



NEEDING A civic club speaker for free? Franklin High student, Fred Bulgin, who's a member of the governor's traffic safety group, is available to address any and all comers on safety.

THAT IS Dogwood Winter that's been making you shiver and go back to coats and sweaters. Seems like there's a name for each weather situation in the mountains, doesn't it?

FRANKLIN HIGH'S seniors are marching again, which means that graduation isn't far off. As it did last year, THE PRESS will again publish an edition with pictures of all graduates in Macon County.

DON'T FORGET to register before sundown Saturday if you expect to vote in the coming election. That applies, of course, to those of you who have never registered. A new registration was not ordered this time.

TOMORROW (Friday) night, the Franklin Junior Woman's club will give the American Cancer Society campaign a boost by conducting a house-to-house canvass for contributions. Give 'em a hand, won't you, by giving generously?

THIS IS JUST a tip to the wise. Town taxes not paid by Monday (the 16th) will be advertised as delinquent next week. If you don't want to read your name in the paper, hurry down to the town office and settle up with Town Clerk Ray Safford.

CHALK US UP with an error on last week's item about the rescue squad meeting. The squad meets every Tuesday night at the airport, not on Friday.

THE OPERATION of that safety check lane here was week reminded many of the compulsory lanes operated by the state after the war. There were fellows driving A-Model Fords who never passed the brake test with those mechanical brakes.

EVERY CITIZEN interested in the growth of Franklin should turn out for this special water meeting called for next Tuesday night by the town at East Franklin School. Regardless of the source, the town cannot grow without an ample supply of water — something it does not have now!

MISS ALICE BRADLEY graciously represented Franklin in the Dogwood Festival last week in Haywood County. She didn't win the beauty contest, but she had the time of her life.

FOLKS CAN'T alibi that the parking meters are frozen and aren't giving correct time. Shucks, maybe the heat works on the things too, because the meter man stays busy handing out tickets.

THE NEW shopping center certainly is a step-forward addition to our town. It's already got the name of "Franklin's Westgate".

CAN ANYONE really explain all this chilly weather? If it keeps up we've probably had the shortest spring and summer on record. Some cautious gardeners and flower lovers have been covering plants to protect them from possible frost.

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.

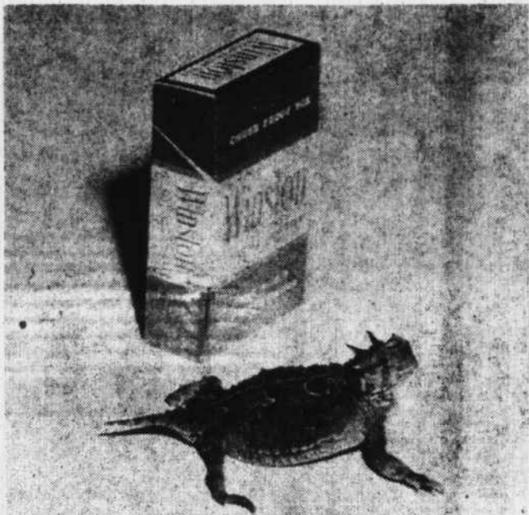
V. F. W. Auxiliary: Second Monday nights, 8 p. m., at post home.

AMERICAN LEGION: Third Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building.

Friday: House-to-house canvass in Franklin for cancer fund, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday: Babe Ruth try-outs, 2 p. m., East Franklin School.

Tuesday: Special public water meeting for Franklin citizens, East Franklin School, 8 p. m.



A LONG WAY FROM HOME

This horned toad, a species which is supposedly a native only of dry, hot country, was found ambling along outside the boiler room at the Van Raalte plant by John Cogan. Rafe Teague brought the little "critter" by the Press office for a picture before donating it to Mrs. Frank Martin's biology class at Franklin High. (Staff Photo)

AT ROAD MEETING — New Road Is Requested To Distribute Students

North Carolina's 14th High-Division Engineer Frank L. Hutchison heard E. J. Whitmire, speaking for the Macon County Citizens Committee for Better Schools, explain how a three-mile road in the county could solve the problem of overcrowded classrooms, at a public road meeting here last Thursday.

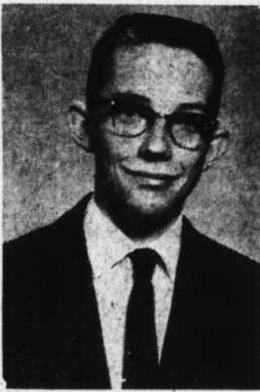
Mr. Whitmire said a road connecting into NC 28 would allow more children to attend the Iotla and Cowee elementary schools and would ease the burden on other schools. He said these two schools do not have a full quota of pupils, while other schools are badly crowded.

