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(From State Highway Patrol records)  
**KILLED** ..... 0  
**INJURED** ..... 7  
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People who never would tolerate a dirty house or an unkempt yard seem to be blind to how dirty their town is.

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## 88% IN SCHOOL IN MACON DAILY, REPORT SHOWS

Girls Attend Better Than Boys, Whites Than Negroes

The average daily attendance at the 22 Macon County schools last year was 88 per cent of the total school membership, a report prepared by the office of County Supt. Guy L. Houk shows.

The report, compiled for state school authorities, also reveals that girls attend school more regularly than boys, and that white children attend better than Negroes.

The total enrollment during the year in the 22 schools was 3,893—3,803 white, and 90 Negro. In the course of the year, 225, or about six per cent, dropped out of school. The 3,668 remaining constitute what the schools term membership. The average daily attendance for the year was 3,225, or 88 per cent of the 3,668 members, Mr. Houk explained.

While girls attend school more regularly than boys, the difference is slight. The boys' average daily attendance percentage was 87, and that for the girls was 89.

The lowest average daily attendance for any school in the county was that of the Negro school—61 per cent.

The difference between enrollment and membership, Mr. Houk said, is accounted for by a number of factors. Some children's families move away, for one thing. In more cases, however, it is a matter of children's stopping school for reasons of weather, health, or lack of interest. In commenting on the latter, Mr. Houk pointed out that, while most children enroll in school at the age of six, the compulsory school attendance law does not apply until a child had reached the age of seven, and many six-year olds drop out before the end of the year. Attendance is compulsory only from the seventh through the sixteenth birthday, and other children, he said, stop school when they become 16.

The report shows that an average of 89 per cent of the children in the Macon County schools were promoted at the end of the year. Of those in the elementary schools, 87 per cent are promoted, while 93 per cent of those in high school moved up to a higher grade.

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

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has become quite an institution at Highlands. It was organized on May 5, 1894 with Charles Henry as president, Olive White and George Paul as vice-presidents, Cora Rogers, secretary, and Irwin Rice, treasurer. The society is still in a prosperous condition with Miss M. E. Edwards as president. In its meetings can be seen Baptists, Episcopalians, members of the two branches of the Methodists, Presbyterians, and members of other denominations.

### 25 YEARS AGO

In a fast boxing contest held at the courthouse here last Saturday night Larry Avera, Franklin favorite, administered the sleep producer to "Knock-Out" Crosby, of Philadelphia, in the sixth round of a battle that had been scheduled to last for 10 rounds. Two fast preliminaries were staged before the fight by local boys.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Andrews Baptist church, has accepted a call as pastor of the Franklin Baptist church and expects to begin his pastoral duties the first of August. The Franklin church has been without a pastor since the Rev. W. B. Underwood resigned in the early spring to take a charge in Douglasville, Ga. Mr. Rogers, who has been pastor in Andrews for the past three years, comes highly recommended and the people in Franklin feel extremely gratified to get a man of his ability.



**GIVEN LIONS HONOR** — J. Ward Long, above, recently was appointed district deputy governor of Lions International. Mr. Long, who is chief clerk at the Nantahala Power and Light company headquarters here, will serve the Lions region that includes Canton and all the North Carolina section west of Canton. His new Lion duties will require him to visit the clubs in the district and assist the district governor in the latter's work. Two zone chairmen will work under Mr. Long. The Franklin Lion has a seven-year perfect attendance record, and has served the club as secretary, director, and president. He also has been chairman of this zone.

## SCOUT LEADERS CAMP ON WAYAH

Men From 4 States Here; Consider Permanent Camp For Seniors

Between 30 and 40 adult Boy Scout leaders from four states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida—are spending a week camping on Wayah Bald.

The purpose of the camp, the second held in as many summers, is twofold, it was explained: First, to give the adult leaders "clinical experience in the arts and techniques of trail and wilderness camping", with a view to their taking the skills and ideas acquired back with them to their local troops; and second, to give the leaders some idea of this region, with a view to the possibility of establishing a permanent camp for senior Scouts of this, the sixth Scout region, embracing the four southeastern states.

The party, which includes a few leaders from New York and other states outside the southeast, went to Wayah last Saturday night and will remain through tomorrow (Friday). The expedition is under the leadership of Herbert Stuckey, of Atlanta, deputy regional Scout executive.

