



THE CARSON square dancers continue to stay in the limelight. They'll dance Saturday at 12:30 p.m. over WSPA-TV in Spartanburg, S. C., and then at 6 p.m. over WFBC-TV in Greenville. Busy, busy!

FRANKLIN'S first dial-telephone was put in Monday. Who got it? THE PRESS did. Of course, the dial is taped up and can't be used until the system converts to dials this Spring.

MARCH WINDS arriving a little early this week managed to stir up dust and cause a lot of red eyes.

NOW THAT the weather is cooperating, work is continuing on Manson Stiles' new service station and they're filling along the river on the Highlands road. The main runway of the airport, however, is still closed because of the weather. Local pilots are using the auxiliary strip.

SURE WOULD be nice if Franklin would decide it could raise enough money for a full-time promotional director. There are so many promising things being left undone that a director could handle.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S smiles are beginning to broaden. Which means they're nearing the home stretch of summer vacations.

SURE WOULD be nice if someone had the real dope on the union ruckus. There's more versions going around than the proverbial dog has fleas.

FRANKLIN'S Bryan Hurst, a member of the U. S. Army Band in Washington, D. C., probably is the first Maconian to make Carnegie Hall in New York City as a performer. As a part of the 20th annual American Music Festival, Bryan's outfit gave a concert February 19. Also, the band members recently tumbled out of bed at 4 a.m. to give a White House concert in honor of the president's birthday. Bryan plays 'I'm a Champ'.

MAN, OH MAN! That ol' teeth-chipper is still near the jail and it gets deeper and deeper and tempers are getting hotter and hotter. Everyone is complaining about it, but the fellows who sell tires—and they're replaced a few broken by the teeth-chipper!

ALL THE STATE papers are taking Franklin to task over the union mess. It must require a crystal ball to sit a couple of hundred miles away and comment as heatedly and emphatically as they are doing.

MRS. CANCEY Nancy Brendie Shuler Ramey, 84, and her bridegroom, 66-year-old Jimmy David Caldwell, stopped over here on their honeymoon for a visit with Will Mason and H. T. Brendell. They've returned to their home in Waynesville. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell eloped January 26 to Waihalia, S. C.

IT'S A GOOD thing a Ford Thunderbird won the big race at Daytona. If a Ford hadn't won, Bob Moore's waking hours here would have been almost intolerable.

SIGNED UP yet for that \$66.25 trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City? If you haven't, you'd better rush right up to Mrs. Sherrill's office in the Agricultural Building.

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

This way they're buildin' the youth center in Franklin is kinda like an old timey house raisin'. Everyone pitchin' in to help and the like.

Saw a little shaver on the street the other day who said he was giving up his ice cream cones so's he could buy a concrete block for the center. Ice cream is an awful important thing to a little feller, but I reckon he figures that youth center is going to be part of his growin' up.

They tell me that no donation will be too small, so I figure as how just about everyone can do their part, don't you?

And I thank you.

LOCALS IN GROUP —

Federation Sale Being Opposed

Contending that the Farmers Federation "can survive", a group of stockholders is attempting to block the proposed sale of the Federation to the Farmers Cooperative Exchange by collecting proxy votes.

Today (Thursday) in Asheville, Federation stockholders are scheduled to meet and accept or reject the sale proposal, which already has been approved by the Federation board of directors.

Several Maconians are members of the committee attempting to stop the sale, including Bruce W. Bryant, W. M. Barnard, J. R.

Franklin, B. W. Justice, R. H. Bennett, J. S. Gray, and Carl D. Morgan.

It is this committee's contention (as quoted from an advertisement appearing in Monday's Asheville CITIZENTIMES) that "There is nothing wrong with our Farmers Federation except mismanagement or the lack of management that has allowed us to fall into a poor position with relation to cash available, to bills payable. We have the resources to overcome this. Don't let your own Farmers Federation vanish. It can survive. The future looks good under a reorganization plan for the Farmers Federation. We are not poverty stricken now. We have good farm to market roads, well-kept farms with high quality cattle, and the latest in farm machinery. We have been civilized and progressive for more than one hundred years here in Western North Carolina. Our children are well clothed and we are loved and respected by our fellow man. Let's keep it that way and reorganize our own Farmers Federation."

Officers Testify On Case

The two law enforcement officers figuring in the recent alleged mistreatment of union organizer in Franklin told their side of the story in Washington, D. C., Monday.

Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass and C. D. Baird, of the Franklin force, were interviewed by Kenneth O'Donnell, administrative assistant of the Senate racket committee.

Meanwhile, the union organizer, Robert Beame, who also appeared for an interview the same day with Mr. O'Donnell, is quoted by the Associated Press as being not "too happy" with the reception he received in Washington or the interview.

Yesterday (Wednesday) Deputy Pendergrass said he and Policeman Baird merely repeated what they have said in newspapers previously.

The union organizer has charged he was beaten, kidnapped, and escorted out of town.

