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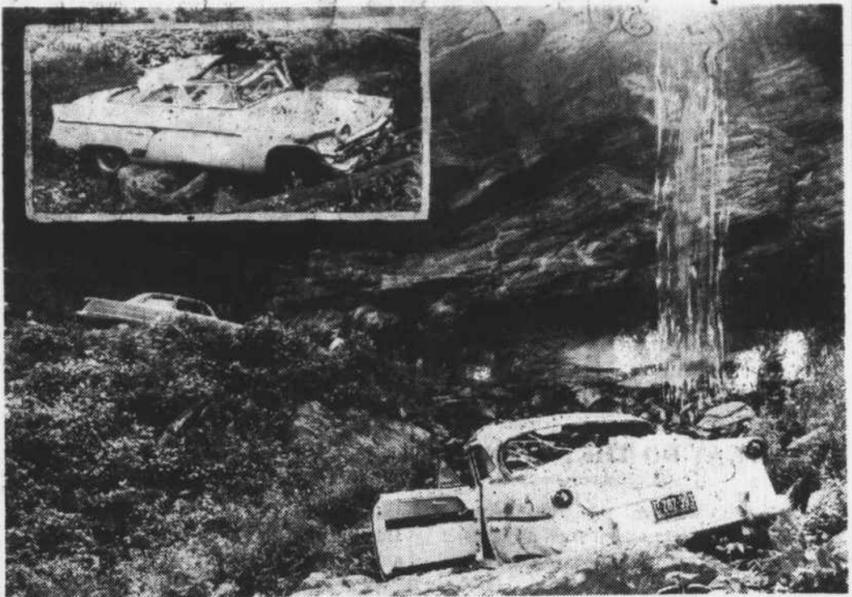
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A STEEP RAVINE AT BRIDAL VEIL FALLS claimed Macon's first traffic fatality of 1954 shortly before midnight Saturday when a 1954 Ford driven by a Seneca, S. C., man left the road following a chase with a police officer. The picture, taken in the rocky ravine, shows the position of the car in relation to the falls (upper right). The inset picture is a broadside of the battered car, taken from the Highlands side of the falls.

S. C. Man Becomes 1st 1954 Fatality

A 29-year-old Seneca, S. C., construction worker became Macon's first 1954 traffic fatality shortly before midnight Saturday, following a high-speed chase in the Highlands area in an attempt to elude a pursuing police officer.

The victim, Harold A. Hunnicutt, Jr., was found by Policeman Paul Plyler lying beside his smashed automobile in a deep ravine at the foot of scenic Bridal Veil Falls on US 64 several minutes after the officer had given up the chase at the city limits. He died soon after at the Highlands Community Hospital.

Here is an account of events leading to the smash-up, as related by the officer:

About 11:30, he noticed the Hunnicutt car, a 1954 Ford, "acting up" at Helen's Barn and he started after him. At speeds up to 65 m.p.h. he chased the car down curving NC 106 toward the country club and finally forced Hunnicutt to stop at a filling station.

"When I got out of my car and stepped into his headlights where he could see me," Policeman Plyler said, "he started up and tried to run me down. I jumped back into my car and took out after him."

From here the chase ran back toward Highlands and then down US 64 toward Franklin.

"I ran him to the city limits and then stopped," the officer continued, "but then I decided to check on down the road and see if I could find him. I just knew by the way he was driving — he'd gun it in the straight and jam his brakes and skid the curves—that he was going to wreck. . . . you

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Camp Orchestra To Give Concert

The Transylvania Music Camp Faculty Orchestra will present its third annual "pops" concert in Highlands Saturday evening at the high school auditorium. James Christian Pfohl will conduct. Naomi Farr, soprano, and Walter Carringer, tenor, are the scheduled soloists.

The concert, which will begin at 8 o'clock, is sponsored for the benefit of the Highlands Community Hospital.

MACON BOY SCOUTS PLAN County-Wide Craft Field Day

A county-wide Boy Scout craft field day, featuring competition between some 16 patrols from the five Macon troops, is scheduled July 24 at the Franklin Stadium.

