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Late News and Briefs

ALL-STAR GAMES
The Franklin All-Stars have two games coming up this week-end, Manager J. D. Gibson has announced. Saturday, the team journeys to Marble for a game at 2:30 p. m. and Sunday will meet Andrews on the home field at the same hour.

SUPPER IS PLANNED
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church will sponsor a supper at the Cartoogechaye school cafeteria Saturday night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The proceeds will go to the church building fund.

ARNOLD Vs. COPPERHEAD
A copperhead and Oscar C. Arnold tangled with each other Friday morning in the latter's corn crib on Franklin, Route 5. Mr. Arnold, 75, is recovering following anti-venom treatment. The snake is dead, but it took an eight-hour search to uncover him and finish him off. After his encounter with the deadly reptile about 7 o'clock, Mr. Arnold was rushed to Angel Hospital by Hayes Holland. He was released the next day, while friends and members of his family turned the corn crib inside out looking for the snake. Late in the afternoon, after an eight-hour search, the snake was found under a sill in the crib about four feet from the spot where he bit Mr. Arnold. It was reported. A shot gun finished it off.

FRIDAY DANCE SLATED
A dance will be sponsored by the Youth Center tomorrow (Friday) night at Slagle Memorial Building with music by Leo's Orchestra, of Asheville. Tourists and college students home on vacation are especially invited to attend, it was said. Admission for the semi-formal dance will be \$1.25 for couples and 75 cents for stags.

AT V. F. W. MEETING
Commander C. Jack Ragan, of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, has returned from the national V. F. W. encampment in Philadelphia, Pa. His trip to the national meeting was won by his post in a membership drive conducted earlier in the year.

POOL IS CLOSED
Monday saw the Jaycee-operated swimming pool at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course close for the second time this season for lack of an adequate water supply. Dry weather and the resulting low water table makes it impossible to supply the proper turn-over of water for the pool, according to Dr. J. H. Hill, project chairman, and it must be

SCHOOL DATE CHANGED TO AUGUST 30

Student Jobs Reason Given By Official For Postponement

The school opening date in the county has been changed to August 30, County School Supt. Holland McSwain announced this week.

Last week the date was announced as August 24. In noting the change, Mr. McSwain said the Board of Education reconsidered the matter because it was reported that a number of students are working at tourist resorts and would have to quit their jobs. The extra days should see them through the tourist rush, he explained.

The opening date applies to all schools except Highlands. This school will open September 7. Closing dates listed on the school system's 1954-55 calendar, which was prepared this week, include September 24, for district N. C. Education Association meeting in Asheville; November 25-26, Thanksgiving; December 22 to January 1, Christmas holidays; and April 8-11, Easter holidays.

Mr. McSwain said the dates are subject to change and that other meetings will be announced later. The first county-wide teachers meeting is set for September 10.

New Franklin Band Leader

The hiring of Theodore Orr, Elkin High School band director, as director of the Franklin Band for 1954-55 was announced yesterday (Wednesday) by County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

Mr. Orr, who has been director at Elkin for the past three years, succeeds S. F. (Sammy) Beck, whose contract was not renewed because of the unsettled band situation at the high school.

When announcing the hiring of Mr. Orr, the school superintendent said Mr. Beck also was considered for the post again.

The new director is a graduate of Lee H. Edwards High School, Asheville, and High Point College. He is married and has three children. Mr. McSwain said he and his family are expected here next week.

Of interest to the Franklin Band Boosters Club was the announcement by Mr. McSwain that the new director will instruct music in every school in the county, instead of confining his activities to the band. A chief objective of the club is obtaining a director to work full-time in the county, in order



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

FIFTY-ONE YEARS AGO Graham Grindstaff and Alex Moore, former Macon sheriff, were present in Jackson County when the Macon Baptist Association was formed out of the Tuckasegee Baptist Association, which at that time embraced Macon and Jackson. Last week (Thursday and Friday) Mr. Moore, 82, and Mr. Grindstaff, 68, were present at the 51st annual meeting of the Macon association at the Longview and Ellijay churches. The former opened and closed the two-day meeting with prayer. Re-elected officers of the association include the Rev. M. W. Chapman, moderator, the Rev. Arvil Swafford, vice-moderator, Mrs. Vernon Higdon, clerk-treasurer, the Rev. W. N. Cook, historian, and the Rev. John Buell, executive promotions committee chairman.

