



MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

IT CAN HONESTLY be said that Franklin's loss is Waynesville's gain in the case of Ed Williams. His enthusiasm in civic and church endeavors has been boundless and he's a young man Macon County can ill afford to lose.

ANOTHER MACONIAN came close to being in the Rose Bowl Parade, like Earl Corbin, a local sailor. Bryan Hurst, who plays with the U.S. Army Band in Washington, D. C., missed the event because of the airlines strike. His band was to be flown to the west coast on a commercial plane, but one was not available because of the American and Eastern strikes.

ABOUT THE only thing anyone could say about the weather Monday morning was "B-r-r-r-r." One fellow said his thermometer got down off the wall and hid under the porch.

THAT'S A real tough crew of men that has been working in the freezing climes atop the tower at the new telephone company building.

SOME OF those holes in the street that were refilled recently need some attention again. They've settled to the point where hitting one causes a driver to chip his, or her, teeth or bite a tongue painfully.

DID YOU know that an electric eye arrangement turns on the lights in the outdoor public telephone booths as soon as the sun goes down, and visa versa?

YOU HAD to break off a drink of water at the public fountain Monday morning.

MERCHANTS are still hard at work turning stock upside down and juggling down numbers. A body just about has to have a new year to hold up under the strain.

FRANKLIN HIGH'S Panthers started out '59 basketball against Murphy Tuesday night. It's just natural for a team to play harder if it has rooters in the audience. Travel with the team and pull for victory.

A FULL-TIME promotional director would mean thousands and thousands more dollars from tourists.

WHEN, IF ever, will Franklin get a city auditorium? The first step is for the people to want one. STATE HIGHWAY paint crew touched up the center stripe and turn arrows in town last week. Almost like the first sign of spring.

FOLKS WHO heard Dewey Corbin sing his ballad about "Old Touse" over WFSC Friday afternoon say it went off mighty well, and Mr. Corbin is to be thanked for helping make "Old Touse" a celebrity.

FRANKLIN desperately needs a city auditorium, a place where town functions and civic events could be staged.

BETTER NOT forget to purchase your city license tags this year. Failure to have them will result in citations.

ICOLA COMMUNITY deserve a vote of thanks for taking the time to erect that beautiful Christmas scene on NC 20. If more communities had displayed the initiative of this community, the power company would have been willing to sponsor another lighting contest.

WHO SAYS advertising doesn't pay? After mention here last week, the tomy-toes of Mrs. Verlon Swafford are in jeopardy.

DOUG FEARSON was one of those lucky enough to make the Dixie Classics last week. On the way out one night he became so engrossed in a big limousine at the curb he knocked a man sprawling. Embarrassed, Doug picked the man up and helped brush him off, apologizing all the way. He later learned he had decked the state's chief executive, Gov. Luther Hodges, who was heading for his limousine at the moment of collision.

A FULL-TIME director is needed by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce if the town is to compete with others for the tourist dollar. Scenery no longer is drawing card enough to attract people.

MACON COUNTY'S first license number, CL 601, is now hanging on the rear of the custom car owned by Furman Angel, Jr.

WONDER WHAT the Sunday afternoon parkers along Main Street find amusing in the passing traffic. These spectators increase with every Sunday.

THE ACCIDENT at the Little Tennessee River bridge last week serves to pinpoint at potentially dangerous situation. It is difficult to see on the bridge because of the high concrete sides and there are daily near-misses that could become traedees.

PROBABLY THE reason Christmas mailing was off this season is that everyone who failed to write their kin came for a visit. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8

DATE UNDECIDED — Eddie Sutton, Football Star, Will Speak Here

Football star Eddie Sutton will be the guest speaker for the Franklin Rotary Club's annual banquet honoring Franklin High's football squad and cheerleaders.

A date for the banquet has not been set, according to Rotary President Robert C. Carpenter. It probably will be the last of this month or early in February, he said. Arrangements are being handled by John M. Archer, Jr.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK — Banquet To Honor Recipient Of Jaycee Award Planned

Franklin Jaycees this week completed plans for honoring "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" at a special banquet January 30.

Nominations are now being received for the "Young Man of the Year" award. Any young man between the ages of 21 and 35 is eligible to be nominated. Membership in the Jaycees is not necessary.

Highlighting the banquet will be the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award Key and certificate to the winner of the community service award and an address by Marvin Koozts, of Raleigh, president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

BENEFITS PLANNED — 'March Of Dimes' Drive Gets Under Way In Macon

The "March of Dimes" drive got under way in Macon County Friday afternoon with the distribution of the coin collectors and dime boards by the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Letters will be put in the mail the early part of next week, asking for individual contributions. These contributions may be sent direct to Claude Bolton, treasurer for the Macon County chapter.

