



E. J. WHITMIRE'S company, Macon Construction, has the \$176,000 US 276 project in Haywood County. The job consists of .492 miles of grading and resurfacing, relocation of structures and approaches on US 276 over East Fork Pigeon River between Wagon Road Gap and Cruso.

WASHINGTON'S annual Cherry Blossom Festival April 9-12 will be seen by at least one Maconian. Bill Krickbaum, student at N. C. State College, will be there as a member of Pershing Rifles, national military honorary society.

AFTER THE soggy Easter Sunday, the sun's appearance Monday morning was hard to believe. One fellow said he was afraid if he looked up at the clearing sky it might go away.

DIRT FILLING is going on behind The Dixie Grill. Understand Kay Montague has some building plans as soon as the work is finished.

SATURDAY OPENS the '59 trout season. Wildlife official say this year's stocking program has put larger than average trout in our streams.

CRAFTSMAN E. S. Purdom, of our own Wayah Valley, made the April issue of McCall's, although it isn't mentioned in the story. The Purdom shop furnished the St. Petersburg, Fla., home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wedding. The home (and Purdom furniture) is featured in the magazine under the title, "They Put Their Heritage Into This Home."

FOUR EMPLOYEES at Conley Motor Company are wearing Ford 300-500 Club awards in their lapels. They went to Charlotte March 21 for the presentation of the awards at a banquet in honor of the top-ranking salesmen of 1958. Who are they? Robert W. Moore, James D. Conley, Roy Mashburn, and Ralph Henson.

PANCAKES, BACON and sausage, steaming coffee—yum, yum—all you can eat, too, tomorrow (Friday) night at the high school cafeteria. Fill your stomachs and at the same time help put shoes on needy school children.

A DISTINGUISHED visitor worshipped with his family here Easter morning. Robert W. Morris, first secretary of the British Embassy in Washington, Mrs. Morris, and their children, Ingrid and Richard, stopped enroute to Washington for the 9 o'clock service at St. John's Episcopal Church on Cartoogechaye. They also stopped for tea and a short visit with Mrs. H. E. Freas, sister of the church rector, Dr. A. Rufus Morgan.

THROW AWAY those windshield scrapers. Spring has arrived. Short sleeve sports shirts and cotton dresses are starting to mingle with winter fashions. Even the temperature has been cooperating.

ANGELL RECOVERING Franklin businessman T. Y. Angell suffered a heart attack Saturday afternoon. Yesterday (Wednesday) his condition was reported as improving by C. J. Harris Community Hospital in Sylva.

VETS WILL MEET A general meeting of Veterans of World War I, Macon County Barracks No. 906, will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at the courthouse at 7:30. It has been announced.

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

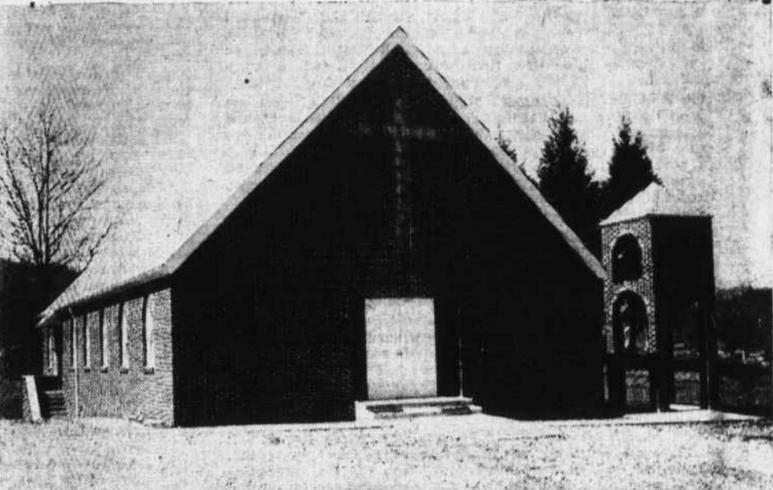
Hi-ya Neighbors:

What happened to most of the Main Street merchants Friday night? Their chamber of commerce held its annual membership banquet and most of them were absent.

Appears to me they'd consider that banquet one of the most important business "deals" of the year. After all, if they don't support the chamber they can't very well expect to accomplish anything.

The door swings both ways, Mr. Merchant. The chamber needs you, and you need it.

