



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

IT'S DEBATABLE which is prettier, Miss Jane Zickgraf or the flame azalea she is photographed with. You, the reader (and looker), may decide for yourself to save argument. Miss Zickgraf lives in Franklin and the flame azalea is just beginning to bloom at the lower elevations of mile-high Wayah Bald. To accommodate lovers of flame azalea, Taylor Construction Company has agreed to make every effort to keep the Wayah Road, which is under construction, open to Wayah Gap on the Franklin side until June 20. Annually, hundreds drive here to view the colorful stands of azalea and mountain laurel on the Bald. (Just for the record, the photographer would much rather look at Miss Zickgraf, but must admit that in combination the two are hard to beat).

'NOT WORST' HOUK SAYS

Macon Representative Says Legislature Was Not 'Cap Buster' One

Regardless of published opinions of many over the state, Macon Rep. G. L. Houk thinks the 1955 Legislature was "one of the hardest working bunch" he's seen in some 25 years of observing legislatures at work. "It may not have been the best, but it lacked a lot of being the worst," he declared in an interview this week.

And it did not deserve the "cap buster legislature" label hung on it by some newspapers, Mr. Houk added.

Aside from the fact that the '55 session turned out more measures than any one body in the last 22 years, the representative said "quite a bit of thought and study" went into a number of items, including bringing school law up-to-date, consideration of conservation and control of water resources of the state, and the "very controversial budget, which twice was revised downward."

Discussing budgetary headaches encountered by the legislators, including proposed special taxes, Mr. Houk said the flexibility of the financial set-up shows "North Carolina's economy is probably the most delicately balanced of any in the country."

On the water conservation proposal, he said the state for the first time realizes water is most "vital and necessary" and needs controls just as fish and wildlife.

The representative introduced eight measures in the house, including the 33rd senatorial district rotation measure, which leaves balloting for a senator to the county in which he is running.

Coach Barnwell Hired As Youth Program Director

Franklin High Coach Howard Barnwell has been hired to direct a county youth center program which is scheduled to get under way the week after the Centennial celebration.

Plans to build a youth center in Franklin have been postponed indefinitely by the group of interested citizens backing the youth program.

These two actions — selecting Coach Barnwell and tabling building plans — highlighted a meeting of citizens and teenagers Wednesday night of last week.

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Cowee School Patrons Ask Return Of Principal Love

Macon's three-man board of education Monday night had the now controversial Cowee principalship issue tossed in its lap again.

Charging "politics" in frequent exchanges, a delegation of men and women from Cowee handed the board petitions calling for the reappointment of T. T. Love as head of the school.

Mr. Love was not reelected to the post by the district committee. A Cowee teacher, Alex Arnold, was named principal and already has signed a contract for the 1955-56 school year.

Tense situations that developed during the board's interval with the delegation were held in check by Chairman Erwin

Patton, who continually reminded the delegation that the school board, under the law, does not elect or discharge principals or teachers, but only approves or disapproves the recommendations of the district committee.

Petitions handed the board contain the signatures of 371 Cowee School patrons, according to C. N. West, who acted as spokesman for the delegation. This number, he told the board, is about 93 per cent of the eligible voters of the school district.

Resents Insinuation
At one point, a charge by Mr. West that the board, which was appointed by Rep. G. L. Houk, was "rigged" brought

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Here's Centennial Program Thursday

- Thursday "Governor's Day"**
- 10:00 a. m.: "Miss Centennial" Parade in downtown area.
 - 11:00 a. m.: Crowning of "Miss Centennial" by Gov. Luther H. Hodges.
 - 11:30 a. m.: Contests—corn husking, bean stringing, churning.
 - 1:00 p. m.: Dedication of Municipal Building by governor, followed by address by governor, burial of time capsule, and presentation of Centennial Plaque for building.
 - 3:00 p. m.: Contests—spelling bee, woodchopping, milking (by hand), and best quilt top.
 - 4:00 p. m.: Pie eating contest for all under 18 years.
 - 4:30 p. m.: "Fashion show" and prizes for the best pack of hounds.
 - 8:00 p. m.: Free square dance on town square, music by Hunter Young's String Band.

Friday "Parade Day"

- 10:00 a. m.: Contests—(a) oldest dress, (b) most fashionable dress, (c) prettiest bonnet, (d) oldest men's suit, (e) most original attire, (f) most outstanding couple.
- 11:30 a. m.: Ox (or steer) race.
- 2:00 p. m.: "Parade Of Progress"—floats, bands, and marchers to assemble on Depot Street at 1 o'clock.
- 4:00 p. m.: Contests—hog calling, ugliest man, fattest man and woman, biggest feet, etc.
- 8:00 p. m.: Old timey hymn singing at courthouse, featuring local and visiting quartets and singers.
- 8:00 p. m.: Free square dance on town square, music by Hunter Young's String Band.

