



TRUCK'S BRAKES FAIL, DRIVER JUMPS

What's left of a 1955 Dodge truck loaded with 4,000 bricks is shown above, just minutes after its driver turned it into an embankment on Cowee Mountain and jumped. The driver, John W. Spencer, 23, of Kingsport, Tenn., said the brakes failed on the heavily loaded vehicle, which was valued at \$1,700. Mr. Spencer said the truck was traveling at about 35 m.p.h. in low gear when he decided to abandon it. Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson charged the driver with having an expired driver's license. (Staff Photo)

Boy Cage Try-Outs Saturday

A six-team Biddy Basketball League has been organized in the Franklin area and try-outs are scheduled Saturday at 2 p. m. at the high school gymnasium.

Any boy nine through 11 is eligible to try for a position on one of the teams. Candidates must be present at the try-outs and are asked to bring, not wear, basketball shoes with them.

A 10-game schedule for the league is now being worked out and the regular season will open January 7, according to Bob Moore, chairman of the Jaycee athletic committee, sponsor of the league. The games will be free to the public.

Also, a league tournament will be held following the regular season of play, he added.

Expenses of the League are being covered by the Jaycees. However, Mr. Moore said the club will accept donations for basketballs.

Practices will be held at least once, but not more than twice weekly.

Team names and coaches are Mustangs, Tommy Raby; Jets, Edward Shatley; Comets, Fred Guthrie; Hawks, Bob Carpenter; Rockets, Harold Henry; and Eagles, E. J. Carpenter.

New Police Car Expected Here Soon

Franklin should have a new 1961 police car in operation about the 15th.

A bid of \$2,071.31 for a '61 Chevrolet Biscayne submitted by Kirk-Davis Chevrolet of Sylva was accepted by the board of aldermen in session Monday night. The car will have a six cylinder engine and heavy duty police equipment.

For some time now, the police department has been using a used car for patrolling. The old prowl car was traded in earlier in the year, but the 1960 model car the town had specified could not be delivered.

In other routine actions, the board agreed to the installation of a second public telephone booth on Main Street by Western Carolina Telephone Company; and accepted two short streets running off Watauga in East Franklin, if they meet town specifications.

The town also is expecting a visit soon from a representative of the W.N.C. Regional Planning Commission in regard to the thoroughfare plan for Franklin.

What Are Turks Like?

By ADEM UNAL

Turkish people are sympathetic. They like manners and sometimes to jest kindly. They are as lamb in peace, but they become lion in the war. They are patient people. They become angry late, but if they become angry they find the peace late. They respect the good relations and want them to be always. The main condition, when they come together, is to respect each other and try to not hurt feelings. They believe easily. But, if they understand that they were deceived, they never forget it. They don't like to be deceived. But, if they believe, they make their beliefs live, whole their life. Turkish people are religious people. They love their religion, Islam, their God, Allah, who is absolutely one.

Turkish people are not tall or not short, average people. Now let me tell about some customs of Turkish people. They like very much the stranger. When we are visited we are glad. We give the chief place to the stranger in the home.

Customs in general follow the western European pattern. The week end holiday is from Saturday afternoon through all day Sunday.

When meeting people, it is customary for both men and women to shake hands.

Around 15 per cent tipping is customary in restaurants and taxis.

When ordering Turkish coffee, specify in advance whether you want it with much, little, or no sugar.

Overshoes, which can be borrowed at the door, are worn when visiting mosque interiors.

To forgive, to help, to save the poor, and to love are the honorable virtues of Turks. They like to come in touch with all ways. On religious holidays, before everything, we visit our neighbors, our relatives, and our friends. We kiss the hands of old people and they kiss on the eyes of the youth. They send post cards on religious holiday and Christmas cards on Christmas.

At last, the most important thing, they love their liberty, their home.

I want to tell more about the Turkish people in my next writing.

The green color on potatoes is caused by exposure to sun or light and can be prevented by keeping potatoes in a dark place.

Parker Succumbs At Oteen

George A. Parker, 65, retired railroad engineer and former resident of Franklin, died Tuesday morning at the Veterans Hospital at Oteen. He had been in declining health for some time.

Since retiring after 45 years on the railroad, he had been living in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a native of Folk County and was the son of the late George N. and Mrs. Laura Ward Parker.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Watauga Baptist Church by the Rev. William L. Shields, pastor, and the Rev. Lee Crawford.

Mr. Parker was a veteran of World War I and full military rites will be conducted at the graveside by members of the local V.F.W. Post. Pallbearers will be James Tallent, Boyd Collier, Van Frazier, James McCollum, Norton Holbrooks, and Charles Conley, Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brant Funeral Home.

Surviving are a brother, Robert E. Parker, of Williamsburg, Va.; and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Brendie, of Franklin, Route 5.

FELLOW up town says it's good that the sheriff's department is cutting down illegal stills. However, it's bad when they cup up a clean copper operation that makes good moonshine.

FRANKLIN HIGH HIGHLIGHTS

By Robert Vinson

Schools Entertained

Monday morning, an assembly program was presented to both the high school and the elementary school. First on the entertainment list was a square dance team of little cloggers, the "Ruby Ramblers." This team is composed of students of the third, fourth, and fifth grades. Members are Dickie Otto, caller, and Pamela Tea-gue; Tony Bryant and Judy Arnold; Billy Mashburn and Brenda Dowdle; Bruce Young and Dana Bryson; Jerry Arnold and Gail Proffitt; Michael Healy and Nancy Jane Sloan; and Teddy Boring and Amelia Jenkins.