And I thank you.



Patton Methodist Church And Memorial Bell Tower

(Staff Photo)

MEMORIALS LISTED —

Easter Services First At New Patton Church

Easter morning was extra-special in the Patton community.

First formal worship services were held in the new Methodist church. It was a joint service, with all churches of the Macon Methodist Circuit taking part. About 165 members and visitors were present.

Constructed at a cost of about \$18,800 (total value of church and contents is \$35,000), the new church is the fulfillment of a "dream" of its small membership of 48. Of modern brick construction, it stands on the hill-top site of the old church. A glass brick cross imbedded in its front overlooks the lush Patton valley. The pastor, the Rev. Earl

Crowe, conducted the worship service and the combined choirs of Patton, Asbury, Mulberry, and Union churches, under the direction of Carey Cabe, presented a program of special music. Miss Patsy Cunningham, of Union church, and Miss Helen Cochran, of Patton, were soloists. Miss Nancy Cochran was pianist.

Memorial gifts were recognized as part of the service. These include the communion rail, given by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cochran and family in memory of their son and brother, William Homer Cochran, Jr.; pulpit furniture, given by the family of the late Erwin Patton, Sr., in memory of Mr. See No. 1, Page Ten



Mrs. Corbin

Mrs. Corbin New Woman's Club Leader

Mrs. Jo Ann (Harold) Corbin is the new president of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

An election of new officers to two-year terms featured a business meeting of the club last week. An installation is planned in May.

Named to serve with Mrs. Corbin were Mrs. Jane (Kenneth) Perry, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Frances (Roy) Pendergrass, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Josephine (George) Ropes, 3rd vice-president; Miss Mamie Lee Murray, treasurer; Miss Harriet Murray, secretary; and Mrs. Maxine (Glenn) Davis, corresponding secretary.

The new president succeeds Mrs. Betty Sue (Tom) McKay.

"All You Can Eat" Pancake Supper Is Friday Night

"All you can eat" is the appealing feature of a benefit pancake supper slated tomorrow (Friday) night at the Franklin High cafeteria under the sponsorship of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Serving hours will be 5 to 8 o'clock. Adults will be admitted for \$1 and children for 50 cents. Proceeds will be used to finance the club's project of purchasing shoes for needy school children.

DEDICATORY SERVICE

The Rev. Robert E. Early, pastor of the First Methodist Church, has announced there will be a special dedicatory service of the Addie Moore Slagle memorial chandeliers at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Dr. L. B. Hayes will deliver the dedicatory address.

SOME BIG ONES, TOO —

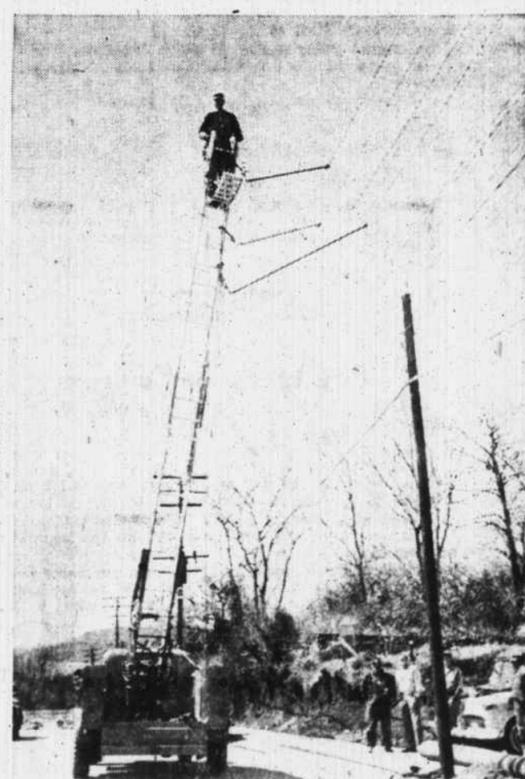
Week Brings \$400 More For Youth Center Fund

Cash and pledges totaling more than \$400 have been received since last week for the Franklin Youth Center building fund, according to the treasurer, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter.

Persons planning to make contributions, either of cash, labor, or materials, are asked to do so immediately so construction of the proposed center can proceed. Donations may be mailed to Mr. Car-

penter, in care of The Bank of Franklin.

