



THE FATHER of Mrs. Lyman Gregory, the former Miss Clementine Winger, was a passenger on the jet airliner that crashed in midair over New York last week with another airplane. Mrs. Gregory once worked for the local welfare department.

AT IOTLA School, talk centers on an unusual birth. A goldfish in the aquarium in Mrs. Taylor's third grade had a little 'un that is growing by leaps and bounds. The place where the class purchased the goldfish says this is quite surprising.

THINK IT wasn't cold Wednesday of last week? A woman on Watauga was late for work because of the cold—her false teeth froze solid in a glass of water.

MACON COUNTY will have at least one "representative" at JFK's inauguration in January. Sgt. Bryan Hurst will be playing with the U.S. Army Band that will lead the inaugural parade. Sgt. Hurst, recently was elected president of the board of directors of the Virginia Veterans Cooperative Association, an apartment development.

MISS ANN Pennington has been selected as a sponsor at Terry Sanford's inaugural ball in Raleigh next Wednesday night. Also, a number of Maconians plan to be on hand for the inaugural festivities both Wednesday and Thursday.

THAT FOG early Tuesday morning had everyone groping. However, folks visiting here from Los Angeles say to compare it to the smog out there is like calling a negligee and a flannel nightgown the same thing!

BARGAIN hunters may now get ready to invade the Franklin stores for after-Christmas sales. Some of the stores are cooking up some honeys, so we're told.

THE EVIDENCES of generous Christmas giving are seen everywhere. Just about everyone is wearing something new this week.

LOOKS like the weather would make up its mind, doesn't it. Tuesday took on some of the finer points of an early spring day, although toward late afternoon the nip in the air suggested otherwise.

HUNTERS report game of all kinds is in abundance over the county, grouse in particular.

YOU MAY still donate books to "Operation Library," although the project has officially ended. Drop them off at the Franklin Library please.

GOT THOSE New Year's resolutions all lined up? Better still, why not forget about 'em. Like most of us, you'll never make it to Easter without breaking most of 'em anyway.

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.

PENLAND IS DIRECTOR — January Is Month For Dimes Campaign

Macon County's annual March of Dimes campaign is slated to run the entire month of January and preparations are now under way, according to Melvin (Pete) Penland, campaign director.

Members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club are meeting this week to "stuff" letters and campaign literature in envelopes for mailing and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post has volunteered its services in distributing coin collectors over the county.

A "Mother's March on Polio" also is being planned by Miss Esta Childers, with the assistance of the Junior Woman's Club.

FORMER COMMISSIONER — F. H. Potts, Prominent Merchant, Dies At 72

Frank Huffman Potts, prominent Highlands merchant and former county official, died December 24 at 6:20 p. m. at the Highlands Community Hospital.

Seventy-two, Mr. Potts had been in declining health for some time. A Macon County native, he had been in the mercantile business in Highlands for 47 years and had engaged in a wide variety of activities. On the county level, Mr. Potts had served as a commissioner, served four terms on the county welfare board, and was a former member of the Macon County Board of Elections. He also had served 18 years as a town commissioner in Highlands, was chairman of the board of directors of the Jackson County Bank in Highlands, was past master of the Masonic Lodge, and was a member of the Highlands Chapter No. 284, Order of Eastern Star.

Funeral services for Mr. Potts was conducted Monday, the 26th, at 2:30 p. m. at the First Presbyterian Church in

Postal Rush Almost Failed To Make It

Employees of the Franklin Post Office made quick work of the Christmas rush—what there was of it!

Postmaster Zeb Meadows this week reported the office never had what could be called a "rush." Although some overtime work was required to handle the additional load, no extra help was needed and the work was done by regular employees. Furthermore, if some of the incoming mails had been on time the postmaster says even this overtime could have been practically eliminated.

A good index to Christmas business, letter cancellations, were considerably lower than past years. From the 10th through the 24th, cancellations totaled 116,515. Until this Christmas, the figure for a comparable period hovered near or topped the 125,000 mark.

Postmaster Meadows said parcel post also was much lighter this Christmas.

Neighbors Battle In Yule Event

Next door neighbors, the Biddles and the Browns of Hillcrest Circle, battled it out for first place honors in the Franklin Garden Club's annual Christmas lighting contest.

Who won? Judges called it a tie and Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Biddle, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brown are still good neighbors. Second and third places went to the H. A. Wilhides and the J. Ward Longs.

In the civic-business division, first place was won by Franklin High School, second by Franklin Hosiery, and third by Franklin Motel.

The Presbyterian church took first place in the church division and the Methodist's got second.

Gilmer A. Jones, Dr. Furman Angel, and John Alsip placed first, second, and third, respectively, in the outside tree competition.

