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OFF TO SCHOOL

Macon County students have joined the back-to-school migration once again. For their names and where they've enrolled, turn to Page 3.



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They Flew To Franklin To . . .



Dig For Rubies At Cowee . . .

FLY-IN TERMED 'SMASH SUCCESS' — Rain Didn't Wet Spirit Of Ruby-Digging Visitors

Rain added another "R" to Franklin's "rubies, rest, and recreation" slogan last week end for the unusual "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous".

However, this uninvited "R" failed to dampen the spirit of the aerial ruby-digging jaunt for some 74 pilots and their families and the fly-in was described as a "smash success" by the sponsoring Florida Air Pilots Association and local chamber of commerce officials.

The week end stacked up this way, by the "R's":

RUBIES: That was what they came flying in for last Friday and they got 'em—nothing extraordinary, but everyone was shaking "ruby banks" filled with rubies and sapphires after a day's

digging at Gibson's Ruby Mine in famous Cowee Valley. How'd they like it? Even with the aches and pains of digging and stooping in the creek bed to wash ruby-bearing gravel, most said they'd "adopted" this country and would be back. At least two made immediate plans to purchase summer homes here and several others will be flying back before long for a look at the fall color.

REST: They didn't get much of this ingredient, what with a full agenda on tap from the moment they landed Friday until they left Sunday and Monday.

RECREATION: Ah! Now here's a point for elaboration! Things got off to a good start Friday night at the Franklin Lodge at

a get-acquainted party sponsored by the chamber of commerce. Ruby mine owner Carrol Gibson was on hand with uncut and cut gems to show and he also gave some tips on how to spot rubies and sapphires in the valley's gravel bed. Saturday night, rain drowned out the "Mountain Hoe-down" for the visitors on the west side of the courthouse. However, the spirit was rekindled and dried out and the show went on anyway—the "Miss Ruby Fly-in"

MORE PICTURES
A full-page layout of pictures on the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" may be found on the front page of the second section of this issue.

beauty contest was staged in the upstairs lobby of the Nantahala Building to a packed house. Meanwhile, as the contest took place, Jaycees and members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club regrouped their washed out activities and set up temporary quarters for the remainder of the evening in Slagle Memorial Building. Here, with some modifications brought on by a change in plans, contests were continued, the famous S moky Mountain Cloggers danced, the Carson Square Dancers displayed their improved brand of square dancing, and there was buck dancing and square dancing. Music was provided by E. J. Carpenter, Kenneth Holland, Hunter Young, Jay Dowdle, and Frank Ammons.

RAIN: The stuff that rained out the "Mountain Hoe-down" delayed the Sunday departure for about half of the 21 airplanes on the field. As the weather broke in early afternoon, eight or nine of those heading for Florida made for the lowlands. The rest decided to stay another night in Franklin. Monday, the weather improved and one by one the airplanes departed. Mayor W. C. Burrell, who greeted practically every arrival Friday, was present to see most of them off and to invite them back. The last to leave were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, who heard about "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" way up in Indiana and flew down to join the fun.

Queen Is Crowned
Forty girls competed in the beauty contest for the "Miss Ruby Fly-in" title.

Winner was Miss Jean Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hampton, of Iotla, who was sponsored by DeSoto Trail Restaurant. The pert and pretty burnette was crowned by V. H. Burt, of Miami, the man who planned the unusual fly-in while at his summer place here this summer. He

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Club Women Plan 'Day' Next Week

Event Set For
Carson Community;
150 Are Expected

More than 150 club women and guests are expected to attend the annual demonstration "Achievement Day" next Tuesday at the Carson Chapel Church and Carson Community Center.

Mrs. Lawrence Patton, chairman, Mrs. J. S. Gray, and Miss Sally Kesler, members of the program committee, are busy with final plans for the event.

Highlight of the morning session will be the appearance of Mrs. Ralph Proffitt, past president of the North Carolina Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, who was a delegate to the Associated Country Women of the World Conference held in Ceylon last year. Mrs. Proffitt will show slides of her trip to Ceylon, the Holy Land, and other places of interest.

"The gavel" will be awarded to the club having the highest points on the club achievement score sheets. Secretaries of the 20 clubs are busy making reports and counting points in preparation for "Achievement Day".