Although no quota has been set for Macon County, it is hoped that contributions will be generous since a number of Macon County children are still dependent upon the local chapter for support in providing medical care, crutches, custom-made shoes and braces.

A star half-back with the professional Washington Redskins, the-Jackson County native is now attending medical school in Memphis, Tenn. Prior to going with the Redskins, he starred at the University of North Carolina.

Also planned as a feature of the football banquet is the presentation of a "most valuable player" award by the local V.P.W. Post. The Panthers will select the recipient by secret vote.

Invitations to attend will be mailed next week to a large number of civic leaders. The banquet will be held at Slagle Memorial Building.

and rehabilitation.

Any organization planning to sponsor a benefit may contact Robin West, promotion chairman. Several events are in the planning stage and further information will be available later.

The goal of the National Polio Foundation, as it is now known, was to prevent paralytic polio and to provide the best in medical care for polio patients. Since this mission has been accomplished to the point where the organization now can turn its vast resources to the solution of other perplexing diseases, the Foundation is now planning research and patient aid in the field of virus diseases, birth defects, and arthritis. Many children suffering SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

THE OLD YEAR IN REVIEW — It Happened Here

From PRESS Files

Are you guilty of remarking, "Nothing ever happens here"? Most of us are, if we'll admit it. Of course, this is just idle chit-chat, for Macon County at its dullest is a beehive of activity and frequently is called the "most organized little town in the world". To support the contention that something always is happening here, THE PRESS submits the following chronology of some of the outstanding events of '58.

JANUARY: Five local Boy Scouts, Dennis Vinson, Douglas Slagle, Douglas Vinson, Fred Bulgin, and Charles Slagle, received God and Country awards, marking the first time in the western district the award has been presented to that many Scouts from a single troop... a bottle hit a man, instead of visa versa. Weaver Wykle was struck by a beer bottle flung from a passing car, receiving a broken shoulder blade... Alvin J. Stiles was awarded a regional fellowship at Tulane University School of Law... freezing temperatures brought out ice skaters not only in Highlands, but on Lake Emory in Franklin as well... Dr. George R. McSween was elected president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce... Macon County's Otto Cloggers began negotiations to appear on the Ed Sullivan TV show... radio station WFSC started broadcasting on FM... a public meeting was called for the organization of a Macon County unit of a Citizens Committee for Better Schools... THE FRANKLIN PRESS, in coping three excellence awards, won more awards than any weekly newspaper in the state... politics got off to a quick start with the 12th Congressional race bringing out the incumbent, George A. Shuford, and Sanford W. Brown, an Asheville attorney... Macon County was second in North Carolina in the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds... FEBRUARY: Franklin Principal Harry C. Corbin was honored as "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" for his contributions to his community... Tommy Jenkins and Ben Harrison held their marathon hike in the snow, with Wayah Bald as the finish line... They quit nose-to-nose after nearly seven miles... James M. Raby announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the state House of Representatives... the eastern division playoffs of the Smoky Mountain Conference were held in the Franklin High gym, with the locals girls coming out on top, but losing in the championship game... Weimar Jones, editor of THE PRESS, announced for the primary race for the Democratic nomination to the House of Representatives... paced by eight inches of snow, winter made it self known... MARCH: Ed Sullivan gave up a broad smile for the Smoky Mountain Cloggers on his TV show, and he was overjoyed to the point of smiling again when a telegram containing 450 names, largest ever sent through the local Boy Scouts Union office, applauded his tastes in selecting the local dancers... Gary McKelvey advanced to the state finals of the American Legion's oratorical contest... Franklin High's lassies eastern division champs, lost to Andrews, 87-53 for the conference crown... George B. Patton, of Franklin and Raleigh, resigned as North Carolina's attorney general and filed for the Democratic nomination as judge of the 30th Judicial District, a post Solicitor Thad D. Bryson also was seeking... Gilmer Henry was the recipient of the V.P.W.'s annual "outstanding player award" for his grid activities with the Panthers... H. W. Cabe, chairman of the county's U.S. Savings Bond program, was honored at the annual banquet of N. C. Bankers Association for leading Macon to the No. 2 spot in the state... Franklin Library held open house... R. E. McKelvey resigned as vice-president of Western Carolina Telephone Company to take a job with the N. C. Utilities Commission in Raleigh... Jeff B. Wilson, editor of Tar Heel Wheels, a trucking association publication, addressed the annual banquet of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce... APRIL: Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter was elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club... Miss Freca Siler, Franklin High teacher, was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the National Science Foundation for study at the University of North Carolina... L. B. (Larry) Welch and Miss Elizabeth Meadows were elected post commander and auxiliary president of the V.P.W. "Operation Red Water", a move by the town of Franklin to kill rust-producing iron bacteria in the water system, was staged, with the town forsaking drinking water (from the lines) for some 24 hours... Robert Andrew Patton, a well-known figure in Democratic circles many years ago, died at the age of 72... Miss Dwan Horsley, United Nations speaking contest winner, and her advisor, Miss Frances Winstead, visited New York City and the U.N., with the local P.T.A. helping with expenses... Weimar Jones, of THE PRESS, was accorded an honor rarely made to anyone off the campus of U.N.C., by being tapped for honorary membership in the Order of the Golden Fleece... Franklin firemen roared over Cowee to give Sylva a hand in fighting a blaze that partially gutted C. J. Harris Community Hospital... J. P. Brady was elected president of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce... Mrs. Lasca E. (Bill) Horsley was named president of the Franklin P.T.A. ... the Macon unit of the N. C. Education Association elected Mrs. Mildred R. (Frank) Martin as president... Franklin Junior Woman's Club won the William Y. Prayer Award for its work with the Children's Home Society of North Carolina... MAY: Mrs. George Raby was installed as president of the East Franklin P.T.A. ... the state highway resident engineer's office, set up here in July, 1952, to supervise construction of three US 23-441 projects, closed and Resident Engineer S. T. Ury moved to Waynesville... Macon SEE NO. 3, PAGE 8

