

Staff correspondents of THE PRESS keep the inside pages of this newspaper alive with news about your friends and neighbors...



DEADLINE FOR TAGS IS MONDAY

Last-Minute Rush Foreseen Here By Swafford

FRANKLIN IS observing its first anniversary this month of house-to-house mail delivery.

UNITED FUND, observed one merchant this week, hasn't stopped the flood of drives.

LEE WOODS has the dirt trucks hauling again, this time behind his motel in East Franklin.

THAT REALLY is an office the Kay Montagues are building off the end of their Dixie Motel.

A THOUSAND and one thanks are due the State Highway Department for taking care of that drainage problem at the foot of Town Hill.

IT WOULD BE nice if spring would make up its mind. Monday afternoon started acting like a lamb after a lionish week end of rain and chilling temperatures.

FRANKLIN HIGH'S boys and girls are heading for tournament play next week at Cherokee High.

HAVE YOU ever noticed how sneaky the backs of the buildings along Main Street look from Palmer? This, of course, is the view that visitors get of our town.

THAT DISABLING "flu bug" has put a lot of Maconians out of action. Some have been hospitalized, but most have toughed it out at home.

DAYTONA BEACH and "Speed Week" activities are claiming a number of Maconians, including Mr. and Mrs. Goodlow Bowman.

EVEN RAILROADS apparently can't depend on their service anymore. A big truck came through town Tuesday hauling a railroad tie-tamper on a lowboy.

IF YOU DON'T want to stand in line you'd better buy your state and town license tags for '60 right now.

Monday (February 15) is a red-letter day for motorists who still must purchase 1960 license tags.

That's the last day they'll be on sale before the law steps in and hands out citations to vehicles displaying old plates.

The local branch office of Carolina Motor Club, situated in the rear of the Western Auto Associate Store in Franklin, is bracing for a last-minute rush for tags.

'59 Business Biggest Yet For Local Bank

The Bank of Franklin had the best year in its history in 1959, according to President Frank B. Duncan.

The end-of-year report shows the books balanced at \$3,726,822.10 at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1959.

This was an increase of more than \$300,000 over 1958.

Assets for the year showed \$410,281.30 in cash in vault, and due from approved banks; \$1,887,500.50 in U. S. Government bonds; \$176,601.66 in state, county and municipal bonds; \$75,000.00 in other bonds; \$1,121,313.49 in loans and discounts; \$10,734.80 in the banking house and site; \$20,392.99 in furniture and fixtures; and \$26,057.36 in other assets.

Liabilities listed were capital common stock, \$75,000.00; surplus, \$75,000.00; undivided profit account, \$196,658.49; reserve for taxes, insurance, interest and F.D.I.C., \$20,960.16; unearned interest collected, \$26,660.91; cashier's checks and certified checks, \$15,601.30; and deposits, \$3,317,001.24.

Directors reelected by stockholders at a recent meeting include A. B. Slagle, chairman of the board, T. W. Angel, Jr., H. L. Bryant, H. W. Cabe, John L. Crawford, W. E. Baldwin, Frank B. Duncan, R. S. Jones, Verlon Swafford, and Elmon Teague.

Officers reelected by the directors are Mr. Duncan, president, Mr. Swafford, vice-president, Mr. Cabe, cashier, Walter Dean, assistant cashier, and Robert C. Carpenter, assistant cashier.

Scout Dinner Slated Tonight At Cafeteria

Franklin High cafeteria tonight (Thursday) will be the scene of the annual Boy Scout banquet.

Slated to begin at 6:30, the covered dish meal will be followed by a court of honor at which Scouts will receive a number of awards and promotions.

The banquet is being held in conjunction with "National Boy Scout Week" (February 6-13) and the 50th anniversary of Scouting.

All Explorers, Boy Scouts, and Cubs are invited to attend with their parents and friends. Bread and drinks will be furnished at the cafeteria.



A HOT TIME BEHIND THE OL' TOWN HALL!

For a while Tuesday afternoon, billowing black smoke near the town hall gave the impression that the building was burning down. However, it was only the tar wagon on the town's brand new spot-patcher burning.

POULTRY PROBLEM BLAMED — Farm Income Drops Million Dollars In Macon County

Macon County farm income in 1959 dropped approximately \$1,000,000 from the previous year largely because of the decrease in the poultry industry.

Overall farm income in the county for the year is estimated at \$3,020,018.35. These figures were revealed by Walter C. Taylor, chairman of the Macon County Soil Conservation District, in the district's annual report.

Business Good During December

December 1959 business in Macon County was bigger than in 1958, according to sales and use tax collections.

