



Babcock Says No Bypass Is Anticipated



LOCAL ENTERTAINERS are invited to enter the County Music Festival contest in Andrews tomorrow (Friday) night.

THEY'VE WORKED on that drainage problem at the foot of Town Hill. Only a good rain will tell if it did any good, however.

SEEMED THAT spring might be lurking around the corner up town Monday until that wind with a full set of cold teeth whipped up. Wait a spell!

DIRT, DIRT! How they're moving dirt in Franklin. The bank across from where Manson Stiles is building that new drive-in on US 23-441 east is disappearing fast and the filling behind Lee Woods' motel is growing.

CAN ANYONE explain that strange little black cloud that hovered over Franklin for hours Monday afternoon and night? It was downright weird looking and was the only cloud in sight. Cover for a flying saucer maybe?

KEEP GETTING reports of "snowmen-nappers" operating in Franklin during the last big snow. They were driving a pick-up truck and would stop at home and swing the labors-of-love snowmen in the yards. Beats us!

A POOL PARLOR, operating under the name of The Sports Center, is occupying the space formerly used by The Quality Shop on Main. The owner is Raymond Dalrymple.

WHY DOESN'T some organization erect some good "sittin'" benches under the shade trees on the upper end of Main so folks can sit and contemplate life when the weather gets right?

LEE WOODS AND Clyde Sanders have a spanking new sign on their little real estate office at the end of the river bridge.

Bulletin

At press time yesterday afternoon, Macon County was in the clutch of winter's severest weather so far.

More than three inches of snow had fallen in Franklin and it was still alternately snowing and sleeting.

Traffic, what little moved, was crawling along with chains. Snowplows and road scrapers shuttled back and forth in an effort to keep the highways at least passable.

Business, except in restaurants and drug stores, was almost at a standstill.

Franklin Woman Named Assistant Judge In Kinston

A Franklin native, Mrs. Warren Perry, has been appointed assistant judge of the City-County Recorders Court in Kinston.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School, she is the former Miss Barbara Stockton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stockton.

Her husband is a Kinston attorney.

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.



North Carolina Symphony... Dr. Swalin conducting. (Symphony Society Photo)

CARRINGER IS SOLOIST — 'Symphony' Day Is Slated In Franklin Wednesday

Next Wednesday will be "Symphony Day" in Franklin.

Under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, the North Carolina Little Symphony will pay a visit to this community. Local school children will hear a free matinee at 1 p. m. in the Franklin High School gymnasium and an adult concert is scheduled there for 8 p. m.

Featured soloist will be Walter Carringer, one of North Carolina's outstanding gifts to the musical world. Mr. Carringer is a native of Murphy. A tenor, he is appearing for his fourth season with the state orchestra. He will sing Una furtiva lagrima (Secret tears), from Donizetti's L'ELISIR D'AMORE; Il mio tesoro (Thou, my treasure), from Mozart's DON GIOVANNI; Lalo's Aubade, from the opera LE RIO D' D'YS; and Ingemisco (I sigh), from the Verdi REQUIEM.

In Demand Now on the faculty at the Heathcock School in Greenwich, Conn., Mr. Carringer received a B.S. in music from Columbia University and was soloist with the famed Robert Shaw Chorale for three and a half years. He

has been in demand for concert work across the U. S., in Canada, and Europe. In 46 states he has given sacred recitals, chamber music programs, and "pops," symphony, and oratorio concerts.

In 1958 Mr. Carringer made his European debut in London, followed by a four-week tour of the Continent. This fall he sang tenor lead in Verdi's LA TRAVIATA at Town Hall. He has appeared there frequently as well as in concerts at Carnegie Hall in New York.

At Festival Walter Carringer has spent several summers at Transylvania Music Camp as a teacher and soloist during the climactic Brevard Music Festival.

Selections by the Little Symphony at the concert here Wednesday evening will include Cherubini's Overture to the opera ANACREON; Mozart's Symphony No. 35 in D major (K. 385) — often called the "Hafner"; Symphony; Lehar's Merry Widow Waltz; the Bachanale, from Saint Saens' opera SAMSON AND DELILAH; Schreiner's The Worried Drummer; Grieg's Evening in

the Mountains; Alfvén's Dance of the Shepherd Girl; and the familiar Hungarian Rhapsody No. II, by Liszt. The concert will open with the audience singing the Crusader's Hymn.

Special Music will be played during the children's concert Wednesday afternoon. Local youngsters will sing "Marching to Pretoria," a song from the South African Veld and Haydn's "Oh! Worship the King" with the orchestra. They will hear three selections by Debussy: Snow is Dancing and Golliwog's Cakewalk, from CHILDREN'S CORNER SUITE and excerpts from the following larger works: Delibes' ballet COPPELIA, Haydn's "Clock" Symphony, and Strauss' THE GYPSY BARON.

