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ON THE INSIDE —

WHO'S BEEN WHERE AND FOR WHAT?

Staff correspondents of THE PRESS keep the inside pages of this newspaper alive with news about your friends and neighbors. Read the inside pages from top to bottom and you'll know Macon County.



Duke Power Is Buying Out Nantahala

Deal Involves About 4 Million

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 3—An agreement to purchase the electric distribution facilities of Nantahala Power and Light Company in six Western North Carolina counties has been announced by Duke Power Company.

The transfer is subject to approval by the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the Federal Power Commission.

The Nantahala service area includes the communities of Andrews, Bryson City, Dillsboro, Franklin, Highlands, Robbinsville, Sylva, and Webster, and the rural areas adjacent thereto. Counties affected by the sale are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain.

The transaction involves about \$4 million. Large additional investment will be made by Duke in transmission and generating equipment to serve the 15,000 customers in the area.

Regarding electric rates, W. B. McGuire, president of Duke Power Company, has stated that Duke rates will be placed in effect where they are lower than Nantahala rates. "This will mean a reduction in the cost of electricity for the majority of residential and industrial customers and for most of the commercial customers served by Nantahala. Where Nantahala rates are lower than Duke rates, the Nantahala rates will be continued until and unless there should be a general revision of Duke's rates either at the instance of the Utilities Commission or on application by the company. All new customers will be served on Duke rates."

Commenting on the Nantahala service area, Mr. McGuire said that average residential use of electric service by Nantahala customers last year of 4,134 kilowatt hours was well above the national average use of 3,366, but considerably below average use on the Duke system of 4,858 kilowatt hours. He noted as evidence of business activity in the Duke service area population growth per square mile in the last 10 years almost twice that of the Carolinas and three times that of the South as a whole, and expressed the interest of the company in promoting industrial and commercial development in the new part of the Duke service area.

The heavy-duty transmission system and principal hydro-electric generating plants, Thorpe, Nantahala, Queens Creek, Tuckasee, Cedar Cliff, Bear Creek, and Tennessee Creek, are not to be included in the sale. The small Mission, Franklin, Bryson, and Dillsboro hydro plants with a capacity of 4,045 kilowatts are directly associated with the retail distribution lines, sub-stations, etc., and are to be included in the sale.

Negotiations with Duke were entered into by Nantahala because of Duke's ready access to the bordering Nantahala area and confidence in the ability of Duke to provide excellent service to its customers.

FLYERS ARE COMING —

Ruby Rendezvous Is Next Week

Preparations for the second annual Miami that final details on his dual "Pilot's Ruby Rendezvous" end of the line are falling into place in mid-September are being shape.

At last reports the unusual fly-pushed. Meanwhile, V. H. Burt, cruise master of the Ruby fly-in being sponsored by the Florida Air Pilots Association, reports from

Arriving 10th

Planes will begin arriving at the Franklin Airport on Thursday, September 10. A full week end of fun is being planned for the flying miners and their families.

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The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 26th	90	64	.00
Thursday	87	63	.12
Friday	89	67	.00
Saturday	83	66	.11
Sunday	87	65	.00
Monday	83	65	trace
Tuesday	84	64	.00
Wednesday	85	65	.12

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 26th	89	58	.00
Thursday	90	58	trace
Friday	86	60	.16
Saturday	84	65	.13
Sunday	83	58	trace
Monday	94	60	1.29
Tuesday	78	64	.21
Wednesday	82	60	.96

LOCALS LOSE 25 TO 7 —

Panthers Find Wildcats Have Sharp Claws Also

Franklin High drew first blood in their football season ahead to keep the state crown opener Friday night in Andrews. It won last year.

But, Wildcats, like Panthers, also have claws and with the games end Franklin trailed 25 to 7.

Injured Back's Condition Okay; He Didn't Die

Panther Kenneth Hall, who received a broken leg in a kick-off play in the third quarter against Andrews, is reported in a satisfactory condition at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Doctors operated Tuesday afternoon and set the break in his right leg. Coach Dick Stott, who stayed with the young ball player until late that night, said "he's in good shape . . . they didn't even have to put a cast on the leg."

A rumor that young Hall had died circulated in Franklin Tuesday afternoon and was completely unfounded. As near as could be determined, it was started by a traveling salesman, who said he heard about it in another town.

