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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

H. A. (CHUB) Willhite, meter reader for N.P.&L., reports seeing Tom Dooley hanging from a tree on the Buck Creek Road.

LOOKS LIKE someone would start an ice skating rink in Highlands. The interest shown in the lakes when they freeze should indicate this would be a profitable year-round business.

HAVE YOU seen those snazzy new perpendicular blinds that have been installed in The Bank of Franklin?

IN WASHINGTON last Wednesday for Rep. David M. Hall's swearing in were, among others, his sisters, Mrs. C. N. Dowdie, of Franklin, and Miss Lela Moore Hall, of Lillington, formerly of here.

THAT TEETH-chipper section of sunken pavement on Main Street has been filled. There's still one, however, on Phillips near the jail that needs attention.

JUST FOR the record, Cowee's community organization erected a Christmas scene. Some might have received the impression that Iotla's was the only one since it was pictured in a recent issue of THE PRESS.

GROVER ENGLISH and some of the fellows working at Whitmire's rock crusher near Gneiss tell of seeing an albino crow. He's white except for his head. It, according to Mr. English, is "cold black".

A 'KILLER YEAR' is in the making. From January 1-5, 22 persons died in traffic deaths over the state, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. This compares with only 10 for the same period in '58.

MACONIANS can't say Winter hasn't dumped its full bag of weather on them this year. Time was when it just turned cold and stayed that way until Spring.

GLENN ROBINSON and some of the other cab drivers, for want of something to do last week, chipped the ice from around the water fountain on the square.

SURE ARE a lot of "local" faces arriving in town in autos with Michigan license plates.

OH! THOSE tax deadlines coming up! Makes a body wish he didn't make enough to have to file, doesn't it?

Mrs. Rollman To Instruct Scout Course

Mrs. Heinz Rollman, of Waynesville, will instruct a leaders' training course for women of the Nantahala Girl Scout Council in Franklin.

Her first session will be the 25th, from 2 to 5 p. m., at the Methodist church. Other planned sessions will be announced later.



A BIG YAWN FOR 1959 Macon County's first baby of the new year, Calvin Ray Worley, gives a big yawn of indifference while sitting it out with his mother, Mrs. Tallford Eugene Worley, of Route 2. Calvin Ray arrived at Angel Hospital on the 7th. (Staff Photo)

'59 Farm Outlook Reviewed By Agent

By T. H. FAGG Macon County Agricultural Agent At the beginning of the year, most businesses take an inventory and more or less look into the next year and try to analyze just what the outlook for their particular business will be.

Then they plan their business accordingly, to best meet conditions as they exist.

Farming also is a business. In fact, it probably is the most unpredictable business or under taking one will find anywhere. There are so many factors that can change the outcome of a farmers operation, such as weather, insects, disease, supply and demand, prices, that farming can be considered at times quite a gamble.

In the following paragraphs I would like to discuss briefly the outlook of some of the farming enterprises that are most important to our Macon County farmers. These facts are the results of the thinking of U.S. and state economists.

Lower Prices Poultry brings in our largest gross income of any farming operation in the county. The outlook in this field for 1959 is for lower prices. Hatching eggs, our main poultry operation, will be lower in price. This is due to the fact that approximately six million more pullet chicks were put into broiler supply flocks than at this time last year, which will greatly increase the supply of hatching eggs.

Higher Total Broiler production is expected to expand enough in North Carolina to mean a higher total income, but prices will be down, which will mean a lower income per bird. The reason for lower broiler prices is more competition from greater pork supplies, more broilers on the farm and going to market, and lower chick and feed costs, which make up 80% of the cost of broiler production.

Dairying Stable The dairy situation and outlook for 1959 is expected to be fairly stable with not much change from 1958. This enterprise provides one of our larger farm incomes in Macon County. The number of Grade A farms has decreased in North Carolina slightly since 1958, but the cows-per-farm has increased and production-per-cow is also on the increase. It is expected that both production and sale of Grade A milk will be up around 5% in 1959 with a blend price of around six dollars per hundred to the farmer being maintained.

