

The Franklin Press

and
The Highlands Maconian

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.



THAT DRAINAGE problem in the highway over the new culvert at the foot of Town Hill is a pain in the neck. People walking on the sidewalk during a rain get splattered with water and mud when a car goes by. Let's fix it!

ANOTHER red-tailed chicken hawk a little smaller than the one killed a couple of weeks ago by Andrew Gregory has "bit the dust". Earl Simons and Junior Sheffield, of Cowee, teamed to down the chicken-loving hawk while he sat and dreamed of food on a locust limb. Junior drove a pick-up truck and Earl hid in the bed until they got close enough for him to pick off the big bird, whose wing spread was right at four feet.

JIM BRINKMAN has moved his gem and rock shop from the building next to Dixie Grill to Andy Reid's building formerly occupied by Ledbetter's Cafe.

YOU CAN scratch that talk about a big motel in East Franklin for the present. There's now talk of a super market for the Baldwins on a portion of the land-fill behind the De Soto Trail Restaurant.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC crowd was on hand Saturday night in the local gym for the wrestling matches sponsored by the Macon Search and Rescue Squad. This proves that Maconians are starved for entertainment.

T. Y. ANGEL, at Carolina Pharmacy, is a Boys' Home supporter. He turns the pharmacy coffee receipts every Thursday over to the Boys' Home at Lake Waccamaw, near Wilmington, and this usually comes to about \$17. Pattered after Boys' Town in Nebraska, Boys' Home needs funds to care for homeless boys, many of whom are turned into useful citizens instead of delinquents roaming the country.

Mr. Angel is doing. Boys' Home is a state Jaycee project and Roy M. Biddle, Jr., local Jaycee president, would appreciate hearing from any other restaurants or businesses that would like to help out as Mr. Angel is doing.

TOWN OFFICIALS hope to get together soon with Frank Hutzlison, 14th Highway Division engineer, and discuss some street problems, including the one-way system.

SHERIFF J. Harry Thomas was in Chapel Hill January 24-27 for a sheriff's school conducted by the Institute of Government. He was one of some 79 officers taking the course, which covered all phases of criminal and civil law and investigation.

The Political Pot

(This special column will appear at intervals between now and the coming elections to keep voters posted on the political situation across the state. No conclusions will be drawn, only the facts brought out, on the theory that the voters, being free and 21, are capable of making their own decisions.)

With the death last week of Rep. David M. Hall, the political spotlight shines squarely on the 12th Congressional District where just about anything can, and probably will happen.

The law says that Gov. Hodges must call some special elections to pick Rep. Hall's successor; this, in addition to the regular party primaries coming up in May.

Looks like the voters of the 12th are going to be poll-worn before it's over.

In Waynesville Monday morning, Heinz Rollman proposed that candidates waive the special election and let things be settled in the regular primary. The Republican candidate's proposal and his reasons for making it may be found in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

It is the consensus among political observers that Mr. Rollman's proposal will fall on deaf ears and that the voters might as well sharpen their pencils and prepare to do some extra marking of ballots.

There's also the possibility that Gov. Hodges will set the special primary on the same date as the regular May primaries, but



FRANKLIN Hosiery Company's superintendent, Stephen A. Bundy, is shown with the company's first two employees, Mrs. Imogene Waldrop (left) and Miss Jessie McConnell. The two women were honored for their service Monday. (Staff Photo.)

WERE FIRST EMPLOYEES —

Franklin Hosiery Honors Two On 5th Anniversary

Franklin Hosiery Company celebrated its first five years of business here Monday by presenting service pins and certificates to its first two employees, Mrs. Imogene Waldrop and Miss Jessie McConnell.

The two women were the first to sign up for Burlington's training program. At that time the local plant was under construction and training operations were conducted in the V. F. W. Building on West Palmer Street.

The pins and certificates were presented to the two women, both of whom are loopers, by Supt. Stephen A. Bundy.