The "Club Woman of the Year" is being selected by a panel of judges from the nominees from each of the 20 clubs. The winner will be chosen from a write-up of her club and community activities. Club members who have been nominated are Mrs. Ella Peek, Walnut Creek Club; Mrs. Eugene Couch, Union-View; Mrs. Earl Smart, Clark's Chapel; Mrs. Leona Sadler, Cullasaja; Mrs. Ed Coates, Franklin; Mrs. James P. Cunningham, Carson; Mrs. Stanley Penland, Iotla; Mrs. Harley Stewart, Patton; Miss Callie Deal, Holly Springs; Mrs. Fannie Stiles, Hickory Knoll; Mrs. Neville Bryson, Highlands; Mrs. Edward Crawford, Ridgecrest; Mrs. Harry Moses, Higdonville; Mrs. Harley Carpenter, Mulberry; Mrs. J. M. Maddox, Cartoogechaye; and Mrs. J. B. Brendle, Watauga. Candidates from the Olive Hill-Oak Dale Club, Cartoogechaye, Nantahala, and Cowee will be selected this week.

The morning meeting will begin at 10 o'clock at the Carson Chapel church. Lunch will be served at the community center. The afternoon session will feature craft demonstrations. Mrs. Curt Wilson, of the Highlands club, will demonstrate the making of dried pine cone wreaths; Mrs. Neville Bryson, also of Highlands, glass etching; Mrs. Harley Carpenter, of Mulberry, making honeysuckle baskets. Others from the Hickory Knoll and Franklin clubs will instruct chair bottoming and the making of wrought iron table mats and felt pictures.

The Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, and Catholic churches of Franklin and the Franklin Junior Woman's Club are sponsoring the "Fellowship Hour".



'WHITE CANE' DRIVE IS UNDER WAY

Members of the Franklin Lions Club kicked off their annual "White Cane" drive for the blind Monday night and are continuing collections this week. About \$250 was given by Franklinites in Monday's canvass. Shown receiving a donation from Gene Southard and his son, Edwin, are Lions (L to R) J. C. Crisp, Roy Cunningham, and Prelo Dryman, drive chairman.

(Staff Photo)

Fellowship Hour For Old Folks Set October 5

Macon County's annual "Fellowship Hour" honoring the older people of the county is set for October 5 at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

The program will start at 2 o'clock and an invitation is extended to Maconians of all ages to attend and help make the occasion the success it has been in past years. Prizes will be awarded the oldest man and the oldest woman; the man and the woman with the most grandchildren; the person traveling the greatest distance; the one with the most children; and the couple married the longest. A gift also will be presented to the best pianist among the young-in-heart.

Transportation for the old folks in the Franklin area is being arranged by Gus Baldwin. Persons wanting to attend from the rural areas may get in touch with their pastors.

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LANGFITT IS CHAIRMAN — Citizens Organize For United Fund

A United Fund organization has been formed in Franklin under the chairmanship of the Rev. Donn Langfitt.

Details of how the group plans to conduct its fund-raising campaign are now being worked out. Invitations also are being mailed out this week, inviting local fund-raising agencies to participate in the program.

Under the United Fund program, only one fund-raising campaign will be held in the community each year, instead of the many individual ones. Each participating agency will receive a percentage share of the amount raised, based on the amount of its past collections as an independent.

Although it is only a tentative figure, Mr. Langfitt said United Fund hopes to raise \$22,000 for the coming year.

Officers elected last week at an organization meeting to serve with Mr. Langfitt are Bob S. Sloan, secretary, and W. W. (Bill) Sloan, treasurer.

Members of the United Fund board of directors are Charles Ledbetter, Verlon Swafford, Frank B. Duncan, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, H. W. Cabe, W. C. Burrell, John M. Archer, Jr., Stephen A. Bundy, Earl Adams, Bruce Bryant, and Norman Blaine.

NUMBERS UP YET? New Mail Delivery Routes For Franklin Are Listed

Routes to be covered by walking and riding carriers when city mail delivery starts in Franklin October 18 have been announced by Postmaster Zeb Meadows.

Two new carriers will be added to the post office staff, one who will deliver on foot and the other by truck.

