



WE HAD a church dynamiting here a while back, but it was strictly business. Wiley Clark had to use a small charge to open a hole in the wall at Bethel Methodist Church, where he was doing some work.

A FELLOW who frequently sits at the checker board here in front of Pendergrass' store is a patient at the Blue Ridge Rest Home in Pickens, S. C., and might like to hear from some of the boys of the checker board. He's J. Henry Stephens, who's known as "the checker king" in his home town of Easley, S. C.

WELL, SYLVA did it, just as planned. The progressive town now has a full-time promotions director. How about it Franklin, going to keep being the cow's tail of W.N.C. in promoting your many wonderful features?

THE DISTRICT'S new solicitor, Glenn W. Brown, held his first court in Haywood last week. He's in neighboring Jackson County this week, Macon will meet him at the April term of Superior Court.

THE LATE C. C. Poindexter's picture has been hung in the trophy room of the Bethel gym. The Macon County native died Christmas Eve after many years service to this area as a coach and educator.

'SPEED WEEK' in Daytona Beach has attracted a lot of Maconians, including Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pennington, Carl Green, Jack Gribble, Frank L. Henry, Jr., Clyde Sanders, Howard Stewart, Jim Wurst, and Sanford Mann. Others plan to go down over the week end.

FROM ALL the way in Winnemucca, Nev., comes a letter to T. H. Fagg, asking for information on organizing a square dance team. Seems J. Kirk Day, the agricultural agent in Winnemucca, read about the Carson team in the February issue of NATIONAL 4-H NEWS and decided to inquire. Publicity pays, doesn't it?

THAT TEETH-chipper apparently is going to be on Phillips Street so long this column will be changed from the "Indian Mound" column to the "teeth-chipper" column. Incidentally, many more holes are appearing in the streets, most because of bad weather.

BANK OF Franklin will "shut her down" the 23rd (Monday) for George Washington's birthday, which falls on Sunday.

HOW ABOUT that New York trip for \$66.25 being sponsored by the home demonstration women? That's an opportunity of a lifetime, so don't hesitate, percolate to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill's office in the Agricultural Building and tell her you want to go along.

STRANGERS SURE are getting the once over in town this week. Any man appearing in a suit and hat is automatically classed as an "F. B. I. man" or a "union organizer". Disappointing as it is, the majority of them are just hard-working salesmen.

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Ain't human nature somethin'?

Folks is always askin' why this and that ain't printed in newspapers; that is, until the this and that is somethin' what they don't take a hankerin' to. About that time they start tryin' to see what they can do about keepin' it out of print.

'Course, the best way to ground this problem is to stop whatever it is they don't like before it starts. After all, them newspaper folks don't make the news, they just print it.

Then again, them that don't want a real newspaper might like one of them little shoppin' news things that is all recipes and advertisin' and the like. It's best to let 'em know tho', that them shoppin' news things don't do much good without some news wrapped around all the advertisin' and when you do that you're right back to a newspaper again.

Makes me dizzy thinkin' about it.

And I thank you.

Mr. Maconian



EIGHT CUBS RECEIVE HIGHEST RANK

These eight Cub Scouts received Cub Scouting's highest rank Friday night at a covered dish supper at Franklin High cafeteria. In a neckerchief ceremony, the Cubs were welcomed into Boy Scouting. The Cubs are (L to R) front row, Dennis Sanders, Clarence Clark, Tommy Pangle, and Eddie Holman; second row, Larry Salter, Edward Bryant, Billy Garrison, and Steve Brown. Standing at back are Bill Garrison, Cub adult leader, and Bill Hyde, pack advisor, who was presented a gift by the parents of the Cubs for his work. The meal marked the closing feature of the local observance of "National Boy Scout Week". (Staff Photo)

Friday Last Day To Buy Meal Tickets

Tomorrow (Friday) will be the last day to purchase tickets to the annual Rotary-sponsored football banquet honoring the Franklin High Panthers and cheerleaders.

Since the banquet is Saturday night at the high school cafeteria, ticket sales must end tomorrow afternoon so seating arrangements can be made, according to C. E. (Red) Henry, Rotarian in charge of the banquet. Perry's Drug Store and Angel's Drug Store are handling the tickets.

Guest speaker at the banquet, which is set for 6:30, will be Jackson County's Eddie Sutton, the former U.N.C. football star who is now under contract to the professional Washington Redskins. Mr. Sutton also plans to show movies taken during his rookie year with the Redskins.

Another feature of the banquet will be the awarding of a "most valuable player" award to a member of the Panther squad by the local V.F.W. Post.

DRIVE SET SUNDAY —

Appeal Is Issued Here For 'Heart Sunday' Help

The Macon County Heart Fund headquarters sent out its annual call today (Thursday) for volunteers for the "Heart Sunday" campaign Sunday afternoon.

Volunteers will be needed to go through all of the residential communities of the area during the three-hour collection period February 22, according to Roy M. Biddle, Jr., Heart Fund chairman. "Heart Sunday" is the high point of the month-long fund-raising drive to carry on the battle against heart diseases.

