



"It's all ours again," a smug three-year-old, Ann Perry, confides in her brother, Jimmy. And, of course she means all that playing room left by the back-to-school migration yesterday. But, Ann won't be so smug next year. Jimmy's five and will be ready to try his own school wings.

Children Heed Traditional Sounding Of School Bells

Nearly 4,000 children acknowledged — some reluctantly — the traditional tolling of the school bells yesterday (Wednesday) and lopped off the first day of the 1955-56 term.

Ten of the county's 11 schools are operating. Highlands School is not slated to open until September 6, the day after Labor Day and the unofficial end of the tourist season.

Attendance figures were not immediately available, but Supt. Holland McSwain predicts an over-all total of about 4,000 students.

Most of the schools are operating on half-day schedules this week, but beginning Monday will go full time, the superintendent said.

College students still have a few days' grace. Most of the higher institutions will not open until the middle of September, or later.

LANDMARK COMING DOWN

Razing Old Building On Palmer; Ray Plans To Erect New Store

One of Franklin's oldest landmarks is being razed.

It's the two-story building at the intersection of Palmer and Phillips owned by Glenn Ray.

Believed to be in the neighborhood of 70 years old, it has led an active life and has been something of a traveler, as buildings go.

Built by Bill Stalcup for a funeral home and furniture store on the site now occupied by the Bryant Furniture Company building on the square, it was moved from there several hundred feet to a foundation on Palmer about 35 years ago.

This was the building's only trip and since then it has served as a grocery and feed store under Weimar Hastings, Lake R. Ledford, Rufe Cunningham, and Mr. Ray, who rented the building in 1941. In 1946, he purchased the building from Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, daughter of Mr. Stalcup, the first owner.

Mr. Ray plans to replace the old structure with a modern block building in the near future.

Another C.A.P. Meeting Slated

A meeting to continue organization of a Civil Air Patrol unit in Franklin is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Agricultural Building.

The unit probably will be officially activated about October 1.

All interested men and women are invited to attend the meeting and fill out applications as members.

CLUB PLANS PRISON CAMP AID PROJECT

Proposal Is Offered By Barkley; Committee Named To Investigate

The Macon County Methodist Men's Club Tuesday night moved toward adopting as a project befriending the youthful first offenders at the state prison camp here.

The proposal, presented by the Rev. J. David Barkley, was discussed in considerable detail, and a committee was appointed to make concrete recommendations of what and how at the club's next meeting.

Mr. Barkley pointed out that, under the change taking place at the camp, it is to house about 45 first offenders, most of them aged 16 to 20. He said these young men have many needs, "but their greatest need is a friend". He suggested something like the "Big Brother" movement, with each club member being assigned a youth to play "big brother" to. For these boys, many of them far from home, "it might make a difference for the rest of their lives", he said.

R. S. Jones, the club's new president, suggested the possibility of the club's holding a meeting — possibly a "covered dish" supper — at the camp, with the prisoners as guests, as one way to get acquainted with the situation, and with the young men. He named as a committee, to confer with the prison superintendent and make recommendations, Mr. Barkley, James L. Hauser, and Weimar Jones.

In opening the meeting President Jones suggested the club "not scatter its efforts", but do one or two things well. He remarked that there are 21 Methodist churches in the county, and that with only 10 men from each church, the club's meetings should have an attendance of 210. One way to increase attendance, it was suggested, is to have A-1 programs, publicized through the churches well in advance, and the president appointed Wiley J. Clark, Erwin Patton, and the Rev. S. W. Moss as program committee for the year.

Since Miss Margaret Wilson, full-time county Methodist SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8



HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB women were among the more than 150 farm men and women who toured the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory this week. Pictured above are Mrs. Nobia Murray, Franklin club; Fred Whitfield, of Asheville, extension forester; Mrs. Rose Clark, Cullasaja club; Frank Plyler, Coweeta staff member, who is explaining some of the instruments; Mrs. Jesse Thompson, Watauga club; Mrs. George Byrd, Cowee club; and Mrs. J. S. Gray, Hickory Knoll club.

