

7 FRANKLIN STREETS SET FOR PAVING

Board Puts \$50 Charge For Fire Calls Out Of City Limits

The Franklin Board of Aldermen threw the machinery in motion Monday night for paving six short streets by advertising for bids.

Action on this followed a report by Aldermen Erwin Patton and Verlon Swafford on results of a street survey recently conducted by the two members of the street committee.

The six streets, which total less than a mile in length, are Mill, East Rogers (only a portion), Lyle, Highland, West Boulevard, and Sunset Drive. All will be 12-foot streets, with the exception of Mill Street, which will be 24 feet.

Estimated by the two aldermen to cost about \$8,000, funds for the projects will come from Powell Bill aid.

A charge of \$50 was set by the board for calls answered by the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department outside the city limits. In the past, the town has borne the cost of sending the firemen out into the county, and, according to aldermen, "it has become an expensive proposition". An act of the last legislature gave the board of county commissioners authority to spend up to \$500 for rural fire protection.

Course Planned For School Bus Drivers Aug. 25

All prospective school bus drivers who do not hold certificates and would like to drive this coming school year are asked to meet on August 25 at the school bus garage at Franklin High School to take tests.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain said the one-day school for prospective drivers, which will open at 9:30 a. m., will be conducted by C. W. Angel, of Sylva, safety representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

All males over the age of 16 are eligible to try for a driver post, the superintendent said.

Siler Family Meeting Today

Today (Thursday) is "The Day" for hundreds of descendants of Weimar Siler.

Members of the family from all over the country are here for the family's 101st annual meeting and a full day of handshaking, eating, and yarn spinning is in store.

This year's "Family Meeting", as they have been called through the years, is being held at Slagle Memorial Building, with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slagle.

All Day Sing Slated At Holly Springs On Sunday, Henson Says

The all-day annual singing convention of the southern division of the Macon County Singing Convention is slated Sunday at the Holly Springs Baptist Church.

In making the announcement, Tom Henson, secretary, said dinner will be served on the grounds at noon. All singers are invited to attend, he said.

TOURIST INJURED

Joseph Harvey, 41, of Jacksonville, Fla., received a fractured left leg and lacerations on his right leg July 26 when a horse he was riding reared up and fell on him near the Highlands Country Club. He received treatment at the Highlands Community Hospital, and then was sent by ambulance to the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

INSTALLS TELEPHONE

The Western Carolina Telephone Company last Friday installed another pay telephone beside the Highlands police house. This brings to two the number of outside public telephones in Highlands.

Plant superintendent Frank Dean and installer John Smith set up the new booth. Both phones, according to Mr. Dean, are permanent.

County Gets Large Share From Forest

A check for \$14,957.49 soon will be coming Macon County's way — its share of Nantahala National Forest receipts for the fiscal year ending July 30, 1953.

This figure is \$2,388.41 higher than last year's, according to District Ranger John Wasilik.

Seven counties—Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Swain, and Transylvania—this year will split up a total of \$44,667.06 on the basis of Nantahala acreage lying in each. This total represents 25 per cent of the forest's receipts from timber sales and stumpage prices during the year.

As usual, Macon received the largest share of the allocation because of its 147,589 acres of forest land. Next was Graham (105,528 acres) with \$10,699.62.

The money will be probated to each county fund on a tax rate basis, according to Lake V. Shope, register of deeds.

Following are the amounts received by the other five counties: Cherokee, \$3,231.08; Clay, \$5,881.74; Jackson, \$2,797.07; Swain, \$1,608.56; and Transylvania, \$491.50.

Board Moves To Put Line To New Area

The Highlands Board of Commissioners, in regular session Monday night, laid the groundwork for a water system to the Greenwood Forest development on Little Bear Pen Mountain.

Aldermen accepted a quotation by the Asheville branch of Pump and Lighting Company, Inc., for a 7 1/2 h.p. pump, a 2,000-gallon storage tank, and necessary set controls. However, decision on a definite pipe size was put off for further investigation.

