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ON THE INSIDE —

A HIGHLANDS COUPLE
is making plans to return to
teaching jobs in Alaska. Read
Mrs. Lillian Hirt's story on
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Man With A Wheel

(Staff Photo)

COLE HAS A REASON — Floridian Pushing A Bicycle Wheel

A leathery Florida bachelor has a rather strange idea of how to spend a vacation.

He's pushing a bicycle wheel across some of the most rugged mountain ranges in the Southeast.

But, S. L. Cole considers what he's doing a "sportsman's proposition" and, furthermore, he can't think of a better way to spend his vacations.

What this outdoorsman really is doing is mapping and measuring an alternate Appalachian Trail from Standing Indian to some point between Roan and Grandfather mountains, a distance of some 200 miles of the roughest, toughest walking you ever bargained for.

Special Grips

And that's where the bicycle wheel comes in. It has a speedometer attached and is used to measure distances. He has special hand grips fixed on the wheel so he can push it with a minimum of trouble.

When the alternate trail is

completed next year (Mr. Cole estimates it will take another summer's work) it will have two important bearings on Macon County: (1) Macon will have more miles of hiking trails (150-275 miles) than any other in the East, with the exception of the Smokies; (2) the camp site center of the trail will be Van Hook Glade, between Franklin and Highlands. All trails will lead off from this point.

Hard At Work

A horticulturist for citrus growers in Fort Pierce, Fla., in the past six weeks he has mapped and measured from Standing Indian to Cowee Gap (near Whiteside), including side trails.

This week, with the help of local Boy Scouts, he is painting the trail from Salt Rock to Cowee Gap, a distance of about 24 miles. In addition, they're marking about 25 miles of side

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Four Break-ins Being Probed By Officers

An investigation into break-ins at four places on the Georgia road Wednesday night of last week is being directed by the sheriff's department.

One involved the ransacking of a post office. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said federal agents are investigating. This was at the Parrish Store at Otto, a grocery that also houses the Otto Post Office. The sheriff said a post office inspector said very little was missing. Stolen from the store was a small amount of money and some cigarettes, candy, and meats. A filling station next door, also owned by the Parrish family, was entered and cigarettes, oil, and a little money were taken, the sheriff said.

Two places owned by Gene Bateman also were robbed. One was a store and the other a small concession stand. A small amount of money, meats, candy, and cigarettes were taken from them.

Kinnebrew Gets His Second Ace

W. O. Kinnebrew racked up a hole-in-one Wednesday morning of last week on the Franklin course, the second in his golfing life.

He got his ace on No. 4, a 175-yard hole.

CLERK HAS ATTACK

Franklin Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey suffered a heart attack at his home Sunday night. He is now recovering at Angel Hospital, where his progress yesterday (Wednesday) was reported as good.

PUBLICITY ASSURED — Better Pretty Up Franklin, Florida Flight Is Nearing

Better pretty up, Franklin, because the nation's spotlight will soon be shining on you once again.

It all has to do with the big "fly-in" planned in September by Florida pilots and their families to dig for rubies at Cowee Valley.

Slated for September 19-20-21, this unusual air excursion has been officially designated as "Pilots' Ruby Rendezvous".

Flying in this week from Miami, V. H. Burt, a Macon County summer resident who has been instrumental in promoting the "fly-in", said interest all across Florida is exceeding expectations. He predicted the event will be "just the first of many for Franklin." An estimated 75-100 airplanes, including several twin-engine jobs, are expected here.

Photographer Here

With Mr. Burt this week is Hans Groenhoff, a well-known aviation writer-photographer. Mr. Groenhoff revealed that he has a "definite commitment" for a story and picture layout in the aviation world's most popular magazine, FLYING. With Mr. Burt at the controls, he shot low-level aerial views of Cowee Valley and the ruby mines Sunday.

Getting Ready

Meanwhile, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties are making preparations for the September event.

The chamber president, Dr. G. R. McSweeney, said his organization is now making trans-

portation arrangements to shuttle the visitors back and forth between their motels and the ruby mines.

