

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.



THE LATEST issue of the flying magazine, AOPA PILOT, has a familiar face on the front. A well-known Franklin summer resident and cruise master of two "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" here, Vernon Burt, is standing on the wing of his new Piper Comanche. The photo was taken by another Macon County booster, aviation writer-photographer Hans Groenhoff.

SPRING ALMOST made a triumphant return to the mountains Sunday. Convertible tops flipped back, a go-cart slid around a rough course in East Franklin, and everyone went riding.

A NASHVILLE, Kansas, school principal, Vernon D. Stenzel, has succumbed to the Paul Swafford's recent advertisement on spending a vacation in Macon County. He's a rockhound and tells Mr. S he and his family will remain here next summer as long as the rocks hold out. If that's his gauge for staying, he'd better move here because Cowee Valley alone has 120 different minerals and gem stones.

THE TOWN put the water treatment to the streets again Monday morning. A couple more sweeps and the streets won't be hard to keep clean.

THE BENCHES around the outside of the county courthouse were filled with "sunners" Monday morn filled with "sunners" Monday morning when spring gave all signs of having arrived. "Uncle John" Justice was shaking hands up and down the street.

ANY ONE notice that beautiful blue and purple haze covering the mountains in the late p.m. Saturday? That's why the Blue Ridge Mountains are called blue.

SOME SPRUCING up paint, in anticipation of spring, is going on the walls at Belk's and the store has put up its new peach blossom decorations.

MARCH OF DIMES mailers have gone out. Don't forget to send in your contribution at once so your dollars can be put to work on polio, arthritis, and birth defects.

THOSE OF you unfamiliar with the excellent work of the Children's Home Society in Greensboro will find the January 19 program at the Methodist church an enlightening thing. Check the date on your calendar.

FRANKLIN is one of the places featured in the "Where Do You Think You Are?" quiz appearing in the January 18 issue of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST. The quiz uses portions of maps to aid in guessing. Iotia, a portion of Wesser Bald, and part of Cartoogechaye can be identified, as well as Franklin.

AS A GIFT in memory of his mother, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Welmar Jones has presented the Franklin Library with bound copies of THE FRANKLIN PRESS covering a 10-year period.

FIRST of the year inventory projects appear to be in the home stretch in stores along the main drag. Most merchants agree that

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so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Two most important things—important to the future growth of Franklin and Macon County—took place this week.

One was the election of chamber of commerce directors in Franklin; the other the big step toward a real county fair with exhibit halls.

Five capable, energetic, and progressive businessmen were elected by the chamber membership. But, effectiveness during the coming year is limited by the cooperation they will receive from the people. Full cooperation means new tourist and industrial horizons will be brought into sharp focus; poor cooperation . . . well, that's easy to figure!

This business of building a county fair is as ambitious a project ever undertaken in this county. But it can be done; done, that is, if the people are willing to lend their support unselfishly.



Mr. Garrison



Mr. Reeves



Mr. McClure



Mr. McGlamery



Mr. Sloan

Chamber Directors Elected

A mail election has selected five directors for '60 in the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and a new president is scheduled to be elected this month to succeed J. C. Jacobs.

The new directors are B. L. McGlamery, Bryant McClure, W. W. Reeves, Bob S. Sloan, and Bill Garrison. The first two, Mr. McGlamery and Mr. McClure, will serve two-year terms by virtue of having received the highest number of votes. The rest were elected for one year.

Rounding out the seven-man board of directors are two holdovers from last year's board, J. C. Jacobs and T. Y. Angel.

A meeting is scheduled for January 21 to elect a president for '60 and to map chamber plans for the coming tourist season. Under the by-laws of the chamber, the president comes from the membership of the board of directors.

A general membership banquet will be held later in the year and will feature the presentation of an operating budget and the appearance of an out-of-county speaker.

More Than One Telephone A Day Installed In '59

More than a new telephone a day was installed in Macon County during 1959, according to Western Carolina Telephone Company.

Through the Franklin exchange alone, service was provided 333 new customers. Highlands added 149 more for a total of 482.

The year '59 also saw the Franklin exchange converted to dial system. This was accomplished in May and was the final step in a 10-year expansion program undertaken by the company in the western area. A \$60,000 building to house offices and dial equipment also was opened in Franklin just prior to the conversion.

ANNUAL SUPPER

The Womens Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Franklin Methodist Church will hold their annual covered dish supper to night (Thursday) at 6:30 at the church. Mrs. J. L. Fesperman will be guest speaker.

LOST TO CULLOWHEE — Franklin Cagers Lose One, Win Two Others

Franklin High's lads and lassies won two out of three clashes this past week and are ready to take on Highlands here tomorrow (Friday) night and Glenville there Tuesday night.

Both Franklin teams lost to Cullowhee here Friday night, but registered wins over Rabun County here Saturday and Webster there Tuesday.

Cullowhee girls downed the locals by a scant point, 58 to 57, but the boys ended up on the short end of an 84 to 68 score. Franklin girls toppled Rabun County 80 to 33 and the boys won 50 to 22. Webster girls fell to Franklin 100 to 29 and the boys racked up 66 points to Webster's 39.

