



DON'T THROW away your old Franklin city tags. Mrs. Frank I. Murray wants them for the library. She says they make perfect book ends when bent.

POLICE OFFICERS are getting ready to sally forth with warrants against "forgetful" motorists who have forgotten to pay parking tickets. Seems quite a number have suffered a memory lapse.

JUST TO SET the record straight, that teeth-chipper across from the jail isn't the fault of the town. The county dug the ditch that has settled, so forward your dental bills to the proper authorities.

MISS BEULAH Zachary, producer of the Kukla, Fran, and Ollie TV show and also "Beulah Witch" of the show, was killed in the prop-jet airplane crash last week in New York City. A native of Brevard, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woods Zachary, former residents of Franklin.

MRS. FRANK Martin's biology class at Franklin High is watching closely the habits of between 100 and 150 praying mantises that have hatched. The "mama" mantis was found by Teddy Clark in his Christmas tree. The brood feeds on raw meat.

A LOT OF folks like our new inside "dressing" — pictures of PRESS correspondents in their columns.

A NEW airplane arrived in Franklin last week. Jim Conley brought in a Super Cruiser from Valdosta, Ga. Police Chief Sid Carter flew him down.

"THE PATTON TWINS", Mrs. Ted Blaine and Mrs. Harley Stewart, were in town Saturday selling vanilla for their church building fund. Did a pretty good job, too.

MORE AND MORE motorists are discovering the convenience of parking in the lots behind the business district. Saves paying for a parking ticket in case you overstay your planned time shopping or visiting.

ANYONE WHO hasn't seen Washington or New York should jump at the chance to join the trip being sponsored by the home demonstration women. On a regular trip, a person's lodging alone would cost as much as the entire price of their tour. Several men are wanting to make the trip, so don't you men shy away from this chance because you think it's just for women. On second thought, what would be wrong with being the only male?

Mail Delivery Off And Runnin'
House-to-house mail service started fairly smoothly in Franklin Saturday.
The carriers, John Cunningham and Tom McKay, are dropping into routine of their routes with little trouble.

Play-offs Set Here Monday
Eastern division basketball play-offs will get under way Monday in the Franklin High gymnasium.
School officials have no information now on pairings for the play-offs, which will run through the 21st.
Franklin's girls are in second place in division play.

so says **"MR. MACONIAN"**

Hi-ya Neighbors:
All these newspaper fellers seem to be doin' some unnecessary hollerin' about life and death in '58.

In big black type they report that there was a heap more bornin' than dyin'. It don't appear to me that that's much to be hootin' about, mainly because the whole object of the game is to do more livin' than the other. And I'd bet a pretty there's been more livin' than dyin' for a long time. So why all the ruckus?

And I thank you.
Mr. Maconian

HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO NEW YORK?

Anyone's Invited To Go In March; Interested?

Interested in a trip to Washington and New York City, with a top-drawer tour of the latter's United Nations headquarters?

If about 30 Maconians are willing, the trip will be sponsored the third week in March (16th through 21st) by the county's home demonstration clubs.

The cost? \$66.25 for a package trip that covers everything but meals.

According to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home economics agent, Macon County is the only county in the state planning a tour this year. At present, she has 12 firm reservations for the trip. To assure it, however, she must have at least 30 signed up by the 28th of the month.

She emphasized this week that anyone is invited to take the trip, not just home demonstration club members.

"We (club women) are just sponsoring the trip, anyone is invited to join the tour."

Here's what the \$66.25 package rate covers:

Round-trip rail fare, Asheville-New York.

Round-trip bus, Franklin-Asheville.

Handling of baggage from train to bus, and bus to train, in Asheville, New York, and Washington.

Transfer to pier and return (in New York) for Circle Tour.

Transfer from hotel (in New York) to United Nations building and return.

Transfer from station (in New York) to hotel and return.

Special four-hour sightseeing tour in New York, with admissions.

Lodging in New York, two nights.

Transfer from station (in Washington) to hotel and return.

Special all-day sightseeing tour in Washington, with admissions.

Lodging in Washington, one night.