Consumption Up Predictions are that fertilizer consumption will increase with prices remaining stable. Interest rates, taxes, and cost of hired labor are expected to increase slightly. It is expected that there will be about a 5% increase in prices the farmer has to pay for goods and services he receives in 1959.

Patrolman Gets Bootleg Car And Two Men A bootleg car carrying 30 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey was bagged here Saturday by Patrolman W. C. Leming. Arrested were the driver, Hoyt Junior Lance, of Gainesville, Ga., Route 4, and Richmond Herbert Rogers, of Charlotte. They were in a '54 Ford. The patrolman charged them with transporting whiskey.

Thousands From South Carolina And Georgia Invade Highlands To Skate

Ice skaters numbering in the thousands zipped and zinged back and forth over every available patch of ice in the Highlands area over the week end. It was a frantic week end — frantic because warming temperatures threatened to spoil the ice in Western North Carolina's "Sun Valley." They used skates, tubs, sleds — just about anything to skid along on.

Beginners whacked their hip pockets at frequent intervals on the ice. Those with more ability whirled and swirled. "Warming fires" dotted the shore line of the lakes. Skates were borrowed back and forth. At least a thousand skaters hailed from Georgia and South Carolina. It is estimated that about 2,000 were on the lakes Sunday afternoon.

Lack of parking space for the heavy influx of automobiles kept the highway patrol and the sheriff's department moving to keep side roads and intersections clear. And Highlands, a resort town that hibernates in winter jumped back to life, at least for a while. Merchants renting skates did land office business.

Postal Receipts In '58 Highest

Largely because of postage increases last August, business at the Franklin Post Office soared to an all-time high during '58, according to Postmaster Zeb Meadows.

For the calendar year ending December 31, office revenues totaled \$45,967.44, as compared with \$43,887.70 in 1957. Franklin became a first class post office in July of '58. The new postal increases went into effect August 1.

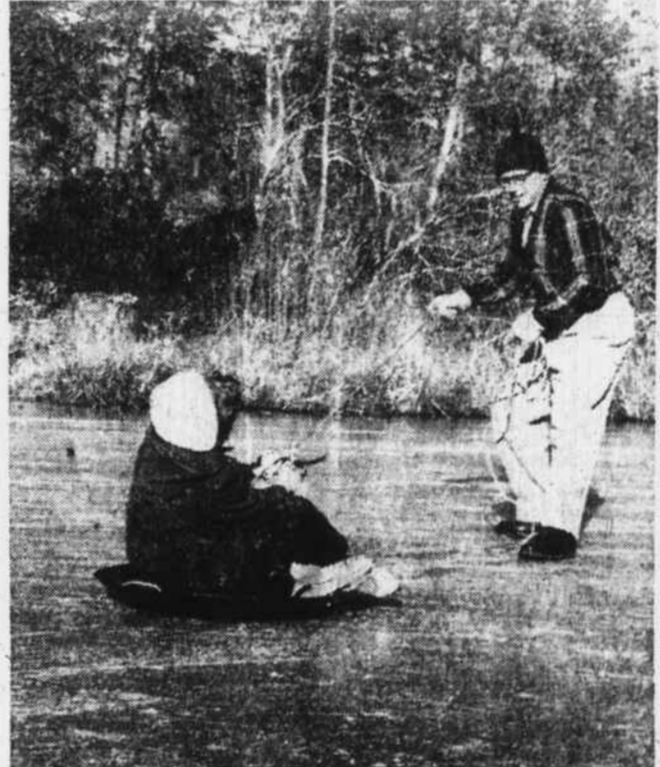
For the fiscal quarter ending January 9, office receipts came to \$15,277.13. This compares with \$15,536.26 for the same period the year before.

A comparison of revenue figures over the years reflects the steady growth of the office. In 1948, receipts were \$23,217.65. By 1954 they had grown to \$34,757.21.

PRESS CAMERA VISITS The 'Sun Valley' Of W.N.C.



The week end filled the lakes around Highlands with skaters.



