



Parties Are Eyeing Primary Vote Here Saturday

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

MONDAY WAS a bit slack, considering it wasn't a wet Monday. Up until afternoon, there were plenty of parking places along the main stem.

THE "DONKEY MAN'S" philosophy of walking and letting life trail along has some merit. There probably were lots of folks here who would have welcomed an opportunity to join him and get away from it all.

A BIG HAND is due the Rotary, Lions, and Jaycees for working on the free vehicle safety check lane in Franklin last week. The couple of hundred cars that were safety-checked with round red and white stickers are seen everywhere.

WHY NOT be among the smart ones attending the travel host school briefing being conducted tonight (Thursday) in Franklin? The tourist dollar is still tops in the economy here and by giving better service you can get more of them. It's just as simple as that.

YOU CAN FORGET that rumor about The Press having been sold. Not a grain of truth to it. As the fellow told Mrs. Eloise G. Potts one time, "You can hear everything but the truth and meat frying."

THE NEW telephone company building is beginning to look like a building under construction. The footings are being poured and a lot of material is being piled on the site.

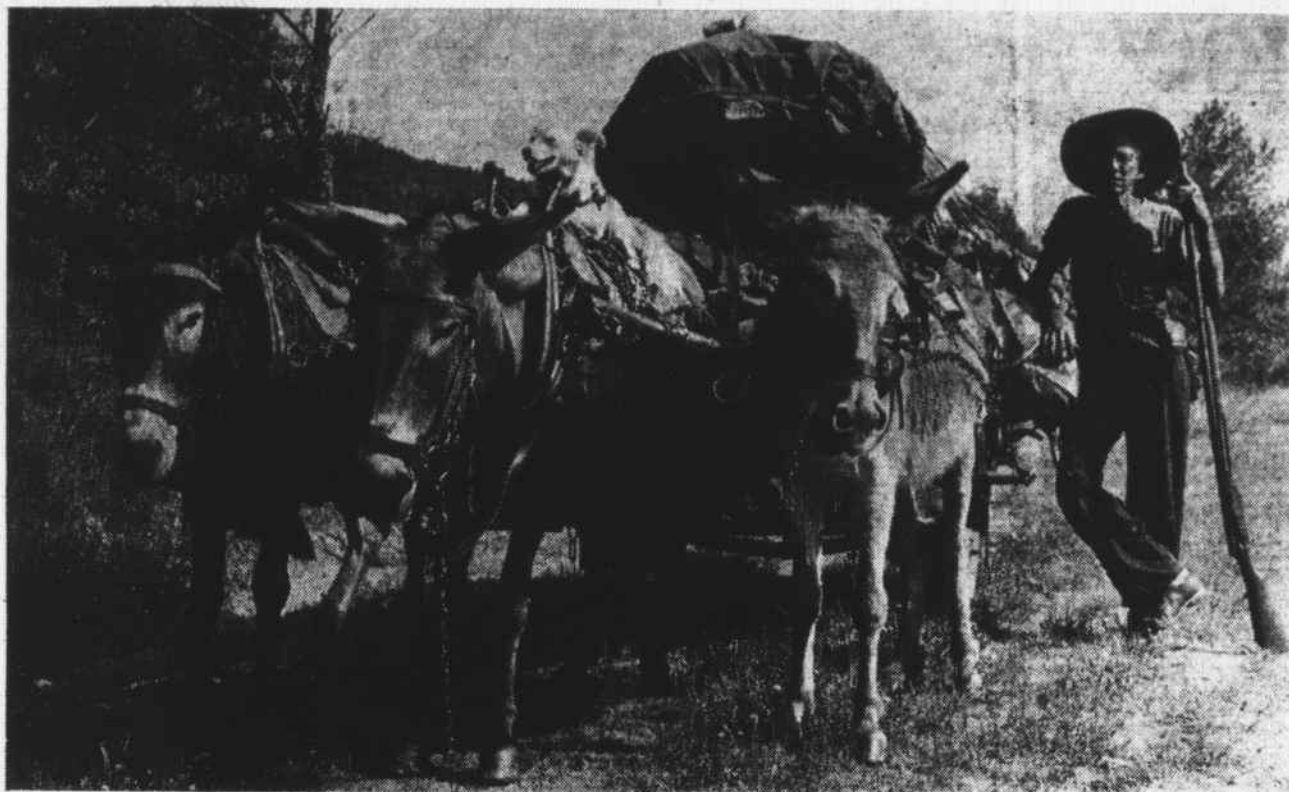
COWEE RUBY Mines got another good plug recently in the Charlotte Observer. The newspaper ran a feature story about a Charlotte amateur gem cutter who "spends his vacations near Franklin at the Mason and Holbrook mines." Thanks to former Press reporter Rolfe Neill for the clipping and also for his own recent story about Cowee Ruby Mines in the Observer.

