

August Court Term Now In Full Swing

Large Dockets Keep Session Moving; List Of Some Dispositions

Yesterday (Wednesday) the August term of Superior Court was still in full swing and appeared headed for a full week of work.

Court officials reported Judge Walter E. Johnston was still hearing cases on the large criminal docket and probably would move into the trial of civil matters today or tomorrow.

That the term is still going on is newsworthy in that for the past several terms two days have been sufficient to clear up the small criminal and civil dockets. However, a large number of motor vehicle cases, including more than 66 speeding charges, swelled the docket this

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Forest Check From Receipts Much Larger

The county will soon receive a check for \$23,407.22 as its share of North Carolina National Forests receipts for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1954.

This high figure — which is \$8,449.73 more than the county got last year—gives Macon the lion's share of receipts among the other counties having Nantahala National Forest acreage within their boundaries, according to William L. Nohsteln, district ranger.

In announcing the allocation, the ranger explained that more money was realized this year from timber sales on the forest and as a result the counties are receiving bigger shares.

Macon, with 147,598 acres, leads the other six counties in net Nantahala Forest acreage. Graham is in second place with 105,582 acres and this year has an allocation of \$16,744, Mr. Nohsteln reported.

The Macon allocation amounts to 15.3 cents per acre.

These forest funds are earmarked for schools and roads. Lake V. Shope, secretary to the Macon Board of County Commissioners, yesterday said the county has not yet received a check. He said the allocation will be about equally divided between schools, roads, and debt service in the county tax structure.

Other allocations for Nantahala acreage are Cherokee, \$12,880.96; Clay, \$9,204.43; Jackson, \$4,377.18; Swain, \$2,517.27; and Transylvania, \$769.16.

JUDGE BRIEFS GRAND JURY

Says All Must Pay For Crimes; Names Of Jurors Listed

No person is high enough or humble enough not to pay for his crimes.

This was one of several observations made by Judge Walter E. Johnston in his charge to the Grand Jury Monday morning.

In outlining the duties of the jury, the Winston-Salem jurist remarked that no man is too big not to be called to answer for his crimes. And by this same token, he said, no person is too humble.

The Grand Jury "is the fountain head of criminal law... the source of prosecution."

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IT MUST BE JELLY—The Smiths, Muriel, Norman, and Don, are shown at their roadside stand on US 64 just outside Franklin pleasing another customer with "A Delicacy from our Mountain Home". The Smiths, who recently were introduced to New Yorkers through the metropolitan Herald-Tribune, started their unique business of making wild jams and jellies five years ago.

PANTHERS EYE CLAYTON TILT

Coach Barnwell Puts Squad Through Paces; Roster Is Announced

Forty-three Panthers are daily pawing the gridiron grass in the Franklin Stadium as Coach Howard Barnwell puts them through their paces in preparation for their opening game here with Clayton, Ga., Friday night of next week.

While the coach feels "it's a little early yet" to speculate on the Panthers' chances in Smoky Mountain Conference play this year, he appears pleased with the large turn-out of boys and expects still more with the opening of school Monday.

The starting lineup will be picked just prior to the Clayton game, he said.

So, from here on to the opening game, it will be practice-practice-practice. The Clayton game, a non-conference tilt, should give fans a good preview of what to expect from the Panthers in the conference race.

Those out for practice include Earl Ammons, Bill Alexander, Robert Alexander, Jerry Bailey, George Barrett, Kenneth Brown, Dick Bradley, Billy Cheek, Bruce Childers, Gary Clark, Mark Dowdie, Zeb Guffie, Bobby Gregory, Mitchell Houston, Bruce Houston, Glimmer Henry, Thomas Higdon, Troy Hopper, Judson Hall, Morris Jones, Bobby Jack Love, Lamar Mason, Buddy McClure, Johnny Mashburn, Herbert McKelvey, Crawford Moore, Dennis Mehaffey, Dale Myers, Bill Mendenhall, Furman Mason,

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Smiths' Jams And Jellies Are Hit With N. Y. Editors

"... all else is as natural as the wild blue sea, and processed in our kitchen by Muriel and me."

The above ending of a pertinent piece of advertising poetry is simply signed Don.

But it was this poem and a

43 Farmers Get Plaques For Pasture

Forty-three Macon farmers qualified for Green Pasture plaques in 1953 and the honor signs are now being distributed, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

To be eligible for a plaque, a farmer must have an acre and a half of improved pasture per animal unit on his farm, the agent explained.

Those receiving plaques include Fred A. Moore, Fred S. Moore, Jim Cunningham, A. B. Slagle, Jeff H. Enloe, Jr., Bert J. Waldrop, Douglas Young, Jason Hailey, Fred Bryson, George Stalcup, Glimmer Waldrop, Dan R. Reynolds, George Wallace, Cecil Parker, E. Rex Andrus, Oscar Lewis, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Robert Blaine, Bill Waldrop, Horace Hurst, Jess Shope, N. A. Waldrop, W. R. Pressley, Harley Stewart, Jud Tallent, R. D. Wells, Ed Lequire, Fred Hannah, Fred Dills, W. O. Swanson, Bradley Farm, General Jones, Erwin Patton, Henry Mashburn, Homer Mashburn, E. R. White, G. M. Hatfield, Jacob Vogel, Jim Limer, Homer Cochran, Glenn Cloer, and Jim Emory.

label (A Delicacy from Our Mountain Home) on a couple of jars of wild blackberry jam and wild plum marmalade that recently set the food editors of the lordly New York Herald-Tribune to drooling:

"Oh", they are quoted as saying, "very good."

