

Group Lays Groundwork For County Fair In August

The groundwork for a small three-day county fair in mid-August is being laid by a group of interested citizens and extension personnel.

Tonight (Thursday), a special meeting is scheduled to map additional plans as a follow-up to one held last Thursday night. The meeting is set for the Agricultural Building at 7:30.

Invitations to attend have been sent to civic leaders and heads of clubs and organizations over the county, according to Wayne Proffitt, chairman of the Agricultural Workers Council.

At last week's meeting, August 11, 12, and 13 were the tentative dates set for the agricultural fair and a workable financing plan was roughed out. Under the plan, premium money and operational expenses would be raised through the sale of booth and display space

and advertising in a fair catalog to businessmen.

The "fair grounds" would be at Franklin High. Exhibits would be housed in the new gymnasium, which will be completed by that time, and other school buildings. Farm machinery displays would be set up on the football field.

As a nighttime feature, the Franklin Jaycees have offered to hold their annual Macon County Folk Festival on those dates.

Extension workers John J. Wrinn, Mrs. Margaret D. Smith, and Robert McNeil are preparing a sample catalog, which they will present for discussion at tonight's meeting.

"Our plan is to start small, put down a good foundation, and then grow into a larger fair in later years", Mr. Proffitt explains.

79 FAMILIES SIGN UP FOR NEW PROGRAM

Applications Get Approval Of Local Rural Committee

Seventy-nine farm families have made application to participate in the new Farm and Home Development Program now under way in this county.

Mrs. Margaret D. Smith, one of three extension workers hired to supervise the program, this week explained that all applications have been approved by the community development organizations. At a special meeting last (Wednesday) night, a five-member committee representing the communities and extension personnel reviewed the applications and gave final approval.

The community committee was composed of Max Parrish, Mrs. George Byrd, Mrs. Faye Cowan, Frank Browning, and Gordon Gibson.

Next Wednesday, Miss Pauline Gordon and M. S. Williams, state specialists in farm and home management, plan to meet with extension personnel here to review the progress of the program, which is designated to put extension work on a more personalized basis with the farm family as a unit.

Macon and Madison are the only two counties in the western district carrying out the program and are two of 12 in the entire state.

John J. Wrinn and Robert McNeil are the other two agents working on the local program, which is being conducted, for the most part, through the active rural community development organizations.

Watershed Meet Set On Tuesday

Public sentiment on a proposed watershed control and conservation project for the Little Tennessee River drainage area will be sounded out by citizens of Macon County and Rabun County, Ga., at a special meeting Tuesday night at Otto School.

Favorable sentiment probably will see the governors of North Carolina and Georgia petitioned for aid for a study of the flood control problem effecting the two neighboring counties.

Jointly sponsored by the Blue Ridge Soil Conservation District of Rabun County and the Macon County Soil Conservation District, the two-state meeting is being held expressly to determine if the two counties would be willing to finance a watershed project with the federal government under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. The meeting is set for 7 o'clock and citizens of both counties are urged to attend.

W. L. Harper, Macon conservationist, said soil officials of both states are expected to be present to participate in the discussion and to explain the long-range program.

In brief, the project would straighten and clean the Little Tennessee channel and call for the development of a system for terracing and drainage for the area to conserve soil and water.

More specific details of the project will be mapped should public sentiment favor the proposal, Mr. Harper said. Under the federal act, the government would share in financing the project with the two counties.

E. A. Johnson, of Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory, and Tom Davidson, of Clayton, Ga., are serving with Mr. Harper as liaison between soil officials and the public in advancing the proposal.

TOWN ASKS BIDS FOR BUILDING

To Be Opened On February 8 For New City Hall

The Town of Franklin this week is advertising for bids for construction of its proposed municipal building.

Town officials plan to open the bids February 8 at 3 p. m. If the low bid is satisfactory, construction of the one-story modernistic building will get under way as soon as possible on the old Blaine property at the intersection of US 23-441 and West Main Street, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey.

Plans for the new building, which is being financed through a \$50,000 bond issue voted in October, have been prepared by Stambaugh and Jett, an architectural firm in Atlanta, Ga.

The old Blaine homeplace on the building site has been razed to make way for the new structure.

The plans face the building on East Main with the offices and fire department on the street level. A side entrance gives access to a full basement for storing equipment.

