



MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

MACON COUNTY has once again shown the rest of the state its colors by ranking second in '58 in the sales of U.S. Savings Bonds. Let's keep going.

A U.S. ARMY Beaver landed Sunday morning at the Macon County Airport. One of the flyers was a geologist in civilian life and he read about Macon County's mineral wealth in FLYING and decided to stop over.

HAVE YOU neglected to make your March of Dimes contribution? There's still much to be done, in spite of the polio vaccine and your dimes can help out.

HENRY BARTOL, WSFC owner from Tryon, was here Sunday. Oddly enough, the sun was shining brightly and the sky was cloudless.

THE STATE boys sure have a job on their hands. That big blow last Wednesday deposited large quantities of dirt and rock over the roads and at intersections.

A LARGE PORTION of the Tar Heel State is a-buzz over the excellent play Macon County got in TAR HEEL WHEELS on the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous".

WHEN, IF EVER will Franklin decide a full-time promotional director is a necessity this day and time? Competition for the tourist dollar is going to be even keener in '59, according to all surveys.

SOME FELLOWS thought they saw that jet canopy fall last week on Trimont. They checked, but were unable to locate what they'd seen.

WON'T SOMEONE fill that teeth-chipping, tire-busting hole in the pavement on Phillips across from the county jail?

QUITE A few businessmen were grumbling that Tuesday was a lousy day for business. Could give no reasons why, however.

MACON'S "March of Dimes" has received its annual contribution from Audrey and Tommy Roper.

Sales of North Carolina's 1959 license tags are lagging, according to the local Carolina Motor Club branch office.

As of Monday, only 1,276 plates had been sold, as compared with 1,436 for the same period last year.

The deadline for displaying a new tag is February 15.

A breakdown of the total sold shows 955 were for automobiles; 438, trucks; and 43, trailers.

Verlon Swafford, manager, reports most motorists are getting to sign the renewal cards before they come to the office.

This is causing some delay when several are in line, he explains, and he requests future cooperation.

Lagging Also Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey reports sales of Franklin's city tags are slow.

As of Monday, only about 200 had been sold. The deadline for purchasing the town plates is February 15, the same as for the state.

Macon 2nd In State In Bonds

Onslow At Top; 2nd Year County Has Been 2nd

For the second straight year, Macon County ranks second in the state in sales of U. S. Savings Bonds.

Figures released this week by the U. S. Treasury Department, Savings Bonds Division in Greensboro, show that only Onslow topped Macon during 1958.

Onslow exceeded its '58 quota by 172 per cent, while Macon's figure was 153. Onslow's quota was \$681,500, but the number one county raised \$1,137,905.08. Macon's quota was \$191,100, but cumulative sales for January 1-December 31 totaled \$291,618.69.

H. W. Cabe, of Franklin, is county U. S. Savings Bond chairman.

Thirty-one of the state's 100 counties exceeded quotas during the year. Total sales for North Carolina showed an increase of 3.4 per cent over 1957.

'Stay' For Center To Be Requested

A "stay of execution" is being requested by the Franklin Youth Center Association, which has been asked to vacate quarters in the basement of the town hall.

A committee plans to meet with the board of aldermen the first Monday in February and ask for an extension. The association has been requested to vacate the quarters by February 1 so the space can be used by the Civil Defense organization and the volunteer fire department.

Members of the committee include Allan Brooks, chairman, Dr. G. R. McSweeney, Mrs. C. K. Olson, Mrs. Bill Phillips, the Rev. Donn K. Langlitt, and John Bulgin.

A new president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce is slated to be elected tonight (Thursday) when new and retiring directors gather in joint-session.

Turning over the reigns of the organization to the new president, who will be picked from members of the seven-man board of directors, will be Dr. G. R. McSweeney, who pushed through a number of promotional projects during his '58 administration.

The session is set for 7:30 at Dr. McSweeney's office on Macon Avenue.

Plans also will be made for the annual membership banquet later in the year.

