

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.



JACK GRIBBLE brought a couple of eggs by the office this week, apparently produced by discontented hens. One has a "welded" band around it, almost like the hen stopped and then started again. The other is a tiny orb about the size of a bird's egg.

THE STATE got to work again Monday on that stretch of pavement over the culvert at the foot of Town Hill.

A TALENT PARTY for those who will appear in the '60 edition of "The Red Stocking Review" is being planned in advance of the June show by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

JIMMY WILLIAMS is managing the Little League Jaybirds, with the assistance of Jim Williamson. Mr. Williamson was listed last week as coach of the team.

NORTH CAROLINA has published a color booklet, "Variety Vacationland", that has a picture of some girls and a man digging for rubies in Cowee Valley. The ruby mines are finally coming into their own as an attraction.

LOCAL OFFICERS have been informed that those responsible for the "safe job" last year at Baldwin's market have been apprehended by the F.B.I. Details are still sketchy, but it's good to know that the guilty have been caught.

DIDN'T HEAR a single kick about the inconvenience of the practice Civil Defense alert in town Tuesday. Guess folks realize that the real thing is just a button-push away.

BEGINNING May 30, a "learning-to-read" TV program for those who have had little or no schooling early in life will be started over WFBC-TV in Greenville, S. C. School Supt. H. Bueck is sending out questionnaires by school children to see how many in the county would be interested in the program. Some schools in other places have offered room and TV facilities for those wanting to learn in this manner.

ISN'T THE dogwood beautiful? Before long, a fellow'll want to do nothing but find a nice warm broom sedge field and take a nap in the afternoon.

IF SPRING brings more building that has been going on during the winter, Franklin can truthfully be called the boom town of W.N.C.

WORK IS progressing on three East Franklin additions to the economic scene — Baldwin's super market, Womack's motor court, and Stiles' drive-in for Vergil Meadows.

WALTER HALL says the same stretch of highway (US 64) has 20 m.p.h. traffic going one way and 55 m.p.h. limit on the other.

HAVE YOU gone down and looked over the youth center yet? It is coming along nicely and it would be a worthwhile trip to drop down to the park and see what your money, materials, and labor are doing for the youth of the county.

THE SLIDES on the Cowee Mountain just keep dropping the level of the highway, particularly on the lower one. It has now dropped a couple of feet and the state is hacking out an emergency route around it higher on the bank.

NOW THAT highwater is staying away from the airport door, flying is on the upswing once again. Local pilots describe the past winter as the louiest for flying in history.

INCIDENTALLY, the Macon County Search and Rescue Squadron is composed of about 15 adults and 30 high school students. If you're interested in joining this outfit, drop down to their Friday night meetings.

TALK ABOUT the abandonment of the Tallulah Falls has died down. However, this doesn't mean the I.C.C. has forgotten the matter. Probably the lull before the storm.

THEY'RE STARTING to work on cleaning up the pool at Franklin Lodge and Golf Course and it won't be long before it'll be ready for use. Also, good weather is bringing golfers out in record numbers at the neat nine-hole with its pretty grass greens.

GILLESPIE REVIVAL

Revival services will begin Sunday night, May 8, at the Gillespie Chapel Methodist Church. The services will begin each night at 7:30. The pastor will bring the message each night, Sunday through Saturday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



TEEN-AGE ROAD-E-O WINNERS RECEIVE SAVINGS BONDS
Turner Bryson (in car) and Miss Ann McCoy, Franklin High juniors, were judged winners of the annual "Teen-Age Road-e-o" competition Wednesday of last week at the high school and were presented Savings Bonds by Principal Harry C. Corbin (left). Thirty-one students took part in the written and driving skill tests. Major C. A. Speed, head of the safety division of the State Highway Patrol, addressed an assembly preceding the tests. Young Bryson, who scored the highest grade, will represent Franklin in the state driving competition in June in Kinston. (Staff Photo)

POTTER WILL SPEAK — Area Meeting Of Baptist Men Scheduled In Franklin

The Rev. James Potter, pastor of the Pritchard Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte, will speak at the annual regional meeting of Baptist men in Franklin next Tuesday, May 10 at the First Baptist Church. The meeting will begin with a supper at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Mashburn, associate of the Brotherhood Commission, of Memphis, Tennessee, will present the new plan of organization for the Baptist Brotherhood, which will go into effect on October 1.

