

County Commissioners Adopt \$553,982 Budget For 1957-58



A new arrival is getting all the attention generally accorded a new arrival, and maybe just a little bit more, at the Rafe Teagues' in Franklin. This newcomer is "Antoinette", already shortened to "Tony" by the Teague children, and she's the daughter of their pony, "Checkers". "Tony" arrived early Monday morning and by noon was out frisking (above) with her mistress, Pamela Teague.

OPENING DAY LATE

119 Criminal Cases Slated For Superior Court Tuesday

Macon County's July-August term of Superior Court opens Tuesday, a day later than normal, with 119 cases on the criminal docket, nearly all of them for traffic violations.

The court's opening is being delayed one day because the presiding jurist, Judge Francis O. Clarkson, of Charlotte, will be unable to get here until Tuesday. Technically, the court will be formally opened Monday morning, but it will be adjourned immediately until 9 a. m. Tuesday.

Clerk of the court, Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, said neither jurors nor defendants need to report on Monday. They should come on Tuesday, she said. She also asked they note the early time for the opening of Tuesday's session.

The relatively light criminal docket is expected to be cleared by late Wednesday or early Thursday and then the civil calendar will be called. There

are seven civil actions and three divorce cases docketed. The July-August term is a short term, that is, of but one week's duration instead of the usual two.

Here is the criminal docket: Ross Ensley, reckless driving, speeding 100 m. p. h., transporting whiskey, no operator's license; Grady Floyd Stone, escaping prison; Max Ray Hunsucker, reckless driving, speeding 35 m. p. h.; Russell Camp, driving drunk, no operator's license; Newton Penland, fishing on posted property.

Jack Reece, driving drunk (second offense); A. L. Allen, reckless driving; Blaine Jenkins, rape (two counts, continued from last term); Elmer James Taylor, driving drunk; Steve Joseph Sheppard, violating prohibition laws; Ferman Branson Rogers, driving drunk, violating prohibition laws; Henry Herbert Bailey, driving drunk.

Pearl Kent Beal, speeding 70

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'Let People Decide' Theme Of Water Situation Meeting

"We're wondering if it wouldn't be a good idea to see how the people feel."

In a nutshell, this statement by Vernon Swafford sums up the feeling of a group of Franklin merchants toward the town's water shortage problem.

The merchants, about 17 in number, with Mr. Swafford as their spokesman, met last Thursday night at the town hall with Mayor W. C. Burrell and his aldermen to warm over the water situation and suggest that the voters be given the opportunity to speak through a special water bond election.

"We're not here to tell the board what to do," Mr. Swafford declared, "but to discuss the water situation and let you know we're interested in an adequate water supply."

No action was taken by the aldermen, although several possible solutions to the admitted water shortage were discussed. Aldermen H. H. Gnuse, Jr., a member of the water committee, was authorized to query an engineering firm on the cost of building a small supplementary filter plant to assist the town's seven wells through periods of heavy demand.

It was the consensus of both sides that Franklin is operating on an inadequate supply and that something is going to have to be done to correct the situation.

In Tight Spot
As unofficial spokesman for the board, Mr. Gnuse frankly admitted "we're in a tight spot."

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Flower Show To Be Given This Saturday

To the theme of "Garden Fashions", the Franklin Garden Club will open its 25th annual flower show to the public Saturday afternoon in the Franklin High School cafeteria.

Hours will be 2 to 9:30 p. m. Judging of exhibits by accredited flower show judges will be in the morning. Ribbons will be awarded.

Rules and regulations and show classifications may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. J. Ward Long is show chairman.

But It Was Legal Holdin'...

A nervous out-of-town bridegroom thought he was in legal trouble here Monday when told the attorney general of North Carolina would be a witness at his wedding.

However, he was informed there was no dispute about the matter, he was just honored that the attorney general, George B. Patton, was handy at the courthouse and was happy to act as one of the required witnesses.

This seemed to satisfy 19-year-old Ronald Howard, of Bryson City, Route 1, and Justice of the Peace Lee Barnard proceeded with the ceremony, uniting him with Miss Winnie Geneva Reagan, 18, of Smokemont. (They were issued a license here.)

"Judge" Barnard reported afterward he didn't get a chance to claim his kiss from the bride. "The groom was holding on to her too tight."

Henry T. Ward Family Reunion Slated Sunday

The Henry T. Ward reunion will be held Sunday at their home on Tesota.

Friends and relatives are invited. The Rev. Roy Lee Moore will hold a service after lunch.

\$253,500 Of Total Is Local

\$16,900,000 Tax Valuation Made; Few Variations

The board of county commissioners adopted a \$553,982 budget last week to operate Macon County for the next fiscal year, July 1, 1957-June 30, 1958.

Of this amount, \$253,500 will be paid by the county and the remainder will come from state, federal, forest reserve, and intangible tax sources.

