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WILL START DETOUR OF ROAD SOON

Local Motorists Can Use
U. S. 23 East For
Month More

Sometime within the next two weeks, through traffic will be detoured around US 23 east to Sylva as grading operations on the new 7.34-mile highway from Franklin to Cowee Gap swing into high gear. S. T. Usry, state highway resident engineer, said yesterday.

However, the engineer said local traffic would be able to use the highway for about the next 30 days before it is closed completely.

The detours will send east-bound traffic through either Bryson City (NC 28) or Highlands (US 64).

Contractor for the project, J. C. Critcher, Inc., of Asheville, is expected to move heavy grading machinery in this week, Mr. Usry said.

The right-of-way for the new highway, which will cut approximately one mile from the present distance from Franklin to the gap at the Jackson county line, was cleared several weeks ago. Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, two weeks ago began work on new culverts on the highway.

Expected to be completed in about a year, the new highway will involve the moving of more than a million yards of dirt.

Compromise Settles Rose Creek Dispute

A compromise has settled the issue between the county board of education and citizens of the Rose Creek community over the board's decision to send Rose Creek children to Iotia instead of Cowee school, according to County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

Under a new setup, children in the upper end of the community are attending Cowee, those in the lower end, Iotia.

Several delegations from the community visited the school board to protest the shift of children to Iotia, following the opening of the 1952-53 school year September 3.

Retirement Man Will Address Local N.C.E.A. Unit

Nathan Yelton, of Raleigh, head of the state retirement system, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Macon County unit of the N. C. Education association on Saturday, according to an announcement by Mrs. Cecil Parker, local N.C.E.A. president.

The meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. at the Franklin High cafeteria, will be the first of the new school year for the local organization.

Mr. Yelton's topic will be "Teacher Retirement". In announcing the program, Mrs. Parker also called attention to the district N.C.E.A. meeting, slated October 17 in Asheville, and she urged all teachers in the county to plan to attend.

Macon Student Hop Aboard 'Back-To-School' Caravan

More than 70 Maconians have hopped aboard the "back-to-school" caravan bound for colleges, universities, and special schools.

By the end of the week, most of them will be firmly entrenched in the 1952-53 school year, and the main topics of conversation will be football, new courses and new professors, and more football.

As in the past, Western Carolina Teachers college claims the lion's share of Macon students. Of this year's number, 20 have enrolled at W. C. T. C.

Who are they and where have they gone?

Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee: Misses Mildred Deal, Josephine Dalton, Ann Blaine, Emma Lou Ramsey, Caroline Crawford, Barbara Gribble, Barbara Holland, June Teague, Ann Teague, Martha Howard, Luanne Gibson, Mrs. Hall Callahan, and Frank I. Murray, Jr., Pat Pattillo, James Brogden, Lester Arnold, Johnny

YDC Elects Reeves To Presidency

W. W. Reeves, Franklin hardware merchant, Thursday night was elected president of the Macon County Young Democrats' Club at an organizational meeting at the courthouse.

Presiding at the session, attended by some 175 persons, was Bob S. Sloan, outgoing president.

Other new officers are Mrs. George Byrd, vice president, and C. Banks Finger, secretary-treasurer.

Highlight of the meeting was an address by George A. Shuford, of Asheville, Democratic nominee for the U. S. House of Representatives from the 12th congressional district.

The speaker placed special emphasis on the need for party government and its responsibilities.

Also scheduled at the session were county precinct meetings, and it was announced that the 12th district party rally will be held in Murphy September 30.

The kick-off for the district gathering will be a Democratic Caravan, which will leave Asheville early on the morning of the rally, and will pick up party members as it moves through the western counties. The caravan is slated to reach Murphy at 11 a. m., at which time the rally will get under way.

About 25 Macon Democrats have indicated they plan to attend the district rally. They will meet at the courthouse at 9 a. m. and will join the caravan near Bryson City.

A combination Cowee-Burnington precinct meeting was held Tuesday night at Cowee school.

Dates for precinct meetings are:

September 29: Ellijay-Sugarfork at Cullasaja school at 8 p. m.

