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**TRAFFIC WAS BLOCKED** for some time on US 23-441 last Thursday afternoon while wreckers, bulldozer, and a motor grader pulled this big tractor-trailer truck back on the highway. The truck driver, Bill Winger, said the trailer jackknifed in the deep curve above the Roller Mill Bridge during a light rain. The truck came within inches of toppling over and down the steep embankment. The mishap occurred about 4:30 and the truck was not pulled out until after 7 o'clock. The truck, owned by Florida Oyster Shell Products Company, Tampa, Fla., had unloaded in Franklin and was headed back to Florida.

## Fire Danger Lessens When Rains Come

Soaking rains at intervals during the past week have turned the forest fire danger in Macon County from "critical" to "excellent", according to Wayah District Ranger W. L. Nothstein.

With forests oven-dry and the threat of fire hanging in delicate balance, both national and state forest officials breathed collective sighs of relief when much-needed rain began peppering the county last Thursday. It has been raining at intervals since.

"As things stand now, unless we have an unseasonable dry spell we should make it into fall without too much trouble (from fires)," the ranger said yesterday (Wednesday).

The spring fire season generally ends about May 15, he added.

Despite the "critical" dry stage, the county has pulled through with only a few small fires.

## HIGHWAY PAVING SET IN AUGUST

Engineer Reports On Construction In Jackson County

Paving of the 9.42-mile section of US 23-441 in Jackson County, tie-in project for the completed link from Franklin to Cowee Gap, is scheduled for August, according to Resident Engineer S. T. Usry.

"Of course, that depends on a lot of things, weather included," he added. But, as construction stands now, the highway should be ready for surfacing by then, the engineer said.

Most of the work by the contracting concern, Macon Construction Company, is now inside a four-mile strip along Savannah Creek, where grading and filling is under way. Both ends of the project already have been completed.

Mr. Usry said about another month should see the grading at an end along the Savannah Creek strip.

About two more weeks' work on the two I-beam bridges near where Greens Creek and Savannah Creek join will see them finished, the engineer said. All other structures on the project have been completed.

## 2nd Round Of Vaccine Is Coming

The second round of Salk polio vaccine should be administered to Macon's first and second graders the last of this week or the first of next, according to Mrs. Mary Burnette, district school health nurse.

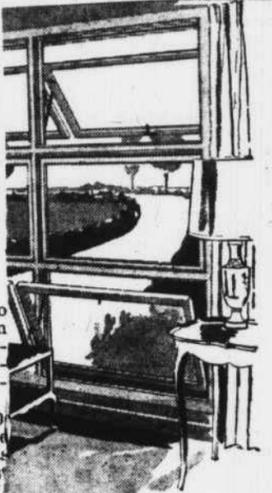
Shipments of the vaccine are expected at any time, the nurse said.

However, the program will not be started until enough is on hand to supply Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, Mrs. Burnette added.

The program was halted two weeks ago for an investigation of manufacturers of the vaccine.

## F. F. A. BOYS TAKE FIRST IN DISTRICT

Dairy Judging Team Wins; Five Members Win Top Honors



## S OF NEW I FLEXIVENTS

Existent Window Units can be says.

Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sutton, of Clark's Chapel community, has been consistently in the F. F. A. limelight for a number of years. Now a student at Western Carolina College, he has a herd of 21. His net income during the school year 1954-55 was \$3,858.30. He plans to become a full-time dairy farmer when he completes his education.

Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fouts, of the Cowee community, is a sophomore this year. He set out 5,000 pine seedlings on three acres of hillside land and to guard against fire placed a fire line around a large area of timber on his father's farm. He also thinned...

## Late News and Briefs

**DOWDLE DIES AT HOME**  
John Edwin Dowdle, 78, a farmer and Macon native, died yesterday (Wednesday) at 6:40 a. m. at his home in the Bonny Crest section of Franklin. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

**HURT IN WRECK**  
Mrs. Henrietta Kennedy, who operates the mail truck between Franklin and Cornelia, Ga., was injured in a two-vehicle wreck Tuesday morning on US 23-441 near Norris store. She was treated at Angel Clinic.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, at Highways 101, 102, 103, and 104, and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	83	49	...
Thursday	79	51	.10
Friday	72	60	1.04
Saturday	76	56	.06
Sunday	69	52	trace
Monday	63	54	2.43
Tuesday	78	54	.20

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	78	52	...
Thursday	71	50	...
Friday	72	42	1.09
Saturday	56	52	.25
Sunday	54	50	2.41
Monday	66	50	2.53

COWETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	83	41	...
Thursday	74	50	1.78
Friday	70	59	1.08
Saturday	78	52	...
Sunday	64	53	1.21
Monday	58	55	1.77
Tuesday	75	53	trace

## Plant Men Arriving

More Burlington Industries, Inc., officials are arriving on the Franklin scene as the May 30 date for beginning production at the \$3,000,000 plant here draws nearer.

Dan Steward, who has been with the Scottsboro plant in Alabama, came in Saturday. He is a supervisor of knitting. Mr. Steward and his family are living in the Grist home on Bidwell Street.

Scheduled to arrive today (Thursday) is James Murray, a fixer. He has been with the Harriman, Tenn., plant. He and his family have taken the George Reece house.

Two officials are slated to arrive tomorrow. Coming from the Harriman plant is Jimmy Yearly, supervisor of knitting. He and his family will live in the Arvil Parker home. The other, Don Graham, will be director of training. He is from the Scottsboro plant and will stay for the present at Kelly's Inn. Mr. Graham is single.