EMORY HUNNICUTT, a former Franklinite, writes from Asheville that "what's going on in the chicken house" on Iola is not a mystery in Buncombe. He said some five months ago he heard from some Asheville people that Mayor Burrell's hen house was going into the furniture business, specializing in small tables. If we really want to locate "the man", he suggests moving our search to the Jacksonville, Fla., area. "Do I come in for a reward in case you find him?" he asks.

MORE BUILDING has been under way at Angel Hospital. The outside coal bin at the back of the old wing has been enclosed. It also houses an emergency power unit in the event the regular power at the hospital fails.

THE FRIENDLY squirrel that ambled into Mrs. McKelvey's seed store last week is the pet of Frank McCall's, it develops. Mr. McCall is a mechanic at Conley Motor and, much in the vein of Mary's Little Lamb, his squirrel follows him to work. The little squirrel goes outside and plays with wild squirrels or curls up in a car and waits until time to go home.

KAY MONTAGUE'S new restaurant building is nearing completion and he and the Mrs. hope to be receiving customers in it before long.



SAME OLD TUNE

A couple of years back it was "The Goat Man". Saturday, another traveler, "The Donkey Man" (above) arrived in town and identified himself as Orville Ewing, a landscape artist who gave up painting because he was allergic to the paints. He was mobbed by the curious (left picture).

His companions include three donkeys pulling his wagon, which was piled high with junk from the shoulders of highways over the country, a baby goat, a dog, and a rooster and hen. They all hitched rides on the donkeys. A nanny goat rode rear guard on the caravan from a platform at the back of the wagon.

"The Donkey Man" spent the week end behind the Indian Mound, washing out his dainties.

Monday morning he pushed on again with Cherokee as his next big stop. (Staff Photos)

BUECK CONFERS DIPLOMAS — Franklin High Graduates 105

Supt. H. Bueck conferred diplomas on 105 Franklin High seniors at commencement exercises Monday night in the gymnasium. The valedictory address was given by Miss Joann Burrell. Miss Shirley Henson gave the salutatory address and Mrs. Geneva H. Shuler, another salutatorian, spoke on "Our Responsibilities". The Rev. R. R. Standley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the seniors and their guests Sunday night in the gymnasium.

At both functions, the high school choral group presented special numbers. Music for both was under the direction of Mrs. H. W. Cabe and Mrs. Margaret Flanagan.

Award Winners
Principal C. I. Olsen made the presentation of awards. The

Members of the graduating class, who were introduced by See No. 1, Page Ten

Highlands To Graduate Class Friday

Commencement exercises are scheduled tomorrow (Friday) night for the 1958 graduating class of Highlands High School. Slated to begin at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium-gymnasium, the program will feature an address by the Rev. Eugene Little, pastor of the Highlands Methodist Church.

The Rev. Carl R. McCain delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the 11 graduating seniors Sunday night.

Members of the graduating class are Ella Cabe, Jo Anne Dendy, Barbara Wilson, Christine McCall, Linda Caloway, Sammie Houston, Shirley Johnson, Mavis Johnson, Emma Jane Talley, Joe Talley, and Jack Patterson.

Leagues Open Play Saturday

Little League and Babe Ruth play moves into the first half of the summer season Saturday afternoon at the East Franklin diamond.

Opening day clashes are scheduled between the Babe Ruth Yardbards and Rexallites and the Little League Wildcats and Thunderbirds. The Babe Ruth teams will face off the double-header at 3 o'clock.

JUNE 2: LL—Jay-Cs vs. Reds; B—Cardinals vs. Corvettes.
JUNE 4: BL—Rexallites vs. Yardbirds; BL—Corvettes vs. Cardinals.

Franklin Wins Another Round To Keep Bus

Franklin has won another round in its bus service "war" with Smoky Mountain Stages.

In an unannounced move Queen City Trailways, which owns the line, planned to eliminate Franklin's 5:50 a. m. bus to Asheville. This action would have meant that bus patrons would have been unable to go to Asheville and return home inside of 24 hours. The only bus to Asheville would have departed here at 11:15 a. m. and the only return schedule would have been 11:15 a. m., the following day.

However, D. D. Davis, of Webster, district representative for the State Utilities Commission, got wind of the proposed schedule change and Monday requested that it be cancelled.