Don't Toss Brickbats

Won't you hold off on heaving the brickbats just this once? THE FRANKLIN PRESS staff observed Monday as a holiday, just as most of you did, and this week's small newspaper (10 pages, as compared with the usual 16) is the product of a day and a half of labor.

Obviously, some news has been left out. We regret it and hope you, the readers, will understand.

Next week, we hope to start the New Year off right with a big paper packed with stories and pictures about folks you know. And just for the record, we plan to keep it up through 1961!

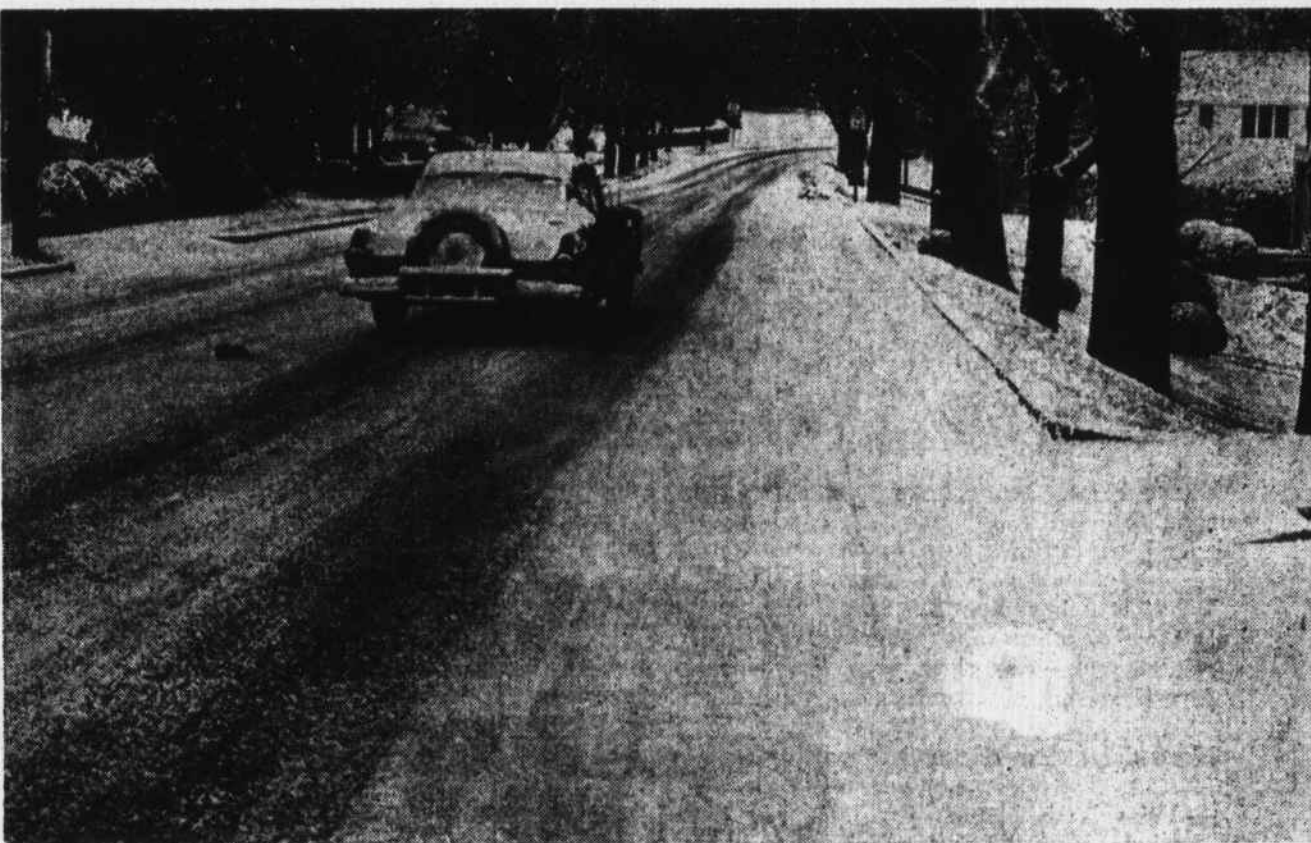
W.S.C.S. Meets Are Scheduled

A schedule of meetings of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist Church has been announced for the month of January.

Circle No. 1 will meet Thursday, January 5, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. A. Rogers with Mrs. G. A. Jones in charge of the program. Circle No. 3 will also meet Thursday, January 5, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Harry Davis with Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., in charge of the program.

HARRISON RITES

Joe M. Harrison, of Franklin, Route 1, died Christmas Day in a local hospital at the age of 88. Services were held Monday at 2:30 p. m. at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church.



Saturday's Snow Pictured On Harrison Avenue In Franklin

(Staff Photo)

FOR 'YOUNG MAN' — Jaycees Receiving Top Number Of Nominations

Nominations for "Macon County's Young Man of the Year" are being received in record numbers, according to Jaycee Paul Grier, who is in charge of the award program for '60.