Coach Barnwell Sounds Grid Practice Call For Saturday

TOWN ASKS STREET BIDS

Four Franklin Streets Up For Work This Year

The Town of Franklin this week is advertising for bids for the surfacing of four streets and resurfacing of sections of two others.

Programmed for paving this year are the following streets, and their lengths: Wilkie, 800 feet, West Rogers, 550 feet, Edgewood, 1,050 feet, and Ulco Drive, 600 feet.

West Main is scheduled to be resurfaced from Porter to Bidwell, and Church Street from Iotla to Harrison Avenue. These sections are worn and broken, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey. The West Main project covers 3,723 yards of paving, the Church Street job, 1,925 yards.

The town clerk said all of this street work will be financed from the general fund, which earmarks \$8,600 for street improvement this year, and Powell Bill funds. However, Mr. Ramsey said the town will have less than half of the estimated \$10,000 in Powell Bill money for street work. About \$6,000 of the amount is obligated to pay the town's share of obtaining right-of-way on US 23 (Franklin-Cowee Gap) within the city limits, he explained. Under an agreement with the state, the town is responsible for one-third of the total cost of settling the right-of-way.

A call for all footballers seeking berths with the 1954 Franklin High Panthers to report Saturday at 10 a. m. at the field house was sounded yesterday (Wednesday) by Coach Howard Barnwell.

Coach Barnwell, who comes to Franklin this year after several years coaching at Swain High, will send the Panthers against the Clayton (Ga.) High squad in a non-conference opener on the local field September 3.

Counting the opener, the Panthers face a 10-game schedule, with seven conference games. Five are home games and five out of town. Two clashes are listed with Swain High, but only one is a conference tilt.

In calling for prospective players, Coach Barnwell said he will issue equipment Saturday and will start practice Monday. He plans two practices daily until the opening of school (August 30) to get the squad in shape for the opener.

The coach said he will shape the team around about 12 returning lettermen. He also said he expects about 50 boys out for the opening practice.

Panther Schedule
The schedule (*denotes conference game):
Sept. 3, Clayton, Ga., home.
Sept. 10, Andrews, home.*
Sept. 17, Bryson City, away.
Sept. 24, Cherokee, home.*
Oct. 1, Hayesville, away.*
Oct. 8, Sylva, away.*
Oct. 15, Robbinsville, away.*
Oct. 22, Bryson City, home.*
Oct. 29, Murphy, away.*
Nov. 5, Bethel, home.

FARM-HOME FIELD DAY IS TODAY

Features Of Event Listed; Slated For High School Grounds

Features of the agricultural "new look" in the county will begin unfolding this morning (Thursday) at 10 o'clock on the grounds at Franklin High School as the Farm and Home Field Day gets under way.

Labor saving devices for farm and home, demonstrations, exhibits, and a beef and dairy cattle show are just a few of the things to be emphasized at the field day, which is being staged this year in place of a farm tour. Better farm and home management is the theme of the "new look".

Lunch will be served at noon in the high school cafeteria by members of the Union Parent-Teacher Association.

In announcing features of the field day, County Agent T. H. Fagg and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent, emphasized that a full agenda almost demands that the field day open promptly at 10 o'clock. "Late comers in all probability will miss a lot of things we have planned," Mr. Fagg commented.

Through the cooperation of the member organizations of the Agricultural Council and businessmen some of the features visitors will see include: Exhibits of a modern and practical kitchen, bathroom, and utility room and other home appliances and labor saving devices. These, prepared by home demonstration women, will be set up in the F.F.A. building near the high school. Appliances for the exhibits are being donated by merchants.