They were followed on the program by the popular Carroll Smith band ("rock and roll") consisting of Mr. Smith,

A.S.C. Meet Is Called For Monday

A county-wide meeting of the newly-elected A.S.C. community committeemen has been called for Monday, December 12, at 10 a. m. at the Agricultural Building.

Purpose of the meeting will be to acquaint the committeemen with their duties and responsibilities and the A.S.C. programs.

The committeemen took office October 1.

Wade Waldroop, Glenn Keener, and Dallas Vinson.

Tests Given

Of the 104 students who took the three-hour Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board on Saturday, December 3, which was administered at the Franklin High School, 80 were members of the Franklin High senior class. The other students came from other schools and counties within a radius of 50 miles of Franklin. The Franklin High School has served for several years as one of the hundreds of testing centers.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test is designed to measure the verbal and mathematical abilities of students who are college bound. The scores made on this test will be received about the

middle of January and will be released to students. Also, these scores are to be sent to the respective college choices of the students.

Miss Frances Winstead, guidance counselor, serves as supervisor of the Franklin Testing Center for the Education Testing Center of Princeton, N. J. Assisting her in administering these tests were L. C. Howard, Mrs. Mildred Martin, Miss Jean Phillips, and Frank Ramsey.

Teacher Board

The vocational bulletin board in the lobby of the high school was prepared by the Future Teacher's Club last week. In the center was a silhouette of a student labeled "YOU." Above this was "Follow Your Interests to a Career in Teaching." Branching out from the center were appropriate cut-outs, which were used to depict these different subjects: math, home economics, science, music, physical education, and art.

DON'T MISS Big Gospel Singing

At EAST FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Friday Night

Harvesters Quartet — Charlotte
Kingsmen Quartet — Asheville

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Hedden Keeps His Title...

Franklin's Elbert Hedden has now earned his title of "Mr. Lucky" as a permanent thing.

For 10 straight years he has bagged his quota of two bucks during deer season.

He thought he had slipped up this year until Friday and Saturday when he bagged nice ones both days.

COUNCIL PARTY

A Christmas party will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Franklin Youth Center by the 4-H County Council. An exchange of gifts among boys and girls is planned.

MACON THEATRE

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 8-9
"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII"
starring Steve Reeves

Saturday, Dec. 10
Duble Feature
"THE BOY AND THE LAUGHING DOG"
AND
"CHINA DOLL"

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Dec. 11-13
"HOME FROM THE HILL"
starring Robert Mitchum AND Eleanor Parker

Wed.-Thurs.-Fri. Dec. 14-16
"MACHINE GUN KELLY"

Merchant Christmas Greeting ads will be run Dec. 16-22 at the Macon Theatre and Dec. 23-29 at the Franklin Drive-In.
FRANKLIN DRIVE IN
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 9-10
"DECKS RAN RED"
AND
MISSISSIPPI GAMBLER"

Tips For Yuletide Mailing

Ten tips on good Christmas mailing practices were given this week by Postmaster Zeb Meadows.

The pointers are:

1. Mail Christmas cards and parcels for distant states in advance of December 10 and for local delivery not later than December 16 and remember that the best time to avoid crowds in most post offices is before 10 a. m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. Also, use stamp vending machines if stamp windows are crowded.

2. Address mail correctly—including full name and address, postal zone numbers and your return address; write or print clearly.

3. Although Christmas cards may be sent unsealed for a three-cent rate, the four-cent first class sealed rate is desirable because it automatically assures forwarding if the addressee has moved and left a new address, or the card is returned if it is undeliverable (provided the sender has put a return address on it).

4. Don't mail money in Christmas gifts or parcels. Use postal money orders or checks.

5. When making a large mailing of Christmas cards, separate them into "local" and "out-of-town" bundles, using adhesive bands which may be obtained from your local post office.

6. Pack and wrap securely. Cushioning should be placed on all sides of the Christmas gift, and the carton should be wrapped in heavy paper and tied with strong twine. (Also, place a card with your own return address as well as the destination address inside the parcel to aid in delivery if the out-

ville, S. C.

Carson's youth leader helped organize and for eight weeks supervised the training of two other teams of seven-and eight-year olds, the Ruby Ramblers and the Dixie Darlings. These teams performed at the folk festival this year and have danced at other functions.

In 1960, the Methodist Youth Fellowship groups of Carson Chapel and Louisa Chapel joined, meeting every Sunday. Their active program includes the study of different religions and beliefs. Officers of the joint M.Y.F. are Steve Cabe, president, Ronnie Waldroop, vice-president, Mary Jo Waldroop, secretary, and Shirley Reynolds, treasurer.

As adult 4-H leader, Mrs. Cunningham supervises the activities of the Carson Senior 4-H Club, which copped a blue ribbon and a \$20 prize at the county fair this year. Its members are active in a variety of county and district affairs.

The Carson Junior 4-H Club has carried its load in the community, helping with the annual community clean-up and even raising money for swings at the community center.

Newest youth activity at Carson is Cub Scout Den 2, which was organized in April of this year under the sponsorship of the Cartoogehaye School. Mrs. Kenneth Waldroop is Den Mother and Ricky Norton is Den Chief.

The Cubs carried "Get Out the Vote" literature to every home in the Carson community just prior to the general election.

ANNOUNCING...

The purchase of the R & E Cleaners from Ross Lunsford by Roger Sutton.

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- Bed Room Suites
- Bunk Beds
- Mattresses — Box Springs
- Ranges
- Refrigerators

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