Street Seen

Joseph (Joe) Ashear, well-to-do retired Franklin business man, impishly panhandling a former resident who failed to recognize him.

"I'm just passing through here", explained the long-time Franklin merchant, with a perfectly straight face; "looking for a job." Then, with something close to tears in his voice: "I'm hungry, mister."

"What! you aren't going to give me that half-dollar?" as the sympathetic former resident hands over some change.

This time there must have been a hint of a chuckle in the voice, for something made the former resident take a closer look at the face . . . "Why, Joe, you darned old . . ."

Commented a young boy, eyeing the large deep sea rod and reel strapped to the top of a Florida car:

"Boy! I'd sure like to see the worm that goes on the end of that!"



NOT A REAL GAME, just some action during scrimmage while the Franklin High Panthers sharpen their know-how in preparation for opening the 1955-56 season against Clayton, Ga., on September 2.

Footballers Scrimmaging For Opener

With the opening of school yesterday (Wednesday) the Franklin High Panthers cut back to one practice session daily.

Rough and tumble scrimmages have been held for three or four days and will be staged daily until the opener.

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More Than 150 Men, Women Tour Coweeta Laboratory

More than 150 farm men and women turned "tourists" this week and visited one of the county's main attractions, Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

Five days of special tours of the sprawling 5,000-acre outdoor test tube were sponsored by the county home demonstration clubs, with Coweeta personnel cooperating. The last was held Tuesday.

The daily field trips over the broad acreage of the laboratory were conducted by Coweeta staff members. Fred Whitfield, of Asheville, state extension forester, also was on hand to help explain the watershed research under way at Coweeta.

A picnic lunch was spread each day at noon at the laboratory picnic area.

Organized communities and home demonstration clubs participating in the tours included Mulberry, Iotia, Clark's Chapel, Cartoogechaye, Patton, Carson, Holly Springs, Higdonville, Union, Sandtown, Watauga, Hick-

ory Knoll, Cowee, Longview, Cullasaja, Otto, Scaly, Nantahala, Walnut Creek, Highlands, Oak Grove, Olive Hill-Oak Dale, Upper Cartoogechaye, and Franklin.

Ranger Laros Is Leaving For Alabama

J. W. Laros, head ranger of the Highland District, has been transferred to a similar post in Talladega, Ala.

He is being succeeded here by Pat Int. Hout, former assistant ranger at Clayton, Ga.

Mr. Laros had been district ranger since the Highland District was formed in July, 1953. Forest service personnel honored him at a party Saturday at Cliffside. The Laros and children, Alan and Michael, are leaving this week for Alabama.

SCHOOLS GET COURT FUNDS

August Term Here Gives \$3,959.50 For Use By System

Schools — ever needy financially — got \$3,959.50 from the August term of Superior Court here.

A breakdown of the total by Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn shows that \$1,000 in fines went to the school fund; \$2,337.50 in forfeitures; \$152 from the jury tax; \$320 from solicitor fees; and \$150 from state highway patrol fees. The law earmarks these items for the school fund.

Corbins Plan Reunion Here September 4

Members of the Corbin family will hold their annual reunion Sunday, September 4, at the home of Dewey Corbin in the Holly Springs community.

Mr. Corbin is president of the family.

A basket lunch will be served at noon and all relatives and friends are invited to attend.

WALDROOP REUNION SUNDAY

Members of the Waldroop family plan their annual reunion Sunday at the Carson community building, it has been announced.

RURAL MAIL GOING OUT SAME DAY

Hold-over At Franklin Office Being Stopped By Change In Times

Beginning next Thursday, patrons on the rural routes will receive mail on the same day it arrives at the Franklin office, under a new schedule announced by Postmaster Zeb Meadows.

Under the system now in use, mail arriving one morning is not delivered until the following morning because the rural carriers leave before it arrives.

