

Order Pritchard Smith, Jr. To East N. C.

Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

THURSDAY

3 p. m.—Circles Nos. 1 and 2, Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, at home of Miss Laura M. Jones.

8 p. m.—Post No. 108, American Legion, at Slagle Memorial building.

8 p. m.—Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic hall.

FRIDAY

4:30 p. m.—District meeting of Presbyterian Youth Fellowship opens at Franklin Presbyterian church.

7:30 p. m.—Softball League games at Franklin athletic field

8 p. m.—Local talent (Lions club benefit) play, "Laff It Off", at courthouse.

SATURDAY

7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Skyway hotel.

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

8 p. m.—Second performance of "Laff It Off", at courthouse.

MONDAY

10 a. m.—Papist Pastors' conference at First Baptist church.

TUESDAY

10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners.

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

7:30 p. m.—Franklin board of aldermen at town office.

7:30 p. m.—Junaluskee Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M., at Masonic 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.

WILL CLEAN CEMETERY
All interested persons are asked to meet at the Rush cemetery Saturday to clean the cemetery. Workers are asked to bring their tools and lunches, so they can stay all day.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Lee Crawford, Arch Siler, and David Franks killed an old rattlesnake and eight young ones last Wednesday, while out surveying some land above Aquone.

If pedaling a bicycle isn't a revolutionary movement, pray tell us what is.

Jule Robinson is clerking for E. D. Franks.

Dr. B. B. Lenoir, wife and granddaughter, and Mrs. Carrie Tipton, of Lenoir, Tenn., arrived Friday for a summer visit.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. George W. Truett preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation here last Sunday morning. The service was held in the grove back of Dr. Fouts' residence.

The two-story frame residence owned by Mr. George Carpenter and occupied by Mr. Vick Haney and family was destroyed by fire, with all the contents, shortly after midnight last Thursday. Members of the family barely escaped with their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Early, of Jacksonville, Fla., are here on a visit to Mrs. Early's sister, Mrs. A. W. Mangum.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Mary Lewis Dalrymple, 59, wife of John C. Dalrymple, died at her home on Cartoogechaye Sunday morning.

Mrs. Edison Z. Ammons was honor guest at a shower on Friday afternoon given by Mrs. Francis C. Cary at the home of Mrs. Alex Ammons at Ellijay.

Welfare Workers Visit 120 Homes In School Attendance Campaign

In its efforts to increase school enrollment and attendance in this county, the Macon County welfare department this summer visited 120 families, in which there are 176 children of school age, Mrs. Eloise Potts, county superintendent of welfare, reported this week.

The Welfare department is charged with enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law.

In making these home visits, Mrs. Potts said, the welfare sought to make plans with the families so that the children could be ready to enter school when the schools open next week.

Feeling that the school attendance problem should be approached on a social work basis, Mrs. Potts said, the department last May called on the principals of the county schools and checked school census cards against school attendance records. In that way, the department learned what children had attended school irregularly, or had not enrolled. The visits to the homes followed.

Mrs. Potts quoted attendance figures given her by Supt. G. L.

Houk for the school year 1948-49: During the year, 86 per cent of the elementary school pupils and 91 per cent of the high school pupils were in average daily attendance. While it is felt that these figures are hardly representative—since attendance last year was reduced by an epidemic of measles—Mrs. Potts expressed the hope that a better record can be made this year, and appealed for the cooperation of the public.

"We have reason to be proud of our schools", she said. "We realize that we must have them to make our democracy work. If a government is to be based on the will of the people, then the people must have at least enough education to understand public issues and play their parts as citizens."

"We are appealing to the citizens of Macon County for help with the school attendance problem. The Department of Education and the Department of Public Welfare will make the best effort possible with available resources to improve school attendance, but county-wide interest in this problem will be of inestimable value."

LOCAL TALENT PLAY PLANNED

A home talent stage production, "Laff It Off", will be presented at the courthouse here tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday evenings, under sponsorship of the Franklin Lions club. Both performances are advertised to begin at 7:45 p. m.

Proceeds will be used by the club for the promotion of its work with the blind.

A professional director, Mrs. Deborah Fulton, has been here for the past 10 days coaching and rehearsing the large cast of local performers in their parts. Mrs. Fulton, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., comes here from Kansas City, Mo.

The show, a mixture of dialogue, music, and dancing, is built around a daily newspaper, and the events and characters—real and fictitious—it presents to the public.

