

ON THE INSIDE — WHO'S BEEN WHERE AND FOR WHAT? Staff correspondents of THE PRESS keep the inside pages of this newspaper alive with news about your friends and neighbors. Read the inside pages from top to bottom and you'll know Macon County.



MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

IT TAKES something like Christmas lights in town to really give one the spirit. Everyone owes the volunteer firemen thanks for their part in this Yuletide venture. It was mighty cold Sunday morning to just be outside, much less shinnying up light poles to put up lights. Thanks fellows.

A LOT OF LOCAL people are viewing with interest Asheville's overtures for the resumption of minor league baseball. Sure would be like old times to take in a good Sunday afternoon ball game, wouldn't it?

THERE'S AN old saw that says if you keep hollerin' long enough and loud enough you can get something done. So (loudly) we yell, WON'T THEY EVER DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE INDIAN MOUND!

HEY KIDS! Don't forget that Santa Claus will be in town Friday and Saturday. Get your want lists ready and look the old boy up.

THE BIG question in town is: "What will Bryant's do with all that building space on the square now that it is going out of business?"

THERE SURE has been a lot of attention directed to the little go-buggy in front of Winn-Dixie. Go-buggies are sweeping the country and several men here are talking about building some and racing them.

FRANKLIN LIONS have done a lot of bell ringing at their time board over the past 20 years. Show your appreciation by contributing to the fund generously. It's going to the needy for Christmas.

HOME FOLKS can be mighty proud of the showing businessman J. C. Jacobs made in Asheville Saturday night as guest speaker at W.N.C. Press Association meeting.

THE WEATHER doesn't seem to bother ruby diggers. They keep showing up at the Cowee mines. Maybe it would be a good idea to install hot houses down there so they can dig in comfort.

A NOTE of encouragement about our Indian Mound campaign comes from Mrs. Ethel (Donald) Da Costa. She even promises flowers to spruce up the mound.

THE CHAMBER of commerce is in a heck of a bind. No money to operate. And at a time when some operating needs to be done. For one thing, the January issue of FLYING magazine is going to carry a story and pictures on the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" and the inquiries that will be received as a result of the publicity must be answered. But alas, the chamber, is out of ruby mine promotional folders and doesn't have enough money on hand to have more printed. That's like owning a new Cadillac and not having enough money to put gas in it.

HENRY JACOBS has \$5 to donate to a fund to clean up the cemetery on White Oak Street. And it does need some attention. Anyone else want to donate?

A POSTAL card writer who signs his name "A. Wag" comments on last week's item about the possibility of their being a filling station for every car in Franklin. Says he, and "a real estate broker for every family."

BAKE SALE The monthly bake sale sponsored by the St. Agnes Episcopal Auxiliary will be held tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock at the Children's Shop.

CHIZELING ROCK — Luke Chastain'll Keep At It Until Hound Is Freed

In a rock crevice just over the Georgia state line, Otto's Luke Chastain is working with a hammer and chisel.

Even in the cold, he's sweatin' a little.

And Luke doesn't intend to quit hammering at that rock cliff until "Old Touse" is free. "Old Touse" is Luke's favorite 'coon hound.

Yesterday (Wednesday) was the 18th day "Old Touse" had been trapped in the crevice after chasing a 'coon.

Luke knows "Old Touse" is alive. Milas Anders, of Otto, who is slightly-built, crawled back in the crevice about 80 feet Sunday and fed the hound some bread and meat. And they can hear him lapping water.

"There was just room for most of his nose to poke through the



ERWIN PATTON (left), president of Macon's top community, Patton, is shown accepting a certificate and \$50 honorable mention award from Jack Barfield, vice-president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Patton won the award in the W. N. C. Rural Development Contest. (Staff Photo)

MERCHANTS WILL BE RESOLICITED — Franklin Chamber Of Commerce Operating In Red Because Of Trade Promotions Costs

Plans For 'Holiday Houses' Revealed; Public May Inspect Them December 21

Three "holiday houses" featuring Christmas decorations will be open to the public December 21 under the sponsorship of the Franklin Garden Club.

Hours at the "holiday houses" will be 2-6 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. A silver offering will be taken for the club, according to Mrs. Sam Simpson, president.

Assisting Mrs. Archer with preparations are Mrs. Steve Bundy, Mrs. A. R. Higdon, Mrs. T. D. Jones, and Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr.

Helping Mrs. Brooks are Mrs. Sam Winkleblack and Mrs. Tom McNish. Mrs. B. L. McGlamery and Mrs. J. Ward Long will assist Mrs. Purdon.

