

### 1,500 ATTEND ANNUAL PICNIC OF FEDERATION

#### Development Of Poultry Industry Is Cited By McClure

Talks by President James G. K. McClure and others and an entertainment program featured the annual Farmers Federation picnic last Saturday at the Franklin school, which drew a crowd of Macon County farmers and their families estimated at 1,500.

The rapid growth of Western North Carolina's poultry industry was emphasized by Mr. McClure.

"We are commencing to lay the foundation for a great poultry industry," Mr. McClure asserted. He pointed out that the Federation had purchased more than \$100,000 worth of poultry and eggs from farmers during the month of June.

Mr. McClure said that the Farmers Federation is always looking for new projects which will make money for the farmers of Western North Carolina, and he called particular attention to the cooperative's experiments with gladiolus blubs, which he said seem to hold great promise for the mountain area.

A. R. Gattis, Federation hatchery director, reported that there will be 15 flocks in Macon County next year supplying hatching eggs to the Federation hatchery from approximately 11,000 birds.

Other speakers on the all-day program were: Carl S. Slagle, Macon County representative and chairman of the Macon Farmers Federation committee, S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Lord's Acre work, Harry Thomas, manager of the Federation warehouse at Franklin, and Guy M. Sales, general manager of the Federation.

The entertainment program listed many outstanding performers, including "Smilin' Red" Raper, of Murphy, Alec Houston, Hendersonville ventriloquist, Patsy Messer, acrobat, from Canton, "Aunt Samantha"

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

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
W. B. McGuire and a force of hands are camped on the Wayah Bald this week erecting a building to be used as a summer lodge for pleasure parties who desire to camp out. A sum of money and donations of lumber were raised by popular subscription for the building. A good road was built from the State road in Nantahala gap to the top of the mountain a year or two ago, and camping among the clouds is becoming quite popular, as well as enjoyable.

Mr. John A. Ammons, a prominent citizen of this county, died at his home on Millshoal at day-light yesterday morning, at the age of 76 years.

Mr. William Littlefield, after making his home here for several years, left for Waynesville Monday, where he will make his home in future.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Miss Elizabeth Kelly, president of the North Carolina Teachers Association, this week joined the field service forces of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association.

Mr. J. W. Gurney, of Walhalla, S. C., is here on business this week.

Mr. Fred Corbin, of Cullasaja, and Miss Addie Crawford, of Cartoogechaye, were married at Clayton, Ga., last Wednesday.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Announcement has been made that Major J. Frank Carmack has purchased the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course.

Come up to Highlands—"the Roof Garden of the Southeast"—Air Conditioned by Mother Nature.—Full page advertisement of Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

### Call Meeting So Public Can Present Its Ideas On Area's Road Problems

Officials of the State Highway and Public Works commission will hold a public meeting in Bryson City next Tuesday for the purpose of discussing road problems of this area with any persons who wish to attend, it was announced this week.

The meeting will be held at the Bryson City Community building, starting at 10 a. m.

Highway officials who will be present will include L. Dale Thrash, of Asheville, tenth division highway commissioner; Z. V. Stewart, recently transferred to this division as division engineer; and W. M. Corkill, assistant division engineer.

Mr. Thrash will explain the general policies and plans set up by the highway commission, and he and the engineers will lead discussions on the following subjects:

Federal aid primary road projects; federal aid secondary road projects; mud roads and the plans made so far for starting the \$200,000,000 road program, general expansion of the highway forces, amount of new

equipment that has been ordered, etc.; road petitions—those that are necessary and those that are not; and the importance of giving every road a name.

While Mr. Thrash has expressed particular interest in having all the county commissioners from the six counties in this district present, he emphasized that "all who are interested in discussing road matters are invited and are welcome."

"Our engineers," he continued, "are going to have more to do in the next few years than they have ever done in the past. Therefore, we would like very much for those who want to talk about their roads to come to these meetings that we will have from time to time, and not bother the engineers and road supervisors when they are on the job."

"Road money belongs to the people, and to get the most roads built for the money, it will require the cooperation of all the people. So far, I am well pleased with the cooperation we have been getting."

### Fall Is Fatal

#### To Floyd Pendergrass, Kyle Resident

Floyd Pendergrass, 44, of the Kyle community, is dead as the result of a fall while fishing.

Mr. Pendergrass was able to walk the distance of a mile and a half from the lake to his home, but became paralyzed soon after reaching home. He told members of his family that he had fallen while fishing and struck his head upon a rock.