The centrifugal pump, according to the quotation, has a capacity of 120 gallons per minute.

In other action, the board turned down a bid of \$5,600-a-year for garbage collection, in favor of continuing under the present setup. The town now makes free collections, twice a week to residences, six times a week to businesses. Current annual expenses is estimated at \$5,000.

The next regular meeting is August 17.

Smart Family Reunion To Be Held On Sunday

The Smart family reunion is planned Sunday at the old homeplace of "Uncle Joe" Smart, which is now the home of Miss Ada Smart and Mrs. Inez Woody, the clan president. Calmer Smart, announced this week.

Crowds Jam Patrolman Quits Job Over Move

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CHURCH OPENS ANNUAL MEET THIS MORNING

Two-Day Session Marks 50th Anniversary Of Baptist Group

This (Thursday) morning, the Macon Baptist Association will open its annual two-day session—the occasion this year marking the fiftieth anniversary of the county's largest church group.

Today's opening session will be at the Newman's Chapel at 10 o'clock, and tomorrow the association will round out its annual business at the Tellico church.

The Rev. Arvil Swafford will deliver the introductory sermon this morning at 11:30 o'clock. At 2 o'clock the following will make reports: Mrs. Jim Berry, orphanage; Fred Corbin, hospital; Andrew Cloer, ministers' retirement; John Corbitt, temperance; and Walter Dean, home for the aging.

Friday's program at the Tellico church will start at 9:30 o'clock with the devotional by the Rev. Bill Shields. At 9:45 reports on missions will be heard; 10:30, reports on finance—tithing, stewardship, and enrollment by W. L. Sorrells, treasurer's report, by Gus Baldwin, and finance committee report by Walter Dean.

The missionary sermon will be delivered at 11:15 by the Rev. Frank Reed.

Educational reports will mark the afternoon session: Mrs. Jester Higdon, Christian Education; Mrs. Jack Cabe, Christian Literature; Lee Crawford, American Bible Society; and W. N. Cook, historian. J. Horner Stockton is the moderator.

SALEM REVIVAL OPENING

A revival series will open Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the Salem Methodist Church, the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, pastor, has announced. The pastor also announced that W. H. Wilker, a missionary, will speak and show pictures next Friday night, August 14.

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NORTON KILLED IN S. C. MISHAP

Native Knocked From Scooter; Rites Conducted Here

Robert L. Norton, 46-year-old native of this county, was killed Monday afternoon in Charleston, S. C., when knocked from a motor scooter by a passing truck.

According to information received here, Mr. Norton died instantly when the door of the truck flew open and smashed him to the pavement.

He had been working at the Navy Yard in Charleston since 1940.

His body arrived in Franklin Tuesday night. Services were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) at 3 p. m. at the Mulberry Methodist Church. The Rev. Frank Reed and the Rev. Robert L. Poindexter officiated. Burial was in the Newman Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Norton was born November 14, 1906, the son of Mrs. Jean Norton, of Otto. Educated in the Macon schools, he was married to Miss Myrtle Vinson on June 4, 1937. Prior to going to Charleston, he worked with CCC camps here.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NEGRO QUINTET COMING

"The Sons of Harmony", a Negro male vocal quintet, will present a benefit program at the Chapel (Negro) School, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. It has been announced by the Rev. Willie T. Scotton, local minister.

AGENT LISTS FARM, HOME TOUR STOPS

Motorcade Will Visit Seven Communities On Aug. 14

Seven of the 13 local communities entered in the W.N.C. Rural Community Development Contest will be visited during the annual Macon County Farm and Home Tour on August 14, which this year is emphasizing contest progress.

Because of the large amount of territory to be covered, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall said the motorcade will get under way promptly at 9:30 a. m. at the Agricultural Building.

