

CHILDREN HERE LOOK TOWARD SCHOOL START

September 8 Opening For
Highlands; Rest Start
August 27

August 27 is a red-letter day for some 4,000 Macon County children.

It means back to school! This date, however, applies only to 10 of the county's 11 schools. Because of the tourist rush, Highlands will not open until September 8, according to County School Supt. Holland McSwain. But, he added, the school must make up for the lost days during the year.

The new Franklin principal, Ralph L. Smith, this week asked all high school students "who can conveniently do so" to meet with him at the school Monday at 2 p. m. to may student activities for the coming year. The principal said he especially would like to talk with all class and club officers.

Mr. Smith also announced a faculty meeting of elementary and high school teachers for Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the school.

DR. SARGENT TO LECTURE

Haverford College Man
Will Use Slides
For Talk

Using Kodachromes from his collection, Dr. Ralph M. Sargent will lecture on the endemic wildflowers of the Southern Appalachians this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock in the Museum of Natural History building.

Dr. Sargent is professor and chairman of the Department of English, Haverford College, Pa. He is a member of the Philadelphia Botanical Club and has lectured on botany at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and at the Torrey Botanical Club in New York. He is a trustee of the Highlands Biological Station which is sponsoring the lecture.

Six Registrants Placed In 1-A By Draft Board

The local selective service board placed six men in 1-A (available for military service) when classing a total of 20 registrants at a meeting last week.

Put in 1-A were Charles C. Mooney, Louis B. Welch, Ronald E. May, Johnnie E. Dills, James L. Kinsland, and Howard C. Patton.

Other classifications included: 1-C (enlisted): Henry J. Keener, Charles R. Keener, Lawton J. Brown, Richard E. Houston, Jack G. Hoglen, Kenneth E. Taylor, and George B. Brown. 1-C (discharged): Turner H. Blaine, Roy L. Jackson, and George W. Shields. 1-C (reserve): John N. Gregory.

3-A (deferred because of dependents): Robert L. Anderson, and Johnny G. Owens. Records of Virgil R. Daniel were cancelled.

Practice Sing Slated Saturday At Gold Mine

A practice sing—to acquaint Macon singers with new songs, and to promote singing in different communities—is set for Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Gold Mine Baptist Church.

All singers are invited to attend the session, which is being promoted by Tom Henson and Ralph McClure.

If this type of sing proves popular, Mr. Henson said, similar ones will be held at different places in the county each month.

SUNDAY SING SLATED

The fourth Sunday sing of the northern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held at the Burnington Baptist Church at 1:30 p. m., the Rev. Theron A. Slagle, president, has announced.

2 Highlands Houses Burn During Storm

Two homes in the Highlands area were destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, apparent victims of lightning during a severe electrical storm.

One was a two-story home owned by Ben Thwaite, of Anderson, S. C., and occupied by the Thomas Jabe Talley family; the other a three-room frame dwelling owned by Mrs. Reba Vinson, of Highlands, and occupied by the Ted Lanich family.

Neither family was at home when the lightning struck.

Although they were some 10 miles apart, both homes apparently were struck about the same time and burned to the ground in less than an hour.

Some of the first to reach the scene when the Talley home was hit managed to save most of the furniture on the first floor, including an automatic washer, refrigerator, and heating stove. Nothing was saved on the second floor. Mr. Talley, caretaker on the Thwaite property for 29 years, and his family were visiting in Macedonia, Ga., at the time of the fire.

A dresser, chest of drawers, and a couch were the only articles salvaged from the Lanich home. Mr. and Mrs. Lanich and their small son were in Akron, Ohio, for the funeral of his mother.

The electrical storm rolled in on the area about 2:30 o'clock and lasted for more than an hour.

Highlands Club To Hear Former Rotary Governor

Dr. Walter T. Nau, former Rotary district governor, will address a meeting of the Highlands Rotary Club Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, the president, the Rev. Robert E. Early, has announced.

Dr. Nau is now with the department of modern languages at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory.

