



A STANDARD P.T.A. CERTIFICATE was presented to the Cartoogechaye association last (Wednesday) night by Mrs. Weimar Jones, district P.T.A. director. Cartoogechaye was one of two associations in the county to qualify for the honor in 1953-54. The other association, Franklin, will receive its certificate Monday night. Cartoogechaye officials pictured above are (L to R) Principal J. Norman West, Miss Esther Wallace, 1954-55 vice-president, Mrs. E. M. McNish, 1954-55 president, Mrs. Harold Enloe, past president, Mrs. Dan Reynolds, outgoing president, and G. Donald Seagle, outgoing vice-president.

## BAPTISTS IN AREA TO MEET

### Two-Day Convention Planned At First Church In Franklin

A regional training union convention—embracing six Baptist associations in this area—is scheduled for the First Baptist Church in Franklin Friday and Saturday.

Principal speaker of the two-day meeting will be Dr. P. L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs. He will make his address Friday evening at 8:20, speaking on "Keepers of the Faith".

The election and installation of new officers for the year will feature Saturday morning's session. The new leaders will be installed by the Rev. J. Alton Morris.

The six associations sending representatives to the convention are Macon, Tennessee River, Tuckasee, Western Carolina, West Liberty, and Cherokee Indian.

Registration will open Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. At 3, the Rev. E. G. Altland will conduct a worship service, "Keeping Faith with the Faith". Special music for this service will be by the Bethel Youth Choir, of the Tennessee River Association.

This will be followed by a welcome by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the host church.

Other features of the afternoon program include "Keeping the Faith Through Patient Persistence", by the Rev. J. Alton Morris; Junior and Intermediate conferences conducted by Miss Dorothy Edwards and Mrs. Carl West, respectively; recognitions and committee appointments; "Faithfully Reading God's Word", by Mrs. Charles Messer; assignments to homes, by Mr. Chapman; and the convention social hour.

The evening program will begin at 7 o'clock with a worship service conducted by the Rev. Lyman Wilson. Special music will be by the Blankenship family. At 9:30, Mrs. Carl West will speak on "Faithfully Using His Word". An interlude of special music will then be presented by Robert Orr, followed by Miss Dorothy Edwards, speaking on "Faithfully Hiding His Word".

Fred Scott will speak on "Nourishing The Faith" at 10:50. Tournament winners will be announced at 11:25, followed by special music by the Peachtree Choir.

The Rev. Buell will preach at 11:40 on "Keeping the Faith". Members of the Macon association now holding regional offices include Clyde Drake, of Franklin, associate director; Mrs. Herman Mason, of Franklin, secretary; and Mrs. Ray Bennett, of Iotla, Young People's leader.

## Franklin PTA Also Eligible For 'Standard' Certificate

### Party Will Pick Chairman At Meet This Saturday

A county chairman and delegates to the state convention will be picked by Macon Democrats at a county-wide meeting Saturday afternoon at the county courthouse.

The meeting is set for 2:30 o'clock, according to the present chairman, Jess Shope.

Last Saturday, Democrats in the county's 12 precincts met and named precinct chairmen and committeemen. Reports from the individual precincts were not available for publication this week.

The Democrat executive committee is composed of the 12 precinct chairmen and this body will elect the county chairman.

## PRESS EDITOR GETS HONOR

### Jones Named 'Tar Heel Of The Week' By Raleigh Paper

Weimar Jones, editor and co-publisher of The Franklin Press, has been named "Tar Heel of the Week" by The News and Observer, Raleigh newspaper.

Mr. Jones' picture and a lengthy story on his active life in newspapering appeared in the May 9 issue of The News and Observer.

As president of the North Carolina Press Association this year, the Franklin editor has been a work horse in the fight to repeal the 1953 legislature's "secrecy act". He has been carrying the secrecy fight to the people from the University of North Carolina, where he has

## Highlanders Group To Start Membership Campaign Soon

A drive for additional members in the Macon County Highlanders was discussed by members of the tourist organization last week at Kelly's Tea Room.

