

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.



FRIDAY MORNING'S fire call (about 8:40) was a trailer truck with overheated brakes after a descent from Cowee Gap. A garden hose at the Dixie Grill had the blaze under control when the fire truck arrived.

RADIO STATION WFSC got so disgusted with Lake Emory Road conditions with the thaw that it moved for a couple of days to the basement of Macon Bargain Store and did remote broadcasting. The station has moved back to its office-transmitter overlooking Lake Emory.

FOUR SALESMEN at Conley Motor Company have been presented Ford Motor Company's 300-500 Club awards. To be a club member, salesmen must sell the equivalent of 100 new cars and 70 used cars. The salesmen are Bob Moore, R. M. Henson, J. D. Conley, and Roy N. Mashburn.

SURE IS nice to see the streets again, even if they are filthy. They look a lot better without the snow, don't you think?

PEOPLE FRUSTRATED by the weather were still buying galoshes and overshoes Monday with the sun shining bright and the sky clear. Those quickie snows of Saturday and Sunday must have spooked them.

JUST FOR the heck of it, why doesn't someone write a ditty to the tune of "London Bridge" that choruses "Cowee Mountain's falling in..."

BAD WEATHER'S END and the filing deadline last week should flush out a lot of Congressional candidates between now and election time. Brace yourself voters!

DON'T THE mountains look pretty on a clear day wearing that blanket of snow?

FOLKS ARE still raving about that excellent meal served at the chamber of commerce banquet Friday night. The food arrived at the tables piping hot and the service was above reproach.

APPRECIATIVE males say it was worth the price of admission just to see the young female soloist with the N. C. Little Symphony. Who says long-hair music doesn't have appeal?

IF THE WEATHER ever breaks, filling stations are going to have a lucrative field day washing dirty cars. They're all messy and dirty.

KITE FLYING signals the arrival of the March winds, which seem to be a bit late.

THE DIRT trucks are hauling again, this time along the Little Tennessee behind the Dixie Grill.

A RED common prayer book was lost in the snow in front of St. Agnes Episcopal Church and was found by the state highway boys. The book has no name inside, but a white handkerchief marks hymn 306. The owner can pick it up at THE PRESS.

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): East Franklin P.T.A., 7:30.

Friday: 4-H talent show, East Franklin School, 8 p.m.

Monday: Dr. I. E. Ready address, Franklin High cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.



Miss Pruett



Miss Duncan

OTHERS ARE NAMED —

Misses Pruett And Duncan Are Top Honor Students

Misses Janice Lee Pruett and Barbara Ellen Duncan have been announced as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1960 graduating class of Franklin High School.

The class also has 13 other honor graduates, who will be singled out for recognition at graduation exercises. They are Arthur Hays, Douglas Slagle, Ronnie Henson, Max Gladwell, and Misses Alice Bradley, Jean Sprinkle, Joann Curtiss, Ann Dean, Jane Long, Juanita Welch, Vicky Ray, Lucy Meadows, and Lois Norton.

Miss Pruett, the valedictorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Pruett, of Franklin. Her high school activities have included: 4-H Club, 1, 2; class secretary-treasurer, 2; junior-senior banquet server, 2; Field Day, 2, 3; Spanish Club, 3, 4; junior marshal, 3; Future Bus-

ness Leader of America, 4; Future Teachers of America, 4; Beta Club, 4; class treasurer, 4; and senior superlative. She plans to attend college following graduation.

The salutatorian, Miss Duncan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Duncan, of Franklin, and is serving this year as editor of the school yearbook, The Laurel Leaf. Her activities: Band, 1; chorus, 1, 2, 3; Future Teachers of America, 1, 2, 3, 4, and vice-president, 3; Dramatics Club, 2, 3; entertainment, junior-senior banquet, 1; junior-senior banquet server, 2; Laurel Leaf staff, 3, 4; W. N. C. High School Editor's Roundtable, 3, 4; decoration committee, junior-senior banquet, 3; junior marshal, 3; Beta Club, 4; Students International Club, 4, secretary, 4; and senior superlative. Miss Duncan also plans to enter college next fall.