"Both officers contend that, except for a small red mark under his eye, Mr. Beame was unmarked when he was escorted to the state line February 9 following an incident at a local motel. Deputy Pendergrass, who gave the organizer safe conduct to the line, says the escort was requested.

Locally, an S.B.I. probe of the incident is continuing, with agent P. R. Kitchen, of Waynesville, on the case. The investigation was ordered by the governor.

Rep. Hall Recovering In Hospital

Rep. David M. Hall, of Sylva, is recovering satisfactorily from a kidney operation performed Monday night at the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md.

The operation was described as a drainage of the kidney to remove an obstruction. A physician's statement said "patient tolerated operation well and his immediate post-operative condition is good."

The 12th District congressman entered the hospital on the 16th for observation of a "urinary tract involvement" and the operation was tentatively set for Tuesday, the 23rd. There was no explanation as to why the operation was performed a day earlier, other than the disclosure that plans were changed after consultation.

Easter Rite Location Set In Franklin

Plans are already being made for an Easter (March 29) sunrise service under the sponsorship of the Franklin Ministerial Association.

Last year's service atop Wayah Bald was cancelled because of excessive rain and poor road conditions.

This year, however, the ministerial association has requested the use of the Franklin High football stadium for the service and the high school cafeteria for an Easter morning breakfast immediately following the service.

The Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, association president, said the change in location of the dawn rite was brought on by several requests for a location closer to town and one where the weather will not be a factor.

A speaker for the service still has not been selected, Mr. Langfitt said.

Until last year's cancellation, the services had been held for several years at "High Haven", the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.



V. F. W. COMMANDER Larry Welch (right) is shown presenting the "most valuable player" award to Panther tackle Don Ledford. The presentation was made at the football banquet.

IS HIGHLANDS MAN — 'Dean' Of Weather Men Is Honored By Bureau

Macon County's Barry C. Hawkins, with more than 65 years' service, is the undisputed "dean" of the cooperative weather observer corps of the U. S. Weather Bureau.

A man of mystery, who prefers to remain just that, Mr. Hawkins lives alone in rugged Horse Cove, near Highlands. He emerges from Rock House (his home) at intervals to buy supplies. The rest of the time he mans his weather station and minds his own business.

Mr. Hawkins is one of 21 cooperative weather observers who have taken weather observations daily for more than 50 years and is one of three to have passed the 60-year service mark.

A special citation edition of the U. S. Weather Bureau's daily weather map (published today, the 26th) is issued in honor of these 21 veterans of the nation-wide corps of 7,000 observers who take and record weather observations every day of the year—including Sundays and holidays—without any compensation.

On the back of the daily weather map of this date are printed brief service highlights of these remarkable senior citizens.

About Mr. Hawkins it says "... He is the dean of the cooperative observer corps, his period of service being almost as long as the history of the Weather Bureau as a civilian agency. Mr. Hawkins was born in Ohio in 1874, came to North Carolina in 1883, and has resided there ever since. His first weather observation was taken on November 1, 1891 and throughout his period of service his records have maintained an exceptionally high standard of excellence."

"Several years ago, a PRESS reporter-photographer penetrated deep into "Dean" Hawkins' territory in Horse Cove in search of a story. He found the old gentleman, after many hours of wandering, because only a few are sure where he lives, and discovered, much to his chagrin, that Mr. Hawkins didn't hanker to publicity of any kind. Politely, but firmly the reporter-photographer was asked to leave the premises and warned never to darken the area again.

Since then, ever so often, THE PRESS receives a letter...

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TALKING ABOUT FOOTBALL (naturally) following Saturday night's football banquet were (L to R) John M. Archer, Jr., Washington Redskins star Eddie Sutton, and C. E. (Red) Henry, who was master of ceremonies. Mr. Archer introduced Mr. Sutton. (Staff Photo)

Burley Quotas Okayed Again

With all precincts reporting except Nantahala, Tuesday's burley tobacco referendum passed here without a speck of opposition. There was not a single vote against continuing quotas for the next three burley crops. Excluding Nantahala, 109 votes were cast.

Sloan Named To Rotary Area Job

W. W. (Bill) Sloan, of Franklin has been elected chairman of the credentials committee of Rotary District 767.

Elections featured a Rotary convention in Asheville last Thursday and Friday. Attending the convention from here were Mr. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blaine, and the Rev. L. B. Hayes.

MAN SHOOTS SELF

Laddie Crawford, Cartoogechaye farmer, died about 11:45 a.m. yesterday (Wednesday) from a self-inflicted .22 calibre gunshot wound in the head. No inquest was held. Funeral arrangements were incomplete yesterday afternoon, pending the arrival of members of Mr. Crawford's family from outside Macon.

SUTTON IS SPEAKER — Player Award Won By Ledford

Washington Redskins star Eddie Sutton had some wise words to offer about sports in general and life in particular as guest speaker Saturday night at the annual Rotary-sponsored football banquet.

