

Curtain Up Today On County Fair

Curtain's going up today (Thursday) on what Maconians hope will be the first of many county fairs.

Activities for this year's three-day event are centering the grounds at Franklin High.

Outwardly, things won't be humming fair-wise until this afternoon, but inwardly it's another matter. Since 2 p. m. yesterday, organizations and communities have been placing exhibits and building booths in an atmosphere of friendly competition.

All exhibits must be entered by 10 o'clock this morning.

Noon Parade

A parade at noon through downtown Franklin will be the official send-off for the fair and its many and varied activities. The Macon County Band will pace the parade of floats and clowns.

Exhibits may be viewed until 9:30 tonight.

Hours Friday and Saturday will be 10 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

Special features of the fair are "Come to the Flower Fair", a county-wide flower show being staged by the Franklin Garden Club, and the third annual Jaycee-sponsored Macon County Folk Festival.

Two-Day Show

Planned for Friday and Saturday, the flower show is to be judged by accredited judges. All entries must be in by 10:30 a. m. Friday. For those who wish to prepare arrangements, the cafeteria will be open to-night from 7:30 to 9:30.

Show hours Friday will be 2 to 9:30 p. m. and on Saturday 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

'Biggest Yet'

The folk festival is to be held each night (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at 8 o'clock. Indications are it is going to be the "biggest yet", according to J. P. Brady and Bob Carpenter, Jaycees in charge.

While actual competition will be confined to only local and amateur entertainers and musicians, other special entertainment is on tap. By popular demand, the Jaycees have again signed "Pan Handle Pete, the One-Man Band" to appear Friday and Saturday.

Meanwhile, contestants are still signing up to compete. Ribbons and cash awards are to be made this year, according to the chairmen.

Among those already signed are the Roy Ramsey Band; Earl Corbin Band; fiddler "Shorty" Kirkland; last year's champion fiddler E. J. Carpenter; young buck dancer Bobby Ray Carver; banjo picker Hayes Carver; guitarist Andrew Carver; singer-guitarist Donnie Clay; singer-buck dancer-guitarist Diane Clay; singer Leo McIntyre; buck dancer Carolyn Myers; singer Mary Kate Roane; the "Neal Hillbillies"; and harmonica player Ed Higdon.

Some 50 more are expected to be ready to appear with the opening tonight.

The festival will be held under the stars in the school stadium. A platform already has been erected for the performers.

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Methodists Get Full-Time Worker

R. S. Jones, president of the Methodist Men's Club, this week announced that the services of a full-time rural church worker has been obtained.

Miss Margaret Wilson, a graduate of High Point College, is scheduled to come here September 5. At the present time she is taking special work in religious education at Scarrett College in Nashville, Tenn.

The new worker is being sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Roane-Enloe Family Will Gather Sunday

Members of the Roane-Enloe clan will hold their annual reunion Sunday at the home of Jeff Enloe, Sr., in the Cartoogechaye community.

A picnic lunch will be served at noon. All members of the family are invited to come and bring a basket.

NIGHT WORK ENDS TERM

Superior Court Over Thursday Night After Trial Of Civil Cases

Judge Dan K. Moore would up the August term of Superior Court here a day early, but it took some night work to do it. Although the short term was scheduled to run through last Friday, it ended unofficially shortly after 10 Thursday night when the jury delivered its verdict in the case of Dean Edward Pendergrass vs Elmo Hayes Rogers and Betty Higdon Rogers, a damage suit. In his trial, the defendants were ordered to pay the plaintiff \$325.

With the case out of the way, Judge Moore declared a recess, which in effect closed the term since there were no more cases docketed.

Trial of civil matters got under way Wednesday morning.

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ing of last week after the criminal docket was cleared.

Following are the civil dispositions:

Angel Hospital, Inc., vs Henry Wilkie, defendant ordered to pay plaintiff \$169.40, plus interest.

Nantahala Power and Light Company vs Charles Edward Brown, non-suit.

Charlie M. Bryson vs J. C. Critcher, Inc., defendant ordered to pay plaintiff \$550.