The county's tax rate of \$1.50—up 10 cents from last year—will be applied to a \$16,900,000 real and personal property valuation

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to yield a maximum of \$253,500. Actually, the amount taken in will be less than this since tax collection generally runs about 92 per cent of the levy.

Overall, the budget varies little from last year. Pay raises were granted this year, however, to the county agricultural workers, school board secretary, only one of the two is paid by the county, and welfare department employees.

The major budgetary change is the addition of salaries for county House officials who have been on fees and the separation of the job of tax collector from the office of sheriff and setting up a separate tax department.

Biggest spender in the county is the Public Welfare Department. However, about 85 per cent of its budget comes from federal and state revenue sources. The department spends \$263,823, only \$35,490 of which is paid by the county.

Second biggest budget in Macon belongs to the schools. They expend \$138,407. Of that, the county pays \$81,000, and the remaining portion comes from state, federal, and similar sources. The budget

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Ledford Gets Ranger Job

HIGHLANDS—A native of Barnardsville, Roy H. Ledford, has arrived here and assumed his duties as ranger of the Highland District of Nantahala National Forest.

Ranger Ledford came here from Clayton, Ga., where he was assistant ranger on the Tallulah District of the Chattahoochee forest. He has been with the forest service for five years, starting in Marion. Three of his five years were in South Carolina.

He was graduated from Barnardsville High School and then earned a B.S. degree in agriculture at Berea College, Berea, Ky. During World War II, he served four years with the U. S. Navy, in the Pacific fleet. After the war, he went to Duke University, Durham, and took a master's degree in forestry.

Ranger Ledford is married to the former Miss Lydia Wynne, of Scottsboro, Ala. They have two children, Henry, 11, and Lisa, six months.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tabor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 4 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., July 17	87	64	.00	
Thursday	84	64	1.09	
Friday	83	66	.00	
Saturday	85	61	.00	
Sunday	86	57	.00	
Monday	90	63	.00	
Tuesday	89	59	.04	
Wednesday	—	68	.47	

HIGHLANDS				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., July 17	78	62	.56	
Thursday	74	60	.15	
Friday	76	62	.53	
Saturday	78	62	.00	
Sunday	78	57	.00	
Monday	82	54	.00	
Tuesday	84	59	.00	
Wednesday	—	65	.00	

COWETA				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., July 17	86	60	.02	
Thursday	87	62	.07	
Friday	81	65	.00	
Saturday	85	58	.00	
Sunday	87	54	.00	
Monday	90	59	.00	
Tuesday	90	58	.00	
Wednesday	—	66	.17	

Silers To Gather Here August 3

The Silers will hold their 1957 "family meeting" Saturday of next week (August 3) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones.

The reunion, one of the largest and perhaps the oldest continuous one in the country, has been held annually, without a break, for 105 years.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan is chairman, and W. N. Sloan is secretary of the organization.

The meetings, featured by renewal of old acquaintances, the mammoth outdoor picnic dinner, and an afternoon of program with singing, prayer, and family history, are held each year on the first Saturday in August.

WIDENING STREET

State forces are widening narrow School Street that runs through the Franklin School grounds from Porter to Phillips Streets.

Music Working Tonight For Hospital Here

HIGHLANDS — Music will be working here tonight (Thursday) for the Highlands Community Hospital.

At 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, the faculty and staff orchestra of the Transylvania Music Camp will present a benefit concert for the hospital.

A contribution to the hospital will be the admission charge. James Christian Pfuhl will conduct.

APPOINTED COLLECTOR

Police Chief Sid Carter has been named deputy tax collector in Franklin. The action was taken by the board of aldermen at a brief meeting held prior to last week's session with merchants to discuss the water situation.

Leagues Nearing End Of Seasons

Little League and Pony League seasons are just about over.

The last regular game on the Pony League schedule is July 31. However, a protest game will be played August 2 and yesterday's (Wednesday) double-header was postponed because of district playoffs and has been rescheduled for August 5. The Pony League tournament team played yesterday in Canton, but the outcome of the game was not known at press time.

August 1 is the last scheduled game for the Little League. All rained-out games during the first half have been made up, according to the league president, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter. He said there's a possibility a post-season game for Little League "graduates" (those who are aging out) will be scheduled with Sylva.

On July 31, the Little League All-Stars are scheduled to play the winner of the Canton or Hazelwood game in the district playoffs. Jim Yeary and Bill Gregory are coaching the All-Stars.

Just Try, Try Again...

"If at first you don't succeed..."

And a couple of male visitors have large rubies to finish the "try, try again" part of the quotation. Both men are "repeaters" to the Cowee Ruby Mines, having spent their vacations for the past two years in the gem-bearing gravel layer of the famous valley.