Also featured at the banquet honoring the Franklin High Panthers and cheerleaders was the presentation of a "most valuable player" award to Don Ledford by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

175 Attend

An estimated 175 Rotarians, their Rotary wives, and others turned out for the event in the cafeteria at Franklin High.

Introduced by Rotarian John M. Archer, Jr., Mr. Sutton placed special emphasis on sportsmanship in his remarks and he assured the young men and women

there that they could achieve anything in life if they really wanted to work for it.

Greatest Thrill

A star at the University of North Carolina before signing a contract two years ago with the professional Redskins, the Jackson County native said his greatest thrill in football came in a college game against Wake Forest. On that particular day he could

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Legionnaires Get 35-Year Member Cards At Meeting

Three Legionnaires received 35-year membership cards at the February 18 meeting of the local American Legion Post.

They are Van Frazier, Adolph Zoellner, and Thomas M. Moss. Frank Shope and C. K. (Ike) Olson got 10-year cards and Bill Horsley got one for five year's service.

The presentations were made by the post adjutant, E. G. Crawford. A covered dish supper preceded the meeting at Slagle Memorial Building.

Window Dedicated To Dr. Morgan

Dr. A. Rufus Morgan was an honor guest at a dedication service of a window in St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia, S. C., Sunday.

The window was dedicated in honor of Dr. Morgan and two others, all of whom are former rectors of the church.

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FRANKLIN HIGH IS PROUD OF ITS RECORD — Not A Scratched Fender In Eight Years' Driving

Eight years of driver training without so much as a scratched fender.

They're proud of that accomplishment at Franklin High School and are hoping to make it another eight or more.

Five Classes

Five driver education classes,

embracing 90 students, are being taught this year at Franklin High by a full-time teacher, Frank L. Ramsey. This is the first year a full-time instructor has been available. This year, Franklin's car is registering about 500 miles a week, or 100 miles daily.

Highlands School also has a driver education program operat-

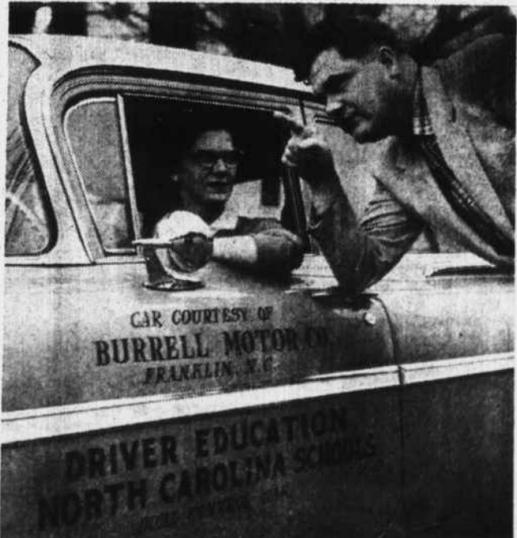
ing, but not on the scale of the larger Franklin High. David G. Pruett teaches and instructs driving one day a week. Nantahala School had a program last year, but it is not in full operation now. Classroom work is being given at Nantahala, but actual driving experience is not planned until this summer.

To be eligible for driver training, a student must be 15½ years old, or approaching the age for obtaining a state driver's license.

Each student gets 40 hours of classroom work and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction under the supervision of the instructor. In addition to driving techniques, Mr. Ramsey explained

this week that strong emphasis is placed on driving attitudes, since this particular facet is probably the most important in safe and sane driving.

Also stressed is the proper attitude toward traffic laws and law enforcement officers, he said. How effective is this program?



FRANK L. RAMSEY, instructor, explains to Shirely Cabe how to maneuver the car into a position to parallel park. (Staff Photo)



GIVING CLASSROOM instruction (above) in safe and sane driving is Frank L. Ramsey, Franklin High's full-time teacher. He has five regular classes this year with a total enrollment of 90. Each student receives 40 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of driving.

MRS. GRIBBLE DIES

Mrs. W. A. Gribble, the former Miss Sarah Holland, died yesterday (Wednesday) in a hospital in Deland, Fla., following an operation on her hip. Mrs. Gribble, 90, a Macon native, had been living for the past 10 or 12 years with a daughter in Lake Helen, Fla. Funeral services will be held here Friday at 2 p.m. at the Union Methodist Church.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor M. 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., 18th	55	38	.00
Thursday	37	23	.00
Friday	40	21	.00
Saturday	54	6	.00
Sunday	51	14	.00
Monday	63	37	.22
Tuesday	60	34	.03
Wednesday	57	24	.00

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 18th	68	42	.40
Thursday	55	22	.00
Friday	38	18	.00
Saturday	37	6	.00
Sunday	52	15	.00
Monday	51	32	.34
Tuesday	62	26	.00
Wednesday	57	25	.00

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 18th	48	42	*
Thursday	36	18	*
Friday	36	17	*
Saturday	48	8	*
Sunday	52	23	*
Monday	57	37	*
Tuesday	54	30	*
Wednesday	57	30	*

* no record.