A telephone call by THE PRESS to the Asheville hospital, and the subsequent report that the halfback had just returned from surgery and was in good spirits, served to squelch the rumor.

Statistics

	A	F
First downs	9	10
Rushing yardage	220	30
Passing yardage	18	125
Passes	1-1	23-6
Passes intercepted	3	0
Punting average	32	30
Fumbles lost	2	2
Yards penalized	80	85

All-Stars Win; Tourney Set For Week End

In Robbinsville Sunday afternoon, the Franklin All-Stars racked up an 11 to 2 victory to hold the top position in the Tri-County League.

Bobby Gregory and Norman Seay both hit homers in the game. Seay was the winning pitcher and led in batting with two for four.

A league tournament is scheduled for Young Harris, Ga., over the Labor Day week end. In addition to Franklin and Young Harris, teams playing will be Hiwassee, Murphy, Andrews, and Blairsville. Franklin is slated to play Blairsville Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the first game of a double-header. The second game will be between Hiwassee and the winner of the Young Harris-Robbinsville game.

A number of All-Star fans will be in Young Harris to see Franklin play.

HIGDON REUNION

The annual Higdon reunion will be held at the old home place of Major William H. Higdon, in Higdonville, Sunday. It has been announced.

Wildcats Top Team Of League

In a real championship thriller, it took an extra inning Saturday afternoon for the Wildcats to win the Little League crown from the Jaybirds 5 to 4.

Hugh Franklin was the winning pitcher. Immediately following the game, the Rev. Donn Langfitt, Little League vice-president, presented the championship trophy to the coach of the Wildcats, the Rev. Earl Crowe, and the team captains, Bob Dalton and Hugh Franklin.

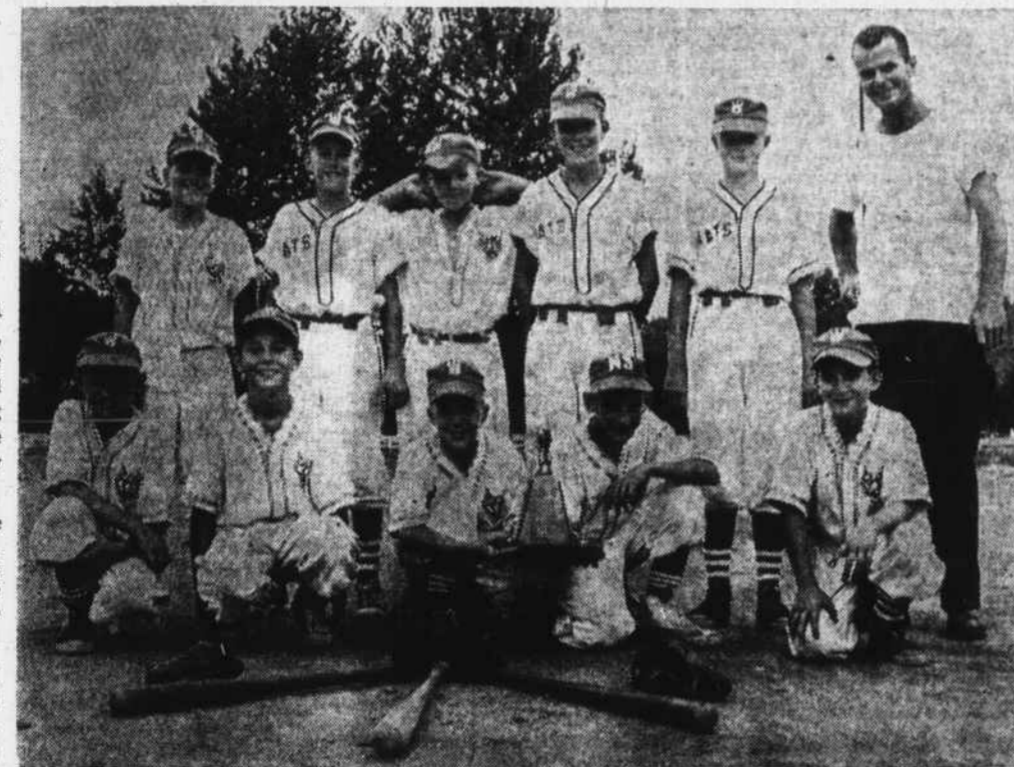
The two teams, which have been battling it out for three weeks through bad weather and one protested game, were tied at 4 to 4 at the end of the regular six-inning game, but the Wildcats clamped the pressure on in the seventh and put across the winning run.

