



PRITCHARD SMITH, former highway patrolman here, has been promoted to sergeant under the reorganization of the State Highway Patrol to include a new Troop C. His duty station remains the same, Waynesville.

THE 41ST family from Curacao, West Indies, to visit Wayah Valley since 1948 has been enjoying the snow. Mr. and Mrs. H. Went and two children are at Wayah Valley Ranch. Mr. Went is an official of the Dutch Shell Oil Company. This was the first snow they'd seen since visiting in Holland several years ago.

ED HEALY braving the zero cold of Cowee Bald in a sports jacket and low shoes is about like Admiral Byrd going to the Pole in his underwear.

VERLON SWAFFORD says he'll have a whole truck load of chains ready just as soon as the roads are cleared and they can get through from Baltimore. Oh well, he can sell 'em next year!

CARLTON W. Elkins, program director of radio station WMSJ in Sylva, has resigned to enter the ministry as minister of the Church of Christ in Bryson City. Local listeners wish "Pops" good luck.

AFTER a few days of grace because of the snow and ice, parking tickets started popping up again in town. A lot of folks were so used to free-loading they forgot to put money in the meters.

THE WEATHER sure has been rough on asphalt pavement around here. Some holes are developing in the streets that will soon be able to accommodate small heifers and foreign autos.

FILLING STATIONS are adding a good bit of water to the run-off of melting snow. Most operators keep hoses going during the day to clear mud from the station aprons.

HOW MANY of you optimistic motorists had your car washed Monday and then shuddered that night when the snow started pouring out of the sky again? Keep trying, spring has to arrive before long.

IT IS HARD to decide which is more trying to the soul, snow or the mud that comes later.

HAD ONE of those drips from an awning drop down your coat collar? Chilly, ain't it?

GETS CONTRACT
A local firm, W. A. Hays Block Company, has been awarded a \$32,200 contract for water and sewer improvements in Salisbury. It has been announced.

WITHOUT CARRINGER — Symphony Concerts Slated Saturday

After being snowed out Wednesday of last week, the North Carolina Little Symphony has rescheduled an appearance for this coming Saturday, March 19.

However, the orchestra will be without tenor soloist Walter Carringer, who has returned to New York City to meet prior commitments, according to Mrs. H. Bueck, president of the local chapter of the N. C. Symphony Society.

A children's concert is set for 10:30 a.m. and the adult concert will be at 8 p.m. Both will be held in the Franklin High gymnasium.

Last week's snow storm forced the orchestra to postpone a number of concerts in Western North Carolina.

George Bryson, Route 5; John Cogan, Franklin, Cecil Parke, Route 1; Ralph Justice, Route 2; Harold Speed, Route 4; Jim Thompson, Route 4; Clay Compton, Route 2; Edward Sheffield, Route 4; Paul Holbrooks, Route 4; Carl Crisp, Route 5; Charlie Bowers, Route 5; Earl Cabe, Route 1; George R. Pattillo, Route 4; Dan Reynolds, Route 1; Charles W. Cabe, Route 2; Frank Martin, Franklin; John Smith, Route 4; and Ervin Dowdle, Route 2.

PLESS TO PRESIDE — Superior Court Jurymen Drawn For April Term

Jurymen to serve during the April term of Superior Court in Macon County have been drawn.

The two-week mixed term is scheduled to open April 18 with J. Will Pless, of Marion, resident Judge of the 29th Judicial District, presiding.

Tapped for duty the first week are the first 36 drawn. They are Lawrence Long, of Franklin; Oran Ray, Route 3; Doyle Dalrymple, Route 1; Albert Ramsey, Route 3; C. E. Brogden, Route 4; Claude Roper, Route 4; Walter Hopkins, Route 2; Ray Henry, Route 2; Robert W. Rice, Highlands; Paul Ashe, Route 3; W. T. Jenkins, Franklin; Claude Allen, Route 3; Carl Carpenter, Route 1; Fred Henson, Otto; John W. Teague, Route 2; Purman Arvey, Route 4; H. M. Pitts, Dillard, Ga.; Route 1; George T. Stiles, Route 2; George W. Ray, Route 2; Grover Arvey, Route 4; Steve McConnell, Route 5; J. D. Dowdle, Route 2; Fred Fox, Route 5; Fred Bryson, Jr., Route 5; M. W. Beck, Route 1; John B. Snyder, Jr., Route 4; Cecil Holland, Route 5; Lloyd Wal drooper, Route 1; and Lawton Keener, Highlands.

4-H Clubbers Will Try Again

Quitting just isn't in the vocabulary of Macon 4-H clubbers.