AT ANNUAL BANQUET —

Chamber Hears Mauney Praise Area Potential

At the 20th annual chamber of commerce banquet Friday night, approximately 165 well-fed and musically-entertained persons heard their own optimism for Franklin echoed in a short but concise address by Richard P. Mauney, state development engineer.

Mr. Mauney, sticking to his engineering role, presented facts and figures showing North Carolina's growth in industries and tourist trade and opportunities for the future.

longer handicapped by a lack of adequate transportation and roads," Mr. Mauney, a native of Murphy, said.

"Macon County is well-known all over the United States for its scenic wonders," he said, "but tourist trade will continue to grow here only if you make the tourists stay longer by providing entertainment for the whole family."

J. C. Jacobs, past president of the chamber, opened the meeting and gave a review of the past year's activities.

The new board of directors were

Not Handicapped
"Western North Carolina is no

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POPCYCLE STICK LAMPS

Lewis Gregory, a patient at Black Mountain Sanatorium, spends a lot of his time building lamps, baskets, and other items from popcycle sticks. His daughter, Mrs. Woodrow Holland, of the Bethel section, is shown with a large floor lamp made from 8,000 sticks. Mr. Gregory dyes the sticks different colors to enhance the appearance of his crafts. It took him about two weeks to make the big lamp and he can construct a smaller one, like his daughter holds, in a day. (Staff Photo)

TO EXPLAIN WORK —

Dr. Ready, Curriculum Chairman, Coming Here

Dr. I. E. Ready, director of curriculum study with the State Board of Education in Raleigh, will speak here Monday night to school officials, P. T. A. members, and the public.

The open meeting is set for 7:30 in the Franklin High cafeteria. Several P. T. A. groups over the county, including Franklin, will count Dr. Ready's appearance as their March meeting and are urging all their members to turn out to hear him discuss the progress his curriculum study commission has made.

The speaker will be introduced by School Supt. H. Bueck.

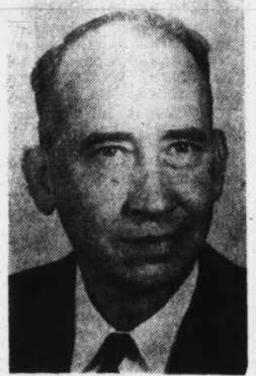
Mrs. Bueck, program chairman for the Franklin P. T. A., handled arrangements in obtaining Dr. Ready and she invites all school patrons in the

county to come and hear him.

A question-answer session is planned following the speaker's talk.

Born in Johnston, S. C., Dr. Ready received his A.B. and A.M. degrees from the University of South Carolina and his Ed. D from New York University. He did graduate study at Harvard, Chicago, Columbia, and the University of North Carolina.

Positions he has held in North Carolina include dean of boys at Central High School in Charlotte; principal at Rocky Mount High in Rocky Mount and Hugh Morson High in Raleigh; and superintendent of schools in Roanoke Rapids.



Dr. Ready

Carpenter New President Of Jaycees

Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, assistant cashier at The Bank of Franklin, has been elected president of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1960-61.

A formal installation of the new Jaycee officers is slated April 4. The district vice-president, Herchel Buchanan, of Hendersonville, will be the installing officer.

Elected at a meeting Monday night to serve with Mr. Carpenter were Tom Collier, 1st vice-president; Bill Zickgraf, 2nd vice-president; Glenn Davis, secretary; Paul Greer, treasurer; Grady Corbin, Jim Williamson, and R. M. Biddle, Jr., directors; and J. P. Brady, state director.

Mr. Biddle is the out-going president.

Mrs. Henry Heads Business Club Here

A Business and Professional Women's Club has been organized here with Mrs. Frank L. Henry, Jr., as president.

