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**HAVE A SEAT**—Indicative of crowded conditions existing in the Macon school system is the fact that some Franklin High students are having to sit on the floor. The school's coal bin also has been converted to classroom space. Principal Ralph L. Smith (in doorway) talks to teacher Jack Angel (left) over the heads of students seated on the floor. The new building program is expected to alleviate the situation somewhat.

## Building Program Will Only Temporarily Ease Conditions

At best, the 18 new classrooms to be constructed at Macon schools soon will only stave off temporarily the mounting problem of providing enough classroom space to keep pace with increased enrollment.

This is the feeling of County School Supt. Holland McSwain, who commented in an interview this week: "To put it bluntly, this new building program will meet only the needs of last year (1953-54). This year is bringing its own problems."

In a nutshell, the problem boils down to this fact: there are 125 teachers in the system this year and only 107 classrooms. That means 18 teachers and more than 500 pupils (generally about 30 pupils to the teacher) do not have a regular room.

So, until these 18 rooms are provided, auditoriums, libraries, cafeterias, and even coal bins will continue to be used for classrooms.

"There is just nothing else we can do," the superintendent declared.

By January, he hopes the 18 classrooms will be ready for use. Bids for their construction and for lunchrooms at Cowee and Otto, are now being asked and actual building possibly will begin next month.

But what comes after the 18 classrooms?

Mr. McSwain answered: "Because of increased enrollment, the minimum need at the beginning of the 1955-56 school

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## Late News and Briefs

### IS HOSPITAL TRUSTEE

Grover B. Woodward, Franklin pharmacist, has been appointed a trustee of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem by the denomination's state board.

Mr. Woodward is a member of the Scots Creek Baptist Church in Sylva, where his brother-in-law, the Rev. E. S. Hensley, is pastor.

### WILL ATTEND MEETING

Some 30 teachers and principals from Macon plan to attend a guidance conference today (Thursday) at Swain High School in Bryson City, the school superintendent's office has announced.

The conference, being staged for the eight western counties, is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Among panelists appearing on the program is Mrs. Katherine O'Neil, Franklin High teacher.

### MOOSE PICNIC SET

The annual picnic of the local Moose lodge will be held at Arrowood Glade Sunday, starting at 1 p. m. It was announced yesterday by Lake V. Shope, secretary. All members of the Moose and their families are invited.

### PLAN POLIO MARCH

Members of the Franklin Junior Woman's Club tonight

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## Enrollment Hits New High Here

School enrollment this year has jumped an official 231 pupils, pushing the Macon system to an all-time high of 3,918.

The school superintendent's office this week reported 117 more pupils in the elementary grades and 114 in the three high schools. Of the total of 3,918, a breakdown shows 850 in the high schools and 3,068 in the elementary schools.

Last year's enrollment at the close of school was 3,687—736 high school, and 2,951 elementary.

Enrollment figures by schools: Franklin High, 656; Franklin Elementary, 398; East Franklin, 369; Cullasaja, 356; Union, 245; Cowee, 274; Otto, 271; Cartoogechaye, 301; Iotha, 234; Nantahala High, 89; Nantahala Elementary, 229; Highlands High, 93; Highlands Elementary, 331; Chapel High, 12; Chapel Elementary, 60.

## TEAM LOSES TO ANDREWS

Friday Game Slated With Swain High At Bryson City Field

By TOMMY GNUSE  
Sports Editor  
Franklin High

A flashy Andrews squad ruined Franklin's conference opener here Friday night as they rolled to an 18 to 6 victory.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, the Panthers journey to Bryson City to meet Swain High for a non-conference tilt at 8 o'clock. Later in the season, October 22, the two schools will meet here for a conference scrap.

In Friday's game, Andrews took advantage of good downfield blocking and speedy back as they returned punts for 57 and 69 yards for two touchdowns. The visitors got the first break of the game early when

### JAYCEES TO PLAY

The Franklin High Junior Varsity will meet the Sylva Jaycees here Saturday night at 8 o'clock, it has been announced.

Panther Back Richard Renshaw fumbled on a punt return and gave Andrews the ball on the Franklin 30. The Andrews backs took charge and five plays later, Jerry Gilbert scored from the 12. The extra was no good.

The tide changed late in the opening stanza when Leonard Long broke through the line on fourth down to stop the Andrews kicker from booting the ball. Three plays later, Panther Back Bobby Jack Love took to the air and hit Bobby Womack for a 25-yard touchdown to tie the score, 6 to 6.

The rest of the scoring is summed up in Andrews' two punt returns, one in the second quarter by Jimmy Holland, the other in the fourth by Bob Cooper.

The Panthers gained as many yards passing (146), as Andrews did rushing.

## ARNOLD NEW YDC LEADER

Local Organization Selects Delegates For State Meeting

Alec Arnold, of Franklin, Route 5, is the new president of the Macon Young Democrats Club, succeeding Frank Plyler.