Volunteers will serve in their own immediate neighborhoods,

BUSINESS LOSING MONEY —

Proposed Federation Sale Outlined At Meeting Here

About 75 Macon County farmers gathered at the Farmers Federation warehouse here Tuesday to hear an explanation of the what and the why of the proposed sale of the Federation to the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

The sale already has been approved by the Federation's board of directors, and stockholders from throughout the area will meet in Asheville February 26 to ratify or reject the board's action. The explanation was made chiefly by James G. K. Clarke, who became president upon the death of his uncle, James G. K. McClure. The latter founded the organization in 1920.

Sharp Questioning The intricacies of accounting and the complicating factor of various funds connected, directly or indirectly, with the Federation proper, appeared to confuse many of those present. Mr. Clarke, nonetheless, was subjected to some sharp questioning, especially by

Henry Fisher, Asheville lawyer employed by a group of stockholders who oppose the sale.

These were among the facts either volunteered by Mr. Clarke or brought out by questions:

Losing Money

The Federation, Mr. Clarke said, has been steadily losing money — \$89,000 in the past four months. It owes \$600,000 to a Columbia, S. C., bank. But it is other debts of \$400,000 that are pressing it for payment. It cannot continue to operate, he said, without borrowing money, and he challenged opponents of the sale to say where it could get a loan.

The farmers who own some 68,000 shares of common stock (with a par value of \$10 per share) throughout this region will receive, at best, about two-thirds of their original investment. (A large proportion of the farmers in Macon County are said to own one or more shares each of common stock in the Federation.)

Separate Fund

The Farmers Federation education and development fund of more than \$1,000,000 is a separate corporation, and its funds are not available to apply on the debts of the Federation proper. Mr. Clarke has offered to serve without Federation salary for the one year it is estimated it will take him to wind up the affairs of the Federation. He admitted, in response to a question from Mr. Fisher, that he is receiving, and will continue to receive, a salary of \$500 per month from the education fund. What his present salary as Federation president is

MORE 'GROUNDHOG DAY' CONTROVERSY —

Prognosticating Animal 'Is In Orbit'

(Editor's Note: A PRESS reporter was assigned to interview a mountain-type groundhog about the weather this week. For the uninitiated, a mountain-type groundhog is one that believes "Groundhog Day" is the 14th of February and not the 2nd. The reporter found a groundhog at the home of Bob Ledford in the Carson section. The interview follows:)

Reporter: "Pardon me, Mister Groundhog..."

Groundhog: "Drop that mister jazz, sonny. The name's 'Chunk'."

Reporter: "Okay 'Chunk', how about this business of coming out of your hole on the 14th?"

Groundhog: "The 14th? Hold it, sonny. Ol' 'Chunk' ain't no square no more, man. What I mean is I'm way out, in orbit, man..."

Reporter: "You mean you..."

Groundhog: "That's right, sonny. I've blasted off from that mountain-type February 14 forecasting. I belong now, man..."

Reporter: "But you can't just give up a tradition that your forefathers..."

be right with the rest of the clan's hipsters or else not be cool and real far out. You know what I mean?"

Reporter: "Well, now that you bring it up, no." Groundhog: "Sonny, it's this way. All the other cool ones in



Groundhog 'Chunk' And Owner, Bob Ledford

PROBE ON IN UNION CASE HERE

Telegram Sent High Officials As Protests

Protest telegrams to high political figures and an investigation by the district solicitor are the main developments this week in Franklin following charges by a union organizer that he was beaten and run out of town February 9.

Allegations made last week by organizer Robert Beame from his hospital bed in Chattanooga, Tenn., have unleashed a steady stream of protests from union officials.

Orders Probe

Also, on orders from Gov. Luther H. Hodges, District Solicitor Glenn W. Brown, of Waynesville, opened an investigation Friday into the incident. He termed it a joint investigation with local town and county officers and added that copies of his report would be sent to Gov. Hodges and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Meanwhile, on the Franklin front, officers are standing firm in their contention that Mr. Beame, of Greensboro, a representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, was not cut and bruised about the face, as he charges, when he was escorted to the Georgia state line, at his own request, by Deputy Newell Pendergrass, following an incident at The Town Motel. At the motel, the union organizer charges that four men entered his room, beat him up, forced him to dress, and then started hustling him out of town. Mr. Beame drove to the courthouse and asked for protection.

After leaving the deputy at the state line, Mr. Beame next showed up in Chattanooga, where he made his charges of beating and kidnapping from a hospital bed.

Telegram Sent

In addition to Gov. Hodges, protest telegrams the following day were sent to Sens. Sam J. Ervin and B. Everett Jordan, to F.B.I. director J. Edgar



John Cunningham Hands Package To Tom McKay

MAILMEN TELL ALL —

Through Sore Feet, Odd Driving, Mail Keeps On

Tom McKay's feet still hurt and John Cunningham isn't sure which side of the road to drive on.

