

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.



SNOW, HEAVY frost, and nippy temperatures — all indicate that we're going to have Winter with us for a while.

FOLKS OUT Ridgcrest way, on the Dillsboro highway, are the first to erect a Christmas scene this year. They put it up Saturday and it's a job well done.

WITH NO WARNING at all, the town cut off THE PRESS water supply Tuesday morning, ruining a batch of pictures in the wash. THE PRESS was overdue on its bill, but The Town of Franklin, in its growing up, has forgotten its manners. The newspaper was about one of 20 getting the treatment.

SOMEONE HAS raised the question of whether the weather slows or speeds up the ticking of the parking meters. It's worth investigating for want of nothing better to investigate.

FOR THOSE of you away from Macon County, winter has arrived and the mountains are bare and bleak. Pines give the only touch of green.

IT'S NICE to see that they've stopped building filling stations in town for a while and are concentrating on other businesses.

UNITED FUND still needs your contribution. Don't wait and include it in your New Year's resolutions, write a check right this minute and mail it to Earl Adams.

THEY'RE HOPING to obtain Brooks Hays, former congressman and head of the Southern Baptist Convention, as one of the guest speakers for next year's evangelistic series here. A formidable array of speakers is now materializing.

BROKEN GLASS seems to have suddenly taken over town streets. This is rough on the motorist's pocketbook and the town should take steps to sweep it up.

ARE YOU tired of eating turkey hash and "slurping" turkey soup? Maybe next year you won't buy such a big bird!

NO POLITICIANS came through town this week, probably because of the Thanksgiving holidays. The same cannot be promised, however, for the weeks to come.

FRANKLIN MERCHANTS are cooperating in a Christmas shopping promotion and will give away \$250 — a drawing for \$50 tomorrow (Friday) night and \$100 for the next two Friday nights for those who come to town to shop. Too bad the town couldn't have a Christmas parade.

WANT TO help Mrs. C. E. Olson's eighth grade with a Christmas toy project? Read Brady's Blarney in this issue for details.

EVERYONE IS pulling for Iota community in the W.N.C. Rural Community Development Contest. They've got an excellent chance to place in the top money, but win or lose, Iota is still tops with us.

THIS SEASON probably was the sorriest deer season in history. Very few bucks were bagged, although the woods were full of hunters.

FOR WHAT it's worth, a drizzly Wednesday is not half as bad as a drizzly Monday so there were plenty of cheery faces shining through the rain Wednesday along the Main drag.

COURT SHOULD bring 'em into town for the next two weeks. Just hope the old courthouse is up to holding all of 'em. You can expect Judge Patton to have some more harsh words to say about SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Macon County can be plumb proud of its folks all the time, I figure, but it can bust off a few vest buttons with some recent achievements of its citizens.

F'instance, just last week Macon was one of six to top its Savings Bond quota; seven 4-H clubbers won district honors; another 4-H girl won a free trip to Chicago for her work; and things like that.

Now, such happenin's ain't rare at all. They take place all the time. What I'm tryin' to say is, bein' head and shoulders above the rest of the crowd is becomin' routine for Maconians. Let's keep it up.

And I thank you, Mr. Maconian



FRANKLIN HIGH'S lads and lassies opened their '59 basketball season Tuesday night in Clayton. On the boys' squad are (L to R) front row, Coach C. K. Olson, Ted Corbin, and Wayne Justice; second row, Jimmy Williams, Jim Franklin, Turner Bryson, Tody Hughes, and Jimmy Cabe; back row, Guy Duvall, Doug Pearson, Ronnie Higdon, Doug Baird, and David Simpson.



SMILING PRETTILY for their picture are the Franklin lassies (L to R) front row, Dorothy Stockton, Mary Lou Cabe, Shirley Lenoir, Edith Sheffield, Joyce Cole, Jewel Fox, and Elmyra Ledford; second row, Janice Cabe, manager, Carolyn Myers, Janice Bowman, Jessie Carpenter, Linda Leatherman, and Mrs. Rose Corbin, coach; back row, Linda Lee, Wanda Houston, Sharon Duvall, and Helen Holbrooks.

HOME GAME FRIDAY

Lads And Lassies Register Wins In Season Openers

Franklin High's lads and lassies 20. Tomorrow (Friday) night, the opened their basketball season Tuesday night with victories in Clayton, Ga. The boys beat Clayton 44 to 39 and the girls easily won, 45 to 20.

IN STATE COMPETITION

Paul Cabe Is Selected Top Boy Scout In Area

Western North Carolina's Number 1 Boy Scout comes from Macon County.

He's 15-year-old Paul William Cabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Cabe, of Franklin.

Picked for the honor by the Daniel Boone Council, which embraces the western area, Paul will be among the top Scouts of other councils in the state who will be competing to represent North Carolina and greet President Eisenhower during National Boy Scout Week, February 6-12. The Tar Heel winner will be named in December.

An honor student at Franklin High, Paul is an Eagle Scout and a member of Explorer Post 202, sponsored by the Franklin Rotary Club. He started Scouting in 1952 as a Cub and he recently received the coveted God and Country Award. Paul also has served on the Camp Daniel Boone staff.



