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## Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

(Data for this column should reach The Press by not later than 10 o'clock Tuesday. In order to keep the calendar accurate, secretaries of organizations are requested to notify the newspaper of changes in the time or place.)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30**  
8 p. m.—Co-Ed club at Hotel Hearn.

**FRIDAY**  
7 p. m.—Dance (American Legion benefit) at Slagle Memorial building.  
7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Hotel Hearn.

**MONDAY**  
10 a. m.—All-day July Fourth program gets under way.  
7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.

**TUESDAY**  
7:30 p. m.—Franklin board of aldermen at town office.  
7:30 p. m.—Junaluskee Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., at Masonic hall.  
8 p. m.—Co-Ed club at Hotel Hearn.

**WEDNESDAY**  
10 a. m.—Macon County 4-H girls' annual Dress Revue.  
7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.  
7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Hotel Hearn.

## Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**Results**  
Friday night, June 24, game rained out.  
Monday night, June 27, game rained out.

**Coming Games**  
Friday (tomorrow): Ollers vs. NP&LCo; Rotary vs. Forest Service.  
Monday: Forest Service vs. NP&LCo; Ollers vs. Van Raalte. First games start at 7:30 p. m.; second games at 8:15.

## Should File AAA Orders For Crimson Clover Now

Farmers wishing to obtain crimson clover through the AAA purchase order plan should come by the AAA office in the Agricultural building and get their order. It was announced this week. The office is closed every Saturday, and will be closed next Monday, July 4.

## Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. Jean P. Bryson has had a side shed room built to his store house.

Mrs. Laura Robertson moved her millinery store from R. L. Porter's store last Thursday to the Robinson corner.

Last week while swimming with other boys in Smith's pond, Frank Potts, son of W. T., got into deep water, and came near drowning. As he came to the surface, Willie Cleveland got to him, and holding him under one arm, he with the others got him ashore, though in an exhausted condition. — Highlands item.

### 25 YEARS AGO

"Bill Cunningham craves your ear! While other merchants are yelling slack business and hard times, Bill Cunningham is putting on extra help and buying heavier than ever before." Advertisement.

Miss Vallie Mae West is at home from Goldsboro, where she has been attending school.—West's Mill item.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Organization of the Franklin Lions club was perfected at a meeting held at Cagle's restaurant the night of June 23. The following officers were elected: T. W. Angel, Jr., president; Joel Tompkins, first vice-president; Leo Manley, second vice-president; Woodrow Reeves, third vice-president; James Sutton, secretary; Lester Arnold, lion tamer; W. T. Moore, tall twister; the Rev. Frank Bloxham, W. C. Burrell, and Jack Sanders, directors.

## Burgess Elected As President Of Highlands C. Of C.

Doyle Burgess was elected president of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting, held in the high school auditorium last week, and E. B. DuPree was elected vice-president.

Elected to the board of directors were W. R. Potts, Dr. Wm. A. Matthews, O. F. Sumner, C. E. Mitchell and Frank B. Cook.

A secretary and treasurer will be appointed by the board this week.

## Farm Club Schedule Announced

The July schedule of meetings of Macon County home demonstration clubs was announced this week by Miss Carolyn Corry, home demonstration agent. The schedule follows, the hour in each case, unless otherwise specified, being 2 p. m.

Cullasaja, July 1, at the home of Mrs. Ann Berry; Walnut Creek, July 5, at 1:30 p. m., with Mrs. George Keener; Maple Springs, July 6, Mrs. Jess Sanders; Otto, July 7, Mrs. T. J. Ramsey; Mulberry, July 8, Mrs. Carmen Sams; Carson Chapel, July 12, Agricultural building, at an hour to be announced; Iola, July 13, at 11 a. m., Mrs. Albert Ramsey; Holly Springs, July 14, Mrs. A. G. Kinsland; Union, time and place to be announced; Otter Creek, July 18, Mrs. Grace Queen; Oak Grove, July 19, Mrs. Everette Bradley; Cartoogechaye, July 20, Mrs. T. H. McNish and Mrs. E. M. McNish; Liberty, July 21, Mrs. G. A. Cloer; Cowee, July 22, at the school; Travelers, July 26, Mrs. Arlessa Roper; Watauga, July 27, Mrs. Jeter Higdon; Clark's Chapel, with Mrs. Hazel Sutton on a date to be announced.