October 1: Smithbridge at Union school at 8 p. m.

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October 2: Cartoogechaye at the school at 8 p. m.

October 6: Millshoal at 8 p. m. Meeting place to be announced.

October 8: Nantahala 1 and 2 at the school at 8 p. m.

October 9: Franklin at the courthouse at 8 p. m.

Beauty Contest, Shower, Set At Holly Springs

A beauty contest and a kitchen shower for the community kitchen will be highlights of Wednesday night's meeting of the Holly Springs community.

Festivities will get under way at 7:30 o'clock and the public is invited.

The winner of the beauty contest will be crowned and will represent the community in a similar contest in Asheville. Tobacco Queen of Holly Springs. Contestants may be either married or single and between the ages of 16 and 25. Contest judges will be picked from outside the community.

The kitchen shower will be for the kitchen in the community building.



This bit of action was seen by more than 2,000 football fans last Friday night in the muddy grid battle between the Franklin Panthers and Clayton, Ga. Since most of the players had as much mud on them as the field did, the Panther back (white uniform) who was knocked sprawling by the two Clayton players, who seem to be surprised about the whole thing, is not known. Franklin won the game, however, 19 to 6.

Dr. Killian's Entries Mark Cattle Show

Second place premier exhibitor in the annual beef cattle show at the Western North Carolina Fair in Hendersonville last Thursday went to Dr. Frank M. Killian, of Franklin.

In fact, Dr. Killian's entries almost turned the show and sale into a private affair. They placed as follows:

(1) K.H.F. Domino Lass 9th, top show female, sold for \$2,200.
(2) K.H.F. Domino Lad 10th, show reserve champion and champion sale bull, sold for \$3,425.
(3) K.H.F. Domino Lad 16th, reserve sale bull, sold for \$1,700.

In addition, the local Hereford breeder's cattle took first places in: two bulls bred and owned by exhibitor, junior yearling heifers, get of sire, two females, and pair yearlings. A seventh place was also won in the junior yearling heifer division.

The show and sale was sponsored by the W.N.C. Hereford association. A total of 57 cattle sold for \$44,090, with an average price of \$744.

HUNTERS WILL MEET

A meeting of the Macon County 'Coon Hunters' association is scheduled Saturday night at the Moose hall at 8 o'clock, it has been announced.

FRANKLIN HIGH LICKS CLAYTON

Panthers Beat Georgia
Team, 19 To 0; Play
Here Friday

Although pre-game underdogs and battling ankle-deep mud, the Franklin Panthers Friday night sloshed through the muck and mire to hand the Clayton (Ga.) grid machine the goose egg side of a 19 to 0 score.

Despite the weather, a capacity crowd—estimated at more than 2,000—jammed the local stadium to watch the Panthers prance to a non-conference victory on the muddy turf.

The Georgia lads, picked by many arm-chair coaches to take the game by at least two touchdowns, failed to rack up a single first down.

Friday night, the Panthers will meet the Cherokee Indians here for their third home game of the season. Game time is 8 o'clock.

With a power-packed line carving holes in the Clayton defense, the fleet-footed Panther fullback, Sammy Henderson, time and again brought the crowd to its feet as he carried over all of Franklin's touchdowns.

The hard-hitting little fullback racked up 180 of Franklin's rushing total of 209 and tore off a beautiful 70-yard run.

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Mistakes For Prowler; Boy Shoots Sister

A scared 11-year-old boy—thinking she was a prowler accidentally shot his older sister Friday night when she returned from a revival meeting.

Miss Frankie Lee Crisp, 16, was reported in a critical condition yesterday (Wednesday) at Angel hospital.

A blast from a 16-gauge shotgun, fired by her brother, William, struck her in the right side of her chest.

The boy told the investigating officers, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Deputy Newell Pendergrass, he was nervous because dogs had been barking around the house all night, and he thought his sister was someone trying to break in.

Miss Crisp was returning from a revival with her mother, Mrs. Dela Crisp. The Crisp home is near the Macon prison camp on the Bryson City road.