Traveling? Be Careful

With the long Labor Day week end coming up, state, county, and town law enforcement agencies urge Maconians to exercise extreme caution if they plan to travel the crowded highways.

The best suggestion they have to offer is: Stay Home.

Over the Labor Day week end in North Carolina last year, 20 were killed on the highways and 247 injured. Accidents alone totaled 521.



LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS are the Wildcats: front row (L to R) Alvin Doster, Reggie Vanhook, Tommy Collins, Clyde Downs, and Delber Clouse; back row, Paul Armes, Hugh Franklin, Tommy Bateman, Bob Dalton, Donald Fisher, and the Rev. Earl Crowe, coach. (Gene Dowdle Photo)



WILDCAT CO-CAPTAINS Bob Dalton and Hugh Franklin are shown receiving the Little League championship trophy from the Rev. Donna K. Langfitt, league vice-president. (Gene Dowdle Photo)

9 ISSUES INVOLVED —

October 27 Bond Election Called

Steps are being taken here to hold a special state-wide bond election October 27.

Called by Gov. Luther H. Hodges, voters will ballot on nine questions of whether the state shall issue bonds for capital improvements for state institutions and agencies, state aid to community colleges, and for local hospital construction.

J. Lee Barnard, elections board chairman, this week said the special election will be held under the same general elections laws as regular elections, except that no absentee voting will be permitted. No special registration will be held, he said. Persons who are now registered on the general election registration books will not have to register again.

For those not registered Mr. Barnard has been instructed to

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APPROVED BY MINISTERS —

Group Named To Inject New Spirit In Series

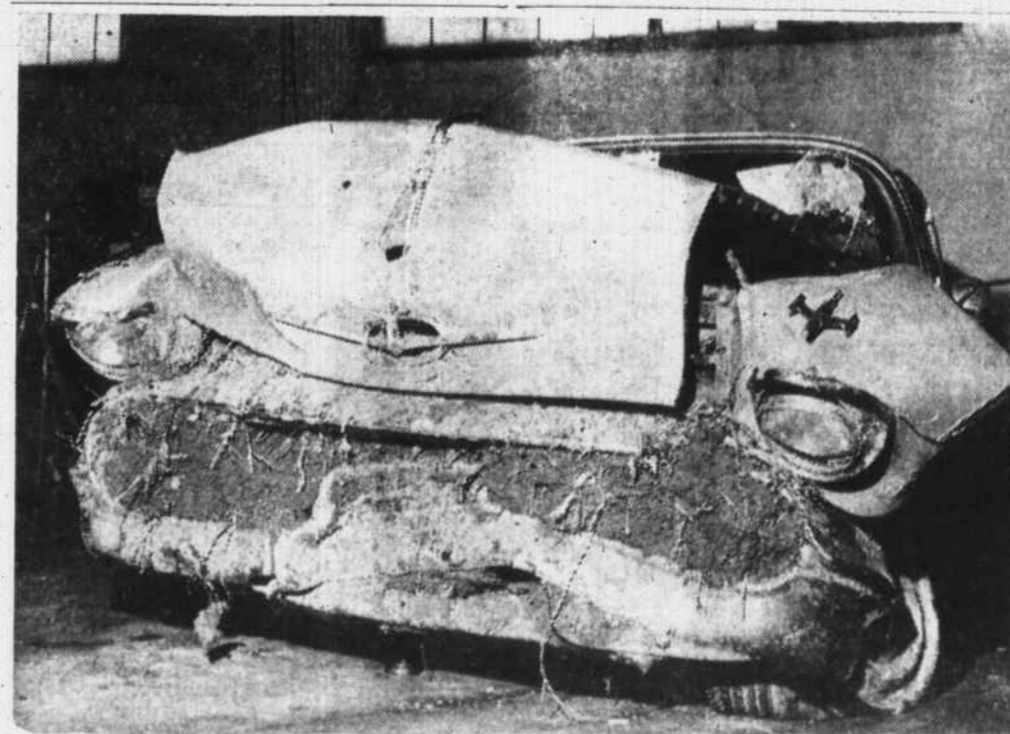
With the approval of the Macon County Ministerial Association, a special committee has been appointed to inject new spirit into next summer's interdenominational evangelistic series at Friendship Tabernacle.