In fact, Mr. Davis's recommendations to the Raleigh office means Franklin's morning bus in the future will leave at a more reasonable hour—at 6:40 instead of 5:50. A bus also will return from Asheville daily at 8:15 p. m.

The busses operating between here and Asheville will make connections in Cherokee.

Last year, Franklinites managed to stave off other service cancellations by the bus company at a special hearing called by the Utilities Commission in Asheville.

Businessmen Invited To Tourist Meet

All local businessmen who meet tourists are invited to meet tonight (Thursday) with H. Bueck, president of the W. N. C. Associated Communities, and Dr. G. R. McSweeney, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, for a special briefing on the coming Travel Host School for the western area in Waynesville.

Tonight's session, with Mr. Bueck in charge, is set for 8 o'clock at Slagle Memorial Building. Mr. Bueck attended a Travel Host School in Asheville last week and is familiar with the objectives of the special program being sponsored by the

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TIME IS CHANGED

The time has been changed to 7:30 for the investiture service of Brownie Scout Troop 5 tonight (Thursday) at St. Agnes Episcopal Church. The service had previously been announced for 8 o'clock.

TO SELL POPPIES

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell poppies in town Saturday.

Republican Slate Expected To Produce Heavy Balloting

Macon Democrats and Republicans have "primary" on their minds this week as the Saturday election approaches.

A heavy vote is expected county-wide since this will be the first time in several years the Republican party has entered a primary slate of candidates.

Polls open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Each voter, after declaring party affiliation, will receive two ballots (see reproductions of sample ballots inside this issue).

On the county Democrat ticket, there are four contests, while the Republican ballot lists two.

Two-Way Fight

A two-way fight is on between Democrats George B. Patton and Thad D. Bryson, Jr., for Superior Court Judge of the 30th Judicial District. Mr. Bryson is presently solicitor of the district, and Mr. Patton resigned recently as attorney general of the state to make the race.

Local V.F.W. Leaders Get District Jobs

Two members of the local V.F.W. post and auxiliary, Zeb Meadows and Mrs. John G. Murray, Sunday were named to district offices at a meeting of the 17th V.F.W. District in Hayesville.

Mr. Meadows, a former local commander, was elected junior vice-commander of the district. Immediate past president of the local auxiliary, Mrs. Murray, was named junior vice-president of the district.

Mrs. Murray also received a "Citation of Merit" as auxiliary "President of the Year" in the 17th district. She competed with five other presidents for the honor.

In addition to Mr. Meadows and Mrs. Murray, others from here attending the meeting were Mr. Murray, Commander L. B. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCollum, Mrs. Howard Barnard, Miss Elizabeth Meadows, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr., and Miss Winnie Bates.

Burnette President Of Legion

The Rev. R. D. Burnette has been elected commander of the local American Legion Post for 1958-59.

Named to serve with him at an election Wednesday night of last week were Bill Horsley, vice-commander; E. G. Crawford, adjutant; Lon Dalton, finance officer; Fred Corbin, chaplain; Adolph Zoellner, sergeant-at-arms; Van Frazier, historian; and John Crawford, service officer.

An installation of the new officers is scheduled for June 18.

Mr. Horsley is the retiring commander.

ASBURY SINGING

A singing will be held at the Asbury Methodist Church Sunday, beginning at 2:30 p. m. All singers who wish to participate are asked to meet at the church Saturday night at 8 o'clock to practice. The public is invited and a "free will" offering will be taken.

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Democrats must decide between three candidates in the race for the state house of representatives—the incumbent, G. L. Houk, Weimar Jones, and J. M. (Jim) Raby. Three also are seeking the party nomination as sheriff—incumbent J. Harry Thomas, C. D. Baird, and Edwin Wallace. Four are running on the ticket for county commissioner, incumbents Wiley Brown and John W. Roane, Ted Reber, and Glen Robinson. Voters may vote for only two. Incumbent W. E. (Gene) Baldwin is being opposed by C. Woodrow Franklin for chairman of commissioners.

Are Unopposed

Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of superior court, Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, John A. Kusterer, county coroner, Richard H. Slagle, county surveyor, and Erwin Patton, Charles C. Sutton, and George C. Gibson, members of the county board of education, are unopposed on their party's ticket.

Heated Contest

A heated contest is expected for the Democrat nomination as congressman from the 12th Congressional District. Five men are seeking the post, incumbent George A. Shuford, Sanford W. Brown, Beverly M. Middleton, Heinz Rollman, and Arch N. Wallace.

First In Years

In their first primary election in several years, Macon Republicans must choose between J. C. See No. 3, Page Ten

11 Communities Enter Contest

Eleven Macon County organized communities have entered the 1958 W.N.C. Rural Community Development Program, according to Leroy Feagin, president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, area sponsor.

