



MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

FOR THE Western Carolina College rosters here, rehearsals have started for the production of "Come Back, Little Sheba," which will be presented at the Little Theatre at W.C.C. February 18-19-20. Check those dates on your activities calendar.

A CHOICE conversational bit for consumption is the fact that the gap between average salaries paid teachers in the nation and in North Carolina is the widest in history. Average salaries in N.C. are \$3,770, as compared with \$4,775 for the nation. The N.E.A. expects the national average to exceed \$5,000 for the school year 1959-60.

THAT BIG sunken place in the street is still rattlin' teeth on Palmer. Broken tires, anyone?

WHOOPEE! NATIONAL 4-H NEWS is featuring the Carson Square Dance Team on its cover and also in a story. That'll be in the February issue, which is due within the next two weeks. Congratulations Carson!

ANOTHER BIG boost to the area comes with the February issue of TAR HEEL WHEELS. It features, in the lead story, a layout on the recent "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous". The magazine's 15,000-plus circulation should bring some results come the '59 tourist season.

JAMES M'CONNELL brought a large quartz crystal by THE PRESS this week that was turned up on Skeenah when plowing. It weighed two and a quarter pounds and is one of the largest crystals we've seen. Anyone have any larger from here?

FRANK DEAN'S imminent departure for Alaska to work for the Philco Corporation is one the community regrets. In his quiet, conscientious way, Mr. Dean has contributed much to this community and he'll be missed.

MISS EDITH Christy, Franklin student at Pfeiffer College, has been presented a \$2,000 scholarship by ALCOA, through Nantahala Power here. Edith is in her sophomore year at Pfeiffer.

WITH THE warming up of the first of the week, ice skating died at Highlands after several weeks. Last week end again saw thousands of out-of-staters pour into the "Highest Incorporated Town in Eastern America" for some fun.

NEWSPAPERS always blame those unexplainable errors on gremlins. We're still looking for the one that jumbled the type on the church page last week and had mass scheduled at the Walnut Creek Baptist Church.

A FORMER Franklinit, John W. Edwards, of Tuckasee, recently was the recipient of the Silver Beaver, the highest award made to a Boy Scout leader. Boy Scout activities have been, and always will be, seventy-five per cent of John Edwards' life. The recognition that has come his way is justly deserved.

WHILE WE continue to beat the drum for a full-time paid promotional director for Macon County, nearby Jackson County has taken the bull by the horns by setting an \$8,000 chamber of commerce budget for '59, which includes the salary for a full-time employe to promote the organization and its program. Well Franklin?

IN THIS weather, one can't envy Carl Tysinger his work on telephone lines. Last week during the rawest days, he was bundled up against the elements working on a line in East Franklin.

IT'S A WONDER there weren't some serious accidents on the Highlands highway Sunday. From Cullasaja Gorge up, about every curve and shaded section was treacherous with ice and snow. Sanding didn't appear to help much and there were many close shaves reported.

THE BAPTIST women think the decorations they had for a function last week were good enough to rate a photo in a publication like, say, BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS.

MEANDERING-ITES are wishing the Glenn Holts the best of luck in assuming ownership of the Uncle Remus Cafe on Palmer Street.

4-H Workshop Set For Saturday On Room Improvement

A 4-H room improvement workshop will be held at the Agricultural Building Saturday morning, beginning at 9:30, with Mrs. Jessie Cabe, assistant home economics agent, in charge.

This workshop is primarily for all 4-H girls enrolled in the home improvement project, but other 4-H girls and adult leaders are invited to attend.

5 Directors Are Elected By Chamber

Angel And Jacobs Poll High; Call Meeting On 29th

A new slate of directors has been picked by the membership of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Results of the chamber's mail election were tabulated Tuesday afternoon and produced five new faces for the seven-man board: T. Y. Angel, J. C. Jacobs, Tom Jenkins, Jim Conley, and the Rev. R. R. Stancley. Mr. Angel and Mr. Jacobs, in polling the highest number of votes, will serve two-year terms, while the others will serve a year. Hold-over members of the '58 board are Erwin Patton and Steve Bundy.