Saturday should see Lee M. Stamps and family arrive from Harriman. He is a fixer. They will live in the Earl Bradley home in East Franklin.

## Power Crews Install Line For New Plant

Crews of the Nantahala Power and Light Company burned some of that "midnight oil" to install the power line to the new Burlington Industries, Inc., plant.

They finished the job early Saturday morning while the town's roosters were still snoozing away, according to Mac Whitaker.

The job of putting in a heavier line (from a No. 4 to a No. 3/0) was scheduled last Thursday night and Friday morning, but rain interfered.

While the line was installed, temporary power was supplied the Franklin Hatchery and the Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc., Mr. Whitaker said.

## 400 ATTEND BAND CONCERT

First Appearance For County Group; Members Listed

An estimated 400 persons turned out Sunday afternoon under cloudy skies in Franklin to hear the first concert of the new Macon County Band.

Under the direction of T. A. Orr, the 70-piece musical group moved professionally through a program of marches and some popular numbers in the Franklin Stadium.

A series of other concerts, designed to introduce the band to community groups and clubs county-wide, is now being planned by the director.

This is the first year the band director has taught music in the county schools and the large band is an outgrowth of the old Franklin group.

Members of the band, by schools, are:

Franklin High: Ellen Calloway, Doris Shook, Patsy McFalls, Patricia Littleton, Vernard Littleton, Margaret Thomas, Ellen Franks, Jimmy Parrish, Nancy Angel, Anthony Orr, Eugene Dowdle, Paulette Ward, Norma Childers, Frances Tal- lent, Gene Morrow, Shirley Cruse, Myrtle Dryman, Joann

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## 'Operation' For Seniors

"Operation Opportunity" will be staged in Franklin next Wednesday for Franklin High's 141 graduating seniors.

Sponsored by the Jaycees, the project consists of guided tours of businesses and industries in the county to acquaint the seniors with local opportunities for employment.

"Every year we lose many of our young people because they feel there is no employment for them here", Dr. G. R. McSween, project chairman explained. "We hope this project will open many eyes to the things our own county has to offer".

## Nantahala Girl Wins Alcoa Grant

A Nantahala girl, Miss Ellen H. (Bobbie) Conley, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the Alcoa Foundation, it was announced this week by Ralph L. Smith, chairman of the Nantahala Power and Light Company selection committee.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conley, she is a senior at Andrews High School and was selected for the scholarship from a group of 23 sons and daughters of Alcoa employees in



Miss Conley

the state, Mr. Smith said. Her father is chief operator of the Nantahala plant and has been with the company nearly 15 years.

Miss Conley received a certificate of scholarship at a high school assembly program yesterday (Wednesday). The presentation was made by L. B. Nichols, the Cherokee County member of the selection committee. Mr. Smith and John M. Archer, Jr., Nantahala president, were among those attending the brief ceremony.

The young scholarship recipient has an outstanding record in high school. She has held elective class offices for three years, played basketball for four, served as cheerleader for two, and is salutatorian of her graduating class. Although her future plans are indefinite, she says they include a college career in the medical field.

Other members of the selection committee for the Nantahala district are Stanley W. Black, of Bryson City; Dr. Paul A. Reid, of Cullowhee; W. H. Flake, of Robbinsville; and W. G. Crawford, of Franklin.

Alcoa inaugurated the scholarship program in the fall of 1953. One scholarship is allotted the Nantahala area.

## Mrs. Justice Resigns A. S. C. Position Here

Mrs. Mary B. Justice, of the Holly Springs community, has resigned as head of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Franklin, effective June 1.

She has headed the office for nine of her 11 years with the service.

Until its name was changed last year, the office operated as the Production Marketing Administration.

Applications for a new office manager to succeed Mrs. Justice are now being received.

## PLANNING FOR SERIES

Revival Scheduled June 27-July 2; Bishop To Preach

Advance planning for the annual interdenominational evangelistic series in Franklin the week of June 27-July 2 is now under way, according to the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

Guest minister this year will be the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, of Asheville, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina.

As in the past, the series is set for the Friendship Tabernacle.

Committees working on advance arrangements include the Rev. David Barkley, music; Norman Blaine, entertainment; Elbert Angel, building and grounds; Mr. Morgan, publicity; H. W. Cabe, finance; the Rev. M. W. Chapman, program; Horace Nolen, ushers; and the Rev. William Shields, special arrangements.

Selection of a guest minister fell to the Episcopal church this year under a rotation plan used by local churches for the annual series.

## OPERETTA SATURDAY

An operetta, "Upon Old Smoky", will be presented Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Cullasaja School, it has been announced.



AGRICULTURAL TEACHER Wayne Proffitt (seated) gives his F. F. A. dairy judging team members a final briefing prior to their departure for Asheville where it took top honors in the district contest. Team members are (L to R) Bill McCall, Buddy McClure, Mark Dowdle, and Zeb Guffie, Jr., alternate. The local F. F. A. chapter also took first place in the district.



NEW LAW took over Friday in Franklin during the "Government for a Day" project for students. "Police Chief" Morris Jones (left) is shown filling out a parking ticket on Main Street while his assistant, Dewey Taylor, checks the license number. The "officers" handed out 41 tickets. Ten motorists came in to pay fines. (See picture layout and story on Page 10).