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Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

Flower Show, With 57 Entries, Attracts 400; Mrs. Perry Is Winner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11
3 p. m.—Circle No. 2, Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, at home of Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt.

7:30 p. m.—Franklin Lodge No. 452, Loyal Order of Moose, at Slagle Memorial building.

8 p. m.—Methodist Wesleyan Service Guild at Mrs. Grace O'Mundro's home on Murphy road.

8 p. m.—Baptist Young Women's Auxiliary at home of Miss Helen Wilson.

FRIDAY

7:30 p. m.—Franklin Softball league games at Franklin Athletic field.

SATURDAY

7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Skyway (formerly Hearn) hotel.

8 p. m.—Square dance (American Legion benefit) at Memorial building.

MONDAY

10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners at courthouse.

7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Softball at athletic field.

TUESDAY

10 a. m.—Farm meeting on poultry at Agricultural building.

7:30 p. m.—Junaluskee Lodge No. 145, A. F. and A. M., at Macon hall.

8 p. m.—Co-Ed club at Memorial building.

WEDNESDAY

7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.

8 p. m.—Signal Tel. and Tel. (army reserve) Operations Company No. 3547 at Agricultural building.

PLAN PICNIC SUPPER
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church will hold a picnic supper at Arrowood Glade Sunday. Each member is invited to bring her husband or a friend. The group will meet at the church at 3 p. m.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The young people of Shortoff gave a cakewalk at the lower Masonic hall in Highlands on the evening of the 28th ult. The cake winners were most grotesquely fixed up, which was very amusing. A goodly sum was realized, which is to be applied to the repaving of the Shortoff school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Elam Slagle celebrated their golden wedding on August 1st at their pleasant home on Wayah.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Lyle have made a valuable donation to the Franklin station of the Methodist church, and at the same time a liberal provision for the Franklin district, in the way of furnishing a home for the presiding elder free of expense to the district for site or building.

25 YEARS AGO

After being out for almost a year, we have again taken over the management of the Franklin Bakery and Restaurant. Geo. and Ed. Carpenter. (Adv.)

Mr. Chas. O. Ramsey, who for the past several years has been making his home at Coburn, Va., and Chattanooga, Tenn., returned to Franklin a few days ago.

Attorney General Harry McMullan announced in Raleigh Tuesday the appointment of Representative George B. Patton, of Macon County, as assistant attorney general.

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, as president of the North Carolina Association of Superintendents of Public Welfare, has been called to Raleigh by Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, in order to assist with plans being made for welfare work in the state during the ensuing year.

Last Saturday's flower show, the first held in Franklin in a number of years, brought out 57 entries, and was seen by 400 to 500 persons. The registration book of the Franklin Garden club, which sponsored the event, showed 375 visitors, and it was known that many who viewed the flowers did not register.

The sweepstakes award, for the best entry in the show, went to Mrs. J. E. Perry, Sr. Her winning entry was a large container of zinnias. Mrs. Perry also won the blue ribbon in the zinnia class.

The judges—Mrs. Ben Woodruff, of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. John A. Boykin, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Milton Spradlin, of Tampa, all summer visitors in Franklin—also awarded blue and red ribbons in 15 classifications.

Winners in the various classifications follow, the first named in each case having been awarded the blue ribbon, and

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Lions Explain They Don't Name Streets

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Franklin Lions club Thursday President Frank Duncan was requested to make a public statement to the people of the town of Franklin, explaining that while the club had sponsored the erection of street signs, the organization had no part in designating the names to be given various streets and assumes no responsibility for any street name.

It was decided to issue this statement following last Monday night's meeting of the Franklin board of aldermen at which time there was considerable discussion concerning the change in the names of a portion of what formerly was known as the Georgia road.

After the signs are up and a study of map of the town has been made to determine house and business place numbering, these numbers will go on sale.

The Lions club, which has provided the posts and signs out of club funds, will sell the house numbers, it is understood, at cost. The town is paying for erecting the posts and the signs, and has agreed to maintain them. The whole project is a part of an effort to obtain mail delivery for Franklin.