They are Cartoogechaye, Cowee, Cullasaja, Holly Springs, Higdonville, Iola, Patton, Carson, Bethel, Pinegrove, and Otto.

The Macon communities are among 111 in 15 western counties entered in the competition. Now in its ninth year, the program attracted only three the first year.

Tex Ranger Show Scheduled Tonight

The Tex Ranger western-style show will be presented at the Franklin High School ball park tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. This show is being sponsored by the Franklin Lions club and advance tickets may be obtained from the members.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Macon Times, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tader N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Corvett Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., 21st	80	39	.00	
Thursday	80	40	.00	
Friday	86	44	.00	
Saturday	81	59	.00	
Sunday	80	49	.00	
Monday	83	54	.00	
Tuesday	85	60	.00	
Wednesday	85	58	.00	

COWETA				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., 21st	73	38	.00	
Thursday	79	40	.00	
Friday	79	44	.00	
Saturday	84	51	.00	
Sunday	80	51	.00	
Monday	78	48	.00	
Tuesday	83	57	.00	
Wednesday	75	54	.00	

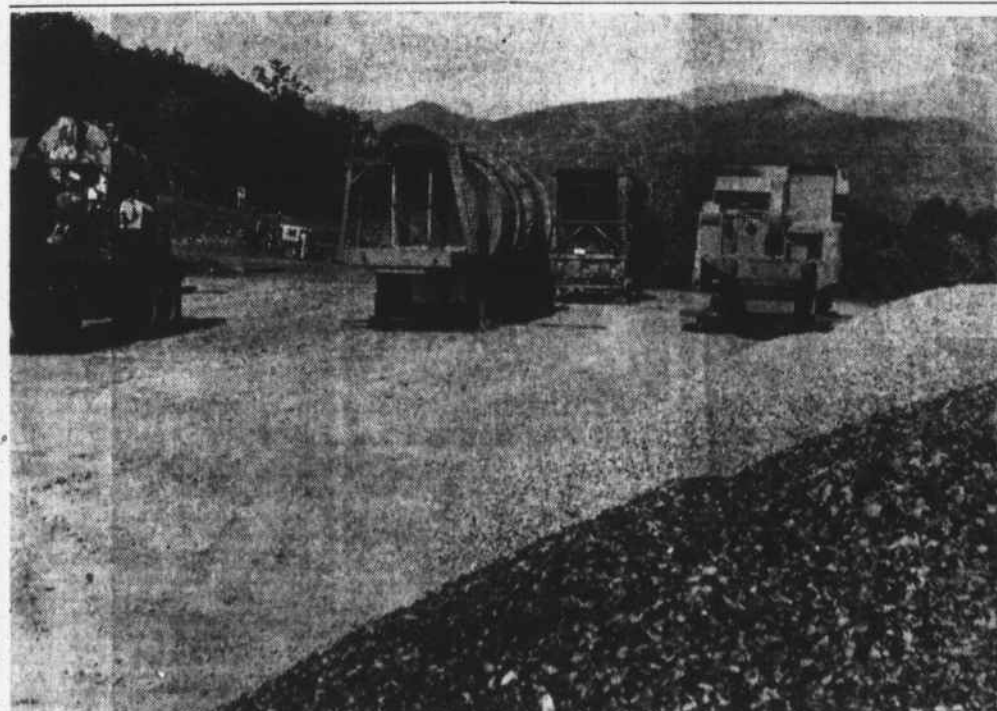
HIGHLANDS				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., 21st	76	40	.00	
Thursday	72	44	.00	
Friday	76	46	.00	
Saturday	74	54	.00	
Sunday	73	53	.00	
Monday	73	58	.00	
Tuesday	70	56	.00	
Wednesday	75	57	.00	

* No Record.



Woodrow Franklin Smooths Playing Field With Town Grader

(Staff Photo)



BIG PAVING JOB ABOUT TO START

Stockpiling of materials for surfacing US 23-41 from Franklin to the Georgia state line is now underway by the Ballinger Paving Company, of Greenville, S. C. Highway officials report the project is the largest of its kind ever let in Western North Carolina. Ballinger's bid was just short of a half million dollars. A five-inch surface will be put down, instead of the customary three, and four-foot shoulders of stone will be built. Pictured above is some of the equipment the company is setting up about mid-way on the job. Paving is expected to begin within the next week. Only short delays will be experienced by motorists and the section will not be closed while the work goes on. (Staff Photo)

Voting Is Your Privilege --- Exercise It This Saturday At The Polls