Anyone interested in more details may get in touch with Mrs. Sherrill at the Agricultural Building.

Macon Has Two 'Reps' In Raleigh

Macon County has two "representatives" in Raleigh.

Twelve-year-old Bobby Dalton, Rep. James M. (Jim) Raby's grandson, has landed a job as a page in the House of Representatives.

Bobby is in Mrs. Nina T. McCoy's seventh grade at East Franklin School.

CALLING TEEN-AGERS
The Franklin Youth Center in the basement of the town hall will be open Friday night at 7:30.



Truckaway Shirley Fox And Her Owner

SHE'S A CHAMPION — 'Shirl' Is A Gal Who Got What She Wanted

A perky 13-inch Beagle gal with a good voice and an exceptionally sensitive nose has brought a "first" home to Macon County.

In an American Kennel Club licensed field trial this month in Durham, Truckaway Shirley Fox (that's her name, honest) won a second place and with it met the requirements of an American Kennel Club field champion. She's the first from Macon County to do it.

Which explains why "Shirl's" owner, Beagle raiser Coburn Holden, of Franklin, is pridefully minus a few shirt buttons.

Since birth, May 16, 1956, "Shirl" has been tracking toward stardom. Although almost too young to run, she copped first place in a field trial at Galax, Va., in late 1957. Since this impressive beginning, she's competed again: some of the best registered Beagles in the U.S. has to offer and in one trial had competition from 37 states.

Following her first victory in Virginia, she took reserve honors Nov. 14, 1957, in Gainesville, Ga. Because of her youth, Mr. Holden brought her back to Franklin and for the next year practiced her in the art of

running rabbits. Figuring "Shirl" was now ready to make her bid for greatness, he started her on the field trial circuit in November, 1958. When he was unable to handle her at a trial, he hired a handler.

A.K.C. requirements for a field champion are three first places and 120 trial points, accumulated by the positions of an animal places in trials. From November to last week's trial, "Shirl" collected three firsts, 10 licensed A.K.C. ribbons for 133 points, and won two derby ribbons, one a blue.

Here's her championship progress: Oct. 13-16, 1957, first at Galax, Va.; Nov. 14, 1957, reserve at Gainesville, Ga.; Nov. 1, 1958, fourth at Newton, N. C.; Nov. 6, 1958, first at Oakboro, N. C.; Nov. 27, 1958, first at Rembert, S. C.; Dec. 4, 1958, third at Simpsonville S. C.; Dec. 11, 1958, reserve or fifth at Easley, S. C.; Dec. 15, 1958, second at Gramling, S. C.; Jan. 3, 1959, third at Macon, Ga.; Feb. 2, 1959, second at Durham.

"Shirl" has been much too busy in the past to think of romance. But now, what with retirement as a field champion... well!

Patrolman's Back, But His Car Didn't Make It

Pfc. H. T. Ferguson went to Raleigh Friday to pick up his new '59 highway patrol car.

Neither the patrol car nor the patrolman made it back as scheduled.

The unmarked patrol car became a candidate for the junk yard, a total loss.

Though bruised and battered, Pfc. Ferguson is glad to be alive and he's even more convinced that seat belts in automobiles saves lives.

The sequence of events started Friday night in Catawba County. Pfc. Ferguson was driving west, toward home, on US 64.

Suddenly, a truck heading east went out-of-control, rode the shoulder for about 200 feet, then crossed and smashed head-on into the patrol car.

"I saw him coming but couldn't do anything about it," the patrolman recalls. "I was slowing down to stop when I got hit... the impact knocked my car back four feet."

Both vehicles were total losses. From the firewall forward, the patrol car was a twisted mass of metal and the engine was knocked sideways.

Pfc. Ferguson was not seriously injured, although first reports said he received a fractured leg or ankle and a concussion.

He received several cuts and bruises about the body.

Seat belts are standard equipment in patrol cars. Pfc. Ferguson is sure he owes his life to using them.

"If I hadn't had the belt fastened, they would have buried me."

