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## YOUTH DROWNS IN TENNESSEE RIVER MONDAY

Thomas Dean, 15, First  
Drowning Fatality  
Of The Year

A 15-year-old Franklin High School student became the first drowning fatality in this county for the year Monday afternoon.

The youth, Thomas (Tommy) Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Dean, of the Oak Grove community drowned in the Little Tennessee River near the point of Raby Island about 5:15 o'clock.

Efforts to revive him on the scene of the accident and later at a Franklin hospital proved futile.

According to reports received by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas the Dean boy was fishing in the river with his brother, Bobby, about 10.

Bobby told those on the scene he heard Thomas cry out, grab at his chest, and topple into the water. Dr. Furman Angel, of Angel Clinic, who attempted to revive the boy after he was brought to the hospital, said he suffered from rheumatic fever and possibly suffered a heart attack. The doctor said he understood he was a good swimmer.

Fred Queen and Paul Guy were among the first on the scene after the younger Dean boy ran to his home for help. Mr. Queen located the boy's body after it had been in water for about an hour and a half.

Artificial respiration was administered on the scene by Roy Parrish and Ras Huggins and efforts to revive the boy were continued later at the hospital.

Funeral services for young Dean were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at the Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. J. Underwood and the Rev. C. C. Welch. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Young Dean, who was born August 16, 1937, is survived by his parents, his brother, a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Parker, of Clarksville, Ga., and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Dean, of Franklin, Route 3, and Mrs. J. C. Shelton, of West Asheville.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Scout Honor Court Held On Thursday

Approximately 100 persons were on hand last Thursday night at the Franklin Methodist Church to see Boy Scouts from troops in Macon and Jackson receive advancements at a Smoky Mountain District Court of Awards.

Awarded Tenderfoot rank were Howard E. Burch, Bobby Poindexter, Douglas Crisp, and Gene Morrow, all of Franklin, Troop 1, and Frank B. Cabe, Daniel Paul Stiles, and Fred H. Stiles, all of Union, Troop 4.

Receiving advancement to Second Class were Jack Guntner, of Sylva, Troop 1, and Ronnie Evans, of Franklin, Troop 1.

Edward Shatley, of Franklin, Troop 1, Larry Queen and George Brookhyser, of Sylva, Troop 1, and James Moore, Bruce Jones, and Bobby H. Cabe, all of Union, Troop 4, were advanced to First Class.

Gilmer Henry, of Franklin, Troop 1, was advanced to Explorer Apprentice.

Lewis Cabe and Tommy Gnuse, both of the Franklin troop, each received merit badges for Citizenship in Community, Citizenship in Home, and Citizenship in Nation.

Tenderfoot awards were made by Vernon McCurry; Second Class, by Thomas Moore; First Class, by John Alsup, and merit badges, by James Hauser.

Hugh Monteith, of Sylva, was

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### STARTS INTERNSHIP

James Bleckley, of Clayton, Ga., a senior at Emory University Medical School, has started his junior internship at Angel Hospital, according to an announcement made this week by Dr. Edgar Angel.

## Neck-Deep In Flame Azalea



Hundreds of local and out-of-county sightseers have been flocking this week to Wayah Bald to view the mile-high mountain's spectacular display of flame azalea—one of the finest stands in the country. Among those driving to the bald Sunday was Miss Nancy Higgs, of Nassau, capital city of the Bahama Islands, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Davis at Panorama Court. Although she has visited here before, it was her first time to visit Wayah when azalea was in bloom—so she almost buried herself in a colorful display so The Press photographer could take her picture.

## Fellowship Week To Open Monday

A "Youth Activities Week" for Methodist youth in the county will be under way at the Franklin church each evening Monday through Friday.

Hours each night will be 7:45 to 9:30 o'clock, according to the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor.

Ben Stamey and William Jeffries, Duke University students, who are spending three weeks in this county, will teach courses on the organization and program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Periods of worship and recreation also are planned each night.

The special week is for young people between the ages of 12 and 23 and their adult counselors and workers.

### NEGRO CHARGED

Adam Guy, Negro, of Franklin, was charged with carelessness and reckless driving following a wreck on Harrison Avenue about 10:15 Sunday night. The Guy car, traveling out the avenue, smashed into a tree in the curve just above the Presbyterian church. None of the four in the car was injured, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, who investigated.