FOR SUMMER SESSIONS — American Legion Groups Select Student Delegates

Four Franklin High students have been selected by the local American Legion and Auxiliary to attend Boys' State and Girls' State this summer. Charles Slagle and Gary Crawford have been chosen to attend Boys' State on the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill the week of June 19-25. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Slagle, of Franklin, and Gary's parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Crawford, also of Franklin. Both boys are rising seniors and are active in Scouting, school, church, and community activities.



Gary Crawford



Charles Slagle



Patsy Corbin



Linda Whitaker

4-H Dairy Competition Is Friday

A 4-H dairy foods and vegetable use demonstration contest is slated for tomorrow (Friday) night at 7 o'clock at the Agricultural Building.

Thirty-six girls are working on foods demonstrations, according to Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant home economics agent.

Sponsor of the contest is Nantahala Creamery. Judges will be Mrs. Carolyn Cogan and Miss Delphia Reed.

Babe Ruth Try-Outs Saturday

Tryouts for players for the Babe Ruth League will be held at the East Franklin School field Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

All boys who played in the Babe Ruth League last year and boys who "graduated" from Little League last year and are interested in playing in the Babe Ruth League this year are urged to attend.

Any boy aged 13, 14, or 15, who will not be 16 before September 1, is eligible to try out.

Mail Increases At Chamber Here Over Ruby Mines

An unusually large number of mail inquiries are being received by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the credit for this interest goes to Cowee Valley and its ruby mines.

Commenting that mail inquiries "are well ahead for this time of year" the chamber's executive secretary, Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, this week said most of them request additional information about the ruby mines.

She explained that the State of North Carolina is doing extensive national advertising this year and a picture of people digging for rubies in Cowee Valley appears in one of the advertisements.

"I'm sure that's the reason for this big increase in mail," Mrs. Horsley declared. The chamber's information booth on Main Street is now open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Blaine Is Winner

Mrs. Ted Blaine, of Patton community, has been named as one of six district winners in the state in a leadership contest sponsored by a national grocery chain.

She was honored as "Club Woman of the Year" here last year.

Mrs. Blaine will go to Raleigh for "Farm-Home Week" in July to be recognized with other winners.

Tysinger Again Heads Squadron

A. C. Tysinger has been renamed commander of the Macon Search and Rescue Squadron.

Serving with him are Steve McConnell, vice-commander; Jim Conley, secretary-treasurer; Rod Hurst, communications officer; Jay Houston, transportation officer; John Wiggins, training officer; Gene Huscusson, personnel officer; Max Henderson, information officer; Bill Crawford, supply officer; and Frank Jones, Sid Carter, and Fred Blaine, directors.

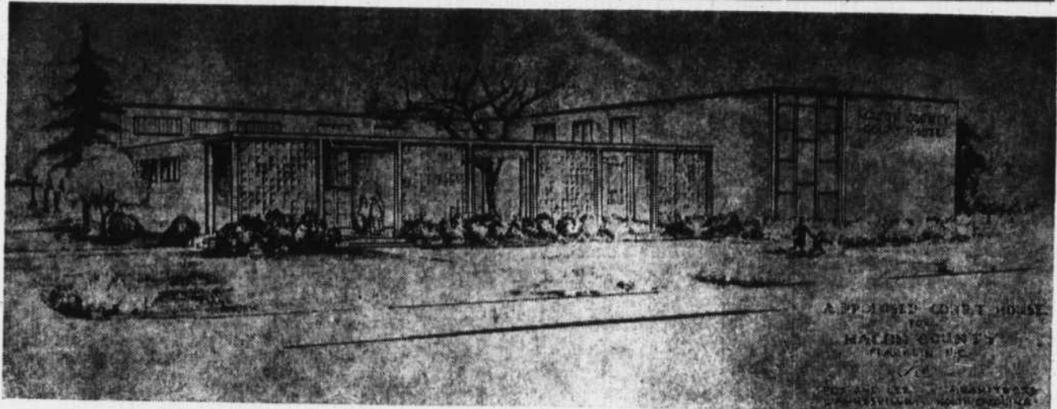
Miss Michal Speaks At Meeting Monday

Miss Emily Michal, case work assistant with the local welfare department, was guest speaker at Monday night's meeting of the local chapter of the Retarded Children's Association.

She discussed a recent session she attended concerning exceptional children.

FETED AT DINNER

Mrs. George R. Ledford was honored at a surprise dinner Sunday and received many gifts. Giving the dinner were her daughter and daughters-in-law, Mrs. W. R. Cobb, Mrs. Mindia Quarles, Mrs. Lee D. Long, Mrs. Nelman Long, and Miss Bernell Long.