While no definite plans were made, the Highlanders plan to launch an all-out membership campaign soon, aimed at signing up businesses that profit indirectly from tourist business, according to L. D. Clontz, president.

The main theme of the discussion was the "tourist dollar", and how it is divided among various business firms in a town.

Using statistics compiled by the State Travel Bureau and other travel organizations, Mr. Clontz presented a break-down of the dollar this way:

Transportation (automobile dealers, service stations, garages, and tours), 21 per cent; Meals (restaurants, hotels, cafeterias, clubs, grocery stores), 29 per cent; Amusement (indoor

The Cartoogechaye P. T. A. wasn't the only one in Macon to become a standard association in 1953-54, as previously reported. Franklin also is entitled to a certificate.

Mrs. Weimar Jones, district P.T.A. director, said yesterday (Wednesday) "a mix-up at state headquarters" was responsible for the omission of the Franklin association's name from a story published in The Press April 22.

Monday night Mrs. Jones will present a certificate to the Franklin P. T. A. along with a certificate for a 10 per cent increase in membership.

Last night she presented certificates to the Cartoogechaye association and installed new officers for the year.

Tonight (Thursday) Mrs. Jones will install officers for the East Franklin group and present a 10 per cent certificate. Tuesday night she will install Otto's new officers and will perform a similar duty next Thursday night at Nantahala.

## Bakery Is Sold

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Marks, of Roseburg, Oreg., have purchased Nantahala Bakery from Bill Johnson and Tuesday took over its operation.

Prior to coming here Mr. Marks was associated with a baking concern in Oregon. He and his wife are living in the Bryant Apartments.

## Scout Court Here

Some 50 Boy Scouts of the Smoky Mountain District are scheduled to receive advancements in rank and merit badges at a court of honor tonight (Thursday) at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Originally planned for the Methodist church, Scout officials moved it to the Presbyterian church because of repairs under way at the former.

The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

and outdoor theatres, sports, concerts, festivals), 7 per cent; Admissions to attractions, 5 per cent; Lodging (tourist courts, hotels, guest homes, farms, apartments), 20 per cent; Retail Purchases (drug, gift, novelty, and department stores, craft and antique shops), 18 per cent.

This proves that most businesses indirectly profit from the tourist dollar, the president said. He also quoted T. Carl Brown, of the N. C. Distributive Education Department, as saying the tourist dollar changes hands five times before it leaves a community.

"This information leaves no doubt that the community, as a whole, profits from the tourist industry," Mr. Clontz commented.

Members attending the meeting included Miss Lassie Kelly, Paul Carpenter, Ed McNish, H. B. Davis, Bill Horsley, Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Pettis.

## 2 ESCAPED PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

### One Glad To Be Back In Prison; Thursday Break From Gang

Two prisoners who escaped from a road gang on the Walnut Creek Road early last Thursday afternoon were back behind bars at the Macon Prison Camp Saturday—one glad of it.

One of the men flagged down an automobile Saturday and asked to be returned to prison; the other fared badly at the hands of a Walnut Creek resident, who locked him up in a shed and called prison camp officials to come pick him up.

Roger Harris, 27, stopped a car driven by David Mashburn on the Walnut Creek Road Saturday afternoon and, according to Mr. Mashburn "... said he was an escaped prisoner and wanted to go back to prison."

Harris was badly bruised about the face and legs and was apparently ready and willing to return to camp. Prison Superintendent J. R. Overton quoted the prisoner as saying he was injured in a fall over a cliff. The superintendent said Harris was sentenced to four years for breaking and entering and larceny in Buncombe County.

In an interview at Burrell Motor Company where he works, Mr. Mashburn said "I just told him to get in (when he flagged the car) ... he talked about first one thing and then another all the way into town."

Mr. Mashburn turned the prisoner over to Chief of Police C. D. Baird and Policeman Nelson Ledford.

The other escapee, identified as Henry Parham, 18, Saturday stopped at the home of Wendell Keener on Walnut Creek and asked for food, according to the prison superintendent. Mr. Keener is reported to have locked the youth in a shed and called the prison camp.

"That sure is cooperation," Mr. Overton said, "we're just as pleased as can be."