Although bedridden because of a stroke, the week end was a dream come true for Mrs. John Hall.

For over the week end, all of her children gathered at her bedside. It was the first time all of them had been together. She recognized each one of them.

Of her eight children, only one, Sam, is a resident of Franklin. The others are Carl, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Al (Laura) Womble, of Warwick, Va.; Miss Ruby Hall, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Scott (Pearl) Brank, of Weaverville; Elbert and Bernard, of Springfield, Tenn.; and Mrs. Stuart (Carrie) Rhore, of San Antonio, Tex.

Taylor Wins Soil Post

Walter C. Taylor, of Holly Springs, is the new supervisor for the three-man Macon County Soil Conservation Committee.

He received 82 votes to George Moses' 70. There were 16 ballots voided.

The soil supervisor election was held the week of December 1-5.



WORK STARTS ON BRIDAL VEIL BY-PASS

That's ice in the foreground at Bridal Veil Falls on US 64 between Franklin and Highlands. And ice is the main reason state highway crews are getting ready to by-pass the water wonder. Last year, the frozen beauty of the falls blocked traffic and even encased a road seaper that stalled while attempting to clear the highway. The white area in the background is where they're removing rock for the by-pass fill. Highway officials promise the by-pass will not detract from the beauty of the attraction. (Staff Photo)

PATTON GETS CASH AWARD IN CONTEST

Several From Here Attended Luncheon In Asheville

Patton community won a \$50 honorable mention award in the annual W.N.C. Rural Community Development Contest.

Macon's prize-winning community was honored, along with others competing in the contest, at a luncheon Saturday at City Auditorium in Asheville. A total of \$2,000 in prize money went to the best communities.

Erwin Patton, Patton's president, accepted the award on behalf of his organization.

In addition to Mr. Patton, attending the luncheon from here were H. Bueck, Frank B. Duncan, Rep. James M. Raby, W. W. Sloan, County Agent T. H. Fagg, Mrs. Harley Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blaine, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brady, Doyle Cloer, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Bingham.

Sponsors of the luncheon were Beacon Manufacturing Company, Asheville Agricultural Development Council, and the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

J. Fred Bryson Elected Council Head For 1959

Meeting last Thursday night to reorganize for 1959, the Macon County Rural Community Development Council elected officers and launched plans for a county-wide beautification project.

J. Fred Bryson, of Carson community, was elected president of the council, succeeding Bill Raby, of Cowee.

Named to serve with the new president were Tommy Raby, of Cowee, vice-president; Miss Mildred Corbin, of Holly Springs, secretary; and W. W. (Bill) Sloan, of Franklin, re-elected treasurer.

The council, which is made up of the officers of organized communities, approved preliminary plans for a county-wide beautification project in 1959. Officers plan to enlist the assistance of civic groups and clubs all over the county in the project, including home demonstration and 4-H clubs. Each club or organization will be asked to appoint a representative to serve on a county beautification committee.

Three persons already have been named to the committee. Mrs. Jack Cabe will represent com-

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Willard Frady (top picture) shows the hole through which his cellmate, an AWOL sailor, squeezed to freedom at the county jail Monday night. Frady, although smaller, was unable to make it through the hole. The bottom picture is a closer view of the hole through the metal ceiling. In the background daylight can be seen through another hole the escapee knocked through the wooden roof. (Staff Photos)

OUT THROUGH ROOF — AWOL Sailor Surrenders To Deputy After Breaking Jail

An AWOL sailor being held in the county jail for U.S. Navy authorities escaped Monday night by squeezing through a small opening in the metal ceiling of his cell and breaking through the roof.

Then, after some persuasion from members of his family here, Garland Lee Nelson, 19, surrendered to Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass early Tuesday afternoon.

"He (Nelson) scratched himself up pretty bad," declared his cellmate, Willard Frady, who, although about 30 pounds lighter than the sailor, was unable to make it through the hole in the ceiling to freedom.

Frady, who is serving a 90-day sentence for drunkenness, appear-

REPORT IS FILED — Grand Jurymen Sing Same Ol' Song About Courthouse

Parrotting recommendations made by past juries, the grand jury of the December term of Superior Court asks for additional storage space for records in the courthouse and rest room facilities for county personnel.

Following an inspection of county facilities Tuesday of last week, the jury filed this report: Prison Camp: The prison camp was inspected by a committee of this grand jury. It was found to be clean and in very good condition.

