



Macon Loses In Census, Franklin Gains



ON AN official visit here last week, Horace D. Godfrey, state A.S.C. administrative officer, commented that the Macon office was among the best in the state.

AND THE "clang" of the parking meter violations boxes is heard along the street.

THOSE SUNburns are beginning to show up all over town. Some come from the beaches of Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina while others are backyarders.

LON DALTON was hard at work Monday painting the radiators white in the post office building. That's a sure sign of spring.

A WHITE weather balloon was found last Thursday by Bruce Hedden, in the Patton community. If it had been found a couple of days later, it could have been that missing satellite balloon that failed to go into orbit.

SURE YOU can be sure warm weather is here. They're opening the swimming pool Saturday at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course.

AREN'T those new plans for a Macon County courthouse pretty. How wonderful it would be to wake up some morning and find that building gracing the town.

FRANKLIN and the ruby mines have been getting some good shakes recently in national publications.

YOU CAN expect the political cauldron to really begin boiling between now and the May 28 primary. Candidates will be pouring into town to garner last-minute support. If you don't want your babies kissed, keep 'em off the streets! Mothers!

THE SPECIAL edition being planned by THE PRESS for Franklin Hosiery's birthday celebration is making up as one of the best ever produced by the newspaper. You'll want to save your copy.

THE CANCER drive is nearing its quota and Mrs. Lester Conley, chapter president, urges everyone to get their donations in to her as soon as possible so she can close the drive.

SEEMS LIKE right now, with the sun shining, would be a choice time to put that street patching machine of the town's into action.

F.F.A. Chapter Makes Impressive District Showing

Franklin's chapter of Future Farmers of America made an impressive showing at the District Five F.F.A. awards program Saturday in Asheville.

The local chapter placed first in cooperative activities and chapter contests and second in parliamentary procedure.

District Five embraces chapters in the 25 western counties.

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.

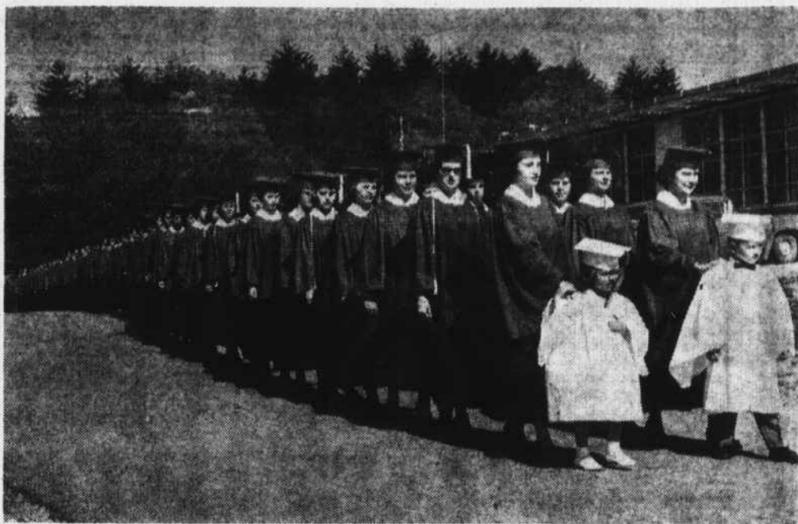
V. F. W. Auxiliary: Second Monday nights, 8 p. m., at post home.

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

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMENS CLUB: Fourth Thursday at 7 p.m.

Sunday: Franklin-Blairsville baseball game, 2:30 p.m., Franklin diamond on US 23-441 south.

Tuesday: Nantahala High commencement, 7:30 p.m., school auditorium.



'THE DAY' IS APPROACHING FOR SENIORS

Franklin High's '60 graduating class is marching in preparation for commencement exercises the last of this month. Leading this practice march Saturday are the class mascots, Sonja Seay and Ronnie Henson. (Staff Photo)

Nantahala Graduating 18 Seniors

Commencement exercises at Nantahala High School are set for Monday, May 23, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium with 18 seniors graduating.

Graduating seniors for 1960 are Sandra Baldwin, Glenda Sue Douthit, Wanda Ferguson, Edna Sue McMahan, Anna Sue May, Wanda Sue Owenby, Carolyn Passmore, Myrtle Sue Passmore, Shirley Waters, Tod Bateman, Guy Grant, Newton Jones, Gerald Morgan, Talmadge Owenby, Bobby Rowland, Harold Rowland, Stanley Shields, and Junior Solesbee.

Mascots for this year are Kathy Wishon and Shawn Waters.

