



City Mail Delivery In Franklin Is Approved

Postmaster Says Oct. 18 Is Date Set For Change

City mail delivery will start in Franklin October 18, according to an announcement received by Postmaster Zeb Meadows from his superiors Saturday.

This unexpected development represents a high point in community service for the Franklin Lions Club, which has been working toward house delivery of mail for some eight years.

Commenting on the swiftness with which the Post Office Department (an inspector was here only last month) moved, Mr. Meadows said he personally expected the change about the first of the year and possibly later.

"I guess you could say it is a surprise for all of us," he declared.

2 New Men

As a result of the change, two new carriers will be added to the post office staff. One will deliver on foot and the other by truck in the outlying sections of town.

Mr. Meadows said the October 18 starting date is tentative and is subject to his office receiving the equipment necessary to making the change.

However, he added he does not anticipate any delay.

Instructions Coming

The postmaster is now preparing instructions for patrons effected by the change, with regard to post office boxes and other adjustments.

What should Franklinites do to smooth out the operation?

Put Up Numbers

"The first thing they must do is make sure their house numbers are up," Mr. Meadows said.

Those being served by the walking carrier (the two routes will appear in next week's PRESS) should have numbers on the front of their house and should put up a mail receptacle or have a mail door slot.

Patrons being served by the mounted carrier will be required to put up rural-type mail boxes on the street so he can deliver from the truck. House numbers may be mounted on the boxes, the postmaster said.

Cooperation Asked

"This is just the beginning," Mr. Meadows declared, "and we'd appreciate the cooperation and understanding of everyone until we get it worked out."

The postmaster was highly complimentary of the Lions Club for its work on mail delivery and he noted club members plan to offer additional assistance.

TEEN NIGHT CHANGED

The Franklin Teen-age Association has changed its meeting night from Friday to Saturday night for the winter in order not to conflict with the football games Friday nights.

The Weather

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Fair
Wed., 10th	84	43	00
Thursday	82	53	00
Friday	76	66	00
Saturday	78	62	03
Sunday	81	57	03
Monday	79	55	00
Tuesday	86	62	03
Wednesday	89	60	00

COWETA			
	High	Low	Fair
Wed., 10th	77	41	00
Thursday	80	51	00
Friday	79	57	13
Saturday	66	54	05
Sunday	75	42	00
Monday	78	45	02
Tuesday	75	59	21
Wednesday	85	57	00

P.-T. A. Party Not All Play

A "get acquainted" party held Monday night for parents and new teachers by the Franklin P.T. A. wasn't all play.

Four decisions were made by the organization: (1) Room count at meetings will no longer be held; (2) the organization will again sponsor the World Peace program; (3) \$25 was donated to the Future Teachers Club scholarship fund; and (4) a "family dinner" will be held this year as a fund-raising project, instead of a "harvest sale".

New teachers were introduced and brief talks were made by Supt. H. Bueck, and principals Harry C. Corbin and C. K. Olson. Mrs. Lasca E. Horsey presided.

Music Club Slates Meeting Sept. 26

A meeting of the Franklin Music Study Club will be held Friday, September 26, at 8 p.m. with Mrs. G. A. Jones, Miss Laura M. Jones will be co-hostess.

Miss Esther Wallace is in charge of the program.

MEETING POSTPONED

The East Franklin P.-T. A., which meets on the fourth Tuesday night in each month, has postponed this month's meeting until the fifth Tuesday night for this month because of a conflict with a teachers meeting to be held in Asheville next week.



RESIGNS CHURCH

The Rev. J. Doyle Miller, pastor of the Holly Springs Baptist Church for the past two years, has resigned to accept a call to the Riverside Baptist Church in Haywood County. During his two years' pastorate here, the church gained 29 new members, accepted plans for a new building, and has started raising building funds. Mr. Miller is presently serving as president of the Macon Baptist Pastors' Conference and is chairman of the missions committee of the association.

Blind Drive Set Monday In Franklin

Door-To-Door Campaign Set By Lions Club

Monday night, in a concerted door-to-door campaign, members of the Franklin Lions Club will hold their annual "White Cane Drive", a project to finance work with the blind.

Prelo J. Dryman, chairman, this week reminded Franklinites, "There will be a Lion at your door to collect for this important drive. Memberships of \$1 will help the blind in our county. The money will be used to purchase glasses for needy school children, also."

Through the local health and welfare departments and the Lions, the following has been accomplished for the period July 1, 1956-June 30, 1958: 462 eye examinations; 11 operations; 53 treatments; 229 pairs of glasses. All of this was done without outside assistance. The figures are considerably higher here than in neighboring counties, it is reported.