Preparation for this children's concert has been underway in local classrooms during the past few weeks. The children have learned to sing the songs and have become familiar with orchestral instruments, composers, and the music they will hear.

'Heart Sunday' Raises \$211

"Heart Sunday" collections in Franklin raised more than \$211, according to R. M. Biddle, Jr., county Heart Fund chairman.

Yesterday (Wednesday) he reported more than \$267 on hand for the drive, \$56 of the total having been raised in a recent balloon sale.

More "Heart Sunday" money will have to be turned in, he said, before a final report on the campaign can be compiled.

AT FRANKLIN MEETING — Club Women Make Plans For May Meeting Here

District officers of home demonstration clubs meeting at Franklin Methodist Church Monday to formulate plans for May 4 district meeting here, adopted a theme of "Home-making Around The World."

Representatives of Macon County's 21 clubs met in the morning with Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home economics agent, at the church, to adopt recommendations to present to the district officers in the afternoon.

At Baptist Church

Plans adopted by the district officers set the meeting site at the First Baptist Church education building. Mrs. George Bird, district chairman, will preside over the meeting.

The morning session will run from 10:30 to noon, with registration and a coffee hour from 9:30 to 10:30. Following a covered dish lunch, with each Macon County club providing one item on the menu, an afternoon session is set for 1 to 2:30.

Speaker Picked

Main speaker for the day will be Mrs. Mena H. Woodie, "Southeastern Woman of the Year" in Progressive Farmer and a retired Southeastern field worker with the Federal Extension Service.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Early will present their slide picture show, "This is My Father's World," as a devotional.

Women present at the afternoon meeting were Mrs. C. T. Bryson, council president; Mrs. V. L. Cope, of Swain County, district treasurer; Mrs. Sherrill.

Mrs. George P. Byrd, of Macon, district chairman; Mrs. Margaret D. Smith, assistant home economics agent from Cherokee; Mrs. John Reagan, of Whittier, district secretary; and Mrs. Tom Ferguson, of Bryson City, president of her county council.

Other Plans

Other plans completed for the district meet at the morning session included choosing a registration committee, which includes Mrs. Lester Conley, Mrs. Carl Slagle, Mrs. Rex Anders, Mrs. Sammy Bryson, Jr., Mrs. Ed Bradley, and Mrs. John Alsup.

The Franklin club volunteered to take charge of the coffee hour.

New Members

Mrs. Terrell Parrish was selected as a member to the nominating committee for new district officers and Mrs. Carl Slagle was picked for the resolutions committee.

The Carlogechay club will be in charge of decorations for the meet.

Mrs. Tom Ferguson will be the panel moderator for annual county reports. Mrs. Lawrence will head the welcoming committee.

Regular Session

The Monday morning meeting also included a regular business session, at which Mrs. Sherrill announced that Mrs. Eugene Couch and Miss Sally Kester, Macon County craft leaders, will teach a course in

IN BRYSON CITY — Franklin Cagers Defeated By Murphy In District 8

Franklin High's boys basketball team reached the semifinals in last week's District 8 Class AA playoffs before being eliminated by Murphy, 75-60.

In the opening game last Thursday, Franklin's lads completely outclassed Sylva High in stopping them 79-30.

Saturday night Franklin jumped out to an early lead over Murphy and then found itself trailing by eight points at half-time.

30 to 40 per cent is good enough to win but that was not the case Saturday night.

"I was really proud of the way my sophomores played despite the loss," coach Olson said, "and the other boys put in a good effort too." "With the sophomores and juniors playing now, Franklin has the prospects of good seasons for the next year or two," Coach Olson forecast.

Big Improvement

The local boys hit 10 of 15 free throws for 67 per cent accuracy, an improvement over their foul shooting in the recent conference tournament.

Other scoring for the night saw Doug Baird sink nine points; Doug Pearson, flown to Franklin from Chapel Hill for the game, got four; Guy Duvall hit for two; and sophomore guard Jimmy Williams didn't score.

Showing fine accuracy, Murphy's sharpshooters hit 30 of 53 field goals for 57 per cent.

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THOUSANDS APART ON ESTIMATES — Engineers Disagree On Watershed Job

Franklin's water supply problem has turned into an engineering debate that now finds Harwood Beebe Company and two local engineers more than \$100,000 apart in their estimates on a watershed from Wayah in one proposal and nearly \$300,000 in another.

Harwood Beebe, a firm of municipal engineers from Spartanburg, S. C., which has been doing business with the town for a number of years, asked for a meeting with engineers J. H. Plemmons and Russell Cobe, who recently presented, on their own initiative, estimates of construction costs for a Wayah watershed, on the grounds that some "differences of opinion" existed on the equipment required, volume of water available, and cost of the work.

