

Macon Highway Safety Record for 1948 to Date
(From State Highway Patrol records)
KILLED 0
INJURED 7

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2 POLIO CASES IN COUNTY IS 'ABOUT NORMAL'

Health Officer Explains Measures Being Taken Are Precautionary

Two cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) have developed in Macon County during the past week.

In announcing that the illnesses of the two children affected had been diagnosed as polio, Dr. M. B. H. Michal, district health officer, remarked that two or three cases a year is normal for a population the size of this county, adding that there is no cause to alarm.

While precautions are being taken, they are aimed chiefly at preventing the disease from being brought here from infected areas.

"Our situation," she said in a prepared statement, "remains surprisingly satisfactory. To date we have had reported the following cases in our district: Haywood county, 0; Jackson, 3; Macon, 2; Swain, 1. The onset (date of becoming ill) of the latest was July 22.

"These few sporadic cases are from widely scattered points. For our population (in the district), we would have to have about 50 cases to have an epidemic, and toward that number before feeling concerned enough to warrant restricting measures. Therefore, all the measures we take are precautionary to help insure that the disease does not spread into our area.

Cases Are Young Children

The Macon children, who are ill with the disease are Milton Clouse, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clouse, who live near the head of Watauga creek, Franklin, Route 4, and Anita Marie Holland, three-year old daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Holland, of the Gneiss community. Both were taken to the Orthopedic hospital in Asheville.

The Clouse child became ill July 14, and the case was diagnosed as polio July 22 (Thursday of last week). Thursday morning his father brought him to Franklin for an examination, and the case was diagnosed as

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Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. Geo. A. Jones and family went to the Wine Spring Bald mountain Thursday to spend a week camping out.

During the past week lumber has been hauled to rebuild the school house at Holly Springs to replace the building destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

Some parties, who are disposed to kick at the things published in The Press, are respectfully informed that "All coons look alike to me."

25 YEARS AGO

Taking advantage of every opportunity, making every hit count, and having the smiles of Dame Fortune, Taukeetah defeated the Franklin girls on their field this afternoon by a score of 16 to 8 in one of the prettiest and fastest games ever witnessed on the Patton field. Miss Daisy Siler, star pitcher for the town team, made her debut as an amateur. Miss Angel, doing the receiving for Siler, did some excellent work behind the plate. C. Sloan hit the pill at will, scoring three of her team's eight runs. Line-up for Franklin was as follows: Siler, p; Angel, c; McFaden, 1b; Sloan E., 2b; Sloan, C., 3b; Haies, ss; McCullen, lf; Smith, M. rf.; Cunningham, M., cf.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hirsch, of Atlanta, have purchased the Franklin Terrace from Mr. and Mrs. John B. Willis and their daughters, Misses Mary and Blanche Willis, who have operated it for the past 23 years.

Claude Southards, Albert Ramey, Berlin Welch, Raymond Culver, Roy Fouts, Claude Leatherman, Charles Ferguson and Bryant McClure are attending the Future Farmers camp at White Lake.

Figures Reveal Population Gain, Increase in Number Using Electricity, Water

The populations of Franklin and Macon County are growing, and more and more families are putting electricity and water into their homes.

That is the story told by figures obtained this week from the Nantahala Power and Light company and the Town of Franklin.

The Nantahala company added 448 Macon County customers to the list of users of electricity during the fiscal year that ended June 30, figures compiled in the company's headquarters offices here reveal.

The gain was 23 per cent. This increase is believed to be due both to an increase in population and to a growing proportion of families served by electricity.

A similar growth in population and increase in the proportion of families served by public utilities are indicated by the number of users of Town of Franklin water.

While exact figures on the town's water customers are not available, E. W. Long, town clerk, said this week that the town now has approximately 500 water users, and that about 150

of that total have been added during the past two years. That represents a gain of roughly 50 per cent for the two-year period, or about 25 per cent a year.

The power company's gain in customers has been heavier in the rural areas.

June 30, 1947, it had 1,238 rural customers in this county, and by June 30 of this year that number had grown to 1,618, an increase of 330. The increase, in terms of percentage, is 30.7, or nearly one-third.