Parham is serving four years for breaking and entering in Henderson County, the superintendent reported.

Riding with Mr. Mashburn when Harris turned himself in were Misses Rosalee Mashburn and Ada Mae Henry.

The two men broke from the work gang about 1 o'clock, jumped down a steep bank, and disappeared into the underbrush, Mr. Overton said.

Local law enforcement officers and prison officials threw a night and day cordon around the area.

## TEEN-AGERS SHOW SKILL

### Winner Of Road-e-o Unknown In Jaycee Project In Franklin

Between 20 and 25 teen-agers displayed their driving knowledge and skill in Franklin yesterday (Wednesday) at the Jaycee-sponsored "Teen-Age Road-e-o".

The road-e-o, designed to test the general knowledge and actual driving skill of teen-agers, was conducted in two phases — written tests in the morning and driving tests over an efficiency obstacle course set up on Mill Street in the afternoon.

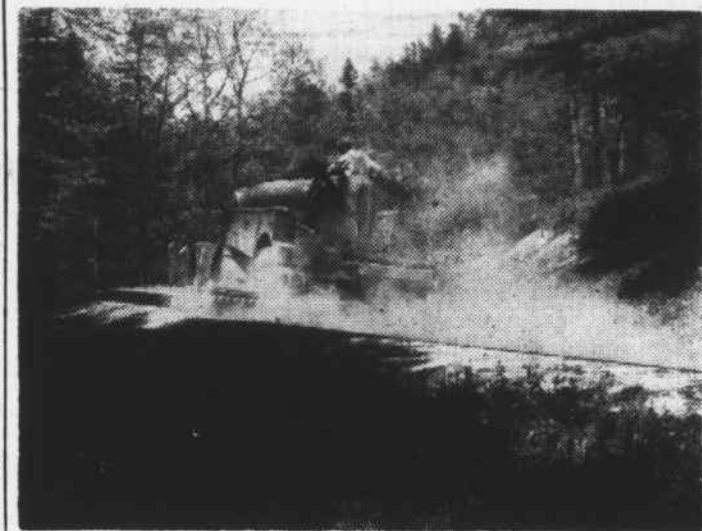
The winner of the event, who will compete in the state-wide contest in Charlotte June 12, was not known when The Press was printed.

Cars for the driving feature were furnished by local automobile dealers.

Judges were Chief of Police C. D. Baird, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Patrolman A. A. Lewis, and License Examiner R. V. Hooper.

Jaycees John Cogan and Dr. J. L. Hill were in charge of the project and were assisted by Edwin T. Williams and Clayton Ramsey, Franklin High driver training instructors.

## Reopening Of US 64 Slated This Week-End, Foreman Says



PAVING of the eight-mile stretch of US 64 from Gneiss to Bridal Veil Falls was virtually completed yesterday and the highway from Franklin to Highlands is expected to be reopened this week-end. A highway department paving machine is shown in action above, spraying boiling tar over the new surface.

## 3 Escape Death In Monday Evening Fire In Franklin

### Swain Hi Coach Hired To Teach At Franklin Hi

Howard Barnwell, veteran Swain High School head coach, has been hired to coach athletics at Franklin High School for 1954-55, it was revealed Tuesday by County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

The present coach, R. A. (Art) Byrd, will continue to teach at the high school, the superintendent said, and also will assist Coach Barnwell with the physical education program.

Mr. McSwain said local school officials have been hoping for sometime to hire Coach Barnwell since learning that he planned to resign at the Bryson City high school.

Coach Byrd took over his duties in the fall of 1953.

## Ball League Deadline Set

Saturday is the deadline for registering teams for the Franklin summer softball league being sponsored by the local American Legion post.

James Hauser, newly-elected commissioner, said yesterday (Wednesday) a \$25 entrance fee will be required to enter a team. A roster of 18 players must be submitted along with the fee.

Six teams have been tentatively lined up he said, and if all register the league will be rounded out. The teams are the Ollers, Jaycees, V.F.W., Lions, Rotary, and Nantahala Power and Light Company.

