



TO CLEAR up any confusion, the Little League is now using the Franklin athletic field and the Babe Ruth League plans to take over the former Little League field at East Franklin.

SIDNEY CLAY, who's known as a "mean man with a banjo pick" in area music circles, has gone into the filling station business. Monday he took over operation of the Indian Mound Service Station from Kenneth Neal, who has operated it since 1951. Mr. Neal says he has no business plans right now for the future.

MAY 26 and 27 will be celebrating days for the Melvin McCoy's. Their daughter, Evelyn, will be graduated on the 26th, which also is her 18th birthday. The 27th is Mr. and Mrs. McCoy's 21st wedding anniversary and Mrs. C's birthday.

A **NORFOLK**, Va. newspaper recently carried a yarn about Bob Stampey, a lad who finally, after a year's effort, got an autographed picture of singer Polly Bergen. Bob is the son of the former Miss Kate Shope, of Franklin, who taught here for about six years. Her brothers are Lake, Jess, Frank, Quince, and Weaver. Mrs. Ray Swafford and Mrs. Earl Harrison are sisters.

J. B. MYERS, a Maconian living in Portland, Ore., sends a clipping about a 71-year-old grandmother who is hiking from Kansas to Oregon for a centennial celebration. He thinks he might meet her and suggest that she turn left and go to the "best town on Earth", which is, of course, Franklin.

A **THIRD** section of US 23-441 in Rabun County is foreseen by the end of the year by THE CLAYTON TRIBUNE. This will be the Wiley-Clayton section. Construction is now under way on the Tallulah Falls-Wiley link.

COMMENCEMENT at Western Carolina College is set for the 24th at 3:30 p.m. with Sen. B. Everett Jordan as speaker. A number of young Maconians will be getting their sheepskins at the exercise.

THE FRANKLIN All-Stars have opened their season and have 16 games scheduled. They need your support, so turn out on the Sundays they're playing at home. There's no admission either.

MRS. GILMER Jones, who recently attended a garden club meeting in Greensboro, says about everyone who learned she was from Franklin asked about the ruby mines. Proves, of course, that publicity pays.

A **NUMBER** OF Franklin High Panthers have a hankering to play some baseball and are looking for opponents. They played Sunday (and won). What the boys need is money enough to buy some uniforms, balls, and bats. Any contributions will be appreciated and promptly put to use.

IT'S GRATIFYING to observe that the Girl Scout movement is once again on the upswing here. Hats are off to the adult leaders who are giving their time to this worthwhile program.

ANIMAL SALE

Farmers planning to take heifers to the Proved Sire Bred Heifer Sale at Enka August 18 are asked to notify County Agent T. H. Fagg not later than May 26 so the animals can be inspected by the committee for final approval.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS KEEP THEIR PROMISE

As promised, the first and third period English classes of Mrs. Anne P. Biddle at Franklin High turned out Saturday to work at the Franklin Memorial Park. They volunteered their services to show their interest in the park and the proposed construction of a teen center there. A bulldozer is expected to begin work on the center site this week. The Franklin Youth Center Association lacks only about \$200 of having enough to build the center. (Staff Photo)



Mrs. Edwards takes a call for police.

MEET MRS. EDWARDS —

She Has 5 Phones

Franklin's Mrs. Thelma Edwards has five telephones; out 'em, one, two, three, four, five!

In explaining why she has so many telephones, a loophole of long standing in the town's fire and police protection system has been plugged up.

So see, Mrs. Edwards is the new "dispatcher" for the fire and police departments.

She's a product of the conversion to the dial system.

At the old telephone exchange, the operators buzzed for the policemen and touched off the fire siren that brings the volunteer firemen running.

These jobs now fall to Mrs. Edwards. That also explains why she has so many telephones. There are two for the police department, two for the fire department, and, of course, her own private one.

The "dispatcher", who is a semi-invalid and remains indoors all the time, has one set-up in her kitchen and the other at her bedside. A buzzer for the police and the fire siren also are operated from her apartment in the Burrell Building. She receives a call and

punches the proper one.

A two-way short wave radio has been ordered by the town for Mrs. Edwards's use in keeping in constant 24-hour touch with the police department.