Members of the board are T. Y. Angel, J. C. Jacobs, Tom Jenkins, Jim Conley, and the Rev. R. R. Standley, new directors, and Erwin Paton and Steve Bundy, who are serving their second year of two-year terms.

OFFICE CLOSING The Selective Service Office will be closed February 3-17. Registrants who are due to register during this period are asked to report immediately after the 17. In case of emergency, they may call W. N. Sloan at Franklin 181.



The Lenoirs, of Baird Cove Road, awoke to find a big tree had fallen over their automobile. (Staff Photo)

Wind And Rain Pound County

Although pounded by high winds and drenched by several inches of rain, Macon County suffered little damage Wednesday of last week when Western North Carolina was nicked by a passing squall line that produced a twister in Kentucky.

After an overcast sky and light rain most of the day, the full force of the storm struck about 6:30, lashing the countryside with heavy wind gusts and a torrential downpour that swelled rivers and streams quickly and washed out several dirt roads and driveways.

Manson Stiles, local weather observer, reported a 24-hour rain of 3.27 inches, from 8 a. m. Wednesday to 8 a. m. Thursday. Wind toppled a tree on an automobile owned by Bill Lenoir, on Baird Cove Road (see picture).

Mac Ray Whitaker, superintendent of transmission and distribution for Nantahala Power and Light Company, said damage, though light, was widespread over the county. It was confined mostly to Macon, however, and few troubles were reported in other counties served by the company.

About 12 to 15 trees were blown across lines and one TV antenna fell in the Ellijay area, cutting power. Service was knocked out from Gneiss to Highlands, on Little Ellijay, and on Cartoogechaye. It was not restored until Thursday morning. Most of the power failures occurred about 7 o'clock.

Power company crews, hampered by rain and heavy fog, quit working about 10 o'clock that night.

"At that time, and under those conditions, it was just a losing proposition," Mr. Whitaker explained.

The men were back at work, however, at daybreak. Surprisingly enough, Western Carolina Telephone Company experienced only minor troubles from the storm.

"It was kind to us," reported A. C. Tysinger, of the Franklin maintenance office. Lighting knocked out some fuses, he said, but there were no line breaks.

The Little Tennessee River shot out of its banks during the night, but did little damage. The Macon County Airport main runway was temporarily closed because of the high water.

FOR FOOTBALL BANQUET — It's Official! Redskins' Star Coming February 21

It's official now—Washington Redskins' star Eddie Sutton will speak here February 21 at the annual Rotary-sponsored banquet of the Franklin High football team.

Arrangements to obtain the Jackson County native and professional football star as speaker were completed this week by Rotarian John M. Archer, Jr. Mr. Sutton is attending medical school in Tennessee during the off-season.

Meanwhile, plans for staging the banquet are being pushed, now that a definite date has been set.

Rotarian President Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter said invitations are going out to the Panthers and the Franklin High cheerleaders to attend, as well

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Radio WFSC Building New Offices

Construction At Lake Emory Site; Boost Requested

Construction of a \$15,000 studio building on its Lake Emory transmitter site has been contracted by radio station WFSC, according to Edwin F. Healy, manager.

Wiley Clark, local contractor, has been awarded the job. Mr. Healy expects the new building to be ready for use in the early Spring. Since going into operation more than two years ago, WFSC has occupied offices on the second floor of the Nantahala Building.

The manager said the move will enable the station to give better service by putting personnel closer to the transmitter in the event of equipment failures.

He also announced plans for increasing the wattage of the station from 500 to 1,000. Permission for this boost already has been requested of the Federal Communications Commission and the go-ahead is expected any day.

Local Teams Victorious In 3 Games

Franklin High's lads and lassies emerged victorious from three games this past week.

In the local gym last Thursday night, the girls defeated Sylva 94 to 70 and the boys won 55 to 40. Sunday night in Highlands, the girls won 54 to 42 and the boys 49 to 46. Tuesday night here, Cherokee fell to the girls 93 to 43. The boys won 63 to 40.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, the teams play Swain High in Bryson City. Next Tuesday they'll meet Cullowhee here.