W. L. Harper and wife, Ruby Harper, vs trustees of Mt. Moriah Cemetery, J. R. Bradley appointed by the court to survey and make a report concerning the boundary dispute.

Ernest Blanchard Stamey vs Mrs. Berry Floyd and Berry SEE NO. 3, PAGE 10

STILL SOME VACANCIES —

Teacher Assignment Given

Principal and teacher appointments for the 1955-56 school year were announced this week by Supt. Holland McSwain.

Six vacancies still are to be filled in the system, including the hiring of a district principal to succeed Ralph L. Smith, who resigned recently to accept a job in Buncombe County.

Mr. McSwain also was notified Monday that the county has been allotted a special education teacher this year and he said he hopes to secure one of the regular teachers to take this post.

One elementary vacancy exists at Nantahala; one elementary and one high school at



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

A BEARDED Raymond Wood puts a gun in the ribs of Bill Bell, an Atlanta who tried to hoodwink "Hillbilly Day" by appearing with a false beard. Mr. Wood kept his Franklin Centennial foliage just for the Highlands event, which drew thousands Wednesday of last week.

Tallulah Falls May Be Heading For Star's Role

Looks like the old Tallulah Falls Railway might become a movie star, and at least one section of Macon County will have a bit part in the drama. According to The Clayton (Ga.) Tribune, Walt Disney is toying with the idea of staging a Civil War train chase over the Tallulah Falls in his next movie.

If the deal pans out (The Tribune is confident that it will), plans call for the construction of a train station of the Civil War era at the "Y" in the Prentiss section.

The new Disney film is to center around the theft of the old wood burning engine, the "General", by Yankee Capt. J. J. Andrews and 20 volunteers near Marietta in a plot to sabotage the railroad between Marietta and Chattanooga.

FOREST LAND RECEIPTS IN

Ranger Nothstein Says Macon County To Get \$19,022.76

Wayah District Ranger W. L. Nothstein this week said preliminary figures released by the U. S. Forest Service show that Macon County will receive \$19,022.76 from Nantahala Forest receipts for the fiscal year just ended.

The county's share is based on the 147,888 acres of forest land falling within its boundaries, out of a total forest acreage of 443,968. Macon's proportional share is the largest of the seven counties sharing receipts.

Total receipts from the forest came to \$228,460.43, the ranger explained, with 25 per cent going to the counties for roads and schools. Another 10 per cent is returned to the forest for the construction of roads and trails.

Smart Reunion Sunday At Clark's Chapel

The annual Smart family reunion is planned Sunday (August 14) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smart in the Clark's Chapel community, it has been announced.

Relatives and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch, according to J. C. Long, of Bryson City, the clan president.

ALL-NIGHT SINGING

An all-night singing is scheduled Saturday, August 20, at the Nantahala School, it has been announced. No admission is to be charged. All singers are invited.

State May Let Contract For Highway This Fall

Forest Chief Gives Road Explanation

Programming forest highway funds in a joint program agreement is not a commitment to expend a given amount on a specific project, regardless of whether the full amount is needed to do the job.

So holds Dr. Richard E. McArdle, chief of the U. S. Forest Service, in explaining why some \$120,000 left over from nearly-completed 12-mile section of Wayah Road cannot be used to complete the remaining section of less than six miles from Felsty Branch to Nantahala School.

In a letter to Congressman George A. Shuford, who has been investigating the Wayah situation, Dr. McArdle said:

"... the only business-like course of action available to the three concurring agencies (state, federal, and forest) is to earmark a sufficiently large portion of the authorization to insure the construction of the specific project or projects agreed upon and at the same time avoid over planning. If the funds so earmarked prove, at a later date, to be more than adequate for the particular project or projects included in the program, the particular state suffers no loss since any excess becomes available for future re-programming to other worthy eligible projects within that state.

"It should be generally understood that the earmarking of forest highway funds in a joint program agreement is not a commitment to expend a given amount on a specific project, regardless of whether the full amount is needed to accomplish the carefully considered objectives which resulted in its inclusion in the program..."