Three exhibition games are scheduled preceding the opening of the 30-game season May 25 to warm fans to the idea of

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US 64 between Franklin and Highlands should be open to through traffic by the week-end, George Byrd, State Highway foreman, said Tuesday.

For several weeks, highway crews have been resurfacing an eight-mile stretch of the heavily-traveled highway from Gneiss to Bridal Veil Falls. Motorists have been detouring over US 23 and NC 106.

Paving of the project was virtually finished yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon and the highway foreman said "I am sure it will be open by the week-end at the latest". Some widening still has to be done in the curves, he added.

Meanwhile, highway construction continues to push ahead in the county.

Louisa Chapel Road

The relocation of the two-mile Louisa Chapel Road, running from US 64 (west) to the Patton Road, should be completed in about two weeks, Mr. Byrd said. The department hopes to blacktop the road later, he added, and this phase of the project will be let to contract. The relocation job is being done by highway maintenance crews.

A culvert is replacing the small bridge on the US 64 end of the project.

New US 64 Project

In reviewing highway construction under way, Mr. Byrd disclosed a new paving project for US 64 from the "Double Churches" in the Cartoogechaye Community west to Hayesville. This will get under way as soon as the paving is finished on the Franklin-Highlands section of US 64, he said.

Motorists will not have to detour while this job is being done, he explained, but they may experience short delays while the new surface is readied for travel.

The Road Oil Department will have charge of the project.

Cowee-Franklin

Paving should be under way on the Franklin-Cowee Gap link of US 23 by the first of June, according to Resident Engineer S. T. Usry.

Crews are putting down a new layer of stone on the roadbed this week, the engineer said, and conditioning — in preparation for paving—should begin next week.

Cowee Gap-Dillsboro

Construction on the Cowee Gap-Dillsboro link of US 23 "is holding pretty much to schedule", the engineer reports, and grading is about a third completed. Structures on the project—two bridges and five culverts—are about half finished, he said.

It has been previously announced that this section of US 23 should be ready for surfacing in the spring of 1955.

## UNSIGNED LETTER

The Press has received a letter signed "Friends of the Democratic Party". A policy of the newspaper holds that letters, unless properly signed, will not be published. If the person writing this letter will identify himself, The Press will then consider publishing it. Otherwise, the letter will not appear in print.

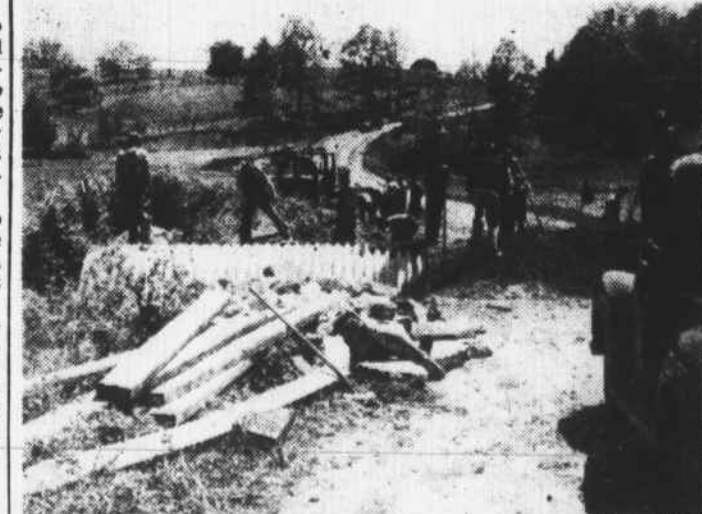
## The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	64	33	.....
Thursday	70	30	.....
Friday	67	39	.018
Saturday	62	44	.14
Sunday	64	35	.03
Monday	65	37	.....
Tuesday	70	31	.....

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	62	30	.....
Thursday	67	30	.....
Friday	66	36	.....
Saturday	61	40	.39
Sunday	62	33	.06
Monday	63	30	.....
Tuesday	67	29	.....



A CULVERT is replacing the small bridge on the Louisa Chapel Road, in line with a relocation project by the highway department. Highway crews are shown installing the culvert. The old bridge timbers are in the foreground.