

BIGGEST FOURTH JUST A MEMORY AROUND HERE

Celebration Ends In Wee Hours Of Morning; Winners Named

The dust has yet to settle over Macon County's record breaking Fourth of July celebration here—they're still talking about it!

Many old timers, who haven't missed an Independence Day celebration here in 50 years, said they have never "seen the likes of it". A crowd of merry-makers estimated at about 2,500, undaunted by an early morning rain, lined the Main street of downtown Franklin for a colorful parade, and then regrouped at the Franklin High athletic field to watch, or take part in, field events which included everything from a beauty contest to a high-sloper-kicking duel among the ladies.

A baseball game in the afternoon between Franklin and Lenoir County, was cancelled because of a wet field.

Field events winners carted away many valuable prizes donated by local merchants. The most challenging event was a highly greased pole with a \$5 bill beckoning from its top to the lad who could shimmy up and get it. Some 100 boys tried to best the slippery sapling before Richard Stanfield reached the top and gave the \$5 a happy home.

Wolf whistles and clapping greeted eight beauty entries as they paraded before judges to see which would be crowned "Queen of the Fourth". Victor was Miss Katrina Cochran, sponsored by the Franklin Junior Woman's club. Other entries were Miss Ann Blaine, Belk's Department store, Miss Palma Fouts, Mason's Feed and Grocery, Miss Patsey Rowland, Theatre Grill, Miss Lela Jo Gailey, Burrell Motor company, Betty Burch, Children's shop, Shirley Dean, Frances's shop, and Miss Katherine Furr, Franklin Garden club.

Judges picked the Boy Scout entry winner of the float contest and awarded runnerup honors to the Children's shop. Other floats entered in the parade by local organizations and businesses included Girl Scouts, Belk's Department store, Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, Junior Woman's club, Macon Motor company, Duncari Motor company, and Burrell Motor company.

Mrs. Frances Pattillo, Mrs. Lucy Biddle, Mrs. Margaret Tyngler, and Mrs. Grace O'Mahondro, in addition to riding on the Children's shop float in the parade, modeled old-timey bathing suits before a packed house at the athletic field.

A greased pig, donated by Lee Poindexter and Down's Feed and Grocery, was caught by

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Gray

BEAUTIES ALL! The Press this week leans toward "Cheesecake" art with a picture of the eight young ladies who sought the title of "Queen of the Fourth" in the July 4 beauty contest last week at the Franklin High athletic field. "Queen"

was Miss Katrina Cochran, sponsored by the Junior Woman's club. (L to R) Miss Shirley Dean, Miss Patsy Roland, Miss Ann Blaine, Miss Lela Jo Gailey, Miss Palma Fouts, Miss Katherine Furr, Miss Betty Burch, and Miss Cochran.

THORPE PLAQUE UNVEILING SET FOR SATURDAY

Ceremony In Sylva Will Honor Late Power Company Official

A memorial plaque will be unveiled at a ceremony Saturday at 11 a. m. near Sylva, honoring the late J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the Nantahala Power and Light company for more than 20 years.

Unveiling will take place at the power house of the Thorpe development of the power company. Formerly the Glenville development, the operations were renamed in honor of Mr. Thorpe, who died in early 1950.

The plaque will be unveiled by John Forgrave Thorpe and Foster Brown Thorpe, Jr., grandsons of Mr. Thorpe.

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Hey Golfers!

Local Pro Will Conduct Tourney In August

Local dufers and par-shooters should take to the links for a bit of practice because Franklin is going to have its much discussed golf tournament the last week in August.

Jerry Schulteis, of Orlando, Fla., newly arrived golf pro at the local course, said this week that he would supervise the tournament, so the only thing remaining to be done is to get out golfers and whip up interest.

Qualifying will begin August 10 and will run two weeks until the tournament gets under way August 24. Golfers will be placed in respective flights for the tourney on the basis of qualifying scores.

\$195 In Drama Tickets Sold By C. Of C. Office

Ticket sales to the Cherokee drama, "Unto These Hills", sold through the local chamber of commerce office, this week totaled \$195, Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, acting secretary, has announced.

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ADOPT BUDGET FOR HIGHLANDS, TAX RATE SAME

Total Of \$86,750 Little Under Last Year's; Levy Is \$2.25

The board of commissioners of the Town of Highlands, at a meeting last Thursday night, adopted a budget of \$86,750 for the 1951-52 fiscal year, and fixed the tax levy at \$2.25, the same as last year.

Of the total tax levy, \$1.50 is for operating expense, and 75 cents for debt service.

The budget is slightly less than that last year, when the total was \$87,187.

Estimated receipts include: Advalorem tax collections, \$13,000. Privilege license taxes, \$3,000. State street aid, \$8,000. Water rentals, \$12,000. Light receipts, \$46,000. Other receipts, including cash on hand, back taxes, etc., \$4,750.

Estimated expenditures include these items: Administrative, including police and fire departments, \$22,375.