Senior Scouts usually become one of three types—sea Scouts, aviation Scouts, or explorer Scouts. For the first two types, there are camps in Florida, and a group of Franklin senior Scouts recently visited the sea Scout camp at Jacksonville. There is no camp for this region, however, for explorer Scouts, and one of the purposes of the meetings here is to look over possible sites for such a camp.

Eleven points in this section of the state are said to be under consideration: The Cook place, Ike Patch, the Justice place, and Dogwood cove, all near Fontana; Swin Bald mountain, overlooking the Nantahala gorge; Meeting House mountain, on the south shore of Fontana lake; Horse Cove branch, on the south side of Lake Santee; Standing Indian mountain and Deep gap; White Oak Bottoms, on the headwaters of the Nantahala river; Vanhook Glade, between Franklin and Highlands; and Wayah Bald, where the group is at present camping.

Headquarters for the expedition is again "High Haven", the Gilmer A. Jones camp, use of which he has donated both last year and this.

### ENJOY STREET DANCES

**HENDERSONVILLE.**—Visitors young and old this summer are enjoying the street dances held here each Monday in the cool mountain night air.

## MACON REMAINS FREE OF POLIO; CARE IS TAKEN

Persons From Infected Areas Subject To Quarantine

Macon County continues free of polio (infantile paralysis). No case has developed anywhere in the county this summer, it was said yesterday (Wednesday) at the county health office. In making the announcement, the health officer explained that physicians are required by law to report promptly any case diagnosed as polio.

Dr. M. B. H. Michal, district health officer, said a week ago that there was no polio here, but during the week many rumors have gone the rounds. The condition has not changed, the health officer said yesterday. There still are no cases in Macon County.

The situation is being watched carefully, Mrs. Frank Shope, county health nurse, said yesterday.

As a matter of precaution, she added, any person who comes here from an area where polio is epidemic is subject to a two weeks' quarantine. The same applies to local persons who visit infected areas and return home. A number of persons who have gone to Piedmont North Carolina, where conditions are worse, and returned have been requested to remain at home for two weeks, she said, adding that, should they fail to comply with the request, their homes will be placarded with quarantine signs.

In view of the widespread publicity about polio in North Carolina, and the failure of many news stories to indicate that the disease is chiefly confined to the middle section of the state, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce this week is distributing by mail, throughout the South, reprints of the news story in last week's Press, which pointed out that there are no cases here.

## Woman Hurt In Collision Of 2 Model T's

Of four persons admitted to Angel clinic late Thursday as a result of accident, one was injured in an extraordinary automobile mishap—the collision of two cars, both Model "T" Fords. The last Model "T" was manufactured some 20 years ago.

The person injured is Mrs. Ernest Long, of Tryphosa, who was said at the hospital to have suffered a fractured skull. She had sufficiently recovered to return to her home Wednesday.

The machines, 1927 models, were driven without lights and collided in the Riverside section about 11 p. m. Thursday. Pritchard Smith, Jr., highway patrolman, said. The drivers, Ernest Long, husband of the woman injured, and James Stockton, were brought before Justice of the Peace John Moore and fined \$15.50 each for operating an automobile without lights.

The others injured in Thursday's series of accidents were Charlie Parker, of Rainbow Springs, a chest injury; Walter Roach, of Hiawasse, Ga., a broken back; and John Hay, of Knoxville, Tenn., a fish hook caught in the corner of his eye. Mr. Parker will be able to return home in a few days, it was said at the clinic yesterday. Mr. Roach remains in a serious condition. The hook was removed from Mr. Ray's eye and he returned to his home.

## Exhibition Match Sunday At Highlands Expected To Write Golf History

Some golf history will be written in Highlands Sunday, when what is generally conceded to be one of the most remarkable mixed foursomes ever brought together on a golf course will stage an exhibition match on the Highlands Country club course.

The match, a benefit for the Highlands Community hospital fund, is set for 2:30 Sunday

## Launch Move To Get A-1 Man To Direct Athletics, Head Recreation Program

A movement to materially supplement the state salary of a teacher of physical education so as to employ "a really top-notch man" to give instruction in physical education at the Franklin school nine months in the year, and to direct an integrated program of community recreation during the three summer months is under way here, and already a considerable part of the \$2,000 sought has been raised.