Others named to serve with Mr. Arnold at a meeting of the organization Wednesday night of last week at the courthouse are Z. Weaver Shope, vice-president, and Bruce Palmer, secretary-treasurer.

Delegates picked to attend the state Y. D. C. meeting, which opens today (Thursday) in Charlotte include Mr. Arnold, Mr. Palmer, C. Banks Finger, John Long, C. N. West, and Sheriff J. Harry Thomas. The meeting runs through Saturday.

## Republicans Set Nantahala Rally Friday

A county-wide Republican rally is scheduled tomorrow (Friday) night at Nantahala School, George Reece, county chairman, has announced.

Guest speaker for the meeting, which is set for 7:30 o'clock, will be W. W. Candler, of Asheville, lawyer and a former Republican candidate for Congress from the 12th Congressional District, Mr. Reece said.

The chairman said all local candidates in the November election will be on hand for the gathering.

### AUXILIARY MEET SET

A meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary is planned Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. G. Crawford, it has been announced. Dues will be payable at the meeting, it is said.

## IN YEARS ONLY, MIND YOU

## Mrs. Lee Crawford May Be 90 . . . But!



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

**NO SLOW DOWN**—The fact that Mrs. Lee Crawford last week marked her 90th birthday means little as far as her daily routine goes. Here she is shown preparing to bake her favorite cake, Lemon Sponge.

## SCOUTS SET 'LOST' DAY EXERCISE

Cowee Bald Area Here To Be Scene Of Mock Search

Persons lost in the woolly wilds of the W. N. C. mountains will have the odds more in their favor if a practice scheduled this month by the Explorer Scouts of the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District is successful.

Appropriately dubbed "Operation Lost", the practice actually will send the Scouts into the tall timber September 25 in search of two dummies, which will be dropped by airplane in the vicinity of the fire lookout tower on Cowee Bald, according to B. B. Scott, of Franklin, who is in charge of search methods.

Details of the practice are now being worked out by district leaders.

After the Scouts locate the dummies, which will be dropped the day before the exercise by Grant Zickgraf, of Franklin, their work will not be finished. The dummies will have injuries requiring treatment, including exposure, sprained ankles, and shock, Mr. Scott explained, and the Scouts must administer first aid to the "victims".

Briefing for the practice will begin at 8 in the morning and the Scouts will take to the brush in search of the "lost couple" at 10 o'clock.

## Stump Blast Kills Dorman Friday A. M.

A stump dynamiting accident Friday morning claimed the life of R. B. Dorman, retired Atlanta, Ga., textile supply businessman, at his summer home in Wayah Valley.

The body of Mr. Dorman, ripped and bruised by the explosion and clad only in socks, was found about 10 a. m. by a neighbor, Claude Thomas, who decided to investigate after hearing an explosion about two hours earlier in the vicinity of the Dorman home.

At an inquest held on the scene, Coroner George R. Henson ruled the death of Mr. Dorman, who was about 70, as accidental after a jury investigated at the scene where the summer resident was dynamiting a stump from the side of the road leading to his home.

Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendergrass said the force of the explosion "shredded" the man's clothes, and the body was found about 28 feet from the stump. One shoe was 58 feet from the stump, he said, the

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

**DETERMINATION**—Ten-year-old Carol Calloway, determination personified, and her brother, Gary, are shown with Carol's new bicycle, which the young lady won by saving 10,000 wrappers from note book paper.

## FRANKLIN GIRL PROVES She Has The Determination

## 8 MACON MEN ARE INDUCTED

Six Of Contingent Volunteers; Next Call October 11

Eight Macon men — six of them volunteers — boarded a bus for Knoxville, Tenn., Tuesday morning and induction into the U. S. Army.

Those volunteering for the draft included Robert I. Coleman, Lawrence C. Howard, Jr., John Robert Shiffli, James M. Haney, Dan L. Pendergrass, and Frank V. Watson. The other two in the contingent were Ebbie Lee Bingham and Clarence Levi Crane.

Nine other registrants were sent to Knoxville at the same time for pre-induction examinations.

In announcing the departure of the draft, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, selective service secretary, listed Macon's next induction call as October 11. At that time the board will send seven men. The following day, October 12, Mrs. Jones said 37 registrants will be sent for pre-induction examinations.

Elfish Carol Calloway, a 10-year-old miss with a personality that shines all over the place, curtsied low.

"Thank you, sir," she said in mock seriousness, skipping a couple of steps in the direction of her home. As she spoke, her voice held the buoyant ring of one who usually gets what she goes after.

Carol had just had her picture taken to illustrate a newspaper story about the determination behind that buoyant ring in her voice. Just what, one might ask, does a 10-year-old know about determination? And especially enough determination to be newspaper material?

