

## FARM TOUR SCHEDULED TOMORROW

Lists Six Stops, Visits In Two Communities; Starts At 9 A. M.

Tomorrow (Friday), promptly at 9 a. m., a motorcade will assemble at the Agricultural building for the annual Macon County Farm and Home tour under the leadership of County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

Livestock and community development head the list of this year's tour with six scheduled stops in the county, including a fat calf and dairy show at Franklin High in the afternoon. From the Agricultural building, the motorcade will go first to the Carson community, one of the Macon communities entered in the W. N. C. Rural Community Development contest, for an inside picture of progress made by the community in the contest—uniform white mail boxes, entrance signs, paint-brightened buildings, and a number of other advances.

The first stop is slated at the farm of Dr. Frank M. Killian for inspection of a good herd of Poll Hereford cattle; the second at the Enloe Brothers' farm, where the results of ammonium nitrate on pasture, dairy barn, feed barn, and hay dryer are reflected in a good herd of Guernsey cattle.

The welcome mat will then be spread to the motorcade by the citizens of the Holly Springs community, the county's second community in the rural contest. Like the Carson community, Holly Springs has gone all-out in the contest with entrance signs, mail boxes, and "face-lifted" buildings, and its pride and joy is the new community building (the old community school house).

Charles Ferguson's farm is listed as the motorcade's third stop and is featured by a good herd of black Angus cattle, good corn, and ladino fescue pasture.

A good dairy herd, artificial heifers, and dairy barn make up the fourth stop on the farm of George E. Pattillo, before the "tourists" converge on the Holly Springs community center for lunch, which will be served by the women of the community.

The annual tour will be capped off by a fat calf and dairy calf show at the Vocational Agricultural building at Franklin High school immediately following lunch. Calves will be shown by Future Farmers of America and 4-H clubbers.

Everyone is invited to make the tour, the county agent said. Past tours have drawn more than 500 persons.

## HANNAH DIES; RITES FRIDAY

Haywood County Native Succumbs Thursday At Age Of 84

A. R. Hannah, a retired farmer and resident of Macon County for the past 20 years, died at his home in the Otto community last Thursday night at the age of 84. He had been ill for about a year.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 3 p. m. at the Coweeta Baptist church by the Rev. Robert L. Poindexter, and the Rev. Frank Reed. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Born August 20, 1868, in Haywood county, Mr. Hannah was the son of John and Mrs. Martha Simmons Hannah. He was a member of the Coweeta Baptist church and was married to Miss Mary Hoyle, of Jackson county.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, R. M. Hannah, of Marble, and J. E. Hannah, of Macon, Ga.; a daughter, Mrs. Ora Caldwell, of Otto; and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Tom Gladwell, Joe Shope, John Conley, Dean Davis, Arthur Dowdle, and Fred Hannah.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts Funeral home.

## Station Will Observe 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary celebration of the Highlands Biological station is planned to-night (Thursday) at the Museum of Natural History building at 8 o'clock.

Featured speaker will be D. Hiden Ramsey, vice president of the Asheville Citizen-Times company.

The station, where scientists and students undertake practical field work research in biology, was founded in 1927 by a group of men and women who recognized the need for promoting biological research in the South.

As a build-up to tonight's celebration, the station for the past several weeks has been sponsoring a series of lectures by noted personalities in the field of biology.

## JAYCEE HEAD COMING HERE

Will Speak At Local Junior Chamber's Banquet Monday

J. B. Brame, of Durham, newly-elected president of the state, Junior Chamber of Commerce, is slated to be guest speaker at a "Ladies' Night" banquet being given Monday night by the local Jaycees.

The banquet will be held at the Franklin lodge at 7:30 o'clock.

Also expected to attend as special guests are Gene Ochsenreiter, of Asheville, a national Jaycee director, and Dwight Beatty, of Waynesville, district vice president.

## Bryson Reunion Slated Sunday At Wade Arvey's

The annual Macon County Bryson reunion is planned Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Arvey, one mile north of Franklin on the Bryson City highway (NC 28).

Lunch will be served on the grounds and a short program is planned in the afternoon, according to Thad D. Bryson, Jr., president. All members of the family are urged to attend.

## BAZAAR SCHEDULED

A bazaar and food sale, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist church, will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 9 a. m. at the show room in the Nantahala Power and Light company building.

A business meeting of the Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher association is planned Monday at the school at 8 p. m., Mrs. Harold Enloe, president, has announced.

## For Tourists Only!

THIS IS FOR TOURISTS ONLY! It's the lowdown on Macon County—what to see, where to go, and what to do—for this small Western North Carolina county is rich in scenery and has much to offer those seeking to make the most of their vacations.

So, if it's RELAXATION and RECREATION you're looking for, look no further, Macon County has it!

In a nutshell, breathtaking scenery and delightfully cooling recreation areas come to Macon County through the compliments of the Nantahala Nantahala Forest. About 44 per cent of the forest's 414,123 acres lie within Macon, turning the area into a "must" for touring camera bugs and folks who enjoy viewing the products of Dame Nature's gifted hand.

