



HIGHWAY KILLING shows no let-up. As of November 28, traffic deaths in the state totaled 1,057—one more than on the same date in 1959.

IN NEARBY Rabun County, a 24,000 square foot warehouse addition is going up at the Rabun mills plant of James Lees and Sons for finished carpet storage.

WHEN THE Tallulah Falls Railway goes there will be no bringing it back. Clayton newspaperman Eddie Barker raises some thought-provoking questions about the railroad and progress in a column reprinted on the inside of this issue.

MOTORISTS don't have to quit being TV lovers. They've only to follow the lead of many who now park in front of Macon Furniture Mart and watch the one in the window. The set runs 24-hours a day on Channel 5 for a guessing contest being held by the store. It would help, however, if the motorized TV viewers would stop tossing their drink cups and popcorn boxes out and littering the square.

THE APPEARANCE of the National Grass Roots Opera Company points up the crying need for an auditorium here. While the presentation was good, it would have been much more effective in an auditorium with a stage and seating suitable for a two-hour show. School Supt. H. Bueck brings out some interesting facts and figures on the possibility of an auditorium in his column inside this issue.

AFTER HIS "stolen" car episode last week, Junior Pruitt says he's keeping the keys to his car in his pocket.

OUR EK-kissin' judge, J. Lee Barnard, married two couples Monday. He's an ex-kissin' judge because Mrs. Barnard said so. However, he did hug both parties, just for the record, so they can't revoke his justice of the peace license for not trying.

CARSON community has "done us up brown" by winning the W.N.C. youth activities award for 1960. Here's more proof that "There is no limit to what a community can do, if it wants to."

WHO COULD feel mad at the world after seeing that beautiful sunrise Tuesday morning?

UNITED FUND is still progressing, though slowly, the chairman, Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., plans a luncheon meeting of workers this week to gauge progress and receive reports.

A BIG load of used toys was delivered to Mrs. Olson's eighth grade Monday by Mrs. G. A. Winstead. The class is fixing them for needy children at Christmas and any contributions you'd like to make will be appreciated.

what's doing?

JAYCEES: First Monday, Zickgraf's Lumber Co., Third Monday, Dillard House, Dillard, Ga., 7:00 p. m.

ROTARY: Every Thursday, 6:30 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 night, 8 p. m., at post home.

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

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p. m., at the Normandie.



WILBUR CABE and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, librarian, look over some of the 450-plus volumes donated to the Franklin Library Saturday during "Operation Library." The drive has now been extended through Saturday. (Staff Photo)

DRIVE IS EXTENDED — 'Operation Library' Seeking 1,000 Volumes

"Operation Library," the Jaycee-sponsored project to boost the Franklin Library, has been extended through Saturday and a goal of 1,000 volumes has been set. In a concerted drive last Saturday, "Operation Library" produced some 450 books and an "almost uncountable number" of magazines, according to Jaycee Wilbur Cabe, project chairman.

AT NANTAHALA TUESDAY — Three Children Hurt In School Bus Mishap

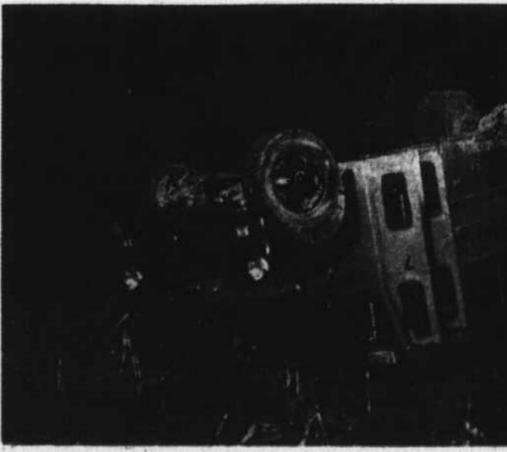
Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson is continuing his investigation of a school bus wreck in the Nantahala section Tuesday afternoon in which three children were injured.

Loaded with 26 students from Nantahala School, the bus overturned down a small embankment on Long Branch Road near Claude Solesbee's home.