HERE'S ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF PROPOSED MAGON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Above is the architect's sketch of the proposed courthouse for Macon County. The price tag on the structure is \$350,000 and it has room for all county government functions, including a large courtroom. Plans and estimates were prepared by Foy and Lee, Architects, of Waynesville, at the direction of the county commissioners.



Dr. D. W. Murray

Dr. Murray Joins Staff Of Hospital

Dr. Darrell W. Murray, of Atlanta, Ga., this week joined the staff of Angel Hospital.

He is succeeding Dr. J. E. Bleckley, who has resigned effective June 1. Dr. and Mrs. Bleckley are going to San Francisco, Calif., where he plans to further his medical education.

The new staff physician is a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia, Class of 1958, and did his internship at Duval Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla. His general practitioner residency was at Huey P. Long Charity Hospital in Pineville, La.

Mrs. Murray, a native of Berlin, Germany, is a graduate of the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Atlanta.

The Murrays have a six-month-old daughter and are living temporarily at the Franklin Terrace Hotel. They will occupy Dr. Edgar Angel's house when it is vacated by the Bleckleys.

Bake Sale Saturday Is For Burned Out Family At Ellijay

A bake sale is scheduled in Franklin Saturday in the old Reeves Hardware building for the benefit of the Charlie Moore family, of Ellijay, which was burned out Tuesday of last week.

The early morning blaze destroyed the Moore house and most of the family's belongings. Defective wiring is believed responsible.

The Moores have four children at home: Judy, 13, Janice, 9, J. P., 22, and Donny, 17. Another son, Bobby Joe, died last year from leukemia.

Donations of household items and clothing are especially needed by the family. Arrangements for picking items up can be made by telephoning Mrs. W. W. Berry, or items may be left at the L. L. Shook fruit and vegetable stand on US 64 east (Highlands road).

Saturday's bake sale for the family is being sponsored by the Higdonville community.

AT RALEIGH MEET

Supt. H. Bueck and Miss Nora Moody attended the state-wide conference on teacher education in Raleigh April 29-30. Miss Moody is a member of the N.C.E.A. professional services committee.

Holly Springs First To Give Cancer Donation

With a donation of \$35, Holly Springs is the first organized rural community to contribute to the American Cancer Society fund drive now under way here, according to the chapter president, Mrs. Lester Conley.

The donation is from both the community organization and the home demonstration club.

Cullasaja community and home demonstration club has raised \$15 for the campaign and \$11 was collected at a recent northern division singing at the Briartown Baptist Church.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club plan a house-to-house canvass of the Franklin area for the society. The canvass will start at 7:30 and club members will make plans for the event earlier at a meeting at the H & J Restaurant.

A roadblock on Main Street by the Jaycees was cancelled Saturday because of the weather, but has been rescheduled for next Saturday.

BOX SUPPER

The ladies auxiliary of the V.F.W. will sponsor a box supper and dance Saturday night, May 14, at the post home beginning at 7:30. The public is invited.



Sutton Is Elected To Head YDC

Jerry Sutton, Franklin High teacher and part-time Clark's Chapel farmer, is the new president of the Young Democrat Club in this county.

More than 100 turned out Saturday night at the courthouse for an organization meeting of the political club and to hear a speech by Superior Court Judge George B. Patton, a native son of Macon County. Election to vice president was Mrs. Kate M. White, secretary, Mrs. W. N. Cook, and treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Dillard.

MRS. WESTMORELAND SPEAKS — Talk On Russia Is Feature Of Area Demonstration Meet

More than 200 home demonstration club women of the second district enjoyed a talk on Russia, illustrated with color slides, as a feature of their annual meeting in Franklin Wednesday of last week.

Lecturing and showing slides the more while in Russia last year was Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland, of Canton. She was introduced by Mrs. A. L. Ramsey, Jr., of the Iotla club.

With a theme of "The Russian Challenge for the Home", the meeting was held at the First Baptist Church, with Macon County clubs as hostesses. A covered dish lunch was served at noon.

Extends Greetings. Greetings were extended by Mrs. Gilbert English, of T. Holly, who is president of the N.C. Home Demonstration Clubs.

District Officers. New district officers were installed by Mrs. Mary Davis, district agent.

They are Mrs. Willard Davernort, of Jackson County, chairman; Mrs. John Beaman, of Cherokee County, vice-chairman; Mrs. V. L. Cray, of Swain County, secretary; Mrs. W. N. Cook, of Macon County, treasurer; and Mrs. W. H. Dillard, of Jackson, historian.

A devotional, "This is My Father's World", was presented at the close of the program by the Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Early.



A CANTON club woman, Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland (standing, center) showed color slides and lectured on her trip to Russia last year as a feature of the morning session. (Staff Photo)