C. E. (Red) Henry, of Franklin, pulls Mary Frances McGlamery in a sled on the ice.



Dr. J. H. Fisher, of Franklin, used a sled to amuse his daughters.

STATISTICS GIVEN — Births Outnumber Deaths Three To One In County

By three to one, births outnumbered deaths in Macon County during '58. A check at the register of deeds office reveals 323 births and only 122 deaths.

Deaths for any given month ranged from six to 13, but when broken down into quarters were about even for the entire year. They were tabulated as follows: 1st quarter (January, February, March), 28; 2nd quarter (April, May, June), 33; 3rd quarter (July, August, September), 27; 4th quarter (October, November, December), 34.

July was the biggest month for new babies, with 37 entering the world. A tabulation of the other months follows: January, 16; February, 32; March, 32; April, 10; May, 30; June, 34; August, 28; September, 29; October, 24; November, 27; and December, 23.

Deaths were recorded by months this way: January, 7; February, 13; March, 8; April, 13; May, 10; June, 10; July, 8; August, 13; September, 6; October, 13; November, 10; and December, 11.

The highest percentages of babies were born to fathers engaged in farm and textiles. Sixty-three were born to fathers whose main source of income was farming, while textiles claimed 39.

The register of deeds office also handed out 91 marriage licenses in '58.

TO ROTARY CLUB — Asheville Lawyer Explains Committee's Court Cures

The problems of the improvement of the administration of justice in North Carolina and the solutions suggested by the so-called Bell committee were outlined by Francis J. Heazel, Asheville lawyer and member of the committee, at last Thursday night's Franklin Rotary Club meeting.

Properly speaking, Mr. Heazel said the state provides only two courts, the supreme court and the superior courts. Below those are 12 different types of inferior county and city courts, whose varied costs, finances, procedures and jurisdictions "are a jumble of confusion".

The committee, which has been at work for the past three years, was made up of 15 lawyers and 12 laymen, Franklin's John M. Archer, Jr., having been one of the latter group. At the request of Governor Hodges, Mr. Heazel explained, the group sought the answers to three questions:

It is chiefly in these 1457 "separate, autonomous courts", where most citizens have their only experience with our administration of justice", that the committee feels a major done to make it adequate?

Is the system of courts we have in the state adequate? If it is not adequate, where does it fail? and What should be done to make it adequate?

'March' Is Slated For Dimes Drive

A "Mother's March on Polio" is scheduled for Tuesday night in Franklin for the annual March of Dimes campaign.

That was the official word yesterday (Wednesday) from the postal installations manager of the Atlanta, Ga., office.

It will be coordinated by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club, with assistance from members of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Franklin residents wanting to make a contribution are asked to leave their porch light burning as a signal.

Postmaster Zeb Meadows urged all Franklin residents to have house numbers up and mail boxes installed so the change can be made with a minimum of trouble.

Club members will meet at 7 o'clock to plan the march and they will begin canvassing the town at 7:30. Headquarters for the march will be the Agricultural Building.

A social meeting of the woman's club will be held at the Agricultural Building after the march, with Mrs. Jo Ann Corbin and Mrs. Lois Oliver as hostesses.

The Weather

The temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Marion Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tolon N. Hall and W. C. Newberry, TVA observers, and at the Georgia Hydrological Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

Table with weather data for Franklin, Coweta, and Highlands, including high and low temperatures and rainfall for various days.

Movies, Speech To Mark Otto's P.-T. A. Meeting

Two persons will be featured on tonight's (Thursday) Otto P.-T. A. program at 7:30.

Neil Dickerson, personnel manager of Rabun Mills, will show films on local industry. Miss Margaret Davis, who recently won Franklin High's United Nations speaking contest, will give her winning speech.

Mrs. Nancy Taylor's fifth grade will give the devotional.

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Marvin Dean, of Demorest, Ga., Route 1, gives his wife, Bonnie, a hand with her skates (foreground), while Willard Luthi, of Cornelia, performs a similar chore for his spouse, Pat.