



MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

WE'RE SHARPENING our gift scissors and if someone doesn't do something soon about the Indian Mound the "curis" will start falling.

THAT WHOPPER back bagged by Cliff Cook is one of the largest seen here in many a moon. It was large enough to make even a non-deer hunter drool.

IT SURE would be nice if the weather would hurry up and decide if the need is for long-handled or bathing suits. This in-between-stuff is causing all kinds of allergies and drippy noses.

MANSON STILES is the one building the new service station across from the Indian Mound (which still needs mowing). You'll recall that he sold out at his present location some time ago to Phillips 66.

ORGAN MUSIC (soothes the savage beast, you know), live variety, is being featured at meals at the DeSoto Trail. They'll keep it up from now until Christmas and after Thanksgiving will lean heavily on favorite Christmas selections.

THOSE TURKEYS (20) given away Saturday on The Square by Franklin merchants boosted the number of Saturday shoppers. You can see feathers (from the turkeys) all over town.

IMPROVEMENTS are continuing at the Macon County Airport. The main runway has been raised and the auxiliary strip is being lengthened. A stock sale is planned soon so everyone can have a stake in Macon County's future.

YOUTHS FROM the prison camp are responsible for the disappearance of unsightly dirt that had collected on the streets. They spent Friday shoveling the dirt and other debris.

LET'S HOPE the parking lot fever continues in town. It sure is easy on the nerves to be able to find a parking place without checking the drag a couple of times.

HAS ANYONE been beamed with one of those loose bricks from the courthouse chimney yet?

THE METHODISTS are raising a sight of money for educational purposes. Macon County, it is reported, is turning in its fair share.

FOOT OF Town Hill was covered with milk cartons one day last week. A couple of cases fell from a truck and broke open.

HAVE YOU returned your Christmas Seal money yet? Letters were mailed out with seals last week.

IS THERE any truth to the report that merchants are negotiating with Santa Claus to fly here before long for a talk with the kids?

A NEWSPAPER report last week concerning production of a cheap helicopter in the \$5,000 price range produced a lot of local "I'll have to have one."

CONSTRUCTION OF the sidewalk in East Franklin fills a great need. Children walking to school in the street (any street) are choice candidates for accident statistics.

YOU CAN thank the Franklin Junior Woman's Club for some of those bright smiles and new shoes on school children. The club is spending money hand over fist outfitting needy children with shoes before winter hits hard.

GIVE YOUR support to the Franklin High basketball teams. First home game is December 2 against Rabun Gap.

THE INDIAN Mound is showing its age. Not a very pretty sight for North Carolina's largest mound, is it?

Paul Gerrard, Former Forest Official, Dies

Paul Gerrard, a former superintendent of Nantahala National Forest, died of a heart attack November 15 in Russellville, Ark. It has been learned here.

Mr. Gerrard, who was here in the late 1930's, was stricken as he supervised the unloading of a truck at his greenhouse.

Service were held the 17th in Russellville and the body was sent to Memphis, Tenn., for cremation. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Richard Wallace, of West Memphis, Ark.

CHILD RECOVERING

Betty Sue Blaine, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blaine, of Franklin, is reported recovering from an injury received Saturday night when she fell on a pair of scissors. The scissors lodged between her eyes. She was treated at Angel Clinic.



BOTH FUN AND PROFIT

Mrs. Cullen Bryant (left) and Mrs. T. L. Jamison are turning fun into profit this year. They're making special holiday candles, a specialty they have learned as home demonstration clubbers. These two ingenious homemakers have converted Mrs. Jamison's kitchen into a workshop for pouring and decorating candles and they will have them on sale after Thanksgiving. Of course there are "secrets of the trade", but it is no secret that an attractive candle decoration can be made from hemlock tree cones, a native material, along with a dried arrangement. Some of the Bryant-Jamison holiday candles will be on display soon in a Franklin store window. (Staff Photo)



John Killian

INTERVIEW IS NEXT — John Killian Is County's U.N.C. Scholarship Nominee

John Killian, 17-year-old Franklin High senior and son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian, has been selected as Macon County's nominee for a \$5,000 Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina.

He will go for an interview with the district committee in Asheville in January.

Members of the local selection committee are W. W. Sloan, chairman, Victor H. Ferry, and Mrs. Eloise G. Fotts. Morehead nominees are selected on the basis of scholastic ability, attainment, and leadership.

John has been an outstanding leader in school and Future Farmers of America work. He has been president of his class all four years in high school and is now president of the senior class. He also is president of the local F. F. A. chapter, president of the 5th F. F. A. district, president of the M. Y. F. at the Franklin Methodist Church, president of the combined youth groups of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches, and he lettered four years in football, serving this past season as co-captain.