Franklin Hosiery at present employs 430 persons, 278 of them women and 152 men, according to the personnel supervisor, Earl Adams. Of the 278 women, some 200 are loopers and the rest work at inspecting and mending. Most of the men are knitters.

NOW IN JAIL —

Building Wasn't Empty, Teen-Age Boys Discover

Two teen-age youths became unwilling residents of the county jail Monday night because they figured Reeves Hardware Company on Depot Street was empty.

But, James Leroy Holland and George Burton Johnson, both 17, were wrong and are now in jail under \$1,000 bond charged with breaking and entering.

What they didn't know was the hardware store owner, W. W. Reeves, and an Atlanta salesman, Ted Michaels, were inside talking. About 9:30 they heard the boys coming down the alley between the hardware store and the Reeves warehouse. Mr. Reeves quietly loaded two shotguns and waited for them to enter the unlocked side door.

Mr. Reeves recalls one of the boys remarking "we've got it

made" when he found the door unlocked.

While the two men waited in the dark, the boys slipped out of their shoes and started across the large store. At this point, Mr. Reeves told them to halt. When young Holland ran for the door he fired a blast of birdshot at the wall near the boys. Holland kept going, but was arrested nearby a short time later by Policeman Brice Rowland. The boy was barefooted.

Young Johnson surrendered to Mr. Reeves, who called the police for help. Deputy Newell Pendergrass arrived and with the night officer took the boys to jail.

The deputy the next morning took out the breaking and entering warrants for the two. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

HUNDREDS AT FUNERAL —

Rep. Hall Loses Bout With Cancer

Rep. David M. Hall, the 41-year-old congressman from the 12th Congressional District, lost his fight with cancer and died Friday at 5:45 p. m. at C. J. Harris Community Hospital in Sylva, his home town.

The courageous congressman's funeral Sunday afternoon attracted more than 600 and he was buried in the family cemetery at Webster.

Stricken last November by cancer, Rep. Hall, who has been confined to a wheel chair since the age of 15 because of a crippling bone infection, showed the spunk and determination that had marked his life by announcing that he intended to lick the illness and run for Congress again. In December, he underwent surgery for removal of a cancerous growth on his bladder in a New York hospital. He never fully recovered from complications of the operation. Rep. Hall entered C. J. Harris on January 12 to continue convalescence.

The Sylva attorney was appointed July 31, 1958, to run in place of Rep. George A. Shuford, of Asheville, who was forced to resign as the Demo-

cratic nominee because of his health. In the general election that year, Rep. Hall easily beat his Republican opponent, W. Harold Sams, of Asheville.

Under the law, Gov. Luther H. Hodges must call special primary and general elections to pick Rep. Hall's successor.



Rep. David M. Hall

FIRST TAX PENALTY IN FORCE

Accountant Gives Schedule For Non-Payment

The first tax penalty for delinquent '59 taxes went into effect Tuesday, according to County Accountant Tom Henson.

It's a one per cent penalty and will last through March 2. After that date the following penalty schedule will be used:

After March 1 and through of this month to purchase tags April 1 and through May 1, add two and a half per cent; after May 1 and through June 1, add three per cent; after June 1 and through July 1, add three per cent and a half per cent each month to date of sale of tax lein.

The '59 taxes became due October 1, 1959.

License Sales Neck-And-Neck With Last Year

Sales of North Carolina's 1960 license plates ran neck-and-neck with January a year ago, according to the local Carolina Motor Club branch office.

January 1960 nosed out January 1959 by only one license plate, with sales of 1,640 and 1,639, respectively.

Motorists have until the 15th of this month to purchase tags for their cars, trucks, motorcycles,

MOVING SLOWLY

The Town of Franklin also is in the license selling business.

Town tags cost \$1 per and any one living or working in town must purchase and display one on their car.

Sales of the tag are slow, according to Town Clerk Ray Swafford, and only about 200 had been sold through Tuesday noon. A total of 770 were sold in 1959.