The injured: Linda Kay Grant, 7, possible back injury, admitted to Andrews Memorial Hospital; Thomas Earl Baldwin, 10, possible dislocated collar bone, dispensary treatment at Angel Hospital; and Barbara Louise Roper, 13, cut on forehead and back injury, admitted to Angel Hospital.

Morris Bateman, the 19-year-old student driver, told the officer the bus ran off the gravel road while he was looking in the mirror at a disturbance at the rear of the bus. The bus was going up a grade in second gear and went off the right side of the road, rolling over on its top at the bottom of the embankment.

The accident happened about 3:45. Damage to the bus was several hundred dollars.



THIS IS an on-the-scene shot of the Nantahala school bus that overturned Tuesday afternoon while loaded with 26 children. Three were hospitalized with injuries.

Young Man Is Sought For Award

The Franklin Jaycees this week launched their annual search for "Macon County's Young Man of the Year."

All civic, service, and church groups in the county are invited to make nominations for this honor, according to Jaycee Paul L. Grier, project chairman.

Any young man 21 through 35 years of age is eligible for nomination, if he did not reach his 36th birthday before June 1, 1960. Membership in the Jaycees is not a requirement, Mr. Grier emphasized.

Judging by a committee of non-Jaycees will be on three points: (1) contributions to the community welfare during 1960, (2) evidence of leadership ability, and (3) evidence of personal or business progress.

The selection of the award recipient will be announced at a special banquet in mid-January and he will be presented a Distinguished Service Award key by the Jaycees. Plans for the banquet are now being formulated, Mr. Grier said, and will be announced at a later date.

All nominations for the young man award must be received by January 20, 1961. Nomination blanks may be obtained at the Bank of Franklin or Dryman's.

Christmas Is Spreading Its Spirit

Christmas is spreading its spirit over Macon County. There's a holiday nip in the air...

Stores are decorating for the season...

Advertising is stepping up in direct proportion to loads of Christmas merchandise arriving...

Christmas cards are beginning to pop up in the mail bags...

Civic, service, and church groups are planning holiday benefits and parties...

Youngsters are penciling letters to Santa Claus...

Yule lights glisten on Main Street in Franklin—thanks to the efforts of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department...

Behavior patterns of some boys and girls are changing practically overnight...

Capt. Hubbard Takes Charge

Capt. M. R. Hubbard, a native of Alexander County, took over as superintendent of the Macon County Prison Camp last Thursday.

He succeeds Capt. John E. Cutshall, who has been relieved of duty. Capt. Cutshall had supervised the camp since July, 1954.

The new prison official was superintendent at Ivy Bluff prior to coming here.

TV PERFORMERS "The Dixie Partners," who appear on TV Channel 7, will give a program at the Otto School Monday, December 12, at 7:30 p. m. The program is sponsored by the P.T.A.



A BEAMING Mrs. Lucy Leatherman, president of Cowee community during '60, accepts a \$50 check and honor county certificate on behalf of her community from Albert M. Clark, president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.



MISS MARY Harris, district home agent, (left) presented Mrs. J. P. Cunningham, youth leader of Carson community, the first place check for \$125 for the most outstanding youth program in the western area. (Staff Photos)

— COWEE IS HONOR COMMUNITY — Carson Youth Program Awarded First Place In Area Contest

A youth program embracing all phases of community life carried Carson community to first place in the new youth activities program sponsored by the W.N.C. Rural Community Development Program. A check for \$125 was accepted on behalf of Carson by Mrs. James P. Cunningham at Saturday's annual area awards banquet for community development county winners in Asheville. Sponsor of the new program is the James G. K. McClure Educational and Development Fund.

As youth leader for Carson, Mrs. Cunningham has worked tirelessly on a variety of youth projects, not only in her own, but in other communities. Macon County's top community, Cowee, received a \$50 award as an honor county in the area contest, which found 13 western communities competing for some \$2,000 in prize money.

