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## AUGUST COURT TERM TO OPEN HERE MONDAY

### 2 Women On Jury List; 'Front Porch' Case On Civil Docket

The August term of superior court will open here Monday morning with more than 75 cases on the criminal docket and 23 civil cases and the first women jurors in the history of the county.

Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., of Warsaw, will preside, and Solicitor Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, will represent the state in trial of criminal cases.

Fifteen of the civil cases are divorce cases. This is two more divorce suits than were docketed for the last term of court.

Highlighting the civil docket is the "front porch case" in which the Town of Highlands seeks a court order to have Frank B. Cook and Harvey Trice remove the front porch of the Highlands inn. The town alleges that this structure is in the public street.

The jury list for the first week are: Roy Cantrell, Fred Arnold, Z. W. Taylor, E. R. Huggins, Herman Childers, George Dean, Earl Blaine, Cleo Holland, W. D. Neal, F. B. Duncan, W. E. Furr, W. A. Sellers, Lee Barnard, Jr., Berlin Duvall, E. C. Shook, R. B. Wilson, Clint May, James Crawford, J. J. Gray, J. C. Dowdle, Tudor N. Hall, Paul Morgan, Thomas H. Fagg, John L. Snyder, Paul Ashe, T. T. Henderson, Alvin Crow, J. D. Burnette, Mrs. Harry Higgins, Sarah Gilder, J. R. Holbrooks, Earl English, W. J. Blaine, Norman Guffey, Algie Guyer, and Fred Dryman.

### 14 Franklin Boy Scouts Slated To Get Merit Badges

Fourteen members of the Franklin troop, Boy Scouts of America, are scheduled to receive merit badge awards at the Smoky Mountain district court of honor, tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m. at the Cullowhee Methodist church.

The Franklin boys are Dan Angel, John Alsop, Jr., Kenneth Carpenter, James Conley, Duane Cruse, Kermit Dehart, Frank L. Henry III, Mack Jones, Jack Kusterer, Bob Myers, Bobby Potts, Jack Reece, John Charles Thomas, and Grady Thompson.

## Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. J. S. Sloan and family left Monday for a visit of several days to Mrs. Sloan's father, Capt. W. J. Neville, of Walhalla, S. C.

The Franklin High school will open next Monday under Mr. Thomas J. Johnston as principal and Misses Mary Moore and Bertha Gaston as assistants. All are well qualified for the work. The public school will be continued for four months.

We note that a larger number of people than ever before are patronizing the mineral spring.

### 25 YEARS AGO

For the first time in the history of Macon county, we have a woman candidate for office to be voted on at a general election. At a special called meeting of the Republican executive committee of Macon County, held last Saturday, Miss Adelaide Bulgin was unanimously chosen as the nominee of that party for Representative. Miss Bulgin is well known to the people of our county, having served in the capacity of county home demonstration agent for several years.

### 10 YEARS AGO

John E. Rickman, of the Franklin Baptist church, was elected moderator of the 34th annual session of the Macon Baptist association which convened Wednesday and Thursday with the Coweta Baptist church. Other officers elected for the year: Alex Moore, vice-moderator; R. M. Ledford, clerk; E. V. Ammons, treasurer, and Rev. D. C. McCoy, historian.

## Juvenile Delinquency Is On Increase Here, Court Records Reveal

In the first six months of 1947 a total of 12 cases were handled by the Macon County Juvenile court, and eight of those cases involved offenses committed by children.

At the present rate, the total number of juvenile court cases for 1947 will be three times as great as for any one year for which totals are available. Clinton Brookshire, whose position as clerk of superior court carries with it the responsibility for serving as juvenile court judge, explained that there are two phases of the court's work: Problems of delinquency on the part of children; and problems caused by broken homes or homes which fail to support their children.

Four cases, of the 12 handled this year, deal with the care and the custody of children, an outgrowth of broken homes.

Of the remaining eight cases, all of which involve delinquency on the part of youth, four cases

dealt with breaking and entering, by boys between the ages of 10 and 16, one case involved a youth who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, one probable delinquent, one neglected delinquent, and one unruly child who was thought to be in danger of becoming a delinquent.

