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Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

3 p. m.—Circles Nos. 1 and 2, Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service, at home of Mrs. Allen Siler.

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

10:30 a. m.—Annual Macon County zone meeting of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service at Franklin church.

7:30 p. m.—Association-wide Sunday school meeting at First Baptist church.

8 p. m.—Football: Franklin vs. Sylva, at Franklin field.

SATURDAY

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

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

MONDAY

7 p. m.—Franklin Lions club at Presbyterian church annex.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

7:30 p. m.—Memorial Post No. 7339, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Agricultural building.

Will Show Movies

On Conservation At Seven Schools

Motion pictures dealing with fire prevention, water control, and erosion will be shown at seven Macon County schools next week under sponsorship of the U. S. and N. C. Forest Services, it was announced this week by J. Fred Bryson, county forest warden.

The schedule follows: Slagle school Monday at 9 a. m.; Holly Springs, Monday at 1:30; Highlands, Tuesday at 10:30; Sealy, Tuesday at 1:30; Cowee, Wednesday at 9; Otto, Wednesday at 9; and Iotla, Thursday at 9.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Among those who passed the bar examination at Raleigh last week were Thomas J. Johnston, of Macon, Claude R. Moss, of Clay, and Andrew J. Franklin, of Swain.

The first frost of the season made its appearance here last Wednesday, but it was not sufficient to kill vegetation.

Court will be on hand here next week.

Cornaro Baird has gone to Smith's Bridge to teach a public school.

25 YEARS AGO

It is ordered by the county board of elections that Franklin township be divided into two voting precincts.—C. D. Baird, chairman, T. S. Munday, Joe E. Rickman.

We understand that the Oglesby Realty and Auction Co., of Atlanta, has just closed a contract with Mr. E. S. Hunnicutt for the sale of the Junaluska Inn property on West Main Street. The property will be subdivided into small business lots and sold at auction.

10 YEARS AGO

Rev. W. N. Cook, of Webster, is directing a fellowship revival at the Iotla Baptist church.

The Highlands Presbyterian church is indebted to Dr. Harry T. Kelsey, son of S. T. Kelsey, founder of Highlands, for the original copy of the minutes of the first organized Sunday school held in Highlands on March 13, 1878. These minutes have been sent by Dr. Kelsey to Miss Albertina Staub to be placed where they will be preserved and cherished.

FOLK HERE WIN 7 BLUE RIBBONS AT GRADE SHOW

Macon Boys Also Take 2 Top Places For 'Fitting'

With 14 animals entered, Macon County farm folk won seven blue ribbons and seven red ribbons, and took first and second places for having the best fitted animals, in the Nantahala Grade Dairy show, held in Murphy Wednesday of last week.

The animal of Emory Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glimmer L. Crawford, of Franklin, was adjudged the best fitted of the approximately 115 cows and heifers in the show. He was awarded a show halter. Second place went to Eugene Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray, of Franklin, Route 2.

Fitting an animal, it was explained, means having it in condition to show, with special attention to such things as hair, horns, hooves, etc.

Fourth place for showmanship went to Pete Steser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Setser, of Franklin, Route 1.

The Danish system of judging was used, under which all entries were placed in the blue ribbon, or best, class, the red ribbon, or second best, or white ribbon, of third best class.

All of this county's entries took either blue or red ribbons, and the blue ribbon winners all were near the top in that class.

Blue ribbons went to Kenneth Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Carpenter, of the Skeenah community; George Bryson, of Cullasaja; Joe Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, of Franklin, Route 4; Vic Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Teague, of Prentiss; Bobby Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Teague, of Prentiss; Eugene Gray; and Wayne McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McConnell, of Prentiss.

Red ribbons were won by Mrs. Ed McNish, of Franklin, Route 1; Mrs. Thomas Woody, of the Skeenah community; Pete Setser; Emory Crawford; Mack Pickens, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pickens, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Miss June Teague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Teague, of Prentiss; and Bobby Shope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pringle Shope, of Skeenah.

The show, the first of what is planned as a series of annual events, drew entries from Macon, Clay, Cherokee, and Graham counties in this state, and Union and Towns counties in Georgia.

It was held with the thought that a large number of dairy farmers in this region are making money with grade animals, and that many of them have good animals, and that these farmer folk should have their own competitions, rather than restricting shows to purebreds. It was arranged by the Extension services of the two states, and was made possible, financially, by the business men of the region.

While most of those competing were 4-H and FFA boys and girls, a number of farmers and farm women also entered animals.

The Macon animals were taken to Murphy by truck Tuesday, under the direction of T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, with the assistance of Bryan Setser and Cecil Parker. Mr. Fagg expressed appreciation to them for their cooperation in handling the animals during the two days; they spent away from home, and for the donating \$5 each of their hauling charges.