A top drawer attraction in anyone's language is Dry Falls, a 60-foot cascade which annually draws an estimated 100,000 visitors. A scenic trail leading behind the falls gives it its name, "dry". This "must" is 16 miles southeast of Franklin and four miles west of Highlands on US 64. Sightseers will find ample parking space and a concession stand for "wetting the whistle".

Two more water attractions on US 64 between Franklin and Highlands invariably make tourists apply the brakes and

## DROUGHT AID FOR COUNTY AUTHORIZED

Expects Only Isolated Cases Since Macon Fared Well

While Macon County apparently suffered only light damage in the recent drought, farmers who were hard-hit by dry weather may apply for federal disaster loans since the state has been designated a disaster area along with most of the southern states.

Applications for loans may be filed through the local Farmers Home Administration office in the Agricultural building.

Much-needed rain brightened the picture in Macon as far as damage from the prolonged drought was concerned.

R. F. Hemphill, county supervisor of F.M.A., said yesterday (Wednesday) there is little need of drought aid in the county, with the exception of a few isolated cases.

He added, however, "funds have been made available and we are now in position to accept applications and make disaster loans to those eligible farmers who have suffered a substantial disaster."

The county supervisor emphasized that the disaster loans are loans and not grants and are made only when the operation shows that it is sound and money can be repaid from farm income.

"In keeping with our policy to render the most effective service to these farmers, our first responsibility will be to keep desirable productive livestock on farms—livestock that would otherwise have to be sold because of lack of feed and feed crops," Mr. Hemphill declared.

He said before a disaster loan can be approved a farmer must show:

- (1) that he has suffered substantial losses.
- (2) that he cannot obtain credit from private sources.
- (3) that the government loan can be repaid from farm income.
- (4) that the loan will not be used for conversion from one type of farming to another.

In an interview yesterday, county agent S. W. Mendenhall said most of the drought damage in Macon was confined to upland crops, and added that crops in bottom lands were relatively unharmed.

Hay, pastures, and late corn have been given a big boost by rain, he said.

Farmers completely missed one cutting of alfalfa because of the dry weather, Mr. Mendenhall said. A number of farmers are sorting damaged corn in silos for feed, he added.

North Carolina last week declared a disaster area by the Secretary of Agriculture.



OCTOGENARIANS AT REUNION—The combined ages of this group, pictured at last week's 101st Siler family reunion, is 432 years. Left to right, they are Mrs. F. H. (Cousin Jennie) Nolen, 80; Mrs. Myra (Aunt Myra) Allman, 88; Mrs. Lee (Miss Tote) Crawford, 88; Mrs. George A. (Miss Hattie) Jones, 90; and Mrs. J. S. (Cousin Georgia) Sloan, 86.

## Siler Descendants Hold 101st 'Family Meeting'; Here From Dozen States

When descendants of Welmar Siler converged on Macon County last Thursday for their 101st in an unbroken series of annual Family Meetings, a registration book count showed 242 persons present from a dozen states.

Almost exactly two-thirds of those attending came from outside the county—among them Silers from as far away as Kansas and California, and Florida and New York.

In the group were scores of infants-in-arms, members of the seventh generation, and five octogenarians. Two of the latter, Mrs. George A. Jones and her sister, Mrs. Lee Crawford, are great-granddaughters of Welmar Siler, who died in 1831.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Crawford are nearing their 90th and 88th birthdays.

This year's gathering was held on Cartoogechaye, at the old home of Albert Siler. Five of his grandchildren—the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and his four sisters, Mrs. H. E. Freas, Mrs. J. M. Barr, of Charlotte, Miss Lucy Morgan, of Penland, and Mrs. B. E. Warner, of Murphy—were host and hostesses.

Steady rain throughout the morning caused furrows on many a loyal Siler brow, but shortly after noon the rain stopped and the sun came out, making possible the traditional outdoor picnic dinner, spread, as is customary, on long tables erected in the yard for the purpose.

Greeting Cousins

The morning was spent greeting cousins not seen for a year, or, in some cases, for many years; getting acquainted with "kissin' cousins" never seen before; and, particularly for the older members of the family, pleasant reminiscence.

Then came the big spread—it is a standing joke among Silers that they "save up" for meals or even for days, so as to be able to do justice to this yearly feast. Most women members of the family consider the occasion the year's outstanding test of their culinary prowess. For the food and the occasion, the blessing was said by the Rev. Robert Jerome, of Elizabeth City.

Another social period followed the meal, while the tables were cleared. Then came the only formal part of the day's program, generally referred to as "the meeting".

No Set Speeches

Even this, by custom, never is stiffly formal, for there are no SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

## Safety Man To Instruct Bus Drivers

A representative from the State Highway Safety division will be here Monday to instruct prospective school bus drivers, according to County School Supt. Holland McSwain. All planning to apply for driver permits for the coming school year are asked to meet with the representative at the school bus garage at 9:30 a. m.