Taking part in the amateur performances will be Mrs. Allen Siler, Weimar Jones, David Alexander, Nancy Siler, Johnny Kusterer, R. E. McKelvey, T. Y. Angel, Miss Ruth Angel, LeRoy Berrong, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Betty Alexander, Bill Mendenhall, Patty Lou Phillips, C. N. (Joe) Dowdle, Mrs. A. R. Kinne, Sandy Kinney, Dick McWilliams, Pat Gaines, Doug Pierson, Barbara Duncan, Jack Mooney, Rebecca Reeves, Brenda Cunningham, Jack Hyde, Bill Hyde, Linda Shope, Mrs. Harry Higgins, Miss Edith Crunkleton, Miss Sue Conley, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Doris Dalrymple, Mrs. Cullen Bryant, Mrs. Fred Dowdle, Miss Julia Ann Higdon, Fred Dowdle, Johnnie Crawford, Lake V. Shope, Miss Sara Elizabeth Parker, Phil McCollum, Calvin, Henson, Elbert Angel, Harry Thomas, Bill Moore, Henry Yilkie, Miss Mariann Sherrill, Miss Betty Lou Constance, Miss Freda Siler, Miss Julia Hunnicutt, Miss Wilma Renshaw, Miss Martha Ann Stockton.

Dancers, singers, specialty features, comedy skits, and tuneful music are featured in this comedy.

District Meet Of Presbyterian Youth To Be Held Here

A district meeting of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian church tomorrow, starting at 4:30 p. m. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held.

The western district of the Asheville Presbytery embraces all the territory in North Carolina from Canton west, and 16 churches are expected to be represented.

The Rev. Ben Rose, of Bristol, Va., will be the chief speaker.

JAMES M. GRAY TAKEN BY DEATH IN WASHINGTON

Macon Native Had Risen To High Post; Rites Held In Franklin

James Miller Gray, Macon County native who rose to high position in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday morning.

Mr. Gray, who had devoted his life to agricultural work, headed the U. S. agency that during the early part of World War 2 was charged with the acquisition of all land bought for army and navy camps. At the time of his death, he was field agent in charge of 4-H club work in 11 western states, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Although he had lived elsewhere for more than 40 years, his "roots" were here, and the body was brought back to this county, and funeral services were held here Wednesday.

Despite his official duties, Mr. Gray never lost interest in his home county. At the death of his father, T. R. Gray, he was elected secretary of the Siler family reunion, and during his 25 years as secretary he always found time to attend the annual reunion. The only times he missed were once when he was in South America, and two years ago when he was ill. He was present at the meeting last month.

Although he had been ill for two years, he continued his work up to the last, having entered the hospital only the day before his death. Mr. Gray, who was 62 years old, had planned to retire next year.

Reared in the Cullasaja community, he attended the Macon County schools and in 1910 was graduated from N. C. State (then A. and M.) college in 1910. After a few months' teaching at Brevard Institute, he joined the Farmers Institute, predecessor of the present N. C. EX.—Continued on Page Ten

Next Thursday Will Be Back-To-School Day For 4,000 Macon Children

Thursday of next week will be back-to-school day for some 4,200 Macon County school children.

It will be the first time in many years that all the schools in this county—15 white and one Negro—will open the same day. Usually, Nantahala, and sometimes one or two other schools, open early, while Highlands usually opens a few days later than the remainder of Macon's schools. The general opening this year, however, is about a week later than usual, having been delayed so that the new Cullasaja school will be ready for use.

The schools will open next Thursday at their usual hour; at Franklin and Highlands and most of other schools that is 8:45. Thursday and Friday, Supt. G. L. Houk explained, will be devoted to registration, organization, distribution of textbooks, etc., and classes will get under way on Monday.

The Franklin school will have

two additional teachers this year, giving it a faculty of 34, an all-time high. For the first time, it will have a public school music teacher, who will devote her entire attention to the grammar grades, while a band instructor will give public school and instrumental music instruction in the high school.

Otter Creek (Nantahala) also will have two additional teachers, one in the grammar school and one in the high school.

To take care of the two additional teachers here, temporary rooms are being constructed in the old bus garage.

Mr. Houk anticipates an increase of about five per cent in enrollment, most of it in the first grade. Approximately 4,100 children were enrolled last year.

Preparatory to the opening of the 1949-50 school year, all principals of the county met with Mr. Houk Tuesday afternoon.

Methodists Plan 'Family Day' At Sunday's Service

"Family Day" will be observed at the Franklin Methodist church at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning, it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Gibbs.