Other than these minor things, Franklin's new house-to-house mail delivery appears to be proceeding smoothly.

But back to the two carriers, Mr. McKay and Mr. Cunningham, both of whom were interviewed Saturday, after a week on the job.

"My feet still get sore," explained the former, who walks about eight and a half miles daily in covering his route.

"And I know how the Limeys (English) feel," chinned in the other, whose statement needs some explanation. Mr. Cunningham rides rather than walks. And his regulation postal truck has the steering wheel on the right side like in England, instead of on the left as in this

country. And the problem is to drive on the right side, as they do in America, and not on the left as they do in England.

"It's all very confusing," Mr. Cunningham decided. "Especially when I climb in my personal car to go home in the afternoon."

However, he thinks the right-hand drive truck is "just the thing for delivering mail."

What he needs, he thinks, is a longer arm. Seems quite a few of his stops have mail box too low or too far back from the highway to be reached from the truck. The boxes should be 55 to 58 inches off the ground.

How about the postman's natural enemy, the dog? "I've had no trouble there," Mr. McKay said. "Just a few near misses for me," concluded Mr. Cunningham.

AT ROTARY MEETING —

Woman From Turkey Tells Of Life In Her Country

A young woman from Turkey who has been active in the American Field Service and other student exchange programs.

In honor of Miss Acar, the elaborate decorations were featured by the flag of Turkey, while the dinner's meat dish was, of course, turkey.

Further carrying out the idea of creating good will between peoples, through understanding, the gifts for the Rotary Anns came from foreign countries. Arrangements to make that possible were started last October, when the local club sent letters (accompanied by checks) to the heads of 60 clubs, in many countries, asking each to select and mail a lady's gift characteristic of the country from which it came. Gifts also were presented the club's non-Rotary lady guests.

Dr. Nau explained the differences between the American Field Service and other exchange programs: The A. F. C. exchange is for high school student only; the students live the entire school year as a member of a selected family, preferably one with a son or daughter of high school age; and thus close personal ties are made between this country and that of the visiting student, ties that are remembered and kept intact long after the end of the school year.

He then presented Miss Acar, who spoke briefly about her native country, and then answered questions. The applause given her indicated the audience thought she did a good job, both as a speaker and as a question-answer.

Guests included Gordon Butler, Rotary district governor, of Andrews, who spoke briefly, and Mr. Butler. The event was arranged by President Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, who presided; William B. (Bill) Garrison, who introduced Dr. Nau; and Robert W. (Bob) Moore, responsible for decorations and other details, who was master of ceremonies.

Reporter: "Maybe you ought to be way out... way out on the back side of the moon." Groundhog: "Now don't get riled up, sonny. By the way, I just happened to come out of my hole on the 14th and would you believe it, I saw my shadow. I'm not saying it means anything, you understand, since any cool and far out groundhog knows the 2nd is..."

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BURLEY VOTE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY

Growers To Cast Ballots For Next Three Crops

Macon County farmers will go to the polls Tuesday for a burley quota referendum.

All farmers who grew burley tobacco in '58 are eligible to cast a ballot. It will take a two-thirds vote to keep the burley tobacco marketing quota program in operation in '59. The law provides that, under quotas, price support will be available at 90 per cent of parity.

The referendum will cover the next three burley crops.

Two polling places have been designated by the local A.S.C. committee. All townships, but Nantahala, will vote at the Agricultural Building in Franklin. Nantahala growers will vote at Bate-man's Store at Nantahala.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Raby Named To Committees

Eight committee appointments have been handed Macon Rep. James M. (Jim) Raby.

He is on Agriculture, Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Elections and Elections Laws, Engraving Bills, Education, Welfare, and Wildlife Resources.

In a telephone interview with THE PRESS Tuesday afternoon, the representative said he was "keeping busy" at committee meetings and did not have any local legislation to offer at the present time.

County Fair Meeting Set

A reorganization meeting for the '59 Macon County Fair is set for Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Building.

New officers will be elected and some preliminary plans for the coming fair will be discussed.

Wayne Proffitt, chairman of the Agricultural Workers Council, asks all committee chairmen, members, and interested persons to attend.

Sylva Man Gets Dean's Area Job

Western Carolina Telephone Company has a new district manager in Sylva's Harley Carpenter.

He succeeds Frank Dean, of Franklin, who resigned last month to accept a job with the Philco Corporation in Anchorage, Alaska. Exchanges coming under Mr. Carpenter's supervision included Sylva, Franklin, Highlands, Cashiers, Cullowhee, and Clayton, Ga.

The new district manager has been manager of the Sylva exchange for the past five years.

The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Maximo Stiles, 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.

Table with weather data for Franklin, Coweta, and Highlands, including High, Low, and Rain columns.

SINGING SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday singing of the northern division of Macon County will be held at the Rose Creek Baptist Church Sunday, February 22, at 1:30 p. m. Lon Thompson, president, invites all singers and the public to attend.