Sunday Accident Hospitalizes 2; McCoy Charged

Two persons were hospitalized Sunday afternoon following a two-car collision on NC 23 near Lost Bridge.

Injured were Ralph S. McCoy, 25, of Franklin, Route 4, and Mrs. Joyce Ida Jones, 36, of Orlando, Fla. Both are recovering.

Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson reported a 1952 Pontiac sedan driven by Mr. McCoy side-swiped a 1947 Plymouth driven by Mrs. Jones' husband, John Walter Jones. From the point of impact, the Pontiac skidded approximately 163 feet down the highway before rolling over a 50-foot embankment, the patrolman said. The Jones' car, traveling north toward Bryson City, ran off the highway and into a shallow ditch. Mr. Jones was uninjured.

Mrs. Jones received a dislocated right shoulder and Mr. McCoy a fractured left arm. Both were taken to Angel Hospital.

Patrolman Ferguson said a warrant for drunk driving and reckless driving has been drawn for Mr. McCoy.

The patrolman said the Pontiac, owned by Mrs. Tava McCoy, was demolished. Damage to the Jones' car was about \$200.

Time of the accident was approximately 1:30; the scene about 14 miles from Franklin.

Club Sponsoring TV Talent Quest Show Here Saturday PM

Claude Casey's Television Talent Quest and Sagedusters Stage Show will be sponsored at the East Franklin School Saturday night by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Club women report a number of local entertainers have signed to perform during the evening. The winners will appear on the Casey TV show over WFBC-TV, Channel 4, Greenville, S. C.

The show will begin at 8:15. Proceeds are earmarked for club projects, it was announced.

Cowee Church Calls Pastor

The Rev. B. B. Littleton has accepted a call to the Cowee Baptist Church, and will assume his duties the first Sunday in August, it was announced this week.

He will succeed the Rev. W. T. Gales, who resigned sometime ago.

The Cowee church called Mr. Littleton after he preached at that church twice on the first Sunday in June.

Mr. Littleton, who has been in the ministry 17 years, comes



Mr. Littleton

here at the end of two years' study at Wake Forest, where he received his B. A. degree in June. At the same time, Mrs. Littleton, the former Miss Leona Barnett, received her B. S. degree.

Both are natives of Oconee County, S. C., and both are graduates of Wingate College, near Charlotte. He later attended Southeastern Seminary.

During his 17 years' ministry, Mr. Littleton has served churches both in this state and South Carolina. While studying at Wake Forest, he was pastor of the New Bethel and Sandy Creek churches, in the Tar River Baptist Association.

The Littletons have two children, Vernard, 15, and Patricia, 14. They expect to move here about July 27.

Mr. Gales, who resigned to study at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, left Monday for Texas.

FARM-HOME FIELD DAY IS PLANNED

Tour Idea Dropped; Day-Long Event Is Scheduled Aug. 12

The annual Macon County Farm Tour will not be held this year; instead, the Agricultural Council is planning a day-long Farm-Home Field Day on the grounds at Franklin High School.

August 12 has been set as the date for the event.

In announcing council plans this week, County Agent T. H. Fagg said the annual tour idea was discarded for several reasons.

First, the council felt that past tours covered all accessible points in the county, the agent said, adding:

"There are several places in the county we could visit, but the problem then is getting the large number of automobiles into the areas and then out again. . . . most of them (roads) are dead-ends."

The idea of a field day—emphasizing farm and home labor saving devices—appealed to the council from an economic standpoint, also.

"Present tight economic conditions suggest a need for better management studies," the agent explained, "and we felt a field day of this type would be much more profitable to the average farm family than a tour."

Tentative plans for the field day call for demonstrations of labor saving devices actually being used by Macon farmers, special displays of home labor savers by home demonstration women, and a beef and dairy show.

Arrangements also are being made for a special demonstration on slaughtering and cutting meats.

'Only Way'

"This is the only way to travel," said 76-year-old Mrs. Z. V. Shope at the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport as she ended her first airplane ride.