The officer was brought from SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8



SPEAKING CONTEST WINNERS

Miss Jane Long (left) was winner and Miss Jo Ann Curtis was runner-up in the Franklin High competition of the 22nd annual National High School Oratorical Contest sponsored by the American Legion. Also participating in the contest Monday morning were Misses Barbara Jean Cunningham and Clara Cabe and Doug Slagle. Judges were School Supt. H. Bueck, Bill Horsley, and J. P. Brady. Miss Long will compete now in the district competition. (Staff Photo)

FEDERATION SALE WILL BE TALKED

Local Stockholders Meeting Called For Tuesday

A meeting of Macon County stockholders of Farmers Federation has been called for Tuesday, February 17, to approve or disapprove sale of the Federation's business to the Farmers Cooperative Exchange (F.C.X.) of Raleigh.

Holders of both preferred and common stock are urged to attend the meeting at the Franklin Federation store at 10:30 a.m.

James McClure Clarke, of Asheville, Federation president, will be on hand to discuss the details of the proposed sale, which already has been approved by the Federation board of directors.

Should the sale be approved by the stockholders at a meeting in Asheville February 26, the F.C.X. will take over the operation of the Federation's stores and other facilities in Western North Carolina on March 1. Preferred stockholders in the Federation will receive 10-year four (4) per cent F.C.X. debentures in exchange for their stock and holders of common stock will get four (4) per cent F.C.X. preferred stock after all liabilities of the cooperative are paid.

Mr. Clarke said increasing difficulty in operating the freezer locker business and the poultry business of the Federation had made it advisable for the Federation to consolidate with a larger farm cooperative organization.

With vertical integration and increasing sizes of all businesses it is hard for a small cooperative to offer adequate services for its patrons, he explained.

The Farmers Cooperative Exchange operates 66 retail farm cooperative stores in North and South Carolina. It also owns a large feed mill and an interest in two other feed mills, a fertilizer mill, and an insecticide manufacturing plant. Sales of the F.C.X. in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, totalled more than \$50,000,000. The Federation has 23 outlets in Western North Carolina. If the sale is approved, F.C.X. will offer similar services as the Farmers Federation has in the past.

World Prayer Service Will Be Friday

An official proclamation by Mayor W. C. Burrell sets tomorrow (Friday) as "World Day of Prayer" in Franklin.

A special service under the sponsorship of the Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches is slated for 8 p.m. at the Methodist church. Participating will be the wives of the church pastors, Mrs. Jack Tucker, Mrs. Robert E. Early, Mrs. R. R. Standley, and Mrs. Donn K. Langfitt.

The Methodist pastor, the Rev. R. E. Early, will give the invocation. Dr. A. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal minister, will give the benediction. R. M. Biddle, Jr., will have charge of the music.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Mule Meets Car; Mule Is Loser

Joe W. Bowers' '49 Chevy and a mule met on US 64 east early Monday night.

The mule lost. Mr. Bowers', although shaken, was not hurt. His car, however, battered practically beyond repair.

And Patrolman W. C. Leming was not hurt. His car, however, battered practically beyond repair.

"I don't think I'll be able to finish supper," he said.

IN TENNESSEE

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Tucker and Dr. A. Rufus Morgan spent from Wednesday through Saturday of last week in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where they attended the annual meeting of the Council of the Southern Mountains. This Council is made up of a group of persons interested in the economic, educational, industrial and religious growth throughout the southern mountains.



HERE'S A CALF BORN WITH FIVE LEGS

The Fred Cunningham's, of the Georgia road, have a five-legged calf. It was born Monday. The fifth leg is on the animal's left hind leg and is complete even to a hoof (see inset). Shown with the calf is the Cunningham's four-year-old son, Milton. (Staff Photo)

DR. M'SWEEEN IS PRESIDENT — Teen Group Plans Center; New Officers Are Named

Sparkled by plans to construct a youth center at an early date, the Franklin Youth Center Association girded itself for action Sunday afternoon at a special meeting.

An election of new officers was held, preliminary building plans were submitted and tentatively approved, and several

committees were appointed, including one to handle financing construction of a center.

