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ON THE INSIDE —

Staff correspondents of THE PRESS keep the inside pages of this newspaper alive with news about your friends and neighbors. Read the inside pages from top to bottom and you'll know Macon County.



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AN INMATE of the county jail was serenading citizens within earshot Monday morning with the cigarette ditty, "Call for Phillip Morris".

THREE MACON County boys, Larry Brooks, Don Ledford, and Ken Solesbee, are freshman guards with the Brevard College Tornadoes.

BURLINGTON'S Charles Ledbetter and his wife, who teaches at Franklin High, will be leaving soon. Mr. L is being transferred from Franklin Hosiery to a plant in Dothan, Ala.

C. A. CONLEY, of Conley Motor Company, was in Raleigh Friday for a dinner meeting of the N.C. Automobile Dealers Association. He is area chairman of the association. Mrs. Conley also went along.

REMEMBER A boy named Arnold Schulman who lived here until he was about 12 years old? He wrote a book, "A Hole in the Head". The movie of said book will play at Macon Theatre next week.

THE 49-STAR flag flying at Franklin High came from Congressman David Hall, at the request of Mrs. Mamie Scroggs, school librarian. The flag flew over the capitol building last July 4. The daily chore of raising and lowering the flag is handled by Scouts of Explorer Posts 221 and 201.

STUMPED ON what to give friends for Christmas? Suggestion: Little Symphony memberships. They'll make excellent gifts and at the same time will help assure the March concerts of the N.C. Symphony.

TOMMY MCNISH, a freshman at N.C. State College and a member of the ROTC drill team there, got an Air Force three-day trip with the team to Miami last week.

A BIG TURNIP grown by Ervin Smith, of the Iota section, is now on display at THE PRESS office. It weighs two pounds, a suitable contribution to "Lil' Abner's Dogpatch."

A WILD FLOWER group from the Asheville Garden Club was entertained at a covered dish luncheon and meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. S. R. Simpson, Dr. A. Rufus Morgan spoke to the group on ferns.

FRANKLIN HIGH deserves another feather in its cap. Miss Rebecca Reeves, '58 graduate, is one of 36 freshmen at the University of Georgia to be exempt from beginning courses in both algebra and trigonometry. Since she is one of about 1,600 freshmen at U.G. this fall, this indicates that she received good foundation at F.H.S. in math.

THE SUDDEN winter nip in the air Tuesday afternoon caught a lot of people, men and women and children, with "their sleeves rolled up". It's almost "long handles time".

LOOKS LIKE Franklin would seriously consider sanitary land fill as a means of leveling up the area between the business district and White Oak Street. It would open up that section now useless and also could mean another street paralleling Main.

TALK KEEPS popping up about Winn-Dixie wanting a building on the outskirts of town in order to provide parking facilities for customers. Don't be surprised if it happens soon.

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Even that tasty Thanksgiving symbol, the cranberry, has been drug into politics.

I ain't running yet politicians on both sides of the fence are cramming cranberries in their mouths in the east and the west and are hoping that this foolish display of courage is gonna get 'em some extra votes. The things may be or may not be contaminated, but those fellers just don't care if a vote is involved. It might serve 'em all right if they got so radioactive that their ears lit up, but I guess even then they'd use the light to show the voters the way to the polls come election time.

But to me, cranberries, turkeys, cornbread stuf-fin', and the like can't put across the idea behind Thanksgiving. Every day should be Thanksgiving for us and if you don't go along with this just look around you some and you'll find that you're always better off than someone else.

And I thank you.



PICTURED ARE the Franklin High students who have made application to study in a foreign country under the American Field Service program: (L to R) front row, Linda Morrow, June Ferguson, and Dwain Downs; back row, Linda Shope, Patsy Shope, and Bill Hyde.

Staff Photo

AS EXCHANGE STUDENT — Six Franklin High Juniors Apply To Study In Europe

Six Franklin High School juniors have submitted final applications to the New York office of the American Field Service's Americans Abroad Program — the program designed to promote understanding and friendship between America and the countries of Europe by giving American teenagers the opportunity to live with families in a foreign land. The candidates are Linda Watson, Linda Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Morrow; Linda Dell Shope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lake V. Shope; Barbara Dwain Downs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Downs; Rita June Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Ferguson; Patricia Ann Shope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quince M. Shope; and William Milton Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hyde.