## Assures Hearing Of Murder Case

### SCOUT HONOR COURT SLATED

Will Be Held At Union; Occasion Will Mark Two Firsts

A Smoky Mountain district Boy Scout court of honor is scheduled to be held at the Union school next Thursday night, followed by a district committee meeting.

The occasion will mark the first time an honor court has been held in the Union community and also the first time a district committee has met in a rural area.

A new Scout troop recently was chartered in the Union community and several members of the troop are expected to receive Tenderfoot rank.

In the past, district committee meetings have been held in the towns within the area.

Scouts from Franklin, Bryson City, Sylva, and Cherokee troops will receive awards at the court of honor.

H. H. Gnuse, of Franklin, is chairman of the district.

### DRAFT BOARD INDUCTS FIVE

Group Left Yesterday For Knoxville; No Call For Sept.

Five Macon County men were sent to Knoxville, Tenn., yesterday (Wednesday) morning for induction into the army, according to the local selective service board.

They are Robert Curtis Calloway, Bobby Lance Queen, Jr., Don Quincey Conley, Charles Edwin Wallace, and Earl Tommy Pendergrass.

Also included in the contingent were 22 men for pre-induction examinations.

The draft board announced last week that Macon would receive no induction call in September.

### State Surfaces 19 Miles During July In County

A total of 19.7 miles of new paving was completed in Macon County during July, according to L. Dale Thrash, commissioner of the 10th highway division.

The following roads, and their lengths, were graded, drained, surfaced with traffic-bound macadam, and bituminous surface-treated under the secondary road bond program:

- Flat Mountain road, 90 mile; Patton road, 5.2; Rabbit Creek road, 6.2; Tennesse road, 1.5; Julia-Burnington, 2.8; Phillips Bridge road, 1.2; and Rabun Bald road, 1.9 miles.

The commissioner said a total of 129.68 miles of paving and 1.4 miles of stabilization was completed in the division during the month.

### 'DEAR RUTH' TRYOUTS SET

Players Name Permanent Officers; Murray Is President

The Community Players, Franklin's newly formed amateur theatrical organization, Tuesday night elected permanent officers and set Friday (tomorrow) night at 8 p. m. at the V. F. W. building as the time and place for tryouts for "Dear Ruth", which is to be the Players' first production.

Frank I. Murray, Jr., was named president, Mrs. Lyle Raby, secretary, and Lyle Raby, treasurer. The board of directors is made up of the three officers and Mrs. Ted Reber and Clayton Ramsey.

### Court Opens Monday; Bryson Says Wood Will Be Tried

The first degree murder trial of James Theodore Wood—hanging fire in superior court here for more than a year—will "definitely be tried" at the August term which opens Monday morning in the Macon courthouse, according to Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr.

Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will preside at the session.

Court-week spectators can expect plenty of activity during the term since the April term was cancelled because of the illness of the presiding judge.

The criminal docket, released for publication this week by Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court, lists 137 cases—a comparatively heavy one in the light of past terms.

The Wood murder trial, studied with postponements since Wood's indictment by a Macon grand jury in April, 1951, will center around the mysterious May, 1950, death of 43-year-old Macon County logger, Grady Ray.

Ray's body was found about midnight on May 17, 1950, in the yard of a Kyle home.

Although a coroner's inquest indicated there was no evidence of foul play connected with Ray's death, a provision was made in the jury's verdict to reopen the case if additional evidence warranted such action.

Disclosure that a large amount of mud and debris was found in Ray's throat brought about the indictment of Wood—nearly 11 months later.

Postponements were granted the state at the August and December, 1951, terms.

Wood is free on bond.

Of the 137 cases scheduled for trial this term, 51 involve drunk driving.

## J. R. FULTON DIES AT 75

Rites For Macon Native Conducted At Bethel Methodist Church

James Robert Fulton, a Macon County native and farmer of Cullasaja, died Monday of last week at his home after an illness of three weeks. He was 75 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 3 p. m. at the Bethel Methodist church by the Rev. J. D. Fyatt, the Rev. C. E. Murray, the Rev. Bill Sorrells, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born August 14, 1876, Mr. Fulton was the son of Robert King and Mrs. Mary Caroline Saunders Fulton. He was a member of the AAA committee for several years and a member and trustee of the Bethel church. He was married in Brevard to the former Miss Lois Ferguson, of Franklin, on December 5, 1935.

Surviving are his wife and a brother, John H. Fulton, of Cullasaja.

Palbearers were Wiley Clark, Mack Norris, Troy Shook, John F. McConnell, R. S. Jones, and H. W. Cobe.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant Funeral home.

## Drama Group Meets Friday In Highlands

A meeting of the members of the Highlands Community Theatre will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Highlands Recreation Center auditorium.

At the meeting, the annual one, plans for the future of the organization will be outlined and discussed.

The meeting was called by the board of directors at a meeting of the board last Friday, at which a tentative program for next year was given board approval.