The county agent said the tour first will move into the Bethel community to view work accompanied by the community around the church and the picnic area; then to Clark's Chapel where the first scheduled stop will be at the community church. At this stop, silage corn on Charlie Sutton's farm and artificially sired dairy cattle on the George Doster farm will be seen; next, the motorcade will roll into the Prentiss community to note corn, alfalfa, ladino pastures, and two new barns with hay dryers; from there to West Union for a look at pasture, new homes, a new church, and on into Longview to see pasture, crops, and sheep; next will be Patton community, once dotted by many scalded acres, but now a green, prosperous valley with good beef cattle, dairying, and poultry; Carson is listed as the second stop, where irrigation equipment and a field chopper will be seen in operation, and new homes and the community's new picnic area will be noted.

Lunch will be next on the tour agenda—at the Cartoogechaye School—served by the women of the Carson community.

Following lunch, the tour will move to the Franklin High School Vocational Agricultural Building for a beef and dairy show.

Former Franklin Pastor To Preach Here Sunday

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, former pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church, and now president of Pfeiffer Junior College, will preach Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service at his former church.

Dr. Stokes' appearance here was announced Tuesday morning by the Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor, who invited all church members and friends of Dr. Stokes to attend the service.

The college president was pastor of the church here for about three and a half years, leaving in the early 40's to accept a pastorate at Elkin.

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New Coach Named By School Board

Sanders Wounded In Korea Four Days Before End

Cpl. Cecil Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ules Sanders, of Franklin, Route 2 (Hickory Knoll section), was wounded in action in Korea just four days before the signing of the armistice, according to information received by his parents.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, who delivered the Department of Defense telegram to the Sanderses last Thursday night, said Cpl. Sanders received flesh wounds in his left leg and hip from artillery fire on July 22. The armistice was signed July 26.

The sheriff reported the telegram said the Macon soldier had been hospitalized. Further details were not included, he added.

X-Ray Survey Findings For Macon Listed

Only five persons out of a total of 2,673 Maconites who received free chest X-rays here in June were found to have definite tuberculosis, according to information made public this week by the district health department.

Of the total, another 62 persons had suspicious signs of the disease and 64 had other types of disease, the report said.

If the Macon survey follows the pattern of previous surveys, the biggest portion of those people listed as having suspicious tuberculosis will not have the active disease, department officials explained.

While the final tabulation has not been completed, the figures released are approximately correct, it was said.

The X-ray unit will return to this county in May, 1955.

PLAYERS GIVE TONEY'S WORTH

Many Laughs In Drama; Will Repeat Aug. 8 In Highlands

If admissions were charged on the basis of laughter, several hundred play-goers who took in "Here Comes Charlie" last Thursday and Friday nights owe the Franklin Community Players a sachel of money.

Seldom has 75 cents produced so many refreshing belly-laughs.

It was the amateur theatrical group's third production and it's obvious that The Players are ripening with age. After seeing "Charlie", the question pops up: "What next and how soon?"

The person who played "Charlie" by all rights deserves the largest bouquet, but alas, that person must remain unnamed. To disclose "Charlie's" identity would spoil the fun for folks in Highlands, who are going to see the play Saturday night.

To the other members of the cast go almost-as-large bouquets. SEE PAGE 12

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Byrd Gets Franklin Post; Schools To Open August 27

A new Franklin High School coach was named and the opening date of schools set for August 27 by the Macon County Board of Education in regular session Monday night.

Richard Arthur (Art) Byrd, former Western Carolina College football star, is the new coach, succeeding Ralph (Chuck) McConnell, who resigned during the Franklin school controversy this spring.

A native of Marion, Coach Byrd has been athletic director and coach at Wray Junior High School in Gastonia since his graduation from W. C. C. in 1949. In his senior year, he was named "Little All-American" and was captain of the football team. He is married and has two children.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain said the new coach will be in charge of all three sports at the high school, football, basketball, and baseball. He was among four considered for the job, the superintendent said.

