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ON THE INSIDE —

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.



HUGH MORTON, owner of Grandfather Mountain and a top-notch promoter of the Tar Heel State, has issued two new color postcards. One is a beautiful scene of Wayah Bald when the flame azalea is in bloom and the other is a display of cut and uncut gem stones found in this area.

ROCKHOUNDS are beginning to arrive. They're kinda like the Robins when it comes to heralding the beginning of spring. The ruby mines in Cowee Valley report good crowds in spite of rainy weather.

THE NORTHERN lights were showing up over the ridges last Thursday night. A number of people telephoned to make sure members of THE PRESS staff saw them. The streaks of red were particularly pretty.

CONGRATULATIONS are due everyone involved in the staging of the Junior Woman's Club fashion show Saturday night at East Franklin School. It went off smoothly and professionally.

NOT MANY folks are complaining about the April showers. They're recalling those promises they made about not griping about the weather if the snow would leave.

EVERYONE is interested in something for nothing. So why don't you take advantage of the free chest X-rays being offered through the 23rd at the mobile unit near the jail? Costs nothing and takes only a couple of minutes.

THE LATE A. R. Higdon surely has a smile on his face. During his long illness at his home a bunch of neighborhood boys played on his large and green lawn. Occasionally, when they became too boisterous he fussed at them some, but he always referred to them as "his boys". At his funeral last week, without any prompting from grownups, "his boys" showed up to pay their last respects to "Mr. Alf".

TO HECK with spring! How are we going to explain that sleet that poured down Tuesday morning shortly after 9? Can fall be far behind the shortest spring summer on record?

TOWN CLERK Ray Swafford has a new office helper. She's Mrs. Bill Tallen.

THE PUBLIC is invited to hear Dr. Frank P. Graham speak at an assembly this (Thursday) morning at Western Carolina College at 10 o'clock in Reid Gymnasium. No reservations are necessary. The former U.S. senator is no stranger to W. N. C.

JACK CABE, a State Highway Patrol corporal, has moved to Bryson City from Brevard under the newly-instituted patrol troop setup. Cpl. Cabe is a Macon native and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cabe.

LOCAL MOTORISTS driving east Tuesday reported running into heavy snow between Franklin and Sylva.



HERE ARE FRANKLIN HIGH'S winners at the academic high school field day held at Western Carolina College Saturday. Pictured are, front row (L to R), Dorothy Bell, Jane Long, Linda Shope, Lois Deal, and Linda Phillips. One winner, Ronald Henson, was absent when the picture was taken. (Staff Photo)

Area School Officials Set Meeting Here

About 125 school board members, superintendents, principals, and committeemen from Haywood County west are expected in Franklin next Wednesday, the 13th, for a district meeting of the State School Board Association.

Featured speaker at the supper meeting in the Franklin High cafeteria will be Ernest Ross, of Marion, former McDowell County school board member and representative to the General Assembly.

Erwin Patton, chairman of the Macon County Board of Education, is serving this year as president of the district organization and will preside at the session.

Registration will be held from 4:30 to 5 and individual study groups for superintendents, principals, board members, and committeemen will be held until the supper meeting at 6:30.

Mr. Ross is expected to discuss the general needs and conditions of North Carolina schools and to point out needed legislation. An oil dealer in Marion, he served for many years on his county school board and is familiar with the problems of legislation by virtue of having been in the General Assembly. He is a past president of the district association and a Rotarian.

Candidates for the General Assembly in the district have been invited to attend the Franklin meeting, according to Mr. Patton.

SINGING SATURDAY

A singing with the Black Rock Quartet of Clayton, Ga., will be held at the Hickory Knoll Methodist Church Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

AT WESTERN CAROLINA —

10 Franklin High Students Among Field Day Winners

Franklin High students earned a total of 10 honor places in the science fair and academic field day events held last Saturday at Western Carolina College.

First place winners were Dorothy Geraldine Bell, Spanish grammar and vocabulary; Linda Dell Shope, chemistry; Margaret Davis, world history; Juanita Johnson, stenography, tie.

Those taking second place in their respective events were Jane Long, original declamation, tie; Fred S. Bulgin, oral interpretation.

Third place winners were Ronald Colin Henson, mechanics of Dr. English; Linda Sue Phillips, elementary algebra; "Spike" Maddox, general science for ninth grade; Lois Ann Deal, civics.

More than three hundred and fifty students representing 23 Western North Carolina high schools participated in the multiple events. The science fair is now on state-wide and national levels; however, the western district is the only one of nine in the state to conduct the academic contests. Officials at Western Carolina College are trying to interest others in holding similar events, so that those students who excel in the academic fields might have opportunity for statewide competition.

Dr. Dexter Squibb and Dr. Frank Yow, both of the W.C.C. science department, were in charge of Saturday's program.

MEETING IS CALLED —

Macon Chosen As 'Pilot' County For 4-H Project

Macon County has been selected as one of eight "pilot counties" in North Carolina for the Southern Regional 4-H Leadership Training Program.

In line with this, a special 4-H leadership training school for Macon leaders has been called for tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 at the Agricultural Building. All extension agents associated with Agricultural Agent T. H. Fagg and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home economics agent, will assist with the training.

Dick Smith, of Raleigh, western district 4-H agent, will be present to observe methods used in training by the local agents. Mrs. Harry Stewart is president of the local 4-H leaders' organization.

April Showers Don't Bother Club Members

April's showers aren't bothering Macon County's home demonstration club women.

They're capitalizing on them by using "April Showers of Fashions" as the theme for their annual dress review next Wednesday, April 13, at East Franklin School.

