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Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
1:30 p. m.—Home Demonstration clubs' Achievement Day program at Agricultural building.
3 p. m.—Franklin Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service; Circle No. 1 at home of Mrs. W. A. Rogers, No. 2 at home of Mrs. R. S. Jones.
7:30 p. m.—Football: Franklin vs. Liberty, S. C., on Franklin field.
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
8 p. m.—Square dance (American Legion benefit) at Memorial building.
MONDAY
10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners at courthouse.
10 a. m.—County board of education at courthouse.
7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No. 1; Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.
7:30 p. m.—Franklin board of eldersmen at town office.

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Bingo party (V. F. W. benefit) at old Legion hall.
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.

300 PERSONS ATTEND
Approximately 300 persons attended the Halloween party held at the Otter Creek school last Friday evening. The party was sponsored by the school, and the proceeds netted \$116.41. Principal Carl D. Moses served as master of ceremonies.

Dr. B. A. Bowers, of Ridgecrest, retired Baptist minister, will preach at the First Baptist church here Sunday, it was announced by Paul Carpenter, chairman of the church's pulpit committee. Dr. Bowers will fill the pulpit at both the 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. service.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
We learn that Mr. C. W. Slagle has recently sold 1,500 acres of mountain lands for \$1.50 an acre.

The haze peculiar to Indian Summer now envelops our mountains.

Mr. J. F. Palmer is about completing his new residence this week, and will move into it as soon as finished.

The Rev. A. H. Sims has been called to the pastorate of Head of Tennessee Baptist church, Rabun county, Ga., and will probably give that church one Saturday and Sunday services in each month.

25 YEARS AGO
The ladies of the Eastern Star were hostesses to a goodly number of the men of Franklin at an oyster supper in the Odd Fellows Hall on the 23rd of October. The meeting was called to order by our worthy postmaster, Sam L. Franks, who introduced the speakers, Mr. T. J. Johnston, Mr. Sam L. Rogers, and Mayor Dean Sisk.

Macon County has 4,458 children in school, under 114 white teachers and five colored.

10 YEARS AGO
C. Tom Bryson was installed Saturday night as commander of the Macon County post of the American Legion.

The celebration of Girl Scout week in Franklin will be marked by completion of the Girl Scout house, located on the grounds of St. Agnes church, the gift of a number of interested citizens.

Highlands experienced the second cold snap of the season the past week-end, with the thermometer registering 18 degrees Sunday morning.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INCREASES 48%

Total Number Of Pupils Shows Small Increase In 22 Years

More than 443 children were enrolled in the public schools of Macon County during the last complete school year—1948-49 than in 1926-27, the first year of public school consolidation. By far the largest part of this growth took place in the high schools of Macon County, there being only 305 pupils enrolled in high schools in 1927-28 as compared to 645 last year. Surprising as it may seem there were only 103 more children in the elementary school department last year than 22 years ago. The total white public school enrollment in 1926-27 was 3,580 as compared to 4,023 last year.

The growth in the elementary school at Franklin exceeds that for the county; there having been 310 more pupils in the Franklin school last year than there were in the combined schools of Franklin, Patton, Wallace, and Bethel during the 1926-27 year. (The last three schools named above have since been absorbed by the Franklin school.) The high school at Franklin shows a growth of 271 pupils during this same period.

Many rural areas show a decline in school enrollment during this 22 year span. In 1926-27 there were nine schools serving this section now served by the Otto school with an enrollment of 459 as compared with 391 for the Otto school last year. There were 291 children enrolled in the schools of Iotla, Olive Hill, Oak Dale, and Burningtown, as compared with 212 being enrolled last year in the Iotla school, which serves this entire area now.

The decline in rural elementary enrollment is not limited to just those areas where there has been a consolidation of elementary schools. The three schools of Wa-agua, Oak Ridge, and Holly Springs serve the same sections as they did during the first year of consolidation. Last year these three schools had a combined enrollment of 164 pupils as compared with 180 pupils 20 years ago. The Mountain Grove school, which is adjacent to this area has shown one of the sharpest declines of any school in the county. In 1926-27 it had 43 pupils, as compared to 11 last year.

Highlands has shown a substantial increase in both the high school and the elementary enrollment, there being 35 more high school students and 150 more elementary pupils last year than in the six schools combined that served this area then.

Nantahala has 31 more elementary pupils and 48 more high school boys and girls. There was no high school located in this area in 1926-27. There were 39 more pupils enrolled at Cowee last year than 20 years ago; while Cullasaja had a decline of 32. Union showed a decline of 73 and Clark's Chapel had 25 less enrollment during the period.

The Negro enrollment had declined from 124 to 71 in the elementary field.