Right now she's a little unsure about this facet of her new job.

"I'm afraid I'll be awfully nervous trying to operate it," she laughs.

Alerting the fire department is a little more complicated than buzzing for a policeman.

The emergency number of reporting a fire is LA 4-2345. When a fire is reported, Mrs. Edwards gets the name of the person calling, the location of the fire, and the type of fire. She punches the fire siren button. The first fireman to reach the fire house picks up the telephone there and Mrs. Edwards gives him the information. He

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Dialing, (Jingle) Franklin

Franklin's shift early Sunday morning to the dial system went off as smoothly as any in Western Carolina Telephone's holdings, according to company officials.

A few minor troubles are being encountered, but these will be ironed out this week, they report. The local conversion was the last in the company's expansion program and all of its exchanges are now dial.

Jingling Phones

A. C. Tysinger, W.C.C. employe, said telephones jingling when dialing heads the list of minor troubles. Of the 1,400 telephones in the local exchange, "about 1,000 of 'em are jingling", he said this week. It just takes a minor adjustment to correct this, he explained.

Wrong Numbers

Wrong numbers also are common to a conversion, he continued, because many are dialing improperly. For example, some are dialing the "0" instead of the zero; others are forcing the dial back after dialing a number; and the dial speed on some telephones is out of adjustment.

"It is all minor," Mr. Tysinger declared. "We'll have everything in good shape before long."

Officials Here

A number of telephone company officials were here for the conversion and a banquet for local employes at Slagle Memorial Building Saturday night.

Present were Linn D. Garibaldi, company president, of Charlotte, and Frank Richie, chief engineer, of Matthews.

Also here from Raleigh was R. E. McKelvey, a former company vice-president and Franklin resident, who is now with the N.C. Utilities Commission.

Operators held a picnic Sunday afternoon.

PAPERS FILED MONDAY —

Franklin Motel Sale One Of Biggest Deals

One of the largest real estate deals in Macon County's history went on record Monday with the sale of The Franklin Motel.

Frank B. Duncan, local real estate broker and owner of the motel, sold the property to James A. Watkins and James Ferebee, of Andrews, for about \$220,000.

The deal has been brewing for some time, but the sale papers were not filed until Monday at the

register of deeds office.

Opened in April, 1955, by Mr. Duncan, the motel property includes the original 22 units and 10 more under construction. Mr. Duncan said this week the sale agreement calls for completion of the expansion program and he hopes to have the new units and the swimming pool on the grounds ready for use by the first of the month.

APPROVED BY GROUPS —

Principals And Teachers Reelected For Next Year

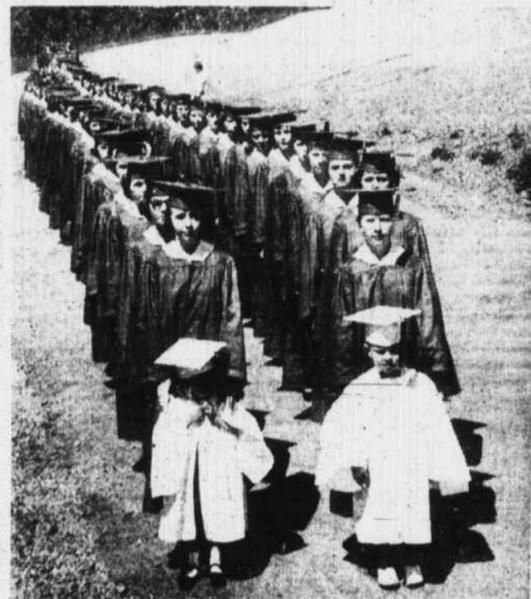
Teachers and principals in the three school districts of the Macon County system have been approved for 1959-60 by district committees and the board of education.

