



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brad-

**'GRANDDADDY OF THEM ALL'**—This large steam-driven still, believed to be one of the largest and most elaborate ever destroyed in this county, was found by federal and local officers Monday afternoon in the Flats Township. The unit, cleverly hidden in a dense laurel thicket, found its end in nine dynamite blasts. One man was arrested.

## Dynamite Blasts Bring End To 'Granddaddy' Still Here

The mocking boom of nine dynamite blasts in a remote section of the Flats Township Monday afternoon echoed an inglorious end to a still that probably was the "granddaddy of them all" in this county.

At any rate, officers feel certain the illegal distillery, and its 3,000 gallon mash-capacity, ranks as one of the most elaborate and biggest ever destroyed in Macon.

Jack Head, who admits knowing the still was there, but denies helping operate it, was taken in by federal and local officers soon after the dynamite clapped oblivion for the cleverly camouflaged still in a heavy laurel thicket near Head's bean patch. He was released by federal officers under \$500 bond pending a hearing in Bryson City tomorrow (Friday).

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## Late News and Briefs

### DOWN TOWN HILL

A parked station wagon started out on its own down Town Hill Monday morning about 10:30, but a pick-up truck stopped its descent.

Police Chief C. D. Baird, who investigated, reported the station wagon, owned by Macon Willys Company, was parked across the street from the post-office when its brakes apparently slipped and it started rolling back down the hill. Its unscheduled trip was halted when it hit a 1953 pick-up parked between Sossamon Furniture Company and Angel Clinic, the officer said. Damage to the pick-up was about \$125, the chief added.

The driver of the station wagon was Frank Ray, mechanic at Macon Willys, who was in the post office at the time of the mishap. Tommy Lee Cabe owned the pick-up, Chief Baird reported.

**TIPPETT BOY INJURED**  
Ten-year-old Eddie Lee Tippett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tippett, of Franklin, broke his right leg Monday morning when the brakes on his bicycle failed and he rammed into the side of a pick-up truck operated by George Reece, of Franklin. Angel Hospital yesterday (Wednesday) reported Eddie  
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## 13 Men Drafted By Local Board

Thirteen men—eight of them volunteers—were sent to Knoxville, Tenn., Monday of last week for induction into the U. S. Army, the local draft board has announced.

The eight volunteering for service were Virgil R. Gibson, Lester Ray Young, Charles Ray Prince, Freeman Williamson, James G. Woods, Earl J. Williams, Ray A. Williams, and Charles A. Conley. The others making up the contingent were Troy L. Gregory, Jackson C. Roper, Hershel Cunningham, William R. Bingham, and Virgil T. Holland.

In announcing the names of the draftees, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary, said a pre induction call for 17 men September 14 has been received. As yet, no induction call has arrived, she added.

## PARTY SLATED FOR STUDENTS

### Woman's Club Here To Sponsor Second 'Back To School'

A "back to school" party for Macon college students is planned August 27 under the sponsorship of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Miss Kate McGee, chairman in charge, this week said the event—the second to be given by the club—will be held at the Zickgraf recreation building on Rogers' Hill from 8 p. m. to midnight.

Dancing, games, and refreshments are scheduled features, she said.



## FRIDAY 13TH HOT (!) DAY

### Nearly Catches Up With Franklin, Like Mrs. O'Leary's Cow

"Friday the 13th" almost caught up with Franklin. Suddenly, about 8:45 a. m., flames leaped building-high along the block of Main Street from Burrell Motor Company, Inc., to the county courthouse as an oil tanker spewed blazing gasoline along the street from a broken hose line.

And almost as suddenly, the flames along the block disappeared while businessmen and shoppers stood wide-mouthed as the spectacle flizzed.

Attention then shifted — for those who still remained on the street—to the Franklin firemen, who calmly nipped two fires in the bud with their characteristic cool efficiency and probably saved the town from a small performance of Mrs. O'Leary's fabled cow in Chicago. One blaze licked at the back of the oil tanker stopped in front of the courthouse, while the other rocketed out of the tanks and pumps at the Burrell station where the near-catastrophe began.  
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## Masons To Attend Church In A Body

Members of the Franklin Masonic Lodge will attend the morning service Sunday at the First Baptist Church in a body as a feature of a religious emphasis program.

All members are asked to meet at the lodge hall at 10:30. Lodge officers said the organization plans to visit other churches through the year also.



## BUSINESSMEN GIVE MONEY FOR PROGRAM

### Expansion Of Farm Extension Assured Through Donations

An expanded farm and home extension program is coming Macon's way soon, thanks to a group of interested businessmen and merchants.

