



Standing In Line For An X-Ray

—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

## CENTENNIAL SCENE — 'Brushy Brothers' Back From Trip

Thirteen weary "Brushy Brothers" returned to Franklin Friday night after a whirlwind tour of Raleigh and other eastern points to publicize the coming centennial celebration. The bewhiskered delegation rocked a clean-shaven Raleigh by displaying a variety of beards and styles, visited Gov. Luther Hodges Friday morning and posed for a picture with the chief executive doffing a top hat, appeared on Carl Goerch's radio program for an airwaves centennial plug, visited the House of Representatives and Senate, and chatted with Secretary of State Thad Eure and Edwin T. Gill, state treasurer.

This tight-knit schedule explains the delegation's weariness. The group left here early Thursday morning.

Making the trip were Mayor W. C. Burrell, Alderman A. G. Cagle, Commissioner Wiley Brown, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Register of Deeds Lake V. Shope, J. S. Gray, John Cunningham, Richard Slagle, Bruce Palmer, Woodrow Gibson, Elbert Angel, I. T. Peek, and Holland McSwain, centennial co-chairman.

Meanwhile, plans for the celebration June 16-17-18 are moving along, with the "King and Queen of Centennial" contest soon to bow on the scene to fire activity.

A tentative three-day program is also being roughed out. It is planned to have a centennial booth in operation on the square by Saturday to handle the sale of souvenirs and badges.

### Records Due In

Records of "The Franklin Centennial Jump", a specially arranged tune recorded several weeks ago by a local recording artist, Les Waldrop, as a contribution to the celebration, are expected to arrive from a west coast recording studio within the next week. Only 250 records were ordered by the committee and about 200 are to be sold as souvenirs. Some 50 will be put

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## X-RAY UNIT KEEPS BUSY

Estimated 4,000  
Over 15 Turn Out  
For Free Service

By yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, more than 4,000 Maconians over the age of 15 had taken advantage of the free chest X-ray service offered by the Macon Tuberculosis Association.

This unofficial estimate was given The Press just before presstime by Fred Dowdle, county chairman. However, he said it would not miss the official count by more than a few.

With the week-end closing of the mobile X-ray unit Saturday afternoon, 3,373 persons had received the service by official count. The unit did not operate Monday and official figures for Tuesday and Wednesday were not available. But, Mr. Dowdle estimated—using prior daily averages—that another 1,000 received X-rays during the two days. This estimate, coupled with the official 3,373, puts the figure over 4,000.

The mobile unit rolled into the county Tuesday of last week at Nantahala where 228 were X-rayed. Wednesday, the unit moved into Franklin for a six-day stop-over and in four days gave 2,417 X-rays. Another unit entered the county for a one-stop visit in Highlands last Thursday. The chairman reported 417 visited this unit.

Mr. Dowdle estimated the turn-out county-wide at better than 90 per cent of those over the 15 year age limit.

While it was in Franklin, members of the V. F. W. Auxiliary, and Junior Woman's Club served the unit as clerks and hostesses.

## Detroit Gets A Badge

In Detroit, a man who hasn't been here in 30 years is wearing a Franklin Centennial badge.

He is Charles Weaver, a native of the Cartoogechaye section.

It all grew out of the expedition to Raleigh last week of a bewhiskered Franklin group; about a dozen visited the capital city to call on the governor and other officials, to make sure they knew Franklin is about to have a Centennial.

In the party was James S. (Jim) Gray. Someone who saw Mr. Gray's Centennial badge approached him, and wanted to know about the Centennial plans.

He proved to be Mr. Weaver, in Raleigh on business. He asked where he could get a badge. Mr. Gray agreed to attend to that, and got a badge in the mail to the Detroit Monday morning.

### GETS BIG TROUT

Clyde Houston pulled a 20½-inch brown trout out of the Cullasaja River Saturday afternoon. The big fish is on display at Willie Moses' station.

## Fire Danger 'Critical' In County

Fire danger in Macon County is in the "critical" stage and only a heavy rain can ease the situation, according to Wayah District Ranger W. L. Nothstein.

County Ranger J. Fred Bryson said yesterday (Wednesday) no more burning permits will be issued until the picture brightens.

Meanwhile, fire watchers keep scanning the vast blanket of forest land in the area for that tell-tale wisp of smoke.

No fires have been reported since three acres were burned over on Matlock Creek Tuesday of last week. Ranger Nothstein said.

But, in the week before, federal and state crews battled nearly a dozen small blazes in several sections of the county.

Even a light rain is not going to help the situation much, the ranger feels.

"What we need is a gusher . . . sufficient rain to wet the forest floor."

## F. F. A. Chapter Ready To Compete In Area Event

The Franklin Future Farmers of America plan to be in the thick of activities Friday and Saturday at a district F. F. A. rally in Asheville.

The local chapter is competing in the farm improvement contests and projects and is shooting for the top in the state contest. Last year the chapter won the district contest and placed third in the state.

Saturday at the Biltmore Estate, the F. F. A. dairy judging team, which won first place in the Nantahala Federation judging contest in Clemson, S. C., on April 21, will compete against teams from 24 other counties. The team is composed of Buddy McClure, Bill McCall, Mark Dowdle, and Zeb Guffie, Jr., alternate.