Democrats Set Meets

Plans for Democratic precinct meetings to select county convention delegates were revealed this week by the party county chairman, Jess Shope.

Precinct meetings at all voting places have been called for Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. Delegates to the county convention the following Saturday, May 14, will be named at this time. The county convention will be held at the courthouse at 2:30 p.m. and will be featured by the election of delegates to the state convention in Raleigh on the 19th.

Presbyterian Church Gets New Minister

The Rev. J. Fred Guthrie, Jr., has accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin and expects to assume his duties about June 19.

He will be graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., in June.

Mr. Guthrie has preached several times this year at the church since the departure of the former pastor, the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, who accepted a call to Arlington, Va.

WIN PRIZES

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Simpson attended the Dixie African Violet Convention and show in Nashville, Tenn., April 21-25 and entered plants which won for them the following prizes: a silver tray, a \$10 prize, a \$5 prize, 12 blue ribbons, and eight red ribbons.



FRANKLIN'S MAIN STREET, usually teeming with humanity at this hour, is deserted except for a lone Civil Defense official standing in the middle of the street in the background.

Free Vehicle Check Lane Operating Here

A free automobile safety check lane will be operated in Franklin today (Thursday) and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It will be in operation on Palmer Street, across from Jamison's 5 and 10, under the supervision of the county safety coordinators appointed by the state, Robert W. (Bob) Moore and Hall Callahan.

Burrell Motor Company and Conley Motor Company are furnishing mechanics for the check lane and the "paper work" will be handled by students of Frank Ramsey's driver education classes at Franklin High.

The safety coordinators emphasize that the check lane is entirely voluntary. Automobiles and trucks passing the inspection will receive special windshield stickers attesting to their mechanical safety.

Scout Leaders Going To Final Meeting Of Nantahala Council

Local Girl Scout leaders plan to attend the last meeting of the Nantahala Girl Scout Council, which is merging with the Pisgah council this month.

The final session will be tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church, with Mrs. S. B. Sneed, president, in charge.

Local leaders desiring transportation to the meeting are asked to telephone Mrs. Harvey Price.



The Rev. James Potter

April Term 'Showers' The Schools

\$10,100.85 Goes To System From Court Fees

Macon County schools got an "April shower" of \$10,100.85 from the April term of Superior Court, according to Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk.

A breakdown of the amount reveals that forfeitures were \$5,310.15; fines, \$4,278.45; solicitor fees, \$416; jury fees, \$12; and highway patrol tax, \$74.25.

Board Sets Water Meet For Public

The Franklin Board of Aldermen has set Tuesday night, May 17, as the time for an open meeting with engineers from the Harwood-Beebe Company in Spartanburg, S. C., to discuss any questions relating to the water situation in Franklin.

The meeting was set for 8 o'clock at the East Franklin School in action taken at the regular monthly board meeting Monday night.

Members of the board expressed hope that this meeting would bring all facts on the water question out into the open and serve to answer any questions that towns people might have.

In other business Monday night, the board agreed to pay for water and sewer connections to a floor level in the new youth center here and to stand good for the electricity bill there for a year, after hearing John Bulgin and Alan Brooks make requests for this aid.

The board passed a motion to install a new fire hydrant near the new water standpipe on Golfview Drive.

A request from Kenneth Clark to get a license for a new skating rink he is building on the Highlands road was okayed, with reservation as to closing and Sunday hours.

Bills amounting to \$3,602.92 were passed on for the month and plans for this week's Civil Defense exercise were explained to the board.

NEW POLICEMAN

Fred Dills, a former guard at the Macon County Prison Camp, has been hired as a policeman by the Town of Franklin and is now on duty. He succeeds Ancil Crutchfield, resigned.