Out of these six applicants one may be selected by the New York office to represent his school, community, and country abroad next year.

However, whether a local student, if selected, will go to Europe will depend upon whether hospitable home can be found that is suitable to the student's background, interests, and language training.

Rejection notices, based on an estimate of the number of foreign homes available, will be sent out in January, according to Miss Frances Winstead, the crew leader for this year.

To be known as the Palmer Street Shopping Center, it will be on the same ground level as Baldwin's and the two will use a large parking area between.

Wiley Clark is in charge of construction.

Duncan Building Shopping Center

A shopping center is now under construction on West Palmer Street between Baldwin's Super Market and the intersection of US 64 and US 23-441.

Frank B. Duncan, who is building the 32 by 210 foot center, estimates the cost at about \$50,000. He said it will consist of small shops, possibly seven or eight. Portable walls that are adjustable are being utilized, he explained, so the size and number of shops can be varied to meet the need. A full basement will provide additional space.

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Symphony Drive Over Halfway

A concerted drive for the past week and a half has raised more than half the \$895 needed by the local chapter of the N.C. Symphony Society.

Mrs. H. Bueck, president, this week reported "\$506 in sight", with more memberships coming in this year.

Officially, the membership campaign will close at the end of this week. However, Mrs. Bueck said volunteer workers will continue to sell memberships and if the entire quota is not raised at this time another drive will be held about two weeks prior to the scheduled symphony concert here in March.

The American Field Service's Americans Abroad Program is made up of two programs, the "Summer Program" and the "School Program". The "Summer Program" lasts from six to seven weeks, during which time the

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SCHEDULE IS GIVEN —

Balls Bouncing, Sneakers Squeaking At Franklin High

With the opening of the 1959-60 basketball season less than two weeks away, balls are bouncing and sneakers are squeaking in the Franklin High gymnasium.

A 19-game schedule faces the lads and lasses, who open against Clayton, Ga., in Clayton, December 1 for a non-conference meeting.

Coach C. K. (Ike) Olson has only one starter remaining from

Prospects Bright

"Our prospects for a good team are bright," Coach Olson said this week. "We will have the tallest team at Franklin High since the days of Tommy Rabby, Dolpha Fouts, and the Henry boys. If they can develop speed and skill we should enjoy a good season. Our weak point is experience. I think the basketball fans of Macon County will enjoy watching these boys play win or lose."

Moving up this year from junior varsity ball to compete for starting positions are seniors Wayne Justice and Jim Nolen; juniors Tex Corbin, David Simpson, Jimmy Franklin, Wade Cabe, Tommy Kiser, Billy Crawford, Kenneth Holden, and Turner Bryson; and sophomores Jimmy Cabe, Jimmy Williams, Bob Dines, and Toby Hughes.

Girls Squad

The girls coach, Mrs. Rose Corbin, has the following: seniors SEE NO. 2. PAGE 8

SCHOOLS CLOSING

Macon County schools will close next Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. It has been announced.

Mr. Maconian

GOLDMAN SUGGESTS REINSTATEMENT OF MEN —

Hosiery Plant Official Says Franklin Will Not Comply With Recommendation

SPECIAL TALLY SHOWS —

Retail Sales In County Climb To \$11,000,000

(Special to THE PRESS)

NEW YORK — What changes have taken place in the Macon County economy in the last few years from the stand-point of consumer buying? How much more business do the local retail stores account for today?

Answers to these questions are given in a new report, released in Washington, where the Bureau of the Census has just made public the first tabulated results of its 1958 Census of Business.

The report rise, which was

35.2 per cent, topped the United States average, 16.3 per cent. The South Atlantic States had a 24.1 per cent rise.

The average American family has been stimulated to spend more and more each year by the simple fact that it has more to spend. Despite higher taxes and bigger price tags, there is still a greater amount of disposable income around than there was before.

Macon County's retail stores chalked up a sales volume amounting to \$11,000,000 last year, the report shows. The prior total, by contrast, was \$9,970,000.

For the retail establishments in the county, this was equivalent to \$67,901 in sales per store. The comparable figure in 1954, at the time of the last business census, was \$64,740.

Partially offsetting this rise in consumer spending has been inflation. The price of most goods is higher today than it was in 1954.