## FREE X-RAYS ARE OFFERED

Everybody's getting one! What? Why, a free chest X-ray.

Yesterday (Wednesday) a mobile X-ray unit visited the Nantahala community and stops are scheduled in Highlands on June 24 and Franklin on June 25, 26, and 27.

This free service—to find early tuberculosis—is being arranged in this county by the Macon-Jackson-Swain county health departments, with the Franklin Lions Club as co-sponsor. Persons under 15 years of age are not eligible to receive an X-ray during the survey.

The unit will operate on Main Street in Highlands and will be just off Town Square in Franklin. Hours for each stop will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It will not be necessary to undress and only two minutes is required to make an X-ray, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse.

The Lions Club committee assisting with the survey is composed of Bob Korte, chairman, Fred Dowdle, Roy R. Cunningham, and Bruce Palmer.

## Republicans Set Meeting Tonight

A county-wide meeting of the Republican Party is scheduled tonight (Thursday) at Bert Mashburn's store at Cullasaja, according to George Reece, county chairman. The session is planned for 8 o'clock.

## MARINE UNHURT IN CAR WRECK

A 22-year-old Marine miraculously escaped injury early Sunday morning on the Highlands road when his automobile was demolished in a plunge into Cullasaja Gorge.

The Marine S-Sgt. Ernest D. Thompson, of Newport, Ky., climbed from the wreckage of his automobile unscathed and reported his own accident.

Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendegras, who investigated, said the sergeant's 1947 Plymouth knocked down two small trees in its 60-foot plunge from the highway, coming to a stop just short of the swift stream running through the gorge.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock approximately a half-mile below Skywater Camp. The deputy said the sergeant told him he skidded on the wet pavement.

## TWO STORMS HIT COUNTY DURING WEEK

### Power And Telephone Systems Suffer The Most

Lightning and high winds played havoc with power and communication systems in Macon during Saturday.

Weather-wise, Saturday evening's storm punched a hole in the thermometer, bringing the mercury down from the 90's and high 80's into the 70's. The cool weather struck at attendance at the Jaycee-operated swimming pool at the Franklin Golf Course, with only a handful of the harder younger set braving the chilly water.

An electrical storm, accompanied by near gale-force winds, blanketed most of Western North Carolina late Wednesday afternoon. For the most part, Macon ended up on the light end of damage in comparison with reports from other counties.

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., vice-president of the Nantahala Power and Light Co. here, reported that power failures during the storm were caused by wind blowing lines together, falling trees and limbs, and lightning striking power equipment. He said the Highlands-Cashiers area was the hardest hit by the storm. Power company crews were on the job until 1:30 a.m. Thursday restoring service. The storm temporarily knocked

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## BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

Vill Run Through Friday  
At Methodist Church  
In Franklin

A daily vacation Bible school is planned Monday through Friday at the Franklin Methodist Church for children four through 14 years of age.

Hours each day will be 9 to 11 a.m. Mrs. J. Frank Martin will be in charge.

Kindergarten teachers will be Mrs. Grover Jamison, Jr., Mrs. Lawrence Patton, and Misses Ann Snyder and Brandon Christy.

Teaching primary classes will be Mrs. W. W. Hearn, Mrs. Frank Starnett, Mrs. Will Hall, and Miss Edith Christy.

Mrs. Ray Hemphill, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, and Ben Stamey, a Duke University divinity student, will instruct the juniors and the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor, and William Jeffries, also a Duke divinity student, will be in charge of the intermediates.

Mrs. E. G. Crawford and Miss Nancy McCollum will be in charge of the music of the school.

### Made "Tenderfoot"



JOHN D. ALSUP

In recognition of his active work with Boy Scouts during his 11 years' residence here, Mr. Alsup was made a "Tenderfoot Scout" at a program honoring him Wednesday evening of last week. The occasion was the meeting of the Franklin Rotary Club, sponsor of the local Scout troop. The Boy Scouts, who served the supper, in the basement of the Slagle Memorial Building, presented Mr. Alsup a pocketknife, and the Rotarians, a toilet kit. Short talks were made by Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., James Hauser, John Edwards, Don Smith, Rotary

## 15 MACON MEN CLASSED 1-A

Total Of 45 Registrants  
Acted Upon At Draft  
Board Meeting

Fifteen men, out of a total of 45 registrants classified, were placed in 1-A (available for military service) at a meeting of the local selective service board last week.

