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BUILDS DUPLICATOR — Macon's Frank Nolen Has Never Left Anything Undone

(Editor's Note: The following by-lined story, about a Macon County youth who is no stranger to the readers of The Press, appeared in the Sunday Asheville Citizen-Times.)

By Ray Jimison

GASTONIA — A tin can, cold cream jar, and odds and ends were used by a Gaston Technical Institute student from Franklin to build a duplicating machine.

With the spare parts picked up around school and his rooming house, the student, Frank Nolen, built a \$150 machine for only \$12.

Here's what went into his duplicator:

An ordinary tin can, cold cream jar, window shade patched with tape, a nail without a head,



Frank Nolen

motor from a record player, clock gears, crank-type telephone gear, hand-made developer, and a regular fluorescent tube.

The 18-year-old farmer fashioned the metal base and frame in the school's machine shop.

The machine will do the same work as the commercial duplicator owned by GTI that cost \$150.

Nolen built his machine on weekends when he wasn't going home and during the week when homework was slack.

Commercial duplicators are used by architects, machinists, draftsmen and others needing reproductions of drawings on transparent paper.

It takes Nolen only a moment to set the machine up. He can run off a reproduction in three minutes. The duplicator uses sensitized paper treated with ammonia.

The window shade acts as a conveyor. The fluorescent tube burns the image into the paper. The tin can provides tiny outlets for the ammonia to bring out the image.

Nolen plans to develop the machine so that finished prints can be made in one process. The print now must go into the developing tube to make the image visible.

A versatile youth, Nolen has made a name for himself in another field—farming. A first year student at Gas Technical Institute, he plans to put what he learns to work for him back home on the farm near Franklin.

He leases 125 acres and owns nine head of Hereford cattle. He had to sell part of his stock to pay his way through the institute. Before coming to Gaston he planted seeds. When school is out he'll go home and harvest the crops.

A younger brother, Jim, is looking after the farm while Frank Nolen is in school. About all Jim has to do now is feed the livestock.

Back in high school, Frank Nolen once built a jig saw from the compressor of an old refrigerator.

He has been active in Future Farmers of America for many years and is presently serving as state treasurer. He is immediate past president of District 5 of the FFA, stepping down only recently at the district rally in Asheville.

At the meeting he presided and presented awards in addition to judging a contest. Back in 1955 he won the state FFA farm and home electricity contest.

When he graduates from GTI in 1959 he'll return to Franklin to become an electrical contractor and part-time farmer. "There's not enough money in farming to go into it fulltime. Otherwise I'd be a farmer fulltime."

He can put his technical know-how to work on farm machinery.

Nolen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nolen. His father is an electrician with the Macon county schools.

When Nolen first started the project, his instructors were amused. But as he advanced they challenged him to see it through. Frank Nolen has never left anything unfinished.

Watch out for poisonous weeds in pasture; they can kill livestock.

A general clean-up around the barn and home can prevent many farm accidents.

Where I Stand

Voters have a right to know where a candidate stands.

As a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative, I stand for exactly the same things I did when I made my announcement, back in February. As the primary election approaches, it seems proper to repeat the points made in that announcement. Here they are:

"1. I believe a legislator should stand on his own feet. I would try to look at every issue with an open mind, study it, consider every argument for and against, and then vote for what I think is best for all.

"2. While my first duty would be to my own county, I believe a legislator has a responsibility beyond that—to think and vote in terms of the state as a whole.

"3. Barring some emergency, I would introduce no local legislation without advance notice, so people would have abundant time to express themselves.

"4. I believe members of county boards of education should be elected. Under the present plan, they are not, but are nominated in the primary and appointed by the General Assembly. Under that plan, I believe a legislator is honor bound to appoint those nominated." (By "those nominated," I meant then, and mean now, those nominated in the Democratic primary—all those nominated, and only those nominated.)

"5. I have made no secret promises. I will make none."

To that, let me add one thing new—a suggestion. There have been and there will be rumors about the various candidates: "I hear he's for so-and-so" or "I hear he's going to do such-and-such".

In fairness, refuse to accept such a rumor about any candidate until you have asked him if it's true. It's my guess other candidates will answer such a question. In any case, I know this one will.

If I am nominated and elected, I will be proud to represent Macon County. In return, I will devote everything I have, in training, in experience, and in knowledge of the County and the State, in trying to do a job that the people of this county can be proud of.

Respectfully,
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