

ROCK CREW WORKING ON GEORGIA RD.

Preliminary To Future Project To Resurface, Widen Span

A State Highway department crew is sounding rock on the Georgia highway (US 23) in preparation for the future job of widening and resurfacing the 15-mile stretch from Franklin to the Georgia state line.

While funds have already been allocated to the county for the project, the actual date work will begin is not known. A preliminary survey was completed by the highway department this spring.

In late 1951, Gov. W. Kerr Scott announced that \$450,000 was being allocated for the project from surplus highway funds.

Construction of the new 7.34-mile highway from Franklin to the Jackson county line, also US 23, is expected to get under way sometime in August. This new span, which cuts the distance from Franklin to Cowee Gap by one mile, and entails the excavation of a million yards of dirt, will cost \$618,000. The clearing the right-of-way for this project already has begun.

Methodist Plan Old Time Picnic At Arrowood

An old fashioned church picnic—featuring swimming, games, and plenty of food—is planned by the Franklin Methodist church and Sunday school tomorrow (Friday) at Arrowood Glade.

Swimming in the natural pool at Arrowood will consume most of the afternoon hours until games get under way at 4 o'clock. A proverb guessing contest is planned at 6:30 and the picnic supper will be spread at 7 o'clock.

Scheduled games include steal the flag, three-legged races, father and son relay, slipper kicking contest, family relay races, ball passing contests, and a "mouth-full-of-crackers" whistling contest.

All church members are urged to join in the fun and not to forget to bring a basket of food. Soft drinks will be supplied by the Methodist Men's class.

The committee in charge of the annual outing includes Frank Martin, Dr. George R. McSweeney, E. W. Renshaw, Mrs. Russell Cabe, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., Margaret Jones, Richard Jones, Richard Renshaw, and Roberta Snyder.

RICKMAN REUNION PLANNED

The annual Rickman reunion will be held Sunday at the home of R. R. Rickman, according to an announcement by R. C. Rickman, president.

Flower Show Winners Are Announced

Despite predictions that unseasonably dry weather this summer would affect the flower show sponsored here Saturday by the Franklin Garden club, exhibits were as fresh and colorful as ever.

More than 300 persons visited the show, held at Slagle Memorial building. There were more than 300 entries this year, displayed by 49 flower growers in this area.

Sweepstake honors went to T. M. Deckman, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Skywater lodge here. The runnerup was Mrs. J. W. Kahn, of Franklin. The sweepstake award this year was given by Mrs. Q. M. Wilson, of Highlands.

Mrs. Allan Brooks' outstanding exhibit took top place in the tri-color feature of the show.

Judges were Mrs. T. W. Duckworth, Sr., and Mrs. Floyd Hipps, of Asheville, and Mrs. A. W. Bottoms, of Canton. They are accredited amateur flower show judges.

Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., and Miss Mary Willis were in charge of the show, which is annually presented by the local garden club.

Winners, by classes, were:

Horticultural: Dahlias, Mrs. Ted Reber, first; Mrs. J. W. Kahn, second; Mrs. Alvin Magnum, third; Roses, best display, T. M. Deckman, first, second and third place; Rose, (single), Mrs. J. Ward Long, first; Asters, Mrs. Mack Whitaker, second; Zinnia (single), Mrs. Joe Dowdle, second; Zinnias (large), Mrs. Joe Dowdle, first; Miss Mary Willis, second; Mrs. Edgar Tippett, third; Zinnias (small), Jane Long, Mrs. Virgil Watkins, second and third; Petunias, Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., first; Mrs. T. W. Kiser, second; Mrs. Bob Burnett, third; Petunia, (single), Ann Fagg, first, second, and third; Gladioli (one color), SEE NO. 9, PAGE 10