## Clinics Planned

At Kyle, Otter Creek, Otto, And Scaly

Health department immunization clinics got under way yesterday at the Kyle and Otter Creek schools, and clinics will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the Scaly and Otto schools.

Further clinics will be held at Kyle and Otter Creek July 6 and July 13, from 10 a. m. to noon each of those two days.

At Scaly and Otto, clinics will be held tomorrow and on July 15. The hours at Scaly on each of those three days will be from 10 a. m. to noon, and the hours at Otto will be 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.

Immunizations against typhoid, diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox are offered at these clinics, as well as infant, pre-school, and maternal attention. When possible, the health department asks that parents accompany their children.

Attention was called to the fact that, once immunity against typhoid is established, one shot yearly will continue the immunity.

The health department offices in the Ashear building will be closed Monday (July 4), but will be open Tuesday from 9 to 5 for the pre-school clinic here that ordinarily would have been held Monday, it was announced.

## Seek Short Cut

Road From Whittier To Franklin

Citizens of the Whittier community, who are seeking a short route between Whittier and Franklin, plan to send a petition to this county in behalf of the proposed road.

The plan calls for a blacktop road from the West's Mills community, on the Franklin-Bryson City highway, up Leatherman gap, through Wesser gap, and down to Whittier. It is said that the road would cut the distance by about 10 miles.

Decision to petition the state to construct such a road was reached at an enthusiastic mass meeting at Whittier Saturday night, one in a series of meetings held on the subject. Petitions are to be circulated in Macon as well as Swain county.

## POSTMASTER'S EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD

July 12 Set As Deadline  
For Applications  
To Be Filed

An open, competitive examination to permanently fill the position of postmaster at Franklin has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service commission. E. W. Long, who now holds the position, was appointed as acting postmaster upon the retirement of T. W. Porter May 31.

Receipt of applications for the position of permanent postmaster will close July 12, according to the Civil Service commission announcement received here. All applications must be properly executed and on file in the Civil Service commission office at Washington 25, D. C. prior to the close of business on that date, the announcement added.

Information and application forms may be obtained at the post office here or from the commission in Washington.

The salary of the postmaster in Franklin—a second class office is \$4,050 per year. In the ratings to be assigned by the commission, it was said that veterans will be given preference, but it was explained that documentary proof of military or naval service must be submitted with the application.

Applicants must be at least 23 years of age and not older than 62. Both men and women are eligible.

Other requirements of applicants, as listed in the commission's announcement are:

"1. They must be citizens of or owe allegiance to the United States on the closing date for receipt of applications specified at the head of this announcement. Foreign-born applicants who meet the citizenship requirement must furnish proof of United States citizenship before they will be eligible for appointment under civil service rules.

"2. Must be actual residents—They must have actually resided within the delivery of the post office for which application is

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## Clark's Chapel Bible School Finals Are Held

Commencement exercises for last week's vacation Bible school at Clark's Chapel Methodist church were held Sunday evening.

The school, described as the best in the history of the church, enrolled 75 children, and the average attendance was 57.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sparkman was principal of the school, and Mrs. George Doster associate director.

Teachers were as follows: Primary, Miss Catherine Cabe, Miss Helen Jones, and Miss Ruth Ray; junior, Mrs. George Doster, Miss Gaynell Vanhook, and Miss Darlis Sutton; intermediate, Mrs. Elizabeth Sparkman, Miss Evelyn Ray, and Miss Candier Gray.

## Plan Meet To Form 4-H Club At Clark's Chapel

A meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Clark's Chapel school for the purpose of organizing a 4-H club in the Clark's Chapel community. It was announced this week. Boys and girls from the ages of 10 through 20 years, inclusive, are eligible to join.