A "snaggle-toothed" highway through the Nantahala community will be result, unless the Felsty Branch-Nantahala School section is completed. This unpaired section is in the middle of two paved sections SEE NO. 6, PAGE 10

Contract for the 15-mile section of US 23-441 from the Franklin city limits to the state line (N.C.-Ga.) probably will be let this fall, according to G. G. Page, 14th division highway engineer.

Plans for the relocation of this section of the area's main travel artery first were revealed in 1952, but were postponed in June, 1953, when \$450,000 was borrowed from the proposed project to speed completion of the US 23-441 link from Cowee Gap to Dillsboro in Jackson County.

The Jackson section, a tie-in with the completed project from Franklin to Cowee Gap, is scheduled to be paved next month.

Within A Year
Mr. Page said the Franklin-Georgia job probably can be done within a year because it does not entail the heavy dirt moving faced on the other two sections. An allocation of \$850,000 has been set up for the job he added.

A map of the proposed project has been posted for study by the public in the lobby of the county courthouse. It went up last week and must remain posted for 60 days before any action can be taken on the project, the engineer said.

Mr. Page emphasized that no construction is anticipated within the city limits.

When completed, the section will tie-in with the one nearing completion from the state line to Mountain City, Ga. It is understood that Georgia highway officials plan to contract another section of the highway from Mountain City to Clayton at an early date.

C.P.A. Tryin' Once Again

With a bearded man again an oddity in Franklin, the Civil Air Patrol is going to try again.

Back in May, C. A. P. planned to organize a unit here. But, the brushy condition of male faces were hardly ripe subjects for identification photos, so organization was postponed until after the Centennial celebration.

So they're coming back — this Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Franklin Airport.

The temporary chairman, Frank Plyler, has issued a call to all interested men and women. He emphasized that a person does not have to be a pilot to join, since there are a number of non-flying jobs in C. A. P.

Applications are to be fill-out and pictures (of clean shaven faces only) taken, he said.

CHURCH MEET OPENS TODAY

Baptists Of County Gathering For Yearly Association Business

Today (Thursday) opens the 52nd annual session of the Macon County Baptist Association, largest organized church group in the county.

With the Rev. M. W. Chapman as moderator, Baptists this morning (9:30) are starting the two-day meeting at the Higdonville church. An evening session is planned with the Mount Hope church. The closing session will be held tomorrow at the Shortoff church.

Theme of the gathering this year is "Magnifying Christ".

In addition to programmed reports by chairmen and committees on the various phases of associational work, speakers are to include Dr. Leslie H. Campbell, president of Campbell College; Claude F. Gaddy, of Raleigh, secretary of Christian education; W. Lawson Allen, assistant to the president of Gardner-Webb College; M. H. Kendall, faculty member at Mars Hill College; Dr. C. Sylvester Green, vice-president of Wake Forest College; Dr. Bud Smith, president of Wingate College; Dr. Bruce Whitaker, state B. S. U. secretary; and Dr. J. C. Canipe, with the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute SEE NO. 1, PAGE 4

Silers, gathered here from far and near for their annual "family meeting", Saturday marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of their progenitor, Weimar Siler, who first saw the light of day in Pennsylvania in 1755.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as 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 Cowetta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Aug. 3	88	65	trace
Thursday	88	65	.08
Friday	88	63
Saturday	89	65	trace
Sunday	89	63
Monday	87	65	.15
Tuesday	81	67	.36

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Aug. 3	78	58	.94
Thursday	78	59
Friday	79	58	2.15
Saturday	80	57	.88
Sunday	79	57	.08
Monday	74	59	.15
Tuesday	72	64	.19

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Aug. 3	88	61
Thursday	84	63
Friday	85	59
Saturday	88	59
Sunday	88	59	.75
Monday	81	61	.79
Tuesday	83	66



Lemme see now, you look hungry. How's for me tearing you off just a little bit of this chicken leg . . .



Ah, Here, take all of it. This Siler clan puts everybody on the table to feed everybody, even photographers . . .