

MEANDERING  
ALONG  
MAIN STREET

## Telephone Company Is Starting New Building In Franklin

### Sawyer Says Western Carolina's New Home Will House Dial Equipment

Western Carolina Telephone Company has announced plans for building a \$60,000 building in Franklin to house dial equipment and its business offices.

Grading operations started yesterday (Wednesday) on the site between Macon Theatre and Angel Clinic on Main Street.

In a telephone interview from the company's Weaverville office, Tom Sawyer, vice-president, said the change-over to dial system in Franklin is still programmed for the second quarter of 1959.

### Pool Opening On Saturday

Saturday is the opening day for the swimming pool at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course, according to the owners of the public pool, T. W. Angel, Jr., and Frank B. Duncan.

Mrs. Ann P. Biddle will have charge of the pool and the caddy shop.

Richard Dryman has been hired as swimming instructor and life guard.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Russell will operate the lodge during the season.

### He Can Fight Educated Fires Here Now . . .

Franklin Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger has his fire fighting "sheepskin".

The chief and his "sheepskin" returned over the week end from Charlotte where he attended his fourth and final annual session of the N. C. Fire College and Drill School.

Firemen are required to attend four annual sessions of the special fire college before being graduated.

### SATURDAY LAST DAY —

## Barnard Says Registering In New Precincts Improving

Up until last Saturday, registrations were "much too slow" in the four new precincts, the only ones in the county where new registrations are required.

Registrations in the four new precincts "picked up considerably" last Saturday and J. Lee Barnard, elections board chairman, now thinks "we'll get 'em all."

Only one more Saturday remains for citizens to register in the East Franklin, Franklin, Iotla, and Union Precincts—an area embracing about 4,000 voters.

Mr. Barnard yesterday (Wednesday) called attention to the last registration day. Books will close at 6:30 p. m., he declared, "and if your name isn't on the book you can't vote . . . it's as simple as that!"

The 24th will be challenge day and the following Saturday, the 31st, the Democratic primary will be held.

### 3 Injured In Auto And Bus Wrecks Monday

Three persons were injured in two accidents Monday afternoon, one involving a school bus.

About 3:30 on US 64 near Ravens Cliff, two automobiles met head-on in a sharp curve. Two passengers in an east-bound Ford being driven by Mrs. Betty Speed Wood, 30, of Highlands, were hurt. They were Mrs. Mamie Wood, 47, of Highlands, who received a cut over the left eye, and Mrs. Lela Henry, 55, who was bruised below the right knee. Both were treated at Highlands Community Hospital.

The driver of the other automobile was identified as Ray Corbin Swan, 61, of Franklin, Route 2. The Wood car was damaged about \$450 and the Swan vehicle about \$300. Both drivers are charged with failing to yield the right-of-way.

A 13-year-old school girl, Pamela Fay Cochran, of Route 3, was bruised on her left elbow and right knee when a school bus carrying seven children overturned on the Ray Creek Road about 4:10. She was treated at Angel Hospital.

The driver, Cecil Harvey Baldwin, 61, of Route 3, told the investigating officer he fell asleep and the bus went out of control. He is charged with exceeding a safe speed and with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Accident reports were made by Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson.

### Dozen Entries Expected For 4-H Parade

About a dozen floats are expected to take part in the annual 4-H parade Saturday morning in Franklin.

Now under way in the schools is a contest to select a "King and Queen of 4-H" to reign over the parade.

The parade is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock from the Agricultural Building.

### Cowee Benefit Set Saturday

A lunchroom benefit is slated for Saturday night at Cowee School under the sponsorship of the community organization.

Features will include cake walks, a "white elephant" sale, and music by Roy Ramsey and his string band.

Tommy Raby, community president, urges everyone to attend.

### FOR REPAIRS, EQUIPMENT — Citizen Committees Report \$157,585 Needed In Schools

An allocation of \$157,585 would be needed at present to make necessary repairs at the county's 11 school plants and to purchase needed equipment and supplies.

This fact was announced last Thursday night when two special fact-finding committees working under the Citizens Committee for Better Schools presented reports to Supt. H. Bueck, the school board, county commissioners Wiley Brown and John Roane, and other citizens.

In releasing the two reports—the first of several being made by citizen groups—Mr. Bueck explained that the amount recommended by the committees is "over and above the amount now made available for schools". A program of financing could be stretched out over several years, he explained, making it unnecessary to raise the total amount all at once.

The committee studying equipment and supplies reported \$106,348 would be needed to purchase equipment for the school buildings and the Franklin High gymnasium.

A committee that surveyed the buildings set \$51,237 as the amount needed to repair leaking roofs and to make other repairs.

Both committees turned in detailed reports on individual schools.

Mr. Bueck has called a meeting for tonight (Thursday) with the finance committee to discuss ways of financing the program. C. M. Bolton is chairman of this committee.

Members of the buildings committee include C. S. Brown and Woodrow Reeves, co-chairmen, Wiley Clark, and Dorsey Elmore.

On the equipment and supplies committee are Victor H. Perry, chairman, J. Paul Vinson, W. T. Jenkins, and Mrs. Lawrence Patton.

### MEN EARN BREAKFAST — 'Clean-Up Week' Is Opened By Washing Of Town Streets

As an early and somewhat damp kickoff to "Clean-Up Week" in Franklin, firemen and several volunteers Monday morning hosed down Main Street.

Starting at 4 o'clock, crews started washing the street at opposite ends and a couple of hours met at the courthouse to push the remaining rubbish down the storm sewers.

They also hosed down the parking areas on both sides of the courthouse.