**ROTARY SPEAKER** — M. H. Bruner, of Clemson, S. C., Southern manager of the extension division of E. I. du Pont de Nemours company, was the guest speaker at last night's Franklin Rotary club annual ladies' night dinner meeting at the Slagle Memorial building. Speaking on recent chemical developments, Mr. Bruner talked on "Preview of Progress".

## 75 Of 79 Enrolled Attend Bible School Daily

Reporting a successful daily vacation Bible school last week at the Franklin Methodist church, the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, said this week that the school had an enrollment of 79 and an average daily attendance of 75.

Mrs. Zeb Conley, superintendent of the primary department, was leader of the kindergarten group, with Mrs. Lester Henderson, Mrs. James Wurst, Mrs. Bob Porter, Mrs. W. V. Swan, and Miss Elizabeth Jones serving as teachers. Miss Jones was pianist.

The primary children were taught by Mrs. Eva Cunningham and Mrs. Roane Bradley, assisted by Miss Freda Siler and Mrs. Hunter Calloway, with Miss Siler as pianist.

Teachers of the juniors were Mrs. Roy Hemphill and Mrs. Allen Siler, assisted by Mrs. A. C. Gibbs and Miss Carolyn Long.

Intermediate department teachers were Miss Mozelle McCormick, the church's director of religious education, and Mrs. Guy Sharitz. Miss Long served as pianist for the junior and intermediate groups.

Mrs. Ben Philbrick was storyteller for the classes, and a refreshment committee, headed by Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, served the 70-odd children each day. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Frank Killian, Mrs. E. W. Renshaw, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., Mrs. Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., and Mrs. W. V. Swan.

## Will Discuss Buying School As Area Center

A proposal that the Higdonville schoolhouse be purchased for a community building will be discussed at a meeting at the school Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The present building will no longer be needed for school purposes when the new Ellijay school, now under construction, is completed. Saturday's meeting was called by Fred Corbin.

## MRS. SLAGLE ILL

Mrs. Henry Slagle, of Cartoogechaye, who became seriously ill Monday night, Wednesday had sufficiently improved to be moved by her son, Dr. R. D. Slagle, of Sylva, to the Harris Community hospital in Sylva.

## ORDER \$2,700 METAL FENCE FOR BALL PARK

Financed By Advertising;  
Other Funds Sought  
For More Seats

The old wooden fence around the athletic field at the Franklin school will be torn down this week to make way for a modern, all-metal affair that will cost \$2,700.

Decision to buy the new fence was reached at a meeting of more than a score of interested Franklin business and professional men Tuesday night. It also was decided to accept Harley Stewart's offer to tear down and remove the old fence for the lumber he can get out of it. The \$2,700 bid is for 1,455 feet of fence and gates, installed.

The new fence, to be bought from the Cyclone Fence company, Charlotte, is to be six feet high, of heavy woven wire, with an iron pipe at the top, and the whole surmounted by three strands of barb wire. It will be strung on metal posts, sunk in 36 inches of concrete. It is proposed to plant honeysuckle along the fence to provide a screen.

The plan, at an earlier meeting, called for financing the cost of the fence by selling advertising along the south side of the field, and the committee — T. W. Angel, Jr., John M. Archer, Jr., and Frank L. Henry, Jr. — reported Tuesday night that it had sold \$2,700 in advertising.

R. R. (Bob) Gaines, who presided at the meeting, appointed G. L. Houk, T. W. Angel, Jr., and A. R. Higdon as a committee to work with the Cyclone firm in deciding the exact position of the fence and gates.

An additional \$2,000 or \$3,000 is to be sought with a view to adding 1,200 seats to the stadium, and ways and means of raising this fund were discussed.

B. L. McGlamery, Pritchard Smith, Jr., and Frank B. Duncan were appointed as a committee to solicit firms and individuals who have not bought advertising space on the new fence.