FRANKLIN—SYLVA Girls Game SYLVA (70) F — Dean 48, Sluder 18, Daves 4, G—Frisby, Buchanan, Clark, Hall, Sauter.

FRANKLIN (94) F — Leatherman 22, M. Cabe 31, Stockton 31, J. Carpenter 3, Lenoir 5, Fox 2; G—Cole, Selsler, Sheffield, J. Cabe, Bowman, Reynolds.

Halftime: 45-28, Franklin. SYLVA (40) — Brooks 32, Stovall 1, J. Gunter 2, L. Gunter, Calhoun 4, Tucker 1.

FRANKLIN (55) — Ledford 14, Henry 4, Pearson 7, Elliott 7, Brooks 13, Duvall, Baird 6, Higdon 2, Richardson, Williams, Roten 2.

Halftime: 29-22, Franklin. FRANKLIN HIGHLANDS Girls Game FRANKLIN (54) F — Leatherman 12, M. Cabe 15, Stockton 16, Carpenter 8, G — Cabe, Selsler, Sheffield, J. Cabe.

HIGHLANDS (42) F — Cleveland 18, Gibson 21, Carpenter 3, Crawford, G—T. Harbison, J. Harbison, Potts, Chastain.

Halftime: 26-17, Franklin. Boys Game FRANKLIN (49) — Ledford 14, Henry 5, Pearson 13, Elliott 12, Brooks 5, Byrd, Roten.

HIGHLANDS (46) — Hooper 13, Carpenter 13, Newton 4, Lowe 9, Calloway 4, Zachary 3, Cleveland.

Halftime: 25-19, Franklin. FRANKLIN—CHEROKEE Girls Game CHEROKEE (43) F — Washington 17, Walkingslick 19, Huseky, Long, Griffin, G. Bigmeat 7, Crow, Ross, Swimmer, Standingdeer, West.

FRANKLIN (93) — Leatherman 14, M. Cabe 22, Stockton 20, J. Carpenter 11, Lenoir 9, Fox 5, Cloer 2, B. Carpenter 9, Myers 1; G—Cole, Sheffield, Selsler, J. Cabe, Reynolds, Whitmire, Malloee.

Halftime: 50-12, Franklin. Boys Game CHEROKEE (40) — Taylor 9, C. Owl 2, French 14, Bradley 8, Arch 1, Robe, Sneed, Armachain 2, Smith, R. Sneed, Beck 4.

FRANKLIN (63) — Ledford 9, Henry, Pearson 13, Elliott 2, Brooks 7, Beard 4, Higdon 15, Richardson 4, Roten 5, Duvall 4.

Halftime: 36-19, Franklin. V. F. W. Members Going To Meeting

Several members of the local post and auxiliary plan to attend a meeting of the 17th V. F. W. District in Asheville Saturday and Sunday.

Those going from here will include Commander L. B. Welch, Zeb Meadows, Dick Slagle, Howard Barnard, Mrs. Marie Barnard, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, and Mrs. Anne Murray.

FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY — Raby Has Nothing 'Cocked, Primed'

Macon Rep. James M. (Jim) Raby has nothing "cocked and primed" for the coming session of the General Assembly, which opens February 4.

This will be the "singing legislator's" first term, but he's no stranger to Raleigh or the General Assembly. He's had several terms as assistant sergeant-at-arms.

As one of the area's best-known singing convention leaders, "Mr. Jim" will be missed in the mountains during his tenure in Raleigh. However, he plans to make frequent trips back home to report on progress.

In the House of Representatives, he'll occupy Seat No. 108 and he said this week he'll probably live at the Y. M. C. A.

"Mr. Jim" will leave for Raleigh Sunday.

Representative Raby

PARENTS FROM HERE — Railroad Crossing Tragedy Claims Lives Of Children

The lives of three children of Macon County natives were snuffed out Friday in Baltimore, Md., when a speeding train rammed a taxi at a railroad crossing.

Killed instantly in the tragedy were three of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones—George Dennis, 7, and twins Catherine and John, 6. Also killed was William M. Dail, 37, driver of the cab.