Franklin Wins In Hayesville; Game Sunday

Franklin's baseball team, with a 3-0 record, is definitely the one to beat in the Tri-County League this season.

Sunday in Hayesville, Norman Seay pitched a two-hitter to spark the locals to a 10 to 1 victory over Hayesville. The Sunday before that, Franklin clobbered Robbinsville in a road game, 14 to 5.

In the Hayesville-Franklin game, Norman Seay and Ken Raby led in the hitting department with four for five and three for three, respectively. Relief pitching by Jerry Sutton carried the team through in the Robbinsville game and Seay and Raby each got three for four at bat.

This coming Sunday on the Franklin diamond at 2:30, the SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

Mystery Of Texas Toad Is Solved

The mystery of the Texas horned toad (PRESS, May 12) ambling along thousands of miles out of its bailiwick has been solved.

Thanks go to Mrs. Gordon Forrester. Seems the Forresters brought two of the critters back from a visit in Oklahoma last year. One died from starvation and the other escaped from captivity. The family assumed it had died.

You can imagine their surprise when they saw the toad's picture in last week's newspaper, very much alive and kicking. "That's the real mystery," Mrs. Forrester says, "finding out how it survived the winter."

The Forrester's young son, Geff, is now negotiating with Mrs. Frank Martin's biology class at Franklin High to recover his lost pet.

Open House At Hosiery Plant Set

Franklin Hosiery Company will celebrate its fifth anniversary with an "Employee Recognition Day" later this month.

Plant Superintendent S. A. Bundy announced this week that an "open house" program

SPECIAL SECTION

As a "Happy Birthday" to Franklin Hosiery Company's fifth anniversary celebration, THE PRESS is now preparing a special eight-page section featuring stories and pictures of the personnel and operations at the local plant. This edition will be published along with the regular newspaper May 26. Advertisers are advised that the deadline for submitting copy for this edition is tomorrow (Friday).

will be held in recognition of the occasion. Plant employees and their families, special guests on that SEE NO. 3, PAGE 8

DR. FURR REMEMBERS FIGHT —

Marine War Hero Visits Outfit

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C., May 10 — Dr. Walter E. Furr, a World War I Marine who won the Navy Cross and Distinguished Service Cross while serving with the 6th Marines, visited his old Regimental Headquarters at Camp Lejeune May 6.

Welcomed aboard by Lt. Col. P. I. Olson, executive officer, 6th Marines, Dr. Furr was accompanied by his son-in-law, Dr. Thomas B. Reed, of Jacksonville,

N. C. Still Drilling It was in June of 1917 when Pvt. Walter E. Furr began drilling on the sands of Parris Island and today, 43 years later, he is still drilling. But, today there is a difference. Now he is Dr. Walter E. Furr, a practicing dentist in Franklin, and the only drilling he does is on defective teeth.

Dr. Furr served with the 84th Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines and first saw action in the "quiet" sector of the trenches at Verdun.

"Quiet Sector" He explained that the sector was called "quiet" because there was a minimum of troop movements, but a maximum of harassing action by German planes and artillery.

"I'll never forget those first days under fire — I don't guess any fighting man does," recalled the doctor. "That German artillery fired around the clock and when we quit hearing the whistle of incoming shells we knew it was time to bury your faces in the mud."

Captured Seven Mont Blanc, Meuse-Argonne, Belleau Wood, and Soissons are hallowed names in Marine tradition and well-remembered by Dr. Furr. Glancing at these and other names commemorating Marine victories that encircled the bulkhead of Col. Olson's office, Dr. Furr recalled that it was on the Soissons front in July of 1918, when he captured seven Germans and was later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross for his action.

The former Marine proudly commented that his DSC citation was signed by Army Gen. John J. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8



I WAS THERE — Dr. Walter E. Furr (right) tells Lt. Col. P. I. Olson, executive officer, 6th Marines, of his experiences with the 6th Marines in World War I, during his recent visit to the 6th Regiment Headquarters at Camp Lejeune. The painting hangs in Col. Olson's office and depicts Marine Gen. W. C. Neville decorating the 6th Marines' Colors with the Croix-de-guerre at Leutendorf, Germany in 1919. Dr. Furr, now a practicing dentist in Franklin, was present when the unit received the honors. (Official USMC Photo)

ABOUT 70 PRESENT — Water Questions Aired At Meet

Some 70 interested citizens turned out Tuesday night at East Franklin School for a public water meeting to clean up any questions concerning the June 4 special water bond election in Franklin.

There were plenty of questions and the answers offered by Russell McCoy, representing municipal engineers Harwood-Beebe, and Frank Hill, district engineer for the State Board of Health, served to clear up many cloudy issues surrounding Franklin's water situation.