Macon County's Hometown Newspaper, The Franklin

Press, which has been "holler-in" for several weeks about the dirty condition of the town streets, had two sleepy representatives on the job to give a hand with the work.

After the street washing job was finished, Mayor W. C. Burrell treated the soaked men to a breakfast of country ham and eggs.

Over his own plate of ham and eggs, the mayor said he hoped everyone in town would pitch in this week and make the annual "Clean-Up Week" a success.

### DRIVE STARTS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERSHIPS

About \$1,300 Now On Hand; Teams Canvassing Town

About \$1,300 has been raised in the annual fund campaign of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, according to R. R. Cunningham, chairman.

A record budget of \$5,500 was recently adopted by the chamber for 1958-59.

Pointing to the many promotional activities planned by the chamber this year, including a special folder for the Blue Ridge Parkway, Mr. Cunningham urged all chamber members to back the drive so all of the year's objectives can be realized.

Under the chairman's leadership, 10 two-man teams are canvassing the town for memberships.

### Democrats Reelect Officers

Meeting in county convention Saturday afternoon at the courthouse, Macon Democrats reelected all officers and planned for the coming primary and general elections.

Those reelected to party posts are Jess Shope, chairman, Miss Lassie Kelly, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Velma Conley, secretary.

Mr. Shope urged members of his party to promote registrations in the four new precincts in the Franklin area.

### Cancer Drive Has About \$1,000 Now

About \$1,000 has been collected so far in the local American Cancer Society fund campaign, according to Mrs. Lester Conley, chapter president.

Contributions received in the past week include Cartoogechaye School, \$32.48; Zickgraf employes, \$38.50; and East Franklin School, \$11.

Several communities and individuals still have not turned in reports, Mrs. Conley said.

### State Assemblies Official Coming

The Rev. D. F. Leader, of Raleigh, state president of the Assemblies of God Men's fellowship, will be at the camp ground here Monday night.

Supper will be served at 6 o'clock and Mr. Leader will conduct a service afterwards.

A NEW BOOK, "Gift from the Hills", penned by a Macon County native, Miss Lucy Morgan, is now off the press. Miss Lucy, in co-authorship with LeGette Blythe, author of "Miracle in the Hills", tells about her unique Penland School of Handicrafts. Miss Lucy is holding an autograph party for her book May 20 at Talman Book Center in Asheville.

THE MOVIE, "Thunder Road", which will play in Franklin next week after its premier showing in Asheville, is the one Bob Mitchum filmed last fall in Western North Carolina. There are several thrilling auto chases between "the law" and "the bootleggers" and one wreck has a car careening over Toxaway Falls near here.

FIRE CHIEF A. C. Tysinger was among those in Charlotte last week peering skyward at the big Super Constellation circling to burn gas before attempting an emergency landing on a damaged nose gear at Charlotte Municipal Airport. He didn't get to see the actual landing but saw some of the first movies of it.

COWEE RUBY Mines are getting a good plug across the country in a brochure publicizing the Western Carolina Writer's Conference slated for August 10-22 on the campus of Western Carolina College. On the agenda for the two-week gathering is a trip to the ruby mines.

NOW THAT the streets are clean, everyone should cooperate and keep them that way. Later, the town plans to tackle some of the dirt caked on many of the back streets.

THE GALS are starting to price bathing suits and the men are preparing to trot out to the golf links. The owners of Franklin Lodge and Golf Course are having the pool cleaned and hope to open up this week or next.

WFSC'S MANAGER, Ed Healy, wasn't exactly dressed for "formal" street washing Monday morning. He showed up in a sport coat, slacks, and had a shine on his shoes. However, he pitched in and did his share. In a couple of hours was as soggy and bedraggled as everybody.

ANOTHER SIGN of Spring is the crop of tourists using the many picnic areas developed over the county by organized communities. More areas are needed, tho', because there's not enough room for the visitors and the locals too.

AFTER 426 hours without a hospital, Jackson County last Thursday reopened C. J. Harris Community Hospital after repairing fire damage of April 20. Congratulations to Jacksonites for their amazing "bounce back".

NUMBERS OF people, several admitting they hadn't said anything because folks would have

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THEY WASHED STREETS FOR BREAKFAST

Franklin firemen and other volunteers washed Main Street (above) early Monday morning and then were treated to a breakfast (right) of ham and eggs by Mayor W. C. Burrell (background, left). On the hose (L to R) are Winston Baughn, Frank Dean, Jim McCollum, Everett Hogsed, and Henry Wilkie. Around the breakfast table (L to R) are J. Ward Long (back to camera), Eb Bullock, Mr. McCollum, Bob S. Sloan, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Burrell, Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger, Edwin P. Healy, Preston Henn, Hall Callahan, John (Speck) Murray, and Frank Dean.

(Staff Photos)



### The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson 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.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 7th	53	40	.58
Thursday	69	33	.00
Friday	68	43	.00
Saturday	73	51	.03
Sunday	72	51	.61
Monday	79	53	.03
Tuesday	85	53	.33
Wednesday	—	47	.00

  

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 7th	67	40	.14
Thursday	55	33	.00
Friday	68	44	.07
Saturday	69	46	.03
Sunday	75	50	.80
Monday	72	51	.28
Tuesday	78	46	trace
Wednesday	82	41	.00

  

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 7th	62	35	•
Thursday	66	35	•
Friday	65	52	•
Saturday	74	49	•
Sunday	70	54	•
Monday	68	49	•
Tuesday	74	46	•
Wednesday	—	40	•

\* No Record.

Don't Forget! Saturday Is The Last Day You Can Register