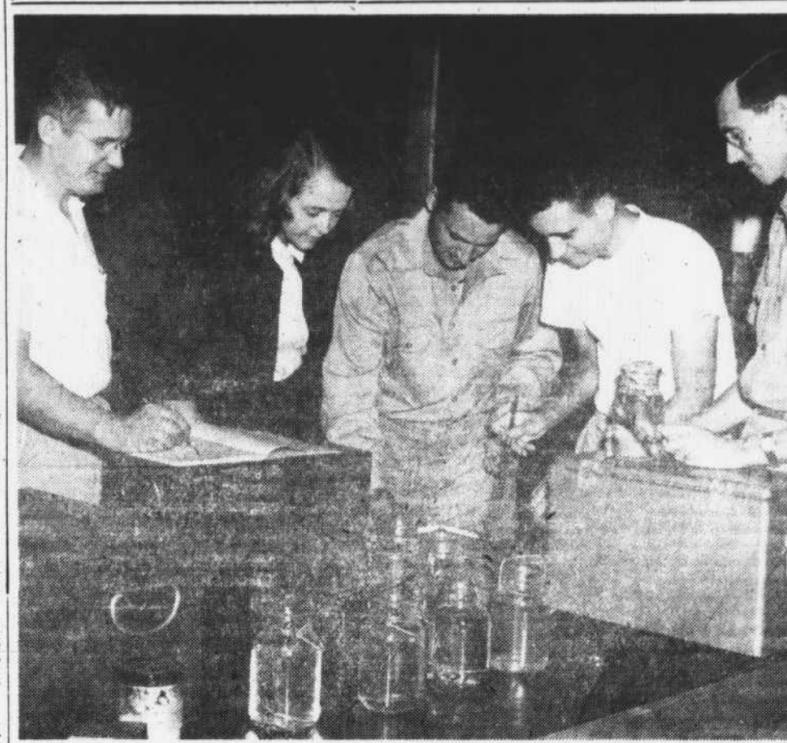
Franks Home Saved From Forest Fire

Fast work on the part of volunteer fire fighters saved the home of Will Franks in the Brentdowntown section Monday afternoon when a flash forest fire roared up a small hollow behind the home.

About 10 men, including several from Franklin and a crew clearing the right-of-way for the new Franklin-Cowee Gap highway, beat out the fire, but not before it burned Mr. Franks' chicken house, bee hives, and pig pen. So close was the fire to the Franks home sparks set the front yard on fire.

It is believed that the fire started while some boys were burning yellow jacket nests in the hollow near the Franks home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BIOLOGICAL STATION!



This group, conducting research at the Highlands Biological station, has been making life rough for salamanders in the vicinity of the station for the past couple of weeks, since the lives and times salamanders happen to be the special project they are working on. They are (L to R) J. C. Knepton, of Wesleyan college, curator of the station's museum of natural history, Miss Virginia Switzer, of Wesleyan college, Dr. Arnold Grobman, Richard Highton, and Edwin McConkey, all of the University of Florida. The biological station, founded in 1927, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

SILER FAMILY MEETING SLATED

Klan Will Gather Here Next Week For Its 101st Session

Marking the end of its first century, the Siler family reunion will be held next Thursday (August 7) at the old Albert Siler home, on Cartoogechaye.

The host and hostesses will be the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and his sisters, Mrs. H. E. Freas.

BOOK IS PUBLISHED
The new Siler family book, "The Family of Weimar Siler", by Mrs. Leona Bryson Porter, came off the press this week, and is now on sale at The Franklin Press. Copies of the book, which sells for \$3, also will be available at next week's family reunion.

of Franklin, Mrs. J. M. Barr, of Charlotte, and Miss Lucy Morgan, of Penland. They recently bought the place, old home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Siler.

This year's session of the reunion will be the 101st, but will mark the end of a century of Siler gatherings. The discrepancy is due to the fact that, many years ago, the date of the meetings was changed from New Year's to the first Thursday in August, and that year two meetings were held.

The "Family Meetings", as the Silers call their reunions, have been held without a break for 100 years—and always in Macon County.

Last year's meeting drew an attendance of approximately 300, coming from 16 states and one foreign country, and this year's gathering, celebrating the end of the reunion's first century, is expected to be equally well attended.

All-Stars Pound Out 14-4 Victory Over Claytonites

The Franklin All-Stars racked up a lop-sided 14 to 4 win over the Clayton All-Stars in a game on the local athletic field Sunday afternoon.

Moundsman C. D. Corbin kept Franklin's head 'way above the water by pounding out a double and a home run, in addition to fanning 10 men. Catcher Norman Seay also chalked up a homer for the locals.

Franklin will meet an as yet unnamed South Carolina team here Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

101 Degrees Recorded Tuesday, Could Be An All-Time High

The mercury blew its top here Tuesday, rocketing up to what is believed to be an all-time high of 101 degrees.

While there is no official way of checking to see if an all-time record was set, sweltering Maconites will be willing to step forward and say "it's never been hotter". The high for the day last year was 86 degrees, according to Manson Stiles, local U. S. weather observer.

But Maconites are gradually getting used to this unseasonably hot weather. It's been in the 90's almost everyday for the past two or three weeks.

'HILLBILLY DAY' IN HIGHLANDS

Town To Polk Fun At Hollywood Movies In All-Day Festivities

If you'd like to poke fun at the way Hollywood depicts the hillbilly in its flickers, drop up Highlands way tomorrow (Friday).

You see, the Macon County town has proclaimed August 1 (that's tomorrow) as "official 'Hillbilly Day'", movie-style, that is.