MASONIC PICNIC SET

Members of the Junaluske Masonic Lodge and the Nequassa Chapter of the Eastern Star will hold a picnic Sunday at the camp of A. B. Slagle at Rainbow Springs. Recreation and entertainment will begin at 4 p. m. and the supper will be served at 6, according to James L. Houser, picnic committee chairman. Members of both organizations and their families are urged to attend and bring a covered dish. Mr. Hauser said.

GRID SQUAD PREPARING FOR OPENER

28 Report Out; First
Game Scheduled For
September 11

With the opening game of the 1953-54 football season just around the corner at Franklin High School, some 28 footballers introduced themselves this week to the new coach, R. A. "Art" Byrd, and then knuckled down to hard work under his guiding eye.

The Franklin High Panthers—virtually a new team this year—will blast into the first of a 10-game schedule September 11 at Andrews.

Five home games are scheduled and one date is still open. Coach Byrd is looking for some team to play September 18, in order to round out the schedule.

Although the Panthers were hard-hit by graduation last year, the new coach this week said he is pleased with the turn-out and commented he probably will build a team around the nine returnees of last year's squad.

Ranking high on the list of returning lettermen is Richard Renshaw, who has made arrangements to remain in school here, although his parents have moved away from Franklin. The speedy back turned in some topnotch performances last year and should come into his own this season.

The other returning mainstays include Gene Mashburn, Roger Seay, Wayne Stewart, Doyle Clark, Dewey Taylor, Zeb Guffie, Bobby Womack, and Dan Rowland.

Until school opens, Coach Byrd said he will run the squad through practices morning and afternoon.

Others reporting out Monday included Harry Thompson, Dick Bradley, Billy Vanhook, Dennis Mahaffey, Mark Dowdle, Bobby Jack Love, James C. Potts, James Talient, Dewey Taylor, Earl Ammons, Morris Jones, Kenneth Brown, Bobby Stanfield, Crawford Moore, Vic Teague, Bobby Teague, Max Holland, Jimmy Tippet, Billy Harper, and Raymond Ledford.

The Schedule:
Sept. 11, Andrews, away.
Sept. 18, open.
Sept. 25, Cherokee, home.
Oct. 2, Hayesville, home.
Oct. 9, Sylva, home.
Oct. 16, Robbinsville, home.
Oct. 23, Bryson City, away.
Oct. 30, Murphy, home.
Nov. 6, Bethel, away.
Nov. 13, Clyde, home.

Masked Youth Pulls Holdup And Escapes

A young masked bandit brazenly executed a daylight holdup at Oscar Corbin's store on the Highlands highway Tuesday afternoon and escaped with approximately \$70.

Officers are now running down several leads.

According to Mr. Corbin, the youthful bandit—his face covered with a handkerchief—entered the store about 5 o'clock, brandished a long-barreled pistol, and ordered:

"This is a holdup . . . don't move or I'll shoot."

He held Mr. Corbin and Clyde Vaughn at gun-point while he cleaned out the cash register of currency, ignoring the silver.

The bandit then ran out of the store, Mr. Corbin related, and up the highway, where he is believed to have had a car parked for his get-away.

Robbers entered Mr. Corbin's store, which is across from the Gneiss post office, about two years ago and carted off his safe. It later was found in in South Carolina.

Carpenter Buys Tourist Court

The eight-unit Wayah View Motel in East Franklin, which has been owned and operated for several years by Mr. and Mrs. James D. Vovos, has been purchased by Paul Carpenter, former owner of the Franklin Laundry.

Purchase price was \$42,000, according to Mr. Carpenter, who took over the Motel Monday.

Several months ago Mr. Carpenter sold his laundry to Roger Sutton and Curtis Pearson.

Pyatt To Open Series At Iotla On Sunday

A week's series of evangelistic meetings will start at the Iotla Methodist Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, the pastor, the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, announced this week.

The guest preacher will be the pastor's son, the Rev. Dwight Pyatt. The latter is now pastor of the Mount Morn Methodist Church, near Mooresville.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Concluding the series will be the fourth quarterly conference, to be conducted by the district superintendent, the Rev. W. Jackson Honeycutt, of Waynesville, at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, August 30.