After some discussion, it was decided to postpone action on a proposal that a permanent association be formed to handle all phases of the school and community athletic and recreational program.

## 4-H Club

Dress Revue To Be Held  
Here Wednesday

Macon County 4-H girls will hold their annual Dress Revue at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the Agricultural building.

The contestants will be divided into junior and senior groups, and awards will be made each group. The winner of the senior group will receive a free trip to the 4-H Short Course in Raleigh, where she will participate in the state Dress Revue.

The judges for the Dress Revue will be Miss Mary Johnston, home agent in Jackson county, Mrs. Porter Seruggs, of Sylva, and Miss Dorothy Wilkinson, home agent in Rabun county, Ga.

In addition to the Dress Revue, there will be a "Wear and Care Clothing" demonstration by 4-H girls. The winner of the demonstrations will participate in the district contest, to be held here on July 14. Contest winners from Swain, Johnston, Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Macon will compete in this district contest.

## Seek N. C. Approval Of Macon \$400,000 School Bond Issue

The first step has been taken toward issuance and sale of Macon County's \$400,000 school bonds.

The board of county commissioners has filed with the North Carolina Local Government Commission, Raleigh, a request for approval of the bond issue, and R. S. Jones, county attorney, has received acknowledgement from the commission, stating that the matter is being taken under consideration.

Proceeds from the bonds, approved in an election in 1945, are to be used for new school buildings.

Following approval by the Local Government Commission, the bond issue must be approved by bond attorneys before the bonds can be issued and sold.

## Porter Paid Tribute On Retirement

T. W. Porter, who retired May 31 as postmaster at Franklin, was twice honored last week for his 15 years' service.

He and Mrs. Porter were guests at a dinner given in their honor by postmasters and postal employees of the county Saturday evening, and earlier Mr. Porter had received a personal letter of congratulations from the postmaster general.

Saturday evening's surprise dinner party was held at Kelly's Inn, with Charles Potts, Highlands postmaster, serving as master of ceremonies. Mr. Potts praised Mr. Porter for his record, and thanked him, on behalf of other postmasters and postal workers, for his cooperation.

Short talks also were made by J. H. Stockton and E. W. Long, acting Franklin postmaster. Mr. Porter responded. Twenty guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were presented with gifts.

The text of the letter Mr. Porter received from Postmaster General J. M. Donaldson follows:

"It has come to my attention that you have retired from the position of postmaster in the post office at Franklin, North Carolina.

"You may be very proud of your record and the loyal and efficient service you have rendered.

"I extend my personal congratulations and hope you will enjoy many years of happiness."

## Forest Service Is Repairing Damage To Roads, Arrowwood

Forest Service forces this week are busy repairing flood damage at Arrowwood Glade and to Forest Service roads.

The road damage in this county amounted to approximately \$10,000. E. W. Renshaw, Nantahala National Forest supervisor, said, while about \$1,300 damage was done at Arrowwood. There the pool caught a lot of silt, the footbridge from the bathroom to the pool was washed out, and the area was rutted by the water.

## Robbie Gay Talent Is Finals Winner In Memory Contest

Bobby Gay Talent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talent, won in the Baptist Training union memory contest finals at Fruitland institute recently. She received the certificate of award, bearing the gold seal of a state winner.

She was accompanied to Fruitland by her mother, who served as chaperon for girls from the Franklin Baptist church attending the conference.

## FAIL TO MAKE GRADE

Fourteen per cent of the persons seeking licenses to drive during May failed to make the grade, according to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

## SHOULD NOTIFY OFFICE

4-H club boys and girls who plan to attend the 4-H camp at Swannanoa, July 19 to 23, this week were asked to notify the Extension offices here at once.

## PLAN ALL-DAY JULY FOURTH PROGRAM HERE

V. F. W. Will Sponsor  
Contests, Ball Game,  
Boxing, Dance

A July Fourth program, to be featured by the contests and athletic events that have been typical of Independence Day celebrations for generations, will be held here Monday.