Court Term To Convene On Monday

Full Two Weeks Is Predicted; Dockets Heavy

Looks like the December term of Superior Court will go a full two-weeks.

This prediction was made this week by the clerk of court, Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn. She bases it on full criminal and civil dockets.

The term will open Monday with Judge J. C. Farthing, of Lenoir, presiding.

Mrs. Wrinn said the criminal docket lists 288 new cases, most of them traffic violations. This figure includes about 200 involving cash bonds, she explained. In addition, there are about 40 "hold-overs" from prior terms and judgments must be signed this term for 79 old cash bond cases.

"I'd say the court will have plenty to do," she declared.

Civil actions have been docketed for the second week of the term. Six actions are scheduled to begin on the 4th and three on the 8th. Also, nine divorce actions are docketed and will be disposed of at the convenience of the court during the two-week term.

ATTEND MEETING

A. S. C. office personnel Miss Mildred Corbin and Mrs. Grace Tatham attended an area meeting in Asheville Thursday and Friday of last week. County committeemen Milton Fouts and Max Parrish attended the first day of the meeting.

United Fund Appears Nearing \$10,115 Goal

With \$8,230.75 on hand Monday afternoon and some areas still to report, the Franklin area United Fund campaign appeared ready to reach its quota of \$10,115 this week.

A deadline of Friday has been set for final reports. The chairman, the Rev. Donn E. Langfitt, Monday said reports had not been received from four canvassers, three schools, and the majority of civil employees. Also, he said, United Fund expects to receive several special gift donations.

A "victory dinner" for volunteers helping with the drive is slated for next week, he added.

Soil Election Is Next Week

An election to name a supervisor to the three-man Macon County Soil Conservation Committee is slated the week of December 1-6.

Nominated for the post by petition are W. C. Taylor, of Franklin, Route 4, and George Moses, of Route 5. The winner will succeed Edwin T. Bradley, of Route 3.

The new supervisor will be elected for a three-year term, beginning Jan. 1, 1959.

Milton Fouts and Bryant McClure are the other two members of the committee. Mr. Fouts is chairman.

Ballot boxes will be placed at the following locations: Farmers Federation, Downs and Dowdie, county agent's office, Owenby's store at Nantahala, Brown's store at Tellico, Fouts' store, Swafford's store, Rickman's store, Crawford's store, Pressley's store, Scaly post office, Parrish's store, Bob Estes service station, Moses' service station, Huscussion's store, Hyatt's station, Gene Bateman's store, McCoy's store, and the Soil Conservation Service office in Franklin.

Eight Students Competing For ALCOA Grant

Eight Macon County students are competing for the \$2,000 ALCOA Foundation scholarship being offered the sons and daughters of employees of ALCOA's subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company.

W. G. Crawford, of Franklin, chairman of the area selection committee for the scholarship competition, lists them as James McCollum, Jack Hyde, Barbara Jean Roper, William Clayton Richardson, Harold Elliott, Patricia Dockery, George Eston Cook, and Claudette Leatherman.

The next step for the students will be taking the college entrance examination. This probably will be some time in January.

One scholarship is offered annually by ALCOA to the sons and daughters of its North Carolina employees.

Also serve on the area selection committee with Mr. Crawford is Harry Corbin, Franklin principal.

Anyone Seen Dewey Corbin's Holiday Meal?

"How is the pig. Where did he go? Not a clue to his hiding. And why did he go?"

The poetry and the puzzle both are Dewey Corbin's, of the Holly Springs community.

And the system from his encounter with a pig—a little pig—that was destined for the Thanksgiving table.

Said pig began acting funny. A couple of days of this and Mr. Corbin took him from the pen, thinking said pig was about dead. He left the pig laying in the sunshine while he went to a neighbor's home to borrow a 22 rifle shell to put the pig out of its misery.

On his return he got a fleeting glimpse of the porker as it moved at a pretty fast trot to a little creek nearby.

That was 10 days ago. Has anyone seen Mr. Corbin's Thanksgiving dinner running around?

COURTHOUSE SINGING

The fifth Sunday all-day singing convention will meet at the courthouse Sunday, starting at 10 a. m. All singers are invited to attend.

SINGING SATURDAY

The Southern division singing convention will meet Saturday night at 7:30 at the Black Mountain Baptist Church. It has been announced by Ervin Moffitt, president.