Methodists To Hold First Quarterly Conference For Circuit Churches At Salem

The church year's first quarterly conference of the Franklin Methodist circuit will be conducted at the Salem Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the district superintendent, Dr. C. N. Clark, of Waynesville. All members, and especially stewards, of the six churches on the circuit—Bethel, Clark's Chapel, Iotla, Louisa, Salem, and Snow Hill—are invited, according to the pastor, the Rev. D. B. Martin.

FRANKLIN YOUTH IN PLAY

Miss Ruth (Baye) Angel, of Franklin, and Charles Brownling, of Franklin and Bryson City, are members of the cast of the play, "John Loves Mary", to be presented at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, at 8 o'clock tonight. The three-act comedy is the fall production of the college's Little Theatre.

Permits For Deer Hunt Available

There are a few openings left for permits to take part in the deer hunts on the Standing Indian Wildlife Refuge. These hunts are scheduled to take place November 17-19, November 24-26, and December 1-3.

Persons who wish to take part should make application to the Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh, N. C. Application blanks can be obtained from the local forest service office. A fee of \$7.50 must accompany the application blanks.

Since no drawings have been necessary yet, all persons who make application before the quota is reached will be assured of receiving a permit to take part in one of the hunts. One buck deer per person is the limit for each person.

Achievement Program Set For Thursday

The Annual Achievement day for the Home Demonstration clubs will be held in the Agricultural building, Thursday at 1:30 p. m., Mrs. J. R. Ray, council president, announced.

Miss Laura Jones will tell some of the history of Macon County. Mrs. J. S. Gray, state president of North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration clubs, will report on the National council meeting she attended a few weeks ago in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. Gray will also be honored by a tribute to be given by Mrs. Carl Slagle, who served as president of the Macon County Council of Home Demonstration clubs. Mrs. Isabelle Hull, pastor of Mt. Zion church, will conduct the devotional.

Awards will be given to the best club for 1949 and to individual club members for perfect attendance to club meetings. Exhibits will be set up by clubs, and those will be judged for the best individual exhibits. A social hour will be held after the meeting.

Dr. C. N. Clark To Preach At Franklin This Sunday

Dr. C. N. Clark, of Waynesville, superintendent of the Waynesville Methodist district, will preach at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, and immediately after the service will conduct the first quarterly conference of the church year, it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Murray.

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Samuel F. (Sammy) Beck, director of the Franklin High school band, has been elected director of the choir of the Franklin Methodist church. Mr. Beck already has taken over the duties of choir director, in addition to his high school work.

FINISHING PARKWAY LINK

Completion of the 270-mile Blue Ridge Parkway link between this gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Roanoke, Va., gateway to the Shenandoah National Park, is expected by July, 1950.

Farm Training Program Brings Profits To Veteran

In two years as an enrollee on the Veteran's Farm Training program, J. B. Moore has remodeled a six room house, including installing a bath room and a water system, and purchased farm equipment including a Ford-Ferguson tractor, disc plows, mowing machine, power wood saw, new one ton truck.

J. B. has accomplished this by developing a well balanced farm. For cash crops last year he raised and sold \$923.70 worth of truck, including \$642.55 worth of cucumbers and \$181.15 worth of beans. In the way of livestock he has two brood sows and four market hogs, (he has

LAST GAME HERE WILL BE PLAYED TONIGHT AT 7:30

Franklin Plays Liberty Here Following Last Week's Defeat

The last home game of the season will be played on the local field Thursday night (tonight) when the Franklin High school football team meets the Liberty, S. C. High eleven. Kick off time will be 7:30 p. m.

Last week the local eleven lost to Lavonia, Ga., by a score of 19 to 6 in a hard fought game. Although the Panthers threatened three times in the first half reaching the 15, 12, and 30 yard markers in drives into the enemy territory, fumbles and penalties broke up their scoring opportunities.

Lavonia scored in the 2nd quarter after covering a Franklin fumble on the Panther 30 yard marker. The Georgians marched to a touchdown relying chiefly on end sweeps to cover the distance.

The Northern Georgia team was able to counter again in the third quarter after covering a Franklin fumble deep in our territory. In the fourth quarter Panther backs were able to hold on to the ball until the goal line was reached and Shields scored on a line plunge.

Lavonia countered once more in the last 25 seconds on a 25 yard run.

Local fans, who travelled with the team, came back pleased, despite the defeat by the fact that our line played their best game of the year charging and tackling harder and lower than in previous games this year.

Thomas, Jones, and Wilson were standout in the line while Bobby Potts was outstanding in the backfield on defense and ran well for the offensive unit.

The local eleven played without the services of Henry and Patillo, who are out with injuries.