A February 15 deadline, the same as the state's, is being observed by the town.

and trailers and the office is expecting things to become a bit crowded as the deadline draws nearer.

Verlon Swafford, manager, urges Maconians who still must buy tags to do so at once and avoid the last-minute rush and the prospect of standing in long lines.

He also said that things would be speeded up some if motorists would be sure to sign their vehicle registration cards in advance so they won't have to delay matters at the office. It is not necessary for anyone to witness the signature, he explained.

A break-down of the January sales shows 1,100 car tags; 493 trucks; and 47 trailers.

Girls Win, Boys Lose

Franklin High's lassies won games with Swain and Cullowhee the past week, but the boys fell by the wayside in both.

On the home court Friday night, the girls beat Swain 85 to 74. The boys lost 50 to 46. Tuesday at Cullowhee, the girls won again, 78 to 58, but Cullowhee's boys took theirs 70 to 47.

Only three games remain on Franklin's regular schedule for

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Kenneth Perry Leaving Here For Buncombe

Kenneth Perry, assistant agricultural agent here for the past two and a half years, has resigned to take a similar agent's job in Buncombe County.

His resignation is effective March 1.

Mr. Perry's duties primarily have centered on 4-H work in the county.

VETS WILL MEET

Veterans of World War I, Macon County Barracks No. 906, will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 at the courthouse, it has been announced.



Mr. Talley



Miss Phillips

AT WESTERN CAROLINA —

Macon County Students Win Top Teacher Awards

Two Macon County students at Western Carolina College have been awarded top honors in the education field.

Chosen as "Mr. and Miss Student Teacher of 1959-60", they are Leon Talley, of Highlands, and Miss Jean Phillips, of Franklin.

Mr. Talley, an active member of the Student National Educators Association, has served as its president, has been representative at two state conventions, and in 1959 was a candidate for state vice-president.

In addition to his SNEA activities, he is a member of the Association for Childhood Education, the Inter-Club Council, and is treasurer of the senior class. This year he was voted "best all-around" student in the senior class. He is presently doing his student teaching in the Sylva Elementary School, and after acquiring his B.S. in education degree at WCC he plans to work toward his master's degree. He is a graduate of Highlands High School and is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Talley.

Miss Phillips, in addition to the SNEA honor, is also a senior superlative for this year, being chosen as "most likely to succeed". She holds the enviable record of having been listed on the Alpha Honor Roll for every quarter she has been enrolled at WCC. Her studious attitude is enabling her to complete the requirements for the B. S. in Education degree in only three years. She is a member of the Inter-Club Council and at present holds office in the SNEA and in the Alpha Phi Sigma, honorary scholastic fraternity.

Jean will do her student teaching this spring at Lee H. Edwards in Asheville. She has plans for graduate work in the future.

A graduate of Franklin High School, she was valedictorian of her class, and was a valuable member of the basketball team for three years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Phillips.

AT FOOTBALL BANQUET — U.N.C. Coach To Speak Here

Franklin High's football coaches, players, and cheerleaders will be honor guests of Rotarians next Wednesday night at Slagle Memorial Building when the guest speaker will be the University of North Carolina's head football coach, James Benton (Jim) Hickey.

A few tickets to the football banquet at \$2 each, will be on sale to the general public. They may be purchased at Perry's Drug Store and Angel's Drug Store, according to Rotarian C. S. Brown, who is in charge of arrangements.

Set to begin at 7 o'clock, the banquet also will serve as the weekly dinner meeting of the Rotary Club. The date, however, was changed from Thursday to Wednesday to accommodate the guest speaker.

Mr. Hickey will be introduced by Ernie Williamson, who will accompany him here from Chapel Hill. Mr. Williamson is executive secretary of the University's Educational Foundation, which provides athletic scholarships.