He also voiced thanks to the follows business firms and individuals for contributions toward the financing of the show: Belk's Department store, A. B. Slagle, Burrell Motor company, Duncan Motor company, John M. Archer, Jr., Macon County Demonstration Farmers association, and Turner and Charlie Enloe.

Sharitz Becomes Sunday School Superintendent

Guy Sharitz Sunday assumed his duties as superintendent of the Franklin Methodist Sunday school, Mr. Sharitz, who is superintendent of the Van Raalte plant here, succeeds W. W. (Bill) Sloan, resigned.

Panthers Win 40 - 13; Meet Sylva Friday

Both the Franklin football team and the newly formed high school band really "tuned up" for the first time this year for last Friday night's game, the Panthers defeating Murphy high school 40 to 13 and the band giving their initial performance of the season.

The local team, with two wins and one defeat on its record so far this season, will play the strong Sylva High here tomorrow (Friday) night. The game will start at 8 p. m.

Sparked by the spectacular running of Charles Shields and Bill Huggins, the Franklin offense scored two touchdowns in each of the last three quarters; while the spirited line play of Charles Thomas, Jack Norton, and John Alsop limited Murphy to 13 points. John (Bardy) Archer added four points to the total by making four out of six placements good for extra points.

Murphy scored early in the first quarter, after blocking a Franklin punt and gaining possession of the ball on the Panthers' 45-yard line. The Murphy touchdown came as completion of a drive which combined ground gaining off tackle sweeps and line plunges through the right side of the Franklin line to place the ball on the Franklin 8-yard line. There a pass, from Thompson to Lovingood, was good for a touchdown. Thompson plunged into the line for the extra point.

Following an exchange of punts in the second quarter, Huggins picked up 35 yards in two running plays and Shields, running hard, went 35 yards down the south sideline to score.

Franklin's second touchdown came following the covering of a Murphy fumble by the Panthers on the visitors' 30-yard line. On an end run Shields carried the ball to the 10-yard line. Frank Henry, playing with an injured knee, drove to the 3-yard line, with Archer carrying it over on a quarterback sneak. Archer's placement made the score 14 to 7 which was the score at half time.

Murphy started the second half strong and drove down field, with Thompson making most of the yardage, to score early in the third quarter. The Bulldogs failed to make the extra point.

Midway the third quarter one of the spectacular plays of the game occurred, when Huggins, on a wide sweep around his own left end, broke loose to place the ball on the Murphy 20-yard line. On this play even the officials were fooled by the deceptiveness of Archer's and Huggins' ball handling. Following three line plays, Archer scored from the 4-yard line. Franklin missed its first extra point of the game when Archer's kick was no good, with the score being Franklin 20, Murphy 13, just after the opening of the fourth quarter.

Franklin's fourth touchdown came following a 25-yard run by Shields, who scored on an end run from the 5-yard line. The attempted conversion was no good.

As the visitors attempted to get back into the scoring column with an aerial attack, Archer intercepted a pass on the Murphy 35, carrying the ball back to the 15-yard line with some shifty running. After Shields and Huggins drove the ball to the Bulldog 2-yard line, Archer scored on a line plunge. The Panthers' final score came after a pass interception by Henry had given Franklin possession of the ball, on a pass from Archer to Bo Norton. Archer's place kick hit the crossbar and bounded over.

Franklin played perhaps its best game in the past two seasons in this encounter with a shift in the line up by coach Milburn Atkins during the game seemed to give added strength to the Franklin line on both offense and defense. Alsop, who has been playing center, was switched to left guard, and

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ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, Mrs. R. S. Jones, Mrs. W. E. Hunnicutt, and Mrs. Allen Siler attended the district P. T. A. conference at Cherokee last Thursday.

Summer Chosen As President Of Macon N. C. E. A.

O. F. Summer is the new president of the Macon County unit of the North Carolina Education association. Mr. Summer, who is principal of the Highlands school, succeeds County Supt. G. L. Houk as president.

Mr. Summer and other officers were elected at a meeting of the unit at the school here Saturday.

Mrs. Beth Guffy was elected vice-president, Mrs. Merle Dryman was chosen secretary, and Norman West was named treasurer.

About 65 persons attended. Mr. Houk addressed the group, and Mr. Summer, in a brief talk, urged that all teachers in the county become members.

MISS TRUMAN CHARMS 1,100

Big Audience Likes Her Singing, But Likes Her Even More.

A smiling, friendly girl from Independence, Missouri, and Washington, D. C., with a sweet voice, charmed her audience of more than 1,100 Western North Carolina music lovers Tuesday night at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee.

The girl was Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of the President of the United States, making her first appearance before a college audience, and her first appearance as a concert singer in this state.

Undoubtedly, there were those in the audience who came to see the President's daughter, but left pleased that they had been delightfully entertained by a small town American girl who was making good on her own.