Saturday "Homecoming Day"

- 10:00 a. m.: "Welcome" by Mayor W. C. Burrell.
- 10:30 a. m.: Beard Contests—selection of "Brushiest Brother in Franklin", longest full beard, curliest beard, most original beard, bushiest mustache, bet goatee or Vandike, and most original beard.
- 1:30 p. m.: "Progress Tour" of some outstanding sections of county. Automobiles to assemble at Agricultural Building on Church Street. County Agent T. H. Fagg, lead car.
- 5:00 p. m.: Free Barbecue at Franklin High School.
- 8:00 p. m.: "Brushy Brothers" and "Belles of the Bustle" Dance at Franklin Feed Mill, by admission. Event to feature the crowning of the "King and Queen of Centennial".

All churches requested to emphasize the freedoms of this country.

ALDERMEN SET SAME TAX RATE

\$1.10 Per Hundred Valuation Approved For Eighth Year

Franklin's tax rate of \$1.10 per hundred valuation — now ending its seventh year — has been given a vote of confidence for the new fiscal year 1955-56.

Following a review of the new budget estimate in session Monday night, the board of aldermen decided municipal affairs could be administered for

CLEAN-UP ASKED

In a special resolution, the Franklin Board of Aldermen has requested citizens to observe a clean-up period beginning today (Thursday) and running through the 18th — the closing day of the Centennial celebration.

All are urged to clean-up their premises and burn all trash. Rubbish that won't burn will be picked up by the town garbage truck on request. This service may be obtained by telephoning 38.

Owners of vacant lots are asked to cut weeds and brush and clean them off.

another year at the old rate.

A budget will be adopted by the board at its July meeting. Under a new law, a budget estimate is now open for inspection in the town office. The law states the estimate must be available for 20 days prior to adoption of a budget.

While exact figures cannot be compiled at this time, Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey said the 1955-56 budget will be about the same as last year — "something around \$100,000. Taxable valuation will be above three million, he added.

In other business, the board contracted Perry M. Weaver, certified public accountant, to make the annual audit for \$350; voted to hire an extra man to work on the garbage truck for three months with instructions that sweeping of Main Street begin at 5:30 a. m. daily; and requested the street committee to make a survey of streets for a paving and graveling program later in the summer.

RUFUS GREEN PASSES HERE

Was Known Widely As 'Craftsman'; Dies At Age 92

Rufus Coleman Green, at 92 one of the county's oldest citizens and known widely as a "craftsman" cabinet maker and machinist, died Wednesday of last week (June 1) at 7 a. m. at his Franklin home.

He had been in declining health for several years and had not worked for about four.

Funeral services for Mr. Green were conducted the day after his death at the Franklin Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Officiating were the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor, and the Rev. W. N. Cook, retired Baptist minister. Burial was in the Holly Springs Cemetery.

Although born in the Green's Creek section of Jackson County, Mr. Green spent most of his life in Macon. His contributions were many. Considered one of the finest cabinet makers and machinists in the area, even though self-taught, old friends recall that he had the first steel lathe in Franklin and one of the first electric motors — the latter wired for operation by John Gribble.

But above all this, they recall Rufus Green time and again through the years showed he was a "true neighbor" by always being ready to give a helping hand regardless of the situation.

He was born July 20, 1862, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Green. Mr. Green was married three times, first to Miss Maggie Holland, who died in 1908, later to Miss Jennie Shuler, who died in 1915, and then to Miss Octa Deal, who died in February, 1949. His children were by his first wife.

Surviving are two sons, Elmer, SEE NO. 3, PAGE 4

Plans For Town's Centennial Celebration Falling In Place

Legion Groups Pick Delegates To Youth Meets

Delegates to the annual Boys' State and Girls' State have been selected by the American Legion post and auxiliary.

Both events are set for June 12 to 17, the girls' at Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and the boys' at the university in Chapel Hill.

Tommy Gnuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gnuse, Jr., of Franklin, and Jerry Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, are the two being sponsored by the post, Miss Joyce Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Jack) Gribble, of Franklin, Route 2, is the auxiliary representative.

All three are Franklin High students and were selected on the basis of scholastic ability and extra-curricular activities. They were chosen from among several submitted for consideration, according to Legion officials.

Finger Named To Industry Program Job

C. Banks Finger, Franklin attorney, has been appointed western representative to the Small Industrial Development Plan, it has been announced.

