

Youth Dies In Plunge Monday Over Waterfall

Recover Body Of Tourist In Pool At Base Of Dry Falls

A 19-year-old sightseer slipped and plunged 125 feet to his death over Dry Falls late Monday morning before the horrified eyes of his wife, mother and father, and younger brother and sister.

Volunteers recovered the body of J. B. Kilby, Jr., of Augusta, Ga., from a deep pool at the base of the falls at 2:45 p. m.—some three hours after the youth plummeted over the falls, a top scenic attraction in Macon County that annually draws thousands of visitors.

An estimated 100 persons lined the steep banks of the canyon below the falls as men searched for the body. Many tourists unsuspectingly came down the winding path to view the falls, only to learn of the tragic accident.

Young Kilby and his family were returning from a week-end visit in Knoxville, Tenn., their former home.

The youth's 18-year-old wife, Virginia, begged him not to walk out over the falls, according to persons on the scene at the time of the accident. He apparently slipped on the moss covered rocks at the top of the cascade.

An eyewitness, the Rev. R. E. Brown, of Raleigh, superintendent of the Raleigh Methodist district, said in a statement to Jack Laros, Highland district ranger, that he heard a scream about 11:30 as he reached the first turn in the path leading to the falls and turned in time to see young Kilby topple over the brink. The minister said the youth flipped in the air, struck the rocks below head first, and then disappeared from view in the water below.

The distance from the top of the falls to the rocks where he hit first is about 75 feet. The body was found in a small seething pool carved out by the falling water some 50 feet below that point.

Sid Carter and Willard Crisp, both of Highlands, some of the first on the scene, dived for the body in a large pool below the falls for more than an hour. Mr. Carter received treatment for cuts and bruises suffered in his search for the body.

Radioman Third Class Earl Baty, of Highlands, on leave from the navy, located young

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Floridian

Racks Up Hole-In-One On Local Course

Ernest C. Wilkinson, of West Palm Beach, Fla., joined the ranks of golfdom's fabulous here last Thursday afternoon when he chalked up a hole-in-one on the local nine-hole.

Mr. Wilkinson, a guest at the Franklin lodge, laced a five-iron shot into the cup on the 153-yard No. 4 hole. He rounded out the day's play with a two over par 38.

Jack Martin and Stutts Gilbert, owners of the lodge, were playing with the Floridian when he made the one-in-a-million shot.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Sides, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	92	60
Thursday	84	60	trace
Friday	81	62	.05
Saturday	85	60	.12
Sunday	88	52
Monday	86	57	.24
Tuesday	84	61	.21
Wednesday	61	.12

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	94	64
Thursday	88	65	.28
Friday	82	65	.44
Saturday	88	63	.10
Sunday	90	55
Monday	88	60	.03
Tuesday	88	65	1.23

Sen. Kefauver Guest At Highlands Club, Leaves Today

Sen. Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, a leading, but unsuccessful contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, is a guest at the Highlands Country Club.

The amiable senator, whose name has almost disappeared from newspapers since the nomination of Gov. Adlai Stevenson at the party's Chicago convention last month, is just resting and playing golf, the club reports.

He arrived Friday and plans to leave sometime today (Thursday).

MAYOR ISSUES STATEMENT ON SEWER CHARGE

Says Move Made As Way To Financing More Facilities

Mayor W. C. Burrell this week issued the following statement in explanation of the decision of the Franklin board of aldermen to make charge for sewerage service:

"Due to the fact the disposal plant which the Town of Franklin is now using is badly in need of repairs and is inadequate, the town board decided that, like most other towns in Western North Carolina, they would have to put on a sewerage system and provide for the increasing number of customers.

"The town board felt the sewerage charge was the only fair way to provide for maintenance and expansion of the system, whereas had the necessary funds been raised by additional taxes those who did not use the sewerage system would have been taxed.

"We are sorry this explanation did not get in the paper earlier. Due to my absence from town, I was unable to get it in last week's paper."

RAISE GIVEN GARBAGE MEN

Town Board Authorizes Clerk To Advise Back Taxes

In regular session Monday night the Franklin board of aldermen:

- (1) authorized Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey to advise delinquent 1951 taxes.
- (2) granted town garbage employees a \$10 a month raise.
- (3) accepted a bid submitted by Radford Jacobs, offering the town a 12 per cent discount on gas and oil.
- (4) accepted a bid submitted by Macon Construction company to furnish and deliver gravel for town paving projects at \$1.50 per ton, provided Allison Construction company would standby its bid of 60 cents per square foot for paving.

