

HUNDREDS have been seeking relief from the summer's heat, which really outdid itself this past week, at the newly-completed swimming pool at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course. The pool was reported "packed" Sunday and attendance has been growing daily.

Bulletin SEARCH ON FOR CHILD AT FALLS

Missing Some Three Hours; May Have Fallen, Strayed

Shortly before 1 p. m. yesterday (Wednesday), a search was still under way at Dry Falls for a 10-year-old girl who had been missing for about three hours.

Grim-faced volunteers were dragging the deep pools at the base of the falls on the theory that the child, Janice McGiverin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. McGiverin, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had fallen over the falls.

Others were searching the heavily-wooded area around the scenic waterfalls in the event she did not fall and had wandered off. Bloodhounds were being brought in in an attempt to trace her.

Janice's brother, Terry, who had walked behind the falls to the other side, said he saw her standing at a point near the top of the falls. He ran back up the trail to get her but she had disappeared, he related.

The father and several others were standing under the point on which she stood above them.

Mr. McGiverin was hopeful his daughter was lost. Had she fallen over the falls, he said he is sure he and the others would have seen her from where they were standing.



FIRST CASUALTY reported on the new highway project from Franklin to the Georgia state line is this Trailways bus. About 6 o'clock Saturday night, while detouring over the Sam Corn Road, near the state line, the bus is said to have been forced from the narrow road and into a ditch by an oncoming automobile. Only three passengers were aboard the Atlanta-bound bus at the time, it is understood. Wreckers were unable to free the heavy bus that night and it finally was pulled out undamaged Sunday morning.

Competing For Honors

Several members of the Franklin Future Farmers of America chapter are in Raleigh this week competing for state honors at the annual F. F. A. convention.

Fred Deal, who just recently won the district supervised farming contest, is a candidate for the "American Farmer" degree, highest F. F. A. award made on the national level. If he is selected he will be presented the degree at the national F. F. A. convention this fall.

In Raleigh as "Carolina Farmer" degree candidates are Wayne Gregory, Billy Taylor, and Frank M. Killian, Jr.

Frank Nolen, district rural electrification contest winner, also is competing on the state level.

The Franklin chapter's dairy and beef judging teams, tops in the district this year, are challenging those from other chapters. On the dairy team are Buddy McClure, Mark Dowdle, and Bill McClure. The three-man beef team is composed of Bruce Houston, Johnny Killian, and Bill Fouts.

With their advisor, Wayne Proffitt, they left for Raleigh early Tuesday morning and will return late Friday.

Another Franklin F. F. A. member, Jerry Sutton, left Sunday to assist with pre-convention planning in his capacity as state vice-president. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sutton, of Clark's Chapel community, are leaving today (Thursday) for Raleigh and will be recognized tomorrow along with the parents of other state officers. Jerry was the first Macon County youth to receive the national "American Farmer" degree. He received his at the convention last year.

July 4 Celebration Slated For County

Features Include Parade, Contest, And Field Events

Macon County's annual Fourth of July celebration will get off to a colorful start at 10 a. m. (next Wednesday) with a parade through downtown Franklin.

From the opening event, a continuous program is scheduled during the day with the spotlight on a beauty contest, a variety of field events (with prizes), and double-header Little League baseball at East Franklin School.

With all events free an invitation to everyone in the county to attend and take part has been extended by Dr. J. L. Hill, president of the Franklin Jaycees, sponsors of the celebration.

Several Franklin civic and service organizations are assisting the Jaycees with the day's activities. Jaycee Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter is the coordinator.

Prizes for the winners of events are being raised by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, with B. L. McGlamery in charge.

Businesses, organized rural communities, and the neighborhood groups in town are urged to enter floats in the Fourth parade, an event being handled by the American Legion post. The parade planners have emphasized that floats do not have to be elaborate or costly, but need only to depict the spirit of the celebration. Prizes are to be awarded the best entries.

The parade will assemble on West Main Street, near the R. S. Jones home, at 9:30. A color guard from the Legion and V. F. W. posts will lead the parade.

A "Miss 4th" beauty contest is to be staged by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. Contestants are being sponsored by local businesses and will wear ribbons with the names of their sponsors.

Any girl between the age of 18 and 24 is eligible to enter, according to Mrs. Margie Cabe, club president.

The "Miss 4th" contestants will ride in convertibles in the parade. Selection of "Miss 4th" from among the expected 15-20 contestants will immediately follow the disbanding of the parade at the East Franklin field. Convertibles and judges are being arranged by the Rotary Club.