The Rev. Donn K. Langfitt, association president, who requested the committee, explained that the move was prompted by a decrease in interest in the annual series, coupled with the growing spiritual needs of the community.

He said it will be the committee's function to study and develop the program more fully, starting at once on the next series. Those on the committee at present are J. L. Fesperman, H. H. Plimmons, Mr. Langfitt, the Rev. Robert E. Early, the Rev. R. R. Standley, Mrs. R. F. Cunningham, Bob S. Sloan, Erwin Patton, and the Rev. Jack Tucker.

More appointments to the committee are to be made and it ultimately will be composed of lay representatives from all sections of Macon County. Mr. Langfitt said.

A nominating committee also has presented a slate of officers to the ministerial association for 1959-60. The slate, to be voted upon at the October meeting, includes the Rev. R. R. Standley, president, the Rev. R. E. Early, vice-president, and Mr. Langfitt, secretary.



SOLDIER INJURED WHEN CAR NOSE DIVES FROM HIGHWAY

A soldier, Charles Donald Posey, Jr., 22, of Bradford, Ark., Route 1, is in Angel Hospital recovering from injuries received Monday, about 1:30 p. m., when his automobile nose dived from US 64 eight miles west of Franklin and traveled 50 to 75 feet in the air before smashing to the bottom of the embankment. Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson said his investigation indicated the soldier probably fell asleep at the wheel. He was en route from Camp Gordon, Ga., to Fort Bragg. His injuries included lacerations of the arm and head and a slight concussion.



LAST WEEK'S issue of Life carried an interesting spread of text and pictures on Western Carolina College's gifted children program. Another great boost for our area.

RANDOLPH BULGIN, in from Navy duty on the west coast, brought a men's adventure magazine with him that carried a story and pictures on digging for rubies in Cowee Valley. The author is Ben T. Traywick. Our fame is spreading.

THE RAFF TEAGUES have been getting out the baby bottles. Their Collie had 11 pups one night last week and there aren't enough "faucets" to go around.

MACON'S HOME demonstration women are scheduling their United Nations trip for the last week in October. The package deal is going to cost \$49 per person, with a night in Washington and two in New York City.

BIG TRUCKS are again being the cause of traffic jams on Main Street. The town law says they're supposed to unload in the back alleys and not on the main stem.

HAVE YOU tried on some of the holes for size? We mean the ones in the pavement on the Riverview Street extension. You could bury a cow in some of them.

TOURIST OPERATORS are wondering what has happened to the traveling public. Usually they stick around until Labor Day. However, the stream is getting dry a bit early this year.

WON'T BE long now before each car in the county will have its own filling station. They just keep building the things.

A TOUCH of autumn can be noted in the higher elevations, even though the daily temperatures don't point to cooler weather.

OKAY, NOW'S your chance! Things are ready to roll again on the youth center construction. Bend your back and help share the load.

THOSE AFTERNOON showers don't do much toward keeping folks cool. They just cause it to get hotter when the sun comes out.

GOING OUT of town with the Panthers? To give them support? A team needs boosters, particularly away from home.

HEY TOURISTS! Why don't you plan to come back and visit with us this fall when the colors are at their peak. It's a beautiful sight and one you shouldn't miss.

THERE'S NO denying that this year's Little League season was the most thrilling yet. Even the championship game went into an extra inning.

A WHOLE bunch of race fans are heading for Darlington, S. C., and the Southern 500 on Labor Day.

SUNDAY'S OPENING race at the Go-Kart Speedway on the Dillsboro-Franklin highway attracted more than 500 spectators and about 40 racers from all over the area.

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Well sir, they're ready to go full steam ahead on the youth center building.

Two workings have been called, one Saturday and another Monday. All that's needed is some volunteer labor and they'll have the center ready for use this fall.

You teen-agers, in particular, should turn out and help with the work. After all, the center is for you and its success is going to depend on how much interest you show. Why don't you show the grownups you have what it takes and turn out Saturday and Monday mornings at 9 o'clock with plenty of elbow grease?

And I thank you,
Mr. Maconian