This meeting between the engineers was held last Thursday at the town hall, with R. F. Hill, of the N. C. State Board of Health, sitting in. The results of this meeting, which was closed to the public, are contained in a letter from Harwood

Beebe to Mayor W. C. Burrell and his aides. In the letter, Russell A. McCoy, Jr., a Harwood Beebe engineer, gives estimates for building the proposed watershed; estimates many thousands of dollars above those made by Mr. Plemmons and Mr. Cobe.

The Wayah survey conducted by Mr. Plemmons and Mr. Cobe gave the capacity of the 12 inch pipeline as 2,300,000 gallons per day, at a cost of \$296,800.

Harwood-Beebe contends that the job cannot be done for this amount and makes these points:

Mr. Hill, the state health official, has ruled out as unlawful the filtering set-up proposed by Mr. Plemmons and Mr. Cobe. Using Rough Fork as a supply of water on the Wayah watershed, the cost as an unprotected watershed would run as high as \$585,756. Should a protected watershed be used, the

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LEAP YEAR LADY CELEBRATES

Although she's 76 years young, Mrs. E. C. Kingsbery has only celebrated 18 birthdays. You guessed it, she's a leap year statistic. Monday, a group of friends surprised her with a party at her Franklin home to mark her 18th birthday. That's her husband with her as she cuts her cake. (Staff Photo)

With the present volume of traffic being generated over US 23-441 (Uncle Remus Route), Franklin can calm its by-pass fears for at least 10 years, according to W. F. Babcock, state director of highways.

In a question-answer session during a meeting of the W. N. C. Press Association in Asheville Saturday night, Mr. Babcock said all surveys conducted by the state indicate the present one-way street system, with some modification as traffic increases with time, is adequate to handle the flow over US 23-441 for the "foreseeable future."

Pressed for a more specific answer, he then defined "foreseeable future" as "at least 10 years." State Highway Commissioner Robert Bunnelle, of Asheville, was in agreement with this estimate.

Mr. Babcock was guest speaker at the press meeting and Commissioner Bunnelle attended as a special guest of the association, along with legislators from several counties in the western area.

Raby Present

Macon Rep. James M. (Jim) Raby attended as a guest of THE PRESS and he received assurance from Mr. Babcock that the proposed US 64 project from Franklin to Gneiss is programmed and will be done as soon as possible.

In his talk to the press group, the highway director emphasized that construction projects over

the entire state are running many months behind-schedule.

It was brought to Mr. Babcock's attention that many Franklin businessmen are suffering from "bypass-itis" and are hesitant to undertake any major building plans for tourist courts, restaurants, and the like until something definite is known about the persistent rumors of a US 23-441 bypass.

"There's no danger of one for quite a while," Mr. Babcock declared. "One proposal was made to the town but it was turned down."

(Editor's Note: This was not an actual bypass proposal, but a new US 13-441 connection with US 64 from the vicinity of A. R. Hixon's residence on US 23-441 south to US 64 near Reece's store. Its primary purpose would have been to channel the highway traffic away from the high school.)

AT EAST FRANKLIN — 4-H Clubbers Set Talent Show For Friday Night

Talented 4-H clubbers — from Wallace, Eddie Pruitt, Douglas Battles, L. T. Gibson, and Roger Morgan.

Chapel: "You Got What It Takes," Marilyn Wilson; "Tears on My Pillow," Geneva Scroggs; "The Congo Sisters," Elinda Bryson and Olivia Chavis.

Cowee: "Missouri Waltz," piano solo, Jane Byrd; accordion solo, Ricky Brogden; dance, Emma Lee Carter and Tava Carter.

Following is a tentative lineup of the show, by clubs:

Nantahala: "The Census Taker," skit, by Jenny Lou May and Judy Solesbee; "If You Forget God," Jennie Bateman; "I Love My Rooster," Erwin Mason.

Union: "The Golden Stairs Waltz," piano solo, Carolyn Lunsford; "Running Bear," skit, Kathryn Sanders and Joyce Cloer; "Bye, Bye Love," Dorothy Mason and Kathryn Sanders; "Pink Shoe Laces," Mary Ann Rice; "Six Full Hours," Doug Sanders, Wade McConnell, and Hilton Sanders; "Piano Duet Bookie," Joyce Cloer and Kathryn Sanders; buck dance, Shirley Sanders and Phyllis Cobe.

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Cartoogechay: "Ten Angel," Cathy Lacie, Shirley Battles, Tracy Fesperman; Charleston, Gene Enloe and Debbie Rogers; "The Dutch Twins," Tracy Fesperman; "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," Tommy Sherrill; "Squabble Over 4-H" puppet show, Tommy Sherrill, Ann Maddox, and Evelyn Johnson; Cartoogechay square dance team, Jean Dills, Sally Moore, Clara Bell Gibson, Linda

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The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for Franklin and Coweta counties. Columns include date, high, low, and rain/snow.

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