



Dial Telephone Change Set Sunday

SHOTS ARE REQUIRED —

Bueck Reminds Parents Of Polio Vaccine Law

School Supt. H. Bueck this week called attention to the recently enacted compulsory poliomyelitis (polio) vaccination law, which requires a child to be vaccinated before entering school.

He particularly cited four conclusions reached by the attorney general, Malcolm B. Seawell, concerning the new law:

(1) The law is applicable only to children between the ages of two months and six years. So far as the necessity of polio immunization in order to enter school is concerned, the law would relate to six-year-olds entering school for the first time next fall. It would not apply to older children who have been to school before.

(2) Vaccine purchased pursuant to an allocation of funds from the contingency emergency fund, as provided in the above referred to law, could be used only for the group of children covered by the act as described above. Of course, if the series of "shots" is commenced before the child enters school, the free vaccine could be used to complete the

series after school starts. There is no authority in this particular law to provide free vaccine for older children.

(3) There is no requirement in the law that a parent who is unable to pay must first present the child to a physician and then be referred to the county health director. A parent may take the child directly to the health director without consulting a private physician.

(4) The questions of the ability to pay is one that would be decided by the parent and the health director. If the parent presents a child to the health director, and states that he is unable to pay, I would think that the health director ordinarily would accept such statement at its face value unless he had personal knowledge leading him to believe that free treatment would not be in order. This is primarily a matter of health department policy to be worked out and followed in a practical manner. Any effort to make any extensive investigation, I am informed, would be more costly than the polio vaccine.

THE RETAILER SHOWS —

'59 March Sales And Use Tax Collections Higher

Gross sales and use tax collections in Macon County this March rose more than \$2,500 over the same month in 1958, according to figures supplied by THE RETAILER, publication of the N.C. Merchants Association.

The March, 1959, collections came to \$10,481.39, as compared with \$7,718.84 in '58.

March collections this year, however, weren't quite as high as in February, when they were \$11,116.26.

AT FRANKLIN FIELD —

Little League Opening Games Slated Saturday

Franklin's 1959 Little League season opens Saturday at the Franklin High athletic field with a double-header.

At 3:30, the Thunderbirds, coached by Grady Corbin, will take on the Wildcats, who are coached by the Rev. Earl Crowe, Jr.

Coach Corbin will call on the "Whitey Ford" of his pitching staff, Hamp "Whitey" Childers,

who will go against the Wildcats veteran hurler, Hugh "Warren Spahn" Franklin.

Following the opening game, the Reddys and the Jaybirds will clash. The Reddys coach, Jack Hudson, will send Danny "Bob Turley" Chase to the mound. The Jaybirds fast-ball righthander, Terry "The Pirate" Mashburn, will be started by Coach Naaman Elliott.

No admission is charged to Little League games and everyone is invited to turn out and get the season off to a big start.

The league president, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, this week said interest in league play has been "extremely high" this year and the managers had a "tough time" cutting their squads to the required 15 players.

Single games are scheduled Monday, Thursday, and Friday for two weeks, beginning at 5 p. m.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Jack Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carpenter, of Franklin, has recently been promoted to associate professor of mathematics at North Georgia College, Dahlonega.



WAVING A GOOD-BYE to the 1,400 subscribers are a couple of the operators being replaced by the dial system, Miss Evelyn Jones and Miss Mildred Burch. Watching is the chief operator, Mrs. Gertrude Gailey, who will go with the commercial office. (Staff Photo)



PUTTING THE FINISHING touches to a maze of circuits in preparation for Sunday's change to the dial system is A. C. Tysinger. Watching him is Harley Carpenter, Jr., area manager, and Neville Wooten. (Staff Photo)

1,400 Local Subscribers Ready For Digit Dialing

In the early hours Sunday morning, while the rest of Macon County sleeps, a group of telephone men will switch the Franklin exchange to the dial system, completing the final phase of a 10-year expansion program by Western Carolina Telephone Company in the western area.

The change will take place at 2:01 a. m. and immediately after the local exchange's 1,400 subscribers must dial seven digits with the code name Lafayette.

Only One Phone Was In Use . . .

Franklin's first telephone was an achievement unto itself. It was a single crank-type instrument on a line that ran from Hillsboro. It was the only connection with the "outside world," save a hard ride on horseback or in a buggy. This was just prior to 1900 and this amazing instrument for talking was located in Green Trotter's store (where the S and L Store is today).

Then, in the early 1900's, Sam Kelly, brother of Miss Lassie Kelly, built and operated a private system of telephones. Miss Kelly helped out in emergencies at the exchange.

The Kelly system went through several owners, including Sam Munday and Bill Jones. About 1915, W. L. McCoy purchased it from Mr. Jones. The telephone office at that time was in the upstairs of the building now housing Shorty Mason's store. In the mid-20's Mr. McCoy sold out to a group of men who formed Western Carolina Telephone Company.

AUTO IN PASTURE

Considerable interest was noted Wednesday in the "automobile in the pasture" on Palmer Street. Steve Higdon lost control of the car during a rain about 10:30 Tuesday night and it jumped the high wall, went between posts supporting a sign, and remained upright down through the steep pasture.