Other officers are Miss Ruth McCollum, vice-president; Mrs. Roane Bradley, recording secretary; and Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr., corresponding secretary.

An installation of officers and presentation of the club's charter is slated for April 23. District, state, and national B.P.W.C. officers will be on hand for this event.

Committee chairmen serving the new club include Ms. C. K. Olson, career advancement; Miss Estel Childers, finances; Mrs. Jim McCollum, public relations; Mrs. D. W. Blaine, national security; Mrs. Norman Blaine, health and safety; Mrs. Bill Horsley, international relations; Mrs. Neal Johnston, legislation; Miss Kate Jacobs, membership; Miss Ruth McCollum, program coordinator; and Mrs. R. E. Welch, public affairs. The club had a dinner meeting Tuesday night at The Normandie.

East Franklin P. T. A. Meeting Slated Tonight

The East Franklin P. T. A. will meet tonight (Thursday) at the school at 7:30. All patrons are urged to attend since the nominating committee will present nominations for officers to serve for the next school year.

A program on Scouting is also planned.

Trout Date Put Back To April 2

Reversing a decision, the State Wildlife Resources Commission has set the opening of trout season back to April 2.

Earlier, the commission decided to postpone the opening until April 30 because bad weather has prevented pre-season stocking of the mountain trout waters.

Fishermen put up a loud howl of protest—loud enough to make the state officials change their minds.

Stocking is to begin as soon as road conditions permit the transfer of trout from the hatcheries to the streams.

Leagues Elect Officers

Officers for Franklin's Little League and Babe Ruth baseball programs for 1960 were elected at an organizational meeting at East Franklin School Tuesday night.

Little League officers are Dr. T. J. Huff, president, Harold Corbin, vice-president, Mrs. Jo Ann Corbin, secretary, James Perry, Jr., treasurer, and the Rev. J. C. Lane, player agent.

Heading up the Babe Ruth program are James "Bill" Gregory, president, Melvin "Pete" Penland, vice-president, Mrs. Earnest Fisher, secretary, Richard Murphy, treasurer, and Grady Corbin, player agent.

Approximately 25 persons were present at the meeting.

Books Sent To District

Long time record books of four Macon County 4-H clubbers have been entered for district judging.

The books have been submitted by Elizabeth Ann Ammons, Holly Springs club, in the Achievement category; Patsy Corbin, Mountain Grove club, Clothing; Suzanne Cunningham, Carson club, Home Economics; and Claudetta McCoy, Oak Grove club, Better Grooming and Home Management.

One of the eight judges in the district will be T. H. Fagg, county agricultural agent here.