Mr. Brookshire, asked what he thought was the principal cause of this increase, said he felt that the main causes are poor supervision within the home and lack of recreational facilities within the community.

Court records show that juvenile court handled only three cases in 1944, eight cases in 1945, and five cases in 1946. In each of these years, at least half of the cases involved care and custody of the children, that is cases not with delinquency on the part of the individual child.

A case worker of the welfare department said that, in investigating a case involving larceny

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### Tourist Business, Foor Last Month, Is Now Excellent

The summer tourist business, generally reported as poor in July, as compared with July, 1946, spurted into high with the coming of August, according to local hotel operators, restaurant men, and tourist court owners.

Accommodations here have been reported filled each night recently. The same situation prevails in Highlands.

Franklin chamber of commerce officials, in fact, said this week that they have had difficulty recently finding lodgings for all the tourists who have inquired at the information booth. A number of hotel operators in Highlands report that they are booked full through August.

The general trend, both here and throughout Western North Carolina, this season has been heavy travel, but with most persons stopping only a night or two in one place, reports indicate.

### Mrs. Campbell's Rites Held Sunday At Iotla

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Iotla Baptist church for Mrs. Emma Fouts Campbell, 69, widow of Edwin Campbell. Mrs. Campbell was stricken with a heart attack Friday while eating the noon meal with members of the family in their home in the Iotla community, and died within a few minutes.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Norman E. Holden, with burial following in the church cemetery. Pallbearers, nephews of Mrs. Campbell, were Coleman Campbell, Marshall Fouts, Raymond Fouts, Fred Campbell, Albert Fouts and Joseph Fouts.

Mrs. Campbell was the former Miss Emma Fouts, life-long resident of the Iotla community and member of the Iotla Baptist church. In 1903 she married Edwin Campbell, who died in 1937.

Surviving are six sons: Leslie, Lester, Glenn, and John Campbell, of Franklin, Route 3, and Leonard Campbell, of Holly Springs; one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Evans of Franklin, Route 3; and three brothers, S. E. Fouts, W. T. Fouts, and G. T. Fouts, all of Franklin, Route 3.

Potts funeral home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

### County-Wide B. T. U. Meet Planned Aug. 22

A county-wide meeting of the Baptist Training union will be held August 22 at the Franklin Baptist church at 7:30 p. m. At this time there will be election of association BTU officers, according to the Rev. H. D. Vance, director.

## Stockton Reelected Moderator

Macon County Baptist Association officers were elected to serve for the year 1947-48 Thursday afternoon of last week at the 44th annual session by 200 delegates, representing 37 local churches. The meeting was held at the Cowee Baptist church.

J. Horner Stockton was chosen to serve another year as moderator, with the Rev. C. C. Welch being selected as vice-moderator.

Verlon Swafford, was elected as clerk. Miss Anne Carter will serve as assistant clerk.

The positions of treasurer and historian will be filled by J. H. Brookshire and Mrs. J. C. Higdon, respectively.

Sanford Smith was again chosen as the association Sunday school superintendent; the Rev. H. D. Vance will replace E. C. Cleaveland as B. T. U. director, and Mrs. H. D. West succeeds Mrs. Fannie Gibson as president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The executive committee chosen for the coming year will consist of the moderator, clerk, treasurer and the following persons: The Rev. W. L. Sorrells, H. S. Talley, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, and Frank Brown. Ex-officio members of this committee are the Sunday school superintendent, president of the W. M. U., and B. T. U. director.

Other business transacted during the two-day session, which was highlighted by talks by state-wide Baptist leaders, was the adoption of a resolution calling for the employment of county-wide missionary as soon as a suitable person for the position can be found.

Next year's meeting will be held at the Highlands Baptist church.

Features of the program were addresses by Dr. Sankey Blanton, president of Wake Forest college, and Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist

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## Frank Hill, 95, Center Of Interest At Reunion

A picnic luncheon, in honor of her 95-year old father, Frank Hill, was served to descendants of his niece, Little Norton Robinson, by Mrs. W. P. Sloan Sunday at Hill House, in Horse Cove.

The luncheon was served around the outdoor fireplace in the grove of the Hill House grounds, near the beautiful country home built almost half a century ago by Mr. Hill, who personally did all the fine finishing work in its construction.