A meeting of the new and old boards has been called for the 29th. Top items of business at this session will be the election of a new president for '59 and planning the annual membership banquet.

RECEIVE CITATION

Three officers at the Macon County Prison Camp, who manned the Ground Observer Corps post there have received a citation for their service from the U.S. Air Force. They are Capt. John E. Cutshall, Capt. John McDowell, and Albert C. Fouts.

ON OLD HIGHWAY — 4 Injured, One Critically, In Automobile Wreck Sunday

Four persons of Route 2 were injured, one critically, early Sunday afternoon when an automobile went out of control on old US 23-441 near Addington's mill and smashed into a tree.

Josephine Marie Thomas, 14, is still on the critical list at Angel Hospital, where all four were rushed by ambulance following the accident. Thrown through the windshield, she received a skull fracture and lacerations of the face, head, and left knee.

Others injured were Lloyd Lewis Thomas, 19, the driver, lacerations of the left cheek and chest; Mrs. Hazel C. Thomas, fracture of knee cap and ribs and lacerations of face and head; and Dewey Leon Thomas, 6, fractured right wrist.



CLUB MEMBERS COLLECT \$120.29 TUESDAY NIGHT FOR POLIO DRIVE

Mrs. Harold Corbin (left photograph) and Miss Harriet Murray are shown collecting contributions for the March of Dimes during Tuesday night's basketball game here between Franklin and Glenville. Totalling up donations (right photograph) received during Tuesday night's "Mothers' March on Polio" in Franklin are (seated L to R) Miss Mamie Lee



Murray, Mrs. Gene Oliver, and Mrs. C. D. Corbin, Jr.; (standing) Mrs. Marie Barnard and Mrs. George Brown. All but Mrs. Barnard are members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club, which sponsored the drive. Mrs. Barnard is publicity chairman for the March of Dimes. A total of \$120.29 was collected. (Staff Photos)

Meeting Of Methodist Men Slated At Iotla

The Macon County Methodist Men's Club will hold its January meeting at 7 p.m. January 27 at the Iotla School.

Women of the Iotla Methodist Church will serve the dinner.



Mr. Dean

Dean Resigns Phone Company; Alaska Bound

Frank Dean, of Franklin, division manager for Western Carolina Telephone Company for the past five years, has resigned to accept a job with the Philco Corporation in Alaska.

He already has severed relationships with the telephone company. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 6

Auto Thief Writes That 'Beating' Ministers Isn't Among Bad Points

Federal Prisoner No. 24995 is a man with a conscience and isn't given to bamboozling ministers. At least that's the way he writes to Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson, the officer who started him on his way to prison.

But, let Federal Prisoner No. 24995 tell the story his way. In a letter to Patrolman Ferguson: Dear Sir:

I wish first to apologize for not knowing your given name; then for asking that you please accomplish the following request:

As you will no doubt recall, about January 7th this year, you apprehended me for transporting a stolen automobile in interstate commerce. The car was a Cadillac from Arizona — now you remember!

You will kindly further recall that at the time of apprehension, I was totally without identification or funds. My explanation to you was that while intoxicated I had lost both up in Tennessee the previous night. As you went about your investigation, you uncovered the fact that in order to purchase gasoline, I had obtained a small loan from a Methodist minister near Franklin. Parenthetically, I ad-

mit with a good measure of sorrow that in relating the cause behind this need, I wasn't entirely truthful with the good minister. Nevertheless, I never intended to "beat" him for his money. Sacrilege is not one of my bad points.

Now, perhaps spurred on by the "Christmas Spirit", I wish very much to repay this debt. However, since I do not remember the preacher's name, and since at least I do remember your surname, I ask that you please arrange to notify me of both his name and address. Then it will be possible for me to make the withdrawal to pay this debt. I shall be eternally indebted to you for this favor.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your fairness to me as a prisoner. I was under served. My incarceration is, this time, proving to be of benefit to me, and in the near future I expect to re-enter society with a more wholesome attitude.

Patrolman Ferguson has complied with the prisoner's request. And the Rev. Earl T. Crowe, of the Macon Methodist circuit rider, who loaned the man the money, believes even more strongly in what he preaches.

