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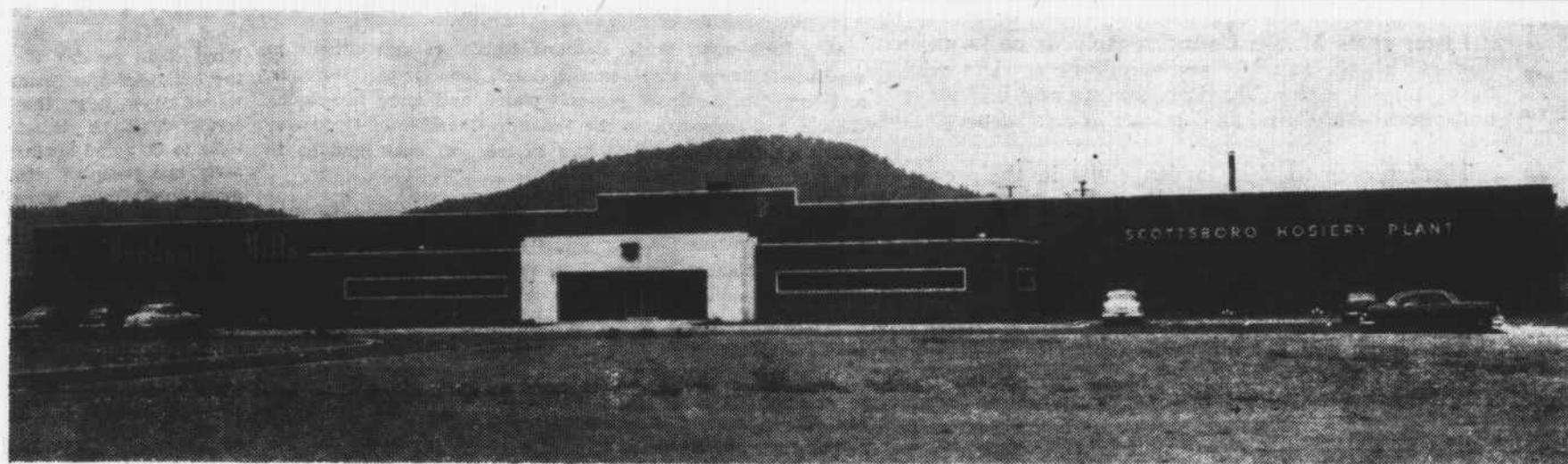
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THIS PICTURE OF THE SCOTTSBORO, ALA., PLANT of Burlington Mills Corporation will give some idea of what the Franklin plant will look like when completed. Officials of the

company have announced the \$3,000,000 plant here will be constructed along the lines of the Scottsboro building, which was just recently opened. Engineers of the corporation were here Monday to make a survey of the plant site on US 23-411.

Mill Engineers Here; Site Fund Growing

Three engineers of the Burlington Mills Corporation flew here Monday to make a topographic survey of the site of the corporation's proposed \$3,000,000 hosiery plant near Franklin as the local campaign to raise funds for the site moved into the home stretch.

Yesterday (Wednesday) W. W. Reeves, president of the local chamber of commerce, reported the fund raising campaign for the site was about \$1,000 short of its approximate goal of \$30,000. "And some of the \$1,000 already is in sight," he added. However, Mr. Reeves said additional contributions will be appreciated.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

Politics In Whisper Stage In County For November 2 Election

Registration books for the general election November 2 opened Saturday as members of both parties started beating the brush for votes.

The registration books will be open for the next two Saturdays — October 16 and 23. The third Saturday — October 30 — will be challenge day, according to Elections Board Chairman J. Lee Barnard.

Meanwhile, politicking is riding on the whisper fringes, but is expected to break loudly on the Macon scene shortly. Some candidates are kicking off newspaper advertising campaign this week. Others have begun stumping the county to garner votes both for themselves and their party. Absentee ballots also are being mailed to Macon residents who will be out of the county on election day.

The county political cards stack up this way:

G. L. Houk, Franklin attorney, is the Democratic nominee for the state house. He is being opposed on the G. O. P. ticket by H. S. Talley, Highlands businessman.

