

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.




AN ALDERMAN has jokingly observed that it may be cheaper for the town to fix chipped teeth of motorists than to repair the teeth-chipping holes in the streets all over town. Most of the holes are products of winter weather, but that one near the jail was caused by pavement settling where a ditch had been dug.

A SURPRISING number of people still aren't aware of the existence of the town's big parking lot behind the Baptist church. Don't complain about the lack of parking places on Main Street. Just swing around the block and save yourself time and money.

FRANKLIN getting the basketball play-offs again this year will give a good shot in the arm to the athletic machine, which always seems to make its ledger entries with red ink.

BOYS IN Mrs. Olson's class at Franklin Elementary were busy Friday shredding newspapers. The class plans to study anatomy soon and is making its own paper-mache torso.

BET IF the '59 General Assembly has any singing to do, Macon's Jim Raby will be leading it.

ATTENTION Explorer Scouts! Several tourists have been noted taking pictures of the Indian Mound. Aren't you glad you took its grooming as a project?

FRANKLIN'S new chamber of commerce president, J. C. Jacobs, has some excellent plans for the '59 tourist season. Everyone should pledge him their cooperation.

BUSINESSSES depending upon Sunday receipts breathed a collective sigh of relief when the power company decided not to shut off the power and work on its lines.

TOWN CLERK C. O. Ramsey, who calls this column "the Indian Mound column" because of our recent lengthy campaign to get same cleaned up, wants us to tell Franklinites to hurry down to the town office and purchase their '59 town tags.

MACON COUNTY doesn't have locks on Bridal Veil Falls. There is another in California's Yosemite Park. However, they spell it Bridalveil.

A FOLDING fork is a prized possession of Mrs. W. W. McConnell. Her father, Dr. T. W. (Dr. Snipe) McCloud carried it through the Civil War. It's about the size of a pocket knife.

A FORMER slave and native of this county, Mrs. Minnie (Aunt Minnie) Parrish had a birthday Monday of last week in Bryson City. Her age is unknown and could be 110. Aunt Minnie was born in the Iotia section and says she remembers when the men here went off to the Civil War.

WFSC HAS a new program director. He's Charles A. Rush, of Laurens. S. C. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have a seven-week-old daughter, Robin.

Eastern Star And Masonic Supper Slated Wednesday

A covered dish supper for members of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge and their families will be held Wednesday night, February 11, at 6:30 at the Masonic Hall.

The supper originally was scheduled for February 14, but was changed because of conflict with other meetings.

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

It appears to me those civic signs put up on the highways leading into Franklin several years back was one of the best projects tackled by our civic clubs.

But, we've kinda let 'em go to seed here of late. The paint's comin' off the things and a couple are cattywompus. Seems a shame to let a good thing turn against us.

And I thank you.

Mr. Maconian



THEY'RE TOPS AT FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Harry C. Corbin is shown talking with the top honor students of the 1959 graduating class, Misses Rebecca Reeves and Barbara Waldrop. Miss Reeves, (center) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reeves, of Franklin, is valedictorian. Her scholastic average is 97.5. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Waldrop, of Route 1, Barbara is salutatorian, with an average of 95.3. (Staff Photo)

IN THE GROUNDHOG STAND —

Are You 'Fer Us' Or 'Ag'in Us'?

Brer Groun-hog didn't see his shadow Monday.

Leastwise, that's what the big city papers report.

And it's no wonder!

Wasn't even "Groundhog Day".

Any mountain-born soul knows its the 14th and not the 2nd when the prognosticating animal is supposed to come out of his hole and make a prediction about the weather.



We don't aim to start any

argument about it this year; you're either "fer us" or "a'gin us".

If you're "fer us", wait until the 14th and let's see what happens between Brer Groun-hog and his all-knowing shadow.

If you're "a'gin us" he didn't see his shadow, which in groundhog language (be it the 2nd or the 14th) means Spring is just around the corner and there's not much Winter left.

It's Going To Happen Saturday . . .

Looks like city mail delivery in Franklin is really going through this time.

A truck, carrier bags, mail cases for the two new routes, and the two required carriers are ready for the official beginning Saturday.

Apparently, there's no hitch that can develop and cause another postponement in the on-again-off-again change that has been coming since last October.