When he became paralyzed, he was taken to a hospital in Andrews, where he died at 4 p. m. Saturday.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Etta Willis; two daughters, Mary Belle and Julia; three sons, Hubert, Howard, and Charles; his father, John Pendergrass, of Kyle; five sisters, Mrs. Hamilton Adams, of Roster, Ga., Mrs. Lyle Baldwin, of Kyle, Mrs. Sherlin Evans, of Aquone, Mrs. Lawrence Cochran, of Franklin, Route 3, and Mrs. Jim Grant, of Ellijay, Ga.; and seven brothers, William, Wesley, and Jeff Pendergrass, of Kyle, Harley and Alex, of Franklin, Route 1, and Wiley and Troy, of Franklin, Route 3.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kyle Baptist church, with the Rev. R. D. Denny officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

### Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Franklin Softball league results to date, with the schedule of approaching games, follow:

**Results**  
All games rained out July 15 and July 18.

Teams' Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
Forest Service	5	1	.833
Oilers	4	1	.800
Rotary	3	2	.600
Zickgraf	3	3	.500
NP&LCo	2	5	.286
Van Raalte	1	6	.143

**Coming Games**

Friday (tomorrow) night—7:30, Forest Service vs. Zickgraf; second game, 9:15, Van Raalte vs. NP&LCo.  
Monday night—7:30, Oilers vs. NP&LCo.; 9:15, Rotary vs. Zickgraf.

### Want Names Of Those Planning Raleigh Trip

Macon County farm men and women who plan to go to Raleigh for Farm and Home week, August 8 through 11, are asked to notify the county agents or home agent's office immediately. This is necessary, it was explained by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, so that transportation can be arranged. The trip will be well worth while, both for education and entertainment, Mr. Mendenhall said, adding that the agents hope a large number will attend the series of events.

### FRANK H. HILL, 96, DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

#### Horse Cove Man Remained Active, Interested Despite Age

After 96 active years, Frank H. Hill died at his home in the Horse Cove community, near Highlands, last Friday morning, following a short illness.

Born June 14, 1853, Mr. Hill had observed his 96th birthday last month. He was one of the oldest persons living in Macon County.

The son of Starhope Walter Hill and Mrs. Cecelia Edwards Hill, he was a boy of eight when the Civil War began. Perhaps because of the impact of the events of that historic period on his impressionable young mind, all of his life he was deeply interested in history especially the history of this section.

Mr. Hill remained remarkably active until his last brief illness, and continued his keen interest in the affairs of the world. His memory, especially of events of the far past, was extraordinarily vivid.

A farmer, he took an almost lifelong interest in the progress of education, and at one time served on the Macon County board of education. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Hill married Miss Jane Frost, of Sacramento, Calif., January 1, 1881. She died four years ago.

Survivors include three children, Harry Hill, of Wilmington, Mrs. J. J. Norris, of Horse Cove and Atlanta, and Mrs. W. P. Sloan, of Horse Cove; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Robert E. Early, pastor of the Highlands Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Horse Cove cemetery.

Active pallbearers were John Edwards, Tom Picklesimer, Ed Edwards, Badger Troy, Ted Webb, and Dan Edwards.  
Honorary pallbearers were Leslie Misner, Charlie Edwards, Dr. O. C. Skinner, M. D. Edwards, W. E. McGuire, and Judge Felix E. Alley.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant Funeral home.

### Sunday School Convention To Be Held At Windy Gap Sunday

Election of officers for the coming year, talks, and reports will mark the quarterly meeting of the Macon County Baptist Sunday School convention, to be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Windy Gap Baptist church.

The program will be built around the theme, "Check up on Year's Work of Evangelism," and Miss Gretchen Johnson, mission worker in this county, will be the chief speaker. Talks also will be made by Weaver Cochran, the Rev. Paul Nix, Paul Swafford, and H. H. Piemmons.

Harold Swafford, of the Windy Gap church, will conduct the devotional.

### PRIZE-WINNING ENTRY

#### Life of Nimrod S. Jarrett

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following paper won the prizes as both the best entry and the best biography submitted in the Macon County Historical Society's contest for articles on Macon County history.)

By E. N. EVANS

The dust that had gathered on the history books relating to the life and events of the early pioneers of Macon County and Western North Carolina is being swept away by the winds of time, and the people are beginning to realize that the time has come to preserve these traditions for future generations. We also find that other people from the far corners of the earth who come to gaze on the blue stretches of these high mountains are interested and wonder, asking about the early settlers who had the fortitude to

penetrate these primordial haunts seeking to find homes.

One of these bold pioneers, the subject of this sketch, Nimrod S. Jarrett, was prompted no doubt by the call of the wild that had been ingrained into his very being by youthful associations and love for the deep gorges and mountainsides covered with trees and flowering shrubs. Perhaps he dreamed as he gazed with awe over this panoramic glimmer of the celestial, and thought to build an earthly garden of Paradise for himself and his children. We cannot but wonder.

He was of Scotch-Irish descent, formerly of the tide-water section of North Carolina. He was born in Buncombe county, North Carolina, in the year 1800. His early years were spent as were those of other young men of that period. He was schooled in the forest ways,

### Posts, Signs For Street Marking Are Here; Work To Start Erecting Them

The metal posts for Franklin's street sign marking have arrived, a part of the shipment of attractive metal signs, here, and the house numbers have been received, it was learned this week.

