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### THE OLD YEAR IN REVIEW It Happened Here...

From PRESS Files

(Why say "Nothing ever happens here"? It really isn't true, you know. As a prosperous, growing county Macon has more than its share of happenings. Still don't believe it? Then we suggest that you read the following month by month chronology of 1959, keeping in mind as you read that the items listed are just a few of the more important things that took place.)

**A GROUP of Boy Scouts from Florida cancelled a proposed outing here during the holidays because of the weather.**

**THE SAGE of the Nantahalas, "Uncle Billy" McCoy, along with a couple of other centenarians, is featured in THE TOBACCO NEWS, a publication of The Tobacco Institute. "Uncle Billy" is shown puffing away on an after-meal cigar, one of his many pleasures of more than 100 years of living.**

**REMEMBER those Tallahassee, Fla., Girl Scouts who "camped out" one night last summer in the V.F.W. Building here? Well, they're the subjects of an article appearing in the January issue of the official Girl Scout magazine, THE AMERICAN GIRL. It tells about their ruby mining activities and the like. Good publicity for us!**

**IT TRIED hard to snow all day Monday but about the best Winter could muster up in the Franklin area were fluffy rain drops that melted on contact with the ground.**

**CHRISTMAS business was better for most merchants, although the increase was slight. An average of about 5 per cent is the word along the main stem.**

**WORK ON Marshall Pettis' motel on East Palmer is moving along. He and Mrs. P. have moved into their combination office apartment and the front office staff at THE PRESS across the street can watch their television.**

**WONDER WHAT'S going to happen along the Little Tennessee one of these days when a real gullywasher comes? They're doing some more dirt filling along the bank near Hays' block plant.**

**THE HIGH closed sides on the Little Tennessee bridge constitute a real traffic hazard — even more now that more business is going up around it.**

**FRANK DUNCAN'S new shopping center on West Palmer is coming along. Brick masons are starting on the ground level.**

**TUESDAY used every trick in the book to produce snow. But, even the weather can't make out at times.**

**BETTER MARK that February 15 deadline for license tags on your calendar. You might be one of the forgetful.**

**HOW ABOUT listing your taxes right away. Then, the listers won't have to sit around until the last of the month and be covered up in the closing days.**

**THE TOWN'S decision to install a traffic light at the intersection of Palmer and Maple is a wise one. There have been many accidents there.**

**ALL THAT remains of Christmas is a wisp of artificial snow here and there in store windows andinsel that dropped from dis-**

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so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

I, for one, am not in favor of heavy industrialization. Progress for progress' sake, at the sacrifice of more basic things, I'm against. But, Macon County needs several small industrial ventures that will employ men. Thanks to our two hosiery plants, job opportunities exist for qualified women, but it's a cryin' shame to think that our men, educated in our own schools with our own tax dollars, have to leave the state to get employment.

Somewhere there is a happy medium between industry, tourists, and agriculture. This point, however, can never be found unless we can produce jobs for our men folk. Our lumbering industry, for example, lends itself to a plant that produces charcoal bricks. But, has anything been done?

We'll never get there if all we're willin' to do is wring our hands and tell other folks how sad things are. So, let's all resolve in '60 to bend our backs to the wheel and work toward locating industries that will put male Maconians to work in Macon County, for Macon County.

And I thank you, Mr. Maconian

### GUARD SHOOTS PRISONER IN ESCAPE TRY

Teen-ager Isn't Hurt Seriously; Transfer Set

Guard Jerry Dills shot and wounded a teen-ager prisoner attempting to escape from a road gang Monday afternoon on Buck Creek Road, according to John E. Cutshall, superintendent of the Macon Prison Camp.

The wounded youth, Donald Lee Furman, is hospitalized in Franklin, but will be transferred to the state prison hospital in Raleigh soon, the prison official said yesterday (Wednesday).

Shot from the guard's shotgun struck him in the back and chin. He was not seriously hurt, however. The escape attempt was made about 2 o'clock.

Supt. Cutshall gave Furman's home address as Route 2, Belhaven, N. C., and said he was serving a 3-10 year sentence for breaking and entering in Buford County last November.

### 4-H Council Meeting Called For Monday To Map '60 Program

A special planning meeting of the 4-H County Council has been called for tomorrow (Friday) at 3:30 p. m. at the Agricultural Building.

Top item on the agenda is a program for '60. Presiding will be the new council president, Robert Enloe.

### COWEETA SINGING

A singing convention will be held Sunday, January 10, at the Coweeta Baptist Church, beginning at 2 p. m. Several groups are expected, according to Gene Southards, president, and the public is invited.

### NO SET QUOTA — 'New' Dimes Campaign Opens In Macon County

With three causes as impetus, the "new" March of Dimes campaign is under way in Macon County.

This year's money is going to help wage a medical war on not only polio, but birth defects and arthritis as well — hence the "new" March of Dimes. A "Let's Strike 'em Out" theme is being used.