The week's contributions included several large ones. The V. F. W. Post pledged \$100, the St. Francis Catholic Church Altar Society sent \$50, a recent benefit basketball game between Rotarians, Jaycees, Lions, and high school seniors added \$80, and the now inactive community theatre group turned over \$50 in its treasury to the building fund.



INTO OUTER SPACE (ALMOST)

A new aerial ladder has just been put into use by Nantahala Power and Light Company. Its uses will range from rescuing stranded kittens in trees to replacing bulbs in street lights, according to Mac Whitaker. Another facet of this ladder's personality shows in the picture above. The three long "arms" are pulling wires out of the way so a new power pole can be installed. This operation took place last week on Palmer Street.

(Staff Photo)

4-H Day Is Slated Saturday

Demonstrations By Members Set For School

East Franklin School will be scene Saturday morning of the annual "4-H Demonstration Day".

Both boys and girls will give a wide variety of demonstrations, individual and team, from 9:30 to noon.

The morning's activities fall into five groups. They are:

Group 1: (boys and girls) electric, soil and water conservation, forage crops, entomology, farmers cooperative (team), poultry marketing (team), vegetable marketing, vegetable production, tobacco, wildlife, and poultry production (team). Girls only—dairy foods, vegetable use. Boys only—forestry, dairy management, livestock conservation.

Group 2: public speaking (5-7 minutes).

Group 3: Officer contests — president, secretary, reporter, and song leader.

Group 4: tractor operator.

Group 5: 4-H record book exhibit.

4-H Clubbers Win District Blue Awards

Record books submitted in district competition by 6 Macon County 4-H clubbers have won blue awards.

The winners are Patsy Corbin, canning and clothing; Martha Blaine, electric; Peggy Dills, food preparation; Elizabeth Ann Ammons, frozen foods and beef production; Alice Suzanne Cunningham, home economics; and Brenda Cunningham, recreation.

The books will now be entered in the state competition in October.

Little League Training Call

Spring training is about to begin for Franklin's four Little League teams.

Last year's members will report to managers as follows: Wildcats: April 6, East Franklin School, 4 p. m., the Rev. Earl Crowe, manager.

Jaybirds: April 4, Franklin High football field, 1 p. m., Naaman Elliott, manager.

Reddys: April 6, Franklin High football field, 4 p. m., Jack Hudson, manager.

Thunderbirds: April 4, Franklin High football field, 4 p. m., Grady Corbin, manager.

Two Injured In Truck-Car Wreck Tuesday

A collision between a pick-up truck and an automobile at the intersection of US 23-441 and US 64 on the west end of Palmer Street Tuesday morning sent two persons to the hospital with injuries.

Mrs. Dallas P. Baines, 33, of Cedar Mountain, a passenger in the automobile, and Hayes Edward Buchanan, 43, of Franklin, Route 2, who was riding in the pick-up, were admitted to Angel Hospital following the accident about 7:30.

Yesterday (Wednesday), Mrs. Baines was reported by the hospital to be regaining consciousness.

Mr. Buchanan received two broken arms and numerous cuts and bruises.

Given out-patient treatment were Mr. Baines and daughter, Linda, Wilbur Cabe, driver of the Dowdle Wholesale pick-up, and Eugene Norton, another passenger in the truck.

An investigation of the accident by city police is continuing.

PAY BILL PASSES

A bill upping the pay of jurymen in Macon County from \$5 to \$6 per day has been ratified into law by the General Assembly. It was introduced by Rep. James M. Raby.

IS CHAMBER BANQUET SPEAKER —

Major Speed Gives Program For Cutting Road Deaths



MAJOR CHARLES A. Speed is shown talking with J. C. Jacobs, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, following the officer's address to the annual chamber membership banquet. In a short talk prior to Major Speed's address, Mr. Jacobs outlined a new program of action for the chamber in '59. This program will be covered in detail in next week's PRESS.

Charging that public apathy and other pressures are working to erase North Carolina's driver's license program, Major Charles A. Speed, in addressing the annual membership banquet of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Friday night, outlined a four-point program being sought by the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles as a means of cutting the state's mounting traffic deaths.

Point 1: Judicial reform in handling traffic cases. He suggested a state-wide system of traffic courts, operating as clinics, with emphasis on driver education.