After the luncheon, an hour or two was spent chatting on the shaded lawn, and making kodak group pictures, with Mr. Hill the center of the various groups photographed.

The guests were the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Robinson, formerly of Franklin,

## ROBBERS TAKE \$1,100 IN CASH AND NARCOTICS

### Highlands Drug Store Entered, Robbed Early Saturday

More than \$1,100 in cash and merchandise was taken from the Highlands Drug store early last Saturday morning by a person or persons who entered the store through a rear window, according to Olin Dryman, Highlands chief of police. Besides \$700 in cash, a large quantity of morphine and some diamond rings were stolen.

The robbery was not discovered until Saturday morning when C. E. Mitchell, store owner, opened the store for the day.

Miss Susan Rice, who lives directly in the rear of the store, reported that she heard some banging and hammering from the vicinity of the store at about 2:15 that morning, according to Mr. Dryman.

Police officials stated that they think that drugs were the main object of the thieves and that there have been similar cases in other Western North Carolina towns recently. The police chief said that a stranger had entered the store Friday afternoon and gone to the prescription department and tried to obtain morphine without a physician's prescription. He was not able to give a description of the man, however.

Entrance to the building was gained by removing a rear window. The safe was broken open, apparently with a screw driver and punch, which were found lying on the floor next morning. In order to obtain the drugs, the lock of a small cabinet drawer, where the drugs were stored, had been forced.

Although an effort was made, no fingerprints were obtained and police officials say they have no clues at present.

## Fire Damages Briar Firm's Chair Plant

Fire which broke out in the plant of Highlands Briar, Inc., here Monday afternoon about 2:45 o'clock did considerable damage before being extinguished by members of the Franklin Fire department.

The blaze started in the varnishing room, where Henry Cabe, foreman, was welding a varnish vat. Sparks from the blow torch Mr. Cabe was using ignited the varnish, and the fire spread rapidly.

Ten minutes after the fire alarm was sounded, firemen had three streams of water playing on the blaze, which already had spread from the varnishing room to the main plant. And although the buildings are of wood construction, the flames were under control within 30 minutes.

M. Monderer, owner of the plant, said he was unable to determine the damage, which he said was partially covered by insurance, pending a complete examination of the equipment. Fifteen hundred chairs recently completed in the plant were destroyed, Mr. Monderer said.

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### State Guernsey Body Plans Field Day Here Aug. 27

The North Carolina Guernsey Cattle Breeders association will hold a field day August 27 at the A. B. Slagle dairy farm on U. S. 64, with Mr. Slagle as host for the occasion.

This is the first time such an event has been held in Macon County. Never before has the field day been held farther west than Henderson county.

Officials of the club, leading dairy extension workers from North Carolina State college, and leading Guernsey cattle breeders of North Carolina are expected to be on hand.

While details for the day's program have not yet been completed, plans now call for the group to assemble at the Slagle dairy barn to view stock judging contests and type demonstrations, and for a barbecue to be served at the Slagle memorial building during the noon hour.

Dr. James Hilton and John A. Arey of the North Carolina dairy extension service are among the invited speakers for the afternoon.

Invitations are being issued to a few officials and leading dairymen of this and adjoining counties.

## PLAN HIGHLANDS PLAY AUGUST 20

### Community Theatre Will Give 2 Performances Wednesday

The Highlands Community Theatre will present "Night of January 16th" at the Highlands school auditorium August 20, with performances scheduled for 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8:30 in the evening.

Twenty-one persons, Highlands residents and visitors, are in the cast of this year's production of the theatre.

The play will be directed by Sara Little, of Macon and

### COMING TO FRANKLIN

The Highlands Community Theatre players will bring their production, "Night of January 16th," to Franklin, probably the latter part of next week. The Franklin Rotary club will sponsor the appearance here, the date and place of which will be announced in the next issue of The Press.

Thomasville, Ga., who has been associated for many years with both the Macon Little Theatre and the local group of players. Her husband, Arthur Little, who has directed most past productions of the Community Theatre, will appear in the current play.