On this occasion, Mr. Gibbs said, families are asked to sit together, and it is hoped that every member of the church can be at this service, one of the last to be held before the annual conference September 21.

Baptist Pastors Will Meet Here On Monday

The Macon County Baptist conference will be held at the First Baptist church here Monday at 10 a. m. The Rev. C. E. Parker is moderator, and the Rev. Edgar Willix, secretary.

PATROLMAN IS GIVEN ONLY 3 DAYS' NOTICE

Undecided About Taking Post In Columbus County Town

Pritchard Smith, Jr., state highway patrolman stationed here for the past three and a half years, has received an order transferring him to Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Smith's transfer order was received by him Monday. It instructed him to report at his new post September 1—three days later.

Yesterday he was undecided whether to accept the assignment. The alternative, it was understood, would be to resign from the patrol.

His new assignment is to Chadbourn, a little town near Wilmington. (Chadbourn is in Columbus county, the county-seat of which is Whiteville.)

The transfer order came from the state headquarters of the patrol, in Raleigh.

Mr. Smith, who is a senior patrolman, has had all of Macon County as his territory since he has been stationed in Franklin. He does not know what his territory in Columbus county would be.

No word has been received as to who will succeed Mr. Smith here. Also stationed in this county (at Highlands) is V. E. Bryson, a junior patrolman.

Mr. Smith's first work with the patrol was in Murphy, where he was stationed for five years. In 1944, he entered the navy. On his return to civilian life, in 1946, he was assigned to Franklin, and has been here, since.

During his three and a half years here, he has been credited with what authorities have termed "brilliant" police work in the solution of major crimes.

He took a leading role in the solution of such cases as those of Phillipott and Garland, who were convicted of a long string of post office robberies; Brady and Schetz, the pair who flew from Washington, D. C., to Knoxville, to do a sensational safe-cracking job; the 11 who perpetrated a series of robberies of summer homes in Highlands; and the Nantahala case, in which Carl Martin was convicted of robbing and seriously injuring Weaver Cochran.

He also has been active in the community life of Franklin, having served, among other posts, as president of the Franklin Lions club. He and Mrs. Smith and their young daughter, Linda Kay, live on Golfview drive, near the golf course.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Sylva, Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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

Results

Friday Night, August 26
Zickgraf, 7; Rotary, 6.
NP&LCo., 11; Van Raalte, 3.
Monday Night
Forest Service, 9; NP&LCo., 8.
Ollers, 15; Van Raalte, 11.

Teams' Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Forest Service	8	3	.727
Ollers	8	4	.666
Rotary	7	6	.538
Zickgraf	7	6	.538
NP&LCo.	7	7	.500
Van Raalte	11	12	.077

Coming Games

Friday (tomorrow) night—7:30, Ollers vs. Forest Service; 9 p. m., NP&LCo. vs. Zickgraf.
Monday night—7:30, Rotary vs. Van Raalte; 9 p. m., Ollers vs. Forest Service.

Students who will be seniors this year at the Franklin High school may check their records with Principal R. G. Sutton at the school any day between now and the opening of school next Thursday, it was announced this week by Mr. Sutton. The principal will be in his office at the school, he said, daily from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.



FRANKLIN GROWING UP—One of many indications that Franklin has grown from a village into a town is the street-marking sign shown in the photo above. This sign, at Georgia road, Edgewood avenue, and Hillcrest avenue, is one of 49 just placed at as many street intersections. The metal posts and sign plates—of aluminum, 4 1/2 x 19 1/2, black lettering on white background—were bought by the Franklin Lions club at a cost of approximately \$600, and erected by the town. Shown in the picture are Mayor H. W. Cabe (left) and Pritchard Smith, Jr., immediate past president of the Lions club, under whose administration the signs were bought. Marking the streets is the first step in an effort to obtain city mail delivery here. The next is the numbering of business establishments and residences. The mail delivery project was launched by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, under the presidency of B. L. McGlamery, who also was Lions committee chairman on the street marking project. Mr. McGlamery and Woodrow Reeves, the board of aldermen's street committee chairman, who was in charge of erecting the posts and signs, could not be present when the photograph was made.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	83	56	T
Thursday	86	52	T
Friday	84	54	T
Saturday	83	60	.01
Sunday	76	62	2.19
Monday	83	56	...
Tuesday	83	52	...
Wednesday	80	60	.84
Thursday, none; Friday, none; Saturday, none; Sunday, 42; Monday, 46; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, 67. Total for week, 1.55 inches.			