Dr. G. R. McSween was elected president of the association for '59. Named to serve with him were John Bulgin, vice-president; Mrs. T. H. Fagg, secretary-treasurer; and B. L. McGlamery and the Rev. Robert

E. Early, directors. Tentative building plans were proposed by Allan Brooks. He proposed construction of a 30 by 50 foot building of concrete blocks. Additions to the center could be made later when more funds are available, he explained.

Mr. Brooks estimated that \$3,200 could build this type of building. This does not include a heating system.

Site for the proposed building is the Franklin Memorial Park off West Main Street. Mr. Brooks said his committee had studied the site and found there is ample room for future expansion, as well as adequate parking space. It was pointed out there would be no legal difficulties in locating a center there since A. A. Siler, in donating the land for the park, favored construction of a teen center some day.

The Rev. Donn K. Langfitt was named by Dr. McSween to head a fund-raising committee for the building. Mrs. Lester Henderson was appointed head of a chaperon committee to provide supervision at teen gatherings at the present center in the basement of the town hall.

Thirty-three persons showed up for Sunday's called meeting at the teen center.

IN FRANKLIN TUESDAY — Union Organizer Charges He Was Beaten, Kidnapped

From his hospital bed in Chattanooga, Tenn., a labor union organizer Tuesday night charged he had been beaten, kidnapped, and escorted out of Franklin that morning.

He was identified in an Associated Press story released Wednesday morning from Chattanooga as Robert Dixon Beame, 53, of Greensboro, a representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers. Mr. Beame had been here several days attempting to start union organization activity at Franklin Hosiery Plant on the outskirts of town.

Put In Car
Among other things, he has charged that four men entered his motel room (The Town) Tuesday morning, forcibly dressed him, put him in his car, and ordered him to follow them out of town.

(What took place at the motel has not been clearly established. If the union organizer was kidnapped from his room, it falls within federal jurisdiction, and is not a local matter. It is understood, however, that four carloads of men escorted Mr. Beame out US 23-441 toward Jackson County and that he broke out of the line of traffic, turned around, and drove to the county courthouse.)

Asks Protection
At the courthouse, Mr. Beame SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

DO WE NEED UNIONS IN MACON COUNTY?

This newspaper feels that the answer is "No". Now that we have industry to some degree in Macon County, the question of unionism will come up ever so often. The appearance of a labor organizer here is an example.

This newspaper hopes that the following considerations, among others, will be given due and careful thought in our decisions.

1. Many of the conditions which made the rise of unions possible have either been eliminated or corrected by law. People are not now forced to band together to obtain either a decent wage or decent working conditions. Today they are guaranteed by law.

2. Before a person advocates the forming of a union here they should consider carefully the economic and employment conditions in the areas that are heavily unionized as compared to conditions here. It is in these unionized areas that unemployment is the biggest problem. Could it be that over use of unions to force wages up has in some cases, driven the industry out of business, thereby creating unemployment or more automation and partial employment?

3. On a national scale today, the danger seems to lie in the fact that the union leaders, rather than industrial leaders, may be able to become too dominating a factor in our economic world. Recent events indicate that many of them will sell out their membership for their own benefit.

4. Macon County, today, does not need unions, but force is not the best way to solve the problem.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Macon Storm, U. S. Weather observer; in Highlands by Taylor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TV A observers; and at the Lowville Hydrological Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period starting at a.m. of the day listed.

	FRANKLIN		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 4th	44	41	.14
Thursday	58	27	.42
Friday	48	20	.00
Saturday	52	21	.00
Sunday	49	28	.00
Monday	57	45	.11
Tuesday	70	52	trace
Wednesday	41	18	.18
COWETA			
Wed., 4th	47	40	.24
Thursday	44	22	.00
Friday	58	24	.00
Saturday	47	12	.00
Sunday	52	25	.00
Monday	52	35	.00
Tuesday	64	50	.01
Wednesday	67	32	.75
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., 4th	49	39	*
Thursday	51	26	*
Friday	42	26	*
Saturday	44	18	*
Sunday	53	31	*
Monday	54	45	*
Tuesday	60	48	*
Wednesday	—	38	*