The town plans to use Powell bill funds this year to pave Macon avenue, Green street, and others, depending on how far the money goes. In accepting Macon Construction company's gravel bid, the added provision was made in view of Allison's bid to furnish gravel for \$2.50 per ton and paving for 60 cents per square foot. Mayor W. C. Burrell was asked to call the Allison company to bid.

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PLAN BAZAAR

A bazaar—featuring hand-made things, including foods—will be sponsored tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a. m. by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church at the show room in the Nantahala Power and Light company building, it has been announced.

BAPTISTS OPEN MEETING TODAY

Plan First Session This Morning At Oak Grove; Friday At Iotla

Representatives from Macon County's 42 Baptist churches will gather this (Thursday) morning at the Oak Grove church for the opening session of the association's 49th annual meeting.

Tomorrow they will meet at the Iotla church for an all-day session.

Today's session gets under way at 10 o'clock and features a number of reports on the association's work this past year. Special speakers slated for the opening session include Dr. W. K. McGee, director of the department of religion of the N. C. Baptist hospitals; M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist state convention; W. C. Reed, general superintendent of the state Baptist orphanage; L. L. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder; and B. Frank Hasty, a member of the staff of Wake Forest college.

Tomorrow's session, which begins at 9:30 a. m., in addition to reports, lists addresses by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, a former pastor of the First Baptist church here, who is representing the Council on Christian Education; M. H. Kendall, representing Mars Hill college; and James M. Hayes, superintendent and chaplain of the state Baptist homes.

Moderator J. Horner Stockton will preside over the two-day meeting.

Welling Gets First Cluster For War Duty

Capt. M. G. Welling, who recently returned from duty in Korea, has been awarded his first cluster to the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in Korea, according to an army announcement received here.

In Korea Capt. Welling was commander of Company K, 7th Infantry regiment, 3rd division. His wife is the former Miss Katherine Godwin, of Franklin.

A veteran of World War II, he wears the Purple Heart and the second award of the Combat Infantryman badge. He received the Bronze Star cluster in recognition of service in Korea from February 1 to June 15, 1952, the announcement said.

NO DRAFT CALL

Macon County will receive no draft call in September, according to the local selective service board.

A five-man induction and 22-man pre-induction examination contingent will be sent to Knoxville, Tenn., Wednesday.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brad

A 19-year-old sightseer Monday slipped and plunged to his death over Dry Falls, Macon's top scenic attraction on US 64 between Highlands and Franklin. The arrow in the photograph shows the approximate spot where he slipped—the dotted line indicates his path of fall to the rocks below. (See Page 12 for photograph of volunteers searching for his body at the base of the falls).

Are Opening Flower Show In Highlands

Mrs. Byron Simonson, chairman of the ninth annual Highlands flower show, has announced the completion of final plans for the show to be held at the Museum of Natural History building Saturday and Sunday.

The committee calls attention to several new classes in the schedule. One is a class called "Highlands Favorite Flower Pot". The Southern Highlands have given us many quaint customs and sayings, among them, "making a flower pot", a saying used to indicate an artistic arrangement of flowers, usually containing mixed flowers, simply arranged. It is also thought of as a "summer bouquet". This class has been added in recognition of the ability of many individuals to make an artistic "flower pot" or "summer bouquet", the committee said.

A class for novices, those who have never won a blue ribbon in an artistic division of a

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'HILLBILLY DAY' BIG SUCCESS

Highlands Out-Shines Hollywood; Plan Day As Yearly Event

(See Pictures on Page 6)

Highlands out - Hollywooded Hollywood's "typical" hill-billies Friday in an hilarious all-day "shindig" that apparently made Dogpatch a rank amateur in the realm of hillbillyism.

Not only was the "highest incorporated town in Eastern America" filled to the brim with uninhibited, rakishly - dressed townspeople and vacationers, even motorists just passing through became intrigued by the activities and stopped for the day, invading stores in search of gingham, flop hats, overalls, bandanas, (anything with a movie hillbilly flair) and joined in the fun.