Prior to the establishment of eye clinics under the sponsorship of the State Commission for the Blind, Dr. Frank M. Killian handled most of the eye cases in this county and he still does a good bit.

Under the Aid to the Blind program in the county, there are 21 recipients drawing average grants of \$33 monthly, for a monthly total of \$693, and an annual figure of \$8,316. The cost to Macon County is \$1,188.

Call Recovers 'Stolen' Car

Car was reported "stolen" in Franklin Tuesday afternoon.

But, an investigation by Policeman Homer Cochran cleared the mystery surrounding the missing vehicle.

Seems Mrs. Bill Zickgraf emerged from a store to discover her car missing. She called the law. Officer Cochran arrived. He surveyed the "scene of the crime" and then placed a telephone call that explained the mix-up.

Seems Mrs. Frances Pattillo borrowed Clayton Ramsey's car to take some Franklin High lunchroom receipts to the bank. Mr. Ramsey's car and Mrs. Zickgraf's are the same makes and pretty near the same color. And to make matters worse, they were parked side by side.

See why Mrs. Pattillo drove the wrong car back to Franklin High?

Babe Ruth League To Hold Covered Dish Meal Saturday

The Babe Ruth League will have a covered dish supper at the Carson community picnic area Saturday (September 20) at 5:30 p.m.

Parents of Babe Ruth players are expected to come and bring a covered dish. All sponsors, managers, and league officials are invited.

Hudson Opens Law Office

A native of Brevard, John R. "Jack" Hudson, Jr., opened a law office in Franklin this week in the Burrell Building over Sossamon's Furniture Store.

A 1958 graduate of the university of North Carolina School of Law, he will be in partnership with Jack Potts, a Macon County native who practices in Brevard. Mr. Potts plans to remain in Brevard.

Mr. Hudson, who is single, is a grandson of the late William Brees, a former chairman of the board of trustees at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee. He is living at Kelly's Inn.

TO AVOID CONFLICT — Town's Religious Canvass Rescheduled For Sept. 28

To avoid conflict with the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" this week end, Franklin's religious canvass has been rescheduled for the afternoon of the 28th.

Local ministers had originally planned the survey for Sunday afternoon, but decided to change the date because of the fly-in at the airport.

"We decided it would be asking too much of people to remain home while all the activity took place at the airport," the Rev. Donn Langfitt explained.

Meanwhile, planning for the town-wide canvass continues.

CLAYTON IS DEFEATED — Phew! Franklin Panthers Win In Closing Seconds

In a nerve-wracking last minute surge of power, Franklin High's Panthers pulled their press clippings out of the fire here Friday night by defeating Clayton (Ga.) High 13 to 7.

With the score notched at 7 to 7, it was anyone's ball game right up to the dying seconds of the non-conference scrap. Then, in a move that brought fans to their feet screaming, Bobby Poindexter threaded his way for 12 yards and the game-winning touchdown.

Crippled by penalties (90 yards total), the Panthers had a tough time getting started. They drew first blood in the first quarter when Bobby Corbin carried the ball over after passes set up the scoring threat. A looping, almost slow motion kick, finally made it through the goal and the Panthers were ahead.

Clayton struck back in the third quarter when Bob Blaylock scored on a pass from Doyle Patterson, who then evened up the game by kicking the extra.

Neither team threatened again until the Panthers reopened the game in the closing seconds and

Statistics		
	Clayton	Franklin
First downs	10	4
Rushing yardage	101	165
Passing yardage	128	24
Passes	12.9	3.3
Fumbles inter. by	0	1
Punts	4-35	6-41.4
Fumbles lost	1	2
Yds. penalized	15	90

Leathermans Will Gather

The annual Leatherman reunion is set for Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Leatherman at Huckleberry on Route 4.

Relatives and friends of the clan are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. This will be an all-day gathering, with talks and special music.

Florida Flyers Coming To Dig Rubies In Valley

Expected Friday At Local Field

Entertainment Set Saturday Night In Town

Along about sunup tomorrow (Friday), weather cooperating, eyes will be turned skyward to the south, watching for the first of an expected 75-100 airplanes due in from points all over Florida.

This aerial armada's passengers will invade Macon County's now-famed Cowee Ruby Mines in search of gems in what is probably one of the most unique fly-ins ever staged by an aviation group.

Officially tagged "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous", the flight is originating in Miami, but is expected to pick up other airplanes on the way north.

Red Carpet Out
Meanwhile, final preparations for rolling out the red carpet of "rubies, recreation, and rest" for the visitors are being dovetailed into a jam-packed three day program of ruby digging, sightseeing, and mountain entertainment.