In announcing the routes, Mr. Meadows emphasized once again the importance of residents displaying house numbers. Those to be served by the walking carrier must have numbers and boxes on their homes, while those receiving truck delivery should have rural-type mail boxes at the curb line with numbers. The walking mailman will cover

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The Weather

FRANKLIN		High	Low	Rain
Wed., 17th		84	60	.00
Thursday		84	63	.00
Friday		80	42	.00
Saturday		74	50	.00
Sunday		73	62	1.08
Monday		66	63	.16
Tuesday		60	58	.00
Wednesday		54	50	.00
COWETA		High	Low	Rain
Wed., 17		85	57	.00
Thursday		82	62	.03
Friday		81	37	.00
Saturday		77	49	.02
Sunday		67	62	1.63
Monday		72	57	.01
Tuesday		81	53	.00
Wednesday		78	53	.00

County Reaches 82.3% Of Bond Quota In August

With four months of 1958 still to go, Macon County has 82.3 per cent of its Savings Bonds quota of \$191,100, according to H. W. Cabe, county chairman.

For the period January-August, the county's cumulative sales came to \$157,294.09.

August sales of Series E and H bonds here came to \$14,932.85, the chairman reported.

'59 License Tags On Hand

Although they won't go on sale until January 1, Macon County's 1959 state license plates have been received by the local branch office of Carolina Motor Club.

Black with yellow letters and numerals (reverse of this year's), the plates for this area have an issue of CL 601 to CL 4100, for autos, and 7801 SK to 9300 SK and 3201 RA to 3500 RA, for trucks.

Verlon Swafford, manager, said renewals of license will not require an FS-1 form. However, new cars and transfers will.

Through Saturday, 4,945 '58 tags had been sold through the C.M.C. office, a figure about 110 below last year.

Shopes To Gather Sunday At Home Of Grover Bradley

The annual Shope reunion will be held Sunday at "Happin So", the home of Grover Bradley in the Betty's Creek section.

All friends and relatives are invited and urged to attend the gathering.

YOUTH CENTER OPEN

The Cartoogechaye Youth Center is now open each Friday and Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., it has been announced. The center is on the Wayah Road.

FROM 2 TO 4 O'CLOCK — Franklin Religious Canvass Scheduled Sunday Afternoon

Franklin's religious canvass is scheduled for Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4, and everyone is urged to remain at home so an accurate tabulation can be made.

In addition to routine information, like name, address, and church affiliation or preference, Franklinites will be asked another question: "Do you practice religious practices at home?" This

question will be put to them on a separate, unmarked card, and the information will be used to further an independent sociological study being made state-wide. Religious practices are defined as grace at meals, prayer with children, and family devotionals.

The Rev. R. R. Standley, chairman, emphasized that this information will have no connection

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Dr. Bleckley Joining Angel Hospital Staff

Dr. James Edward Bleckley, a native of Clayton, Ga., will join the staff of Angel Hospital here October 4, according to an announcement by Dr. Edgar Angel, medical director.

Dr. Bleckley was employed as an extern at Angel Hospital during the summer months of 1952 and 1953.

A graduate of Rabun County High School, he received his pre-medical education at Emory University and was graduated with an A. B. Degree in 1951. From 1951 to 1955, he attended Emory University School of Medicine, obtaining a Doctor of Medicine degree. After completing medical school, Dr. Bleckley served a general rotating internship at Indianapolis General Hospital from 1955 to 1956, prior to entering the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and serving with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for two years.

He is married to the former Miss Mary Nichols Jackson, of Hinesville, Ga.

Dr. Bleckley's father is Leon M. Bleckley, of Clayton.

Nothstein Selected To Attend Forestry Meeting In Utah

Wayah Ranger W. L. Nothstein is one of two men selected from the Southern region to attend a meeting of the Society of American Foresters in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He will leave here tomorrow (Friday). Before returning home, Mr. Nothstein plans to spend a week touring western forests.

In his absence, Mr. Nothstein will visit with relatives in Virginia and Georgia.



FRANKLIN MINISTERS are shown making final arrangements for Sunday afternoon's religious canvass. They are (L to R) the Rev. John Tucker, the Rev. Robert E. Early, the Rev. R. R. Standley, and the Rev. Donn Langfitt. (Staff Photo)



HAWAII OFFICIAL VISITS COWETA LABORATORY

Eric Reppun (right), president of the board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry in the Hawaiian Islands, dined in a local restaurant Friday night with Don Whelan, forester in charge of Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Mr. Reppun toured Coweta Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for a first-hand study of forest and watershed management research projects under way there. A Harvard University graduate, Mr. Reppun was a farmer before being appointed to his present position about 10 years ago. (Staff Photo)