The function of the plan is to screen industries for small towns and communities over the state.

Gov. Luther H. Hodges suggested the plan and is being assisted by the N. C. Jaycees.

Annual Gibson Reunion Is Scheduled Sunday

The annual Gibson reunion will be held Sunday, June 12, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Welch in the Cowee community.

Descendants of John Stewart Gibson and Martha Carroll Gibson are asked to come and bring picnic lunch.

With Franklin's 100th birthday party just a week away, a last-minute push to whip final arrangements into shape for the Centennial celebration's many features is very evident.

But, the pieces for the "big shindig" next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are dropping into place, Centennial officials report, and the three-day party appears destined to become one of the most talked about events of the next century.

Another "Struttin' Day" is slated in town Saturday to give celebrants the opportunity to "show out" in Centennial finery prior to the actual celebration.

Weather permitting, parades are planned at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Last Saturday's "Struttin'", led by Rep. G. L. Houk in a period costume complete to bat-wing collar, was small, but gave rise to thousands of comments and promise that this Saturday's show is going to be quite an event.

Have Some Room? Let C. Of C. Know

It would be too bad if people who come here for next week's Centennial celebration could find no place to stay. That easily might happen, though, because indications are there may be more visitors in town than the tourist courts, motels, and tourist homes can accommodate.

With that in mind, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce this week asked that every private home that can accommodate one or more guests during the Centennial celebration notify the Chamber of Commerce booth on West Main Street.

The telephone number is 80, and the booth is open daily from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 to 7 p. m.

FARM BUREAU ORGANIZED

Parker Is President; District Farm Agent Is Guest Speaker

A new farm organization, Farm Bureau, was formed in this county Friday night at the Agricultural Building.

Bob Parker, of Franklin, Route 1, was elected president; J. S. Gray, of the Hickory Knoll section, vice-president; and Mrs. Mary B. Justice, of Holly Springs, secretary-treasurer.

District Farm Agent Bryan Collins substituted for the guest speaker, Clyde R. Greene, of Boone, who was called out of town at the last minute. Mr. Greene is state A.S.C. chairman.

The program of Farm Bureau was explained by O. L. Yates, of Waynesville, field representative.

Cooperation Urged

With a budget of more than \$2,500 set up for parade prizes, a free barbecue, and other features, Centennial officials are urging all men and women in Franklin over the age of 18 to purchase "Brushy Brothers" and "Belles of the Bustle" badges at once so financial arrangements can be made.

For the most part, sale of the badges constitutes the financial backing for the entire celebration and the success of the venture hinges on the cooperation of all citizens, it was pointed out.

Other fund-raising projects being pushed by the Centennial committee include Centennial plates, "Franklin Centennial Boogie" records, "Davy Crockett" hats, and other small items.

Only a limited number of plates and records are on hand, it is reported. Both sell for \$2. About 200 plates and 150 records are left. No reorders are planned for either, so sales are to be first-come-first-serve.

Program Deadline
This (Thursday) morning is the deadline for obtaining an ad in the official Centennial program, which is dedicated to the war dead of the county. Because of the small size of the program, advertising also is being sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. J. C. Jacobs and Bill Bryant are in charge of the program.

Most Are Free
Most of the features of the celebration will be free to visitors and homefolks alike. Free square dances are planned nightly on the town square with music by Hunter Young's String Band. Lon Dalton, chairman, reports dance arrangements are "in order". He also issued an invitation to all entertainers — from fiddlers to buck dancers — to contact him any of the three nights and they will be given a spot on the program.

In line with this, musical entertainment will be going on day and night during the three days, it is reported.

Contests—ranging from milking to hog calling, and, of course, dress and beard events—are sandwiched between the main events. Persons entering the contests will be required to display a Centennial badge. Certificates and cash prizes will be awarded.

Around Courthouse
Most of the activities will center around the county courthouse.

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Mason Stiles, F.S. weather observer, in Highlands by W. N. Poff and W. C. Switzer, TVA observers, and at the Coxeata Hydrologic Laboratory.

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Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., June 1	80	38
Thursday	81	40
Friday	84	40
Saturday	84	42
Sunday	85	47
Monday	81	54	.03
Tuesday	77	59	.038

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., June 1	78	38
Thursday	80	39
Friday	82	40
Saturday	81	42	.035
Sunday	82	46	.013
Monday	80	51	.08
Tuesday	75	57	.460



MACON Representative G. L. Houk turned out in his best bib and tucker Saturday to lead the Centennial "struttin'". His partner in the parade of styles was Mrs. Lucinda Bryant Crownover. Another "struttin'" is planned this coming Saturday.