On the other hand, it is noted, the gains recorded were made in a period that included the 1957-58 recession.

The official figures show, for away from Franklin.

WILL START MONDAY —

Census Takers Training For Farm Progress Check

Local census takers are now training for the 1959 Census of Agriculture, which will begin Monday.

Training sessions opened yesterday (Wednesday) at the Agricultural Building under the supervision of Gilmer Henson, of Otto, crew leader for this area.

Those taking the course include Mrs. Ruth Cabe, Mrs. Vernon Higdon, Mrs. Alba Rowland, Mrs. Pauline Thompson, James Sibley, Edgar Carpenter, Jr., Mrs. Lucy Leatherman, Harold Ledford, and Frank Gregory.

Farm census questionnaires have been mailed to all farm operators. The census takers will visit all local farms to collect the questionnaire and, if necessary, assist the farmer in filling out the report form.

The 1959 Census of Agriculture is the 17th in a series of nationwide farm censuses, the first of which was conducted in 1890. The Census of Agriculture is taken at five-year intervals to provide up-to-date statistical information about the nearly five million farms which supply food and raw materials for manufacture of goods used by the people of the United States, now numbering about 178 million. The current census will yield information on the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock production and inventories, selected farm facilities and equipment, and selected farm expenditures.

Mr. Henson emphasized that all information about individuals and their farm operations furnished to the census bureau is held in absolute confidence under federal law. It is used only to provide summary figures such as totals, averages, and percentages. The information on an individual report cannot be furnished to any one other than sworn census employees and thus cannot be used for investigation, taxation, or regulation.

The National Labor Relations Board trial examiner, who conducted the hearing here last April into union charges that Franklin Hosiery Company discriminated against employees recommends the reinstatement of two men discharged by the company.

Max M. Goldman, the examiner, also suggests that the two men, Dolpha Fouts and Boyd Holland, be given back pay and that Franklin Hosiery post notice that it will not discourage membership in any labor organization.

Yesterday (Wednesday), Stephen A. Bundy, plant superintendent, in a statement to THE PRESS, declared, "We have received a copy of the recommendation which has been put out our case by the labor board trial examiner. We do not consider this recommendation is right correct in any respect. It is our intention not to comply with it to appeal from it."

Has 20 Days

In a telephone interview at 1 Winston-Salem office, James Webster, chief law officer for the National Labor Relations Board said Franklin Hosiery has 20 days to file an "objection" to the recommendation with the board.

If an objection is not filed, an order will be issued carrying the recommendations, he explained.

Mr. Webster said it is customs "for them to appeal" such cases. He also revealed that after a case is appealed and is reviewed by the board it could adopt or reject or part of the recommendation.

It was the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (AFL-CIO) that filed the charges of discrimination against the local plant after Mr. Fouts and Mr. Holland were discharged.

Officials at the plant testified that Mr. Fouts had been fired "horsing around and staying away from his machine" and that Holland's release stemmed from the fact that his presence at the plant, coupled with a move union organization, might lead to violence.

At the hearing, it was the contention of the A.F.H.W. that representatives, that the knitters were discharged because they had signed union cards were encouraging unionization.

The Recommendation

Tax Collections Up In September

Gross sales and use tax collections in Macon County in September topped the figure for the same month a year ago, according to figures published by THE RETAILER, monthly publication of the N.C. Merchants Association.

September 1959 collections came to \$27,442.47, as compared with \$25,546.65 for the same month in 1958. The September 1959 figure also exceeded August 1959 collections of \$15,153.58.

BUNCO PARTY SET

The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a Bunco party Saturday night at 7:30 at Kelly's Inn. Admission will be 50 cents per person. The public is invited to attend.

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall recorded in Franklin by Macon S. T. weather station, including Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton observatories; and at the Coweta Hydro Laboratory. Readings are for the 24 period ending at 8 a.m. of the day.

	High	Low
Wednesday, 11th	60	26
Thursday	67	26
Friday	65	49
Saturday	67	46
Sunday	64	51
Monday	60	51
Tuesday	50	32
Wednesday	50	17
COWETA		
Wednesday, 11th	61	27
Thursday	57	27
Friday	65	31
Saturday	62	40
Sunday	65	48
Monday	62	50
Tuesday	55	46
Wednesday		