Baltimore newspaper accounts said a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train rocketing toward Baltimore at 80 m.p.h. hit the taxi as it crossed the three-track crossing. The taxi was dragged almost a mile from the point of impact and the "cab was rolled into a ball of metal". The three children were trapped in the back seat and crushed.

The BALTIMORE NEWS-POST said Mr. Jones had an arrangement with the taxi company to pick the children

up each afternoon from a bus stop and to bring them home. He feared they might be hurt if permitted to walk home across the tracks.

The father of the children formerly lived in the Carson community and had been working in Baltimore 10 years. Mrs. Jones is the former Miss DeHillan Roper, of the Burningtown section.

Funeral services for the three children were held here Tuesday afternoon at the Louisa Chapel Methodist Church by the Rev. R. L. Poindexter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to the parents, surviving are three other children—David, Gladys, and James; the maternal grandfather, Raleigh Roper, of Monticello, Ga.; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, of Franklin and Baltimore.

Arrangements were handled by Potts Funeral Home.

FOR SHUFORD SERIES — Franklin Editor Recipient Of Top Editorial Award

Weimar Jones, editorial editor of the FRANKLIN PRESS, has won the state's top weekly newspaper editorial award for 1958.

A consistent winner, his winning entry was composed of several editorials dealing with the unpublished illness of Congressman George A. Shuford just prior to the primary election last spring. His theme

was "50,000 Voters Deceived". Commented the judge in a printed critique: "The outstanding editorial published was carried by the FRANKLIN PRESS. It charged that 50,000 voters had been deceived because the real conditions of a candidate's health had been concealed unjustly after the election. Much

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ROUTES ARE GIVEN — Are You Ready For House Mai?

Is your mailbox in place? House number up? Ready to write your house number and street address on all correspondence?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions you're ready for house-to-house mail delivery, which starts Saturday week in Franklin.

Postmaster Zeb Meadows this week called for public cooperation in making the change as efficiently as possible.

He emphasized once again the importance of displaying house numbers. Those to be served by the walking carrier (Tom McKay) must have numbers and boxes on their homes. Those receiving truck delivery in the outlying sections (John Cunningham) should have rural-type mail boxes, with house numbers affixed, at the curb line.

The walking carrier will cover the following streets and houses: Wayah Street, 1-60; Forest Avenue, all numbers; East Main Street, 1-299; First Street, all; Van Raalte Street, 1-36; Hillside Street, all; Cherry Street, 1-55; Second Street, all; Riverview Street, 69-116; Toija Street, all; White Oak

The Weather

FRANKLIN

Wed., 21st 63 48 15

Thursday 60 21 3.27

Friday 43 13 0.00

Saturday 37 13 0.00

Sunday 63 19 0.00

Monday 64 19 0.00

Tuesday 62 25 0.00

Wednesday 36 0.00

COWETA

Wed., 21 58 42 4.07

Thursday 63 22 4.07

Friday 34 14 0.00

Saturday 45 13 0.00

Sunday 54 22 0.00

Monday 60 20 0.00

Tuesday 63 27 0.00

Wednesday 64 36 0.00

HIGHLANDS

Wed., 21st 58 44 *

Thursday 39 17 *

Friday 41 15 *

Saturday 51 20 *

Sunday 54 28 *

Monday 56 25 *

Tuesday 56 29 *

Wednesday 57 37 *

* no record

So Says Mr. Maconian

Hi-ya Neighbors: 'Cross the ridge in Jackson County, things are goin' like a clatter mill. Those Jackson-ites have up and got themselves an industry interested in their section and they're out to land that payroll.

'Course' they realize as how they might lose it, but that's part of the game. Things look good. The company president has been there for the second time and promised to let 'em know somethin' one way or the other.

The most important thing is that Jackson County, through its chamber of commerce and the Jaycees, is organized to land a "fish" once they feel it nibbling at the bait. That's what I call usin' the ol' noggin.

And I thank you.

Mr. Maconian



Eddie Sutton