They felt that Margaret's musical program was a good performance, pleasing to listen to, and that here was no stuffy shirt concert performer, but a wholesome American girl who was a lot of fun to be around.

Miss Truman, a sparkling blue-eyed, curly haired blonde, was dressed very simply in a white brocaded satin evening gown. She wore no jewelry other than ear bobs.

Although her singing showed she had spent much time in study and training and was creditable workmanship, it was the sparkling smile and likeable personality of this charming girl that made the most lasting impression on the audience.

Miss Truman, who was accompanied by Herman Allison, sang:

Gia il Sole dal Gange, by Scarlatti, Caro Mio Ben, by Giordani, and La Danza, by Duran, all sung in English; Aria: Dove Sono, from "Le Nozze di Figaro," by Mozart, Durante, all sung in English; Schumann, Die Furtelle, F. Schubert, An Die Nachtigall, R. Schubert, and Stanchen, R. Strauss, all sung in German; La Primavera, Glazounov, in English; The Piper, Duke; He Stole My Heart Away, Endicott; Three Little Elf Songs, Besly; and Will o' the Wisp, Spröss.

Mr. Allison played two piano solos at intermission: Impromptu in F Minor, Faure, and Ritual Fire Dance, de Falla.

At the conclusion of the pro-

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New Methodist Ministers Arrive To Take Up Duties

The new ministers assigned here by the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church have arrived to take up their duties.

The Rev. C. E. Murray succeeds the Rev. A. C. Gibbs at the Franklin and Carson Chapel churches, and the Rev. D. B. Martin takes over the Franklin circuit, succeeding the Rev. R. L. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray and their younger children, Libby, 16, and Becky, 14 arrived yesterday. They also have two married children, a daughter who lives in Charlotte, and a son who was graduated this spring from the Duke divinity school and is now pastor of Ebenezer church at North Belmont.

Mr. Murray, who comes to

MAY INCREASE HEIGHT OF TWO WATER TANKS

Aldermen Defer Action On Street Name And Wiring Inspector

The possibility of extending the town's two stand-pipe type water tanks 12 feet in height, in order to increase the water pressure and provide more water storage space, was discussed at Monday night's monthly meeting of the Franklin board of aldermen.

No action was taken, however.

The aldermen also took no action on the Georgia Road-Maple street name controversy.

Discussion of the idea of increasing the water tanks' height arose when the board received a bid on cleaning and repairing the tanks. Alderman W. W. Reeves suggested that the board consider increasing the size of the present tanks. He pointed out that if the board were going to spend \$950 on repairing and painting the tanks, he felt it was a good idea to consider the additional expense of enlarging the tanks, since many places within the city limits do not have proper water pressure.

Since two board members, E. J. Whitmore, Jr., and Erwin Patton, were absent, the board postponed settling the Georgia Road-Maple Street name question until a full board was present.

The matter of the appointment of an electrical inspector for the Town of Franklin was raised by Mack Franks. He pointed out that he had been named as electrical inspector for the county by the board of commissioners, and in order to do a complete job, he felt that there should be one for the Town of Franklin also. As county inspector, he would have no jurisdiction within the city limits. The board took no action.

Ras Penland asked for, and received, from Fire Chief Carl Tysinger, who serves as building inspector, permission to construct a horse barn of concrete blocks on Phillips street, near the "Frogtown" branch. It is understood he plans to vacate the barn, the property of the Munday family, he is now using on Palmer street.

Members of the board present were W. C. Burrell Mr. Reeves, Russell Cabe, Verlon Swofford, and Mayor Henry W. Cabe, who presided.

Garden Club To Hold 2 Benefit Bridge Parties

The Franklin Garden club, at its meeting Monday, decided to sponsor two benefit bridge parties, open to the general public, Thursday of next week, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Both will be at the Slagle Memorial building. Admission will be 50 cents per person.

AUTO SALES UP

RALEIGH, N. C.—Sales of new cars in August continued to run ahead of the same month last year, with 9,251 sold during August of this year as compared with 5,871 last year, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported.

BULLETIN

L. Dale Thrash, division highway commissioner, accompanied by Z. V. Stewart, division engineer, and E. L. Curtis, of Bryson City, district engineer, will meet with interested citizens in the courtroom of the courthouse here at 10:30 o'clock next Wednesday morning. Mr. Thrash's office informed The Press by telephone yesterday afternoon.

L. Dale Thrash, of Asheville, division highway commissioner, is expected in Franklin in the next few days to discuss the secondary road construction program with local officials.

The board of county commissioners and the county board of education, acting jointly, wrote Mr. Thrash three weeks ago, pointing out that it had been suggested to them that they appoint a five-man county advisory committee on secondary roads, and asking if he wished such a committee appointed, and if so what its duties and responsibilities would be.