Scout Cabe

'New' March Of Dimes To Be Explained

A pre-planning and education meeting for the 1960 March of Dimes campaign has been called for 7:30 Tuesday night, December 8, at the V.F.W. Post on Palmer Street.

All school principals, teachers, Scouts and leaders, community officers, and representatives of civic and service groups are urged to attend and learn about the "new" March of Dimes program, which now covers birth defects and arthritis, as well as polio.

The V.F.W. will spearhead the '60 fund-raising campaign under the leadership of a new county chairman, Victor H. Perry, Mr. Perry succeeds Mac Ray Whitaker.

Also assisting will be Mrs. Howard Barnard, county campaign director, and George P. Byrd, commander of the V.F.W.

BAKE SALE SET

Members of the Franklin Eastern Star will hold a bake sale and bazaar in the lobby of the Nantahala Power and Light Company building all day Friday and Saturday morning. Any member who wishes to contribute to the bake sale is asked to bring items to the power company Friday morning.

HOME IS DESTROYED

Fires, One Serious, Keep Volunteer Firemen Moving

Fires—one completely destroying a house—have kept the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department busy.

About 11 a.m. Sunday, the Clifford Arent family was burned out. Fire, believed to have been started by an overheated stove, quickly consumed (see picture above) the frame dwelling owned by Quince Shope near Union School. By the time firemen reached the scene the blaze had gained too much headway for them to check it. The Arents lost everything.

Two alarms of a less serious nature were answered Monday by the department. About 8:30 a.m., the truck rolled nearly to the state line on the Georgia highway to answer a call from D. A. Chastain. It was a flue fire and damage was light. Another flue blaze did only light damage Monday afternoon about 2:30 at the new frame home of the Rev. Bennie B. Haire in the Coweeta section. Mr. Haire has just recently completed the house.

SEN. ERVIN TO ADDRESS LOCAL CLUBS

Joint Affair Set Tonight In FHS Cafeteria

Though he had been a court-house lawyer of note and a long-time jurist before he entered the U. S. Senate, Sam J. Ervin, Jr., who will speak here tonight (Thursday), is best known, both in North Carolina and in the Senate, for his human qualities.

With a likable personality and an irresistible little-boy grin, he has the reputation of being a man who is at once wise and Puckish, witty and serious, good humored, and a hard fighter.

The New York Times reports that his adversaries in the Senate "frequently find themselves opposing not the senior senator from North Carolina, but Job Hicks, Uncle Ephraim, or Old Jim.

"These belong to a host of folk heroes, all endowed with the eternal wisdom of Senator Ervin's native hills, who in anecdotes heed the senator's slightest beckoning to deflate a pompous speaker or needle a reluctant committee witness."

Senator Ervin will address a joint dinner meeting of the Franklin and Highlands Rotary Clubs and the Franklin Lions Club, and the wives and other guests of the three clubs' members, at 7 o'clock tonight at the Franklin High School.

Born in Morganton, where he still makes his home, Senator Ervin had a varied background before becoming a U. S. Senator five years ago.

He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1917, served during World War I with the First Division in France, where he was twice wounded, and was graduated from Harvard Law School in 1922, when he entered the practice of law in Morganton.

After three sessions in the North Carolina General Assembly, seven years as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and a term as judge of the Burke County Criminal Court, he became a Superior Court judge, remaining on the bench for six years. He served as the representative from his (the tenth) district in the seventy-ninth Congress, 1946-47.

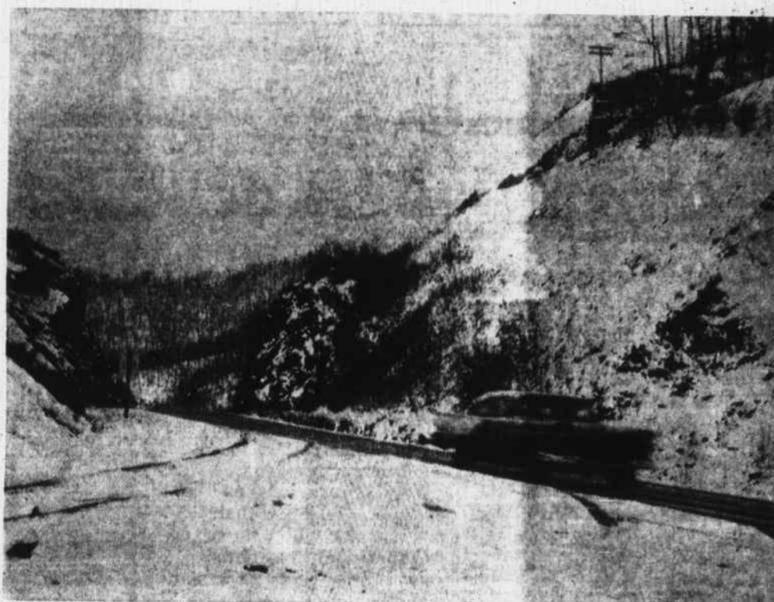
He was an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1948 to 1954, when he was appointed by Governor Umstead to the U. S. Senate, upon the death of Senator Hoyt. That fall, he was elected to finish Senator Hoyt's term, and in 1956 was reelected for a term expiring in 1963.

