



MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

A DRAWING was held at the Macon County Fair for Bibles, given by the Catholics. They were won by Kathy Price and Mrs. Jessie Cabe, of Franklin, and Teresa Edwards, of Tampa, Fla.

THERE'S TALK that a Waynesville man will soon build a drive-in in East Franklin in one of the junk yards.

THIS NEW trail club they've organized for the alternate Appalachian Trail would give a lot of fellows with the middle-age spread the opportunity to walk off some of the lard.

VANDALS continue to hack away at the equipment at the Franklin Memorial Park, making the job of maintaining the park even more of a problem. A bench has been smashed for apparently no reason and an overload of riders has collapsed the slide. Look, like kids would have sense enough to know they're ruining their chances of getting more equipment.

SHOES FOR needy school children, that's a pet project of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club. While the club does not solicit funds, choosing instead to raise it with other projects, it will appreciate any gifts. Winter is near at hand and there are lots of children who'll be needing shoes to stay in school.

KAYS GARY, columnist of the Charlotte Observer, put in a plug for the coming ruby-digging "fly-in" last week in one of his columns. Our thanks to Kays for this helpful gesture.

A SOW belonging to Oscar Ledford has so many little "uns a couple of weeks back she didn't have enough "faucets" to go around. So, Oscar gave 'em away down to the point where the mama could accommodate the bunch.

ANY VOLUNTEERS who would like to help out with the ruby-digging "fly-in" the 19th, 20th, and 21st of this month? It's going to take a lot of doing and they're plenty of jobs for anyone wanting to give a hand. Contact Dr. G. R. McSweeney, president of the chamber of commerce.

YOU FELLOWS who don't think it's a woman's world are hereby directed to the births the past week at Angel Hospital: Four girls and no boys. The week before, it was two pairs of blue booties and two pinks.

FASHION WISE, they say sack dresses are done for. But, apparently the gals around here can't read, or just don't care, because more and more are being seen along the Main Stem.

MEMBERS of the Macon County Search and Rescue Squad ordered special coveralls Tuesday night so they can be easily identified in an emergency.

OUR AREA college, Western Carolina, this year is facing the biggest housing problem in its history, according to the president, Dr. Paul A. Reid. They're even installing double-decker bunks to take care of the influx of on-campus students.

THE NEW Phillips 66 bulk plant back of Manson Stiles' station is now in use. Looks good, too, all painted up!

UNDER CIVIL Defense, Macon County will care for 25,000 evacuees from Tennessee. That's nearly double the county's population. There sure will be a lot of mica holes filled with people if war comes.

DID YOU see that Carolina Moon peep up over the mountain Tuesday night, looking for all the world like a mushrooming forest fire?

FRANKLIN's biggest single problem is parking. Anyone who doubts this should try to locate a space in the Saturday traffic.

Little League Picnic Location Has Been Changed

Site of the Little League covered dish picnic Saturday night at 5:30 has been changed to the Franklin Memorial Park.

It previously had been announced for Arrowood Glade.

Following the meal, the championship trophy will be presented to the Jaybirds, the top team in the league this season.

Back-To-School Party And Dance Being Sponsored

A back-to-school party and dance, honoring college students, will be held at the Slagle Memorial Building Saturday night, September 5, from 8 to 12 o'clock.

Women of the Franklin Methodist Church are giving the party and all college and high school students are invited to attend.



Mother Pins Eagle Badge On Son

(Staff Photo)

OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED — McKelvey Is Given Eagle Scout Rank

Boy Scouting's highest rank, Eagle, was bestowed upon 17-year-old Gary McKelvey Saturday night at a court of honor at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Making the presentation of the coveted award was Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., Scoutmaster of Gary's troop, 221. The Scout's mother, Mrs. R. E. McKelvey, pinned the Eagle badge on her son. She also received a miniature Eagle pin from Gary in appreciation of her efforts in helping him attain the high honor.

State Bound

A 1958 graduate of Franklin High School, where he lettered in sports and was active in student affairs, Gary plans to enter N. C. State College this fall. His family recently moved to Raleigh when his father resigned as vice-president of the Western Carolina Telephone Company here to accept a job with the State Utilities Commission.

Other Awards

A number of other ranks were awarded Boy Scouts.

Bobby Womack, Troop 202, received Tenderfoot rank from James L. Hauser.

Doug Slagle presented Second Class badges to Johnny Pohlenz, Troop 221; Charles E. Ledbetter, James R. Vinson, Charles R. Waldrup, and Steve Cabe, Troop 206 (Carson); and Billy Jamison and Alexander Grant, Troop 202.

Bobb Swan made First Class rank awards to Larry Burch and William L. Garner, Troop 205.

Star Ranks

Three Boy Scouts were awarded

Enloe Is Given New ASC Area

J. H. Enloe, Jr., district Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation field representative for a number of years, has been reassigned to District 8, which is made up of Alexander, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.

Mr. Enloe, a native of this county, assumed his new assignment this week.

Succeeding him in this district is B. R. Farmer, of Newland. This area is made up of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Macon, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, and Jackson counties.

