

## FAGG NAMED TO COUNTY AGENT POST

### Assistant Agent Will Take Over Duties July 1

T. H. (Tom) Fagg, assistant county agent here since 1939, will take over as county agent effective, July 1, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has announced.

Mr. Fagg has been serving as acting county agent since the death of S. W. Mendenhall last month.

The N. C. Extension Service has recommended Mr. Fagg for the job, Mr. Baldwin explained, and the local board has approved him. However, the appointment is not effective until July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, he said.

A native of Anderson, S. C., Mr. Fagg came here as assistant agent in April, 1939, from Asheville where he was a cow tester supervisor of the dairy department of the extension service with the Buncombe County Cow Testing Association.

On July 6, 1940, he was married to the former Miss Rachel Slagle, of this county.

He spent 27 months in the Army in World War II (1943-45), returning to his job as assistant agent following discharge. After six months he resigned to become manager of the Slagle Creamery in Franklin, but after a year and eight months went back to the job of assistant agent.

The Faggs have three children, Ann, 10, Tommy, 7, and Billy, 5.

## Gales Quits Cowee Church

The Rev. M. T. Gales, pastor of the Cowee Baptist Church for the past two years, has resigned to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

As yet his successor has not been picked. Mr. Gales said this week he and his family will leave the second week in July. Under the leadership of Mr. Gales, who is a native of Monroe, the church just recently constructed a \$28,000 educational plant and now has plans for building a \$25,000 auditorium to replace the present small frame church building.

A pulpit committee composed of Mr. Gales, Mrs. J. M. Morgan, Tom Rickman, James Porter, and Hoyt Bryson is charged with selecting a new pastor. Mr. Gales will continue to serve the church until the new pastor is picked.

### Story Of 3 Brothers

## All Priests...But

Three brothers, native Hollanders, and Catholic priests of the Franciscan order, are now vacationing in Franklin at the St. Francis Chapel.

And with this statement, all similarity in the lives of the three Vanderveldt brothers ends.

James, the eldest, is an American citizen; Henry—"he's the in-between"—is a past resident of Indonesia; and Albert—"he's the baby"—still is a citizen of Holland.

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## Pre-Revival Prayer Meets Wednesday

As a prelude to the annual interdenominational evangelistic series in Franklin June 28 to July 4, churches throughout the county will hold special religious emphasis prayer meetings next Wednesday night, June 16.

These meetings are all set for 7:30 o'clock.

Two other pre-revival features also are planned. The week of June 21-17, all pastors plan nightly services at their churches and they will conduct county-wide visitations the two Sunday afternoons June 20 and 27, preceding the opening of the revival.

Wednesday's prayer meetings will be held at the following:

Highlands Baptist Church, the Rev. John Buell and the Rev. Robert Hart in charge; Bethel Methodist Church, Wiley Clark; Sugarfork Baptist Church, C. T. Bryson and Fred Corbin; Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Sam Sellers; Iotla Baptist Church, J. C. Jacobs and the Rev. Albert Gordon; Wells Grove Baptist Church, Cliff Cook; Clark's Chapel Methodist Church, Charlie Sutton; Cartoogechaye Baptist Church, the Rev. M. C. Wyatt, the Rev. Doyle Freeman, and Dillard Southards; Union Methodist Church, the Rev. R. L. Poindexter and the Rev. C. T. Taylor; Asbury Methodist Church, Bryant McClure, Lyman Wilson, and Lamar Howard; First Baptist Church, the Rev. C. E. Murray, the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Dr. A. R. Morgan, and the Rev. M. W. Chapman; Holly Springs Baptist Church, the Rev. Arvil Swafford and Donald Seagle.

The Rev. C. T. Taylor, missionary of the Macon Baptist Association, which has charge of the evangelistic series this year, is in charge of the prayer meetings.

Guest minister for the week-long series at the Friendship Tabernacle, will be Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Committee chairman making arrangements for the series include the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, music; the Rev. C. E. Murray, program; the Rev. W. K. Shields, film; J. Ward Long, finance; Paul Carpenter, ushers; Horace Nolen, parking; Mrs. Ann Higdon, entertainment; the Rev. John Buell, transportation; and the Rev. M. W. Chapman, publicity.

### DANCE IS PLANNED

The Franklin Jaycees will sponsor a square dance on the Town Square Saturday night beginning at 8 o'clock; it has been announced. Hunter Young's band will play.



ONE WOULD HAVE TO SEARCH A LONG TIME to find a neater combination than a beautiful girl and flame azalea. The girl is Miss Mertis Angel, of Franklin, and azalea is now spreading its vivid beauty over mile-high Wayah Bald. The azalea is expected to reach its height about the middle of next week and a flock of nature lovers are expected to start up the winding road to Wayah to view the colorful spectacle.