Unless, of course, carriers John Cunningham and Tom McKay strike the snag suggested by the tongue-in-cheek comment of a patron yesterday:

"You may have trouble getting mail into my box. The hinges have rusted."

SHORTOFF SINGING

The second Sunday singing convention will be held at the Short-off Baptist Church this Sunday at 2 p. m. All singers and the public are invited. The church is about two and a half miles north on US 64 between Highlands and Cashiers.

ANOTHER COURSE

The third session of the leaders training course for adults interested in Girl Scout work will be held Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church. Mrs. Heinz Rollman, of Waynesville, again will be in charge.

IN MAINTENANCE WORK — 'Stitch In Time' Theme Keeps Schools Going

The philosophy of "a stitch in time" is the backbone of the maintenance program of the Macon County School System, according to Supt. H. Bueck.

With an insured value of something like two million dollars on the buildings alone, the maintenance program becomes just as vital in the overall operation of the system as the curriculum itself. Add another \$128,500 to cover the contents of the 12 school buildings and the Franklin High gymnasium and it takes on all the aspects

of big business. Annual maintenance costs, including salaries of four men, comes to about \$27,000.

Playing Nursemaid

Playing "nursemaid" to the buildings and the variety of ailments that plague them are two capable men, Charles W. Nolen and Dorsey Elmore. Both are full-time employees of the school system. Mr. Nolen specializes in plumbing, heating,

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FURNACE MAINTENANCE keeps Jack Mashburn and Charles Nolen hopping in the winter. Above they're shown working on Franklin Elementary's furnace. (Staff Photo)

'STAY' GIVEN TEEN CENTER BY ALDERMEN

Building Plans Are Brewing; Meeting Set

A "stay of execution" has been granted the Franklin Youth Center.

In session Monday night, aldermen voted to allow the organization use of the basement quarters of the town hall until September 1, thereby changing the February 1 eviction date.

MEETING CALLED

A special meeting of the Franklin Youth Center Association has been called for Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the basement of the town hall. Plans for building a youth center are to be discussed, along with other business. All parents and teen-agers are urged to turn out so a representative vote can be had on any decisions.

Meanwhile, officers of the Franklin Youth Center Association are pushing plans for building a youth center at an early date. Franklin Memorial Park has been mentioned as a possible site for the center.

Meeting with aldermen to request a temporary "reprieve" were Allan Brooks, Dr. G. R. McSweeney, Mrs. C. K. Olson, Mrs. Bill Phillips, the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, and John Bulgin.

World Prayer Service Set In Franklin

"World Day of Prayer" will be observed February 13 under the sponsorship of the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches of Franklin.

Under a rotation system, this year's service moves to the Methodist church. It will be held at 8 p. m. and persons of all denominations are invited to attend.

Offerings taken at "World Day of Prayer" services go to finance interdenominational ministerial work in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. About 50 per cent of the annual budget comes from this one source.

Cage Play-offs Are Coming Here

For the second straight year, the Smoky Mountain Conference eastern division basketball play-offs will be held in the Franklin High gymnasium.

The dates? February 16-21. Also, some state elimination play-offs have been scheduled in the local gym February 26-27-28. However, details on this are still sketchy, according to Principal Harry C. Corbin.

Boys' and girls' teams from Franklin, Swain, Cullowhee, Highlands, Glenville, Webster, Sylva, and Cherokee will play in the division play-offs.

The finals are set for the Swain High gym.

Line Work Is Slated; Power Off

Threatening weather Sunday prompted Nantahala Power and Light Company to postpone line work planned for the afternoon.

However, the company has announced it will undertake the project this Sunday from 1 to 5 p. m.

To do the maintenance work, it will be necessary to shut off power over most of Macon County.

Except for the main business section and the hospital area, all of Franklin will be without service.

Highlands area will not be affected.

Vets To Elect New Officers

An election of officers will feature a meeting tomorrow (Friday) night of the Veterans of World War 1 of U.S.A., Macon County Barracks No. 906, at the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock.

The new slate will serve during '59.



PRINCIPALS IN FRIDAY night's annual award banquet were (L to R) James Grimes, of Thomasville, national Jaycee director; the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, who was named "Macon County's Young Man of the Year"; Tom McKay, banquet chairman; and Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., of Raleigh, state Jaycee President. (Staff Photo)

J. C. Jacobs New C Of C President

Franklin businessman J. C. Jacobs is the new president of the chamber of commerce.