An irrigation system in operation on the athletic field along with exhibits prepared by local and out-of-town equipment dealers and other farm labor saving ideas used by Macon farmers.

An up-to-date farm workshop — set up in the F.F.A. building.

A hog killing and meat cutting demonstration—the former to be held at the slaughter house near the school, the latter on the athletic field.

An exhibit on the value of artificial breeding and dairy herd improvement (D.H.I.) testing with a cow and her offspring to show the results of the two programs—cooperation of Macon Artificial Breeders Association.

A calf fitting demonstration and discussion of beef outlook for the year by Hayes Gregory, Macon native, who is now with the extension service in Raleigh.

A baby beef and dairy cattle show by farmers and 4-H and F.F.A. members will close out the program in the afternoon, the county agent said.

Macon Is Selected For Farm Program

Man Held On Rape Charge

GAINS FREEDOM
Glen H. Waldrop was released from jail yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon after the plaintiff failed to appear at the preliminary hearing to press charges. Justices of the Peace Sam J. Murray and C. C. Stamey dismissed the case.

Glen Hunter (Rusty) Waldrop, 30, well-known mountain musician in this county, was arrested Friday morning and charged with the rape of a 17-year-old Sealy girl.

Details of the alleged attack were not disclosed, but it reportedly took place after midnight Thursday. Waldrop, who is married and has one child, yesterday (Wednesday) morning was still in jail under \$5,000 bond set by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr.

Waldrop was scheduled to appear at a second preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon before Justices of the Peace Sam J. Murray and C. C. Stamey.

At the first hearing Tuesday afternoon, the girl, who allegedly was attacked, and her father, who took the warrant for Waldrop, failed to appear. At this time, Gilmer A. Jones, attorney for Waldrop, presented a statement, which he said was signed by the girl and her mother and father in the presence of witnesses, indicating they did not want to press charges. The lawyer said the family voluntarily came to his office and signed the statement.

District Scouts Coming To Camp

Tomorrow (Friday) some 125 scouts of the Smoky Mountain District, which embraces Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, are expected to turn out for an overnight fellowship camping trip at the new Scout camp recently purchased in the Tesseent area.

Demonstrations, a chance for each troop to develop a camping area for its own future use, and a full program of fellowship and fun will make up the program for the camping trip, according to B. B. Scott, district camping chairman.

Bryson Reunion Set

The annual Bryson family reunion is set for Sunday, August 22, at the Cowee Baptist Church, T. D. Bryson, Jr., president, announced this week.

A picnic lunch will be served at noon and a short program is planned in the afternoon, Mr. Bryson said.

Group Now Raising Money For Project; One Of 12 In State

Because of progressive individual and community spirit, Macon County has been picked as one of 12 counties in the state to receive federal funds for expansion of its farm and home program.

This was revealed Friday night by Dr. Brice Ratchford, assistant director of the N. C. Extension Service, at a special meeting of businessmen and farm men and women at the Agricultural Building.

The group's reaction to the proposal, which would mean three additional extension service workers for the county, was highly favorable.

A 10-man committee is now soliciting roughly \$1,800 (\$600 per worker) from local businessmen to assure the acceptance of the program this year. Federal funds for the program will be about \$13,500, according to W. B. Collins, district farm agent.

In outlining the program, Dr. Ratchford said in other counties the county's share has been put up by the county itself.

However, Macon's 1954-55 budget already has been adopted and funds are not available; so, the committee of farmers and businessmen is raising the needed share through private donations, with a view to turning it over to the county next year.

Dr. Ratchford must be notified this week-end whether the county will accept the program.

Members of the committee raising funds include Walter Taylor, Ned Teague, Bryant McClure, Wiley Brown, W. W. (Bill) Sloan, C. S. Slagle, W. N. Sloan, W. W. Reeves, Clyde Downs, Erwin Patton, and Frank B. Duncan.

Dr. Ratchford emphasized that the program is not one of the present administration or political in nature. He said it has been worked out by 16 major farm organizations with the idea of expanding research and educational programs in all farm areas.