ADVISOR HERE

Miss Helen Stewart, advisor in physical education with the State Department of Public Instruction, was here Thursday and Friday working with teachers in planning physical education activities for school children. A special meeting for interested teachers was held Friday afternoon at the East Franklin school.

Dies In Gun Fight . . .

Dalton's Luck Runs Out!

Jerry Dalton's luck ran out! The 56-year-old construction man—the central figure in Macon County's most celebrated murder trial and one who cheated the electric chair by breaking jail—was gunned down near Goldsboro September 6 by an irate husband as he sat in a parked car with the man's wife, according to information received here.

Dalton's early life in Macon County was marked by court appearances on charges ranging from carrying a concealed weapon to petty larceny. Then on November 10, 1918, young Jerry faced a murder charge for shooting and killing Merrill Angel and Maude Williams Grant, a young divorcee, who reportedly was Jerry's girl friend.

From that point on, young Dalton courted Lady Luck as he stood on trial, was twice sentenced to die in the electric chair, and then side stepped death by escaping from the Buncombe county jail.

Apprehended several years later in California, he was returned here and, because he had been leading a model life on the coast, his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Later it was reduced to 30 years, and after serving part

of the sentence he was paroled. He never returned to Macon County and apparently kept out of trouble until the recent gun scrape that cost him his life.

Following is a portion of a story which appeared in the September 6 issue of the Goldsboro News-Argus, telling of the shooting:

"Victim, Jerry B. Dalton, 1729-B, Fairview Homes, died in Wayne Memorial hospital at 6:30 a. m. Shotgun pellets had entered his right lung and tore away part of his arm, baring the main artery.

"Alleged other principals in the shooting scrape, Frank Pearsall, also of Fairview Homes, was being treated today for 38 pistol wounds in the chest.

"The fight began, according to information received by Officer Frank Faircloth, when Pearsall and his brother-in-law, George R. Horne, came upon Dalton and Pearsall's wife parked in a car at one of the base's sub-stations.

"Pearsall told the officer that as he neared the car, Dalton pulled out the 38 and shot him in the chest. Pearsall said he then shot at Dalton's right shoulder with a 12-gauge shotgun, which he had brought from his house. Shooting oc-

curring at approximately 1:30 a. m.

"Mrs. Pearsall was arrested following the shooting and released this morning after questioning. It was reported there had been friction between the two men over Mrs. Pearsall for some time . . .

Dalton's trial here was the most sensational of its day and was talked state-wide.

"Oldtimers, who remember Jerry and the events leading up to the killing of the two young people, say Jerry was loitering on one end of the Aquone bridge, which is now under the waters of Nantahala lake, as is the community of the same name. He flagged down a car being driven by Merrill Angel, whose passenger was Maude Williams Grant.

Angel stopped the car and Jerry fired through the window, cutting him down. Miss Grant hysterically tried to get out of the car and run—another shot from Dalton's gun, and she was dead.

Jealousy and drinking caused all of Jerry's troubles, Alex Moore, then sheriff here, recalled recently.

Following the slayings, Dalton was indicted for the murder of the young woman (the

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'Achievement Days' Are Planned Here Friday, Saturday

4-H Poultry Show-Sale Exhibit Hall Will Open
Scheduled Friday As Tomorrow; Joint 4-H,
Added Feature H. D. Club Venture

Macon 4-H clubbers will have chickens for sale as an added feature to the annual Achievement Days activities.

A 4-H poultry show and sale is scheduled Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Slagle Memorial building.

One hundred twenty chickens, raised by 4-H clubbers from day-old chicks, will be auctioned off in lots of 12 to the highest bidder, according to T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent.

Preceding the auction, a poultry show is planned. The judge will be C. F. Parrish, head of the extension poultry department in Raleigh. The Danish system of judging will be used.

The 4-H clubbers received the chickens through the Sears-Roebuck foundation "poultry chain", and are required to put the birds up for auction to raise money to continue the chain.

Planning to show and sell chickens are Jerome Love, Connie High, Carrie Henry, Robert Shepherd, Bobby Sheffield, Claude Moore, Robert Alexander, Francis Alexander, Elizabeth Waldrop, and Melba Moses.