The classifications, made public this week by Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary, are as follows:

Classed 1-A were George B. Cunningham, Jimmy R. Ledford, Robert M. Holden, Dillard O. Passmore, Isaac P. Dills, Robert E. Pickens, Ramon A. Evans, J. D. Crane, Wayne C. Wiggins, Grover W. Shuler, Kenneth R. Houston, Carl E. Swanson, Charles L. Talley, Jimmie M. Tippett, and Richard C. Keener.

Other classifications includ-

ed:  
1-A (accepted), Doyle D. Tal-

1-C (inducted), Henry J. Keener, Harold J. Welch, John H. Ledford, James W. Waldrop, Lawton J. Brown, Haze D. Edwards, and Richard T. Houston.

1-C (discharged), Joe H. Par-

ish, Dewey A. Elliott, J. D. W. Shepherd, and Glen J. Dehart.

1-S-H (high school student), Lawrence H. Rogers, Frank C. Lambert, Gareth R. Hughes, James G. Setser, Dolpha D. Fouts, and Bobby P. Marshall.

1-C (reserve), John L. Keener.

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## Georgia Doctor Gets Highlands Hospital Post

Dr. Charles R. Bittle, of Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed medical director for the Highlands Community Hospital, it has been announced by the hospital board of directors.

He will arrive in Highlands July 1 to work with the present director, Dr. Sherman H. Pace, who is expected to go on active duty in August in the Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Bittle is a graduate of Bowman Gray Medical School, Winston-Salem, and received his internship training at the City Memorial Hospital there. In 1951 he was resident physician at the Forsyth County Hospital.

At present, he is on the resident staff of the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

Dr. and Mrs. Bittle will occupy the Henry Whitmire residence on Fifth Street for the next year.

## ALDERMEN SET SAME TAX RATE FOR NEW YEAR

Board Votes To Purchase  
150 New Automatic  
Parking Meters

The tax rate for the fiscal year 1953-54 in Franklin has been set at \$1.10 per hundred valuation—the same as last year.

In addition to setting the tax rate, which will enable the budget committee to prepare its statement for presentation in July, in special session Monday night the board of aldermen voted to purchase 150 automatic parking meters to replace the manually operated ones now in use in the town.

At the present time only 16 meters are in use and aldermen disclosed plans for installing 50 more when the new ones are delivered toward the latter part of July.

One-half of the meter receipts will be earmarked to pay for the new meters and the board pointed out that the installation of 50 additional meters will keep meter revenues fairly stable, although half the funds will be used to pay off the debt.

With the installation of the new meters which automatically receive coins and register the time, the board hopes to virtually eliminate the "headaches" of the manual meter, including jamming in wet weather and inaccurate timing.

Under an agreement with the parking meter company, the town has been allowed a trade-in for the old meters, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey.

Property valuation for Franklin was estimated at \$2,841,079 and the town clerk said the tax levy for the coming year would be \$31,231.10.

Perry Weaver, of Asheville, certified public accountant, was hired by the board to audit the town books.

## Wild West Rodeo

### Will Appear Here Monday, Tuesday

The Cherokee Ranch Wild West Rodeo will give shows here Monday and Tuesday nights at the Franklin Airport under the sponsorship of the Franklin Jaycees.

In addition to a full two-hour show of bronc, bull, and trick riding, the rodeo this year is featuring a bull fight, according to information received by Jaycee President Vic Perry.

The Texas rodeo last year drew capacity crowds and Mr. Perry urged those expecting to find seats to go early. Show will be given each night at 8 o'clock.

### TRAINING PROGRAM SET

A training program for parents of boys who are Cub Scout age (8 to 10) is set for tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin Methodist Church, it has been announced. Parents who are interested in the organization of a Cub Scout troop here are urged to attend.

### The Weather

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

### FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	93	63	.11
Thursday	89	60	—
Friday	89	61	—
Saturday	89	60	—
Sunday	79	60	—
Monday	79	62	—
Tuesday	77	59	—

### HIGHLANDS

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