COMMISSIONERS MAKE REQUESTED REPORT — \$350,000 Estimate Figured For Courthouse By Architects

Detailed Jury Report Made

One of the most detailed grand jury reports ever turned over to Superior Court officials came out of the April term here.

The comprehensive report, although bearing heavily on the need for a new courthouse and allied recommendations, goes into detail in regard to needed repairs at individual schools as well as at other county facilities.

As jury reports have in the past, this one has highly uncomplimentary things to say about the 79-year-old courthouse. It also suggests that a "schedule of maintenance and repair of the existing building be instituted that will provide for a clean, safe, and more dignified surrounding for the transaction of the business and judicial proceedings of Macon County."

Because of the lack of fireproof storage for county records, the jury suggests the investigation of microfilming all vital records "if present record vaults must be continued in use."

Included in the report of school inspections was a commendation to School Supt. H. Bueck for "his prudent and wise judgment concerning formulation and execution of long-range plans for the Macon County school system and the continued operation and maintenance of this system."

Jury members inspecting the county courthouse called attention to unsafe conditions from decay of the eaves on the north, west, and east sides of the building and suggested that the immediate area under these eaves be roped off until repairs can be made.

Four reasons were pinpointed by jury members against the renovation of the courthouse for long-term service:

1. Existing state of disrepair throughout.

2. Limited office space, requiring rental of offices for welfare department and the school superintendent, at present.

3. Extremely overcrowded condition of valuable documents in present vaults.

4. Limited space for any desired expansion to meet a growing county needs.

Jury members found the prison camp and jail in good condition.

EDITOR TO PREACH

The editor of the Presbyterian Journal, Dr. Aiken Taylor, will be guest minister Sunday, May 8, at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Right on the heels of another grand jury report condemning the old county courthouse, the county commissioners submitted a requested report on constructing a new one.

These points are brought out in the report: (1) Plans drawn for a modern, two-story courthouse, prepared by Waynesville architects Foy and Lee, give a construction estimate of \$350,000.

(2) It's the consensus among taxpayers attending recent meetings in the interest of a courthouse that renovation would "not serve the future need of the county".

(3) That the present bonded indebtedness of the county, as well as current interest rates, make it advisable to investigate an enabling act in the state legislature permitting a special tax levy for constructing a new courthouse, such levy to be automatically repealed upon full payment of the debt.

(4) That the proposed plan includes a suitable jail facility and would permit sale of the present jail and use the money on the courthouse building.

(5) That the new courthouse would include space for offices now rented outside the present courthouse by the county, including the extension service, welfare department, and school superintendent.

A request for a report on construction costs was made by the grand jury at the December term of Superior Court.

IN STREAMFLOW FIGURE — 'Misunderstanding' Aired By Coweeta

Commenting that "evidentially some misunderstanding has arisen regarding streamflow measurements of Rough Fork watershed," Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory has issued a statement about its April 13 measurements.

The misunderstanding enters on a statement appearing in last week's PRESS: "Ten days ago, the flow was measured. The result was 6,567,500 gallons per day."

Generating this, Mrs. Coweeta report says: "It should be understood that the measurements made on April 18, 1960 cannot be construed to mean that Rough Fork will produce some six million gallons of water daily throughout the entire year."

The Coweeta statement, signed by Lloyd W. Swift, Jr., acting research center leader, follows in full:

"Evidentially some misunderstanding has arisen regarding streamflow measurements of the Rough Fork watershed by Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory personnel. These measurements were made on April 18, 1960 and reported in the April 23rd issue of The Franklin Press. The Coweeta staff wishes to be of service to the town of Franklin by filling any request for information on water yields that it is capable of supplying. Therefore the above mentioned streamflow measurements were made as requested by Messrs. Plemmons and Cabe. The original intent was to make these measurements during the fall of 1959 when normal low flows for this area are expected. However, a wet fall ensued and the measurements were not made.