Mrs. Shope, a native of this county, flew in Wednesday of last week from Portsmouth, Va., to attend the annual Blaine family reunion here Sunday. She has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Stampley in Portsmouth for some time.

Her daughter, Mrs. Paul Bryson, of Waynesville, spent some anxious moments at the airport waiting for her mother to arrive, members of the family reported, fearing Mrs. Shope might be air sick.

But all that anxiety was wasted — she stepped from the plane firmly convinced that the air way is the only way.

Vanhook Family Meet Scheduled On July 25

The annual Vanhook reunion is set for July 25 at the old Henry Vanhook homeplace on the Clark's Chapel Road, it has been announced.

Members and friends of the family are invited to attend the all-day meeting. A picnic lunch will be spread at noon and all are asked to bring a lunch basket.

MEN TO MEET

The Macon County Methodist Men's Club will hold its monthly supper meeting at Bethel Church Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Another Rabies Quarantine Imposed, Effective Today



Miss Carolyn Bryson (far left), Red Cross swimming instructor, uses a young swimmer to demonstrate the art of floating to some of her beginning swimmers at the golf course pool. Eighty-three are taking the free courses at the pool.

Big Swimming Classes Put Instructor After 2nd Wind

Miss Carolyn Bryson — hired by the local Red Cross chapter to conduct life saving and swimming classes at the golf course pool this summer — is gasping for her second wind.

The young physical education major at Woman's College, Greensboro, is being swamped by youngsters wanting to learn to swim and those seeking to improve their technique.

To date, some 33 are receiving daily instruction and at the end of the morning Miss Bryson appears ready to call it a day.

But, she loves working with them and from the smiles on the faces of her charges, the feeling is mutual.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter secretary, also has termed the program an overwhelming success.

Fifty-eight of the youngsters registered are non-swimmers—a condition which has forced the instructor to hold two beginner classes, instead of one as originally planned. Twenty-five are in the intermediate class.

The swimming courses are being offered by the Red Cross as a free service. A \$1 registration fee is used for pool rental and incidental expenses.

Beginners (6 to 8 years) receiving their water wings under Miss Bryson's tutelage include

Johnny Raby, Jennie Bullock, John Cooper, John McGuire, Carol Wurst, Marilee Ann Bryson, Judy Byrd, Jane Cabe, Johnny Cabe, Tommy Crawford, Pat West, Linda Henderson, David Houston, Tommy Nelson, Suzanne Hyde, Beth Swan, Kit Gruse, Bill Penland, Janice Stewart, Lee McGlamery, Mary Frances McGlamery, Ronnie Pendergrass, Billy Garrison, Billy Jamison, and Junior Patton.

Beginners (9 to 14 years): Jo Evelyn Barnard, Sonny Burrell, Donny Burnside, Johnny Crawford, Ann Dean, Katrina Elmore, Donald Fisher, Jim Gruse, Kenneth Hall, Ann Hall, Wayne Higdon, Willie Houston, Conway Henderson, Ann Mae Houston, Carolyn Houston, Kay Houston, Sue Matthews, Jean Raby, Jimmy Shope, Linda Shope, Linda Smith, Jimmy Sutton, Johnny Swan, Konda Ward, Lyn West, Cheryl Vaughn, Julia Ann Shields, Betsy McPherson, Eugenia McPherson, Emma Sil-

4-H CLUBBERS OFF FOR CAMP

Macon Delegation Leaves Monday; Plan Return On Saturday

Thirty-five Macon children are putting the four H's—head, hands, heart, and health — to work this week at Camp Schaub, the district 4-H camp near Waynesville.

With County Agent T. H. Fagg and Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant home agent, in charge, the eager campers reported Monday for the trip to Haywood. They will return Saturday afternoon.

Miss Helen Moore, of Franklin, Route 1, and Eugene Gray, of Franklin, Route 2, accompanied the 4-H clubbers as counselors. Both are former 4-H members.