The funds are being solicited by John M. Archer, Jr., Guy L. Houk, and Grant Zickgraf, representing the Rotary club, and T. W. Angel, Jr., W. C. Burrell, and Frank B. Duncan, representing the Lions club. Meanwhile, County Superintendent Houk has been in touch with a number of educational institutions seeking the right man, and several applications already have been received.

Mr. Archer, appointed at the Rotary club meeting Wednesday evening of last week, named Mr. Houk and Mr. Zickgraf as the other members of his committee, and the three representing the Lions club were chosen at a called meeting of the Lions' board of directors the latter part of last week.

Tuesday the two groups met, divided into teams of two men each, and started solicitation.

The movement was initiated at the Rotary meeting, when the idea was outlined by Mr. Archer, who explained that it had been worked out by him

and T. W. Angel, Jr., for submission to the Rotary club and other organizations here. County Supt. Guy L. Houk, whose cooperation had been enlisted, discussed the plan from the school's viewpoint.

The proposal calls for raising funds by donations to supplement the salary the state will pay an instructor in physical education.

Mr. Archer explained that such recreation as is available in Franklin is good, but that "most of us get tired of going to the movies and playing bridge". He added that it long has been generally agreed that Franklin needs a balanced, integrated recreational program, with someone to direct it, and that he and Mr. Angel, in a recent conversation on the subject, decided it was time somebody tried to do something about it.

The state will pay a teacher of physical education approximately \$175 per month, or \$1,600 a year, it was explained. To get a man qualified to make a first class job of the task—school physical education instructor and community recreation director—will require a salary of \$3,000 to \$3,600, it was added. That would mean a supplement of about \$2,000 a year. And, Mr. Archer continued, the only place to get that is by donations from business houses and individuals.

In outlining the plan, Mr. —Continued on Page Eight

## Highlands Board Votes To Employ Night Policeman

The Highlands board of commissioners, at a meeting Monday night, voted to employ a night policeman. The night policeman is to be put on duty as quickly as a competent man can be found, it was said.

The board's action followed the robbery of three Highlands business houses the night of July 9-10.

The board deferred action on adopting a budget and fixing a tax rate until later in the week, probably Wednesday night.

## With Softball League

The Burrell Motor company team has a substantial lead in the standings of the Franklin Softball league, a tabulation of standings to date reveals.

Latest data on the league follows:

Teams' Standing	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Burrell	9	1	0	.900
Legion	6	3	1	.667
Zickgraf	4	3	1	.571
Oilers	5	4	0	.556
Rotary	1	7	0	.125
Power Co.	1	8	0	.111

**Results**  
Friday night games:  
Zickgraf 5, Rotary 3.  
Oilers 9, Legion 8.  
Monday Night games:  
Legion 13, Power Co. 6.  
Zickgraf 9, Burrell 6.

**Coming Games**  
Friday Night, July 23:  
Burrell vs. Rotary.  
Oilers vs. Power Co.  
Monday Night, July 26:  
Zickgraf vs. Oilers.  
Legion vs. Rotary.

### PLAN DAIRYMAN'S COURSE

A short course for milk producers will be held at the Franklin school next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, it was announced this week.

## AUGUST COURT JURORS DRAWN

Term To Open August 23 With Sink Presiding; 2 Women Drawn

The jury list for the August term of Macon superior court was drawn at Monday's meeting of the board of county commissioners.

The court term is set to open Monday, August 23, with Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, presiding.

Among the 54 drawn, only two women, and, by coincidence, they live directly across the street from each other in Franklin. They are Mrs. Erwin Patton and Mrs. L. B. Phillips. The names of the prospective jurors were drawn from the box by Gary Crawford, five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Crawford.

The commissioners also approved a petition that a road that leads off the Tellico road, just to the right of the Tellico church, be taken over for maintenance by the State Highway and Public Works commission.

The list of jurors follows:  
V. T. Watkins, of Franklin, Route 2, T. T. Henderson, of Cullasaja, Lex Vanhook, of Route 2, C. N. West, of West's Mill, Wiley Anderson, of Route 1, E. A. Burt, Jr., of Highlands, A. O. Hicks, of Aquone, Lewis Gregory, of Cullasaja, Mann Norton, of Route 2, Talley Corbin, of Highlands, W. R. Parrish, of Route 3, Clyde Clark, of Franklin, Henry B. Cabe, of Route 2, Charlie Sondheimer, of Cullasaja, B. W. Justice, of Route 4, Curt Wilson, of Highlands, B. A. Baldwin, of Aquone, W. S. Calhoun, of Stiles.