When the signs are erected, at least three of them, it is understood, will not be put up at this time—those reading "Maple Street". The town board sometime ago voted to change the name of a portion of the old Georgia road to "Maple Street", and, in line with the board's action, the Lions club bought street signs so reading.

Delegations appeared before the board at its meeting August 1, however, to debate the change, and the board deferred further action until its next meeting. Pending decision as to whether the street shall remain Maple or be changed back to Georgia road, the signs at the intersections of that street with Wayah, West Main, and Palmer are expected to be left off.

PLAN JOINT MEETING
The Presbyterian and Methodist Youth Fellowships here will hold their quarterly joint meeting at the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

*The Rotary club's games won and percentage were erroneously reported last week.

The correct number of games and percentage appear above.

Silers From 10 States Gather For Their 98th Consecutive Reunion

Silers, some 225 strong, from 10 states and the District of Columbia, gathered here Thursday of last week for their 98th annual "family meeting".

Descendants of the four Silser brothers who were among the first settlers of Macon County, the Silser family has met each year, without a break, since that first gathering in the 1850's. Four wars have failed to interrupt the meetings, and for many decades the reunions have been held on the same day, the first Thursday in August.

This year's meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Silser, and it was brought out in a discussion that it was the first time in nearly 40 years that a Silser has played host,

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N. C. LEADERS WILL ADDRESS POULTRY MEET

Laboratory, Marketing Organization Will Be Discussed

Plans for establishment of a poultry laboratory in this section and for setting up a central organization to keep in touch with all available markets, so that Macon County's fast-growing poultry industry can be assured of the best possible market the year around, will be discussed at meeting set for 10 a. m. Tuesday at the Agricultural building.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, N. C. Extension director, C. F. Parris, in charge of poultry extension work, R. S. Dearstyne, of N. C. State college, L. J. Fourie, of the State Department of Agriculture, and possibly L. Y. Valentine, state commissioner of agriculture, will be present to discuss the different phases of poultry raising and marketing.

In commenting on the meeting, and the plans it is hoped to work out, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall remarked that "the farmers of Macon County are to be congratulated for the work they are doing in poultry. They are helping to make poultry the leading industry in this county. But there still is room for expansion."

"As is natural", he continued, "as any industry increases, the problems increase along with it. The two major problems that we should anticipate will be disease control and marketing."

"I am hoping that we can have established somewhere near us a laboratory where diseased poultry can be examined, the trouble determined, and the treatment recommended. I also am hoping that some central organization can be set up to keep in touch with all available markets so that you can be assured, insofar as possible, the best possible market the year around."

All farmers and poultrymen in the county are invited and urged to attend the meeting Tuesday morning, Mr. Mendenhall said.

Z. V. Shields

Found Dead Near Home On Nantahala

Zeb Vance Shields, 66, was found dead near his home in the Nantahala section Tuesday afternoon, and death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was discovered about 2 o'clock by his brother, James Shields, with whom he made his home, about 600 yards from the church cemetery.

A farmer and native of this county, he was a member of the Briartown Baptist church, where the funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. T. D. Denny officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Frank Shields, Will Denny, Charles Gassaway, Bob Hampton, Bill Grant, and Duthier Denny. Surviving, in addition to his brother, is one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Mashburn, of Swain county.

Funeral arrangements were directed by Bryant funeral home.

32 Finish Beginners' Swimming Course

A total of 32 children completed the beginners' swimming course, held at Arrowood Glade pool July 25-August 8, it was announced this week.

For the course, a part of the Red Cross water safety program, Miss Ann Lyle served as instructor, and Miss Ruth (Bay) Angel as assistant.

In the races, held on the last day, Dorothy Cooke won the girls' front overhand stroke, and Martha Womack the girls' back stroke. Lewis Cabe won the boys' front overhand stroke, and Jack Mooney the boys' back stroke.

A total of 58 enrolled for the course.

Wins Auto, Wife Has Baby; It Was Hectic Week-End

Bennie B. Haire is wondering what will happen next! For last Saturday he won an automobile, and early Monday Mrs. Haire presented him with a daughter.