The Franklin celebration will be sponsored by the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with other groups cooperating, and highlights among the day's events were announced by V. F. W. Commander Z. W. Shope, following a called meeting of the post last Friday night.

A series of contests, for both children and adults, will get under way on West Main street at 10 a. m. Arrangements have been made, Mr. Shope said, to have a section of the street roped off for this feature of the program.

Among contests planned are a three-legged race, for boys and girls; a fat man's race; a greased pole contest, open to persons of all ages; an egg race; a wheelbarrow race; and two bicycle races—one for children from 8 to 12; and one for those between 12 and 14.

A variety of prizes, donated by merchants and business men here, will be given to the contest winners, and at other events during the day. No prize will have a value of less than \$2.50, Mr. Shope said.

Following the contests, boxing bouts are scheduled in the courthouse, but between the contests and the boxing, the national anthem is to be played. In this connection, the V. F. W. expressed the hope that flags will be displayed Monday by all business houses.

The boxing, arranged by Coach Milburn Atkins, will include one bout, he said, in which five Negro boys, all blindfolded, will be placed in the ring. The one who stays longest will be declared the winner. Nine or 10 other bouts are planned, all of them among boys.

A baseball game is set for the afternoon at the Franklin athletic field, but no announcement had been made yesterday as to what teams would contest.

A benefit square dance, to be held at the Slagle Memorial building at 8:30 Monday evening, will be the day's closing event.

V. F. W. members serving as chairmen of important committees planning the celebration include R. E. (Tony) Welch, R. R. (Bob) Gaines, Lester Arnold, Woodrow Shope, Paschal Norton, Sgt. C. M. Faircloth, and George Byrd.

Post offices, banks, public offices, and most places of business throughout the county will be closed all day Monday in observance of the holiday.

## Vacation School At Cartoogechaye Is Well Attended

The daily vacation Bible school which opened June 20 at the Cartoogechaye Baptist church closed with commencement exercises Saturday evening.

Seventy-six children enrolled, and the school had an average daily attendance record of 57. Forty children had perfect attendance records.

The Rev. Edgar Willix, the pastor, served as superintendent; Mrs. Grace Henry as principal; and Dillard Southard as assistant principal.

Teachers were Mrs. Etta Welch, Mrs. Frankie Anderson, Mrs. W. V. Beck, Mrs. Will Corpening, Mrs. J. D. Dayton, Miss Ruth Beck, Miss Mary Willix, Mrs. Grace Henry, and Miss Rosemary Huscusson.

## The Weather

Coweeta Experiment station.

Forecast for the past seven days: Precipitation and High Low Prec.

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	83	62	.08
Thursday	87	55	.00
Friday	82	63	.00
Saturday	80	64	1.22
Sunday	84	60	.29
Monday	86	59	.07
Tuesday	85	60	.30
Wednesday	87	62	.02

## . . . And That Is A Lot Of Water

Which flood was higher at Franklin, that in 1940 or the one this month?

With no river gauge here to settle the point, interested observers still are debating the question.

Jim Palmer recalls that, after the 1940 flood, he put a mark on the Standard Oil warehouse, near the depot, showing the highest point the flood waters reached. And this year's flood, it is pointed out, lacked two or three inches of reaching that point.

Furthermore, at the Iola bridge, where there is a gauge, the gauge showed the flood water about six-tenths of a foot lower in 1949 than in 1940. Despite that, however, U. S. Geological Survey representatives, who were here shortly after the current high water, believe the 1949 flood was higher than that of nine years ago—silt deposits in the bed of the river or a slight change in the channel would account for the difference in gauge measurements, they said.

And records of the Nantahala Power and Light company show that more water went over its dam here than did in the high waters nine years ago.

In 1940, Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., said, slightly more than 17,000 cubic feet of water per second passed over the dam. Two weeks ago, for about an hour in the late afternoon, Mr. Gnuse said, 18,300 cubic feet passed over the dam every second.

And that, whichever flood was higher, is a lot of water.