Democratic incumbent Miss Kate McGee is opposed for the Clerk of Superior Court post by Ray Swafford.

In the sheriff race, L. B. Welch, Republican, will attempt to unseat Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Incumbent Lake V. Shope will face Republican Clyde Drake for Register of Deeds.

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ACHIEVEMENT EVENT SLATED

Demonstration Clubs To Gather Friday At Methodist Church

Women of Macon's 24 home demonstration clubs will mark their annual "Achievement Day" tomorrow (Friday) at the Franklin Methodist Church with the theme, "Homes, the Foundation of Peace, Justice, and Progress."

Exhibits of work done by the individual clubs over the past year have not been prepared this year because of inadequate quarters for exhibiting displays, according to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent.

However, the day-long program which will begin at 10 a. m. is marked by a number of highlighting features, including the awarding of "The Gavel" to the best of the 24 clubs, recognizing "Honor Club" members, and awarding perfect attendance certificates.

Two significant addresses also are scheduled. Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, of Cullasaja, who returned Sunday from New York City and a tour of the United Nations, will speak on "Toward World Understanding." Mrs. Bryson made the trip with home demonstration women from over the state. The second speaker will be John M. Whitelock, New Zealand dairyman, who is studying dairying methods in Macon this month. Mr. Whitelock, a farm exchange student, will speak on "Travels in New Zealand" and will illustrate his talk with color slides taken in his native country.

Following the opening devotion-al by Mrs. E. G. Altland, of the Iotla Club, greetings will be extended by County Agent T. H. Fagg and Holland McSwain, county school superintendent.

"Honor Club" members will be recognized by Mrs. Pritchard Peek, county council secretary.

The Macon County Chorus, composed of club women and directed by Theodore Orr, will sing several selections.

Lunch will be served in the church dining quarters with the Carson, Cartoogechaye, and Mulberry clubs in charge.

The Franklin club will be the host to the annual gathering. Mrs. George Byrd, of the Cowee club, is program chairman.

As the closing feature in the afternoon, J. P. Brady, news editor of The Franklin Press, will briefly cover "Looking to 1955," and the possibility of a county fair in the near future.

In explaining the absence of club exhibits this year, Mrs. Sherrill pointed out that there is no building in Franklin large enough to handle exhibits.

"Rather than attempt to jam them (exhibits) into a small place just for the sake of having exhibits, we decided it would be better to eliminate them this year and hope adequate quarters will be available next year," the home agent said.

Demonstration Club Organized

The county's 24th home demonstration club was organized Monday afternoon in Highlands.

Officers of the new club are Mrs. Robert Hart, president; Mrs. John Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Jack Laros, secretary; and Mrs. Echol Rowland, treasurer.

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill county home agent, assisted with organizational procedure.

Macon Communities Hustling As Rural Contest Nears End

There's a concerted scrambling in Macon's 21 organized communities to finish scrapbooks and score and summary sheets for the 1954 Macon County Rural Community Development Contest.

For there's \$1,100 in prize money dangling at the October 25 contest end for the 13 best communities.

The difficult task of picking these 13 top communities will fall to two out-of-county judges October 27-28-29. Awards will be made November 13 at a special contest-end banquet at Franklin High School.

Nickels Vote Set Friday

Tomorrow (Friday) Macon farmers will go to the polls to decide whether the "Nickels for Know-How" program for agricultural research and education is to continue another three years.

The referendum is being held state-wide. Polls open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

Only those farm families using feed and fertilizer are eligible to vote, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

In urging a heavy turn-out for the election, the county agent explained that the "Nickels for Know-How" program, which originated in this state in 1951, is financed by a five cent per ton assessment on feed and fertilizer.

For the average farmer here, Mr. Fagg said this means he is contributing about 30 cents to the program each year.

"Thousands of dollars worth of know-how is one of the best returns on an investment of 30 cents I know of," the county agent declared, "and I know our farmers realize the importance of continuing the program."

