



DONATIONS ASKED FOR BUILDINGS

Fair Association Has Exhibit Hall Plans Ready

KEN PERRY has taken up his new duties in 4-H extension work in Buncombe County. Len did some fine work with the county's young people and he'll be missed.

A FORMER Franklin coach, "Chuck" McConnell got the "east coast" ward in the western division of the Smoky Mountain Conference. His boys team took top honors in the whole conference.

FARRELL E. HENSON, a Maconian, has been appointed agent with the Prudential Insurance Company for the Waynesville-Spive area. He has been with the company in Brevard for some time.

H. L. BRYANT has been in vacuum cleaner country — Las Vegas, Nev., that is. As an Amana appliance dealer, he was flown there to view new '60 appliances.

THE FRANKLIN All-Stars plan two money-raising projects soon, a talent show and a double-header basketball game. The games will send the Franklin Junior Woman's Club against the Burlington girls and the All-Stars against the senior boys at Franklin High. Details are coming.

EVERYONE OWES highway department crews a vote of thanks for their above-and-beyond efforts during the big snows. Of course, it is their job, but remember they worked around the clock and didn't get any time-and-a-half for it. Understand they did a lot better job here than crews did in other counties, too.

A SEVENTH grader at Franklin Elementary School, Fieta Talent, has won a 15-volume set of Compton's Encyclopedias in the "Ask Andy" feature appearing in the CITIZEN-TIMES. Her question was "How is sound produced?" Fieta's teacher is Mrs. Ray Hemphill.

HARVEY R. "Cap" Price assistant Wayah District ranger, is in Fontana this week taking a training course that all personnel of the Nantahala and Pisgah forests must take.

A GRANDDAUGHTER of Mrs. W. B. McGuire, Miss Betty Bullock, has won the 1960 Perry Piano Scholarship. The 17-year-old pianist in 1958 soloed with the N.C. Symphony Orchestra and in '53 won the N.C. Federation of Music Club piano scholarship. She and another student have been giving two-piano concerts in the two Carolinas.

DON'T HESITATE in your generosity to the Macon County Fair building fund. Having a fair ground and buildings will be a great asset to Macon. Mail those donations to Mrs. Grace Tatham, treasurer, Franklin, N. C.

A campaign to raise money for buildings has been launched by the Macon County Fair Association.

Local Parker, president, says anything will be accepted — money, a party to fifty and so on, labor or building materials. A number of pledge cards were mailed out over the county in week in the association's newsletter.

Mr. Parker emphasized that pledge cards are not being mailed to everyone and that donations of cash may be mailed to the association treasurer, Mrs. Grace Tatham, in Franklin.

The association would like to have donations and pledges on hand by the 29th of this month so plans for building can get underway. Blueprints have been secured for a 132 by 48 foot block exhibit hall.

Mr. Parker revealed that if the people will raise enough to build the main exhibit hall an interested Macon County citizen promises to erect a cattle barn.

The county recently donated some of the old county home property on US 23-441 south for the fair grounds.

Talent Show Rescheduled

Weather caused the postponement of the annual 4-H talent show last Friday night at East Franklin School.

It has been rescheduled to tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at East Franklin.

Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for children.

More than 100 4-H clubbers will participate in the program.

FOR HIS EFFORTS — 'Sheriff' Slagle Honored By Guernsey Association

The North Carolina Guernsey Breeders Association has doffed its hat to one of its staunchest supporters, Macon County's A. B. Slagle.

Affectionately known as "Sheriff", the widely-known cattleman was honored February 23 in Statesville at the 41st annual meeting of the association. His picture appeared on the front of the program and a page-long list of his activities was on the inside.

Following is the tribute paid him by the organization:

A. B. Slagle was born in Macon County, April 25, 1883, and has been a lifelong resident of Macon County, devoting a large portion of his time to serving the public and



This was a common sight along Main Street last week as businessmen attempted to clear snow and water from the sidewalks to keep it from pouring inside their establishments. It appeared yesterday (Wednesday), with a new snow falling, that they'd be practicing more of the same this week. (Staff Photo)

ROUGH TIME LAST WEEK — Brace Yourself! Snowing Again...

How does that old song go, "It's Started All Over Again"? After digging out from under several inches of snow last Wednesday and Thursday, it started all over again yesterday

(Wednesday) morning. Roads were again virtually impassable, schools remained closed, and business houses started closing. By noon, some six inches of fresh snow had fallen and the white stuff was still pouring out of the sky.

It was a powerful punch that Ol' Man Winter tossed at Macon County last week — one that stunned business for several days.

