



Engineer Confirms Link Between Highways

Work Slated To Begin In Spring

For the time being, a connection between US 23-441 south and US 64 will be as close as Franklin will come to a by-pass, according to the 14th highway division engineer, Frank L. Hutchins.

This is the "connection" that was set up for programming two weeks ago by the State Highway Commission, the engineer explained, and the one announced in THE PRESS of October 30.

To clear up any confusion, Mr. Hutchins said a by-pass for Franklin has been proposed but it probably will be several years before any action is taken on it.

The "connection", which is being constructed mainly to channel the heavy traffic of US 23-441 away from Franklin High School and the heavy residential section on that end of town, will leave US 23-441 at the city limits (near A. R. Higdon's) and will enter US 64 in the vicinity of George Reece's store.

A survey of the project already has been completed. The engineer said work probably will start some time next spring.

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

BE WATCHING Channel 4 Saturday night at 8:30. The Carson Square Dancers will be appearing again. Also, Brenda Cunningham is scheduled to sing.

DEER HUNTERS will be invading us next week. Which brings up the thought of labeling everything that moves so they'll bag only deer.

THAT NEW parking lot Joe Ashear is working on is a honey. It will really help out with the parking mess on Saturdays. A couple more like it and Franklin will be set for a while.

WESTERN CAROLINA Telephone Company will be moving into its new building in a couple or three weeks. Isn't that tower beside the building something?

THAT DEPOT Street building now under construction is for Bowman and Sanders—a machine shop of some kind, it is reported.

CHRISTMAS decorations already are beginning to get a toehold in town. That ol' turkey gobble might even show up on the platter with some tinsel in his beak!

TIP TO you fireworks fans. The town police aren't just tootin' through their whistles. They really mean to clamp down on the use of the illegal crackers.

UNITED FUND opened Monday. Have you made your "generous" contribution to the future of your town yet? No, then get with it!

INDIAN MOUND, Indian Mound, come out from behind those weeds!

A GENERAL clean-up of Franklin, dirty streets included, is being organized by a number of individuals, who argue that first impressions by visitors are lasting ones. A dirty-faced town seldom draws praise.

AT LAST some Do Not Enter signs have been installed on the east end of Palmer Street. Now maybe confused motorists will stop going up the one-way avenue into oncoming traffic.

PEEK-A-BOO, we can barely see you Indian Mound, hiding behind those weeds.

COULD IT be that Franklin's Saturday traffic jam is caused by the traffic lights being out of time? It shouldn't take 15 minutes to travel the block from the post office to the courthouse on a one-way street. The state has a department that will survey this problem and come up with a solution, if the town is interested.

HAS ANYONE been hit by a falling brick from the courthouse chimney yet? And Mrs. Vern W. Busch, a summer resident, wonders (as many do) why the clock can't be fixed.

SOMEONE SHOULD go on the warpath and clean up North Carolina's largest Indian Mound.

THAT "Just looking" trip by highway director W. F. Babcock and his staff here last week over US 64 may have been a bit vague, but it did indicate that our delegation that met with the highway commission in September concerning US 64 and needed improvements might have done some good.

MRS. A. W. Setser, at 97, could well have been the oldest to cast a vote in the general election last week. She had a county ballot delivered to her home on Cartoogchaye, but that wasn't enough. She wanted to know where the other ballots were, explaining that she was a "whole hog" voter. In view of this, Mrs. Setser was driven to the polls in town, where she voted "whole hog".

BILL PENLAND, who's about seven or eight, washed his dog in his mother's dispan. Alas, she didn't learn about it until two days (and a lot of dish washing) later.

A CHIMPANZEE belonging to a couple from Missouri produced a lot of entertainment one day last week at Conley Motor Company. The chimp took a broom and swept the ramp to the garage, smoked a cigarette, and "adopted" T. J. Chavis.

TOO BAD apathy on the part of merchants has killed the annual Christmas parade in Franklin. It may have been a lot of trouble, but it was one trouble that served to boost pre-Yuletide business.

MRS. GASWAY Mrs. Alvie Welch Gasway, 58, of Nantahala, died at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Services were held yesterday (Wednesday) at the Camp Branch Baptist Church.

SEASON OPENS MONDAY — 'Red Coats' Will Be Coming Here For Next Two Weeks

"The red coats are coming." This Paul Revere-like warning means not a march of troops, but the opening of deer season Monday morning in the Nantahalas and surrounding wood lands and the attending invasion of red-coated, gun-toting deer hunters by the hundreds.

Local restaurants already are making plans for early a.m. openings to accommodate the hungry nimrods for two weeks. And, wildlife officials have warned that hunters will not be allowed to park their cars near the checking stations on the management areas earlier than noon Sunday. Hereafter, some have left vehicles parked and locked for a week or more to assure an early start on opening day.