Goodbye Girls!

"Lafayette's" long-awaited arrival also will signal the end of the human element in the busy world of telephoning. Franklin's switchboard and its 19 operators will "die" at 2:01. Thereafter, all local calls will be handled by a massive jumble of wires and circuits running through the back room of Western Carolina's spanking new commercial building on Main Street. Long distance calls will be beamed through an exchange in Sylva via an advanced microwave radio transmitting system. The 40-foot tower at the side of the new building will beam the message to a similar tower on Cowee Bald and the Cowee tower will retransmit it to Sylva.

Harley Carpenter, Jr., area manager, said all of the local operators were offered transfers to the long distance exchange in Sylva. However, most have found jobs elsewhere.

Gertrude Staying

The chief operator in the Franklin exchange, Mrs. Gertrude Gailey, will be with the company's commercial office.

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Expansion Of Plant Announced

An expansion program at the nearby Dillard, Ga., carpet plant of James Lees and Sons has been announced.

A new wing of about 20,000 square feet will be constructed on the Clayton side of the present plant for the storage of raw materials and finished goods. The boiler house also will be enlarged.

The plant manager, Norman Dawson, says the expansion will be completed by early 1960.

The Weather

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 6th	83	61	.00
Thursday	81	51	.00
Friday	88	50	.00
Saturday	76	51	.00
Sunday	72	57	.09
Monday	79	60	.00
Tuesday	78	58	.00
Wednesday	58	53	.15

COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 6th	80	53	.00
Thursday	81	49	.00
Friday	85	50	.00
Saturday	86	57	.00
Sunday	61	56	.13
Monday	72	53	.02
Tuesday	76	54	.02
Wednesday	76	53	1.08

HIGHLANDS

P.M.	High	Low	Rain
8 h	78	52	*
Saturday	62	52	*
Sunday	63	53	*
Monday	69	55	*
Tuesday	70	54	*
Wednesday	—	58	*

* no record

S. B. I. HELPING OUT —

Break-ins In Franklin Are Being Investigated

An investigation is under way into break-ins early last Thursday morning at Macon Tractor Company and Franklin Frozen Foods on West Palmer Street.

Entrance was gained to both establishments through back windows, according to investigating officers.

Less than \$5 was taken from the tractor company, but about \$275 in cash and a quantity of checks were taken from the foods concern. Some checks

were recovered along the highway nearby and behind Slagle Memorial Building.

A bloodhound from the local prison camp tracked the guilty party (only one set of footprints was found) for some time before losing the scent.

S. B. I. Agent M. G. Crawford, of Murphy, is assisting the city police department and the sheriff's office with the investigation. The break-ins occurred about 4 o'clock.

A DO-IT-YOURSELF JOB —

Burningtown Folk Are Building Road

Citizens of the Burningtown section, with some financial help from Franklin merchants, have gone into the road building business.

They've roughed out a two-mile section of road that shortens the trip from Nantahala to Franklin about 18 miles. It also cuts considerable time between Franklin and Andrews.

What they're trying to do is interest the State Highway Commission in doing still more improvements on the link and adding it to the state system.

Right now the road is passable — proving that such a link is feasible — but there is a limit to how much private citizens can do with a bulldozer and \$300 in contributions. The dozer spent three days last week cutting the roadbed over national forest land from the end of the Burningtown Creek Road to the state road in Burningtown Gap.

Several Burningtown men gave time and labor blasting rock from the roadbed while the dozer worked.

The men backing the project hope the State Highway Commission will reward their efforts by taking over the section and making the improvements needed to turn it into a good secondary road.

"After all, there's a limit to how much we can do with \$300," declares Owen Ray. "This shows that the job can be done."

Another Burningtown citizen, Lester Crawford, offers to donate all the gravel needed on the new road, if the state will put it down.

Meanwhile, the road builders of the Burningtown section have their fingers crossed, and are still in need of cash donations to continue work on the road.

Donations may be sent to William (Bill) Bryant, in Franklin, Paul Swafford, Bill Burnette, Owen Ray, and Cecil Baldwin.



CHECK LANE (FREE) IS OPERATING

Yesterday (Wednesday), a free automobile safety check line went into operation on West Main Street in Franklin. It also will be open today and tomorrow between 10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Franklin High driver education students are assisting local mechanics at the lane. (Staff Photo)



Pictured is a portion of the roughed-out link at Burningtown. (Staff Photo)



LITTLE LEAGUE captains are ready for the opening of the '59 season Saturday afternoon. They are (L to R), Andy Norton, Reddys-Rega n Ammons, Thunderbirds; Ben Grant, Jaybirds; and Bob Dalton, Wildcats. (Staff Photo)

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hy-ya Neighbors:

More power to these folks down on Burningtown with their road buildin' project.

They've been talkin' a connecting road through there for years. But talk, they discovered, didn't get the road built. Now they're tryin' a little action.

Which gets us around to sayin' that now we'll know if action speaks louder than words.

And I thank you,
Mr. Maconian