Fred Childers, of Route 3, R. H. Calloway, of Highlands, Joe Wright, of Aquone, Ben E. Gibson, of Cullasaja, Robert Downs, of Route 3, George Gibson, of Route 3, Z. V. Cansler, of Franklin, L. E. Billingsley, of Highlands, Ed Cabe, of Highlands, Elbert H. Hedden, of Gneiss, Erastus Wood, of Highlands, Luther Jacobs, of Aquone, R. E. Norton, of Highlands, Lee Barnard, Jr., of Franklin, G. W. Owenby, of Flats Lyman Ballow, of Route 2, W. H. Cobb, of Highlands, F. H. Vinson, of Sealy, M. W. Beck, of Prentiss.

George R. Pattillo, of Route 4, J. R. Bulgin, of Franklin, A. G. Kinsland, of Route 4, Will Talley, of Route 4, Jack Canster, of Route 3, D. E. Chastain, of Highlands, Andrew Gregory, of Gneiss, Mrs. Elizabeth Patton, of Franklin, J. R. Shields of Flats, S. M. McCoy, of Gneiss, Joseph Higdon, of Cullasaja, W. C. Taylor, of Route 4, Pink Gregory, of Route 2, Sam Walters, of Aquone, Mrs. L. B. Phillips, of Franklin, Fred Jacobs, of Franklin, and Mel Cabe, of Route 2.

## FUNDS IN SIGHT FOR X-RAY WORK IN THIS COUNTY

Chest Examination To Be Available Free To All Macon Adults

Funds for the chest X-ray survey of Macon County's adult population are in sight, Pritchard Smith, Jr., committee chairman, announced this week.

Approximately \$600 is already in hand, he said, and reports are yet to come in from Highlands and a number of rural communities. The \$800 sought, to pay for clerical help, an educational campaign, incidental expenses of the survey, and follow-up work, now is assured, Mr. Smith believes. The fundraising was sponsored by the Franklin Lions club.

A mobile X-ray unit provided by the State Board of Health will arrive in this county August 3 and remain for 20 days, stopping at various convenient points to make X-rays of the adults in the various communities in the county.

Under the plan, the X-ray machine and plates are furnished by the Board of Health, with the local community paying the incidental expenses of the survey. The survey here is a part of one being made of the adults of this entire health district.

It is hoped that chest X-rays can be made of every person 15 years of age or older. The service will be provided free of charge.

Such examinations, it was pointed out, will show if tuberculosis is present, and, in many cases, make a cure reasonably sure by early detection or the trouble. A secondary advantage, health authorities point out, is that many persons live in constant fear that they have tuberculosis, although they are free from the disease; a chest X-ray will bring them peace of mind.

The first stop of the mobile X-ray unit will be at Beeco's store, in Millshoal township. Other communities to be visited include Cartoogechaye, Smith-bridge, Cowee, and Franklin. Another unit, to be stationed at Nantahala August 18 and 19, will serve the Otter Creek and Kyle sections of this county.

## Perry Morgan Will Preach At Baptist Church Here Sunday

Perry Morgan, former manager of the Southern Baptist Assembly ground at Ridgecrest and former Sunday school secretary of N. C. Baptist convention, will fill the pulpit of the First Baptist church here at both services Sunday.

The pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, is away assisting in a revival at the Reeds Crossroads Baptist church in Lexington. Mr. Parker, who left Monday, is expected to return to Franklin Friday of next week.

Mr. Morgan is widely known among Baptists of this and other Southern states.

## Many Visit Exhibit Brought Here By Army

Scores of persons visited the ninth air force recruiting caravan during its visit here Monday and Tuesday. The caravan, in charge of four enlisted men, brought here for public display many types of firearms and other interesting war materials. The trailers were parked just east of the county jail.

**WILL HOLD SING**  
The southern division of the Macon County Singing convention will hold a sing at the Pine Grove Baptist church Sunday at 2 p. m.

## The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station, follow:

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	77	64	.00
Thursday	84	64	1.28
Friday	89	64	.20
Saturday	89	61	.02
Sunday	86	58	.00
Monday	81	58	.08
Tuesday	84	57	.00
Wednesday	88	58	.10