An ice storm, on top of rain and snow, paralyzed the county Wednesday night of last week. At one time early Thursday morning, 75 per cent of the county was without electricity, according to Nantahala Power and Light Company.

"In my 28 years with the company, I've never seen it as bad as it was then (Wednesday and Thursday)," declared Mac Whitaker, in summing up the damage.

Ice forming on wires and tree limbs caused most of the trouble. An ice-heavy maple fell on Main Street early Wednesday night, cutting off power along Main and Iola Street. That was just the beginning of the trouble. Jagged flashes of light, caused by wires breaking or coming in contact, lighted the night sky and power company crews hopped from one area to the other making temporary repairs.

Mr. Whitaker said Macon County got the hardest lick from the ice storm. Surrounding counties didn't experience too much trouble.

Power crews had to walk in snow knee-deep to Wine Springs Bald near Wayah to repair a power failure at the C.A.A. remote radio unit.

They reported ice on some power lines on Wayah as much as three inches in diameter and hat guy wires on the C.A.A. towers were coated with as much as seven inches.

BULLETIN
Yesterday's (Wednesday) appearance of the N. C. Little Symphony in Franklin was postponed to March 19 because of weather conditions in the Highlands and Nantahala sections.

Mrs. H. Bueck, local chapter president of the N. C. Symphony Society, explained that schools are not open in the two areas and children would be unable to attend the morning concert in the Franklin High gymnasium.

"The orchestra's appearance is for all of Macon County," she declared, "and we felt it would not be fair to go ahead and hold it without considering Highlands and Nantahala."

Marking 'Week'
Macon County's 1,200 4-H clubbers this week (March 5-12) are celebrating "National 4-H Club Week" in a number of ways.

A talent show will be held tomorrow (Friday) night at East Franklin School. Also, several articles explaining some facets of the 4-H program in the county appear in this issue of THE PRESS, written by club members and their leaders.

This year's theme is "Live, Learn, and Serve Through 4-H Work."

SUNDAY SINGING
The second Sunday singing will be held at Coweta Baptist Church beginning at 2 p.m. Present will be the Bailey Trio, of Greer, S. C.; the Gospel Praise Quartet, and others. All singers and the public are invited, according to L. Sanders, chairman.



Get a load of what was playing at the local theatre last week during the big snow. "A Summer Place" didn't do too well in attendance because of the weather, however. (Staff Photo)

FOR \$350,000 ISSUE — Water Bond Balloting Authorized By Aldermen

Macon Tops In Business

On a percentage basis, business was better in Macon County in 1959 than in any other year since 1949. This is revealed by gross sales and use tax collections as published in THE RETAILER, publication of the N. C. Merchants Association. Macon County had a 12.64 per cent increase in '59 over '58; that is, collections jumped \$22,676, from \$179,354 for the period February 1958 through January 1959 to \$202,030 for the period February 1959 through January 1960. By comparison, Buncombe County collections were up 11.53; Clay, 8.95; Haywood, 9.89; Jackson, 11.00; Swain, 9.32; Transylvania, 5.24; Graham, 12.13; and Cherokee, 11.37.

By unanimous vote, the Franklin Board of Aldermen ordered Town Attorney R. S. Jones to take the necessary steps to call for a vote on a \$350,000 bond issue to provide the town with a more adequate water supply.

This motion was made by Dr. J. W. Kahn and seconded by Frank L. Henry, Jr.

The bonds would provide funds for the construction of an intake dam and pumping station on Cartoogechaye Creek, a 12 inch main to bring raw water to a filter plant; the construction of a million gallon per day filter plant; a 12 inch main from the filter plant to nearest existing 10 inch main, which now has to be replaced; and a 12 inch main from West Main Street to La Ron Avenue.