Its urban (Franklin and vicinity) customers the last day of June a year ago totaled 714, as compared with 782 the same date this year. The gain in town was 68 customers, or 9.5 per cent.

Reflecting the increase in the number of rural users of electricity—and also accounting for it, perhaps—was the increase during the year in the company's miles of rural lines.

The company had 227.99 miles of rural lines in this county at the end of June, 1947. Those rural lines at the end of June this year had stretched to 282.49. The increase of 54.5 miles represents a gain of 23.9 per cent.

Highlands Property Tax Valuation Is Up By 8 Per Cent

The tax valuation of Highlands property climbed from \$563,800 last year to \$617,000 this year, it was learned this week from the Highlands town office.

The increase is \$53,200, a gain of more than 8 per cent.

With the new tax valuation known, the Highlands board of commissioners last week fixed the tax rate for the fiscal year 1948-49 at the same figure as last year, \$2.25 on the \$100 valuation. Of this levy, \$1.50 is for general purposes, and 75 cents for debt service.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Following is a summary of the past week with the Franklin softball league:

Results
Friday night's games:
Burrell 3, Rotary 0 (forfeit).
Oilers 3, Power Co. 0 (forfeit).
Monday night's games:
Zickgraf 13, Oilers 2.
Legion 5, Rotary 4.

Coming Games
Friday night, July 30:
Burrell vs. Legion.
Zickgraf vs. Power Co.
Monday night, August 2:
Burrell vs. Oilers.
Rotary vs. Power Co.

Teams' Standings	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Burrell	10	1	0	.909
Legion	7	3	1	.700
Zickgraf	5	3	1	.625
Oilers	6	5	0	.545
Rotary	1	9	0	.100
Power Co.	1	9	0	.100

Pfc. Rogers' Body To Arrive Today; Rites On Saturday

The body of Pfc. Gilmer R. Rogers, who was killed in Germany February 16, 1945, is expected to arrive here this (Thursday) afternoon.

Pfc. Rogers, who was 21, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Rogers, of Darrington, Wash., formerly of Macon County. They moved to Darrington when their son, who was their only child, was five years old. Mrs. Rogers is the former Miss Ethel Cabe.

The funeral service will be held at the chapel of Bryant funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial will be in the Franklin cemetery. The Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, will conduct the service, and graveside rites will be in charge of the local American Legion post.

In addition to his parents, Pfc. Rogers is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cabe, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1.

167,000 VISIT FONTANA
Fontana Dam is the leading attraction among the TVA developments. In June 167,000 persons visited the dam.

HIRE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

Atkins to Head Programs; Funds For Projects Are Raised

Funds to make possible programs of physical education in the Franklin school and of community recreation during the summer months, under a single head, have been raised and a director of the programs has been employed, it was announced this week.

The person employed is M. R. Atkins, a man in his late twenties, who comes to Franklin from a similar position at Kingston, Tenn.

Mr. Atkins, following graduation from high school in Knoxville, was graduated from Carson-Newman college at Jefferson City, Tenn., where he majored in physical education. He was captain of his college football team during his senior year. He served about three years in the navy during the war, and for the past year has been teacher of physical education, athletic coach and community recreation director at Kingston.

In Franklin, he will work on a 12-months basis at a salary of \$3,600 a year. Under the setup that has been worked out, he is employed as teacher of physical education in the Franklin school, for which he will be paid by the state at the state schedule of about \$1,600 a year. The other \$2,000, raised

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Collection Of Intangible Taxes Slumps

Macon County and the towns of Franklin and Highlands will receive this year a total of only about two-fifths as much as they did last year from intangible taxes. The tax on intangibles—bank deposits, cash on hand, notes, etc.—is collected by the state, and the major portion refunded to the counties and towns in which it is collected. Some intangible tax items, however, are prorated on a basis of population.

This county this year will receive \$4,771.48, Lake V. Shope, secretary to the board of county commissioners, has been notified from Raleigh. This compares with \$12,306.49 refunded to this county by the state last year.

The figures for Franklin are: 1948, \$966.56; 1947, \$1,961.55. Those for Highlands are: 1948, \$518; 1947, \$949.58.