FRANKLIN-RABUN COUNTY Girls Game
RABUN COUNTY, GA. (33) F — Crunkleton 16, Vickers 9, Welborn 10, Stroud; G — Henry, Hall, Robinson, Long.
FRANKLIN (80) F — Cabe 20, Stockton 14, Lenoir 19, Carpenter

12, Myers 5, Leatherman 10, Duval 6, Cole, Sheffield, Houston, Bowman, Ledford, Fox.
Halftime: 46-20, Franklin.

Boys Game
RABUN COUNTY, GA. (22) — Donaldson 14, Carnes 3, Singleton 2, Keller 1, Payne 1; Blair T, McClure, Blaylock.

FRANKLIN (50) — Pearson 8, Duval 6, Higdon 17, Baird 3, Frank 2, Cabe, Justice 3, Hughes, Bryson, Corbin 4, Simpson 7.
Halftime: 25-5, Franklin.

FRANKLIN-CULLOWHEE Girls Game
CULLOWHEE (58) F — Mitchell 37, Owen 19, Sorrells 2; G — Taylor, Renfro, M. Bishop, R. Bishop.

FRANKLIN (57) F — Cabe 11, Stockton 30, Lenoir 8, Carpenter 8; G — Cole, Sheffield, Houston, Bowman.

Halftime: 25-20, Cullowhee.
Boys Game
CULLOWHEE (84) — Hooper
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AT FIRST CHURCH — Baptist Training Union School Is Scheduled

A central training school will be held the week of January 18-22 at the First Baptist Church under the sponsorship of the executive committee of the Macon Baptist Association's Training Union organization.

The Rev. C. T. Taylor, field worker for the association, this week said all Training Union members of the county churches are invited to attend the classes, which will start nightly at 7:30. The following courses in leadership and methods are being offered:

"Building a Church Training Program", taught by the Rev. Lewis Howard, pastor of the Holly Springs Baptist Church; "Baptist Young People's Administration", Jack Powell; "The Intermediate Leadership Manual", Mrs. Ed Brogden; "The Baptist Intermediate Union Manual", Mrs. Mildred Williamson; "The Junior Leadership Manual", Mrs. Robert

Club To Hear

Case Worker

Tuesday Night

Mrs. Annie Hawkins, of Asheville, a case worker with the Children's Home Society of Greensboro, will be guest speaker Tuesday night, January 18, at a meeting of the Franklin Junior Women's Club.

She will show slides and discuss adoptions and foster parents. The Children's Home Society is a club project.

The meeting, to which the public is invited, will be held at 7:30 in the basement of the Methodist church.

And I thank you,
Mr. Maconian

Post Office Receipts Keep Rising

Postal receipts at the Franklin Post Office soared more than \$7,000 in 1959 over the previous year.

Postmaster Zeb Meadows this week gave the '59 total as \$53,253.79, as compared with \$45,967.44 for '58.

The calendar year just past was a significant one for the Franklin office for it marked the beginning of city mail delivery and the hiring of two additional carriers to handle the change. This took place last February. The year '59 also saw the establishment of another round-trip star route between Franklin and Sylva, giving the office two such daily trips instead of one.

Christmas '59 wasn't particularly rushing when compared with past years, the postmaster recalled. It was about the same as in '58, a season considered sub-par on the basis of pieces of mail going through the office.

License Sales Lagging Behind

License tag sales are lagging a bit behind last year's, according to Verlon Swafford, manager of the local branch office of Carolina Motor Club, where the state's '60 plates went on sale January 2.

As of Monday at closing time, 477 auto tags had been sold, as compared with 510 for the same period a year ago. Truck tag sales were the same, 191.

Mr. Swafford said some delay is being caused by the failure of motorists to sign the back of their registration card before presenting it for a new tag. He said it is not necessary for this to be signed in front of the office personnel, as some think, and that a lot of time would be saved if it was done before coming to the office for a tag.

February 15 is the deadline for purchasing new tags.



P. T. A. SPEAKER

Dr. C. D. Killian, head of the Department of Education at Western Carolina College, will be guest speaker Monday night at a meeting of the Franklin P. T. A. at 7:30 in the high school cafeteria. Dr. Killian recently was appointed by Gov. Luther Hodges as chairman of a committee to formulate plans for an educational program for gifted children in North Carolina.



TAX LISTING IS UNDER WAY IN COUNTY

John Kusterer, of Franklin, has his January "must" out of the way. He's listed his taxes and, by his own admission, is now figuring out how to raise the money to pay them. Anyway, tax listing is going on over the county during January. A schedule of listing appears elsewhere in this issue. (Staff Photo)

Deadline For Awards Is Monday

Monday, January 18, is the last day for submitting nominations for the "Macon County Young Man of the Year" award.

Bill Zickgraf, chairman of the Jaycee-sponsored project, this week said he had received several nominations and expects to get more before the deadline.

Any young man between the age of 21 and 36 is eligible to be nominated for his contributions to the community in 1959. He need not belong to the Jaycees. Mr. Zickgraf emphasized.