The opening date for school applies to all schools in the county except Highlands. Because a number of Highlands students have summer jobs,

CALLING PLAYERS

Richard A. (Art) Byrd, newly named Franklin High coach, Monday asked all boys planning to report out for football this year to meet at the high school on August 14 at 2 p. m.

school officials generally open school there shortly after Labor Day, the close of tourist season. The board shifted the decision as to when to open this school to the principal and the district school committee.

Raleigh officials have approved a high school teacher for the Chapel (Negro) School, according to Supt. McSwain, which means this county's 10 to 12 Negro high school students will not have to be taken by bus to Jackson County this year. For several years, the local students have attended a consolidated school in Sylva.

Working out a satisfactory agreement to transport a number of school children in the Nantahala Township to school in Andrews was turned over to Supt. McSwain and the Cherokee County superintendent. Recently, in a petition, several Nantahala citizens indicated they wanted to continue sending their children to school in Andrews, as they have in the past. If suitable bus connections can be made, the school board said it would have no objections. A two-man delegation from Nantahala suggested the Nantahala power house as a point of transfer, explaining that the children could use the power house garages for shelter in the winter.

Supt. McSwain also announced the resignation of two Franklin High teachers, Mrs. Roberta Parker and Harold Davis.

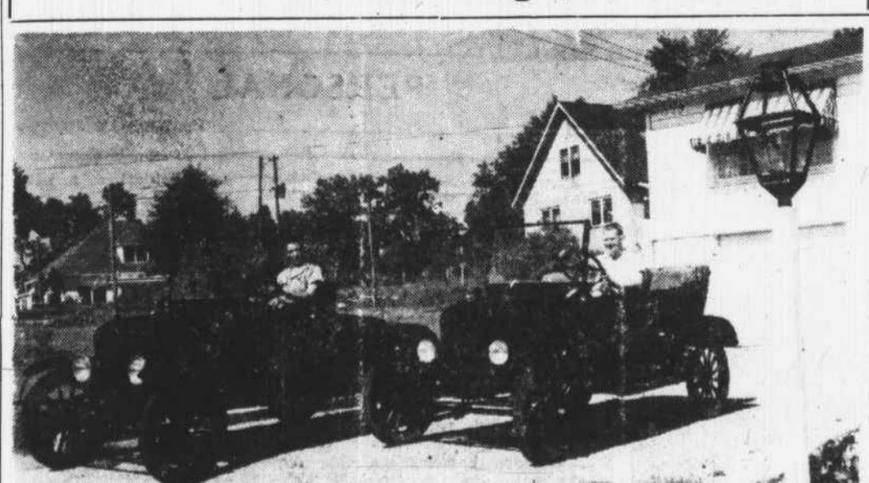
The Weather

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	89	64
Thursday	93	66
Friday	91	66
Saturday	90	66
Sunday	90	63
Monday	91	66
Tuesday	90	68

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	87.5	57
Thursday	89	60
Friday	90	60.5
Saturday	86	60
Sunday	89	58
Monday	87	59
Tuesday	88	59

HIGHLANDS		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	82	57
Thursday	80	60
Friday	83	60
Saturday	82	60
Sunday	86	58
Monday	83	61
Tuesday	82	61

Franklin Men Restoring Old T-Models



A new hobby—restoring old automobiles—has reached Macon County, evidenced by the above picture of two 1924 T-Model Fords, which are almost as spanking new as the day "Uncle Henry" rolled them out of the factory. Seated in the snappy roadster at left is Raleigh Houston; under the wheel of the "T" touring car is Hall Callahan. Both men are Franklinites and are justly proud of their restoring jobs. Above the cost of the cars, which are the last two in this county, Mr. Houston has spent \$300 giving his roadster a shot in the arm, and Mr. Callahan, with the able assistance of Sam Gibson, about \$250. And this money spending isn't over yet, according to the hobbyists; there are things like new upholstery and tops yet to be considered. In the picture, taken in Mr. Callahan's driveway on Bidwell Street, is an old lamp—a historical object in itself. It is reported to be one of the first 11-street lamps to be installed in Franklin and is said to be close to 100 years old.