"Miss 4th" will be crowned at a special ceremony and will receive several gifts.

Field events — ranging from slipper kicking contests for the women to wheelbarrow races for the boys and men — will follow the beauty contest. The Jaycees will be in charge. Prizes will be presented to winners of all events. The Lions Club is in charge.

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Reward Offered For Arsonist

A reward of \$100 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an unsuccessful arsonist.

W. C. Smith, who is offering the reward has reported to the sheriff's department that someone attempted to set fire to a home he owns on Franklin, Route 3, just below Iotia School, the night of June 17.

The renter of the home, Lloyd Hooper, and his family were asleep at the time the attempt to set the fire was made on the outside. Mr. Hooper awakened in time to extinguish the blaze, it is said, and damage was light.

Myers, 90, Returns Home To 'Give An Accounting'

Sixty-eight years ago, the Franklin Methodist Church gave a young man from this county license to preach.

Last week-end, at 90, the Rev. Ebenezer Myers was back for a visit, and at the morning service Sunday gave the church "an accounting" of his "stewardship".

Though he had preached an hour earlier at the Iotia Methodist Church, near the place he was reared, he spoke without apparent effort, his strong voice carrying to the back of the sanctuary.

Describing himself as a one-time country boy, now "an old circuit rider", he addressed his report to "you"; though, as he explained, most of his hearers were descendants of members of the congregation that licensed him.

"You sent me out. I am back to make a report, undoubtedly my final one — to you". Then, with a slight upward gesture: "I will make another report a little farther on".

Highlights of his report were reminiscences and a statistic—6,000 professions of faith. He had been scheduled to preach, but he explained: "I know you want to get out at

12 o'clock", so he spoke briefly on his announced subject, "The Way". Altogether, he talked 18 minutes, stopping exactly at noon.

Accompanied by Mrs. Myers and a son and daughter-in-



Mr. Myers

law, Mr. Myers, now retired and living at Lenoir, spent the week-end at his old home, now SEE NO. 5, PAGE 10

3 Jailed For Alleged Roles In Thefts From Businesses

Gregory Arrested For Break-ins; Boy Sought

Johnny Gregory, of Franklin, about 20, was arrested Monday afternoon and jailed in connection with the theft of cash and merchandise from a store and a service station.

The sheriff's department reported merchandise taken in a break-in a week ago Sunday at Macon Bargain Store was found on Gregory and identified by the owners of the store, Sam Gibson and Hall Callahan. About \$100 in cash and merchandise was taken, they said.

Gregory also is believed responsible for a break-in last Thursday at Ralph Womack's station, where about \$50 in cash and merchandise was reported missing, officers reported.

Officers are continuing the investigation and are seeking another boy, a minor, for questioning about the thefts, it is reported.

Three men were jailed Friday in connection with the theft of some equipment from Enloe Tractor and Equipment Company and Vinson Logging Company, the sheriff's department has reported.

They are Troy Welch, Kenneth Ledford, and Eugene Ray Rickman.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said they are also being questioned about some other break-ins.

City Market Register Stripped Of \$60-\$100

The cash register at City Market in Franklin was stripped of between \$60 and \$100 in a break-in late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning of last week.

Entry was gained by breaking out a pane in the back window of the store, according to the sheriff's department.

NO INCREASE IS EXPECTED IN TAX RATE

Barring Unforeseen, Baldwin Says Budget Will Not Change Much

No increase in the county tax rate is anticipated for the fiscal year 1956-57, according to W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the Macon Board of County Commissioners.

However, he pointed out in an interview Tuesday, "something could come up" to necessitate boosting the rate above its present \$1.40 per hundred level.

Monday morning the three-man board will go into session to give their official approval to a new budget.

Similar One Barring the unforeseen, Mr. Baldwin said the board probably will adopt a budget similar to last year's. The 1955-56 figure was \$595,186.

He estimated the new valuation of property at about 16 million and noted that this slight increase (1955-56, \$15,470,925) will bring in additional revenue.

In The Red Actually, the county has been operating "in the red" since March under the present budget, he revealed.

This was caused by the unanticipated outlay of \$14,000 by the county to help complete the new Franklin High gymnasium earlier in the year, he explained. Had the county not made this allocation, he said it would have operated within the budget.

John Roane and Wiley Brown are the other two members of the board.

Benefit Square Dance Slated By Neighborhood

A benefit square dance will be sponsored at Slagle Memorial Building this Saturday night by the Northwest Franklin Neighborhood Club.

