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## 27 4-H GIRLS BOYS SPENDING WEEK AT CAMP

### Farm Youngsters Go To Recreation Center By Truck

Twenty-seven young Macon County 4-H club members left Monday morning to spend this week at the Swannanoa 4-H camp.

They were accompanied by Don Allison, assistant county agent, and Miss Fannie Mae Sherrill, secretary to the county home demonstration agent. They will return home Saturday.

The week will be spent by these farm boys and girls in a program designed to provide wholesome recreation and give them training in all phases of 4-H club work.

Those on the camp are: Charley Horn, Joe Moses, Virginia Moses, Roberta Snyder, Wayne Stewart, Laura Belle Brendle, Nancey Ramsey, Wayne Harrison, Fred Deal, Clara Gibson, Eula Gibson, Jimmie Ayers, Nancy Lee Cabe, Evelyn Ray, Billy Teague, Victor Teague, June Teague, Ann Teague, Eugene Teague, Johnny Henderson, Max Henderson, Barbara Gribble, Phyllis Moses, Frank Allison, Mary Frances Allen, Doris Gribble, and Carol Gribble. They made the trip to camp in a truck driven by Fred Edwards of Franklin, Route 3.

## Radio-Like

### Toll Equipment Put In By Phone Firm

A new long distance telephone system, just installed by the Western Carolina Telephone company between Sylva and Cashiers, is the first system of its type put in use in the Southeast, and one of the first in the United States, according to R. E. McKelvey, general manager of the company.

Mr. McKelvey explained that this equipment, known as M-1-A, is similar to radio, but uses wire to carry sound; making it possible to carry on six conversations over two wires. In the past, only one conversation at a time has been possible over two wires.

The company hopes in the future that it will prove possible to serve rural communities with this type of equipment, Mr. McKelvey added.

**Do You Remember ... ?**  
 (Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
 There was a wedding in Franklin Thursday. It took place on the corner of the square next to Rev. J. R. Pendergrass store. E. W. Fowler and Vienna Cloer stood up under the locust tree and Rev. Undergrass did the rest. They came to town from opposite directions, but went away together, all one as it were.

We learn that Mr. J. W. Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., an expert in mining, has discovered gold on lands belonging to Col. John Ingram three miles from Highlands. The prospect is very good.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
 Word has been received by the family of Mr. Lee Crawford, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, that his son, Gilmer Crawford, has passed all entrance tests and has been admitted as a midshipman at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

On Wednesday, the following directors were elected by the stockholders of the Lake Emory company: Lee Crawford, president; J. S. Trotter, vice-president; E. S. Hunnicutt, secretary; Logan A. Allen, treasurer.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
 The Joines Motor Sales company, Franklin Ford dealers, announce this week their removal from the McCoy building on Main street to the quarters formerly occupied by the Burrell Motor company on Palmer street.

## Old Paper Shows Taxes For Mill Shoal Township Totaled \$50.67 In 1847

One hundred years ago, \$50.67 was the total amount of taxes levied in Millshoal township, according to a tax list, dated 1846, recently found in the old Charley Dowdle home by workmen of the Nolen and Harrison electrical firm.

The collector of these taxes was Henry Brendle, who had been deputized for the job by E. Dowdle, sheriff of the county at that time.

There were 63 persons on the list and the total land valuation amounted to \$9,187. Poll tax was 65 cents per person and was paid for four Negroes, besides the whites.

Largest tax payer in the township was Samuel Reed, who paid taxes on 779 acres of land

which was valued at \$1,005 and poll tax for one Negro.

The smallest sum paid was 1½ cents, by Elrich Keener, who owned 99 acres of land valued at \$5.

Among the names listed are many which sound familiar today. Some of these are: John Ammons, Henry Brendle, Logan Berry, John Corbin, William Deal, William Elmore, Joshua Franks, William Holbrooks, Dewey Mashburn, Samuel Roper, John Setser, John Strain, and John Young.

This tax list was found with other documents between the ceiling and the weatherboarding of the Dowdle house when electric wiring was being installed.