By districts, and schools, they are:

DISTRICT 1: Franklin High—Harry C. Corbin, principal. Sue W. Baldwin, Anne P. Biddle, Roy M. Biddle, Jr., Shirley A. Cloer, Carolyn C. Cogan, Darlene Collins, Rosalie C. Corbin, Wilford W. Corbin, Marjorie H. Crawford, Lois F. Fulton, Lawrence Carl Howard, Jr., Ellen F. Ledbetter, Mildred R. Martin, Kathryn P. Matthews, Annie Louise Monteth, Luther W. Proffitt, Clayton H. Ramsey, Mamie Yarbough Scroggs, Bertha E. Standley, Marie P. Stewart, Richard Daniel Stott, Mable Frances Winstead, Frank Ramsey, Jr., and Jean Hemphill. Franklin Elementary—C. K. Olson, principal. Hilda T. Olson, Margaret R. Flanagan, Lola S. Kiser, Edith S. Hemphill, Margaret H. Ramsey, May O. McCoy, Edna M. Jamison, Elizabeth Meadows, Mildred M. Richardson, Veva Howard, Katherine H. Williams, Margaret M. Bradley, Elsie W. Franks. East

Franklin—William G. Crawford, principal. Merle P. Dryman, Nina T. McCoy, Hazel P. Sutton, Talitha M. Goodwin, Lucille K. Wurst, Katherine A. Crawford, Genevieve M. Barnard, Mary Louise B. Holden, Dora G. Carpenter, Fannie Mae Reese Arnold, and Amy H. Deal. Cullasaja—Zebulun W. Shope, principal. Georgia H. Young, Mattie M. Keener, Pauline F. Cable, Pearl P. Stewart, Joyce J. Cagle, Myrtle F. Keener, Glee G. Nolen, Lois I. Keener, Maybur H. Norton, Lovicia J. Moses. Union—Benjamin H. Moses, principal. Conley T. Owens, John B. Brendie, Jessie B. Horsley, Gay B. Teague, Alice B. Slagle, Kathryn R. Jones, and Lucy C. Bradley. Cowee—G. Donald Seagle, principal. Charles Lee Cabe, Gladys R. Elmore, Zena R. Brogden, Selma H. Dalton, Lily C. Moody, Fleta M. Blaine, Wilda Bryson. Otto—Emerson G. Crawford, principal. Eunice C. Siler, Martha C. Shields, Nancy J. Taylor, Mary S. Byrd, Beatrice M. Alley, Nellie R. Owens, and Hazel C. Norton. Cartoogechaye—James N. West, principal. Catherine P. Henry, Mildred S. Swafford. Grace Car-

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Franklin High's seniors are marching.

PLANS ARE GIVEN —

161 Are Graduated From High Schools

One hundred and sixty-one seniors are graduating this month at Macon County's three high schools.

Franklin High is graduating 126; Nantahala High, 21; and Highlands High, 14.

Held Monday

Nantahala held its commencement exercises Monday night in the school auditorium. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday afternoon.

Graduates at Nantahala were Mary Lou Allen, Birell Bryant, Roger Cochran, Russell Cochran, Tony Denny, Earline Dills, Marvin Gantt, Harold Gregory, Jenice Morgan, Juanita Morris, Phyllis Neel, Charles Owenby, Shirley Owenby, Carroll Pasmore, Geneva Pasmore, Gene Reichard, Violet Roper, Alvin Roper, Kenneth Roper, Jo Ann Wilson, and Carolyn Wilson.

Franklin Events

Franklin High's baccalaureate is set for Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the school gymnasium. The class has chosen the Rev. Don H. Lambert, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, to deliver the sermon. Also on the program will be the Rev. John Tucker and the Rev. Robert E. Early. Music will be under the direction of Mrs. Betty W. Cable and Rev. M. Biddle, Jr.

Commencement exercises are slated Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium. Awards will be presented by Principal Harry C. Corbin.

Miss Rebecca Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reeves, will deliver the valedictory address. The Salutatory address will be given by Miss Barb. Waldrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarr Waldrop.

Supt. H. Bueck will present diplomas to the graduates. Three numbers are listed on the program by the high school chorus group, under the direction of Mr. Biddle.

SPECIAL SECTION

A special eight-page section, featuring individual pictures of all graduating seniors at Franklin, Nantahala, and Highlands will be included in THE FRANKLIN PRESS of May 23. Advertisers are reminded that the deadline for this section is tomorrow (Friday) at 4 p.m.