The U.N.C. coach, who is 39, has one football season behind him with the Tar Heels. He was named to the top post last July, with a three-year contract, follow-

ing the tragic and unexpected death of Jim Tatum. He had been a valued assistant on Coach Tatum's staff for three years, being a member of the original group—the head-coach appointed on returning to Carolina from Maryland.

NO SET QUOTA —

'Heart Fund' Campaign Opens For Month's Run

Macon County is joining the nation-wide "Heart Fund" drive during the month of February under the chairmanship of Roy M. Biddle, Jr.

The county has no fixed quota to raise. Heart-shaped plastic coin collectors are being distributed over the county this week by the chairman and volunteer workers.

Other key figures in the local drive are Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, who is serving as treasurer, and Mrs. James E. Bleckley, public education chairman.

'Heart Sunday'

Plans are now being made

YEAR'S PLANS MADE —

Raby New Head Of Rural Group

Cowee's Tommy Raby, who only last week was honored as "Macon County's Young Man of the Year", has a new and challenging job.

He's the new chairman of the Macon County Rural Community Development Council, having been elected last Thursday night along with Mrs. Stanley Penland, of Iotla, vice-chairman; Donald Seagle, of Holly Springs, secretary; and W. W. (Bill) Sloan, of Franklin, treasurer. J. Fred Bryson, of Carson, is the out-going president.

In tackling some of the new business, the council voted to change the awards program, set the dates for the county fair and rural community judging, and heard two recommendations from the fair building committee concerning ways to raise money.

New Approach

A new approach to the annual appreciation and awards dinner was approved by the new council. Instead of a regular banquet-type dinner, the 1960 event will serve a picnic-type meal and a community tour.

A committee of community representatives was appointed to make plans for the awards program. Serving on this committee are Mrs. Penland, chairman, Mrs. Pritchard Russell, Cullasaja; Mrs. Donald Seagle, Holly Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sutton, Clark's Chapel; Mrs. Eleanor McNish, Cartoogechay; Mrs. Leona W. Moore, Carson; Mrs. Harley Stewart, Patton; Mr. Raby, Cowee; Mrs. Sammy Bryson, Higdonville; and Mrs. Betty Suttles, Pine Grove.

Goal Is Set

A goal of 15 communities was set for the '60 county contest. Pritchard Russell, Cullasaja's president, suggested that organized communities invite representatives of unorganized sections to attend some of their meetings so they may see how the community development program operates.

Fair Report

These recommendations were presented to the council from the fair building committee: (1) that exhibitors accept ribbons and no prize money, with prize money going to the building fund, and (2) that community prize money likewise be channeled to the building fund. These recommendations will be presented to the community organizations for action during the month.

Dates for the '60 Macon County Fair were announced for October 13-15 and the community contest judging for September 21-23. The awards picnic and tour will be September 28.

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Maybe Florida Is Slipping . . .

Florida in the winter? Shucks, stay in Franklin and save your money.

The official highs in Miami, Fla., and Franklin were exactly the same Monday a pleasant 59 degrees.

So just ignore that plea: "Keep Florida Green — Bring Money". Instead, stay home and brighten the economies foliage here for a change.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manor Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by U. S. weather observer; in Newton, T.V.A. by 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., 27th	60	12	.37
Thursday	49	33	.25
Friday	48	39	.00
Saturday	47	38	.34
Sunday	50	43	.30
Monday	61	30	.00
Tuesday	66	23	.00
Wednesday	...	28	.00

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 27th	53	30	1.04
Thursday	46	35	.28
Friday	50	34	trace
Saturday	47	41	.67
Sunday	48	39	.50
Monday	59	27	.00
Tuesday	63	25	.00
Wednesday	65	30	.00

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Monday	56	29	.
Tuesday	56	27	.
Wednesday	...	31	.

*no record.



A CONTRIBUTION to the "Heart Fund" is dropped in a coin collector by Mrs. Marshall Pettis. Waiting her turn is Mrs. Frank L. Henry, Sr. The "Heart Fund" drive will run the entire month of February. (Staff Photo)