Also, the Franklin Jaycees plan to sponsor a "Mountain Hoe-down" for the visitors the night of the 20th as a special gesture of welcome. This event will include square dancing and a variety of old mountain contests.

Improvements also are under way at the local airport. Some dirt filling on the main runway has been completed and plans call for the removal of the heavy underbrush between the runway and the Little Tennessee River.

Shooting Will Be Aired Today

A hearing into the shotgun shooting of Joe Jones, 36, of Cartoogechaye, on August 5 by Walter Arnold is scheduled today (Thursday) before Justice of the Peace J. Lee Barnard.

Arnold is charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Jones was hit by shot in the back and the head. He has recovered sufficiently to return to his home from Angel Clinic.

Arnold admitted the shooting, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Guild's Annual Picnic Is Tonight

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Franklin Methodist church will hold its annual "family night" picnic tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 at the Franklin Memorial Park.

Members are advised that if it rains they will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Trade Event Scheduled

Franklin merchants plan to open their annual "Back to School" trade promotion next Thursday, August 21.

It will continue through Saturday, the 30th.

Drawings for a half-dozen bicycles are slated the last day. Shoppers will be able to register for the prizes at any participating store.

FOR GEM SHOW AND FOLK FESTIVAL —

Macon County Had A Lot To Do With Filling City Auditorium In Asheville Last Week

Macon County had a lot to do with filling up City Auditorium in Asheville last week.

In the basement, two exhibits from here were part of the eighth annual International Gem and Mineral Show of the Eastern Federation of Mineral Societies that was viewed by thousands Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

A Franklin gem cutter, Jim Brinkman, operated a commercial exhibit, which included an interest-catching selection of Macon County gems and minerals.

Franklin Chamber of Com-



These Iotla 4-H clubbers Tuesday night were working hard on a crafts exhibit they plan to enter in the county fair next week. They are (L to R) Vickie Penland, Evelyn Tallent, Donna Kaye Sanford, Bobby Plyler, Bill Plyler, Gary Plyler, George Lynch, and Johnny Justice. (Staff Photo)

EVENT OPENS NEXT THURSDAY —

The Question Is: Are You Ready For The County Fair?

It Was Good Week For Stills

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas' department chalked up four still "kills" in the county last week.

Deputy Newell Pendergrass destroyed two small units on the 6th and 8th. The first one he found on Nantahala, near Rainbow Springs bridge. The other was near Lost Bridge, off the Bryson City highway.

Sheriff Thomas disposed of the other two, one as the result of an investigation into another case. When he picked up Everett Welch last week in connection with the theft of a chest from

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ERROR IS NOTED

In last week's account of the Superior Court dispositions, "Fred Corbin" was charged with non-support. The name should have said Fred Gibson. The error is regretted.

Ready for the county fair next week?

No? Then you're in the minority, because farm families, community development organizations, 4-H clubs and many other groups have been hard at work for some time now preparing exhibits for the three-day fair that opens next Thursday morning (August 21) on the grounds at Franklin High School.

A couple of new features have been added this year by the fair planning committee to stimulate attendance, including a chicken barbecue supper at the vocational building at 6:30 on opening night, and local entertainment Thursday and Friday nights in the stadium.

Barbecue Dinner

The barbecue dinner will be supervised by a specialist from N. C. State College. A \$1.25 per plate charge will be made and the proceeds are earmarked for fair premiums.

Join The Fun

Entertainers who participated in the recent annual Macon County Folk Festival are invited to participate in the night pro-

grams. The fun starts at 8 nightly.

As usual, ribbons and cash premiums will be awarded for winning items entered in fair competition.

Set Exhibits

Fair activity will get under way at 2 p. m. Tuesday when community, club, and family exhibits may be set up until 5 o'clock. Wednesday, the gymnasium, where most of the activities will center, will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. for those entering individual exhibits.

Thursday, from 9:30 to noon, judging will be held and the doors will be closed to the public.