An estimated 100 women are expected to turn models-for-a-day and model outfitts they have made according to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home economics agent.

Narrator for the review will be Mrs. J. M. Maddox, of Cartoogechaye.

Registration and judging is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m.; rehearsal, 11 to 12:30; lunch, 12:30 to 1; and the show, 2 to 3:30.

Host club for the annual event are Carson and Upper Cartoogechaye. Mrs. Earl Cabe is president of the former. Mrs. M. W. Beck of the latter. Refreshments are being arranged by the Franklin club, of which Mrs. Frank Reece is president, and registration by the Ruth Current Club. Mrs. W. H. Jones president.

Modeling divisions for adults include "Fashions for Home", "From Sacks to Garments", play clothes, tailored suits and coats, general wear or street clothes, best dresses, and special occasion clothes. The children's division is made up of play clothes, best clothes, school clothes, and tailored coats and suits.

Judges will be Miss Mary Cornwell, extension agent in Haywood County, and Mrs. Shirley Blaine, agent in Swain.

Dance Teams Will Compete At Jamboree

Two Macon County square dance teams will be competing tomorrow (Friday) night in the Mountain Youth Jamboree in Asheville.

They are the Carson Cloggers, a team of teenagers that already has made its mark in the entertainment world through television and other mediums, and the Promettes, a group of eight and nine year olds organized just prior to last year's Macon County Folk Festival.

Both teams are under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, of Carson community.

Team members will be transported to Asheville for the jamboree by their parents.

Hunter Young's String Band will play for both teams.

The Promettes also will be performing in new costumes at the jamboree. Mothers have been busy this week making red and white check shirts for the boys and red and white check over-organza dresses for the girls.

Jacobs Heads Local P.T.A.

J. C. Jacobs has been elected president of the Franklin P.T.A. for the next school year.

Serving with him are Mrs. J. L. West, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Fred Vaughn, secretary; and L. C. Howard, treasurer.



FREE CHEST X-RAYS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH

Through the 23rd of this month, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., a mobile X-ray unit will offer free chest X-rays to all Maconians over 15. The state unit is located on Phillips Street near the county jail. The need for Maconians using this X-ray service is pointed up in the fact that five new cases of tuberculosis have been discovered here since the first of January, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse. Getting an X-ray requires little time and a person stays fully clothed. The tuberculosis association sends each person a written report on the findings. (Staff Photo)

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HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED — Winter Road Damage More Than \$200,000

Water Bond Steps Taken By Franklin

Franklin's Board of Aldermen heard Town Attorney R. S. Jones report that steps to bring the \$350,000 water bond election before the voters are underway.

At the monthly board meeting Monday night, Mr. Jones reported that an advertisement giving notice of intention to apply to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh for approval of the bonds is running in THE PRESS during the month of April.

The board will meet in a special session April 25 to consider adoption of the bond ordinance and to call the election. The order of election will be published in THE PRESS April 28 and May 5, if adopted.

Other Business

In other business, Town Clerk Ray Swafford read a letter from G. M. Stephens, Jr., a regional planner with the state highway commission.

Mr. Stephens had met earlier in the month with Mayor W. C. Burrell and members of the street committee, E. C. Shook, H. E. Cagle, and Frank L. Henry, Jr., to consider a thoroughfare plan for Franklin.

The letter from Mr. Stephens noted that 40 other towns in North Carolina are ahead of Franklin in asking for this aid and it will be more than two years before the state can offer any assistance.

Makes Suggestion

Mr. Stephens suggested that the board go to the Western North Carolina Planning Commission for aid, or proceed on the town's own funds.

The board voted to have W.W. Sloan, Franklin's commission member, get in touch with John Hampton, W.N.C. Planning Commission director, to check on the possibilities of getting help on the thoroughfare from this source.

Alderman Frank L. Henry, Jr., noted that the board instructed the town clerk to obtain information about getting automatic water level controls and feeders for the town's wells and that the controls be purchased. The motion passed unanimously.

Stop Betsy

Hunter Calloway and Roy Mashburn appeared before the board to question the town's use of the Elbert Angel ("Big Betsy") well at this time of year. They SEE NO. 1, PAGE 4

COMPLAINTS UNHEEDED —

It's Called 'Old Faithful'

Folks living near it call it "Old Faithful".

"It" is a broken sewer line below Phil McCollum's house near the intersection of US 23-441 and US 64 west.

They've been thinking about building a park around "Old Faithful," quipped one resident. "At least we'd be doing more than the town has about it."

It is being observed in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The program will consist of discussion groups led by the Revs. J. H. Propst, Thad R. Dowdle, and Melvin Brooks.

There also will be a general conference and the program will be highlighted by a message by Judson Hall, of Asheville and Franklin, who is a ministerial student at Mars Hill College.

All Macon County Baptists and especially Baptist young people have been urged to attend.

The Weather

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	30	55	.62
Thursday	67	49	trace
Friday	72	34	.00
Saturday	61	46	.16
Sunday	61	52	.20
Monday	63	50	1.42
Tuesday	52	39	.27
Wednesday	32	30	.03

COWETA

Wednesday	61	54	1.75
Thursday	70	44	.12
Friday	65	32	.00
Saturday	73	48	.37
Sunday	60	53	.48
Monday	64	51	1.45
Tuesday	64	34	.52
Wednesday	49	30	.05

HIGHLANDS

Wednesday	58	50	*
Thursday	66	43	*
Friday	58	32	*
Saturday	56	47	*
Sunday	58	50	*
Monday	49	34	