Highway Building Is Major Activity

Last Minute Items

Burlington Mills and N. C. Employment Service officials got their heads together here yesterday (Wednesday) to work out an employment plan for Burlington's new Franklin hosiery plant.

It was later announced that an Employment Service representative will be at the courthouse here from 10 to 4 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) and each Friday hereafter until further notice, to accept applications.

Employment will be worked through the state service, it is understood, and hiring will be on a very limited basis up to the actual opening of the new plant in mid-April.

Macon County rolls into 1955 with highway construction still a major activity within its boundaries.

Item: Construction on the Cowee Gap-Dillsboro, (US 23-441) project, the tie-in artery for the completed Franklin-Cowee Gap job, is moving along on schedule, although bad weather is hampering some phases.

Item: Bad weather also is hindering grading operations on the new Wayah Road project on the Nantahala end, but construction will swing into high gear as soon as weather permits.

Item: Proposed construction of a new highway from Franklin to the Georgia state line (US 23-441, south) still is "dangling" and there is no official word as to when the project will come up for consideration. Unofficial, but reliable sources say 14th Division Commissioner Harry E. Buchanan plans to know something definite by July, 1955.

Item: As North Carolina marks time on the US 23-441 (south) proposal, Georgia — already well into construction of a first section from the state line to Mountain City — reportedly plans to let the second section of the project from Mountain City to Clayton in about 90 days.

Cowee To Dillsboro

In order to keep the Cowee Gap-Dillsboro highway open this winter, grading operations have practically halted, according to Resident Engineer S. T. Usry.

"The weather also is holding us up", he said this week.

Except for some sections of the old highway, most of the grading on the project has been done, the engineer explained. He estimated that roughly 70 per cent of the grading yardage has been moved.

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Dimes Drive Opens Today

The annual March of Dimes drive to combat crippling polio started rolling today (Thursday) toward its \$3,000 goal under the chairmanship of G. A. Jones, Jr.

Dimes boards have been set in Franklin, coin collectors have been distributed, and several "teams" have been appointed to assist with the drive, according to Mr. Jones.

As an added feature, speakers, and if wanted entire programs dealing with the nation's all-out war on polio, will be available throughout the drive. Organizations interested in this phase may get in touch with the chairman.

Skyway Hotel Being Reopened

After being closed for nearly a year, Franklin's commercial hotel, The Skyway Hotel, is going to be reopened.

The 30-room hotel has been leased by Harry and Florence Seamon, operators of the New Regal Hotel in Murphy, according to J. H. Stockton, attorney for the hotel owners, the Schulman brothers.

It is understood the new operators plan to open the hotel within the next week or so.

Poultry School Is Scheduled

A special poultry school for Macon farmers is scheduled for next Wednesday morning, January 19, at the Agricultural Building.

Set to begin at 9:30, the program lists the following Raleigh extension officials: C. F. Parrish, Dr. Cliff W. Barber, W. C. Mills, Jr., and W. G. Andrews.

Free Tax Help Is Offered

Free assistance in preparing and filing federal income tax forms will be offered at the local U. S. Internal Revenue office in Room 201 of the Franklin Post Office one day a week, agent G. L. Forrester has announced.

Beginning Monday, and each Monday thereafter until further notice, a man will be available to help taxpayers between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and noon and 12:45 p. m. and 5:15, he said. The office has the necessary tax forms.

MRS. CARDEN DIES

Mrs. Nancy Carden, 90, well-known Macon native, died yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 9:30 at her home in the Cowee section.

Funeral services are set for 10 a. m. on Saturday at the Liberty Baptist Church. Potts Funeral Home is in charge.

BAKE SALE SLATED

The St. Agnes Episcopal Auxiliary will sponsor a bake sale Friday morning, beginning at 9 o'clock, at the Children's Shop.

Asheville Man Slated As Speaker

Gene Ochsenreiter, Jr., of Asheville, former state Jaycee president, has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker in Franklin January 31 at the Franklin Jaycees' annual awards banquet.

Mr. Ochsenreiter accepted the invitation in a letter this week to C. Banks Finger, who served as vice-president of the 1st Jaycee district during the Ochsenreiter administration, 1953-54. The one-time state leader is no stranger to Franklin, having addressed a previous awards banquet and made several visits to the local club.