Opens At 1

At 1 o'clock, the fair will be open to the people until 10 p. m. Friday's fair hours will be 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. The sheep and swine show is set for 12:30; dairy cattle, 1 p. m.; beef cattle, 2 p. m.; horse and mule, 3 p. m.; poultry judging, 4 p. m. Saturday activities will open at 9 a. m. with a pet show. The fair will close at 3 o'clock. The check-out deadline for exhibits is 4 p. m.

Singing Set At Burningtown

A singing will be held at the Burningtown Baptist Church Saturday night at 7:30. It has been announced.

The Ward Singers, of Canton, will be guests.

The Weather

HIGHLANDS
The week's temperatures and rainfall here are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrology Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 5 a. m. of the day listed.

	High-Low-Rain		
	High	Low	Rain
FRANKLIN			
Wed., 6th	85	64	.00
Thursday	84	65	.00
Friday	83	63	.24
Saturday	89	64	.06
Sunday	89	65	.00
Monday	90	63	.00
Tuesday	82	65	.00
Wednesday	86	66	trace
COWETA			
Wed., 6th	86	61	.00
Thursday	83	61	.04
Friday	80	56	.28
Saturday	85	56	.20
Sunday	83	57	1.15
Monday	87	59	trace
Tuesday	88	62	.15
Wednesday	83	65	.84
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., 6th	78	63	.00
Thursday	78	62	.00
Friday	85	56	.00
Saturday	85	60	.00
Sunday	85	60	.00
Monday	80	62	.00
Tuesday	78	60	.00
Wednesday	85	65	.00

No record



SIGNING UP TO PLAY

Football practice got under way Monday at Franklin High with some 55 boys reporting out. Principal C. K. (Ike) Olson (seated) and Coach Dick Stott are shown registering Doug Pearson, a veteran of last year's Panther squad. (Staff Photo)

BAPTISTS HOLD 55TH SESSION HERE —

Rhinehart Elected Moderator

At their close of their 55th annual session Friday afternoon, members of the Macon Baptist Association elected the Rev. Clyde Rhinehart as moderator.

Pastor of the Cowee church, Mr. Rhinehart succeeds the Rev. L. Eugene Walter, Highlands pastor, who is leaving soon to accept a call to another church.

400 Attend

An estimated 400 Baptists attended the two-day session at the Liberty, Well's Grove, and Prentiss churches. Featured were local and state reports on Baptist activities.

The annual election of officers marked the closing of the session at Prentiss church. Elected, in

Committee Reports

Committee reports on enrollment and statistics revealed the following: 39 of the 42 churches in the association reported 270 additions, 143 by baptism and 127 by letter; total membership, 6,748; Sunday school enrollment, 4,431; vacation Bible school enrollment, 1,255; Training Union enrollment, 1,315; W.M.U. enrollment, 518; Brotherhood enrollment, 281; local expenses, \$130,190; total gifts, \$141,491; mission gifts, \$13,197; amount paid pastors, \$42,268.

Hagler Preaches

Highlighting opening day activities, which centered at the Liberty church, was a message by the Rev. Ottis Hagler, associate in the promotion department of the State Baptist Convention. Also, he Rev. Doyle Miller, pastor at Holly Springs, delivered the annual sermon.

The night session, held at Well's Grove, featured an address on evangelism by the Rev. Clay Barnes, of Hendersonville.

Stroud Reports

Joseph Stroud, secretary of the state music department, Raleigh, appeared on the program during the second day at Prentiss church.

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J. C. Jacobs (left) and the Rev. Clyde Rhinehart are vice-moderator and moderator, respectively, of the Macon Baptist Association, the county's largest church group. Their election featured the closing session of the association's 55th annual meeting Friday. A picture of the other officers may be found on the front page of the second section. (Staff Photo)

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VISIT THE FAMOUS
COWEE RUBY MINES
FRANKLIN, N. C.
"Hundreds of Minerals and Gems"
ROCKHOUNDS' PARADISE!

Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, executive secretary of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, is shown handing out promotional literature at the chamber's promotional exhibit set up last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the international gems and mineral show in Asheville. (Staff Photo)