After two postponements because of the weather, they're still determined to hold their annual talent show and have rescheduled it for March 25, same time (3 p.m.), same place (East Franklin School).

First slated for the 4th, the show was postponed because of snow and was reset for the 11th. Weather forced another postponement, but the more than 100 performers are determined that "the show must go on", weather permitting, of course.

Dr. Kahn 'Goes Navy' For Reserve Duty

Dr. J. W. Kahn, a U.S. Air Force reservist, has "gone Navy" for his annual two-week tour of active duty.

He left Saturday for duty at the U.S. Navy Medical School at Bethesda, Md., and expects to be back in Franklin on March 29.

Picked for service the second week are Frank Dills, Route 5; Fred Slagle, Route 1; Verlon Swafford, Route 3; Kell Leford, Route 5; Carson Gibson, Route 4; Cecil Brown, Dillard, Ga.; Route 1; Lewis Vanhook, Route 2; George W. Ray, Route 2; Grover Arvey, Route 4; Steve McConnell, Route 5; J. D. Dowdle, Route 2; Fred Fox, Route 5; Fred Bryson, Jr., Route 5; M. W. Beck, Route 1; John B. Snyder, Jr., Route 4; Cecil Holland, Route 5; Lloyd Wal drooper, Route 1; and Lawton Keener, Highlands.

TO MAKE-UP TIME — Saturday Classes

School Supt. H. Bueck this week announced a schedule of Saturday classes in District 1 and an extension of the school term to make up days lost this winter because of the weather.

He previously had announced that Easter holidays (two days Friday and Sunday) will be cancelled and used for make-up classes.

Grand jurymen will be picked from the first week jurors on the opening day of court.



FAMILY GOING TO TURKEY

Mrs. Edward Bowers and her children, Virginia, 12, and Charles, 2, are leaving Friday for a trip by airplane to Adana, Turkey, to join S/Sgt. Bowers, who is stationed with the U. S. Air Force there. They will fly from Greenville, S. C., by commercial airliner to McGuire Air Force Base, N. J., where they will board a military plane for the flight to Turkey. They will be overseas two years. (Staff Photo)

—Businessmen Are Optimistic— Weather Hurts Business In Franklin

In a spot check of how the wintery weather has affected the economic scene in Franklin, most merchants estimate that business is off from 25 to 50 per cent, but nearly all voice optimism for a sharp upswing as soon as the weather breaks.

One immediate effect of the snows was the clamor for tire chains all over town. Filling stations and other places selling chains sold out quickly at first, but kept getting a few new sets from suppliers; these didn't collect any dust, however. New sets are arriving from wholesalers every day at various

ng fuel sold at a fast clip during the snowy period, but a problem arose as to how to get to many people's houses. One dealer said, "My trucks wore out chains about as fast as we could put 'em on."

A Standstill
Motels and cafes reported that business was at a virtual standstill as far as tourists and travelers were concerned. One motel operator told "We are usually two thirds full every night by this time of year. The weather reports which go all over the eastern seaboard telling about

the heavy snows here in the Smoky Mountains have kept anyone from trying to come through.

"This route 441 is usually crowded with people going and coming from Florida, but they are staying clear of these mountains as long as the bad snow reports keep up."

"Most years, many vacationers are returning from Florida by now and we keep many of them, but I guess it's just too bad for them to come back north this year."

A restaurant manager said, "We

OF FRANKLIN CHAMBER — State Official To Speak At Membership Banquet

Baseball Leagues Call Meet

A joint organizational meeting for the '60 season of the Little League and Babe Ruth baseball groups has been called for Tuesday night at 7:30 at East Franklin School.

Some extensive planning is on tap, according to officials of both baseball leagues, including the election of officers.

Fred Vaughn is president of Little League, while Melvin (Pete) Penland heads Babe Ruth.

All persons interested in the continuation of the summer baseball program for boys are urged to attend the session and help with the planning.



Mr. Mauney

An official of the N.C. Department of Conservation and Development, Richard P. Mauney, will be the guest speaker here tomorrow (Friday) night at the annual membership banquet of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Slated for 7 o'clock in the cafeteria at Franklin High, the occasion will mark the 20th anniversary and the new president, W. W. Reeves, will outline a chamber program for 1960.

Murphy Native

Mr. Mauney, who is a native of Murphy and an attorney, is engaged in industrial promotion work for the state as a development engineer with the Department of Conservation and Development. He will be introduced by Macon School Supt. H. Bueck, who is president of the W.N.C. Associated Communities, an organization devoted to promoting the western portion of the state.

While in Franklin, Mr. Mauney and his mother, Mrs. Kate Mauney, of Hayesville, will be the guests of School Supt. and Mrs. H. Bueck.