Reservations for either of Wednesday's performances may be made at the Wick studio or by telephoning Miss Winnie Eskridge, publicity chairman, at Telephone 82.

Craig Cranston, of Augusta, Ga., who has had experience at the Richmond academy and with the Augusta players, is production manager this year.

Among the cast of 21 actors are Ralph H. Mowbray, Virginia and Jack Wilcox, and Fred Allen, all of whom are familiar to Highlands Community Theatre audiences; Sarah Gilder and Mangus S. (Bud) Thompson, appearing for a second time; and Ann Patrick Major, of Anderson, S. C., Mary H. Young, of Atlanta, Ga., and Marna Cobb, of Highlands, former production assistant appearing for the first time as players.

Leading female roles will be played by two newcomers to the Highlands Community Theatre stage, Marie Chambers, who has worked with the Oakdale, Calif., high school and the Northwestern university school of speech, and Marie Chambers, wife of Highlands' resident physician.

Others taking their first curtain call with the Theatre will be Charles J. Wick II, John Perry, of Charleston, S. C., and Highlands, Edward Fernow, of Clemson, Elliot Caziar, Lewis Doggett, of Greenwood, S. C., Herbert Paul, Peggy Potts, and Ginger Edwards Brockway.

The rental fee for the auditorium for both productions will

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## 2 PRISONERS CUT BARS AND ESCAPE JAIL

### R. L. Hall Recaptured; Webb Still At Large; Brother Jailed

Two prisoners, R. L. Hall and Jess Webb, escaped from the Macon County jail about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night. Officers found that two bars from a rear jail window had been cut, apparently with hacksaws.

Hall was recaptured Thursday morning, but Webb was still at large.

Meanwhile, Webb's brother, Frank, 30, was lodged in jail Thursday morning, charged with smuggling hack saws to the prisoners.

Sheriff J. P. Bradley and his family live at the jail, but Sheriff Bradley was away at the time. One of the Bradley children saw one of the men running through the corn field at the rear of the jail, and hastened to notify Deputy Walter Dean. Mr. Dean, accompanied by police and others, gave chase, but were unable to get up with the escaped prisoners.

Hall was arrested at the home of his father, Furman Hall, in the Burningtown community, early Thursday morning. He was in bed asleep, the officers said.

Hall, about 21, had been in jail for about a month. Arrested on a charge of an assault on Ferdy Higdon, he gave bond, but later was returned to jail charged with violating the terms of a suspended sentence.

Webb, about 30, of Georgia, was charged with passing several forged checks here.

Four other prisoners apparently made no effort to escape.

### Annual Home-Coming Program At Cowee To Be Held Sunday

The annual home-coming day program will be held at the Burningtown Baptist church Sunday.

The reunion program, to which the public is invited, will last all day, with dinner to be served on the grounds at noon.

Features of the program, which will open at 9:30 a. m., will include special music by Cherokee Indians, music by a number of choirs, a sermon at 11 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. C. C. Welch, a devotional program in the afternoon, led by Mrs. Robert Parrish, and an afternoon sermon by the Rev. J. S. Stansberry, of Hayesville.

### Used Clothing Sale To Be Held Saturday

A sale of used clothing and other articles will be held on West Main street Saturday. The sale is sponsored by the Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church.

### PLAN FOOD SALE

The Woman's Society for Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church will hold a food sale at the Nantahala Power and Light company building tomorrow (Friday) beginning at 9:30 a. m.

### PLAN SING SUNDAY

The monthly Young People's sing will be held Sunday at 1 p. m. at the courthouse. Persons of all ages are invited to come and participate, the Rev. T. A. Slagle, who will preside, said.

## Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

### Results

Friday, August 8:—Rotary 21; Ollers 20. Burrell 17; Zickgraf 9. Monday, August 11:—NP&L Co. 23; Ollers 7. Rotary 11; Zickgraf 9.

### Coming Games

(The games Friday night will be the final games of the season.)

Friday, August 15:—Ollers vs. Rotary. Zickgraf vs. NP&L Co.

### Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Rotary	12	2	.862
NP&L Co.	10	4	.713
Veterans	8	7	.533
Burrell	8	7	.533
Ollers	3	11	.214
Zickgraf	2	12	.143