In this state, he explained, it is planned to concentrate workers in 12 counties to see if the

Local Scouts To Advance At Court Of Honor

About 25 Boy Scouts from this county are expected to receive advancements in rank and merit badges at a Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor tonight (Thursday) in Bryson City.

The honor court will start at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse, according to Eagle Scout Ben Edwards, summer worker here.

At the present time, he said, Cartoogechaye, Troop 8, is leading the other troops in the district in an attendance-advancement contest held in conjunction with the honor courts. Another Macon troop, Highlands, Troop 7, is running a close second.

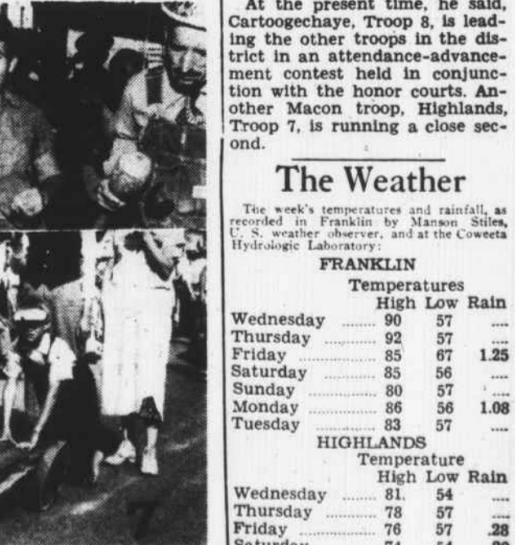
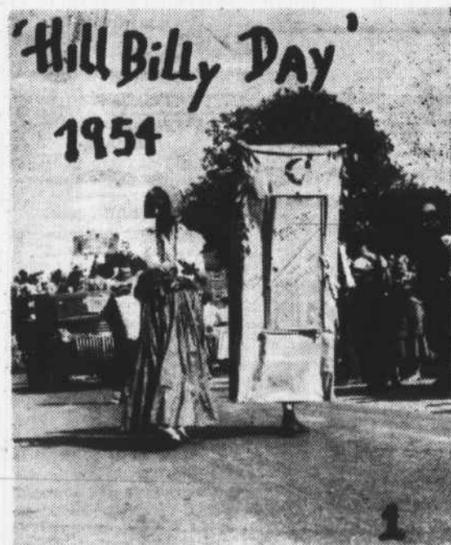
The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	90	57
Thursday	92	57
Friday	85	67
Saturday	85	56
Sunday	80	57
Monday	86	56
Tuesday	83	57

HIGHLANDS		
Temperature		
	High	Low
Wednesday	81	54
Thursday	78	57
Friday	76	57
Saturday	74	54
Sunday	72	52
Monday	79	62
Tuesday	76	57

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	87	55
Thursday	88	56
Friday	84	64
Saturday	80	53
Sunday	80	53
Monday	85	63
Tuesday	82	52



A walking outhouse (1) typified the ingenuity that some 5,000 "hillbillies-for-a-day" put into preparing for the third annual "Hillbilly Day" in Highlands Wednesday of last week. Highspot of the afternoon was a big parade (2) for the streaming lines of "critters" and "human beans", who stormed the resort town for the annual celebration. Their garbs more often than not bordered on the fantastic. The

sea of smiling faces (3) was prompted by hillbilly hijinks, including buck dancing, on a platform erected on Main Street. "The Sheriff of Cheatem County", Riley Johnson, (4) used his intense and piercing eyesight to ferret out non-conforming dressers, who were tossed in the "stockaid" and fined for dressing "natural-like". Jugs — complete with "squeezins" — were the order of the day for most

(5) and emphasis was on the long and the short of drinking containers. Lester Waldrop, (center) guitarist, and Miss Linda Rogers, champion buck dancer, (left), "tears loose" (6) for the benefit of those who think buck dancing has something to do with deer hunting. This "waggin" (7) full of kids rolled into town just in time for the parade and, believe it or not, held up through the entire proceedings. (See story, page 11).