Streets and garbage collection, \$15,500. Water department, \$12,000. Light department, \$32,042.

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Grady Garner

Macon Native, Dies At Andrews

Grady Garner, 53, a native of this county, died at Andrews, where he had made his home for the past 18 years, Sunday morning. Mr. Garner, who was an employee of the State Highway commission, had been ill in the hospital at Andrews for sometime.

Funeral services were held at Andrews Monday, and burial, with brief graveside rites, was in Woodlawn cemetery here.

Survivors include his widow, formerly Miss Blanche Cabe of this county; two sons, Grady, of Detroit, and Jack, who is in the armed forces; two daughters, Mrs. James Moore, of Hazlewood, and Virginia Garner, of Andrews; his mother, Mrs. C. L. Garner, of Franklin; two brothers, Marvin, of Franklin, Route 1, and Newell, of Newland; and six sisters, Mrs. Paul Carpenter, of Franklin, Mrs. Charles A. Conley, of Franklin, Mrs. Charles Nolen, of Franklin, Route 1, Mrs. Frank Phillips, of Franklin, Mrs. T. W. Phillips, of Brevard, and Mrs. Bertha Roper, of Highlands.

'Happy Birthdays' Aired Here By Station WWNC

Radio station WWNC, Asheville is giving a daily salute to folks in Macon County celebrating birthdays or anniversaries via announcer Reid Wilson.

Announcer Wilson received a Franklin Lions club calendar from Ted Reber, chairman of the calendar committee, and since July 4 has been daily congratulating Macon folk on his "Top of The Morning program."

30 4 - HERS OFF FOR CAMP

Local Group To Leave Saturday; Headed By Agent Fagg

About 30 Macon County 4-H clubbers are planning to attend the 4-H encampment at Camp Schaub, near Waynesville, Monday through Saturday of next week, T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, announced this week.

"The week's encampment will bring together some 150 4-H club members from Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, and Yancey counties. Mr. Fagg will be in charge of the Macon group.

While at camp, club members will receive instructions in first aid, swimming, forestry, and recreation. Also planned are talks and demonstrations on electricity by representatives of Western North Carolina power companies.

School's Out For Kids, But Teachers Are Hard At Work; Doing Homework!

School may be out for the kids—but it has just started for 31 Macon County teachers and principals!

While the kids joyously cavort around getting the most out of the summer holidays, these teachers are pouring over huge volumes—and doing homework too—some working toward their B. S. degree, others toward their master's degree, and in this instance, two are working on doctorates.

Possibly there are more than 31 Macon teachers making this thing called school a 12-months' affair, and the following list is only tentative:

Those attending Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, working on B. S. degrees include Mrs. Minnie Tatham, Mrs. Irene James, Mrs. Raymond Lowe, Blanchard Brendle,

Will Get \$450,000 To Improve U.S. 23

Annual Picnic Will Be Held At High School

Top-notch entertainment, free watermelon and lemonade, and talks on farm practices are just a few of many features planned for the annual Macon County Farmer's Federation picnic Saturday at Franklin High school, Federation President James G. K. McClure announced this week.

The all-day picnic, fast becoming one of the most anticipated yearly outings in the county will get under way at 10 a. m.

According to Mr. McClure, such outstanding entertainers as Panhandle Pete—the cream band, Red Raper, Rae Smith, the Farmer's Federation string band, and many others will be on hand.

Also being featured are short talks on farm practices, poultry, livestock, farm marketing, and service programs, sponsored by the federation.

Mr. McClure, who will serve as master of ceremonies, said all musicians, singers, choirs, quartets, and entertainers, who would like to compete for prizes, are invited to attend. The winning quartet will receive \$5 and runnerup \$3. First place choir will be presented a complete set of song books and runnerup will receive 12 song books.

Following lunch, foot races, relay races, tugs-of-war, and many other contests will be held, the president said. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

In addition, prizes are to be awarded to the largest family present, the oldest married couple, the youngest married couple, and the most bald man.

Locally a grand prize of \$25 will be given to the largest truck load of people attending. On the state level, when all federation picnics have been held, a \$100 prize will be presented to the largest number attending the entire series. Prizes of \$50 and \$25 will be given to the second and third largest groups attending.

The Rev. Dumont Clarke will report on the Lord's acre work and Mr. McClure will present a brief report on the activities of the federation.

Coach Snavelly, Carolina Mentor, Will Arrive Here Tonight

Coach Carl Snavelly, head football mentor at the University of North Carolina, after a speaking engagement in Canton tonight (Thursday), will journey to Franklin as the guest of Dr. Edgar Angel.

The coach's agenda while here will include golf Friday at the Highlands Country club, and a tentative meeting with Carolina alumni Friday night. Mr. Snavelly will also attend the Thorpe dedication ceremony in Sylva Saturday morning as the guest of Dr. Angel.

Accompanying the Carolina coach will be Fred Huffman, of Morganton.