## Construction Of Health Center In Franklin Is Now Under Way

Construction of the Macon County Health Center—a \$29,181.25 project—is now under way on Riverview Street opposite Angel Hospital.

Contractor for the building, which is being jointly financed by the county and the Medical Care Commission, is W. B. Dillard Construction Company, Sylva.

The one-story building will contain an assembly room, two treatment rooms, an X-ray room, laboratory, and offices for the health officer, county nurse, clerk, and sanitarian.

Macon's share of the total cost of construction will be about \$6,000, with the commission, a state agency, supplying the rest.

Dr. Edgar Angel, of Angel Hospital, donated the land to the county for the center.

At the present time, the health department has offices in the Ashear Building in Franklin.

## Local All-Stars Tounce Clayton

The Franklin All-Stars chalked up at 16 to 4 victory over the Clayton, Ga., team on the local diamond Sunday afternoon and are now setting their sights on two home games this week-end.

Saturday at 2:30 p. m., the All-Stars will play Cullowhee and Sunday at the same time will again take on Clayton.

On May 30 in Highlands, the All-Stars downed the Highlands nine, 13 to 3.

## 5 From Macon At Farm Meet

Five from this county are attending the annual Farm and Home Week in Raleigh.

They are Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Teague, Mrs. Mary Lou Salain, and Mrs. Homer Cochran.

The week-long farm event closes tomorrow (Friday).

## Last Minute Items

A convict yesterday (Wednesday) morning escaped from a road gang working on the Lawrence Ramsey Road in the Iotla section.

Macon Prison Superintendent J. R. Overton identified the escapee as Charles Ricker, about 40, of Mosheim, Tenn., who is serving 25 to 30 years for breaking and entering and larceny.

Ricker was dressed in brown prison clothes. He is five feet five inches, about 155 pounds, has blue eyes, balding brown hair, ash complexion, and has a one-inch and two-inch cut scars on his right forehead.

Bloodhounds were tracking Ricker as the newspaper went to press.

### HENSON OUT, DRAKE IN

Rolph Henson has resigned as Republican nominee for Register of Deeds, subject to the November general election, and the name of Clyde Drake has been filed for the post, according to Lee Barnard, elections chairman.

## New Bethel Church Dedication Is Scheduled For This Sunday

Dedication of the new Bethel Methodist Church—which has a history dating back to pre-Civil War days—is planned Sunday at 11 a. m.

The new brick veneer church recently was completed under a concerted building program by the congregation. The church was organized prior to the Civil War and is one of five churches in the community. From 1900 until the present church was completed, the congregation worshipped in a small frame church.

Listed as guest minister for the dedication service is the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Waynesville Methodist District.

## Miss Jones Bids Farewell To Her Ever-Faithful 'Bug'

Last Saturday Miss Laura M. Jones had a birthday. There is nothing unusual about people's having birthdays, and Miss Jones' latest one started off just like any other.

A retired teacher, she is well known here. But perhaps even better known is her automobile. A Plymouth of ancient vintage, it is tiny, by modern standards, and Miss Jones christened it "The Bug". Though it is old—and distinctive, when parked alongside more modern cars—"The Bug" has given loyal service. But its lights are a bit uncertain, and from time to time Miss Jones has wondered just when it would utter a last, despairing gasp and give up the ghost. She has used it, nevertheless, to travel over to the Waynesville Methodist District, in her capacity as president of the district's Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The only celebration of the birthday was a family dinner party, given by Mrs. R. S. Jones Saturday evening.

In the course of the meal, there was a knock at the door. The caller asked to see Miss Jones.

He proved to be R. R. (Bob) Gaines, of Burrell Motor Company. In his hand was a huge bow of red ribbon, which he presented. Attached to the ribbon was a card, and attached to the card was the key to an automobile, parked at the curb—a brand new Chevrolet sedan, equipped with all the latest gadgets. The card revealed it was a gift from her brother, Dr. J. P. Jones, of Wakefield, R. I.

Miss Jones still is a bit speechless.

## Board's Okay Gets Program Started

## BOND ELECTION EYED FOR HALL

### Mayor Burrell To Hire Architect For Proposed Building

With its eye on a special bond election in August, the Franklin Board of Aldermen is pushing plans for building a \$32,000 municipal building.

In session Tuesday night, the board authorized Mayor W. C. Burrell to hire an architect to draw complete plans and specifications for the proposed building, which would house the city offices and the fire department.

A special bond election will be required, and Town Attorney R. S. Jones has been instructed to iron the legal technicalities. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the election will be sometime in August.