In December 1958, collections were \$14,347.94, as compared with \$15,845.45 for this past December. November 1959 collections came close to December's, with \$15,766.23.

These figures were taken from THE RETAILER, monthly publication of the N. C. Merchants Association.

Franklin High Seniors Get Scholarships

Three Franklin High seniors have been announced as recipients of college scholarships.

Miss Carole Eva Gregory, 17, daughter of Mrs. Clara Gregory, of Franklin, Route 2 (Hickory Knoll community), has received a National Mission Scholarship, consisting of a one year grant and workshop, to Warren Wilson Junior College, Swannanoa, Miss Gregory, a member of the Future Teachers Club, plans to become a science teacher.

Fred Slagle Bulgin, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bulgin, of Franklin, and George Douglas Slagle, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Slagle, also of Franklin, have received identical \$250 grants and \$250 workshops to King College, a Presbyterian school in Bristol, Tenn.

Explorer Post 221, Fred holds Life rank in Scouting.

Doug is vice-president of the senior class, a member of the Beta Club, national scholastic honor society, and a letterman on the Panther football squad. Also a member of the Presbyterian church, he is president of the Combined Franklin Youth Fellowship and chairman of District 3 in the Asheville Presbytery Youth Fellowship.

Doug is an Eagle Scout and a member of Explorer Post 221.



Doug Slagle



Miss Gregory



Fred Bulgin

Engineers Make Survey For Water

After months of study, two local engineers this week came up with facts and figures on a municipal watershed for Franklin, as compared with the filter-pumping plant on Cartoogechaye Creek.

Rough Fork, a tributary of Wayah Creek, their figures indicate, would provide the town with nearly two and a half times as much water for less money.

The initial outlay in cash, they said, would be many thousands of dollars less, while use of a gravity flow system would eliminate the "perpetual pumping and operating costs" of the Cartoogechaye plant.

They added that the quality of the Wayah water would be greatly superior.

The study was made by H. H. Plemons and Russell C. Cabe.

Mr. Plemons worked with Charles E. Waddell, 1925-30, in installing the Asheville watershed sys-

tem, and he and Mr. Cabe, during their 20 and 19 years, respectively, as engineers with the Nantahala Power and Light Company, have put in a lot of water pipe for that company.

They made the study on their own initiative, as citizens, without compensation.

Their proposal calls for an intake on Rough Fork, just below its confluence with Grape Vine Branch, at an elevation of 2,000 feet; a filter and chlorination plant there; a 12-inch pipe line to carry the water to Franklin by gravity; and a million-gallon storage and distribution reservoir near Oak Hill, elevation 2,300 feet.

Since that point is approximately 200 feet higher than Franklin, they said gravity would deliver water anywhere in or near the town, with an estimated pressure of 85 pounds.

They figure the project would deliver a min-

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AT NO EXPENSE TO COUNTY — Governor Sets Special Primary On Same Date As Regular Vote

STARTS NEXT WEEK — Division Cage Tournament Scheduled For Cherokee

Franklin High's lads and lassies will wind up their regular season tomorrow (Friday) night in games here with Glenville and then will steel themselves for the eastern division tournament next week.

This year's tournament is slated for Cherokee High and pairings are scheduled to be made Saturday, according to Coach C. K. (Ike) Olson. The first games will be played Monday.

The western division tournament will be at Murphy High, as will the championship play-offs.

Franklin's lads and lassies won both their games the past week. Friday night in the local gym, the girls downed Webster 97 to 54 in the opening game and the boys followed with a 69 to 61 victory. Tuesday night in Highlands, the girls won 41 to 35 and the boys racked up a 57 to 47 victory.

FRANKLIN—HIGHLANDS

Girls Game FRANKLIN (41) F—Cabe 12, Carpenter 5, Stockton 19, Leatherman 5, G—Cole, Sheffield, Houston.

HIGHLANDS (35) F—Gibson 16, Crawford 8, Hooper 2, Prince 9, G—Cleveland, Chastain, Dryman, Harbison, Houston. Halftime: 20-13, Franklin.

Boys Game FRANKLIN (58) Pearson 14, Duvall 10, Higdon 20, Baird 7, Williams 5.

HIGHLANDS (47) Zachary 16, Norton 7, Hopper 21, Cabe 2, Wilson.

FRANKLIN—WEBSTER

Girls Game WEBSTER (54) F—Ensley, Deitz 22, Wilson, Higdon 24, Woodard 2, Hall 6, G—Buchanan, Sutton, Wilson, Deitz, Summers.