Cowee's president, Mrs. Lucy Leatherman, accepted the award and a certificate on behalf of her community. A large delegation from here attended the Asheville luncheon. Featured speaker was Karl R. Brendetsen, president of Champion Paper and Fibre Company. Union Mills, of Rutherford County, was the winning community, taking the \$500 prize put up by Sears Roebuck and Company.

Court Moving Smoothly Here

After convening the two-week term of Superior Court here Monday morning, Judge W. K. McLean, of Asheville, yesterday (Wednesday) was moving smoothly through 518 the criminal docket.

Judge McLean will preside this week only. Another Asheville judge, Zeb V. Nettles, will be on the bench the second week when civil actions will come up for trial.

Pranksters Upsetting Dispatcher

Pranksters with a rather warped sense of humor keep disturbing Franklin's capable emergency dispatcher, Mrs. Thelma Edwards.

At all hours of the night they call the fire department number.

Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger says the calls are intentional, not caused by mis-dialing, because Mrs. Edwards frequently hears someone giggling on the other end of the line. Stressing that the fire department is an emergency number and the only way to get in touch with the department, he commented, "While they're playing a prank some night, someone's home might be burning and they can't call the fire truck."

EARLYS AWAY

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Early are in Mount Olive for the funeral of Mrs. Early's brother-in-law, John M. Johnson, who died there Tuesday. Dr. L. B. Hayes will handle Mr. Early's pastoral duties while he is away.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson 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.

Table with columns for High, Low, Rain and rows for Franklin and Coweta weather data.

HOME GAME 16th — Franklin Wins Opener; Plays Hayesville Next

Franklin High's lads and lassies opened with 1960-61 season last Tuesday night with victories over Nantahala and tomorrow (Friday) night journey to Hayesville.

Tuesday night, December 13, the teams play in Sylva, but will return to the home court on December 16 for games with Cherokee.

In a non-conference outing Saturday night, the Franklin boys lost 40 to 39 to Young Harris (Ga.) High.

Nantahala fell 73 to 49 at the hands of the girls and 45 to 26 in the boys court clash.

Mary Lou Cabe and Jessie Carpenter tied as high scorers for Franklin with 23 points each. Ronnie "Stompy" Higdon was high for the boys with 17.

Franklin (45)—BaIRD 2, Burrell, J. Cabe 2, Simonsen 9, Justice 2, L. Cabe 2, Higdon 17, Franklin, Williams 9, Bryson, Swan, Holland, J. Franklin, Hall, Corbin 2.

PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT — Duke Still Hankering To Purchase Nantahala

Duke Power Company still has a hankering to own Nantahala Power and Light Company's distribution system, according to Duke President W. B. McGuire.

Noting that Duke had been asked why Nantahala applied for a rate increase (in September, Mr. McGuire declined to

Mr. McGuire added: "However, we would like to point out that those opposed to the transfer have raised the issue that the transfer will ultimately result in increasing the rates paid by Nantahala customers. Both Nantahala and Duke officials have pointed out that Nantahala's rates are now inadequate to produce a fair return on the value of its plant and that if Nantahala continues in business its rates have to be raised.

The proposed sale, although announced more than a year ago, still hasn't materialized.

Through error, the income to be derived from Nantahala's proposed rate increase (\$1,080,000) was referred to as "net" income in last week's PRESS. This figure is the gross income. In the same story, however, the net income was correctly stated at \$460,000 annually. The error is regretted.

On the heels of an application for a rate increase by Nantahala last week, Duke's president issued a statement in which he reiterated his company's wish to buy the western area utility. "When the first announcement of the proposed purchase of the Nantahala system by Duke Power Company was made, we pointed out that we had undertaken this purchase because of our ready access to the bordering Nantahala area and the confidence and ability of Duke Power Company to provide excellent service to the Nantahala customers. Our position has not changed. Duke Power Company still wishes to purchase the Nantahala system," he said.

comment on a reliable report that the sale was being held up while Nantahala applied for a rate boost) instead of going ahead with the transfer to Duke, he said "The answer to this question should properly come from Nantahala Power and Light Company."