AFTER A CHASE — They Caught 'Em

Two youths in a stolen automobile beat a service station out of a tank of gas, struck and killed two dogs during a high-speed chase with officers, and finally emerged uninjured after the car smashed into a tree.

It all began shortly after 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at McCoy's station on NC 28. The two youths, Donald Aaron Deck, 16, the driver, and James Ernest Wilkerson, 14, both of Knoxville, Tenn., drove off from the station without paying for \$5 worth of gas.

The sheriff's department was notified and Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass jumped into the department's new cruiser and went out to intercept the pair. They were joined by Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson in his car.

Sheriff Thomas and Deputy Pendergrass met the car on NC 28. They lost some time turning around because of traffic. Meanwhile, the youths turned down Bidwell Street at a high rate of speed.

Patrolman Ferguson headed for US 23-441 (Georgia road) in case they went in that direction and the sheriff and his deputy took US 64 west. They soon spotted the fleeing automobile and closed the gap.

Near Pressley's store on US 64 two dogs frolicking in the highway were struck and killed by the youth's car.

Seeing he couldn't outdistance the pursuing sheriff's car, the driver turned off into Mills Creek Road, in the curve near Shield's store. He then attempted to turn into a logging road, apparently in an attempt to hide, but lost control and struck a tree, damaging the '58 Chevrolet about \$500.

"We saw the tree limbs shake and knew he'd wrecked even before we saw the car," Sheriff Thomas said.

The youths were turned over to federal authorities Tuesday for prosecution for violation of the

Dyer Act. Sheriff Thomas said the Chevrolet was stolen about 11 a.m. Monday in Knoxville.

Harbison Killed By Automobile

HIGHLANDS — A freak accident here about 6 p.m. Thursday claimed the life of Thomas Cobb Harbison, a well-known building contractor, civic leader, and former town commissioner.

Working under his automobile at his home he was smothered when a jack slipped and the vehicle pinned him to the ground. He was found by his wife.

Forty-nine years old, Mr. Harbison was a former president of Highlands Rotary Club, former master of the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge, and had served on the town Board of commissioners. Active in many community undertakings, he figured prominently in the building of the Highlands Community Hospital and had served on its board.

He was the son of the late Thomas Grant and Mrs. Jessie Cobb Harbison. His father was an eminent botanist at the University of North Carolina and was a co-founder of the Highlands Biological Station.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Church of the Incarnation by Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker, rector, and the Rev. John W. Tyecker, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Franklin. Mr. Harbison had been a vestryman of the church.

Gravesite rites were conducted at the Highlands Cemetery by the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge, with members of the lodge serving as pallbearers.

In addition to his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Rice, Mr. Harbison is survived by three daughters, Miss Anne Harbison. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 6

DURING YEAR 1958 — Building and Loan Assets At Highest

Assets in 1958 climbed to an all-time high of \$1,566,269.55 at Macon County Building and Loan Association.

This figure is \$256,382.70 above '57 assets of \$1,309,886.85, according to a financial statement issued by the association.

During the past year, reserve accounts were increased \$17,175.91. Also held in reserve is \$71,959.65

for bad debts; \$15,000 for contingencies; and \$2,669.80 in undivided profits.

In '58, the association made 256 mortgage loans, as compared with 182 in '57. These totaled \$532,161. Of this total, \$229,433 represented construction loans (\$118); \$158,298 to purchase homes (\$46); \$84,875 to refinance existing mortgages (24); and \$59,645 for other purposes (69).

Stockholders during the year numbered 696, including four Negroes.

Stock totaling \$170,379.42 was retired by the association.

Organized in 1922, the association's present officers are H. W. Cabe, president, H. L. Bryant, vice-president, R. S. Jones, secretary-treasurer, and Gilmer A. Jones, attorney.

5 Nominated For Jaycee DSA Award

Five nominations for the "Macon County Young Man of the Year" award have been received and several more are expected by week end from today (Thursday).

A spokesman for the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce, which makes the annual award for outstanding community service, said plans for the awards banquet January 30 have now been completed.