## J. W. ROPER, 62, TAKEN BY DEATH

### Was Authority On Mica; Funeral Held Here Tuesday Morning

James W. Roper, 62, recognized as an authority on mica processing, died Monday morning at 4 o'clock at Angel hospital. Mr. Roper had been ill for about three months, and underwent an operation a few days before his death.

A native of Macon County, Mr. Roper had spent most of his life here.

During World War I and the early twenties, he was manager of a mica processing plant here, owned and operated by the Western Electric company.

Funeral services were held at the Bryant funeral home Tuesday at 11 a. m. and burial followed in the Franklin cemetery. The Rev. D. P. Grant conducted the service. Pallbearers were Lyman Higdon, W. T. Moore, Lee Tippet, Ralph Cunningham, Harry Patton, and T. W. Kiser.

Mr. Roper is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Mildred Roper, of Franklin; two brothers, Harley Roper, of Franklin, and Lon Roper, of Franklin, Route 2; and two sisters, Mrs. Alex Sprinkles and Mrs. Commodore Tilley, both of Franklin.

## Farm Folk

### To Go To Raleigh By Bus August 25

Macon County farm men and women will leave from the Agricultural building by bus at 7 a. m. Monday, August 25, for Raleigh to attend the annual Farm and Home week program at N. C. State college.

The joint program offered during the week will include addresses by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Thomas J. Pearsall, speaker on the North Carolina house of representatives, Dr. L. D. Bayer, T. B. Hutchinson, and specialists from the North Carolina State college and the experiment station.

S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, who is making arrangements for the trip, said if the bus is fully loaded, the cost of the round trip fare should not exceed \$5 and that the registration fee, which includes a room at State college, is \$2. Meals may be obtained at the college cafeteria. All persons going, he said, should take two sheets, a blanket, pillow, and towels. The bus will return to Franklin late Friday afternoon, August 29.

All persons who plan to make this trip should register at the county agent's office as soon as possible, in order that proper reservations may be made.

### Two Movies To Be Shown At Legion Meet Saturday

A particularly interesting program is planned for Saturday night's meeting of the American Legion, at the Slagle Memorial, according to Paul Nave, commander. A 19-minute film recording the events of D-day and a color movie, "North Carolina, Variety Vacationland", will be the chief features of the program. Refreshments will be served. All veterans, as well as Legionnaires, are invited to attend the meeting, which will start at 8 o'clock.

## Parker Declines Burlington Call; Will Remain Here

The Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the First Baptist church here, has declined a call to the Hocutt Memorial Baptist church in Burlington, a larger church than that here.

He announced his decision to his congregation here at the morning service last Sunday.

Mr. Parker, who came to Franklin from the post as Chaplain of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, has been active in community projects, as well as church affairs, during the approximately 18 months he has been here.

## Power Firm

### Provides Group Insurance For Employees

A group insurance plan for employees of the Nantahala Power and Light company was placed in effect last Thursday, according to a statement by J. E. S. Thorpe, company president.

The plan, paid for entirely by the company, includes the following benefits for employees: A life insurance policy, accident and sickness disability insurance, hospitalization and surgical operation benefits.

Instructions and complete information concerning the plan, as it affects both hourly rated and salaried employees, will be distributed in booklets in the near future.

At present the plan includes only active employees, but the company, in the near future, will present an additional program whereby an employee, if he wishes, may buy hospital and surgical benefits insurance for his family, provided 75 per cent of the employees agree to participate, Mr. Thorpe said. He added, that insurance for the employees' families will be paid for entirely by the employees, through payroll deductions.

### Silers Will Hold Their 96th Annual Reunion Thursday

The 96th reunion of the Siler family will be held next Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford, at their home just outside the Franklin city limits on the Murphy highway.

Mrs. Lee Crawford, Miss Calenee Crawford, and Mrs. W. A. Rousseau will assist in entertaining.

The annual "Family Meeting" of the Silers usually draws relatives from many states, who time their vacation trips to Franklin so as to be here on the traditional first Thursday in August.

### Baptist Pastors Will Meet Here On Monday

The Macon County Baptist Pastors' conference will be held at the First Baptist church in Franklin next Monday. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. This will be the last meeting before the annual association meeting and there will be a discussion of the association work.