Richard F. Bowers, of Lancaster, Pa., Tuesday of last week found a 60-carat stone at Holbrook's Mine 2, of which Frank Wykle is manager. He also found a number of smaller stones during his stay here. (See picture inside this issue).

The following day, at the Shuler Mine, a "last bucket" attempt spelled pay dirt for L. C. Sidbury, of Charleston, S. C. He found a 37-carat ruby that was almost a perfect crystal.

GILLESPIE SINGING

A singing will be held at the Gillespie Chapel on Jones' Creek in the Upper Cartoogechay community Saturday night at 8.

Backdrop For State Review Is Made Here

Macon County has more than just a passing interest in State 4-H Club Week, which is being held this week in Raleigh.

In the first place, four club members and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home agent, are attending the annual convention.

Secondly, the cleverly made backdrop that made such a hit at last night's (Wednesday) state dress review was made here.

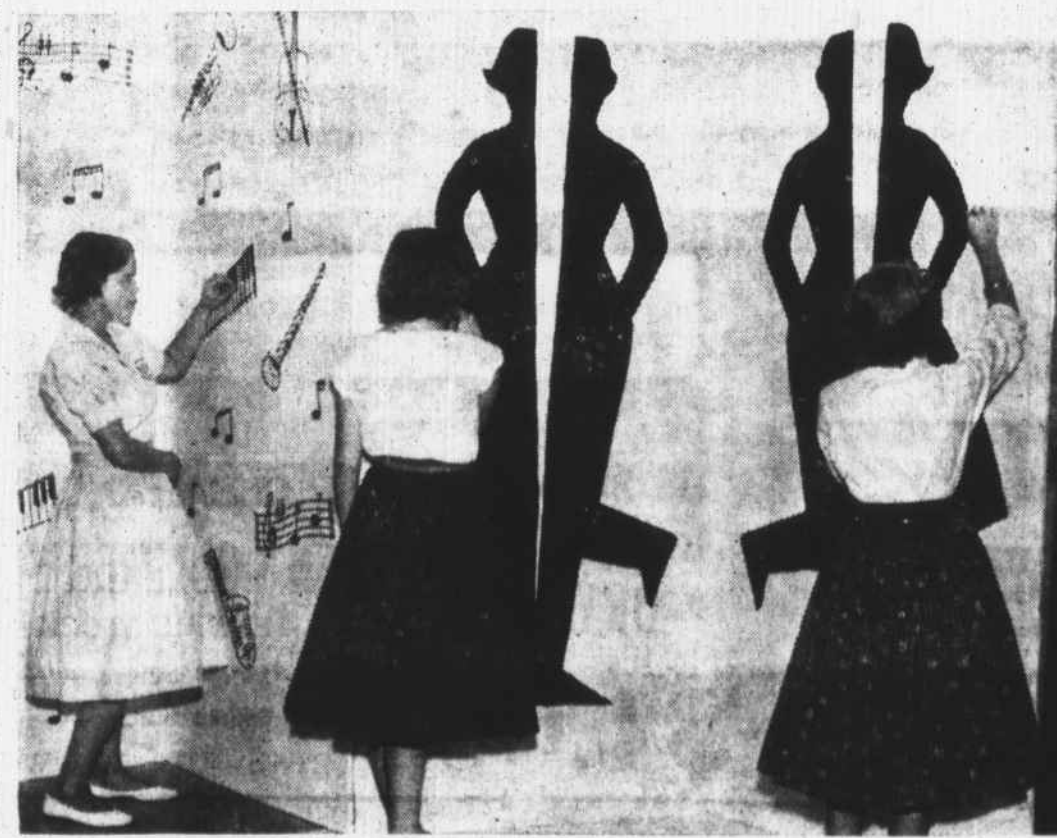
Finally, Brenda Cunningham

modeled in the state review. She was winner of the county review held earlier in the year at East Franklin School. Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cunningham, of the Carson Community.

Macon County was selected to make the dress review backdrop as the western district's contribution. Designs on several cloth screens carry out the theme of the review, "4-H Hit Parade of Fashions". The backdrop was made in miniature by

Mrs. J. M. Maddox, 4-H leader at Cartoogechay, and Miss Sally Kessler, crafts instructor at Nonah Craft Center, before the big one was constructed.

In addition to Mrs. Sherrill and Brenda, other 4-H clubbers in Raleigh are Jo Ann Solesbee, Nantahala club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Solesbee; Kenneth Solesbee, Nantahala club, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Solesbee; and George Wyatt, Iotla club, son of the Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Wyatt.



Three 4-H girls are shown putting the finishing touches to the backdrop made here for the state 4-H dress review in Raleigh. It carries out the theme, "4-H Hit Parade of Fashions", through the use of musical characters and silhouette dancers. The girls are (L to R) Miss Brenda Cunningham, who modeled in the review, and Carroll Watkins and Sarah Bateman, of the Otto club.