Mr. Haire, disabled veteran of World War 2 who lives near O' to, won the 1949 Fleetline two-door Chevrolet sedan raffled for the benefit of the Franklin Athletic association. The drawing was held Saturday.

Mr. Haire did not own a car, and the new auto cost him \$2. When he bought the first ticket, 61E, he remarked "61 is my lucky number"—and it proved to be. But he paid another \$1 for a second chance. He thus had two chances out of the 2,992 sold.

The Haires' baby was born early Monday morning at Angel hospital.

ATHLETIC FIELD MEET PLANNED

Public Invited To Offer Suggestions; Fence Being Erected

A public meeting to discuss improvement of the athletic field at the Franklin school has been called for 6:45 o'clock Monday afternoon at the field.

The new metal fence around the field is expected to be up by that time, R. R. Gaines, committee chairman, said, and suggestions from the public on construction of additional stadium seats will be invited. The contour of the ground, he explained, creates several problems that have to be solved.

Approximately \$1,800 is available, as a result of a series of fund-raising projects, to build the seats. It is proposed to add 1,200 to the 600 built last year.

Concrete around the fence posts at the field was poured Tuesday, and it is hoped erection of the fence can be completed by Saturday. The fence, when completed, will have cost approximately \$3,000.

A net amount estimated at \$1,600 was raised through the raffling of an automobile, the latest fund-raising project. The lottery drawing was held Saturday. A total of 2,992 chances were sold at \$1 each. After deducting the cost of the car (less the discount given) and other expense, about \$1,600 will be left, it was said.

In addition, \$1,950 worth of advertising space on the fence has been sold to date, \$806.50 has been contributed to the fence-stadium fund, \$79.25 was

raised at the benefit square dance held July 28, and there is a balance of \$187 left from the funds raised a year ago for construction of the first section of the stadium, John M. Archer, and

the report of the executive committee.

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Reports scheduled include those on Christian education, by E. R. White, on Christian literature, by Paul Swafford, finance, J. H. Brookshire, treasurer, ministerial relief, the Rev. C. E. Parker, hospitals, Fred Corbin, and the report of the executive committee.

Other addresses and reports and the annual missionary sermon, by the Rev. C. E. Parker, will be heard tomorrow.

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Tourist Business In Franklin Good

Army Station Here Leads Entire Area In Enlistments

The tourist business in Franklin, which two weeks ago was "spotty", is excellent now.

"All tourist accommodations are practically filled", Frank B. Duncan, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday.

Mr. Duncan added that he believes the volume of tourist business here at present is the highest since war.

The army and air force recruiting station in Franklin led the entire Charlotte area, embracing all North Carolina from Charlotte west, in enlistment percentage in July, M. Sgt. Carl M. Faircloth, who is in charge of the station, has been notified.

A total of 22 men from Macon, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee, the counties served by the local station, were enlisted in the regular army and air force during the month. This was 122 per cent of the quota of 18 assigned the station, the largest quota percentage reported in this end of North Carolina.

Macon men who enlisted during the month are Ward McNeal, Jr., 17, and Horace Ledford, 18, both of Franklin.

In making the announcement public, Sgt. Faircloth pointed out that the regular army is now offering to eligible men, veteran or non-veteran, their choice of the coast artillery, field artillery, corps of engineers, armored cavalry, or infantry.

While the register at the chamber booth shows that more of Franklin's visitors come from Georgia and Florida than from any other two states, the registration for the past few days reveals that tourists are here now from South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, as well.

While the volume of mail inquiries has noticeably decreased with the advance of the season, Neil Mooney, chamber secretary, said yesterday he is receiving many personal inquiries from visitors, who seek a wide variety of information.

2-Day Meet Of Baptists Opens Today

Baptists from throughout this county will gather at the Ridgecrest Baptist church this morning for the opening of the 46th annual convention of the Macon County Baptist association.

The meeting will continue through Friday afternoon.

Today's opening session, which will convene at 10 a. m., will be featured by the annual doctrinal sermon, to be preached this year by the Rev. Paul Nix, of Highlands.

With J. H. Stockton, moderator, presiding, the convention will open with a song service, and the Rev. W. L. Sorrells will conduct the devotional. Appointment of reading clerks will follow.

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