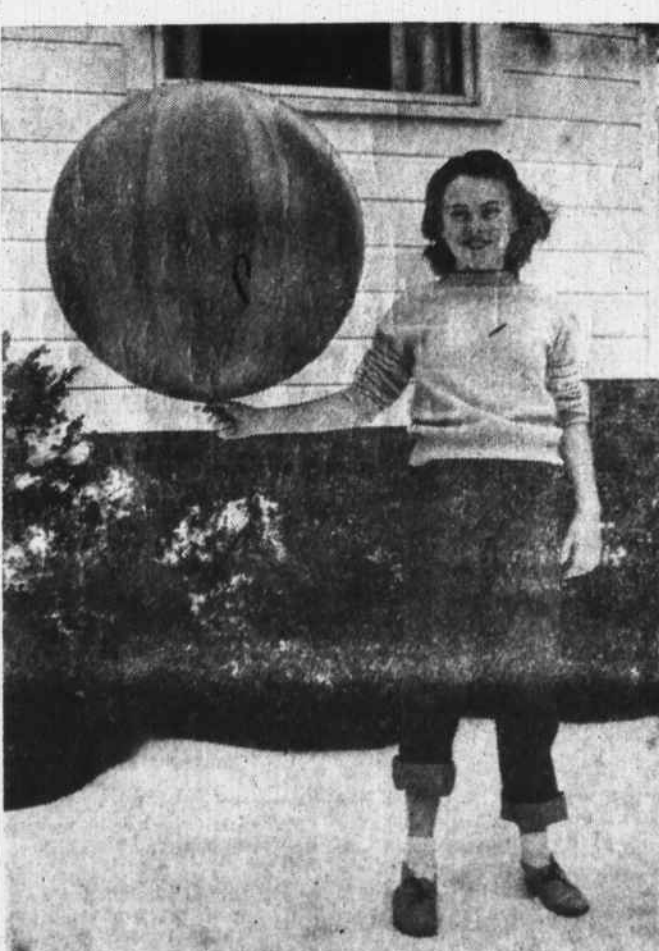
The recommendations made by the Hurwood-Berbe Company as the most efficient way of obtaining an adequate water supply for Franklin this firm of recognized, reputable hydraulic engineers has

Letter Read
A letter containing suggestions for needed improvements in the town from the outgoing board of directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce was read to the board by Mayor W. C. Burrell.

The following suggestions were made:
1. On Palmer Street around the area of the old Federation building, the pavement becomes very muddy during periods of rainfall and is hazardous and unsightly to car traffic. Also, the playground in this area is very unattractive and possibly should be resurfaced with a material as it relates to safety.
2. A 12 inch main runs often times on Palmer Street by easement on the right hand side of the street along the area of Judge Patton's residence. This particularly holds true on Saturday.

The Weather

| FRANKLIN | | | |
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| | High | Low | Rain |
| Wed., 3rd | 35 | 23 | 3.31 |
| Thursday | | | melted snow |
| Friday | 34 | 23 | 2.61 |
| Saturday | 35 | 9 | .00 |
| Sunday | 36 | 4 | .00 |
| Monday | 37 | 2 | .00 |
| Tuesday | 35 | 17 | .00 |
| Wednesday | 43 | 9 | trace |
| Thursday | 22 | | .07 |
| COWETA | | | |
| Wed., 3rd | | | 2.27 |
| Thursday | | | melted snow |
| Friday | 35 | 14 | .00 |
| Saturday | 30 | 7 | .00 |
| Sunday | 28 | 5 | .00 |
| Monday | 35 | 16 | .03 |
| Tuesday | 35 | 9 | trace |
| Wednesday | | | 4 in snow |
| Thursday | 41 | 20 | .23 |
| HIGHLANDS | | | |
| Wed., 3rd | 33 | 28 | — |
| Thursday | 28 | 6 | — |
| Friday | 30 | -2 | — |
| Saturday | 37 | 2 | — |
| Sunday | 37 | 9 | — |
| Monday | 39 | 4 | — |
| Tuesday | | 14 | snow |



WEATHER BALLOON ICES UP
Even weather balloons can't take any more of this winter weather. The one above held by Debby Rogers, of Carson community, apparently iced up Wednesday of last week and descended, landing in a tree. Numbers on the red balloon are 3/57 018713, if that means anything. (Staff Photo)



POURING SALMON FROM a barrel into a net are (L to R) Wildlife Protector C. H. Borning, Jim Messer, fish biologist, and Bill Arrington, hatchery assistant. This was the beginning of the recent stocking of the little forage fish at Nantahala Lake to provide food for rainbow trout. (Staff Photo)

FOR TROUT EXPERIMENT — Lake Is Turned Into Test Tube

Macon County's power-producing and picturesque Nantahala Lake has been turned into a test tube for an unusual experiment being conducted by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

If successful, trout fishermen will reap the benefits. This month, 106,000 miniature salmon fingerlings were dumped into the lake from a number of locations and from here on out they're "supper on the table" for the many rainbow trout.

Forage Fish
Jim Messer, fish biologist with

the N.C.W.R.C., explains that the little salmon are "forage fish" for the rainbow and are a sub-species of the "sockeye" salmon. They are plankton feeders, that is they feed on microscopic plant and animal life; not on other fish, and they live best in the cold water strata (50-60 degrees) frequented by rainbow.

The salmon grow slowly and are not considered a sport fish. However, Mr. Messer said in three or four years, when they reach maturity, they will be "mighty tasty eating". This species of salmon