On August 6 it was disclosed here that the county was one of two in the western district chosen to receive special federal funds for broadening its extension service program to include three more workers. There was just one hitch — the county had to finance part of the program to prove its interest. The program annually would cost about \$15,000, with federal funds covering \$13,500. The remainder, \$1,800, had to be raised by the county, but unfortunately the Board of County Commissioners already had adopted the 1954-55 budget, so the county had no funds.

However, as expected, Franklin merchants rallied to the call and the new program is virtually assured.

Yesterday (Wednesday) W. W. (Bill) Sloan, chairman of a committee named to raise the money, reported that \$1,500 had been raised—enough to pay the county's share of the three workers' salaries for the 10 months remaining in the fiscal year. Additional funds still are needed to purchase office equipment and supplies, he said, but he was confident that his committee will raise the amount this week.

The merchants will carry the load this year, but next year it supposedly will be up to the county to provide funds for the program.

Mr. Sloan said it was his understanding that all candidates  
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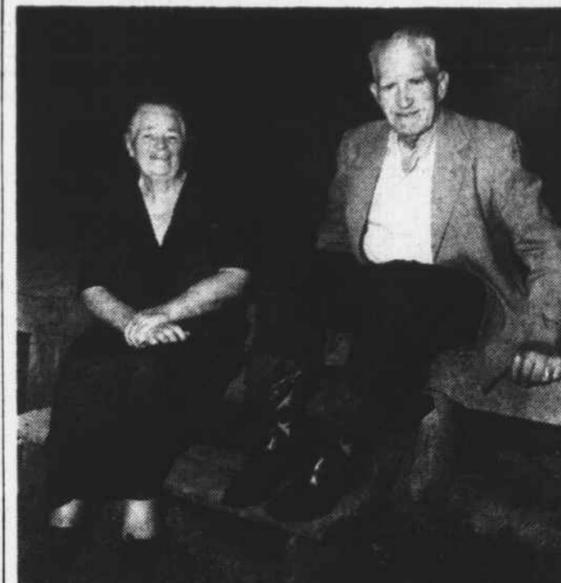
## Macon Scouts Advanced At Honor Court

Twelve Macon Boy Scouts received advancements in rank or merit badges at a Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor last Thursday night in Bryson City.

Tommy Evans, of Franklin, Troop 1, and Doyle McCracken, of Carson, Troop 6, received Tenderfoot rank. Arthur Hays and Mike Nichols, both of Franklin, Troop 1, Robert Edwards, John Wayne Rodgers, and Jimmy Valentine, all of Highlands, Troop 7, were awarded Second Class rank. First Class rank went to Jerry Patton and Sandy Kinney, both of Franklin, Troop 1.

Ronnie Evans received the First Aid, Pioneering, Public Speaking, and Art merit badges; Gilmer Henry, First Aid, Athletics, and Pioneering; and Sandy Kinney, Swimming. All are members of Franklin, Troop 1.

Scouts Evans and Henry passed the district board of review and will be advanced to the ranks of Star and Life, respectively, at the next court of honor in Whittier on September 9.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

**OLD SWEETHEARTS**—Mrs. Eva Higdon Corbin Bolick, 74, and Gabriel Columbus Bolick, 76, who left Macon for Texas (note boots) in 1897, were married August 10 in Walhalla, S. C. Childhood sweethearts, they "recruited their courtship" about six years ago while Mr. Bolick was here for a visit.

## Wedding Bells Ring Finally For School Sweethearts Here

In the late 1800's at the old Carpenter School (Higdonville), Eva Higdon and Gabriel Columbus Bolick "made eyes" at each other and occasionally held hands when the teacher wasn't looking.

Today, well over a half-century later, they're still making eyes at each other, but as Mr. and Mrs.

August 10, in Walhalla, S. C., Gabriel Columbus Bolick, 76, and Eva Higdon Corbin, 74, were married by Probate Judge R. C. Carter.

Now the honeymooners are taking it easy at Mrs. Corbin's (pardon—Mrs. Bolick's) home in the Higdonville Community and talking about the old days before Mr. Bolick took off to seek

his fortune in the west in 1897. Up until several years ago, they hadn't seen each other since his departure for the west, which proved to be Texas. In that interval, both married and raised families; Mrs. Corbin four sons and Mr. Bolick five daughters. Both of their spouses died a number of years ago.

Then, six years ago, Mr. Bolick came here for a month's vacation.

"We recruited our old courtship," the bride explained last week, "He was one of my first sweethearts."

And his return to Texas didn't put a damper on the renewed courtship. The U. S. Mail served as cupid.

"I've got a whole suitcase of letters," Mr. Bolick laughed. "That's nothing," she countered. "I've got a box full."