No reply has been received to that letter, but in a telephone conversation with W. E. (Gene) Baldwin this week, Mr. Thrash told him he was coming to Macon County within the next few days "to talk roads."

BACK MACHINE PURCHASE PLAN

Commissioner Support Road Policy; Franks Named Inspector

The board of county commissioners, at its meeting Monday, went on record as approving the policy of the State Highway and Public Works commission in using a portion of the \$200,000,000 road bond money to buy machinery for maintenance of secondary roads and for use in crushing stone for road work.

The resolution was prompted by the fact that injunction proceedings have been brought to prevent the commission from using a part of the road funds to buy highway machinery. The board also appointed Mack Franks as county electrical inspector. This action was in compliance with state regulations, and is subject to approval of the Town of Franklin, it was explained, since one inspector will serve both the town and county.

The state law provides that all new electrical wiring must be inspected. The minimum fee is \$2, and Mr. Franks will be allowed six cents per mile for travel outside of town to inspect jobs, the travel charge to be equally divided among those for whom inspections are made, if two or more wiring jobs are inspected on one trip.

The board devoted a large part of its time Monday to discussion of road problems with citizens of the Gold Mine and Cartoogechaye sections, but took no action.

Consideration of a number of road petitions was deferred until the next meeting, October 17.

Methodists

Honor Gibbs On Eve Of Their Departure

The Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Gibbs, who left yesterday for Mr. Gibbs' new charge near Thomasville, were honored by the congregation of the Franklin Methodist church Monday evening at the Slagle Memorial.

The affair, one of the church's monthly congregational suppers, was timed for Monday so as to serve as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs.

More than 100 persons were in attendance. A check for \$150 was presented to Mr. Gibbs and women of the Franklin and Carson's Chapel churches presented Mrs. Gibbs with a gift of silver.

The silver—a platter, covered vegetable dish, and gravy boat—was presented by Mrs. C. Gordon Moore, president of the Franklin church's Woman's Society of Christian Service.

WILL BUY SITE FOR SCHOOL IN EAST FRANKLIN

11 Unused Properties Are To Be Sold By County Board

Purchase of a tract of land from Dan Bryson for \$3,500 for the proposed East Franklin-Mills school was authorized by the county board of education at its monthly meeting Monday morning.

County Supt. G. L. Houk had taken an option on the land, and the board, on motion of Frank Browning, seconded by Fred Edwards, authorized him to proceed with the purchase. The tract, of about six acres, fronts 400 feet, Mr. Houk said, on the East Franklin street, just north of and paralleling the Dillsboro highway, and goes back about 600 feet.

After a long discussion, the board finally decided to sell a public auction 11 school properties, some of which have no longer are in use, while others are the sites where buildings have been.

The board also: Heard a report from Sup. Houk that an engineer from Dave Steel company has inspected the Franklin high school building and stated that it is feasible to transform it into a combination gymnasium-auditorium, with lunchroom included. The proposal, if this is done, is to build a new high school structure here.

Was told by Mr. Houk that the new Cullasaja school, including land, grading, and construction, cost \$68,806.19. A few minor bills that have not yet been received will increase the sum very slightly, Mr. Houk said.

Promised a delegation—Weimer Cochran and Clint May—from Nantahala to try to get some work on the Long Branch road.

Heard Mrs. Mary Brown, former Franklin high school English teacher, make a statement to the effect that she taught for nearly two and a half years in the school; that at the end of last school year she saw the principal and told him she was available and wished to teach; and that she still would like to have a job. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of J. M. Raby, who asked the board to hear her statement. Mr. Houk told the board that Mrs. Brown resigned in the middle of last year, and that "her name was not presented to us by the district committee or the principal". Chairman C. Gordon Moore remarked that "that takes it out of our hands".

Discussed the school bus route road situation in this county, and decided to ask the superintendent to prepare, prior to next meeting of the board, a list of recommendations to be presented to the State Highway commission. This action was taken on motion of Bob S. Sloan, who mentioned the Betty's Creek and other Macon road situation as they affect schools. Mr. Browning seconded the motion.

Was told by Mr. Houk that he had solved the O. to school water problem. A second well has just been dug, and the two provide sufficient water, he said.

Heard a report from Supt. Houk that the statistical part of his study of the schools of this county has been completed, and he expects to have a

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The Weather

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

| | Max. | Min. | Pct. |
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| Wednesday | 76 | 51 | 2 |
| Thursday | 64 | 40 | 2 |
| Friday | 71 | 41 | ... |
| Saturday | 70 | 34 | ... |
| Sunday | 72 | 34 | ... |
| Monday | 68 | 51 | ... |
| Tuesday | 70 | 62 | ... |
| Wednesday | ... | 52 | ... |

(As recorded by Manson L. Stiles, TVA weather observer) For 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. Thursday of last week, .02 an inch. Other days, none.