Franklin-Cowee Tie-In Project Will Give County North-South Highway

Better highways for Macon County moved closer to reality last Thursday with the announcement that \$450,000 was being allocated to the county from surplus highway funds for widening and resurfacing the 15-mile stretch of U. S. 23 between Franklin and the Georgia state line.

This amount, coupled with a previously announced \$265,000 from general funds for a new nine-mile section from Cowee gap to Franklin, will bring Macon's funds for primary highway improvement to \$715,000.

The two projects, when completed, will span the county north-south from the Jackson county line to the Georgia line. The Cowee-Franklin project is now being surveyed by the state highway department.

Governor W. Kerr Scott last Thursday approved the allocation of \$7,100,000 in surplus highway funds to 18 major projects on the state's primary highway system—12 of the 18 being in Western North Carolina.

Work will not begin on most of the newly announced projects until next year, according to Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan. Mr. Jordan said the allocations give special emphasis to widening present two-lane highways to four-lanes, in traffic congested sections, and also to improving main border entrances to North Carolina in the west and northwest.

COUNTY - WIDE CHURCH SERIES STARTS SUNDAY

Bishop Henry To Speak At Week-long Nightly Religious Services

A county-wide series of interdenominational evangelistic services will begin Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Friendship tabernacle and will end the following Sunday, July 22, it has been announced.

Speaker at the week-long series will be the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina. Services are to

Bishop Henry will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Franklin Baptist church in the absence of the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor, who will be in Fayetteville attending an ordination service, it has been announced.

be held nightly beginning at 8 o'clock.

Although the series is sponsored annually by the Franklin churches, local ministers emphasized that it is a county-wide affair. All expressed the hope that ministers and congregations from churches throughout the county will cooperate and take part in the services.

A choir for the services is to be chosen from choirs of the

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PLAN BAKE SALE
The St. Agnes Episcopal auxiliary will hold its monthly bake sale tomorrow (Friday) morning beginning at 9 o'clock at the Children's shop, it has been announced.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pet.
Wednesday	84	65	.35
Thursday	82	60	.84
Friday	79	54	...
Saturday	80	50	...
Sunday	79	49	...
Monday	82	49	...
Tuesday	85	50	...
Wednesday	81	50	.33

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Sales for TVA)
Wednesday, .33; Thursday, none; Friday, .33; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, .48.

Japanese Shocked By MacArthur Firing, Wife Of Newspaperman Says; Baseball, Soft Drinks Show Democracy Is Working

Just for the record, the Japanese people were "shocked beyond words" when General MacArthur was ousted from the Supreme Allied commander's post in the Far East.

This information comes first hand from a woman who was in Tokyo, Japan, when the world-shaking development was announced. A woman, who from all indications, has kept her hand on the pulse of the Japanese nation since she went there in the summer of 1946.

She is Mrs. Lindesay Parrott, whose husband is chief of the New York Times Tokyo bureau. Mrs. Parrott, who is in Franklin visiting Mrs. C. C. Daniels and Miss Hope Daniels at "Dixie Hall", is the former Miss Marion Moore, who frequently visited here prior to her marriage.

In an interview this week Mrs. Parrott, who has been with her newspaperman husband in particularly every country in the world, Russia included, said the MacArthur controversy threw the Japanese people completely out of balance for a while.

"And quite naturally, too," she pointed out, "because the

people thought the United States was changing its policy toward them. To the Japanese people MacArthur was like a god and they looked to him for leadership. . . . However, since then, I understand the people have gained confidence in General Ridgeway's ability."

When United Nations' forces in Korea were fighting a losing battle the Japanese people were terrified, she said, because they were undefended. Their navy had been sunk and their army stripped of its power. Now, under the guiding hand of American officers, a security police force of some 75,000 Japanese men is prepared to defend the country in the event of trouble, she said.

On the surface, democracy seems to be working in Japan, Mrs. Parrott said, but in her opinion it would take many more years of occupation before it becomes a deep-rooted thing. The younger generation is greatly impressed by American democracy, she said. Words like baseball, which is now Japan's number one sport, and Coca-Cola are as much a part of the Japanese language as it is

American. In 1950, Mrs. Parrott said Joe Dimaggio, the Yankees' pride and joy, was given a reception on a visit there that was worthy of the emperor. Fans have gone overboard about baseball even to the point of heaving pop bottles on a bum decision, she said, but she hastily pointed out that the Japanese were not quite so vehement in their objections as baseball fans are in this country.

"They are truly an interesting race", she declared, "because they stress little things that we in this country would not give a thought to." By illustrating, Mrs. Parrott said many will pass time by seeing who can bow the lowest, but few will make a move to help someone dying in the street.

"Were the Japanese people resentful of occupation forces after their defeat?" Mrs. Parrott was asked. She replied that there was "surprisingly little resentment", but pointed out that the Japanese, who show little emotion, probably covered it up well.

When she arrived in Tokyo

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