Meanwhile, nominations for the "Young Man of the Year" are still being received by Jaycee Calvin Henson. This deserving young man will be presented a "Distinguished Service Award" at the banquet for contributions to his community in the past year. The Jaycees also plan to give an award to the "Boss of the Year" and two "Key Man" awards within the club membership.

A secret committee of non-Jaycees is selecting the "Young Man of the Year", and the recipient need not be a Jaycee.

How To Hunt ... The Easy Way

Bill Horsley has this bird hunting business figured out—no license, no shotgun, no hunting.

The Franklin man — an admitted "no hunter" — stepped into his front yard Wednesday morning of last week with a paper bag and promptly harvested six quail without firing a shot.

The birds apparently were victims of "flying crazy" (a condition that overcomes feathered folk at times) and ramed into the side of the Horsley home.

Bill Horsley, however, is an enter . . . and he has the skeletons to prove it!

JONES TO SPEAK

G. A. Jones, Jr., Franklin attorney, will be the guest speaker at the January 20 meeting of the Cartoogechaye Rural Community Development Organization, Miss Rose King, community reporter, has announced. The program is set for 7:30 at the Cartoogechaye School.

Teams Beat Webster In Friday Tilt

By TOMMY GNUSE Sports Editor Franklin High

Franklin's boys scored a mild upset over a highly regarded Webster basketball squad Friday night, taking a 47 to 32 victory as Willard Smith banged in 19 points.

The girls had little trouble capturing their fourth consecutive win, rolling up 54 points to Webster's 28. The Panther-

WIN 2 MORE GAMES

Tuesday night in Greenville, the Franklin teams took two more wins, the lassies downing the Greenville gals 52 to 26 and the boys winning 46 to 38.

Jodie Lenoir was high scorer with 17 points, followed by Audrey Gibson with 15. Willard Smith led the boys with 17.

Tomorrow (Friday) night the teams journey to Highlands for games, and Tuesday to Swain High in Bryson City.

ettes jumped ahead early in the game and by the half had piled up a 25 to 2 lead. Jodie Lenoir and Audrey Gibson hit for 15 and 12 points respectively, to take scoring honors for the night.

In the boys' game, Smith hit seven quick points in the opening stanza and Bobby Jack Love followed with seven in the second to pace the boys to a 23 to 9 halftime lead.

The second half was nip and tuck with the Panthers walking off with the victory. Smith had 19 points was high scorer with Love in second place with 14.

BOARD HEARS GRIEVANCES

Principal's Status Questioned; Chapel Protests Courses

A protest from the Chapel Negro P. T. A. concerning courses offered high school students and the status of Principal Harry Corbin in the Franklin Schools set-up faced the Macon Board of Education at its monthly meeting Saturday morning.

Both issues were supposedly settled after lengthy discussion.

The lack of instruction in mathematics and science prompted the Chapel protest, which was carried to the board by a small delegation.

Explaining that this is the first year high school courses have been given at Chapel, Supt. Holland McSwain said it is part of the plan "to give all courses during the four years of high school work." However, under the present situation of only 11 students enrolled, the lone high school teacher allotted to Chapel is "obviously unable to teach all subjects at one time."

"It was our plan at the beginning to work all subjects in during the four years of high school work," he said. The students this year are receiving English, his-

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Van Raalte Has Layoff

A mass layoff occurred Friday at the Van Raalte hosiery plant in Franklin, although officials have declined to comment.

It is understood the layoff hit more than 30 workers on the 51 gauge shift.

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		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 5	74	45
Thursday	68	46	trace
Friday	59	20
Saturday	55	16	trace
Sunday	49	38	.04
Monday	46	35	.45
Tuesday	42	27	.24

HIGHLANDS

	Temperatures		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 5	66	42
Thursday	64	42
Friday	trace
Saturday
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Monday	38	34	.05
Tuesday	36	26	.88

(Trace of snow on Tuesday)

COWEETA

	Temperatures		
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 5	72	44
Thursday	66	45
Friday	57	21
Saturday	56	19
Sunday	50	39	trace
Monday	43	36	.06
Tuesday	40	31	.76

This Is His First Haircut

Victim — 11-months-old Rickey Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark, of Franklin.



What're Those Things?



I'm Not Gonna Like 'Em



Hey! Take It Easy!



Help!



Why, It's Not So Bad