Bond Sales 74.5% Of '58 Quota

At the end of July, Macon County had reached 74.5 per cent of its 1958 Savings Bonds quota, according to a report made this week by the county chairman, H. W. Cabe.

July sales of \$25,903.25 pushed cumulative sales for the year to \$142,361.24. Mr. Cabe reported. The quota is \$191,100.

Last year, Macon County was one of but a few in the state topping its quota.

State-wide sales were up 2.4 per cent for the January-July period, as compared with 1957.

ed Star ranks. They are Benny Swafford and Arthur Hays, Troop 202 and Michael Coates, Troop 221. Mr. Hauser made the presentations.

The Rev. Donn Langfitt gave merit badges to the following: Arthur Hays, Reading; Thomas Crawford, Scholarship, Public Health; Benny Swafford, Citizenship in the Home, Home Repairs; Donald Fisher, Public Speaking; John Crawford, Swimming, Camping, Safety, Firemanship, Public Health, Personal Fitness; Gary McKelvey, Nature, Public Health, Citizenship in the Home, Safety, Camping, Life Saving; John Cooper, Painting; Ronnie Bolton, Art, Dog Care, Animals Industry, Corn Farming.

A. S. C. Election Planning Starts

Planning is now under way for the October 2 election of county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (A.S.C.) committee.

A county elections board, which is composed of the heads of the county extension service agencies, will select community elections board's and also a board to pick polling places. The community boards in turn will meet and name a slate of 10 nominees in their community as candidates for community committee.

BRADLEY REUNION

The annual Bradley family reunion will be held Sunday, September 14, at the home of Howard Bradley on the Coweta Hydrological Laboratory Road. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

SCORE IS 12 TO 7 FRIDAY NIGHT —

Panthers Lose '58 Opener To Andrews

Franklin High's Panthers opened their 1958 season in the local stadium Friday night by bowing 12 to 7 to a favored Andrews eleven in a conference scrap.

Saturday morning quarter-backs, although somewhat disappointed at the loss, appeared pleased with Coach Dick Stott's boys and are predicting a steady improvement on the part of the squad as it gains more experience.

Loses Steam



LABOR DAY TURNS FAUCET — Macon County's Top Tourist Year Over

Macon County's best tourist season in history has slowed to a trickle.

Cutting the heavy flow of visitors from the faucet of "Rubies, Recreation, and Rest" was Labor Day, the official "undertaker" for the tourist season.

However, not too far up the line are two brief, but promising "floods" being anticipated by officials of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

One is the ruby-digging "fly-in" scheduled September 19-20-21 by a large number of pilots and their families from Florida, particularly the Miami area.

The other is the lure of fall colors in the mountains, a change which invariably charms thousands of visitors into visiting, or re-visiting Western North Carolina. And Macon County, sitting smack-dab in the middle of the beautiful Nantahala National Forest, is capable of dishing up some of the most spectacular colors ever seen. Fall colors are expected to reach their peak in early October.

Doubles 1957

Indications are that 1958

doubled the prior year tourist-wise. A good index to the number of visitors is the registration book at the information booth operated in Franklin by the chamber of commerce. A check of the book Monday showed that more than 1,000 persons had registered, a figure more than double the '57 registrations. The book, of course, indicates only a trend, since just a handful of visitors make their way to the booth to seek information. And all of them do not register, according to Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, executive secretary.

Most States

About every state in the union was represented in the registration book and at least three gave foreign addresses — England, New Amsterdam, and Canada.

August proved to be Macon's best month for tourists, Mrs. Horsley reported, and the No. 1 attraction was digging for rubies in Cowee Valley.

The executive secretary said most of the persons coming to the information booth sought information about the ruby mines.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED —

Franklin Churches Schedule Religious Canvass Sept. 21

A town-wide religious canvass has been scheduled for September 21 by the Franklin Ministerial Association.

Volunteer workers from each church in Franklin plan to meet the 14th in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church for a briefing and supper at 5:30.

The Rev. Donn Langfitt, Presbyterian pastor, said about 200

volunteers will be needed to conduct the survey between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. This would give each worker about eight houses to cover, he explained. All houses within a radius of a mile and a half of the town limits will be included.

Persons wanting to volunteer should get in touch with their ministers.

WASILIK IS PRESIDENT —

Trail Club For Alternate Appalachian Trail Formed

A trail club to oversee maintenance of the proposed alternate Appalachian Trail through this area was organized in Franklin last Thursday night.

John Wasilik, a well-known retired forest service employee, was named as temporary president. Norman Blaine is secretary.

Another meeting of the club is set for tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Presbyterian church. All interested persons are invited. As a feature of the meeting, S. L. Cole, the Floridian who is mapping the alternate trail, will show slides.

The organizational meeting was held last week in conjunction with the regular meeting of Troop 221. Boy Scouts of America, headed by Dr. J. L. Hill.

In line with the organization of the trail club, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce has appointed a special committee to work with Mr. Cole for the adoption of the alternate trail by the Appalachian Trail Conference. On the committee are, Mr. Blaine, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Mr. Wasilik, and Miss Olive Patton.