Thus, Don and Muriel Smith, of Franklin, whose mountain jams and jellies are gradually drawing "ohs" and "ahs" over the country, were introduced to New Yorkers through a column by Clemantine Paddieford, food editor of the Herald-Tribune.

For the Smiths (son Norman, a strapping six-foot 15-year-old included) this metropolitan publicity brought more than 50 orders for their wares, Mr. Smith disclosed this week; among them orders from the secretary to the treasurer of Connecticut and a foreign correspondent with a New York post office box number.

And in addition, the Smiths received two offers of "adoption" from elderly ladies wanting to come here and help with the chores.

Said one in a letter: "... Now dear lady, could and would you let me drop in first of the season as long lost aunt or something? I don't require anything but an extra boiled potato, a plate at the table, and a place to sleep..."

The other, a braided rug weaver, asked for "... a nook for which my \$85 a month could pay, so I could braid my successfully-selling rugs without a thread on the floor being a headline major crime. You can possibly glean from this that I am one looking for a new settlement and just plain fell in love with your work as described in the paper... I'm not young but walk five or 10 miles. I pleased an epicure father with my cooking. I was quick and reliable in an office for eight years; but I'll not go on in case you do not want me..."

The Smiths feel, however, that they will be unable to take on any new hands.

"We're barely able to scratch out a living for the three of us", the head of the household (Mr. Smith) explained, "for this kind of business is far from being a gold mine."

He elaborated on this statement with a tale of past encounters with big rattlesnakes while berry picking with Norman, the difficulty of finding wild berries suitable for jellies and jams, and coping with the "hell hole" (a favorite spot for elderberries) which is "worse than any jungle" with 10-foot rag weed and "assorted allergy producers". To make his argument against this kind of business more timely, Mr. Smith grimaced and rubbed a number of bee stings on his body. He had just come in from robbing the hives at the rear of their small rustic home.

"Yes sir," he said knowingly, "you can just about make a living at this if you work from dawn to dusk and sometimes longer."

The Smiths ventured into this small and unique business

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September 28 Date For Bond Balloting

School Time; Opening Set For Monday

Monday — just four days away — will find nearly 4,000 school children trooping off to 10 of Macon's 11 schools for the opening of the 1954-55 school year.

The one non-conformist of the 11, Highlands School, plans a delayed opening September 7 because of the tourist season running through Labor Day (September 6) in the resort town.

Most of the schools will open at 8:30 o'clock and will operate on half-day schedules Monday and Tuesday. Hours are set by the individual principals. Lunchrooms will begin operating Wednesday.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain yesterday (Wednesday) estimated prospective membership in the entire system at 3,952 pupils.

Of this total, the superintendent estimates that 465 will enter the first grade. Two hundred sixty-eight received promotion certificates from the eighth grade this past May and will step up to high school.

Elementary enrollment is estimated at 3,105, while the high school figure is 847.

Mr. McSwain emphasized that the figures are estimates only and could run much higher.

During the 1953-54 year, daily attendance in the system was roughly 3,800.

SCHOOL PARTY IS PLANNED

Woman's Club Event For College Students Slated Friday Night

Going to college this fall? Then you're invited to attend the "back to school" party being sponsored tomorrow (Friday) night by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club.

Festivities will get under way at 8 o'clock at the Zickgraf recreation building on Rogers' Hill, according to Miss Kate McGee, chairman in charge of the event, which is the second to be sponsored by the club.

In extending an invitation to all students, the chairman said refreshments are planned in addition to games and dancing.

Most Like That ... Not This One

The parakeet generally is considered a bird that, since it has spent its life in a cage, loses all sense of direction, when it is freed in the out-of-doors.

Maybe most parakeets are like that. But not one owned by John H. Perry, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who is spending some time at the Pine Hill Trailer Court here.

Mr. Perry's parakeet escaped the middle of last week, and disappeared. Search for it proved vain. Without much hope of finding it, Mr. Perry came to The Press office last Thursday to put a "lost" advertisement in this week's paper.

But after being lost for half a week, the parakeet came back. It was discovered by a neighbor, perched on an electric wire, and when Mr. Perry stood beneath with the cage, the bird flew down and entered the cage.

Chicken Dinner Slated At Cowee Saturday P.M.

A chicken dinner (all you can eat for \$1) is planned Saturday night at Cowee School under the sponsorship of the Oak Grove Rural Community Development Organization.