The campers include Ronald Harper, Rachel Parrish, Judy Parrish, Jimmy Corbin, Wanda Owenby, Nancy Setser, Claudette Leatherman, Linda Leatherman, Anne Pennington, Bob-

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Cat Bites Children; Scattered Reports On Mad Dogs Heard

A 30-day rabies quarantine—the second for the county this year — goes into effect today (Thursday). All dogs must be confined for the period.

This surprise quarantine, which applies to all sections of the county but Highlands and Nantahala, has been brought on by widely scattered reports of rabid dogs over the county, according to H. T. Collins, health department sanitarian.

Also counting heavily in making the decision, Mr. Collins said, was the fact that two Franklin children Saturday were bitten by a rabid cat and are now taking anti-rabies shots.

Yesterday (Wednesday) Dr. O. H. Burnside, county rabies inspector, said he does not plan to hold rabies clinics as he did in the earlier outbreak in March and April.

He said, however, that he will vaccinate animals if owners will bring them to his Franklin animal hospital.

In addition to the rabid cat, which bit Sandra and Bobby Crownover, children of Mrs. Lucinda Crownover, five dogs and a cow have died of rabies within the last two weeks, the doctor reported.

Serum for the Crownover children was brought here Tuesday from Asheville after a Georgia laboratory confirmed suspicions that the cat was rabid.

In announcing the quarantine, Mr. Collins said:

"We regret having another quarantine, but there was little else we could do. Those children have been bitten and farmers in some sections have been demanding a quarantine for protection of their families and livestock."

Asked if the present outbreak was a continuation of the earlier one, he said:

"No, this is entirely new. We believe it spread from Cherokee County."

Reports have been coming in from all sections, except Highlands and Nantahala, the sanitarian declared, and the trouble seems to be widely scattered. Although they are not under the quarantine, Mr. Collins urged

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Now Draftin' Themselves

Macon draft board registrants, "dangling 1-A's", are now requesting induction into the army.

Tuesday morning, five men were sent to Knoxville, Tenn., to be outfitted for new suits of khaki—all five were volunteers.

The draft board did not have an induction call for July, but:

"The boys requested induction. . . . so we requested a call from state headquarters," W. N. Sloan, board chairman, explained.

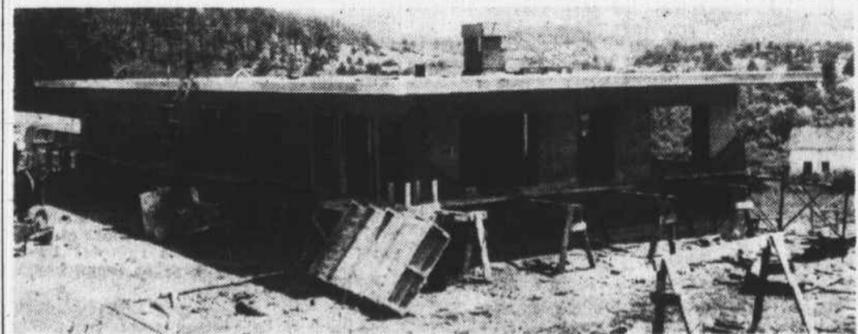
The five "eager beavers", to coin an army saying, are Leonard Gordon Bates, Grover Eugene Crisp, Sylvester John Gregory, Donald Ray Stewart, and Doyle M. B. Henson.

A call for 15 men on August 9 has been received by the board, and already seven men have volunteered to go.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
	Temperatures	High Low Rain
Wednesday	92 53	...
Thursday	88 64	.06
Friday	87 61	.07
Saturday	86 61	.018
Sunday	86 62	.03
Monday	90 59	...
Tuesday	96 58	...
COWEETA		
	Temperatures	High Low Rain
Wednesday	91 49	...
Thursday	86 61	trace
Friday	83 59	...
Saturday	82 58	.21
Sunday	83 56	.63
Monday	86 55	...
Tuesday	92 55	...



TAKING SHAPE on Riverview Street, near Angel Hospital, is Macon's new health center, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by the local health department sometime this month. The one-story brick veneer structure is being financed by the county and the Medical Care Commission. It will cost approximately \$30,000.