Home Mail? Well Now, Maybe...

Don't get your hopes up about house-to-house mail delivery again. Postmaster Zeb Meadows thought the office would be ready for the change January 10, the beginning of the new quarter. However, the two carrier bags still have not arrived, and until they do city delivery must wait.

There's one optimistic note, according to the postmaster. The mail cases, which will be used by the carriers to sort mail for their routes, are assembled and ready for use.

Brinkman Back Home Again, Ready To Work

Franklin gem cutter Jim Brinkman, who was critically injured in August in an automobile accident near Hot Springs, Ark., returned home Saturday "ready to get back to work".

Although still confined to a wheelchair, he says he plans to pick up things where he left off. For the past month, he has been hospitalized in Atlanta, Ga., where bones in his legs were broken and reset and other repair work was done.

The wreck on a rain-slicked highway claimed the life of a passenger in the Brinkman station wagon. His son, Billy, also was hurt. The men and boy were on a rock buying trip. The accident occurred on a stretch of highway that has claimed many lives under similar circumstances.

"I've always liked Franklin," Mr. Brinkman said, "but I didn't think it could be so wonderful to get back to."

Moves Here From Jackson County

Francis Pless, field executive for the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District, has moved from Sylva to Franklin.

He and his family are living on Bonny Crest.

Mr. Pless made the move primarily because most of the district activity is centered in Macon County, Jackson and Swain also are in the district.

Starting off 1959, the district has 27 units. Probably for the first time in its history, it ended the year without dropping a unit. Mr. Pless reported this week, and 1958 showed a gain of 20 per cent in membership.

Three new units were registered in '58: Franklin Post 292, sponsored by the Rotary Club; Post 291, sponsored by the Presbyterian Men and Women's Troop 293, sponsored by the community club.

Plans are now under way for holding the annual Daniel Boone Scout Jamboree dinner January 12 at the Battery Park Hotel in Atlanta. A large delegation from the Smoky Mountain District will be on hand for the event according to Mr. Pless.

Don't Forget To License

Franklin is in the license tag business again this year and is observing the same deadline as the state, February 15.

Under provisions of an ordinance passed by the board of aldermen last year, all vehicles owned by Franklin residents must have tags, as well as those owned by businesses operated in town.

They may be purchased at the town hall for \$1.



EVEN PREACHERS PAY—The Rev. Paul Heafner, Methodist pastor, (right) is shown listing his taxes in the Franklin precinct with lister Frank I. Murray. Listing will continue through January. (Staff Photo)

LISTING IS UNDER WAY — About \$80,000 In Taxes 'Discovered', Henson Says

About \$80,000 in property has been "discovered" for taxation in 1958, according to the county tax supervisor, Tom Henson.

Most of the amount covers personal property, he said. About half of the amount was turned up by Mr. Henson's office soon after the first of the year in '58.

The rest was found at intervals during the remainder of the tax year.

Meanwhile, county tax listers opened their books last Thursday and are now doing a steady business over most of the county. The Franklin precinct, in particular, has been rushed, according to Frank I. Murray, lister.