Slated to run the entire month of January, the local drive is being headed by Victor H. Perry, county chairman, and Mrs. Marie Barnard, drive chairman, with the assistance of the V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary.

V.F.W. members Saturday distributed the March of Dimes coin collectors in downtown stores. About 75 were put out in Franklin and nearly a dozen are being sent to Highlands.

Mr. Perry and Mrs. Barnard announced this week that more than 1,000 "mailers" will go out before long, requesting contributions. A number of benefits are in the planning stages, including a "Mothers' March on Polio" under the sponsorship of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. School children also will assist in raising money.

This year's March of Dimes has no set county quota. The organization is not a participant in the local United Fund.



STRETCHING HIGH to put her dime in the "March of Dimes" coin collector is four-year-old Ronda Lee Henson, daughter of County Accountant and Mrs. Tom Henson. The collectors have been distributed over the county by the V. F. W. (Staff Photo)



### PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Va. He will take up his new duties February 1. During his pastorate here, Mr. Langfitt has been active in civic affairs. He organized United Fund and last year was named "Young Man of the Year".

### Schools Get 'Present' From Court

A \$10,439.90 "Christmas present" went to the county schools, compliments of a generous "Santa Claus", the December term of Superior Court.

Heavy with criminal actions, the two-week term, by law, turned over the following to the schools:

Fines, \$5,315; forfeitures, \$4,169.50; jury taxes, \$264; solicitor fees, \$582; and highway patrol fees, \$94.80.

A special term also is scheduled in February to hear civil actions Judge George B. Patton was unable to work into his busy schedule during the December session.

### State President Will Speak On Retarded Children

Charles Waddell, of Asheville, president of the North Carolina Association for Retarded Children, is scheduled to speak here Monday night.

He will address a 7:30 meeting of the local chapter of N.C.A.R.C. in the Franklin High library. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Waddell will outline the association's goals for retarded children.

### State's New Withholding Bites Checks

State withholding tax, a product of the last General Assembly, will begin nibbling at pay checks in Macon County this week.

Local reaction to this newcomer is one of resignation: "Might as well not gripe about it," came the sage comment of one Maconian, "my deductions slip already is longer than my pay check."

Meanwhile, as employers prepare to take the first bite out of employees' checks, the district representative of the N. C. Department of Revenue, Robert L. Curtis, invites employers who have not been visited by the department and registered for the new income tax withholding plan to stop by his office in the Franklin Town Hall. His telephone number is LA 4-2159.

### First Youngster Is 'Cracker' From Clayton

Anel Hospital's first baby (and maybe Macon County's first) is a "Georgia Cracker".

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Allen Moore, of Clayton, Ga., had a daughter on the 3rd.

### FAMILY DINNER

The Franklin P-T. A. will sponsor a family dinner as a fund-raising project Sunday, January 10, in the high school cafeteria from 12:30 to 2 p. m.

### BELATED PROTEST IS FILED

County Fathers Disapprove Sale Of Company

Somewhat belated disapproval of the proposed sale of Nantahala Power and Light Company facilities to Duke Power Company has been registered by the three-man board of county commissioners.

In session Monday, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, John Roane, and Wiley Brown approved a resolution stating, in part, "the board is of the opinion that it would not be to the best interest of the people of Macon County for the Nantahala Power and Light Company to sell its distribution system and a portion of its generating plants to the Duke Power Company."

The board secretary, Lake V. Shope, was directed to send a copy of the resolution to the N. C. Utilities Commission, which must rule on the sale. The resolution has been mailed.

The proposed sale was revealed in early September and opposition came from many quarters, including a protest from the Franklin Board of Aldermen and several civic and service groups.

### Machine Okeyed By Aldermen

Franklin will be able to spot patch holes in streets before long without having to import asphalt mix or hire a paving contractor.

In regular session Monday night, aldermen approved the purchase of a portable asphalt kettle designed for spot-patching. Town Clerk Ray Swafford says the unit will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000. In the past, the town has hauled asphalt mix all the way from Waynesville to do spot-patching, or has left the job up to contractors working on streets during the season. Now, with the new unit and weather permitting, holes can be repaired without delay.

Alderme also approved the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Palmer and Maple, where a number of accidents have occurred in the past. It is also felt that the new light will cut down on attempts to "beat the light" at the intersection of Palmer and US 23-441.

A low bid of 13 cents per gallon was accepted from Nantahala Oil Company for heating fuel for the town hall.

The town also plans to put up new metal street marker posts and police are now conducting a survey to determine where they are needed, either as replacements or on new streets.

### MARRIED 39 YEARS —

### Grays Take Buggy Ride To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray, of Route 2, recently donned Sunday best and posed for a 39th wedding anniversary picture in a buggy, in remembrance of the buggy ride they took together Dec. 29, 1920, from the home of the bride's parents to the newlywed's first home on Route 2 (Hickory Knoll community).