Hunters from not only North Carolina, but Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, are expected to begin arriving in Franklin and Highlands on the week end.

All hunting on the management areas of Wayah and Standing Indian will be by daily permit. These must be secured at the checking stations. Daily hunting hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The checking station on Standing Indian is at White Oak Bottoms. The Wayah station is at Wayah depot, across from Arrowood Glade.

This year's season runs through the 29th.

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RECOGNIZED SATURDAY — Safety Project Puts Patton 4-H Club Among Top In N. C.

Patton Community 4-H Club brought additional honors to its community and county this week by being recognized as one of the top 10 clubs in North Carolina for its safety project.

The club learned of this Saturday in Asheville at western district 4-H "Recognition Day" ceremonies. Also, five Macon 4-H clubbers were honored as district winners.

In winning the state honor, the Patton 4-H's were merely adding to their community's growing list of achievements. This month the community was awarded the top prize in the Macon County Rural Community Development Contest. Most 58 activities of the 4-H club centered on safety.

As a group, the club entered a safety float in the 4-H parade, had a fair booth stressing safety, and devoted radio time to safety. Individual members worked on safety projects in their homes.

Mrs. Ted Blaine, Mrs. Pearl Stewart, and Richard Bingham are the club leaders.

Five winners The five district winners from here are Brenda Seagle, officers contest, reporter; Lois

Calloway, Highlands Club, junior canning contest; Joe Morgan, individual soil and water conservation demonstration; Elizabeth Ann Ammons, beef production and frozen foods; and Brenda Cunningham, recreation.

This is the third year Brenda has won the district honor in recreation.

Peggy Dills, of the Franklin club, served on the reception and recognition committee at "Recognition Day".

Sixteen from here attended, including Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crawford, adult leaders, and County Agent T. H. Fagg and Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant home agent.

FRANKLIN CLUB MEET The Franklin Community Development Club will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Building. A covered dish supper will be served.

SINGING SATURDAY A singing will be held at the Cullasaja Assembly of God Church Saturday night, beginning at 7:30. The public and all singers are invited. Andrew Gregory is president.

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MACON COUNTY won the best five animals from one county competition at the fat stock show Tuesday afternoon at Enka, as well as the best three animals and showmanship. Pictured with the top five animals are (L to R) Wilford Taylor, Ronald Harper (showing Wayne Gregory's calf), Roy Shepherd (showing Steve Whitmire's calf), Jimmy Williams (showing John Killian's calf), John Killian, and Wayne Proffitt, vocational teacher at Franklin High. (Staff Photo)

21 BLUE RIBBONS — Macon County Makes Good Showing At Fat Calf Show

Tuesday at the annual W.N.C. Fat Stock Show, Macon County will soon be showing up on dining tables.

Having blue ribbon animals were Frank Killian, Douglas Teague, Guy Fouts, Genevieve Whitmire, Elizabeth Ann Ammons, Jimmy Williams, Sue Crawford, Wayne Sheffield, Billy Crawford, Wilford Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Ray Shepherd, Jim Nolan, Johnny Taylor, Wayne Gregory, Bud Taylor, Steve Whitmire, Douglas Peek, David Cabe, John Killian, and Spike Maddox. Getting red ribbons were Alex Corbin, Tex Corbin, and Joe Morgan and Ted Bingham.

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Late News and Briefs

HOUSE MOVED

A house moving operation blocked traffic on First Street for some time Tuesday night when the movers discovered the dwelling was too big for the street.

The operation drew considerable attention. The house is owned by Gene Pannell and is occupied by the Jim Brinkman family. It was moved from next to the De Soto Trail Restaurant to the street behind the Van Raalte plant.

The movers had to remove the porch from the house and tear out part of a wall at Wayah View Motel. They parked the house for the night across from Bob Sloan's and then completed the job of transporting it to its new location Wednesday morning.

SCOUTERS DINNER Between 150 and 175 Scouters and their wives attended an "appreciation dinner" Tuesday night at Franklin High cafeteria for the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District, which is made up of Macon, Jackson, and Swain.

District officers for the year were installed and Carlton Peyton, of Canton, Daniel Boone Council president, spoke.

COFFEE DAY Thursday will be "coffee day" for the United Fund campaign, which operated here Monday. Restaurants in town will turn over all coffee receipts to the drive.

Also, the Jaycees will operate a road block on Main Street Saturday for United Fund.

MRS. SWAFFORD Mrs. Pearl Baldwin Swafford, 68, died unexpectedly at her home at 11 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Windy Gap Baptist Church, and burial will be in the Iotla Baptist Church cemetery. Bryant Fungai Home is in charge of arrangements.