A new city building has had top priority with the board for nearly a year now. The board time and again has expressed the opinion that a large building to house all town departments is necessary if the town is to keep in step with expansion and progress.

At the present time, although nothing official has been done, the board favors the corner lot on US 23 and West Main in the Duncan sub-division.

Preliminary plans of the city building drawn by H. H. Plemons, place the fire department on the ground level and the town offices on the upper floor.

A special meeting of the board has been set for June 28 to lay the groundwork for the bond election.

## Groundbreaking For Higdonville Church Sunday

A groundbreaking ceremony for the proposed new Higdonville Baptist Church is planned Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The sermon will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Jarvis Underwood. Fred Corbin will lead the song service and a prayer will be offered by Wilford Corbin.

## McSwain Explains 'Immediate Needs' After Raleigh Trip

Macon County's proposed school expansion program is gaining headway since receiving the approval of the State Board of Education last Thursday.

On his return from Raleigh where he outlined the program of "immediate needs" for state officials, County School Supt. Holland McSwain defined these needs as 18 new classrooms, a gymnasium at Franklin High, and lunchrooms at Cowee and Otto.

Meanwhile, Lindsay Gudger, Asheville architect, is in Raleigh this week "ironing out" several minor problems dealing with the proposed construction of the additions.

As soon as he returns, the superintendent said "we will have some idea of how soon we can start construction."

Mr. McSwain said the state board not only gave the go-ahead on construction of "immediate needs", but reacted favorably to a long-range building program submitted for their consideration. However, official approval was not given the latter, he said.

Emphasizing that construction of the proposed additions hinges on the availability of state funds, Mr. McSwain said the 18 classrooms will receive top priority.

Under the program seven classrooms are listed for Franklin High; four at East Franklin; two at Cowee, in addition to a lunchroom; one at Cartoogechaye; one at Otto, in addition to a lunchroom; and two each at Nantahala and Highlands.

"Other than the state's approval, the situation is rather indefinite right now," the superintendent declared, "but as soon as Mr. Gudger returns from Raleigh we possibly will have some idea of how soon the program will begin."

High spots of the long-range building program proposed as need arises and funds are available are: additional classrooms, libraries, first aid rooms, and teacher rooms at all of the elementary schools; vocational shops at the three high schools; and an auditorium at Franklin High with facilities for music, dramatics, and public speaking departments.

## HIGDON GIRL IS DELEGATE

### At Girl's State; Womack Leaving For Boy's State

Miss Beverly Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Higdon, of Franklin, is at Womans College, Greensboro, this week as the local American Legion Auxiliary's delegate to Girl's State.

This week-end Bobby Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Womack, of Franklin, will leave for Chapel Hill as a delegate to Boy's State on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

Miss Higdon will report on the activities of Girl's State at the June 15 meeting of the auxiliary, and young Mr. Womack will give a similar account at a future meeting of the Legion.

Both students are rising seniors.

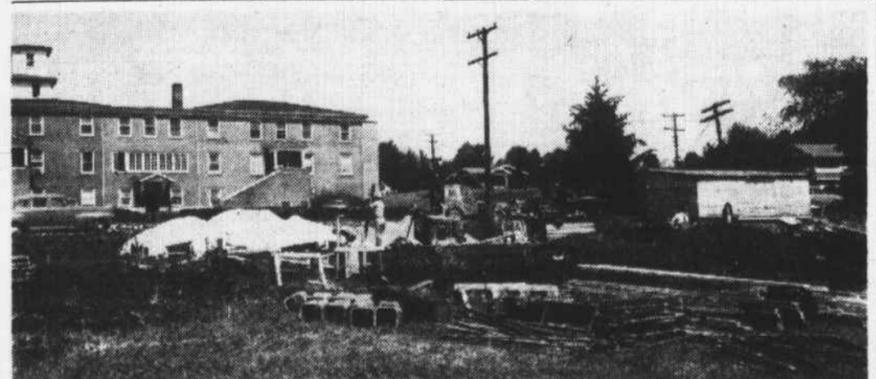
## The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	85	58
Thursday	77	55
Friday	73	47
Saturday	71	43
Sunday	80	43
Monday	86	52
Tuesday	89	49

COWEECA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	84	55
Thursday	73	53
Friday	61	44
Saturday	69	42
Sunday	77	40
Monday	85	48
Tuesday	87	47



WORKMEN ARE SHOWN on the site of the new Macon County Health Center on Riverview Street. In the background is Angel Hospital. Work started on the project last week on land donated to the county by Dr. Edgar Angel. The center is being jointly financed by the county and the Medical Care Commission.