But a word of warning—better go dressed as you think a movie hillbilly should be, or you'll wind up in a stockade on Main street. All non-conforming dressers (even the town's police officers will be totin' cap and ball rifles, with 'coon skin caps adorning their pates' go to the log bastille. A small fine will buy freedom.

Proceeds from the all-day "hootin' and hollerin'", which includes square dancing, a "houn' dawg" show, and string band concert, will go to the town's recreation center fund.

POOL OPENING

Franklin Jaycees expect to open the pool they recently leased at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course sometime next week, according to Vic Perry, chairman of the pool project.

The piping of water from near-by springs to the pool was completed yesterday (Wednesday) by C. S. Brown, local contractor.

Swimmers will be charged for the use of the pool, as a means of paying for the services of a full-time lifeguard and pool maintenance.

CELEBRATING 25TH BIRTHDAY

'Biologist's Haven' Has Grown Rapidly Since 1927 Founding

Here's a Happy Birthday to the Highlands Biological station, where scientists and students alike conduct biological research in an exciting area described as "the greatest biological asset in eastern North America."

Founded by a group of men and women who recognized the need for promoting biological research in the South, the station is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

As its own "birthday present", it currently is sponsoring an anniversary lecture series, featuring noted personalities in the field of biology.

The founding of the unique "haven for biologists" in 1927 borders on the unusual since it was the brainchild of a group of laymen, rather than scientists. With a "go forward" program as impetus, this group of men and women organized as the Highlands Museum of Natural History with the purpose of calling a conference of several biologists.

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Local Cub Scouts And Dads Camp Over Week-End

Camping and hiking in the Deep Gap area rounded out a full week-end for Franklin Cub Scouts and several of their fathers.

The group, under the leadership of Cub Master Harry Corbin, set up camp at Deep Gap Saturday afternoon and biked to the top of Standing Indian as a pre-supper appetite builder.

Men Chiefs accompanying the Cubs included Scouts Lewis Cabe, Tommy Gnuse, Leonard Long, Edward Shatley, and Jack Mooney.

Cubs making the trip were Jimmy Gnuse, Jerry Patton, Sandy Kinney, Billy Crawford, Paul Cabe, Con Henderson, Jimmy Sutton, Douglas Vinson, Tommy McCall, Jimmy McCollum, Haze Snyder, Johnny Hunter, John Mooney, Bobby Swan, Paul Edwards, Arthur Hays, Douglas Pearson, Brownie Shuford, Billy Wooten, Johnny Taylor, and Tommy Walldrop.

Fathers "roughing it" with the Cubs were John Swan, Russell Cabe, David (Zory) Sutton, John Edwards, H. H. Gnuse, and James McCollum.

Local Talent Comedy Being Staged Here

If you've noticed local citizens trotting around town talking to themselves this week, think nothing of it! They're just memorizing lines for the musical comedy, "Crazy Daze", slated for presentation tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow at the East Franklin school. Show time each evening is 8 o'clock.

The entire cast of the show, being sponsored by the Franklin Junior Woman's club as a benefit proposition, is made up of local men, women, and children and performances promise to be conversational gems for many weeks to come.

For example: Members of the local Lions club and other businessmen will enact the "Womanless Wedding", a laugh-provoking skit in anyone's language.

In addition to the comedy, "Crazy Daze", five special reviews, including the above mentioned wedding, are listed on the program.

A coronation ceremony is planned Friday night to crown a King and Queen of Mother Goose Land. Sixteen of Franklin's younger set are entered in the contest.

In the comedy, Dick Stott is cast as Herbert Williams, a henpecked, extremely frustrated husband-of-sorts, who is dominated by his nagging wife, Vera, (Miss Elizabeth Ann Phillips) and his acid-tongued mother-in-law, Ima Crabb (Mrs. Joyce Cagle). Still more laughter is injected into the play by the not-too-bright but willing-to-learn Toby (Sherlock Home-ly) Jones, played by Frank I. Murray, Jr., and Lawsy Ann Sakes, the hillbilly maid with an eye for Toby, portrayed by Miss Betty Lou Constance.

The proverbial teen-age romancing rests with Dorothy Williams (Miss Julia Hunnicutt) and Phil, the boy next door, (Dan Angel).

A sauve touch is added by Count Cecil Sissingham (Lyle Raby), and a mysterious element by Aza Post (Buddy Bidle). The brat child of the Williams' is played by Margaret Crawford.