Serving will start at 6 o'clock and entertainment will follow the meal. A movie will be shown by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home agent, and Sam Reece's Southern Tone Quartet will perform.

Voters To Decide On Financing New City Building

September 28 has been set as the date for Franklin voters to decide if they want to float \$50,000 in bonds to finance a municipal building.

In special session Monday night, the Board of Aldermen passed the required bond election ordinance and set the date for balloting.

Construction of a municipal building to keep pace with the growth and progress being experienced here has been a top priority project of the board for nearly a year.

As yet a site for the proposed building has not been picked, although the board has an option to buy the corner lot in the Duncan sub-division at the intersection of US 23-441 and West Main Street. This lot was one of several considered by the board, including the town-owned lot at the intersection of Church and Iofa, upon which the fire house is situated. The town lot was termed unsuitable because of its small size.

Registration books for the special election will be open in the town office for three Saturdays preceding the balloting — September 4, 11, and 18. Hours will be 9 a. m. to sunset. September 25 will be challenge day, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey.

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McCampbell Resigns As Health Head

Dr. Leo C. McCampbell, of Sylva, health officer for the Macon-Jackson-Swain district, has resigned his post, effective September 1.

Until a full-time man is obtained, Dr. T. D. Slagle, of Sylva, will serve as acting health officer, according to Dr. McCampbell.

The resigned doctor, who has held the post for more than a year and a half said he plans to attend Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, and specialize in obstetrics. Dr. McCampbell was named acting health officer in January, 1953, and then in March was given a full-time appointment. Prior to that time he practiced with Dr. P. E. DeWees in Sylva.

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Jury Report

The Grand Jury's "weather report" on county facilities:

County jail: excellent condition, considering building.

Court House: good condition, considering building.

Prison Camp: good shape.

County Home: fair shape, considering building.

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
Wed. (Aug. 18)	94 63
Thursday	88 62
Friday	89 64 .024
Saturday	89 63 trace
Sunday	89 64 trace
Monday	88 64
Tuesday	89 69 .021

HIGHLANDS	
Temperature	
	High Low Rain
Wed. (Aug. 18)	86 57
Thursday	82 57
Friday	79 59 .10
Saturday	77 56 .59
Sunday	72 56 3.14
Monday	73 62 .25
Tuesday	74 64 1.23

COWEETA	
Temperatures	
	High Low Rain
Wed. (Aug. 18)	91 58 .04
Thursday	84 60
Friday	85 62
Saturday	86 57
Sunday	84 58
Monday	84 63
Tuesday	87 63 .01

Late News and Briefs

WAYAH ROAD CONTRACT

The State Highway Commission is advertising for bids for 11.68 miles of grading and paving on Wayah Road—a long-awaited project that will open up the isolated Nantahala Community.

The bids will be opened in Raleigh September 7 and will be reviewed by the commission at a meeting September 9, it is reported.

Highway Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, had previously announced that the contract for the \$512,000 project from Cold Springs to Pecky Branch would be let in September.

The letting will climax an all-out push of more than two years by the citizens of Nantahala to get a road into their community. A paved all-weather road has been foremost in their minds since the U. S. Forest Service decided the Wayah Road to the highway department.

CHURCH DEDICATION

Dedication of the Burning-town Baptist Church is planned Sunday at 10 a. m., the pastor, the Rev. T. A. Slagle, has announced.

Former pastors of the church will speak, he said, and lunch will be served on the grounds at noon. Singing is planned in the afternoon.

The church building program was started about five years ago by the Rev. C. C. Welch. It was completed recently.

UNIT FARM TOUR

Some 20 farm men and women took in the annual Unit Test Demonstration Farm Tour here Friday.

The group visited the farms of George Doster, Wallace Morgan, Albert Ramsey, and Edwin T. Bradley.

Lunch was served at the Carson picnic area. Assistant Agent R. M. Ray was in charge.

Invited guests, UTD farmers of Clay County, did not show up for the tour, the agent said.

LIONS HAVE PICNIC

More than 75 Lions and Lionesses gathered at Arrowood Glade Monday night for the annual "ladies night" picnic.

Outstanding feature of the evening's entertainment was a program of folk songs by the "Trestle Quartet", composed of Charles McMahan, leader, Jack Henson, B. H. Green, and Boyd Sossamon, all of Sylva. The group and their wives were presented to the club by Lion Ralph Smith.

The musical program followed a picnic dinner served by the ladies of the Franklin Methodist Church.

ATTEND INSTITUTE

John L. Cunningham and Morgan Shatley, of Franklin, attended the fifth annual Institute of Insurance at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Monday through Friday of last week.



AVID ANGLER AT 82—Mrs. Jennie Nolen and her 82 years still love to outsmart the wily trout and the picture above proves she still can haul them in. Fishing—for trout, of course—is the Franklin woman's first love and she can be found tossing in a hook just about any day on any stream. The gentleman in the center is Wildlife Protector Bryan Setser, who is always willing to help his favorite "fisherlady" find a good fishing hole. At right is Mrs. Nolen's grandson, Jimmy Nolen, one of her favorite fishing partners.