A WORD TO THE WISE FROM THE UNDERTAKER

This display, sponsored jointly by the highway patrol and Bryant Funeral Home, graphically illustrated the penalty for careless driving over the Labor Day week end. It was erected at the intersection of US 64 and US 23-441 in East Franklin. The display apparently helped make motorists safety conscious. Patrolmen reported no mishaps in this county for the holiday.

(Staff Photo)

All's Well In School System, Bueck Reports

After opening Wednesday of last week, Macon County's schools are operating "very smoothly", according to Supt. H. Bueck.

Highlands, which delayed its opening until after Labor Day, joined the rest yesterday (Wednesday).

The first few days were spent ironing out some minor problems, including lack of classroom space, the superintendent said. Some children at Franklin Elementary have been moved to the physical education classrooms in the high school gymnasium and two high school physical education classes are meeting in the main gymnasium.

Mr. Bueck said most of the elementary schools are using split-grades to some extent.

Today, the Macon superintendent is in Raleigh with a group of superintendents for a special meeting with the State Board of Education concerning teacher pay.

TALLEN REUNION

The Tallent reunion will be held at the home of George H. Tallent, near the Windy Gap Church, Sunday, September 7. All relatives and friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch.

MERCHANTS REPORT SHOWS — Sales Here Rise Million And Half

Gross retail sales in Macon County for the fiscal year ending June 30 topped the previous year by nearly a million and a half dollars.

A report just released by the N. C. Merchants Association, based on sales and use tax collections, shows that the county's gross retail sales for July 1, 1957, to June 30, 1958, rose to \$11,416,243. This compares with \$9,926,561 for the prior fiscal year.

Gross collections for the year came to \$164,091.95. In total collections state-wide, a net decrease of 46 per cent was recorded, indicating the general tightening of the consumer belt.

50 PER CENT INCREASE — Social Security Payments About \$371,000 In Macon

Old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits are being paid in Macon County at the rate of about \$371,000 per year, according to Douglas H. Butler, field representative of the Asheville Social Security office.

Mr. Butler serves Macon County and makes periodic visits to Franklin.

Mr. Butler said, "This is an increase of more than 50 per cent over 1955, the first year in which self-employed farmers were covered by the Social Security Act." He indicated that

the greater portion of this increase in the past two years has been due to Macon County farmers and their families who have become entitled to Social Security benefits during this period. The number of beneficiaries in Macon County has increased from 463 in 1955, to 558 in 1957. This is an increase of approximately 85 per cent.

Only Increase

"Our studies have shown that many of these aged people, widows, and orphans have little or no other resources," he pointed out. "For something like 99 per cent, Social Security benefits, received as an earned right, are the only cash income."

Mr. Butler stressed that while the benefits are intended primarily as basis for individual economic security, the payment of Social Security benefits at the rate of almost \$371,000 a year in Macon County helps

The Weather

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 27th	85	54	.00
Thursday	83	55	.00
Friday	87	55	.00
Saturday	89	59	.00
Sunday	86	60	.00
Monday	83	44	.00
Tuesday	80	49	.00
Wednesday	80	49	.00

COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 27th	79	59	.10
Thursday	83	49	.00
Friday	81	50	.00
Saturday	83	52	.01
Sunday	86	56	.00
Monday	85	55	.00
Tuesday	82	43	.00
Wednesday	80	49	.00

HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 27th	75	58	.
Thursday	82	58	.
Friday	84	50	.
Saturday	82	52	.
Sunday	82	52	.
Monday	83	56	.
Tuesday	80	45	.
Wednesday	80	.	.

* no record

NOW YOU BOYS SEE THAT?

Coach Dick Stott (left picture) points to some action in Friday night's opener here with Andrews. Note the intense expressions on the faces of the Panthers. The two players above are providing the action. Both tried unsuccessfully to lay hands on a pass. The ball is between them. (Staff Photo)

Maconians Take In Hot Races In Darlington

A large number of Maconians braved the 90-plus heat Labor Day for the Southern 500 in Darlington, S. C.

Taking in the auto races were Bob Moore, Charles Conley, Sr., Charles Conley, Jr., Jimmy Conley, Bill Gregory, Bob Phillips, Harley Moore Stewart, Zeb Meadows, Carl Green, Jack Gribble, Ralph Henson, Clyde Sanders, Bob Sanders, Jim Wurst, Frank L. Henry, Jr., Clyde Pennington, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huscus, son.

"Fireball" Roberts, one of two favored to win the race, averaged 102.59 m.p.h. in a Chevrolet to take top money.

Babe Ruth Officers Will Be Elected

An election of officers will feature a meeting of the Babe Ruth League Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at East Franklin School.

All parents of Babe Ruth players and interested persons are urged to turn out for the meeting.

CORBIN REUNION

The annual Corbin reunion is set for September 21 at the home of Dewey Corbin in the Holly Springs community. Mr. Corbin is president of the clan.