However, the new schedule keeps the carriers in the office until 9:15.

"In this way," the postmaster explained, "the early mail can be sorted and delivered the day it arrives."

The carriers will return to the office at 2 o'clock.

Also effective the 1st, star route mail from Cornelia, Ga., will arrive at 3:15 a. m. and 2:45 p. m. and will go out at 9 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Sylva star route mail will reach the Franklin office at 7:45 a. m. and will leave at 3:15 p. m.

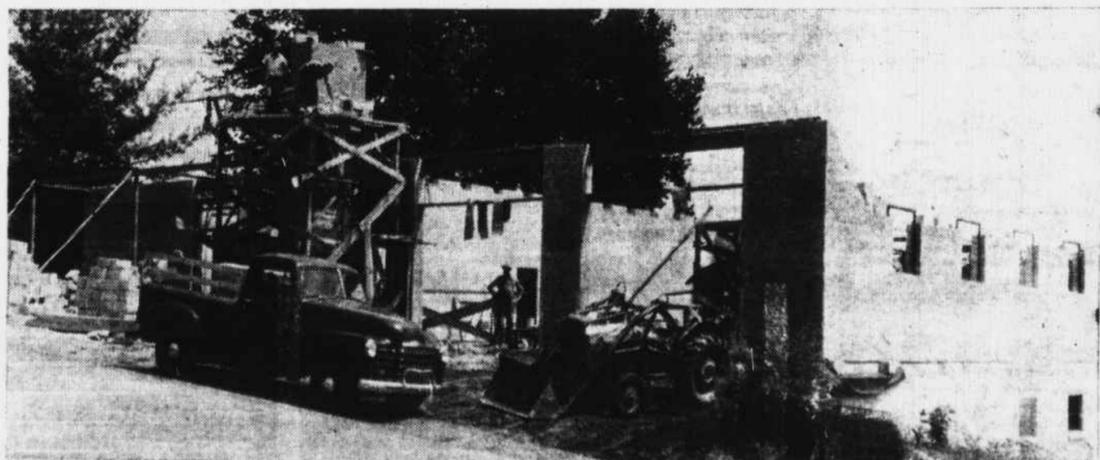
The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Maxson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Fuder N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Aug. 17	85	62
Thursday	83	60
Friday	89	65
Saturday	91	67
Sunday	91	65
Monday	87	63
Tuesday	86	65

HIGHLANDS		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Aug. 17	78	60
Thursday	80	62
Friday	76	62
Saturday	76	60
Sunday	79	58
Monday	73	57
Tuesday	72	62

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed., Aug. 17	84	59
Thursday	87	60
Friday	89	63
Saturday	87	63
Sunday	90	61
Monday	87	61
Tuesday	84	60



FRANKLIN'S NEW \$51,000 city building at the intersection of West Main and US 23-441 is about 70 per cent complete, according to the contractor. Brick work on the modern structure is in the final stages and it is expected to be under roof by next week. The town offices and fire department expect to occupy the building in early October.

Telephone Company Figures For Taxes Correct — Bethune

The final appraisal figures on which the Western Carolina Telephone Company pays county and town taxes here are correct, members of the Macon Board of County Commissioners and the Franklin Board of Aldermen were assured at a 2½-hour meeting Monday morning.

The occasion of the joint meeting was a visit here by J. C. Bethune, executive secretary, and W. Z. Adams, assistant secretary, of the State Board of Assessment, the agency that fixes the evaluations on which public service corporations pay

county and town taxes, to explain how the board arrived at its off-changed figures.

Following protests, the 1954 evaluations on the company's holdings here were raised twice. Simultaneously with making the second increase in evaluations for 1954, the board reduced the evaluation for the 1953 tax year. A raise in the amount of evaluation increases the tax due, a cut reduces the tax.

Because of the reduction in the 1953 evaluation, Mr. Bethune said, the company's taxes SEE NO. 3, PAGE 8