BRYSON GETS TRANSFER TO NEW COUNTY

Ferguson Ordered Here
As Successor To
Patrolman

Highway Patrolman V. E. (Eddie) Bryson, of Highlands, has been ordered to report for duty in Haywood County on August 28.

His successor, Patrolman H. T. Ferguson, who has been stationed in Sylva, is scheduled to arrive here today (Thursday).

Originally ordered to report to Haywood today, Patrolman Bryson said he was given an extension so he could be here for the August term of superior court, which convenes Monday morning.

Since the resignation of Patrolman C. M. Byrd several weeks ago, Patrolman Bryson has been patrolling the entire county. As yet, a successor to the former has not been named.

Patrolman Bryson, who has been with the patrol for five years, said the transfer was at his request.

JAYCEE GOLF EVENT SLATED

Opening Rounds Start
On Local Links At
1 P. M. Sunday

A field of some 30 golfers will move into the first round of the 2nd annual Jaycee-sponsored Franklin Golf Tournament Sunday afternoon on the local links.

Dr. G. R. McSweeney, tournament chairman, said he hopes to send the first pairings off on the 18 holes of match play not later than 1 o'clock and he urged all golfers who have qualified to turnout early.

Qualifying for the three-flight tournament has been under way for several weeks.

The flights will be: Championship, for golfers qualifying with scores of 72 to 84 for 18 holes; 2nd, 84 to 90; and 3rd, 90 and up.

The chairman said trophies will be awarded the winner and runner-up in each flight. A consolation prize also will be awarded in each.

As a feature of the opening day of the tournament, a hole-in-one contest will be conducted on the 145-yard No. 4 hole as play progresses. Dr. McSweeney announced. A \$25 golf bag will be awarded the linker who makes the one-in-a-million shot. In the event no one records a hole-in-one, the chairman explained that the one coming closest to the hold will win the bag.

NO WHEAT VOTE

No votes were cast in the wheat quota referendum Friday, according to Mrs. Mary B. Justice, P.M.A. secretary. Only farmers planning to plant 15 or more acres of wheat were eligible to cast ballots, she explained, and since wheat is not one of the county's main crops, no one was eligible. A very light vote on the issue was noted throughout W.N.C., she said.

Winners Of Highlands 2-Day Flower Show Are Announced

The two-day tenth annual Highlands Flower Show, which closed Sunday afternoon, drew the largest attendance in the history of the show at its opening on Saturday, people gathering long before the judges had completed their work.

The tri-color award for the most outstanding artistic arrangement went to Mrs. James Dowling. In the horticulture division the tri-color award was won by Mrs. Robert Reese, who exhibited in the large dahlia class.

The sweepstakes award was won by Mrs. Fred McNeese, with Mrs. Robert Reese running a close second.

Blue ribbon winners in the show were Mrs. Fred McNeese, Miss Lois Bryson, Mrs. William Trowbridge, Mrs. Forrest Fay, Mrs. James Dowling, Mrs. Foster McKenzie, Mrs. J. E. Hicks, Mrs. Robert Reese, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Emmett Evans,

Superior Court Opens On Monday

HEADS ROTARY



REV. C. E. MURRAY

Mr. Murray, Methodist minister here, was elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club at the organization's meeting Wednesday evening of last week. He succeeds Bryant McClure, recently installed, who resigned from the club because a change of work will make it impossible for him to attend regularly.

Church Plans Expansion Of Sunday School

The Rev. John J. Buell, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church, has announced plans to expand the Sunday School.

The move, embracing both a physical enlargement and an administrative break-down, will cost about \$2,000.

Church members decided on the move at a recent meeting.

The nine Sunday school departments will have their own superintendents and separate classrooms under the new setup. Heretofore, the school operated under one general superintendent and an elementary superintendent. Classes often met together for lack of space.

"Under the new system," Mr. Buell explained, "we'll be able to reach more people. It operates on the principle, 'The more people you put to work, the more people you'll have in attendance.'"

"This is the first step in our effort to reach the 500 Highlands residents who signify the Baptist church as their preference."