Senator Ervin comes to Franklin at the invitation of the Franklin Rotarians, who invited the Franklin Lions and Highlands Rotarians to meet jointly with them. Except for special music, tonight's program will be devoted exclusively to Senator Ervin's address.

Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, vice-president of the host club, will serve as master of ceremonies, and Weimar Jones, president, will present the speaker.

Mrs. Ervin, who had been expected to accompany the Senator, will be unable to come.

While in Franklin Senator Ervin will be the overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones.



WINTER GRIPS COUNTY IN ICY HOLD, EVEN TO SNOW

Snow started falling on Macon County Saturday in flurries and by Sunday morning the white stuff had turned highways into treacherous things for travel. In the early morning, motorists were advised not to travel, but the highways were sanded and cleared by the afternoon. This picture was made in Cowee Gap at the Macon-Jackson line. In addition to snow, Old Man Winter ran icy fingers down the spine of the county, dipping from the low 20's Sunday to 7 above zero in Franklin Monday. It warmed up some Tuesday (low of 13 in Franklin) and Wednesday's low was in the 30's. (Alvin Healy Photo)

Maconians, With Fingers Crossed PATTON WILL PRESIDE — Court Term Opens Here This Monday

With fingers crossed for their own prize-winning Iota community, some 30 Maconians will be in Asheville Saturday for the annual awards luncheon of the 1959 W.N.C. Rural Community Development Contest.

Iota, as winner of the county contest, is competing with the top communities in 14 other counties for cash awards of \$2,000.

Principal speaker at the luncheon will be Brooks Hays, former congressman from Little Rock, Ark., who is now director of the Tennessee Valley Authority. He also is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A record 120 organized communities, including 10 from this county, took part in the area community, home, and farm improvement program during '59. Judging of the area event was conducted in mid-November.

Presiding at the awards luncheon will be Leroy H. Feagin, president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the program in cooperation with the agricultural agencies. The council also sponsors the luncheon, which will be held at the Asheville City Auditorium beginning at noon.

Top prize is \$500, given by Sears-Roebuck and Company, Asheville. Second place award of \$400 is sponsored by the ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES. Third prize of \$300 is given by Sealest Southern Dairies, fourth prize of \$200 by Mountain Poultry Company, and fifth prize of \$100 by Parkland Chevrolet Company, Asheville. Awards of \$50 each will go to all honorable mention communities. A plaque will be presented to the county which was judged to have done the best job of promoting and sponsoring the community development program.

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Traffic cases dominate the criminal docket for the December term of Superior Court, which will convene Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Franklin's Judge George B. Patton on the bench. The two-week mixed term also has a civic docket of 30 cases, five of them divorces. Judge Patton has scheduled trial of the civil cases beginning Monday, December 14. On the criminal docket, new cases number about 178, according to Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court. She reports about 50 hold-over cases from prior terms. Following are the civil actions, the name of the plaintiff appearing first and the defendant second. Attorneys for each are in parenthesis: J. B. Ammons (G. L. Houk) vs Arvil Moses (J. H. Stockton); Western Auto Supply Company (C. Banks Finger) vs Derrill Deal; Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc. (C. Banks Finger) vs H. S. Harrison, Jr.; Belle Browning Odell (Marcellus Buchanan and T. D. Bryson, Jr.) vs Charlie Bryson and Stella Bryson (G. L. Houk); Paul Warden (Potts and Ramsey) vs Ivey Smith, W. E. Hampton, T/A W. E. Hampton and Company; The Sta-Dri Company, The American Sta-Dri Company, and L. F. Johnson, T/A Carolina Sta-Dri Distributors (Jones and Jones and C. E. Hyde); Ernest Childers and wife, Anna Lois Childers and C. A. Shields and wife, Elsie Shields (Jones and Jones) vs Buford Tippet; William J. Trowbridge and wife, Petty K. Trowbridge (Jones and Jones) vs The Town of Highlands (G. L. Houk); James Brinkman (G. L. Houk) vs Bill Pannell and Nell Pannell (Williams and Williams); Zickgraf Hardwood Company, Inc. (John R. Hudson, Jr.) vs Pulaski Lumber Company (G. L. Houk); Lolita Dean and Ralph J. Dean (Jones and Jones) vs J. R. Parrish (T. D. Bryson, Jr.); Joe M. Hamby (Jones and Jones) vs Coastal Tank Lines, Inc. (G. L. Houk); Wallace Henry (Jones and Jones) vs Alice Beaty (Potts and Hudson); J. Ralph Anderson (John SEE NO. 3, PAGE 4

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manor Skiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. of the day listed.

Table with weather data for Franklin and Coweeta, including High, Low, and Rain columns.



A BUDDING NEWS photographer, Alvin Healy, took this picture of the Clifford Arent home near Union School as it burned Sunday morning. In rounding out a successful week end as a "news hound", Alvin also took the pretty snow picture appearing in this issue.