One of the Gray's two daughters, Mrs. Frederick Cunningham, was on hand to help the couple celebrate. The other daughter is Mrs. Oran Berkman, of Minneapolis, Minn. Their son, Eugene, lives in West Jefferson. Another son, George, was killed in action during World War II. The Grays have five grandchildren.

After 39 years, the Grays have acquired a formula for a successful marriage. Mrs. Gray says, "Always plan things together," adding, "We have always gone to church together."



The J. S. Grays in their buggy.

### MARTHA DID GOOD JOB! Jurymen Drawn For Special Term

Five-year-old Martha Jamison drew 30 jurymen Monday for the special term of Superior Court here the first week in February.

Martha did a good job too; even drew the name of her daddy, John Jamison.

Other jurymen drawn were Aaron Hedden, of Route 1; Pritchard Peek, of Route 5; Gordon Ammons, of Route 2; George H. Wallace, of Route 1; Furman Allen, of Route 4; Algia Raby, of Route 4; T. T. Henderson, of Route 5; Hayes Holland, of Route 5; W. R. Parrish, of Route 3; Paul Guy, of Route 3; Guy Clouse, of Route 4; Earl Rickman, of Route 3; Charles Swafford, of Route 3;

Luther E. Young, of Route 5; Wiley Ashe, of Route 2; Everett Mashburn, of Route 5; Howard Stamey, of Route 2; Frank W. Crisp, of Route 5; Vester Ledford, of Route 3; Fred Guest, Jr., of Route 2; Grover Angel, of Route 5; C. H. Chastain, of Highlands; Fred J. Corbin, of Route 5; Frank W. Guffey, of Route 2; Algia McCall, of Franklin; Wiley Anderson Ammons, of Route 2; George H. Wallace, of Route 1; Garland Willis, of Route 4; Zeb Carpenter, of Route 2; and John D. Crisp, of Franklin.

Judge George B. Patton, who requested the special term to take care of civil actions pending, will preside. The term will open February 1.

### NAMING 5 DIRECTORS — C Of C Election Is Under Way

A mail election to pick five directors for the Franklin Chamber of Commerce is now under way.

Results should be available next week, according to the chamber's executive secretary, Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley.

The 12 men nominated are Bill Bryant, Bobby Joe Corbin, Bob Korte, Bill Garrison, Frank Jamison, Bryant Moore, B. L. McGlamery, Bob Moore, W. W. Reeves, Bob S. Sloan, Don Smith,

and Elmon Teague.

Two-year terms will go to the two men receiving the highest votes and the other three will serve one-year terms. The two hold-over members of the board are J. C. Jacobs, who also is chamber president, and T. Y. Ansel.

The new directors will elect a president from their number at a meeting the third Thursday in January.

### Ends 40 Years' Service —

### MACONIAN J. B. RAY FETED AT PARTY BY EMPLOYEES

Employees of the records accounting office of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Charlotte surprised their

boss, J. Bryan Ray, with a "This Is Your Life" party December 22. Mr. Ray, a native of Macon County, had just completed 40 years of service with Southern Bell. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Hershel Ledford, a supervisor in the department and another Maconian. He is the son of Fred Ledford and the late Mrs. Ledford.

Mr. Ray was cited as having taken a number of new Southern Bell employees who came from his native mountains into his home and, besides furnishing them with room and board, he and Mrs. Ray served as counselors and made for them a "home away from home."

He is one of 16 charter members of the Carolina Telco Credit Union, which was organized in 1935 as the Federal Telco Credit Union with a total subscription of \$84. The name was changed to Carolina Telco Credit Union in 1937 on a basis since grown to a present capital of \$4,000,000.00 and a membership of approximately 6,500 employees of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in North and South Carolina. Much credit was given Mr. Ray for his untiring work and interest in the union.

Members of the family from Macon County who attended the party were Mr. Ray's brother, Oran Ray, and Mrs. Ray, two sisters, Mrs. Gilmer Setser and Miss Viola Ray, and a nephew, Brent Southard.

### The Weather

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., 30th	39	28	.00	
Thursday	47	28	.00	
Friday	37	17	.00	
Saturday	47	32	.06	
Sunday	49	37	.60	
Monday	37	25	.00	
Tuesday	37	31	.04	
Wednesday	34	13.3		
COWETA				
Wed., 30th	39	28	.00	
Thursday	40	22	.00	
Friday	48	19	.00	
Saturday	38	31	.16	
Sunday	37	55	.97	
Monday	48	24	.00	
Tuesday	38	30	.02	
Wednesday	40	33	1.06	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., 30th	32	26		
Thursday	41	25		
Friday	32	20		
Saturday	46	30		
Sunday	48	34		
Monday	48	28		
Tuesday	40	29		
Wednesday	40	32		

No record.