In addition to the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to the "Young Man of the Year", the banquet will be highlighted by an address by the state Jaycee president, Marvin Koontz, of Raleigh.

Any young man between the ages of 21 and 36 is eligible to be nominated for the "Young Man of the Year" award. Membership in the Jaycees is not necessary. In fact, two of the five who have been nominated so far are non-Jaycees. Organizations and individuals should mail nominations to J. P. Brady, Jaycee president. Nominations should list the community activities of the nominee. A secret panel of judges will select the winner.

The banquet will be held at Shadle Memorial Building.

Local Resident In Who's Who

A Macon County resident, Mrs. Helen McDowell, is listed in the 1959 "Who's Who of American Women" just published.

An artist and interior decorator who has been listed in Who's Who for several years, she moved here from Florida six years ago because of her health. She, her husband, and her mother, Mrs. C. N. Smith, live at Oak Hill near the Carson community. Mrs. McDowell and her husband are avid rock and shell collectors.

Carpenter Says Banquet To Be Held Next Month

Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, president of the Franklin Rotary Club, this week announced that the club's annual football banquet probably will be held some time in February.

A date suitable to the guest speaker, Eddie Sutton, is now being arranged. Mr. Sutton, a Jackson County native attending medical school in Memphis, Tenn., is a star back with the professional Washington Redskins.

The Weather

FRANKLIN	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 14th	54	32	trace
Thursday	55	45	.00
Friday	47	9	1.25
Saturday	23	6	.00
Sunday	34	3	.00
Monday	51	9	trace
Tuesday	51	35	.00
Wednesday	48	48	.00

COVETA	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 14th	57	31	.00
Thursday	60	33	.00
Friday	53	24	1.45
Saturday	25	3	.00
Sunday	29	5	.00
Monday	34	9	.00
Tuesday	49	32	.09
Wednesday	58	42	.49

HIGHLANDS	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 14th	52	35	*
Thursday	48	*	*
Friday	25	14	*
Saturday	22	0	*
Sunday	23	8	*
Monday	42	9	*
Tuesday	44	37	*
Wednesday	44	44	*



FOUR WERE injured in the automobile accident pictured here Sunday afternoon on old US 23-441 south. The above photograph shows how the vehicle swerved across the highway and went up a bank to smash into two white pines. A passenger was thrown through the windshield and was found on the ground to the right of the auto. In the picture at left, damage to the front of the vehicle is shown. The trees in the foreground are the ones it struck. Note the shattered windshield. (Staff Photos)

Ten-Age Group Call's Meeting

A meeting of the Franklin Teen-age Association will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the Youth Center.

All persons interested in the welfare of the young people of Franklin and vicinity are urged to attend this meeting.



Jack Cabe With His State Corn Certificate

CERTIFICATES GIVEN — Holly Springs Farmer Tops In Corn Growing In 1958

Jack Cabe, of Holly Springs, took corn-growing honors in Macon County during 1958, harvesting 140 bushels to the acre.

He and 18 other farmers here have been accepted for membership in the state's "100 Bushel Corn Club" and their certificates have arrived from Raleigh. Runner-up to Mr. Cabe was Adolph Zoellner, of Route 1, who grew 139 bushels to the acre. Both men planted US 282, McClure, Route 2, 114; Brisco County Agricultural Agent T. H. Fagg said most of the farmers winning certificates planted either US 282 or Funks G-134.

Others receiving certificates, and their bushels-per-acre yields, were Charles Downs, Route 3, 115; Arthur Shepherd, Route 4, 128; A. J. Smith, Route 3, Bryson City, 112; Clinton Green, Route 1, 114.72; Walter Swanson, Route 1, 111; Aaron Hedden, Route 1, 128; Fred Dalton, Route 4, 132; Woodrow Teague, Route 2, 128.59; Lloyd Waldrop, Route 1, 135.52; Jack Cabe, Route 2, 118; W. M. Stacey, Route 5, 108; Harold Both men planted US 282, McClure, Route 2, 114; Brisco County Agricultural Agent T. H. Fagg said most of the farmers winning certificates planted either US 282 or Funks G-134.