Neither of these men are expected to see action here Thursday night in the local eleven's home game.

Probable starting line-up for the Panthers will be: J. Norton, RE; Jones, AT; Thomas, RG; Leach, C; Conley, LG; Wilson, LT; C. Norton, LE; Archer, QB; Huggins, RHB; Potts, LHB; Shields, FB.

Junior Fellowship Organized Here Recently By Presbyterians

On Sunday evening, October 23, at the Presbyterian church, the Presbyterian Junior Fellowship was organized for young people 9, 10, and 11 years old. Miss Lillian Jones is the director. The Fellowship will meet each Sunday at 6:30 p. m. The newly elected officers are: President, Randolph Bulgin; vice-president, David Alexander; secretary, Jack McConney; treasurer, Ann Zachary.

CHICKEN SUPPER

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Asbury Methodist church will give a fellowship chicken supper tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. Special music and a talk by the pastor, the Rev. L. C. Stevens, will feature the evening's program. At the conclusion of the program, a free-will offering will be taken.



OUTSTANDING — Charles Thomas, right guard on the Franklin High football team, is recognized as one of the best offensive guards in the Smoky Mountain conference, according to Coach Wilburn Atkins. Young Thomas, 16-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas, has played nearly 60 minutes of every ball game this year. Co-captain of the team, he is a junior, and is one of the hardest working and most dependable players Franklin has. Coach Atkins said. Tonight's game probably will be the last appearance of the 145-pound guard on the home field this season.

84 Students On Franklin Honor Roll

Eighty-four students of the Franklin school are on the honor roll for the first six-week period of the school year.

Twelfth grade: Sarah Dairymple, Jo Ann Hopkins, Patricia Landrum, Mary Evelyn Sorrells, and Donald Brown.

Eleventh grade: Dudley Connelly, Una Crawford, Marianne Sherill, and Connarree Nolen.

Tenth grade: Geneva Crawford, Verlie Poindexter, Lois Slagle, Lucille Edwards, Georgia Nell McDonald, Charlotte Love, Clara Jo Waters, Mary Ann Killian, Mildred Ramey, Martha Rogers, Johnnie Dills, Lester Green, Jr., Eugene Patton, and Martha Ann Stockton.

Ninth grade: Bernice Curtis, Ann Hays, Julia Moody, and Barbara Jean Pannell.

Eighth grade: Joan Welch, Max Henderson, and Raymond Ledford.

Seventh grade: Robert Siler, Robert Reid Womack, Herbert McKelvey, Virginia Swanson, and Betty Hurst.

Sixth grade: Thomas Gnuse, Norman Smith, Jerry Bailey, and Margaret Allison.

Fifth grade: Helen Cochran, Laura Baker, Jimmy Tysinger, Jean Phillips, and Hazel McCall.

Fourth grade: Susie Mashburn, Jo Ann Burrell, Sue Bailey, Myrtle Dryman, Elizabeth Russell, Judy Hooker, Rachel Brown, and Mary Louise Long.

Third grade: Jackie Corbin, Johnny Killian, Clayton Richardson, Dickey Wallace, Charles Henderson, Willard Hedden, Rebecca Reeves, Frances Whittington, Nancy Siler, Ann Sutton, Evelyn McCoy, Joqueline Clark, Harold Elliott, Billy Davis, Dickie McWilliams, Audrey Anderson, Geneva Ledbetter, Barbara Waldrop, and Judy Wurst.

Second grade: Willie Jean Sprinkle, Elaine Mashburn, Barbara Duncan, Brenda Cunningham, Fred Bulgin, Anne Dean, Virginia Guffie, and Douglas Slagle.

DRYMAN SICK

Earl Dryman, of Sealy, who has been a patient at Angel hospital since Tuesday of last week, is scheduled to undergo an operation today. Mr. Dryman is suffering from a stomach ailment.

Thomas Jefferson was only 33 years old when he drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Coweta Reports Final Annual Record Rainfall For Eastern U. S.

After reporting last week that a new record rainfall for the eastern United States had been recorded at the Coweta Experiment station, E. A. Johnson, technician in charge, reported that "more water had flowed under the bridge" during the past week and that the new final record for the year was 145.48 inches. This was an increase of 10.48 inches over last week's yearly total to that date of 135 inches.

At the time of last week's record report there were still a few more days left until the year's end. This record was reported from the Mooney Gap check station operated by the Coweta experiment station.

The previous high record reported at Highlands in 1916 was 128 inches.

2 SISTERS DIE OF DIPHTHERIA 13 HOURS APART

Swofford Tots Stricken; One Succumbs Before Doctor Can Arrive

Diphtheria this week claimed the lives of two in one Macon County family, children of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swofford, of Franklin, Route 3.