### CUB SCOUTS TO MEET

The Franklin Cub Scout pack will meet Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Methodist church.

## MACON BAPTISTS WILL HOLD 44TH MEET AUG. 7-8

### Association To Convene Tuesday Morning At Cowee Church

The Macon County Baptist Association will hold its 44th annual session at the Cowee Baptist church, on the Bryson City highway, August 7 and 8. Forty Macon Baptist churches are expected to have representatives at this meeting.

After the opening song service and devotional at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, there will be election of officers for the coming year at 10:30 o'clock. This will be followed by the doctrinal sermon by the Rev. H. E. Marchbanks.

Highlight of the afternoon program will be an address by I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage, at 1:30 o'clock. This address will be delivered in conjunction with a report on orphanage work by Verlon Swafford.

Other items on the agenda for Thursday afternoon are a report on Christian education by Paul Carpenter, followed by an address by a representative of the state council on Christian education; a report on Christian literature by the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, followed by an address by a representative of the Biblical Recorder; an address by a representative of the state convention, and a talk on "Tithing" by the Rev. Charles E. Parker.

Thursday evening at 8:30, an interesting and informative program will be offered in the presentation of a motion picture film, "Romance of a Century."

The program for Friday morning will consist of a devotional by the Rev. J. I. Vinson, a report on hospital work by Dr. Thom. Carter, an address by a representative of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, talks on ministerial relief and world relief by the Rev. Gordon Scruggs, a missionary report by

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## Van Raalte's Labor Policy Is Outlined

The methods employed by the Van Raalte company in its management-labor relationships were discussed by T. J. Griffis, the firm's Southern personnel manager, in a talk at Wednesday night's Rotary club meeting.

One of the 10 Van Raalte plants is in East Franklin. The company, he said, uses a series of tests and interviews in an effort to employ persons adapted to the work, and once they are employed, it seeks to keep them contented and happy in their work.

None of the firm's plants is unionized, and Mr. Griffis explained that the Van Raalte company tries to give its employees more than any union could obtain for them.

During her training period, Mr. Griffis said, a worker is paid 40 cents per hour, with a wage incentive offered for increased production. Even during the training period, he added, she may go on a piece work basis if her production shows she would earn more that way.

A trained employe is paid entirely on a piece work basis, and, after a year's experience, he said, the average pay will be \$28 or \$30 per week, with expert operators earning more than that.

In case it becomes necessary to transfer a worker from one task to another, Mr. Griffis said, she is guaranteed a minimum of 90 per cent of her earnings on the previous task. Provision also is made for pay in case of loss of time due to a machine breakdown.

Among benefits offered employees, he cited the mutual aid associations operated in all Van Raalte plants. The association offers, on a voluntary basis, almost every type of insurance, he explained, 80 per cent of the cost of which is paid by the company. The associations are managed by a board of directors, made up of employees, with a company official serving in an advisory capacity.



MACON M. WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams, of Lenoir, who is governor of the 194th Rotary district, will pay official visits next week to the Highlands and Franklin clubs. He will be with the Highlands Rotarians at their meeting Tuesday night, and will attend the Franklin club's meeting Wednesday night.

## PROPOSES UNIT OF NATIONAL GUARD HERE

### Col. Hardie Outlines Benefits, Procedure At Lions Meeting

Organization of a national guard unit in Franklin was proposed by Col. David L. Hardie, a survivor of the Bataan death march and a regular army officer assigned to the North Carolina national guard, in an address at Monday night's meeting of the Lions club.

"Col. Hardie explained the advantages to be derived by a community from establishment of a guard unit and the procedure to be followed in setting up such a unit.

A company consisting of from 70 to 100 men, he said, would mean a payroll of between \$28,000 and \$40,000 a year.

To form a unit in Franklin, cooperation between the federal, state and local governments is necessary, according to the speaker. The personnel of the local company would be paid, uniformed, and equipped by the federal government. The responsibility of furnishing an armory, drill ground and of recruiting men is left to the city, county, and state governments. This state contributes \$50 per month toward the maintenance of a unit.