Several safety measures also are being coordinated at the Macon County Airport to handle the air and ground traffic. This phase of the operation is coming under Frank Plyler and his Macon Search and Rescue Squadron. A "unicom" air-ground system is being installed in the control tower at the airport and a light system also will be utilized to aid landing and departing airplanes, according to Mr. Plyler.

Mr. Plyler, Parking of the planes will be supervised by members of the squadron.

Party Planned
A "get acquainted" party, under the sponsorship of the chamber of commerce, is set for Friday night at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course. The owners, Frank B. Duncan and T. W. Angel, Jr., reopened the lodge just for the party. Catering has been arranged.

Go in' Diggin'
They'll be goin' diggin' at the ruby mines all day Saturday. Mine owners are making preparations to place the visiting fliers and their families in choice spots.

Hoe-down Hijinks
"Mountain Hoe-down" Hijinks being staged in honor of the visitors will get under way at 8 o'clock on the west side of the county courthouse.

The general public is invited to participate, according to the sponsoring organizations, the Jaycees and the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Bingo-Contests
Bingo will be played and prizes will be awarded for a wide variety of old time mountain contests at intervals during the night's festivities. These contests will range from sack races, hog calling, and slipper kicking, to corn shucking and potato racing.

Mountain music (all entertainers are invited to participate) SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

FIRST IN AREA — Bulgin Youth Gets Perfect Score On Navy Examination

A Franklin youth, John Randolph Bulgin, achieved a perfect score on his Armed Forces Qualification Test when enlisting in the U. S. Navy this month, something no other enlistee in the six western counties has ever done, according to the local recruiting office.

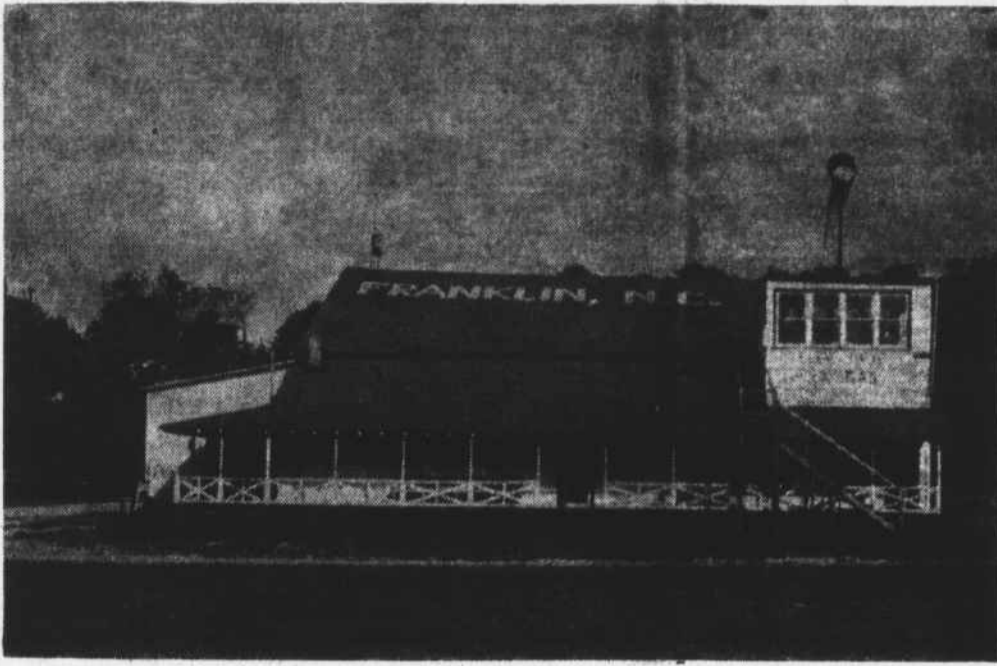
Lt. Commander W. E. Renter, officer in charge of the Columbia, S. C., recruiting district, praised young Bulgin for his achievement, declaring, "Perfect scores are very rare and your naval career should certainly be a most rewarding one for both the Navy and for you."

Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bulgin, of Franklin, is now taking his recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

Randolph Bulgin is shown being congratulated by Lt. Commander Renter at recruiting headquarters in Columbia, S. C.

H. L. Bryant is recuperating at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, following a serious operation, members of his family said yesterday.

Iotla P.-T. A.
Iotla P.-T. A. will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the school, it has been announced.



THE MAIN HANGER at the Macon County Airport will be the center of operations for the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" this week end. Florida pilots will have no trouble knowing they've reached their destination. Last week the airport association had "Franklin, N. C." lettered on the roof. Also, a special air-ground radio set-up will be operated from the control tower (right), in addition to a light system. (Staff Photo)

Arrests Made In Break-ins

Arrests have been made by local officers in connection with break-ins at two stores in August.