The street-marking and house numbering project, sponsored by the Lions club, is one of the steps required in order to obtain house mail delivery here.

The Lions club committee, headed by B. W. McGlamery, and the street committee of the Franklin board of aldermen, headed by Woodrow Reeves, plans a survey of the town in the next few days, it was said, to determine the exact locations for the erection of the sign posts. Work of putting up the

posts and the signs then is expected to get under way.

The posts, signs, etc., were bought by the Lions club, at a cost of several hundred dollars, and the town has agreed to have them erected and maintained.

Forty-eight signs will carry two plates, one under the other, placed at right angles, giving the names of the two intersecting streets. The 49th sign, to be placed at the intersection of the Georgia road, Ridgewood avenue, and Hillcrest avenue, will be a three-way affair.

The sign plates, made of aluminum, measure 4 3/4 by 1 3/4 inches. They will carry the street names in three inch-high black letters on a white background.

### Highlands Buys 7 Transformers To Aid Service

Seven transformers for the municipally-owned electric light system of the Town of Highlands have been ordered, as a result of action taken by the board of town commissioners.

Discussion of the purchase of the additional transformers featured Monday night's meeting of the board.

The transformers, bought at a cost of \$2,137, were purchased in order to relieve the low load situation prevailing in many parts of the town, it was brought out, and will enable the town to give better electric service. The transformers range from 10 to 25 KVA.

### 7-Day Rains Here Total 2.39 Inches

With rain falling every day during the past week—and most of the time on several days—Franklin had a rainfall of nearly two and a half inches during the seven-day period ending at 8 a. m. yesterday (Wednesday).

The total here, as reported by Manson L. Stiles, TVA weather observer, was 2.39 inches.

This compares with 3.44 inches at the Coweta Experiment station. Figures for the same period were not available for Highlands, but a weather report from that community showed rain on 15 of the first 17 days of the month, with the July total through last Sunday standing at 9.27 inches.

In Franklin, nearly a third of the week's total fell Thursday and Thursday night of last week. The recording for that 24-hour period was .72 of an inch.

The next wettest day of the week was Sunday, when .40 of an inch fell.

**LOSE RIGHT TO DRIVE**  
A total of 581 persons lost their licenses to drive during June, following convictions of

### C. OF C. SEEKS IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAY 23

#### Survey Shows Franklin Has Accommodations For 618 Tourists

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce is seeking construction of a modern highway on U. S. 23 from the Georgia state line, via Franklin, to Sylva.

The board of directors of the organization, at a called meeting last Thursday night, voted to ask the State Highway and Public Works commission to improve and reconstruct this highway, and President Frank B. Duncan appointed a committee to write a letter to L. Dale Thrash, of Asheville, this (the tenth) district highway commissioner, setting forth the request.

Appointed on the committee were T. W. Angel, Jr., R. S. Jones, both members of the board, and John M. Archer, Jr.

Prior to opening of the discussion of the road problem, Mr. Duncan called on the secretary, Neil Mooney, to read a report of a survey recently made of tourist facilities in Franklin.

The report shows that Franklin has tourist accommodations for 618 persons.

Hotels here, the report shows, have 116 rooms with 142 beds, which can accommodate 273.

Motor courts have 80 rooms, with 110 beds, which can accommodate 170.

Tourist cabins can accommodate 90.

And there are accommodations for 85 in furnished and unfurnished apartments.

### Sales Lag Here In Latest U. S. Bond Drive

Macon County, which in the past not only has met its quotas in U. S. bond drives, but usually has been one of the first counties in this region to do so, failed to reach the quota assigned it in the U. S. Saving Bond Opportunity drive, which closed July 16.

In the drive, which opened in April, this county was assigned a quota of \$46,000 in bonds. Figures made public by the U. S. Treasury's bond division show that people here bought \$31,556.25 in bonds during the campaign. This represents 68.6 per cent of the quota.

### W. N. C. Power Lakes Are Full, Spill Water

**BRYSON CITY.**—Vacationists in the mountain lakes area of Western North Carolina are getting a pretty bonus this year. All the power lakes of this area are full, a situation greatly adding to their aesthetic appeal. Several of the lakes, including Fontana, have had to spill water recently. Santeetlah, one of the prettiest of the Smoky Mountain lakes, has more water in it than it has seen in years, and the same goes for Hiwassee, Glenville, Chatuge, and others.

### The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	82	66	.28
Thursday	82	66	.04
Friday	83	64	.37
Saturday	82	61	.92
Sunday	77	63	.46
Monday	76	64	.93
Tuesday	73	58	.45
Wednesday	73	59	.01

Total rainfall, inches . . . 3.44

**FRANKLIN RAINFALL**  
(As recorded by Manson L. Stiles, TVA weather observer)  
For the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. last Thursday, .42 of an inch; Friday, .72; Saturday, .25; Sunday, .39; Monday, .46; Tuesday, .15; Wednesday, trace.  
Total for week, 2.39 inches.

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