At last year's auction, 4-H clubbers outbid outsiders to retain most of the birds they put up for sale. The sale brought \$319.20. Highest lot of 12 chickens went for \$3.10 each, with an average sale price of \$2.66.

LODGE STARTING ITS CENTENNIAL

Will Kick Off Celebration
With Picnic Sunday At
Rainbow Springs

The Junaluske lodge, No. 145, Masonic order, will kick off its centennial celebration Sunday afternoon with a picnic at A. B. Slagle's camp near Rainbow Springs.

While the lodge will furnish barbecue, rolls, and refreshment, those planning to attend are asked to bring a covered dish to round out the rest of the picnic. Supper will be at 6 o'clock.

All Masons and members of the Order of Eastern Star and their families are invited to attend.

The afternoon's fun will get under way at 4:30 o'clock with outdoor games.

Making up the program committee are H. H. Gnuse, H. A. Wilhide, C. G. Moore, and Holland McSwain. The transportation committee is composed of Hunter Calloway, Ed Whitaker, Ed Bullock, and John Bulgin.

THREE NURSE COURSES SET

Follow Up Of Recent
Instructor Class;
First Sept. 30

Plans for starting three Red Cross home nursing courses in the county were announced yesterday (Wednesday) by Mrs. Gladys Mae Shope, senior public health nurse and chairman of home nursing for the county Red Cross chapter.

The courses are follow-ups on the recent home nursing instructor's class arranged here by the Red Cross chapter, the health department, and the home demonstration agents. Thirteen women qualified as home nursing instructors, four of whom will teach the three scheduled courses.

The first of the 14-hour courses will begin Tuesday, September 30.

MARKET OPENING

The home demonstration club market will open Saturday, and will be in operation each Saturday, thereafter with hours of 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., it has been announced.

A poultry show and home demonstration club members is at a high pitch as they prepare exhibits and map final plans for their annual Agricultural Achievement Days at Slagle Memorial building tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Exhibits may be viewed by the public tomorrow from noon until 9 p. m.; on Saturday from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Booths and exhibits of both organizations will carry out the theme of work accomplished in the past year. Home demonstration exhibits will place special emphasis on music appreciation, which has been a main feature of the county program this year.

The home demonstration achievement program, honoring the county's 20 clubs, is scheduled to begin Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church.

Highlighting the meeting will be the presentation of The Gavel, an annual award, to the club having the highest score in accomplishments.

In addition to individual club reports, the program will include the awarding of perfect attendance certificates, by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent; reading certificates, by Mrs. Frank I. Murray, Franklin librarian; and ribbons to winning exhibits by E. W. Renshaw, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Selections will be sung by the Macon County chorus under the direction of Orval Murray. The accompanist will be Miss Sally Kesler.

Judging of exhibits will be done Friday morning and home demonstration and 4-H entries will be handled separately. Judges will be Mrs. Velma Beam Moore, Clay County home agent, H. J. Rosenkrantz, assistant county agent in Clay, and Miss Naomi Hubble, of Clayton, Ga., home agent of Rabun county.

Cash prizes for the winning entries have been donated by Franklin businessmen, who have been invited to attend the home demonstration luncheon as special guests at 12:30 o'clock on Friday.

Business firms giving donations include Belk's Department store, The Twin's shop, Nantahala creamery, Bank of Franklin, Brown and Carson, Burrell Motor company, The Quality shop, Reeves Hardware company, Franklin Feed mill, Dowdle Wholesale company, Downs and Dowdle, J. C. Sorrells Motor company, Ray and Welch, Franklin Frozen foods, Duncan Motor company, Roy F. Cunningham Feed store, Macon County Supply, and Franklin Hardware company.

The 4-H achievement program, originally planned for Saturday morning, will not be held until October to enable clubs to complete their record books, according to Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, assistant home agent.

The joint 4-H and home demonstration venture was started last year with the aim of turning the occasion into something in the nature of county fair in the future.

METHODIST MEETING

The Methodist Men's club plans a supper meeting Tuesday night at Cowee school at 7:30 o'clock. It has been announced. Supper will be served by the women of the Snow Hill church. A short program will follow supper.



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