The combined totals for the county and the two towns are: 1948, \$6,256.04; 1947, \$15,217.62.

Actual collections of intangible taxes in this county were even lower, comparatively, than the figures would indicate, since the state this year is refunding 80 per cent of the total collected, while last year it refunded only 75 per cent.

Mr. Shope was unable to account for the big drop in this tax.

The decline means that the county and the two towns will just have that much less to spend this year.

HOOVERS TRANSFERRED

Marvin Hoover, of the Coweeta Experiment Forest has been transferred to Union, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and their son, Gary, left here Wednesday to make their home in Union.

rites HELD FOR JOHN G. HAUSER

Body Of Man Killed In France Buried At Mt. Zion

Final rites for Pfc. John G. Hauser, who was killed in France September 7, 1944, were held at the Franklin Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Pfc. Hauser, a native of Macon County, was 36 at the time of his death.

The services at the church were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., the pastor, and Dr. Richard L. Ownbey, guest pastor during July. An American Legion military guard stood at the bier from 1 o'clock until the end of the service, and members of the Legion were honorary pallbearers.

Burial was in the Mount Zion Methodist cemetery in the Cartoogechaye community.

Pallbearers were Elbert Angel, Clyde Bingham, C. N. Dowdle, Lawrence Long, Ralph Womack, Rufus Snyder, Houghton Williams, and William Waldrop.

Survivors include Pfc. Hauser's mother, Mrs. Betty Hauser, of Franklin, and four brothers, James and Quince Hauser, of Franklin, Milton, of Spartanburg, S. C., and William, of Morganton.

Bryant funeral home, where Pfc. Hauser was employed for 10 years before he entered the armed forces, was in charge of arrangements.

Business houses in Franklin closed during the service at the church.

Macon Baptists Plan Association Meet August 5-6

The Macon County Baptist association will meet at the Highlands Baptist church on August 5 and 6, it has been announced.

Approximately four hundred persons are expected to attend this two-day annual meeting. Picnic lunch will be served in the church dining room.

Visitor Gives Impressions Of Highlands Golf Course, Sunday's Exhibition Match

By JAY MORTON (Publisher, Hialeah, Fla., Home News)

Imagine golfing in the clouds! Picture, if you will, an 18-hole course covering almost as many yards up and down as it does straight ahead.

Think of driving off a hill-top into a valley—of "putting" into a cloudbank—of fairways that bank while they twist and turn toward their culmination in elevated greens!

And if you've succeeded in

"imagining" thus far, you've begun to get a pretty fair idea of the golf course at the Highlands Country club.

Of course, coming from a section of the country where an ant hill is regarded with a feeling akin to a wonderment, and where a 5-inch downpour will leave almost that many inches of water above the too-level ground, you will probably understand our ecstatic appreciation for hills. And when the hills happen to be mountains,

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Four Are Jailed Here As Suspects In Robbery Series

Business Building On Square Here Sells For \$50,000

In one of the largest real estate deals put on record here recently, title to the two-story brick structure that houses the Nantahala Power and Light company and the A. & P. store, passed from Mrs. Eliza Cobb Grist and husband, of this county, to George Noctel and wife, of Chicago.

Revenue stamps on the deed amounted to \$55, indicating a sale price of approximately \$50,000.

The building, situated at the northwest corner of the public square, stands on six lots of the sub-division of the Robinson place.

ALLOT \$230,000 TO FOREST HERE

Nantahala Appropriation Only Slightly Less Than Last Year

The Nantahala National Forest has been allotted approximately \$230,000 for the fiscal year that started July 1, it was learned at the forest headquarters here Monday, following a work planning conference the latter part of last week.

The total is about \$1,000 less than last year's allocation.

Of the total available, \$20,000 is for the purchase of additional forest lands; \$48,787 was appropriated for road maintenance; and \$20,000 is for construction of roads in the forest.

Other items follow:

General administration, \$36,010; timber use, \$24,000; recreation use, \$4,760; fire control, \$19,734; improvement maintenance, \$19,135; reforestation, \$2,635; and acquisition administration (for surveys, etc.), \$15,300. An additional sum of approximately \$9,000, representing 10 per cent of the forest's timber sales, also is available for forest road maintenance.

