What is the purpose of that?

A. There are far too many voters in this old precinct (Mr. Barnard cited the figures and comparison with precincts elsewhere). The change is for the convenience of the voters themselves, who often have to stand in long lines, waiting; and for the convenience of over-worked election officials, who have to work practically through the night, after the polls close, tabulating the votes. We feel that, after everybody gets used to

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4 Boys Admit Vandalism Acts

Four 16-year-old Franklin boys have admitted vandalism incidents at four elementary schools last Thursday night, according to Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass.

They are Howard Burch, Jerry Patton, Tommy McCollum, and Jimmy Shook. The officer said yesterday (Wednesday) possibly others were involved.

Soft drink bottles and rocks were thrown through windows at Union, Cartoogechaye, East Franklin, and Cullasaja schools, he said.

The sheriff's department and city police cooperated in the investigation.

'Bright Enough To Walk By ...'

"Thought someone was shining a flashlight on me ... it was bright enough to walk by ... it hurt your eyes to look at it."

Talking is Freeman Holland, of the Pinegrove Community, who possibly was the only one in Macon County to see the flaming white-hot meteor that streaked across the heavens Monday night on a south-north course shortly before 8:30.

Furthermore, he is almost positive a particle of the meteor landed in a garden plot near where he walked. But, the ground was soft and no trace was found.

The 10-year-olds, Glenn and Perry Holland, cousins, are still searching.

"If we find it do we get our picture taken," one inquired.

Box Supper, Cake Walk Set Saturday At East Franklin

A box supper and cake walk will be held at the East Franklin School Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. The proceeds are to be divided between the East Franklin P.-T. A. and the Pony League.

Cancer Roadblock Scheduled Saturday

A Main Street "cancer roadblock" will be manned Saturday in Franklin by the Jaycees for the American Cancer Society fund drive now under way in the county.

"Coffee Day" was held by local restaurants Saturday with all coffee money being turned over to the drive chairman, Mrs. Lester Conley.

Tuesday, the chairman reported she had more than \$500 on hand.

Saturday's filing deadline brought a large number of candidates under the wire, particularly Republicans.

Here's the lineup:
STATE REPRESENTATIVE: Welmar Jones (D), James M. Raby (D), incumbent G. L. Houk (D), and Herman Dean (R).

SHERIFF: J. Harry Thomas (D), incumbent, C. D. Baird (D), Ed Wallace (D), Bilen Peek (R), and J. C. Crisp (R).

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Incumbent Lake V. Shope (D), Mrs. Joann Corbin (R).

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT: Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn (D), incumbent, and Arvil P. Parker (R).

CHAIRMAN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Incumbent W. E. Baldwin (D), Woodrow Franklin (D), Wiley J. Brown (R).

COMMISSIONERS: Incumbent John W. Roane (D), incumbent Wiley Brown (R), Ted Reber (D), Glenn Robison (D), Harvey S. Talley (R), Ernest M. Dills (R), and Bill C. Higdon (R).

EDUCATION BOARD: Incumbent Erwin Patton (D), incumbent C. C. Sutton (D), incumbent George Gibson (D), Fred Vaughn (R), John Bulgin (R), and Tom Harbison (R).

CORONER: Incumbent John Kusterer (D), and Paul Potts (R).

Principals Elected

Hendricks Succeeds Hall As Principal Of Nantahala

Present school principals, with the exception of one, have been elected for the 1958-59 school year, according to Supt. H. Bueck.

Jerry A. Hall, principal of Nantahala School for two years, has resigned. Charles Hendrick, a Nantahala teacher, has been elected to succeed him.

Other principals and their schools are Frank I. Watson, Highlands; E. G. Crawford, Otto; Harry Moses, Union; Norman West, Cartoogechaye; Z. Weaver Shope, Cullasaja; Donald Seagle, Cowee; Alex Arnold, Iotla; W. G. Crawford, East Franklin; C. K. Olson, Franklin Elementary; and Harry C. Corbin, Franklin High. Mr. Olson also will head up the physical education and athletic program of Franklin High.

Mr. Bueck said he plans to call a meeting of the principals in the next week or so with the idea of discussing teachers for the coming year.

Watershed Meeting Is Called

A special meeting of the Little Tennessee River Watershed Association has been called for next Wednesday night at Otto School at 7:30.

Especially urged to be present are residents from the Longview-Clark's Chapel community south to the state line, including Sealy. Residents of upper Rabun County, Ga., also will be on hand.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Strles U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor M. Hall and W. G. 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., 16th	70	44	.34
Thursday	80	33	.00
Friday	80	34	.70
Saturday	78	40	.00
Sunday	76	47	trace
Monday	70	54	.00
Tuesday	66	41	trace
Wednesday	66	32	.55
COWETA			
Wed., 16th	53	43	.52
Thursday	67	33	.00
Friday	80	34	.00
Saturday	80	40	.00
Sunday	78	46	.01
Monday	75	49	trace
Tuesday	70	42	.06
Wednesday	60	31	.97
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., 16th	62	42	.00
Thursday	73	40	.00
Friday	78	34	.00
Saturday	72	41	.00
Sunday	70	49	.00
Monday	70	44	.00
Tuesday	55	44	.00
Wednesday	40	40	.00

* No Record.



WINS TOP CLUB AWARD

The Franklin Junior Woman's Club has won the William Y. Prayer Award for its work with the Children's Home Society of North Carolina. The rotating award was won last year by Greensboro, and this year marks the first time a small club (20 members) has captured it. Above, Mrs. Cecil Franklin (left), of Sylva, district vice-president, presents the cup to Mrs. Betty McKay, president of the Franklin club. (Staff Photo)

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