Polling places:

Burnington, Younce's Store; Tellico, Carl Morgan Store; Cowee, Tom Rickman Store; Watauga, Lee Crawford Store; Mill-shoal, Paul Ammons Store; Cartoogechaye, Ledford's Store; El-lilay, Estes Service Station; Sugarfork, Willie Moses' Store; Highlands, Potts' Store; Flats, Warren Owenby Store and Clyde Morgan Store; Smith-bridge, Miller Norris Store; Prentiss, John Cunningham Store; Carson, Bill Pressley Store; Franklin, Agricultural Building; Iotla, Paul Swafford Store; Fouts' Town, W. T. Fouts' Store; and Patton, R. D. Wells' home.

Late News and Briefs

STOP 'LITTERBUGS'

"Don't Be A Litterbug." This slogan will be pushed locally beginning Monday by the Franklin Garden Club to impress the importance of keeping roadsides and streets clean of litter.

The club plans to work its campaign — part of a nationwide movement — through the schools and town and county officials. "Litterbug" stickers will be distributed, it was said.

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The Rev. R. D. Burnette, "Macon's Flying Preacher," gets a last-minute briefing from Howard Stewart before taking off.

HE'S NOW KNOWN AS Macon's Flying Preacher

Saturday afternoon at the Franklin Airport, a small airplane nosing skyward turned a new page in the life of the bespectacled man at its controls.

As the plane left the ground and dipped toward the west, its pilot, the Rev. R. D. Burnette, became "Macon's Flying Preacher."

The significant flight meant the preacher was logging his 30th hour in the air and he therefore was eligible for a private pilot's license.

With an enthusiasm characteristic of new pilots, Mr. Burnette chatted with a reporter and outlined a plan whereby his newly acquired art will not only bring personal pleasure but will enable him to better serve

his 10 Sunday Schools in this state and in Georgia.

"I figure by flying I will be able to devote twice as much time to each of the Sunday Schools," the field worker for the American Sunday School Union explained.

By automobile, he says, his visits to Sunday Schools in Jackson, Swain, and Macon, in this state, and Rabun and Towns counties in Georgia, are tiring journeys and he generally visits each once a month.

But by flying — well, Mr. Burnette thinks this is the solution and he figures, if necessary, he can visit all of the Sunday Schools in a day and also can spend more time visit-

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PUPIL AND TEACHER—Mrs. Mary Waldroop, 84, plays a selection on the piano for Mrs. G. A. Jones, 92, and W. N. McCoy, 95, the "youngest" at Sunday's church-sponsored "Fellowship Hour" at the Franklin Methodist Church. Mrs. Waldroop also proved to Mrs. Jones, her old piano teacher, that she taught well.

'Youngsters' Bring 5,099 Years To Gathering Here

Yesteryear played a key role at the Franklin Methodist Church Sunday afternoon when some 70 "youngsters" pooled their 5,099 years to make their annual "Fellowship Hour" a success even beyond the fondest hopes of the sponsoring churches of the county.

And an addition 60 persons—those "still wet behind the ears"—were on hand to help Macon's young-in-heart write a new chapter of fellowship and reminiscing with old-timey hymn singing, poetry, and backflashes into the era when a paved road in the county was a dream and the 23-mile jaunt to Dillsboro was a "back buster" by horseback.

The 70 "youngsters", whose enthusiasm and zest made those younger in age forget their troubles, at least momentarily, all were 65 years or over and their average age was 74. Thirteen were octogenarians and three topped 90.

Prizes for being the "youngest" present went to W. N. McCoy, of Gneiss, 95, and Mrs. G. A. Jones, of Franklin, 92. Third place in age was W. S. Davis, 90, of Highlands.

Those 30 years and over included, John E. Wilson, 82, of Franklin, J. H. Grant, 83, of Nantahala, Mrs. T. B. Ramsey, 88, of Sylva, John Dehart, 82, of Franklin, Route 3, George Parrish, 88, of Franklin, Route 3, Mrs. Ella Bingham, 84, of Franklin, Route 1, Mrs. Florence Garner, 80, of Franklin, Route 1, Mrs. Mary Waldroop, 84, of Tuckaseegee, Mrs. Lula McCracken, 81, of Franklin, Route 2, Mrs. Jennie Nolen, 82,

of Franklin, Alex Moore, 82, of Franklin, R. R. Rickman, 82, of Franklin, Route 4, and Mrs. Ada Hyatt, 80, of Franklin, Route 2.

Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. Rickman were awarded prizes for having the largest number of grandchildren. He has 54 and she 46. Mrs. Waldroop, a Macon native who is now living in Tuckaseegee, and Mr. Grant, of Nantahala, received prizes for traveling the greatest distance to attend.

History took on added significance during a portion of the program while an 84-year-old "pupil" played piano selections for the audience, and especially for her 92-year-old former piano teacher. Many years ago, Mrs. G. A. Jones taught Mrs. Mary Waldroop piano. Mrs. Waldroop's still nimble fingers on the piano turned back the years for many. Some eyes were moist as she played.

Z. Weaver Shope served as master of ceremonies for the "hour", an annual church-sponsored event, which was conceived three years ago by Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, superintendent of welfare. Theodore Orr, Franklin band director, led hymn singing and the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Presbyterian pastor, sang a solo. Mrs. Bill Bryson was pianist. The ladies of the Methodist church were hostesses and the ladies of the St. Agnes Episcopal Church furnished refreshments.

Javan Gray, of Franklin, Route 2, expressed the appreciation of the "youngsters" to those who arranged the gathering.

Said one "youngster" in his 80's: "I've seen more people here this afternoon than I've seen in the past year."

Some 175 businessmen and interested parties have contributed to the campaign.

The plant site, on US 23-441 (south) on part of the old Johnston subdivision, is to be given to Burlington Mills, which last week announced plans for building the Franklin plant.

W. I. English, chief engineer, headed the party of engineers here Monday. The group is expected back within the week, according to Mr. Reeves.

Grading on the site is expected to begin at an early date.

Takes Work
Disclosure of Burlington Mills' plans last week climaxed several weeks of arrangements locally. Franklin businessmen — heartened by the fact the corporation was interested in the county as a possible plant site — visited both the Franklin Board of Aldermen and the Macon Board of County Commissioners to request cooperation in providing facilities for the corporation.

In session October 4, the commissioners voted unanimously to give \$10,000 of the needed \$30,000 for purchase of the plant site.

And the board of aldermen followed through by pledging to (1) build a water line to the plant, (2) construct a 100,000-gallon storage tank near the plant to provide fire protection, and (3) adopt a new industrial water rate of 10 cents per thousand gallons over 250,000 gallons monthly; the rate to apply to all industry using Franklin water.

Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey this week said the town has \$20,000 on hand in the budget for water line extension work and improvements.

Long Interest
Burlington Mills' interest in Macon is nearly a year old. John M. Archer, Jr., president of Nantahala Power and Light Company, had first inkling the corporation was interested back in November, 1953. At that time, he received a call from Brandon Hodges, of Asheville, former state treasurer, that a representative of the corporation was going to contact him. Mr. Archer received a call soon after from John Harden, corporation vice-president, confirming the corporation's interest. Several days later, representatives of the corporation visited here, after pledging Mr. Archer to secrecy in the matter.

After this visit, Mr. Archer marked time for nearly a year, until September 9 of this year when he again received a telephone call from Burlington Mills and was asked to arrange a meeting of local businessmen and corporation officials. This meeting was set for September 16, with W. W. Reeves, Frank B. Duncan, and H. H. Gnuse, of the power company, sitting in for the local side. Burlington officials were back September 29 for additional information and then on October 4 announced through Mr. Duncan that the Franklin plant would be built.

P. T. A. WILL MEET

The Franklin Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria. It has been announced.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Macon Stiles, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN		Temperatures	
		High	Low
Wed., Oct. 6	87	58	
Thursday	74	56	20
Friday	61	35	
Saturday	80	45	
Sunday	83	44	
Monday	85	45	
Tuesday	83	49	

HIGHLANDS		Temperatures	
		High	Low
Wed., Oct. 6	81	56	
Thursday	65	49	.08
Friday	73	64	.11
Saturday	76	51	
Sunday	81	46	
Monday	63	44	
Tuesday	60	44	

COWEETA		Temperatures	
		High	Low
Wed., Oct. 6	85	54	
Thursday	59	58	trace
Friday	60	33	
Saturday	76	44	
Sunday	80	40	
Monday	80	42	
Tuesday	70	40	