All civic, service, and church groups are invited to nominate a deserving young man on the basis of his contributions in 1960 to his community. The deadline for submitting names is January 20 and nomination blanks and details may be obtained at the Bank of Franklin or Dryman's.

Meanwhile, the sponsoring Franklin Jaycees are making plans for the annual Distinguished Service Award banquet held in honor of the "Young Man of the Year." It is now scheduled for January 27 and invitations are being extended to state and district Jaycees figures.

'61 Tags Going On Sale 3rd

"Start the New Year off right and purchase your license tags early," suggests Vernon Swafford, manager of the local branch office of Carolina Motor Club.

The state's '61 tags go on sale January 3 (next Tuesday) and motorists will have until February 15 to purchase them.

However, a last-minute rush is inevitable. Mr. Swafford points out, and the best way not to become involved in the stampede is to purchase tags early.

North Carolina's '61 tags are the reverse of this year's; that is, black background and yellow numerals and letters.

The C.M.C. office is situated in the rear of the Western Auto Associate Store in Franklin.

January Is Listing Time Here

January is tax listing month in Macon County. An advertisement giving township listers and their listing schedules may be found elsewhere in this issue.

The county tax lister and accountant, Tom Henson, warns all property owners that failure to list is a misdemeanor, subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

BLAINE RITES

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Setser Blaine, 81, wife of O. Lawrence Blaine, of Franklin, were held yesterday (Wednesday) at 2:30 p. m. at the Patton Methodist Church. Mrs. Blaine died Tuesday at 12:45 a. m. at the home of a daughter in Canton.

GAME HERE

Franklin High's lads and lasses will play Hayesville Tuesday, January 3, on the home court. The girls will play at 7:30.

— CHAINS AND GRAVEL — White Yuletide? Well, Almost ...

Macon County almost had a white Christmas. Saturday morning, Maconians awoke to find the first real snow of the season. However, the snow blanket, which ranged from about a half-inch up to two inches in the higher elevations, was all but gone by Christmas Day.

While it lasted, the snow played temporary havoc with traffic. It fell early (in the wee hours before dawn) and stayed late. Maconians grunted and groaned as they installed chains to make it to work.

Motorists moving east toward Asheville reported little snow east of the Balsams. The high passes and spread gravel in the icy sections. Those who tried to drive without chains found the going treacherous until late in the morning when the sun brought a general thawing.

Oddly enough (although not for weather), the snow storm, part of a front moving out of the south west, clipped only the western end of North Carolina.

BY LOCAL OFFICER — 'Watch Night' Urged On Streets, Highways

It makes no difference where you spend New Year's Eve, State Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson told citizens of Macon County this week.

Whether you spend it at church in solemn watch night services or at a gay party, make it "watch night" on the streets and highways for sure, he cautioned.

Patrolman Ferguson listed these lifesaving rules:

- 1. Watch carefully for walkers as you drive to and from your evening's destination. Some pedestrians are likely to be under the influence of intoxicants.
- 2. Watch yourself. Don't drive after drinking. Don't speed. Keep a safe distance from other vehicles, so that when you want to stop you won't skid into the car ahead.
- 3. Watch the highway warning signs, traffic lights and pavement markings—and heed them. They are your signs of life.
- 4. Watch out for the fellow who may not be watching out for you. You may have the safest car on the road. You may have the foresight to put on tire chains if the going's rough, but the other fellow may not have been that wise.
- 5. When you watch the clock tick off the final hour of 1960—whether you are looking at the clock on your auto dashboard, the clock on a church wall, or the timepiece on your mantle at home—say a short prayer of thanks for having remained alive through this year, and pledge to yourself that in 1961 you will strive to be the best among many good drivers on the highways of North Carolina.

"Careful drivers have a moral responsibility to set good examples in promoting safety under all type of road, weather and traffic conditions. Good examples might shame the careless drivers into driving more carefully," Patrolman Ferguson said.

THE WEATHER

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

	High	Low	Rain
Franklin			
Wed., 21st	39	18	.50
Thursday	29	0	00
Friday	33	10	00
Saturday	38	22	.05
Sunday	52	24	00
Monday	49	18	00
Tuesday	52	24	00
Wednesday	—	25	00
COWETTA			
Wed., 21st	44	25	.61
Thursday	31	-2	00
Friday	29	6	00
Saturday	36	18	trace
Sunday	38	23	.03
Monday	50	19	00
Tuesday	50	24	00
Wednesday	53	27	00
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., 21st	33	20	.
Thursday	21	-3	.
Friday	26	4	.
Saturday	.	.	.
Sunday	.	.	.
Monday	.	.	.
Tuesday	.	.	.
Wednesday	—	29	.

* No Record