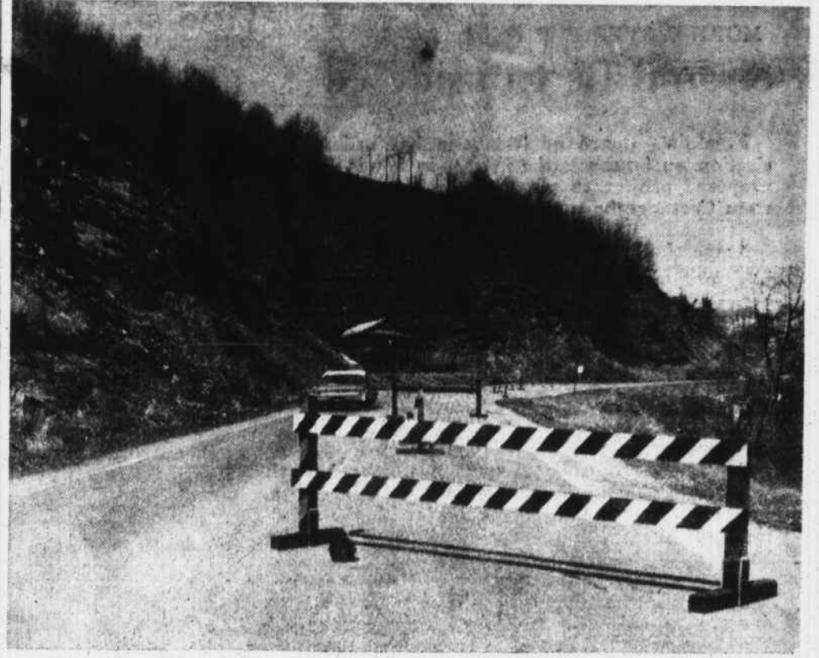
4-H Training School Slated For Saturday

A 4-H training school for girls and leaders interested in farm meal activity and foods projects is slated for Saturday morning at the Agricultural Building from 9:30 until 11:30.

Instructing will be Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant home economics agent. Demonstrations will be given by Arin Maddox and Genis Enloe, on vegetable use, and Sue and Gail Cabe, on dairy foods. The first demonstration team is from Cartooschay club and the other represents Clark's Chapel.

GOSPEL SINGING

The northern gospel singing convention will be held at the Oak Dale Baptist Church Sunday, March 27, beginning at 1:45 p.m. All singers are invited to attend. Lon Thompson, president, will be in charge of the program.



THESE NEW BARRICADES have been added on US 23-441 east where fresh cracks have appeared in the pavement from slippage of dirt fills in the highway roadbed. A state geologist is investigating to determine the cause of the landslides, which threaten to knock out several sections of the highway on Cowee Mountain. (Staff Photo)

SEEKING A REMEDY —

Geologist Studying Cowee Landslides

A state geologist has been called in to discover what is causing the Cowee Mountain landslides on US 23-441.

Frank L. Hutchison, 14th division highway engineer, this week said the geologist hopes to come up with a remedy before slides take out several sections of the highway.

At one point halfway up the mountain, the highway roadbed has dropped a couple of feet and a detour road has been cut

out of the mountain to provide one-way traffic around the danger area.

New cracks also appeared in the pavement under at least two deep dirt fills last week and barricades have been set up to keep vehicles away. Highway

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Music Of British To Mark Program

Music of the British Isles will be presented by Mrs. Willard Bell, March program leader, at the meeting of the Franklin Music Study Club tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Allen Siler on West Main Street.

Miss Sara Smart will serve as co-hostess.

OFF FOR MEETING

Mrs. Doris Lynch and Miss Ruth Edwards, secretaries in the office of the Macon County Board of Education, left yesterday (Wednesday) for Durham to attend a meeting being held by the State Department of Education. They will return Saturday.

Inventory Of Damage Under Way

State Engineer Says Roads Are Bad

An inventory of bad weather damage to highways and secondary roads in the 14th Highway Division is now being made and Division Engineer Frank L. Hutchison is going to Raleigh this week to report to his superiors on conditions.

In a telephone interview Tuesday afternoon, the engineer said it is possible that funds can be transferred from other counties to make maintenance repairs in the hard-hit mountain area.

Secondary roads are getting "rougher and rougher" with thawing, Mr. Hutchison declared. Paved roads are breaking up at a faster rate than normal and gravel roads "are going to pieces" as traffic and heavy trucks move over them once again.

The engineer said a more detailed report of Macon's situation would be available by next week when he returns from Raleigh.

"About all we can say right now is the situation is bad all over (the division)," he declared.



FIRST DAY OF WHAT, DID YOU SAY FRIEND?

Sunday was the official first day of spring. Sunday was bracketed by an inch and a half snow fall Saturday and another almost as heavy early Monday morning. The above scene, taken from Town Hill toward Angel Hospital, was photographed Monday morning, the so-called second day of spring. Tuesday, the third day of spring, was nippy and not at all spring-like. Now the old timers predict at least two more snows before shirt-sleeve weather arrives. Their sign: The owls are "raising Cain" on the south side of the ridges. Anyone reared in the mountains knows this means more bad weather is brewing. (Staff Photo)