Western Carolina Telephone Moving Business Office To New \$60,000 Building Here



SUPERINTENDENT IS HONORED

Mrs. Eloise G. Fotts (center), who is resigning this week as superintendent of public welfare, is shown receiving a gift from Mrs. H. T. Horsley, on behalf of the welfare department staff. Watching is H. E. Fiemmons, chairman of the welfare board, who also presented Mrs. Fotts a gift from the board members. The picture was made Saturday night at a reception for Mrs. Fotts at the Methodist church. A story about the reception may be found inside this issue. (Staff Photo)

TO PLAY RABUN GAP — Basketball To Make Debut Tuesday Night In Franklin

Basketball will make its 1958 debut in the Franklin High gym next Tuesday night, December 2, when the lads and lassies meet Rabun Gap in non-conference games.

The girls, coached by Mrs. Rose Corbin, will lead off the twin-bill at 7:30. Coach C. K. (Ike) Olson will send his boys on the floor about 8:30.

First teams will not be announced by the coaches until next week.

Boys reporting out for practice

include Harold Elliott, Larry Brooks, Bobby Corbin, Harold Henry, Doug Baird, Doug Pearson, Don Ledford, Guy Duvall, Jim Nolen, Clayton Richardson, Tommy Roten, Kenneth Hall, Jim Franklin, Ronnie Higdon, Billy Dills, Jimmy Williams, Wade Waldrup, Wayne Justice, Tex Corbin, Tom Kiser, Billy Crawford, Wade Cade, Tom Hughes, Jimmy Cade, and Bobby Dennis.

On the girls' roster are Claudette Leatherman, Barbara Carpen-

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GARAGE DESTROYED — Fires (All Varieties) Keep Firemen, Foresters Moving

Fires (forest and otherwise) will continue to until it rains, according to Wayah District Ranger W. L. Nothstein.

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Western Carolina Telephone Company plans to move its commercial office into its spanking new \$60,000 building Friday, ready for business.

Also, plans for installing Franklin's dial equipment are moving along, according to Frank Dean, plant manager.

The company's commercial office is at present on the second floor of the Burrell Building. The exchange over the Franklin Seed Store will continue to operate there until the dial conversion is made and then it will be closed, Mr. Dean explained.

Although the date has not been confirmed, he said the proposed date for "cutting in" the dial system here is May 17, 1959. About 75 per cent of the dial equipment is now on hand and the rest is expected to be shipped in December. The manufacturer will send a crew here soon to install and test the equipment.

Estimated cost of the new dial equipment is \$135,000.

Grading on the new company building between Angel Clinic and the theatre started in May. It is a modernistic one-story brick veneer building with a full basement.

In discussing the new building, Mr. Dean cleared up some speculation about the 40-foot tower that has been constructed nearby. It will be used with a microwave system for toll facilities. This system, he explained, can be used to carry many toll conversations at the same time. It works through an antenna placed on top of the tower to a similar tower on Cowee Bald. On Cowee

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Thanksgiving Service Set In Franklin

Maconians plan to quietly celebrate Thanksgiving, 1958, at church and with family and friends around dinner table.

Schools will be closed for two days (Thursday and Friday) but most merchants plan to close only Thursday. Some public offices, however, will take two days.

At 9 a. m. Thanksgiving, a union service is scheduled in Franklin at the Methodist church. Delivering the Thanksgiving message this year will be the Rev. Donn E. Langfitt, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Persons of all denominations are invited to attend. Mr. Langfitt's sermon is entitled, "Give thanks Always to God."

A large number of college students already are arriving home for the holidays, many of them with classmates.

For hunters, Thanksgiving also has another side. It signals the opening of rabbit and quail seasons.

CARPENTER SPEAKS

Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, president of the Franklin Rotary Club, was guest speaker in Clayton last Thursday at the luncheon meeting of the Clayton Rotary Club. In his talk, Mr. Carpenter contrasted Communism and Americanism.



BAG BUCKS

A 200-pounder with 10 points, one of the largest bucks killed this year, was bagged Friday morning on Wayah by Cliff Cook, who's shown above with his kill and Mrs. Cook. Others in the hunting party were Gray Hoover and John Lail, of Statesville.

Many hunters who saw Mr. Cook's buck say it was one of the biggest they've seen in these parts in recent years.

The Cooks live on Depot Street in Franklin.

At left is Long R. Goodson, of Canton and Mills River, with the 130-pound seven point buck he bagged last Thursday afternoon above Burningtown Falls.

The deer season will continue through the 29th. (Staff Photos)



FRANKLIN FIREMEN are shown hosing down the gutted inside of Carter Henson's garage at Otto. The garage burned and a considerable amount of equipment was destroyed Monday about 1:20 p. m., when a welding torch ignited gasoline. A damage estimate was not available immediately following the fire. (Gene Dowdie Photo)