Proceeds of the dance, set for 8:30, will be for the development of a recreational area on the Slagle-Siler properties near the creamery, a major project of the club.

WRINN IN RALEIGH Assistant Agent John J. Wrinn is in Raleigh attending a special school for extension personnel.

Late News and Briefs

CLARK IS ELECTED

Wiley Clark is the new president of the Methodist Men's Club.

The club's election was held Tuesday night as a feature of a "family night" gathering at Wilson Lick.

Named to serve with Mr. Clark were R. S. Jones, vice-president, who is the out-going president, and John Kusterer, secretary-treasurer.

CHARTER FOR AIRPORT

A charter has been granted Macon County Airport, Inc., a corporation formed by several local businessmen for the development of Franklin's 55-acre airport.

An organizational meeting is slated sometime this week to elect officers and a board of SEE NO. 4, PAGE 10

Town Garbage Problem —

Department's Growing Pains

Overtaxed and under manned pretty well sum up Franklin's garbage situation.

And, unless the full cooperation of all residences and business houses materializes soon, a tax rate increase appears likely, according to Mayor W. C. Burrell and his aldermen.

What's the trouble? In a word, growth.

In the past few years, Franklin's business and residential growth has been just short of phenomenal. New houses have been completed at the rate of four or five every month or so and in the last three or four

years more than a dozen new business buildings have been built. Couple this to the expansion of existing businesses and the problem of collection and disposal is brought into sharper focus.

Not Improving

Nor is the situation improving. In months to come, about a half dozen buildings now under construction will be in use.

The "boom" is putting the squeeze on the merger facilities of the department.

Half As Far

Lester Thomas, one of two Negro employes handling the town's entire garbage collection, reported to the board of aldermen a couple of weeks back it now takes "twice as long to go half as far" in making the rounds.

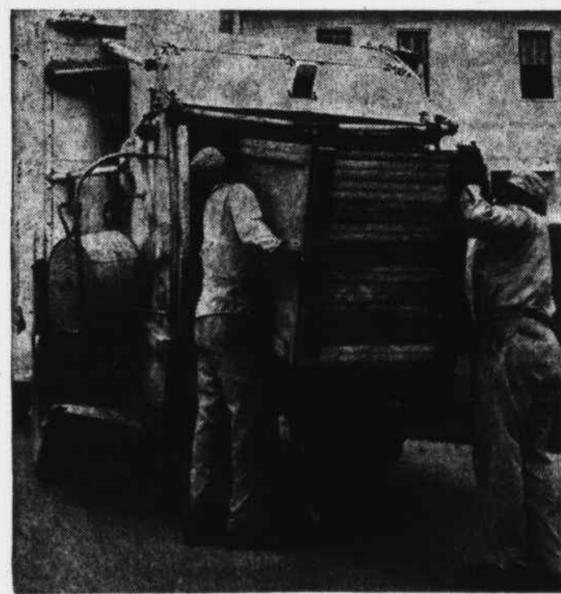
He also said he and his helper lose a lot of time when they have to carry garbage cans from behind homes to the truck.

Few homes, Lester declared, put cans on the street for easy pick-up.

With the pressure constantly on the garbage department, frequent breakdowns of the town's only truck temper the problem even more.

On The Move

Although many disgruntled taxpayers will find this hard to believe, the garbage truck stays



Loading The Garbage Truck

The Weather

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

| Temperatures | | | |
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| FRANKLIN | | | |
| | High | Low | Rain |
| Wed., June 20 | 71 | 59 | — |
| Thursday | 85 | 59 | .04 |
| Friday | 85 | 61 | .48 |
| Saturday | 87 | 69 | trace |
| Sunday | 90 | 65 | — |
| Monday | 90 | 61 | trace |
| Tuesday | 89 | 60 | — |
| HIGHLANDS | | | |
| Wed., June 20 | 78 | 57 | .18 |
| Thursday | 79 | 60 | — |
| Friday | 80 | 58 | .29 |
| Saturday | 81 | 59 | .11 |
| Sunday | 84 | 62 | .14 |
| Monday | 83 | 64 | trace |
| Tuesday | 82 | 56 | — |
| Wednesday | — | — | — |
| COWETA | | | |
| Wed., June 20 | 71 | 57 | .09 |
| Thursday | 83 | 56 | — |
| Friday | 81 | 57 | .22 |
| Saturday | 84 | 57 | .49 |
| Sunday | 88 | 62 | .19 |
| Monday | 85 | 57 | trace |
| Tuesday | 87 | 54 | .48 |