The sheriff's department reported this week that Ray Dehart, 21, and Bryant Hodgins, about 19, both of Route 2, are free on bond, charged with breaking and entering and larceny at Parrish's store at Otto. Dehart is out on \$2,000 bond and Hodgins on \$500.

Four youths are free on \$500 bonds in connection with break-ins at Swafford's store on the Bryson City highway. They have been identified as Daniel Wilson, 19, of Iotla, Donald Dehart, 17, of Route 2, Eugene Moffitt, 17, of Route 2, and Donald Bates, about 20 also of Route 2. They are charge with breaking and entering and larceny.

The S.B.I. and local officers cooperated in the investigations.

Jim Brinkman Seriously Hurt, But Recovering

Word yesterday (Wednesday) from Hot Springs, Ark., had Franklin gem cutter Jim Brinkman still in a serious condition, but improving.

Mr. Brinkman and his son, Billy, were injured Wednesday last week in an auto accident near Hot Springs. A passenger in the Brinkman station wagon, W. D. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., was killed when the vehicle skidded on rain-slick pavement and smashed into a tree.

Mr. Brinkman, who was driving, had both hips broken and a leg crushed. He is still receiving blood transfusions daily and an appeal for local donors is being carried by radio station WFSC.

Thirteen-year-old Billy, who suffered head injuries, walked Tuesday for the first time since the accident and is reporting recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. Brinkman, who operates the Franklin Gem Shop, was on a rock buying trip.

Mrs. Brinkman flew to Hot Springs last Thursday and is still there.



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SOMEWHERE IN THIS jumble of Franklin and Clayton players is Bobby "Bull" Corbin making a Panther touchdown. White-jerseyed Panthers identifiable are Tommy Adams (37) and Ronnie Higdon (25). (Staff Photo)

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

IN SPITE OF cooler weather, many rockhounds are still visiting the ruby mines in Cowee Valley.

NORTH CAROLINA's chief executive, Gov. Luther H. Hodges, has found an open date in his schedule and has agreed to dedicate the new Balsam-Sylva highway September 29. The ceremony, to which a number of local officials will be invited, originally was set for the next day, but was changed when the governor found he could attend.

TEACHERS, from their looks, seem glad school has started again. The same, however, can't be said for many, many students.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "Mountain Hoe-down" is for everyone, not just the visiting Florida flyers and their families. There'll be fun for everyone, so come on out.

ANOTHER generous donation has been received by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club for its project to buy shoes for needy school children.

IF SUNDAY'S briefing on the proposed religious canvass this month in Franklin accomplished nothing more than simply filling everyone present with sandwiches, it was worth it.

WHO WILL BE "Miss Ruby Fly-in"? Come on out to the beauty contest Saturday night on the east side of the county courthouse and find out. There're some beauties entered.

A POTATO that looks very much like a duck was brought to the PRESS office one day last week by V. C. DeHart, of the Tellico section. Even the lowly potato seeks a change.

THE BOYS are catching up with the girls again. Five boys were delivered the past week at Angel Hospital.

THE INDIAN Mound's bangs need trimmin', if you please.

SURE IS GOOD to see Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey up and around once again after a stay in the hospital because of his tickler.

A MOVE IS afoot for Clayton (Ga.), Franklin, and Highlands to pool ideas and money for promotion of the mountains, irrespective of state lines and the like.

EVERY TIME the sun goes behind a cloud this week, the heart of someone working on the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" skips a beat. Keep your fingers crossed!

CONGRATULATIONS to the handful of merchants keeping their flower boxes alive with plants. They certainly enhance Main Street.

FALL COLORS are beginning to show up in the lower elevations: some reds, yellows, and browns.

A WHAMMY operated by the highway patrol in the county over the week end took a lot of weight from accelerators and a good bit of change from some pockets.

Schools Closing Tuesday For Area Teachers Meeting

A "vacation" is coming up Tuesday for Macon's school children.

Schools will close for the day so principals and teachers may attend the 36th annual convention of the western district N. C. Education Association in Asheville.

Among those taking part in the divisional and departmental programs of the convention will be Mrs. Beth Guffey, county elementary supervisor, and Miss Esther Seay, special class teacher.

MAKING up the district are the 14 western counties of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey.

Principal speaker at the general session in the morning at Lee H. Edwards High School will be Lyman Ginger, N.E.A. junior past president and dean of the Department of Education at the University of Kentucky.

BRYANT RECOVERING