At the Wednesday meeting, Lawrence Hicks was reelected as general superintendent, and Mrs. A. B. Potts as adult superintendent. Superintendents of the eight other departments also were elected: Young people, Mrs. Glen Shuler; intermediate, Mrs. Lawrence Hicks; junior, Mrs. David Rhodes; primary, Mrs. John Buell, beginners, Mrs. Carl Talley; nursery, Mrs. John Calloway; cradle roll, Mrs. J. A. Hodges; and extension, Mrs. J. D. Burnette.

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Judge Phillips Facing Light Dockets; Most Drunk Driving

As at past terms, drunk driving charges again hold the lead in cases scheduled for trial at the August term of superior court, which opens here Monday morning.

When Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, convenes the term at 10 o'clock, he will face a 60-case criminal docket, 23 of the cases charging drunk driving.

On the civil side of the term, tentatively slated for action Wednesday, 17 cases are listed, 10 of them divorces.

Because of the light dockets, court officials predict the term will be finished by the end of the week.

The criminal docket, made public this week by Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court, follows:

Drunk driving: Bobby Joe Stewart, James D. Dills, Lester B. Chappell, Boyd Thompson, Glenn Wilson, Harvey Green, Robert Glen Owens, Thomas Edward Parker, Marshall Pettis, Porter James Arnold (also no driver's license), John Welch, Henderson Hayes, W. R. Pendergrass, John Henry Thomason (also operating vehicle with license revoked, transporting whiskey), Verlin Curtis, Turner C. Anderson, John C. Webb (also involuntary manslaughter), James Albert Whittington, Ediam Patterson, Ivan H. Wyatt, 2 charges (also hit and run), Ebbie Talley, and Floyd Arvin Welch, Jr.

Other cases include G. D. McClure, abandonment; Rufus A. Askew, fraud; Harold V. Merrell, aiding and abetting drunk driving; Lem Fafer, careless and reckless driving; Ernest Bennett, non-support of illegitimate child; Jural Smith and Louise Hall, adultery; Shirley Walter Kerns, abandonment; Charlie William Paul, careless and reckless driving; Howard Hastings, speeding; Joe Albert Shuler, aiding and abetting drunk driving; Norman P. Fitzgerald, abandonment; Don Eugene Munger, hit and run driving; W. H. Mashburn, non-support; Joseph Snyder, non-support of illegitimate child; J. D. Welch, resisting arrest; Clifford Alexander Fox, reckless driving and carrying concealed weapon; Marshall Reese, assault with intent to commit rape; Marshall Grant, non-support; Van Buren Nicholson, non-support; Roy Ledford, assault on a female; Grady Kinsland, non-support; Leonard Carson Swanson, Jr., forcible trespass, assault with a deadly weapon, and resisting arrest; Frank Hunter McClure, breaking and entering, larceny (two charges of each); John Taylor, abandonment and non-support of illegitimate child; Bob Williams, assault with a deadly weapon and larceny; Claud Fouts, careless and reckless driving, falling to stop for siren, improper lights; Harley Ledbetter, assault with intent to commit rape; Gene Lewis Blaine, careless and reckless driving, no driver's license, carrying concealed weapon; Robert Biddle, speeding, careless and reckless driving; Grover Eugene Crisp, careless and reckless driving; J. D. William Shepherd, speeding; Andrew Webb, no driver's license; J. B. Henson, no driver's license; Howard Hopkins, public drunkenness (3 charges); L. W. Rice, Jr., aiding and abetting drunk driving.

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150 Attend Farm And Home Tour



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

An estimated 150 persons joined the county agents last Friday in the annual Macon County Farm and Home Tour. Emphasis was on community development, which has joined hands in farming here. At top right, a group of men look over an artificially sired dairy herd at the farm of George Doster in the Clark's Chapel Community; top left, a new barn and hay dryer warranted a stop at Ned Teague's farm; bottom right, FOOD, with the women of the Carson community serving lunch at the Cartoogechaye School; bottom left (top) show corn on Charlie Sutton's farm gets the once over from a group of men; and capping off the successful tour in the afternoon was a stock show at the Franklin High Vocational Agricultural Building.