The winner, who will be revealed and honored at a special awards banquet here January 25, will receive a Distinguished Service Award key. Guest speaker at the banquet, set for Slagle Memorial Building, will be the state Jaycee president, Al Harrison, of Winston-Salem.

Also to be honored at the banquet is the county's "Outstanding Young Farmer". Nominations for the award may be mailed to Jaycee Jim Williamson.

PASTOR'S MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Macon Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held with the First Baptist Church, Franklin, Monday morning, January 18, at 10:30. Rev. J. H. Propst, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Highlands, will be in charge. After a short business session, Mrs. Frank Shope, county nurse, is to speak to the group.

PARKER NEW CHAIRMAN — Fair Buildings Project Started

New officers for 1960 were elected Monday night by the Macon County Fair Association and a definite step was taken toward building exhibit halls on the county-owned property on US 23-441 south.

Cecil Parker, of Cartoogechaye, was elected chairman of the association. Serving with him are Fred Hannah, of Patton community, vice-chairman; Jerry Sutton, of Clark's Chapel, secretary; and Mrs. Grace Tatham, of Cowee, treasurer.

Macon County's '60 county fair was tentatively set toward the last of September. The final decision rests with the signing of a carnival to provide entertainment for fair-goers.

Two special committees were appointed at the meeting to begin work on buildings for the fair ground on land donated recently by the county at the old county home property. A building committee, presently charged with visiting the county home property and selecting suitable building sites, is composed of Wayne Proffitt, chairman, Charlie Sutton, Bill Higdon, Fred Hannah, Judd Talton, and Woodrow Gibson. A ways and means committee to decide on methods of raising money for fair buildings is made up of the presidents of the 10 active rural communities and Gilmer Henson, Elmon Teague, J. S. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradley, Verlon Swafford, Wiley Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Oran Ray.

As a means of raising money for the building fund, the idea of awarding ribbons instead of prize money at the fair for the next few years was discussed. Although the group favors this proposal, it wants the approval and understanding of the fair exhibitors before making a definite commitment.

A financial report presented by Miss Marie Jennings, treasurer, listed \$672.32 on hand.

The meeting was held at the Agricultural Building.

MAKES \$270

Franklin P. T. A. made \$270 with its benefit Sunday dinner in the high school cafeteria, it has been announced.

ATTENDS MEETING

J. C. Jacobs, Franklin businessman and a member of the First Baptist Church, attended the January meeting of North Carolina Baptist State Convention's general board in Raleigh, January 11-12. Mr. Jacobs was elected as a general board member at the annual meeting of the state convention last November.

BUECK AT MEET

School Supt. H. Bueck was in Asheville Tuesday for a school planning meeting, one of a series being held in the state under the sponsorship of the School Planning Department of the State Department of Public Instruction. This Saturday he will be in Raleigh for a meeting of the N.C. Education Association federal relations.

Ritter Lumber Isn't Moving Over Railroad

Ritter Lumber Company's mill in nearby Mountain City, Ga., is contemplating a move for a better timber supply, not because of the proposed abandonment of the Tallulah Falls Railway.

"This was the word yesterday (Wednesday) from J. W. Stanley, Ritter's division superintendent, in answer to rumors that the mill was leaving because of the railroad situation.

"I wish you'd straighten that out for us," Mr. Stanley told THE PRESS. "I've had several calls about it."

He said it is possible that the Mountain City mill, which has been in operation since 1951, will be moved in the next eight or 10 months to a better supply area. The new location has not been picked, he added.

The Ritter operation is one of several small industries along the line using the freight services of the Tallulah Falls.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 6th	42	34	1.32
Thursday	48	36	.18
Friday	55	22	.00
Saturday	59	18	.00
Sunday	61	27	.00
Monday	78	37	.00
Tuesday	56	31	.00
Wednesday	59	48	.00
COWETA			
Wed., 6th	40	33	1.00
Thursday	44	35	.34
Friday	49	20	.00
Saturday	55	20	.00
Sunday	60	21	.00
Monday	62	40	.01
Tuesday	86	32	trac
Wednesday	61	48	.00
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., 6th	44	32	
Thursday	46	36	
Friday	48	30	
Saturday	50	25	
Sunday	54	37	
Monday	58	36	
Tuesday	50	35	
Wednesday	*	*	

* no record.



TWO STILLS DESTROYED BY SHERIFF'S RAIDERS

Last Thursday, between Highlands and Dillard, in the Slick Rock Branch section on the south side of Middle Creek, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and his deputies destroyed two illegal stills. The biggest was a steam boiler outfit. It had turned out two or three runs, the sheriff estimated. Another still, a conventional copper pot type, was located about three quarters of a mile from the steam outfit and probably had been in operation for about two years. The officers poured out about 1,800 gallons of mash and confiscated 17 cases of empty half-gallon jars. Pictured on the site of the steam unit are (L to R) Deputy Van Frazier, Sheriff Thomas, and Deputy Newell Pendergrass, who is holding a bag of dynamite used to blow up the big still. (Gene's Studio Photo)