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The Weather

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 12th	77	56	67
Thursday	69	47	45
Friday	65	53	00
Saturday	73	35	00
Sunday	85	26	00
Monday	82	63	trace
Tuesday	81	56	00
Wednesday	63	53	00

COWETA

Wed., 13th	76	58	1.03
Thursday	75	44	0.09
Friday	69	29	0.00
Saturday	64	31	0.00
Sunday	70	32	0.00
Monday	74	50	trace
Tuesday	80	55	0.00
Wednesday	77	62	1.53

HIGHLANDS

Ted., 12th	72	58	*
Thursday	63	55	*
Friday	64	35	*
Saturday	68	32	*
Sunday	63	35	*
Monday	76	52	*
Tuesday	72	58	*
Wednesday			*

* no record.

THEY'RE CHECKING —

Did You 'Overlook' Your Automobile When Listing?

The county tax collector's office is now checking on local automobile owners who have "overlooked" listing their automobiles, trucks, and trailers.

Duplicate owner cards for every vehicle registered in Macon County have been sent to the office by the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, and County Accountant Tom Henson and his assistant have started

checking the cards against the tax books.

A \$50 fine can be imposed against any taxpayer failing to list a vehicle, or any personal property, Mr. Henson reminded Maconians this week.

However, if those who "overlooked" listing vehicles will come by his office in the courthouse immediately and correct the oversight, no penalty will be imposed, he promised.

IN SEASON OPENER —

All-Stars Beat Murphy; In Tri-County League

The Franklin All-Stars took a 10 to 4 victory Sunday afternoon over Murphy in their first game in the Tri-County League.

Played on the local diamond, the game saw Grady Corbin handle the winning mound chores for Franklin. In the batting department, Vic Teague racked up four for five and Roger Seay three for five.

Franklin's next two Sunday games will be away from here, one in Hiwassee and another in Young Harris, Ga.

In addition to the All-Stars, Teams playing in the Tri-County League are Murphy (colored), Hiwassee, and Young Harris. A 16-game schedule has been drawn for the league, with the Labor Day week end set for the tournament. J. D. Gibson, of Franklin, is the league president.

Sunday's starting lineup was Vic Teague, second base; Harold Corbin, center field; Norman Seay, catcher; Roger Seay, short stop; Jerry Sutton, third base; Bobby Gregory, right field; Hugh Dowdle, first base; Bill Vanhook, left field; and Grady Corbin, pitcher. Substitutes were C. D. Corbin and Jim Franklin.

The Franklin playing field is on the county-owned property beyond Franklin Hosiery Company on US 23-441.

Grady Corbin is manager of the All-Stars.

Little League Season Opens

A double-header opened the Little League season Saturday afternoon here.

The Wildcats blanked the Thunderbirds 1 to 0 and the Jays beat the Redjays 4 to 1 on the Franklin field.

A large number of fans turned out for the afternoon.

Monday afternoon, the Jays beat the Thunderbirds 17 to 10.



MORE THAN 200 ATTEND F.F.A. BARBECUE SUPPER

Tuesday night's annual F.F.A. barbecue supper at the vocational building at Franklin High School attracted more than 200 special guests. The F.F.A. boys provided entertainment following the meal. Wayne Proffitt, advisor, introduced the F.F.A. team members who brought honors to Macon County during the past year in federation and district competition. (Staff Photo)



GIRLS OPERATE ROADBLOCK

Three Franklin High girls, Carol Calloway, Sara Lee Bryson, and Carolyn Shook, volunteered their services Saturday at the "Operation Bootstrap" roadblock in Franklin. The roadblock took in about \$40 in a little more than three hours. (Staff Photo)

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

As I get it, the main idea of this "Operation Bootstrap" is to get jobs for the home folks and to stop lettin' our fine crop of seniors slip off to other parts to work.

Like anything, when folks don't have wrinkles in their belly and are drivin' big automobiles, tryin' to raise money for the future is an uphill tote. In other words, folks are just inclined to forget what it's like not to have work, or how many of our boys have to go North to live.

Wish there was some way to jog their memories, 'cause it's mighty easy to get your memory to roll over and play dead.

And I thank you,
Mr. Maconian