It didn't take long for the uninitiated, those "pore on-fortunate human beans" dressed in every-day clothes, that it was "Hillbilly Day" in Highlands and that those not dressed accordingly were (sob) des-

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Year's First Polio Victim 'Doing Fine'

Macon County's first polio case for the year was reported this week by the local health department.

Wanda Jeanette Willis, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willis, of Iotla, was taken to the Asheville Orthopedic home Friday where her illness was diagnosed as polio. Yesterday (Wednesday) the health department reported she was "doing fine".

WANTS KIDS TO ATTEND COWEE

School Board's Action Protested By Rose Creek Delegation

A delegation of men and women appeared at Monday's meeting of the county board of education to protest the board's recent decision to send children in the Rose Creek community to Iotla school instead of Cowee.

September 3 was set as the opening date of county schools. An over-all classroom shortage in the school system is behind the board's action in sending Rose Creek children to Iotla school, according to Chairman Bob S. Sloan.

He explained that both Iotla and Cowee schools have eight classrooms, and added that an increase in attendance this year will make it necessary to hold classes in the school auditoriums.

If Rose Creek children were allowed to attend Cowee school this year, Mr. Sloan said it would mean that 10 classes would be held at Cowee and only eight at Iotla.

"We have attempted to even things up," he explained, "by having nine classes at each school. It seems right to equalize it rather than have overcrowded conditions at one school."

During the meeting, a male member of the delegation remarked, "our kids go to Cowee."

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FARM TOUR SLATED FOR NEXT WEEK

Will Feature Livestock And Community Visits, Agent Says

The annual Macon County Farm and Home tour is slated August 15 and this year will deal primarily with livestock and progress made by communities in the W. N. C. Rural Community Development contest, according to County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

As in the past, everyone in the county, businessmen and farm men and women alike, is invited to make the tour with the county agent and review the county's agricultural progress.

Special emphasis will be placed on both beef and dairy cattle and stops will be made in the Carson Chapel and Holly Springs communities. Both communities are entered in the rural development contest.

Lunch will be served by the Holly Springs women at the new community center. A small charge will be made.

Following lunch those attending will assemble at the vocational agricultural building at Franklin High school for a beef and dairy cattle show.

The motorcade will get under way at the Agricultural building promptly at 9 a. m., the county agent said.

DRAMA GROUP IS ORGANIZED

Murray Picked Temporary Chairman; Plan To Give 'Dear Ruth'

The Community Players, amateur theatrical group, was organized here Tuesday night, and plans were made to present "Dear Ruth", Broadway and motion picture comedy, as the organization's first production.

Tryouts for this first of a proposed series of plays will be held the evening of August 15, and it is hoped to present "Dear Ruth" the last of August or early in September.

Frank I. Murray, Jr., was chosen temporary chairman of the new organization.

A second meeting will be held at the Nantahala building next Tuesday night to perfect the organization and make detailed plans for the first production.

The Community Players is a non-profit organization, which will seek to stimulate interest in dramatics, give local talent a vehicle, and provide entertainment for the community, it was explained.

Waterless

Weaverville Gets Help From Franklin

An almost waterless Weaverville got a helping hand last week from Franklin—another small town that knows what it means to have its water supply approach zero.

Hard-hit by the drought, Weaverville, nine miles west of Asheville, borrowed a pumping and purifying outfit from Franklin to hold up its diminishing water supply.

The loan couldn't have come from a more understanding town. Only last year Franklin was almost down to its last drop of water during a dry spell. A new well solved its problem.

SMART REUNION SLATED

The Smart family reunion will be held Sunday at the old home place on the Jaree Joe Smart on the Georgia road, according to an announcement by D. C. Smart, president, Miss Ada Smart and Mrs. Ipez Woody will be hostesses to the family gathering.

REVIVAL STARTS

A week-long youth revival series starts Sunday evening at the First Baptist church with preaching by the church pastor, the Rev. M. W. Chapman. Services are planned nightly at 8 o'clock.



FLYING SAUCERS, YOU SAY? Shucks, those things are outdated around Macon County. Flying saucers are the vogue here now. C. Banks Finger, local attorney and vice-president of the Franklin Jaycees, is shown above piloting the latest model across town square on his way to the courthouse. But, don't take it seriously, it's just a trick shot turned out by The Press photographer.