Farin census takers also have their pencils sharp and are compiling information on the county's agricultural standing during 1958. Listing will continue through January.

PROBABLY IS LAST — Macon County Gets Large Slice Of Forest Receipts

Macon County has banked its big \$32,146.58 slice of Nantahala Forest receipts for 1958 and it probably will be the last "large allocation" for some years to come, according to Wayah District Ranger W. L. Nothstein.

The record-breaking allocations to the seven-counties eligible to share in stumpage receipts from the forest were the result of big sales during the year of high-quality saw timber, the ranger explained. However, he added that this supply of high-quality timber has been exhausted and there will be a marked decrease in receipts in the future until second growth timber is ready for cutting.

"This is probably the last large allocation for some years to come," Mr. Nothstein declared.

Macon's "bon-share" allocation rounded out to nearly 22 cents per acre the basis for determining the allocations to the counties. Nantahala receipts within Macon comes to 147,983.

County Tax Supervisor Tom Henson this week said the money will be divided as follows: \$4,500.52, Old Age Assistance; \$3,034.95, General Fund; \$8,036.65, Debt Service; \$9,965.44, General School Fund; \$1,607.32, Schools Capital Outlay.

Amounts received by the six other counties having Nantahala acreage within their boundaries are: Cherokee, \$17,705.48; Clay, \$12,880.54; Graham, \$23,808.55; Jackson, \$6,118.94; Swain, \$3,510.70; and Transylvania, \$1,136.17.

First '59 Baby Is A Worley

The new year finally has a baby.

Yesterday (Wednesday) morning (early 2:04), at Angel Hospital, a seven pound, 12 ounce boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Talford Eugene Worley, of Franklin, Route 2.

Both the mother and newborn are doing fine.

Veteran's Officer Is Speaker Here

John Davis, of Murphy, a veteran's service officer, spoke Monday night at a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Henry Cabe.

Mrs. Frank Hedon and Mrs. Val Frazier were co-hostesses. Speakers were present, Mrs. C. M. Brodlove, formerly of Myrtle Beach, S. C., was accepted for membership.

ELLIJAY SINGING

A singing will be held at the Ellijay Baptist Church Saturday night, beginning at 7:30. All singers and the public are invited. Andrew Gregory is president.

SINGING SLATED

The regular second Sunday singing convention will meet January 11 at the Clear Creek Baptist Church at 2 p.m., according to the president, Gene Southard. All singers and the public are invited.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded at Franklin by Simpson Station, U. S. weather observer. In Highlands by Ludo N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers, and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 5 a.m. of the day listed.

Table with columns for High, Low, and Rain for Franklin and Coweta. Includes a section for Highlands.



EVERY CAR MUST HAVE ONE Walter Reed Moffitt, who is home on leave from the U. S. Air Force after service in Germany, purchased his 1959 license tags Monday—a duty all vehicle owners must perform before February 15. Sales of the new tags are moving, according to the local branch office of the Carolina Motor Club. (Staff Photo)



Judge Patton



Solicitor Brown

COURT OFFICIALS TAKE OATHS

George B. Patton, of Franklin, former attorney general of North Carolina, was sworn in Friday in Waynesville as resident Superior Court judge of the 26th Judicial District. He opened a term in McDowell County Monday morning. Also taking his oath of office Friday was Glenn W. Brown, of Waynesville, the new solicitor of the 30th Judicial District. Mr. Brown, who will be 33 in February, was unopposed for the office in the primary and general elections.

Ed Williams Promoted To District Job

Edwin T. Williams, Nationwide Insurance agent here, has been promoted to district sales manager, with his office in Waynesville.

A. L. Whitaker has taken over Mr. Williams' agency in Franklin. In taking the district post, Mr. Williams succeeds C. Banks Finger, of Waynesville, formerly of Franklin, who has been promoted to the Charlotte area.

Mr. Williams plans to move his family to Waynesville about the 15th of the month. He will commute daily between Franklin and Waynesville until then.

Prior to going into the insurance business, Mr. Williams taught business at Franklin High School. He has been active in civic and church (Presbyterian) work here and was named "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" for 1954-55 for community service.



ICY FINGERS UP AND DOWN BIDWELL STREET Franklin's water tanks on Harrison Avenue overflowed in the early hours Monday, turning water out into the street. Winter's icy fingers then took over and transformed nearby Bidwell Street into a solid sheet of ice all the way from Harrison to Lyle Street. The town closed the road to through traffic. Residents along Bidwell had to gingerly creep to work in their autos. (Staff Photo)