Gloria Jean, aged 4, died at the home about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and Margie Puye, 11 months, died at Angel hospital at 4:30 Wednesday morning.

The children had not seemed seriously ill until Tuesday, the father said, when the older sister's condition suddenly became serious, and a message was dispatched for a doctor. The little girl died in a short time, however, and the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, the family's pastor, who had been holding a service nearby, started to the hospital with the baby. He met the physician on the way to the Swofford home, informed him of the situation, and then took the baby on to the hospital.

The older child, the family said, had appeared to have a cold last week, but showed improvement; then she became sick again Sunday. She seemed to get better, however, and was playing and eating Tuesday morning, it was said. The baby became sick Monday.

The children had not been given the diphtheria immunization shots, Mr. Swofford said.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, include two young brothers, Jerry and Ralph Joseph.

Joint funeral services were held at the Mt. Sinai Assembly of God church, Burningtown, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Mr. Sorrells officiating. Interment was in the Upper Burningtown cemetery.

Duck Season Opens From November 29 To January 7

The open hunting season for ducks and geese will be November 29 to January 7, according to C. Penland, Macon County game protector.

During that period, he said, they may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset.

The daily bag limit for ducks is four, and the possession limit is eight. Not more than one wood duck may be had at any time.

For geese, the daily bag limit is two, and the possession limit two, applicable to Canada and white-fronted geese. In addition, three blue geese may be taken.

Any persons over 16 years of age, Mr. Penland pointed out, is required to have a federal migratory bird hunting stamp in possession, in addition to state hunting licenses, when taking migratory water fowl. Stamps may be obtained at any first class or second-class post office.

During World War II more than twice as many Americans died of cancer as were killed in action.

21 ENTRIES FROM MACON IN STOCK SHOW

13 4-H And FFA Boys Enter Animals At Asheville Show

Thirteen young Future Farmers and 4-H club members left Franklin early this week with high hopes of coming back home from the 14th annual FFA Fat Stock Show with considerable prize and sale money in their pockets.

The two groups together have 21 entries in the show and local stock men feel that the herd contain some of the finest stock ever shown by Macon County boys or girls.

Judging took place yesterday and the cattle will be placed on sale to-day (Thursday). The sale will begin at 1 p. m.

The sale and show are sponsored by the Western North Carolina Bankers Association and the Asheville Coca-Cola Bottling company.

All animals entered in the show have been owned by the exhibitor for at least five months, and have been fed and cared for most of this time by the young people entering them who must also submit record books on the animals.

Macon 4-H club members who have entries in the contest are: Charles Gregory, of Gneiss, 2; Howell Henry, of Tesenta, 2; Joe Taylor, of Route 4, 2; Lamar Houston, of Route 3, 1; Johnny Tippet, of Route 3, 1; Pete Setser, of Route 1, 1.

Local Future Farmers of America club members' entries are: Bill Teague, of Route 2, 2; Paul Killian, of Franklin, 1; Wayne Harrison, of Route 1, 1; Jack Roper, of Route 3, 1; Bruce Crawford, Route 1, 1; Joe Taylor, of Route 4, 1; Kenneth Crawford, of Route 1, 1; William Taylor, of Route 4, 1; Bobby Henry, of Ellijay, 1; Lawrence Daves, Route 2, 1; Bob Tippet, Route 3, 1; Edwin Nolen, Route 1, 1.

Many local merchants, businessmen and stock buyers are expected to be on hand tomorrow to bid on the animals and "help bring the meat home." In addition to regular prize and sale money extra premiums are offered by the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association and the American Hereford Association.

Band Fund Drive For Honorary Membership Started This Week

The drive to obtain memberships for the Franklin band got under way this week with the Lions club teams soliciting members.

At a recent meeting the local Lions club voted to sponsor a drive to obtain \$2,000 to be used to purchase instruments and equipment for the newly formed band, which is under the direction of Sam Beck.

All persons who wish to contribute to the support of the band are urged to contact some member of the local club and purchase a membership.

The money will be deposited in a separate fund and kept by Guy Sutton, Franklin school principal. This money is subject to audit similar to all other state funds, and open to public inspection at all times.

The first English language daily newspaper — the Daily Courant — was established in London in 1702.

The Weather

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

	Min.	Max.	Pct.
Wednesday	48	70	23
Thursday	44	68	—
Friday	49	59	58
Saturday	47	65	40
Sunday	56	63	93
Monday	51	73	273
Tuesday	45	56	68
Wednesday	29	—	12

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)

Thursday, none; Friday, 32; Saturday, 34; Sunday, 93; Monday, 177; Tuesday, 72; Wednesday, 93.