## TO SPEND \$35,000 — Lodge Building Plans Given

An expenditure of \$35,000, including furnishings, is going into the new two-story temple the Masonic Lodge plans to build in Franklin at an early date, according to Ernest Hyde, chairman of the building committee.

A proposal to build on the site of the present lodge hall—a familiar Church Street landmark for more than 75 years—was approved by members at a meeting Tuesday of last week after several years of planning.

However, not all of the historic old structure will give way to progress and modernization. The old tower is to be

## WORK CALL FOR MALES IS ISSUED

Burlington Ready  
To Hire Men 18-25  
For Plant Here

Burlington Industries, Inc., is now ready to accept applications from men for employment at its Franklin hosiery plant, according to Stephen A. Bundy, superintendent.

Only men in the 18 to 25 age group will be considered at present.

As has been the policy in the employment of women since the plant training program opened in February, all applications must be handled through the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, the superintendent emphasized.

An E. S. C. representative, S. P. Davis, of the Bryson City office, is in Franklin at the courthouse every Monday and Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. to receive applications.

In an announcement last week, Mr. Bundy set May 30 as the opening production at the \$3,000,000 plant just outside the city limits on US 23-441.

Approximately 60 persons will be working at first, but this number is expected to go over 300 in a year and a half as an expansion program builds up.

## Amateur Contest Set To Raise Band Funds

An amateur contest, the proceeds earmarked for the Macon County Band, is set for tomorrow (Friday) night at the Iotia School, it has been announced.

Prizes are being offered to the three best acts.

The program also will include some numbers by the county band.

## W. S. C. S. Meeting

A meeting of the Macon sub-district, Womens Society of Christian Service, is set for Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the Franklin Methodist Church.

## Board Approves Teacher Selections

The newly appointed three-man Macon County Board of Education has approved all principals and teachers elected by the district committees.

However, this over-all stamp of approval did not come until after the board, in regular session Wednesday night of last week, suggested a reconsideration of the Cowee principalship. T. T. Love, Cowee principal for a number of years, was not reelected and Alex Arnold, Cowee teacher, was given the post.

## Band Concert Is Sunday In Franklin

The new 70-piece Macon County Band, under the direction of T. A. Orr, will present a free concert Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Franklin High Stadium.

In the event of bad weather, the director said the concert will be rescheduled the following Sunday afternoon at the same hour.

The hour-long concert will mark the first appearance of the new county musical group, which is composed of young music students from Franklin High, Franklin Elementary, East Franklin, Cullasaja, Union, Cowee, Otto, Cartoogechaye, Highlands, and Otto.

A program had not been announced at presstime, but Mr. Orr said it will cover most musical fields, including marches and some modern numbers.

The expansion of the Franklin music program to cover the whole county and give all pupils an opportunity to play in the

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## 'Sunday Dinner' To Raise Funds For Youth Center

A "Sunday dinner" to raise funds for a proposed youth center for Franklin's younger set will be staged from 12 noon to 1:30 this Sunday in the Franklin High cafeteria.

Interested citizens pushing for a center have now decided to build on land donated by A. A. Siler on West Main Street.

A previous plan was to convert a garage at the rear of Dr. G. R. McSwain's clinic into a temporary center. Although Dr. McSwain offered to pay for repairs and improvements when the garage ceased to be used as a center, the proposal hit some snags. Some opposing the idea felt the garage was not large enough.

Several fund-raising campaigns are now in the planning stages to finance a building.

The "Sunday dinner" is the first. Mrs. Harve Bryant is general chairman of arrangements.

### Adopts Resolution

On recommendation of Supt. Holland McSwain, the board also adopted a resolution barring principals and teachers from holding office in a political party or political organization.

The resolution, which received unanimous approval, states:

"Whereas, it appears to the Macon County Board of Education that it is not to the best interest of the public schools of Macon County for teachers or principals to hold any office in

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## Late News and Briefs

### POWER OFF

Power on the Georgia highway and Murphy highway lines will be off tonight (Thursday) from 11:30 to 6 a. m. Friday, the Nantahala Power and Light Company has announced.

The power also was off Tuesday and Wednesday.

Crews are installing a power line to the new Burlington Industries, Inc., plant.

### ELECTIONS HELD

Schools in the district have been holding elections for the past week to select officers for the "Government for a Day" program, which is to be staged tomorrow (Friday).

The young office holders will take over Franklin town offices and county posts.

### FIRE EXTINGUISHED

After a two-hour battle, Franklin firemen extinguished a stubborn brush fire early Friday morning behind Trmton Inn on Harrison Avenue.

The alarm was sounded about 2 o'clock.

One truck was brought into play.



'BRUSHY BROTHERS' who 'invaded' Raleigh and points east last Thursday and Friday strike a centennial pose in front of the 'caliboose' just prior to their departure. They are (L to R)

Woodrow Gibson, Wiley Brown, J. S. Gray, Holland McSwain, I. T. Peek, Mayor W. C. Burrell, Bruce Palmer, John Cunningham, and Sheriff J. Harry Thomas. Standing behind are Elbert Angel and Richard Slagle.



A couple of weeks back, it was cows fraternizing with a rabbit in The Press oddity department. This week it's a ladder-climbing dog. At the Wayah Bald Easter sunrise service, the newspaper's photographer felt hot breath on his neck. Turning he faced the big Boxer peering down from a tree. The dog belongs to the R. S. Jones family.