Approximately \$10,000 of the total comes from cooperative (federal and state) funds, which will be spent for reforestation, timber stand improvement, and wildlife (fish and game) development.

At the work plans conference, held here Wednesday and Thursday, plans for the year's activities on the forest were outlined. Attending were members of the office staff and the three district rangers, George R. Anderson, of Murphy, John J. Olson, of Andrews, and John Wasilik, Jr., of Franklin.

Mrs. Ellen Smith, 83, Dies At Her Nantahala Home

Mrs. Ellen Grant Smith, 83-year old native of Macon County, died at her home in the Nantahala section last Saturday night. She was the widow of Burnie Smith.

Mrs. Smith, who always had made her home in this county, was the daughter of Joe and Mrs. Sarah Foyster Grant.

She is survived by two brothers, Henry Grant, of Nantahala, and Tom Grant, of Topton; and one sister, Mrs. Venie Owenby, of the Nantahala section.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Briartown Baptist church, with the Rev. Denny officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Bryant funeral home directed the funeral arrangements.

JOS. ASHEAR IN HOSPITAL

Jos. Ashear, widely known retired Franklin merchant, is a patient at the C. J. Harris community hospital, Sylva, where it was said yesterday that he has been seriously ill, but is improving. Mr. Ashear, who some weeks ago underwent an operation at Watts hospital, Durham, was taken to the Sylva hospital Monday.

2 Men, 2 Women Caught With Burglar Tools In Their Auto

Four persons—two men and two women—were arrested in Franklin about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and are being held on the charge of illegal possession of burglary tools and firearms.

Officers suspect that the four are connected with a series of crimes, including robbery of three business places in Highlands July 10.

The arrests were made by State Highway Patrolman Prichard Smith, Jr., and C. D. Baird, Franklin chief of police, when the party stopped and inquired of the officers the way to Highlands. At the time, the officers were parked at the intersection of Main street and Harrison avenue, directing traffic for a funeral procession.

The four gave their names as Bern Garland, 22, of Cumberland Gap, Tenn.; Mrs. Bern Garland, 20, of Cumberland Gap, F. L. Phillips, 40, who did not give a home address, and Mrs. Phillips, 26, of Appalachia, Va.

They were placed in jail here, and all Tuesday afternoon and evening crowds of curious persons milled about the jail, looking at the quarter's car and what it contained and speculating on the case.

The arrest was made after Phillips, driver of the 1948 green Buick two-door sedan in which the group was traveling, stopped to inquire the way to Highlands, and Mr. Smith noted that the last three numbers on the automobile's license plate corresponded with those given him by Richard Orr. Mr. Orr said he saw the numbers on a strange green Buick parked in front of his home in Highlands about 1:30 a. m. the morning Potts Brothers store, Doyle's Self-Service, and the Highlands Theatre were robbed.

Patrolman Smith ordered the car to pull over to the curb. A quick search revealed that the machine contained a .38 calibre automatic pistol and burglar tools. As Mr. Smith told Officer Baird that he thought the group should be taken to jail, Phillips turned and fled. He was quickly recaptured by the Franklin chief of police when he fell in the dense growth in the rear of Duncan Motor company. When captured, Phillips was seized with violent emotion.

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Siler Family Will Hold 97th Reunion Here Next Thursday

The Siler family will hold its 97th annual reunion Thursday of next week (August 5). Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Single will be hosts to this year's gathering, which will be held at the Single Memorial here.

Because of the polio epidemic in other sections of the country, attention was called to the fact that adults from infected areas are being asked by health authorities not to visit Macon County, and that children from the infected areas, should they come, would be subject to a two-week quarantine.

The Siler reunion, one of the largest and oldest in the United States, has met without a break each year since the first reunion.

SATURDAY INSURANCE DEAD
World War II veterans who have lapsed their National Service Life Insurance have only until Saturday (July 31) to re-instate under the present plan.

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	89	58	.00
Thursday	89	61	.00
Friday	87	62	.20
Saturday	85	59	.00
Sunday	83	49	.00
Monday	86	52	.00
Tuesday	86	56	.00
Wednesday	83	59	.00