Jail: The jail was inspected by a committee of this grand jury. It was found to be clean and in very good condition.

Courthouse: The committee of the grand jury examining the courthouse found it to be as clean as possible considering the age of the building. This committee recommends that additional space be made for the storage of records — both the register of deeds office and clerk of court office. We find the space provided for the storage of records to be very inadequate for these two offices.

We also recommend that sufficient rest room facilities be provided for the county personnel in the courthouse. The grand jury finds that all records in the courthouse have been audited and

are in good condition. Schools: The offices of Macon County school superintendent were found to be in good shape and all records properly audited. The Macon County school buses and the rural roads which the buses travel were found to be inspected by the State Highway Patrol once each month.

J. Ned Teague served as foreman of the jury.

Jurymen were Joel M. Dalton, Dan Bryson, Zeb Childers, Jack Cabe, Wayne Duvall, Earl English, Ed Wallace, Grady Wilkes, John Blaine, Beulon Holland, Ray Downs, Don Watson, J. E. Whitaker, Henry Christy, M. W. Beck, Lewis Moses, and Nat Phillips.

Sloan Named Area Safety Chairman

W. W. (Bill) Sloan, of Franklin, Tuesday night was elected chairman of the Western Carolina Safety Council at a meeting in Asheville.

He is secretary of Nantahala Power and Light Company here.

The safety group is made up of industries in the area.

BIGGEST COURT TERM IS RECESSED

Actions Bring In More Than \$10,000, Official Reports

Judge J. C. Farthing recessed the December term of Superior Court Tuesday morning, leaving behind the largest term, in volume, ever held in Macon County.

Including cash bonds forfeited, the term brought in more than \$10,000, according to the clerk of court, Mrs. Kate M. Wriam. A complete tabulation will be available as soon as all cases are entered in the court minute docket.

Judge Farthing made clean sweeps of both the criminal and civil dockets.

The judge heard his last case Tuesday morning as he and Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., waited for Patrolman W. C. Leming and S.B.I. Agent P. E. Kitchen to join them for a grouse hunting trip.

Judge Farthing emphasized that he had not recessed court to go hunting.

"We have completed our business . . . court comes first with me, although I enjoy hunting," he declared.

The term opened December 1. Dispositions will appear in next week's PRESS.

Officially, the term will not adjourn until Saturday in the event any new cases arise for the court's attention.

Solicitor Takes His Last Look

Thad D. Bryson, Jr., cast his last official look at a courtroom Tuesday morning.

The Macon term of Superior Court marked his last term as solicitor of the district, a post he has held for 10 years and 10 months.

In the Democratic primary, he filed for re-election, then decided instead to run for Superior Court judge. Soon after, George B. Patton, a Maconian, stepped down as attorney general of North Carolina and filed to oppose Mr. Bryson. The former attorney general, who was a judge before going to Raleigh, won in the primary and was unopposed in the general election.

Glenn W. Brown, of Haywood County, was unopposed for the solicitor's job held by Mr. Bryson. He takes office the first of the year.

Any regrets, Mr. Bryson? "None whatsoever . . . It has been a wonderful experience."

So from here on out (or until the political bug bites him again) it'll be "Thad D. Bryson, Jr., Attorney at Law," with offices in Bryson City.

Anything Just To Get Warm!

As a fireman shivered in the raw cold of early Sunday morning, one turned to a fellow fire fighter, the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

"Wouldn't do you any good to preach against hell today, preacher?" he declared. "Most of us would be willing to go there just to get warm."

But that's neither here nor there. It just lets Franklinites know their volunteer firemen braved the cold to install the Christmas lights along Main Street.

The Weather

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 3rd	48	42	.04
Thursday	63	34	.05
Friday	57	29	.00
Saturday	49	20	.00
Sunday	53	15	.00
Monday	52	15	.00
Tuesday	55	20	.00
Wednesday	—	20	.00

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 3rd	49	39	.08
Thursday	48	29	.10
Friday	62	29	trace
Saturday	58	20	.00
Sunday	48	15	.00
Monday	49	15	.00
Tuesday	51	22	.00
Wednesday	54	22	.00

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 3rd	—	—	—
Thursday	55	34	—
Friday	56	38	—
Saturday	42	28	—
Sunday	46	19	—
Monday	43	20	—
Tuesday	50	27	—
Wednesday	—	24	—

* no record

Hey Kids! Don't Miss Santa In Franklin Friday, Saturday At 3:00 p. m.