"We plan to take them all out some rainy day and read them," the white-thatched Maconite-Texan explained.

Events at the old Carpenter School came back to life as the couple talked.

"Why I busted one of her slates over the school teacher's head one day," he related, getting an affirmative nod from his wife.

"This teacher was whipping on a boy—he was sickly and not well—who was picking his teeth with a goose quill toothpick and making some noise."

Mrs. Bolick took over: "Columbus grabbed my slate and broke it over his head... they shut down the school for the rest of the day."

"The trustees reopened it the next day after making the teacher promise to do better... he did fine after that," concluded her husband.

And so went the interview with Higdonville's newest bride and groom.

"We just want to be happy for the rest of our lives," Mr. Bolick decided.

His bride just smiled.

## COURT TERM OPENS HERE ON MONDAY

### Drunk Driving And Speeding Capitalize Criminal Docket

Drunk driving and speeding cases capitalize the criminal docket for the August term of Superior Court, which opens here Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Walter E. Johnston, of Winston-Salem, presiding.

Through the end of last week, the docket was building into "one of the largest" in several terms, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court. More than 125 new cases have developed since the April term, the clerk said, and 77 old ones are scheduled for final action.

Of the more than 200 cases on the criminal docket, 66 are for speeding and 38 for drunk driving.

In making the docket public, the clerk explained that several of the 77 old cases listed this term are forfeitures of cash bonds by defendants who failed to appear in court in April. These cases must be called out again this term to make the forfeitures legal, she said.

Those charged with drunk driving include Lester L. Arnold, Paul Humphrey Childers, Robert Warran Munger, Bobby Lee Holcomb, Grover Eugene Crisp, Arthur O. Irby (also no driver's license, reckless driving, and manslaughter), Charles T. Tallent, Leslie Leroy Johnson, Charles Terrell Tallent, Clyde Thomas Burrell, Tom Chuck Sherlock, Glover Britt Reynolds (also improper brakes), Willie Mackey, George Herman Harris, Frank Baldwin, James Marvin Pickens, Halen Dillis, Howard Richard Hopkins, Joseph Moody Younce, John Thomas Carpenter, Charles Holmes Baumgardner, Leroy Moore (also aiding and abetting drunk driving), William Boyd Thompson (also operating automobile on borrowed license, driving after license revoked), Homer Reid Sizemore, (also no driver's license), Elmer William Jones, Freeman A. Watts, Euell Cordell Owens, William Harold Taylor, Marvin Pickens, Donald Billy Owenby, George Blaine, Jr., Robert Lee Alston, Ralph Sherman McCoy (also reckless driving), Robert Bingham, James Robert Moore, James Henderson Hayes (also driving after license revoked, hit and run, and reckless driving), Richard McKindley Wood (also improper brakes) and Howard David Cruse.

Facing speeding charges are  
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## Legion Will Sponsor Free Square Dance

The local American Legion yesterday announced plans for a free square dance Saturday night at the Slagle Memorial Building.

The Legion conducted square dances at the Memorial Building each Saturday night for four or five years. About a year ago they were discontinued. It has been decided to resume them, with the opening affair, on Saturday night, free.

## 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	83	55
Thursday	79	52
Friday	83	58 trace
Saturday	89	60
Sunday	91	60 .06
Monday	94	63
Tuesday	89	61 .06

HIGHLANDS		
Temperature		
	High	Low
Wednesday	76	62
Thursday	72	50
Friday	78	53
Saturday	83	56
Sunday	84	60
Monday	86	59
Tuesday	86	58

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wednesday	83	51
Thursday	74	50
Friday	81	53 trace
Saturday	88	58 .01
Sunday	91	59
Monday	92	59
Tuesday	87	59

Despite bad weather, some 275 persons turned out for the Macon Agricultural Council's Farm and Home Field Day last Thursday at Franklin High. The pictures, reading left to right show some of the features of the field day, which was held instead of a farm tour—County Agent T. H. Fagg watches Siler Slagle, Cartoogechaye farmer, demonstrate to the audience

the proper way to cut meat; Frank Nolen, a Franklin F.F.A. member, demonstrates his home-made jig saw for (L to R) Doyle Long, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Robert Parrish, and Roland R. Rickman. Frank made the clever rig out of parts of a refrigerator compressor. His exhibit was one of several home-made labor saving devices on display; +H and F.F.A. members their prize beef calves following

show on the athletic field. In the background are displays of farm equipment set up by local and out-of-town dealers for the field day; Five-year-old Nancy Younce, granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Parrish, of Franklin, Route 3, ponders house wifery-like over the merits of the deep freeze set up in the model kitchen in the vocational building. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Younce, of Cullowhee.