FRANKLIN (97) F—Cabe 17, Carpenter 13, Lenoir 10, Stockton 20, Leatherman 23, Myers 11, Duvall 3, Lee, Holbrook, G—Cabe, Sheffield, Houston, Fox, Bowman, Ledford. Halftime: 52-24, Franklin.

After Teuring World —

NAVY CHIEF DISCOVERS NOTHING BEATS MACON

A man who met the U.S. Navy's challenge of "Join the Navy and See the World" still hasn't found a spot in the world that beats Macon County.

Robert Lee Coin, Jr., who retired last week after 20 years on a "grand tour" of the world with Uncle Sam's Navy, is now embarking on a new career as a civilian and loving every minute of it. Still a young man for retirement, Mr. Coin already has enough started to keep him more than active for many years to come. While still in the Navy last September, he opened Franklin's first automatic laundry, Coin's Automatic Laundry on West Palmer Street, he has a good business going in selling custom tailored clothing, and he also farms "on a limited scale" on 30-acres he purchased on Route 2 about two years ago. Mr. Coin admits farming is more of a hobby than anything

and he doesn't think he'll make any money out of it. Further, he's seriously considering going to nearby Western Carolina College, a graduate of Waynesville and a graduate of Waynesville Township High School, young Bob Coin enlisted in the Navy at 19 (1949) in Asheville, during World War II he served in the Pacific on destroyers and with the amphibious forces, going through the battles of Midway, Solomon Islands, and Santa Cruz. A change of oceans came at the end of the war and he went on sea duty in the Atlantic, serving on the aircraft carriers Keafsky, Midway and Antietam. The chief electrician's mate also had two tours at recruiting. Chief Coin's first recruiting duty was in the Asheville office from 1952 to 1953. Then in August 1957, he was assigned to the Franklin office and was on

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Gov. Luther Hodges has set the date for the special primary to pick the late Rep. David M. Hall's successor to coincide with the regular primary date of May 28.

Voters, however, will be handed two separate ballots, one special and one regular. They will vote on the special ballot for their party's choice to fill out Rep. Hall's unexpired term (ending Jan. 3, 1961) and on the regular ballot for a two-year term.

In his proclamation issued last Thursday, Gov. Hodges also set June 25 as the date for a run-off election, should one occur in the special primary. It is generally thought that the governor will use this date for the special general election to allow voters to choose between the Republican and Democrat candidates for Rep. Hall's unexpired term.

Gov. Hodges said developments in the primary will govern his actions in calling a special election.

As far as the primary is concerned, Macon County will face no added expense, according to J. Lee Barnard, elections board chairman. He said the state furnishes congressional ballots and, naturally, with the two elections falling on the same date, the same election officials will be used at the polling places.

Reece Joins Press Staff This Week

W. Todd Reece joined the staff of THE FRANKLIN PRESS this week and will assist in both the news and advertising departments.

Mr. Reece was graduated from the University of North Carolina at the end of the fall-winter semester with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.

A native of Andrews, Mr. Reece is the son of Mrs. W. A. Reece and the late Mr. Reece.

While at the university, Mr. Reece was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi Journalism Society, the University Club, and the Young Republicans Club.

Mr. Reece is also a graduate of Andrews High School. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Andrews.

He has rented an apartment in Franklin from Miss Laura M. Jones.

Fesperman Resigns Rabun Mills Post

J. L. Fesperman, of Franklin, has resigned as superintendent of nearby Rabun Mills, a division of James Lee and Sons Company.

Mr. Fesperman, who recently succeeded Norman Dawson at Rabun Mills, also has headed Lees Mills in Robbinsville and Dahlonega, Ga.

His successor has been announced as Ken Horn, who has been general superintendent at the Blue Ridge division in Glasgow, Va. He is assuming his duties immediately and will move his family to Clayton.

The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Monroe 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.

Table with columns for High, Low, and Rain for Franklin, Coweta, and Highlands over a week period.



Ex-Chief Coin Checks A Washing Machine (Staff Photo)

what's doing?

JAYCEES: First and third Mondays, 6:30 p. m., Cagle's Restaurant on US 23-441 south. ROTARY: Every Thursday, 7 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building. LIONS: Second and fourth Mondays, 7 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building. JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB: Fourth Monday, 7:30 p. m., Agricultural Building. V. F. W.: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8 p. m., V. F. W. Post Home on Palmer Street. AMERICAN LEGION: Third Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building. Tonight (Thursday): Annual Boy Scout covered dish supper, Franklin High cafeteria, 6:30. Monday: Franklin P.T.A., 7:30, high school cafeteria. Monday: Deadline for purchasing 1960 state and town license tags.