"It should be understood that the measurements made on April 18, 1960 cannot be construed to mean that Rough Fork will produce some six million gallons of water daily throughout the entire year. It rather indicated that yield from Rough Fork is comparable to yields from Coweeta watersheds after a two-week dry period in April. We would like to reemph-

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Munroe Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Taylor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Apr. 27	67	55	.03	
Thursday	66	51	.11	
Friday	71	42	00	
Saturday	65	47	trace	
Sunday	71	54	.40	
Monday	70	32	00	
Tuesday	74	37	00	
Wednesday		36	00	
COWETA				
Wed., Apr. 27	66	53	.54	
Thursday	69	50	.18	
Friday	63	38	00	
Saturday	70	47	trace	
Sunday	65	54	.42	
Monday	71	31	00	
Tuesday	68	38	00	
Wednesday	71	36	00	
HIGHLANDS				
Mon., May 2	62	31	*	
Tuesday	69	38	*	
Wednesday		38	*	

* no record.

—ONLY ONE SOUR NOTE SOUNDED— Civil Defense Alert Goes Off Smoothly

Tuesday afternoon's Civil Defense practice alert clicked off smoothly.

Only one sour note was sounded in the 10-minute operation and that was not a local problem. Unfortunately, because of the mountains rimming this area, Franklin radios were unable to pick up the CONELRAD stations broadcasting Civil Defense instructions.

Even with a powerful radio, members of the Macon County Search and Rescue Squadron raised only a faint sound from an Asheville CONELRAD station and were unable to understand anything that was said.

"That seems to be the only loophole in the whole set-up," commented the county Civil Defense director, A. C. Tysinger.

And, he and the town director, Sid Carter, already have drafted a letter to state Defense officials pointing out this shortcoming and requesting that the local radio station, WFSC, be made a CON-

ELRAD station. Station Manager Edwin P. Healy says his station is "more than willing" to go along with the idea and offer its facilities.

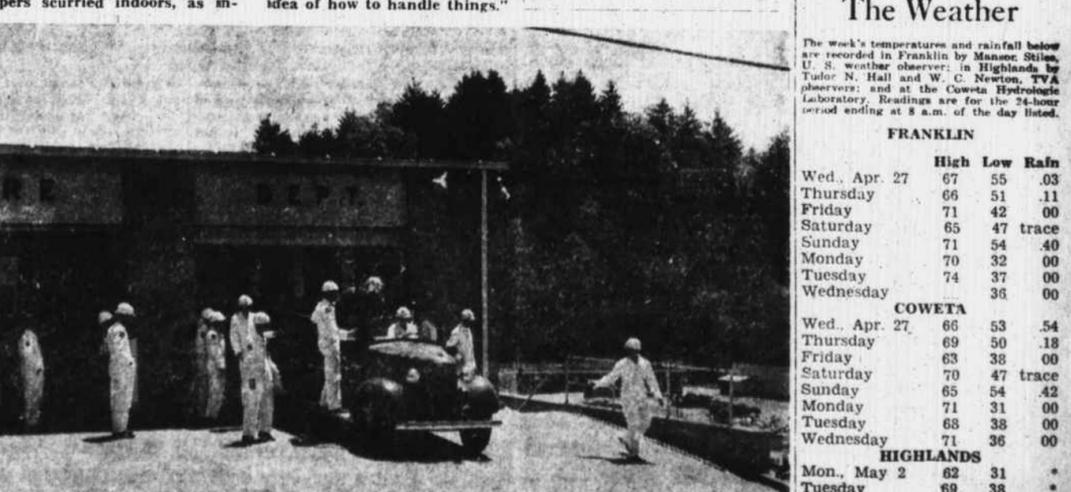
Although operating on short notice, members of the rescue squad handled the nationwide alert with efficiency and skill. With the assistance of city and county law officers and the highway patrol, vehicles were halted within a matter of seconds after the 1 o'clock alert sounded on the fire siren.

In the downtown area, shoppers scurried indoors, as in-



CONTESTANT

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MEMBERS OF THE Macon Search and Rescue Squadron handled the enforcement job during Tuesday's 10-minute practice alert. They're shown rolling out one of the town's fire trucks.