Cast of the cowboy, cowgirl, and Indian review includes Margaret Swan, Betty McGuire, Betty Bullock, Bill McGuire, Dwain Horsley, Beverly Bryson, Launa Baker, Janice Bowman, Douglas Pearson, Jimmy McCollum, Sandy Kinney, Edward SEE NO. 3, PAGE 11

FOREIGN GROUP VISITS COUNTY

Delegates To Farm-Home Institute Tour Lab, Lumber Concern

A group of 23 foreign delegates to the International Institute in Farm and Home Planning toured the Coweeta Hydrologic laboratory and Zickgraf Hardware company here yesterday (Wednesday) under the guiding hand of County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

The institute is being held at N. C. State college, Raleigh, and delegates are being conducted on tours of counties throughout the state. Those here yesterday represented the countries of Austria, Denmark, France, the United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia.

Monteith, Republican Candidate, Will Speak Tonight In Highlands

Hugh Monteith, Republican candidate for congress from the 12th congressional district, is slated to speak at the Highlands municipal auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. He is a well-known Sylva attorney. The public is invited to attend.

ATTEND CLUB WEEK

Macon County 4-H clubbers attending 4-H Club week in Raleigh last week were Clay Saps, Otto club, Brandon Christy, Franklin High club, Aneda Cabe, Otto club, Nancy Sutton, East Franklin club, and Nancy Cable, Iotla club. They were accompanied by Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg.

49TH ANNUAL BAPTIST MEET IS NEXT WEEK

Moderator Stockton Gives Program For 2-Day Macon Session

This county's largest church group—the Macon County Baptist association—will hold its 49th annual session next Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8.

Thursday's all-day meeting will be held at the Oak Grove church and Friday representatives of the county's 42 Baptist churches will gather at the Iotla church.

Hours for Thursday's meeting will be 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Friday's, 9:30 a. m. to 3:15 p. m.

In announcing the two-day program, Moderator J. Horner Stockton forecast a record-breaking turnout and urged representatives to attend all phases of the annual session. Last year's attendance went over the thousand mark.

Thursday's program is organized as follows:

10 a. m., song service, devotional by the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, appointment of reading clerks; 10:15, call for church letters, enrolling and seating of messengers; 10:30, organization, recognition of visitors; 11:15, associational work, report by Mrs. Beatrice D. Finger; 11:30, doctrinal sermon by the Rev. SEE NO. 4, PAGE 10

Explains Status Of New Veterans Korean GI Law

Since a number of ex-servicemen in the county have inquired about the new Public Law 550 (Korean War Veteran GI Bill), the local veterans service officer, R. E. (Tony) Welch, Monday issued a statement concerning the status of the newly-enacted law.

The law, passed July 16, does not become effective until August 20, the veterans officer said, and the only definite information his office has at this time is to the effect that a bulletin on the law is being compiled and should be ready for issue in about two weeks.

However, veterans of the Korean war, who received discharges after June 26, 1950, may now submit applications for mustering-out payment through the local veterans office in the courthouse. A Report of Separation is the only requirement for making application, Mr. Welch said.

Education and training benefits, comparable to those for World War II veterans in the original GI Bill, are provided for veterans who have served in the armed forces anywhere since June 27, 1950, under terms of the new G. I. Bill for Korean veterans, which become law with the President's signature on July 16. While the new law took effect on that date, no training allowances will be paid for any period prior to August 20.

Patton Church Plans Revival, Bible School

A daily vacation Bible school and revival services are planned at Patton Chapel Methodist church next week.

Starting Monday, the Bible school will be held each day at 9:45 a. m., with Mrs. Lawrence Patton in charge.

The revival services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock with the Rev. R. L. Poindexter, pastor of the Methodist circuit, in charge.

The Rev. Fred Hill, one of two Duke divinity school students working in this county, will assist both in the school and the revival.

ON LEAVE HERE

Capt. M. Gist Welling, who returned last Wednesday from seven months' duty in Korea as commander of Company K, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd division, is spending a leave with his wife and two children here. The Wellings plan to leave this week for visits in Maryland and Virginia. Mrs. Welling is the former Miss Katherine Godwin.



Meet one of the artists behind the famous Smoky Bear, the friendly bruin with service hat and shovel, who warns folks about forest fires. He's Rudolph Wendelin, the smiling gentleman in the foreground and art director for the U. S. Forest Service in Washington, D. C. Mr. Wendelin has been at the Coweeta Hydrologic laboratory here for the past two weeks, assisting with the filming of a movie, "The Waters of Coweeta", showing the operation of the hydrologic laboratory. He is doing an animated series for the film. In the background is E. A. Johnson, forester in charge at Coweeta. And at the left, on the artist's desk, is—you guessed it—Smoky Bear, with his usual message about preventing forest fires. The Smoky Bear cartoons appear regularly in The Press, so the amiable animal is no stranger here. Other forest service personnel at Coweeta in connection with the film are Richard Mosher, director, Richard Fryer, cameraman, and Leland Prater, chief of still photography.