Point 2: Chemical tests for drinking drivers. This point alone, the major declared, would be a "psychological deterrent" that would cut the death toll.

Point 3: Mechanical inspection of motor vehicles. When North Carolina had a compulsory inspection after World War II, the fatality rate was the lowest in history, he explained.

Point 4: One hundred additional highway patrolmen. Major Speed said super highways and interstate systems are changing the patrol's methods and more men are needed. When he first joined the patrol in 1936, he said "you could just turn around and chase a speeder". Today, however, on a dual-lane super highway, a patrolman frequently has to drive a mile or more to a turn-off into the other lane before he can give chase.

The state's driver's license program is on the threshold of being abolished. Major Speed told his audience of 150, because a driver threatened with loss of his license will use any means, including political pressure, to retain it.

Major Speed, who is the safety SEE NO. 2, PAGE 10

OPEN DATES GIVEN —

Trout Season Opening Saturday Morning At 7

"Put it in big headlines," said Wildlife Protector Charles Boring yesterday (Wednesday), in calling attention to the 7 a.m. opening of the '59 trout season Saturday.

After opening day, fishing will be allowed 24 hours a day, the protector said, adding: "But anyone wetting a hook before 7 a.m. Saturday will be breaking the law and we'll have to step in."

Weather cooperating, opening day is expected to be crowded and rushing. Last year on the first day, for example, trout fishermen stood almost shoulder to shoulder around small Cliffside Lake. This lake is well-stocked and it gives up many good catches.

Special trout licenses are required in the wildlife management areas, along with daily permits costing \$1. Fishermen will be required to leave their special trout licenses at the checking station. The licenses will be returned when they check out. The checking station for Standing Indian is at Depot in the Wayah Wildlife White Oak Bottoms, and at Wayah Management Area.

Following are the open fishing dates at the two areas:

Standing Indian: April 4-5, 8, 11-12, 15, 18-19, 22, 25-26, and 29; May 2-3, 6, 9-10, 13, 16-17, 20, 23-24, 30-31; June 3, 6, 7, 10, 13-14, 17, 20-21, 24, 27-28; July, 1, 4-5, 8, 11-12, 15, 18-19, 22, 25-26, 29; August 1, 2, 5, 8-9, 12, 15-16, 19.

Easter Hats Snow-capped

Easter bonnets were snow-capped.

What was supposed to have been a bright and beautiful Easter (What happened, Mr. Weatherman?) turned into snow flurries, rain, and sleet.

The women, however, refused to be bluffed out by the unexpected change in weather. Colorful, "spring-ified" hats were worn anyway.

In her new matching hat and linen coat, one church-goer confided, "I hope no one notices the wool knit dress I'm wearing."

Easter sunrise services over the county suffered attendance-wise from the dip in temperature and inclement weather.

Franklin's service at the high school stadium attracted about 100. Similar drops in attendance were reported at others.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Macon Bites, 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., 25th	78	32	.00
Thursday	67	41	.00
Friday	61	47	1.66
Saturday	63	31	.00
Sunday	47	33	.00
Monday	71	36	.72
Tuesday	77	36	.00
Wednesday	—	38	.00
COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 25th	72	33	.00
Thursday	77	42	.00
Friday	63	48	2.28
Saturday	62	28	.00
Sunday	63	33	.00
Monday	44	33	.91
Tuesday	70	31	.00
Wednesday	78	38	.00
HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 25th	76	37	.00
Thursday	56	50	.00
Friday	62	48	.00
Saturday	63	30	.00
Sunday	40	23	.00
Monday	62	35	.00
Tuesday	74	34	.00
Wednesday	—	—	.00

* no record.



RESCUE SQUADRON'S TRUCK READY FOR WORK

Members of the Macon Search and Rescue Squadron, a Civil Defense unit, have painted and outfitted a panel truck and it is now ready for duty. In addition to emergency first aid supplies and other equipment, the truck will carry a small boat for water operations. The squadron members have just finished painting the boat. Pictured are (L to R) front row, Harold Morgan, Tommy McCollum, Jim Conley, Sid Carter, and Roger Hurst; back row, Bob Phillips, Mac Whitaker, Frank L. Henry, Sr., Steve McConnell, A. C. Tysinger, commander, and John Wiggins. In the door of the truck are Mrs. Bernice Carter and Miss Carolyn Bryson. (Staff Photo)

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