A welcome and review of past activities will be presented by J. C. Jacobs, last year's chamber president, and guests will be introduced by B. L. McGlamery, director.

Budget Approval

T. Y. Angell, vice-president, will present a '60 operating budget to the membership for approval. It

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Financing Company Organized

A new business, Macon Discount Company, has been organized in Franklin for the purpose of financing automobiles, furniture, and appliances.

Its office is in the same building with Wayah Insurance Agency, next to Macon Theatre, and Morgan Shatley, secretary, is in charge.

In addition to Mr. Shatley, members of the board of directors are W. C. Burrell, Woodrow Dowdle, Clyde Downs, Henry W. Cabe, J. C. Crisp, Verlon Swafford, and Erwin Patton.

Late News and Briefs

SLIDES THREATEN

Landslides, triggered by thawing snow and existing problems of land shifting in some of the dirt fills, threaten to rip out portions of US 23-441 between Franklin and Cowee Gap at the Macon-Jackson county line.

Highway officials yesterday (Wednesday) were keeping a constant watch on the danger areas.

WINS GRANT

Miss Judy Blaine, Franklin High student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle W. Blaine, yesterday (Wednesday) was announced as a winner of a \$2,500 ALCOA scholarship.

She was one of several children of Nantahala Power and Light Company employes to apply for a grant.

The Weather

FRANKLIN				
Wed., 9th	37	21	.07	
Thursday	49	17	.67	
Friday	41	28	.12	
Saturday	35	24	trace	
Sunday	43	10	.00	
Monday	48	10	.00	
Tuesday	41	30	.05	
Wednesday	—	33	.63	
no record				
COWETA				
Wed., 9th	41	20	.23	
Thursday	31	15	.45	
Friday	47	27	.20	
Saturday	35	22	trace	
Sunday	35	11	.00	
Monday	45	12	.00	
Tuesday	47	30	.11	
Wednesday	38	32	.92	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., 9th	26	14	.	
Thursday	42	22	.	
Friday	39	21	.	
Saturday	38	20	.	
Sunday	48	4	.	
Monday	40	8	.	
Tuesday	33	27	.	
Wednesday	—	26	.	

P.-T. A. Meeting

Postponed Until

Ready Comes Here

Franklin P.T.A. has postponed its March meeting until March 28 when Dr. I. E. Ready, chairman of the statewide curriculum study, will be here to tell what his committee is doing.

Mrs. H. Bueck, program chairman, has extended an invitation to all P.T.A.'s in the county to attend.

A question-answer session is planned for Dr. Ready.

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Macon Digs Out From Under Heavy Blanket Of Snow, Snow, And More Snow — Now Must Fight Thaw And Mud



EVERYONE IS THINKING about the weather. And for a good reason. The weather is the only thing that has been active for the past several days. Since Wednesday of last week, Macon County has dug out from under a snow that ranged from about eight inches in Franklin to a couple of feet or more in the higher elevations; went through a quick melting session Thursday; braved another small snow storm early Friday; shivered and shook and perspired, alternately, over the week end as the mercury jockeyed for a level; resigned themselves to about another inch or so of snow Monday night; and then breathed a sigh of relief when rain started falling late Tuesday night. All are in agreement on one point: This has been the durndest

spell of weather in many, many years.

In the photograph above, at left, Jimmy Shuford measures seven inches of snow on top of an automobile in Franklin about noon. The snow storm abated shortly before 2 o'clock, leaving more than eight inches in town.

Wednesday's storm, coupled with afternoon closing, found Main Street in Franklin resembling a ghost town. Only a few cars were in sight and the street was covered under a heavy blanket of snow.

Traveling was practically at a standstill during the heavy snow, but a few ingenious people, like young Charles Clouse (at right), found ways to get about. Charles, who works for THE PRESS

on press day, used a small garden tractor pulling a trailer with seats to get to work. It took him more than an hour to travel from his home in the Watauga section to town. He later used the tractor to plow snow from the sidewalks in the business area.

By mid-afternoon, snow plows and road scrapers had the highways open, but rural roads could only be traveled with chains.

Warming temperatures Thursday, under clear, sunny skies, saw a fast melting rate and run-off. This turned most rural roads into muddy bogs almost as difficult to travel as they were

when piled high with snow.

True to forecasts, more snow came in the early morning hours of Friday. Roads were treacherous with ice and most vehicles moved with chains.

Monday night, snow started falling again about 8:30, but stopped before midnight. About an inch or so fell.

Yesterday (Wednesday) the weather forecast was for rain, turning to snow in the mountains of North Carolina.

"I hope the groundhog is neck-deep in water with a mouthful of snow," declared a disgruntled Maconian. "It would serve him right!"