Elected by the board of directors last Thursday night, he already has several projects moving for the '59 tourist season and plans soon to hold an open meeting to sample feeling on how the chamber can best serve the community.

Named to serve with Mr. Jacobs are T. Y. Angel, vice-president, and Erwin Patton, treasurer. Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, has been re-named executive secretary.

Directors Tom Jenkins, the Rev. R. R. Standley, and Steve Bundy have been appointed by the president to plan the annual membership banquet.

One of the first actions taken by the board last week was re-ordering 10,000 of the "Ruby, Recreation, and Rest" promotional folders. Also, the directors discussed the continuation of the "Welcome to Franklin" project started last year.

The meeting, held at the office of the retiring president, Dr. G. R. McSweeney, brought together the old and new directors.

KOONCE IS SPEAKER — Minister Wins Jaycee Award

Some 75 Jaycees, their wives, and special guests honored the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt as "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" as a feature of the annual awards banquet of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce Friday night at Slagle Memorial Building.

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and an untiring community and civic leader, Mr. Langfitt was selected for the honor from among five nominated by civic and service organizations. He was nominated by the Methodist Men's Club and the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Also highlighting the Slagle Memorial banquet was an address by Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Special appreciation awards also were made to THE FRANKLIN PRESS and radio station

WFSC on behalf of the Jaycees. These presentations were made by Jaycee Jim Williamson.

Steven A. Bundy, superintendent of Franklin Hosiery Company, was picked as the "Boss of the Year" by a vote of the Jaycee membership. Jaycee Charles Ledbetter made the presentation. Dan Stewart accepted the award for Mr. Bundy, who was unable to attend at the last minute because of business.

Key Men

The Jaycee local president, J. P. Brady, gave "Key Man" awards to Tom McKay and Robert W. (Bob) Moore for their contributions to club activities during the year.

James Grimes, of Thomasville, a national Jaycee director, explained the purpose of the "Young Man of the Year" award and presented a Distinguished Service Award key and certificate to the winner, Mr. Langfitt.

Four Recognized

Also recognized during the banquet program were the other four nominees for the award, Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., who received a certificate for his work with Boy Scouts, Jim Conley, Clayton Ramsey, and Mr. Moore.

Er. Hill was nominated by the Lions Club and the Presbyterian Men's Club; Mr. Conley by the V.F.W. Auxiliary; and Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Moore by the Rotary Club.

Seventh Year

This marked the seventh year the "Young Man of the Year" award has been made by the Jaycees. Other winners have been Dr. G. R. McSweeney (1952-53); J. P. Brady (1953-54); Edwin T. Williams (1954-55); Wayne Profit (1955-56); Robert C. Carpen-

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IT'S UNPRECEDENTED — 14 Local Scouts To Get Awards

A ceremony unprecedented in this area will highlight the local observers of National Boy Scout Week, which opens tomorrow (Friday).

This ceremony will see 14 Boy Scouts receive God and Country awards as a body at the Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30. It will mark the first time in the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District that this many Scouts have received the coveted award at the same time.

All of the Scouts started on the God and Country award — the highest special award in Scouting — under the leadership of the Rev. S. B. Moss when he was pastor of the Methodist church. Mr. Moss, who is now pastor of the Big Spring Methodist Church in Charlotte, will attend the ceremony and has

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Macon County's Heart Fund chairman, Roy M. Biddle, Jr., was given a hand this week by policemen in distributing Heart Fund coin collectors. Mr. Biddle is pictured with officer Nelson Ledford. (Staff Photo)

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Macon County, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 28th	61	35	.00
Thursday	60	37	.00
Friday	57	46	trace
Saturday	60	39	trace
Sunday	49	34	.15
Monday	44	33	trace
Tuesday	47	32	.17
Wednesday	41	12	

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 28th	64	36	.00
Thursday	58	30	.00
Friday	58	44	.02
Saturday	59	38	trace
Sunday	59	36	.01
Monday	47	30	.00
Tuesday	44	31	.29
Wednesday	47	40	.24

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 28th	52	37	*
Thursday	52	30	*
Friday	52	45	*
Saturday	52	40	*
Sunday	44	33	*
Monday	40	30	*
Tuesday	44	30	*
Wednesday	44	39	*

* no record