That's easy to answer. Carol has just won a beautiful new bicycle with nothing but sheer determination. This little wisp of a girl, a Franklin

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## MAN CRUSHED BY BULLDOZER

McClure Killed In Accident Friday P. M. Near Cartoogechaye

A 45-year-old farmer and bulldozer operator was crushed to death late Friday afternoon in the Cartoogechaye Community when the small bulldozer he was loading on a truck slipped from the truck bed and pinned him to the ground.

The victim was identified as Delwin W. McClure, father of five, who had worked for A. B. Slagle here for the past year.

Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson, who investigated, reported Mr. McClure had backed a ton and a half truck against a high bank in order to drive the bulldozer on to the bed of the truck for transporting elsewhere. As he maneuvered the machine on to the bed, it slipped from the right side, pitched him to the ground, and then fell over on him, the patrolman explained.

The mishap occurred about 5:30 on the Maxwell School Road near the Parker farm. Cecil Parker witnessed it, Patrolman Ferguson said.

Funeral services for Mr. McClure, who lived in the Cartoogechaye Community, were conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Oak Forest Baptist Church in Hayesville by the Rev. Sim Martin and the Rev. Verlon Martin. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. McClure was the son of Alfred and Mrs. Emma Nelson McClure, of Hayesville. His widow is the former Miss Nancy Cheeks, of Hayesville.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. McClure is survived by two sons, Buddy and

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## ENGINEER REPORTS ON COWEE JOB

Jackson Grading About 60 Per Cent Complete, Usry Says

Roughly 60 per cent of the grading on the Jackson County side of the US 23-441 project has been completed, according to Resident Highway Engineer S. T. Usry.

In reviewing progress on the job — a continuation of the recently completed project in this county — the engineer said "things are going along according to schedule" and the highway should be ready for paving next summer as planned.

At the present time, he reported, most of the grading with heavy machinery is concentrated on the Dillsboro end of the project. Most of the highway has been graded on the other end in the Cowee Gap area, he added.

Structures — bridges and culverts — are about 65 per cent complete and work is now centered on the two big bridges. Four culverts already have been completed, Mr. Usry said.

When the Jackson side of the project is completed, Franklin and Sylva will be linked by a completely new stretch of highway. The Franklin side of the project was paved this summer.

## Houk Talks Segregation Bill Idea

Guy L. Houk plans to introduce a bill in the 1955 General Assembly, if he is elected as this county's representative, to permit a form of "local option" on the matter of school segregation.

Mr. Houk, Democratic nominee for representative from this county, explained his proposal in a talk at the meeting of the Franklin Rotary Club Wednesday night of last week.

A state-wide measure, it would be purely permissive, he said. It would provide for pupils of a school unit to be sent to a specified school, upon petition of 75 or 80 per cent of the patrons.

To illustrate: if the required percentage of the patrons of Chapel School (now operated for Negroes) petitioned to have their children continue to go to that school, the school authorities would be authorized to comply with the request. The same would apply to Franklin school or any other.

The proposal was discussed by Mr. Houk, speaking on the legal aspects of the Supreme Court's segregation decision, after he had outlined the three proposals advanced so far for meeting the situation in the South. He listed those three as follows:

1. Abolish the public schools, lease the school property to private corporations, and appropriate funds for tuition of the individual children. Mr. Houk questioned whether that proposal is either practicable or

## The Weather

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

| FRANKLIN                 |    |          |
|--------------------------|----|----------|
| Temperatures             |    |          |
| High Low Rain            |    |          |
| Wed. (Sept. 8) . . . . . | 93 | 54 trace |
| Thursday . . . . .       | 89 | 54       |
| Friday . . . . .         | 88 | 61       |
| Saturday . . . . .       | 83 | 55       |
| Sunday . . . . .         | 84 | 43       |
| Monday . . . . .         | 83 | 46       |
| Tuesday . . . . .        | 88 | 48       |

| HIGHLANDS                |    |    |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| Temperature              |    |    |
| High Low Rain            |    |    |
| Mon. (Sept. 6) . . . . . | 82 | 54 |
| Tuesday . . . . .        | 84 | 52 |
| Wednesday . . . . .      | 82 | 52 |
| Thursday . . . . .       | 77 | 54 |
| Friday . . . . .         | 76 | 60 |
| Saturday . . . . .       | 76 | 52 |
| Sunday . . . . .         | 71 | 42 |

| COWEETA                  |    |        |
|--------------------------|----|--------|
| Temperatures             |    |        |
| High Low Rain            |    |        |
| Wed. (Sept. 8) . . . . . | 89 | 52     |
| Thursday . . . . .       | 87 | 53     |
| Friday . . . . .         | 81 | 58 .75 |
| Saturday . . . . .       | 80 | 51 .11 |
| Sunday . . . . .         | 80 | 43     |
| Monday . . . . .         | 79 | 48     |
| Tuesday . . . . .        | 83 | 45     |