First Donation For United Fund Is From Idaho

Franklin's first United Fund donation came not from a local source but all the way from Moscow, Idaho, according to the Rev. Donn Langfitt, UF chairman.

It was a generous check from E. W. Renshaw, retired supervisor of Nantahala National Forest, who now divides his time between Idaho and Macon County. Mr. Renshaw's contribution arrived last Friday, well in advance of the drive's official opening Monday morning.

Yesterday (Wednesday) Mr. Langfitt reported it was still too early to give a progress report. However, volunteer canvassers have started work.

A UF "barometer" has been erected in the downtown area to record the day-to-day progress of the campaign as it reaches for a \$10,115 quota.

Schools Closing 27th And 28th

Macon County schools will close November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving, according to Supt. H. Bueck.

A two-week Christmas vacation also has been set by the board of education. Children will be dismissed for the holidays at 3 p. m. on December 19 and will return on January 5.

No Christmas Parade Planned

No Christmas parade is planned in Franklin this year.

At least not under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Jaycees explained that the lack of interest shown by merchants in the event last year led to their decision to abandon it as a project.

For several years, at the request of the chamber of commerce and merchants promotion committee, the Jaycees have promoted the parade, including the arrival of Santa Claus.

Better Keep Hands Off Those Fireworks!

A warning about buying, selling, or firing fireworks has been sounded by Franklin Police Chief Sid Carter.

It stems from the large amount of fireworks activity in town Halloween night.

The chief has instructed his officers to arrest any violators. Such a violation is a misdemeanor.

OFFICIAL COMING Until a successor to R. E. Welch is selected, John H. Davidson, district officer for the N. C. Veterans Commission, will be at the courthouse to assist veterans on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 10 a. m.



PATTON 4-H CLUB was one of the top 10 in the state in safety this year. Shown looking at the club's scrapbook on the project are (L to R) Peggy Dills, of Carson 4-H, who served on the reception and recognition committee at "Recognition Day", and Martha Blaine, vice-president of the Patton club. (Staff Photo)



THREE MACON COUNTY 4-H clubbers won honors at "Recognition Day". They are (L to R) Brenda Cunningham, Carson club, winner for the third straight year in the district recreation contest; Elizabeth Ann Ammons, Holly Springs, winner in frozen foods and beef production; and Brenda Seagle, Holly Springs, winner in officers contest.



GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR The annual Christmas bazaar sponsored by the St. Agnes Episcopal Church is set for today (Thursday) and tomorrow at the church rectory on Church Street in Franklin. Lunch will be served today from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Arranging items are (L to R) Mrs. Harvey Price, Mrs. R. G. Lichtenstein, and Mrs. A. A. Brooks. (Staff Photo)

Babcock Here 'Just Looking'

US 64 between Franklin and Highlands got the once-over last Thursday from the state highway director, W. F. Babcock, and members of his staff.

"Just looking," the director said of the visit. Any project on that section of the highway is several years in the future, he declared. However, he agreed the highway needs improving.

With Mr. Babcock were Cameron W. Lee, assistant director, formerly of Syva, Sam Beard, public relations director, and chief engineer Carl Crump.

They visited a number of sections in the western area inspecting future projects.

Don't Say We Didn't Tell You So . . .

Don't say we didn't warn you!

In the Jan. 24, 1957 issue of THE PRESS, the following statement was made in a yarn about some beavers setting up housekeeping on the old Brabson property off Coweeta Creek:

"The tracks may forecast a rather ambitious project by the beaver colony. Several have been found on a sandbar in swift Coweeta Creek, made, no doubt, by a resolute beaver with a dream!"

That beaver's dream has come true.

Those wood-chopping animals built a sizable dam across Coweeta Creek and water backing up started flooding the Wiggins and Conley property.

As a result, they've run into a temporary setback. Property owners knocked out the center of the dam and the stream is running again. But it's only temporary—the beavers are gnawing at the saplings again and it'll only be a matter of time before Coweeta Creek once again will be blocked.

The Weather

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., 5th	63	34	.1	
Thursday	64	34	.13	
Friday	63	26	.00	
Saturday	60	22	.00	
Sunday	69	30	.1	
Monday*	61	39	.00	
Tuesday	70	21	.12	
Wednesday	—	24	.00	
COWETA				
Wed., 5th	55	38	trace	
Thursday	63	46	.01	
Friday	65	27	.00	
Saturday	59	24	.00	
Sunday	60	30	.17	
Monday	68	32	.00	
Tuesday	58	21	.00	
Wednesday	66	26	.00	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed. 5th	60	41	.	
Thursday	60	48	.	
Friday	56	32	.	
Saturday	53	29	.	
Sunday	62	36	.	
Monday	54	34	.	
Tuesday	60	31	.	
Wednesday	—	32	.	

* no record