### Minimum Requirements

Col. Hardie pointed out that the chief responsibility of the town and county would be furnishing a building to serve as an armory. Minimum requirements for such a building are that the building be built of brick or stone, contain a storage room at least 15 by 18 feet with barred windows, a small supply room with lockers and showers and an assembly room for drill purposes. It is also desired that there be a lighted field for drill purposes, but the speaker pointed out that in many cases school gymnasiums and athletic fields are used for drill purposes.

Col. Hardie said that he felt that a community of this size would support a unit of from 70 to 100 men. Such a unit requires an administrative force of one commanding officer, captain in rank, two lieutenants and one company first sergeant and enlisted personnel, and would be made up of men 18 to 35 years in age.

### Explains Training Program

Training program for the company would consist of 48 drill periods each year and two weeks summer camp. Regular army pay would be given for time spent in camp, while privates would receive \$2.50 and the company commander \$5 for each drill period.

One other advantage pointed out by the colonel was that, if the community unit were well established here, there was strong likelihood that the federal government would erect a more permanent building which could be used for many other civic functions.

In order to organize a company, it is necessary for the mayor to appoint a committee who would select officers for the company. These officers would be sent to Raleigh for examination by state national guard officials. Upon their approval, these men would return to the community and enlist at least 30 men and ask that the unit be inspected so that federal funds for the payroll might be authorized.

No action was taken at the meeting, at which the Lions had a number of guests representing other organizations.

In opening his address, Col. Hardie, veteran of two wars, stressed the contributions of the national guard during the last war. He quoted Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding officer in charge of the army ground forces, as saying that 18 national guard divisions were in combat during World War 2, and Col. Hardie made the application personal by remarking that existence of the national guard shortened appreciably the 34 months he was in a Japanese prison camp.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lynch and daughter, Cynthia, of Astoria, Ore., were guests of Mrs. Lynch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fouts, of Franklin, Route 3, last week.

## DRIVE FOR FLY CONTROL BEGUN

### Spraying To Be Resumed When New DDT Supply Is Received

A fly control campaign was begun here last week, when employees of the Town of Franklin began spraying with a DDT solution.

The spraying has been temporarily halted, due to the fact that the small quantity of five per cent DDT spray furnished by the State Board of Health has been exhausted, but the work will be resumed as soon as a shipment, expected momentarily, large enough to complete the project is received.

Six homes and outbuildings and the Penland brothers barn were sprayed before the small supply brought here by State Board of Health officials was used.

M. H. Carpenter, who has been employed by the town to do the spraying, said that as soon as the new shipment arrives he plans to complete the job on Palmer street, then work the residential sections in the following order: Georgia road section, Murphy road and vicinity, Bidwell and adjoining streets, White Oak street and surrounding territory, East Franklin and Bonny Crest, and Wayah street and vicinity. Upon completion of the residential sections, Mr. Carpenter plans then to work in the business section.

The campaign, which is under the joint auspices of the State Board of Health and the town, is free and available to all citizens. It is planned to spray every chicken house, cow stall, barn, and at the rear of all business buildings in Franklin in a drive to eliminate flies.

Health officials say that the spray is harmless to humans and animals, and Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., has requested the cooperation of all citizens.

### Miami Minister To Fill Pulpit At First Baptist

Dr. C. H. Bolton, pastor of Riverside Baptist church, Miami, Fla., will deliver the sermon at the 11 o'clock service at the Franklin Baptist church Sunday.

## Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results		
Friday, July 25:—	Oilers 28; Zickgraf 19.	
NP & L Co. 9; Rotary 8.	Monday, July 28:—	
Rotary 18; Veterans 13.	Oilers 20; Burrell 14.	
Coming Games		
Friday, August 1:—	NP & L Co. vs. Zickgraf.	
Veterans vs. Burrell.	Monday, August 4:—	
Oilers vs. Rotary.	Burrell vs. Zickgraf.	
Standings		
	W	L
Rotary	9	2
NP & L Co.	8	3
Veterans	7	6
Burrell	6	7
Oilers	3	9
Zickgraf	2	8
	Pct.	
Rotary	.818	
NP & L Co.	.727	
Veterans	.538	
Burrell	.460	
Oilers	.250	
Zickgraf	.200	