These points were aired: Harwood-Beebe is an engineering firm, not a contractor. Their estimates were prepared at the request of the town on a percentage fee of the total job and the actual project would be let to contract by the town to independent outfits, not Harwood-Beebe. Mr. McCoy said Harwood-Beebe actually would profit more from a watershed project because of its higher cost, but selected the Cartoogechaye Creek filtering plant project for "reasons of economy and supply."

Cartoogechaye Creek is considered an unprotected watershed by engineers, just as Rough Fork would be unless a protected watershed could be maintained. Harwood-Beebe estimates an unprotected watershed on Rough Fork would cost at least \$585,000, while the Cartoogechaye Creek estimate, supplying a million gallons daily if needed, can be built for \$350,000.

The district engineer for the State Board of Health, Mr. Hill, said the filtering plant proposed by Harwood-Beebe is the type used by 95 per cent of the town and cities in North Carolina. A watershed could supply water for less cost, he admitted, but he said citizens must face the possibility of no hunting and fishing or camping in such watershed and strict controls, if a suitable shed could be located. Also, he noted the possible loss of water to property holders within the watershed area and, in answer to a question, said a forest fire could

cause serious problems on a watershed. Taking these points into consideration, he said the engineers who propose the Cartoogechaye Creek filtering project decided that an "adequate flow to meet present needs and future expansion is available at Cartoogechaye Creek." He further said the state requires chlorination of all surface water.

The annual operating costs for the Cartoogechaye Creek plant would run from \$15,000 to \$18,000 and it could be operated by one full-time man. Pumping costs (electricity) would run about \$3,000. The town presently is paying \$7,000 a year to pump water from wells into the system.

Franklin Hosiery Company will give the land for the filtering plant along Cartoogechaye Creek, if it is found suitable by the engineers, according to Dr. J. W. Kahn, alderman.

Dr. Kahn brought out that the board of aldermen had decided that a tax rate of \$2.10 would enable the town to meet the obligation of financing a new water plant. He had made this statement prior in a letter to THE PRESS.

In discussing the Rough Fork watershed proposal, a Wayah Valley resident, Ed M. McNish, produced T.V.A. rainfall figures considerably lower than rainfall figures for Coweta. He also said 23 residents of Wayah Valley would be directly involved in a loss of water if a watershed was utilized. He hinted that most of them would be opposed to such a plan.

WINNERS ARE LISTED —

19 4-H Girls Compete In Dairy Foods Event

Nineteen girls competed in the county 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration and Vegetable Use Contest at the Agricultural Buildings Friday night.

Sponsored by Nantahala County, the annual event is held to teach the food value of milk and to encourage its use.

Winners were: Individual: blue ribbon, Sue Crawford, East Franklin club; "Strawberry Marlow", red ribbon, Glenda Lee, Franklin club; "Lemon Milk Sherbert".

Teams: first-year girls, purple ribbon, Carolyn Moses and Dorothy Higdon, Higdonville club; "Orange Custard", red ribbon, Debbie Rogers and Gloria Roper, Cartoogechaye club; "Purple C. Milk Drink", and Sue Berry, Janie M. and Mary Seny, Haddonville club; "Pudding", white ribbon, L. A. Wallace and Evelyn Johnston, Cartoogechaye club; "Banana Milk Shake", and Sue and Gail Calk, Clark's Chapel club; "Cottage

County Count Is 14,847; Townspeople Number 2,143

Preliminary figures of the 1960 Census reveals a population loss for Macon County, but an increase for Franklin.

The county has 1,327 less people than it did in 1950; that is, the population has dropped from 16,174 to 14,847.

Franklin, on the other hand, picked up 168 during the 10-year period, with an increase from 1,975 persons in 1950 to 2,143.

Dan S. Judd, of Asheville, district supervisor of the new census, said in all probability both the town and county will pick up a few more in number before the final figures are compiled. He said a few people could have been missed by the census takers, "but not many."

Mr. Judd explained that the lack of industrial development in the western area probably accounts for the decrease in county population and he said it is a general thing over most of Western North Carolina. He also said students, servicemen, and those working out of the state are not included in the county figure. Macon has a high student population and a large number of men work in the automobile factories in Michigan while maintaining homes here.

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A DAIRY FOODS team of Carolyn Moses (left) and Dorothy Higdon, of Higdonville club, took first-year honors in the county 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration and Vegetable Use Contest here. Their tasty winner was "Orange Custard". (Staff Photo)

The Weather

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

Table with columns for High, Low, and Rain for Franklin and Coweta from May 11 to May 17.