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## Tourist Traveling Below '54 Influx

### Franklin Chamber Reports Decrease In Ticket Sales

Be it weather, penny pinching, highway construction or lack of interest in the area the influx of tourists isn't what it was this time last year.

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce gives some indication of the situation, along with those depending upon the tourist dollar to sustain them during the lean winter months.

At the chamber's booth during June, about 100 persons stopped for information, according to Miss Ruth Angel, who is in charge. This compares with more than 200 for the same period last year.

Another index is Cherokee's crowd-drawing drama, "Unto These Hills." Ticket sales to the show at the information booth are far behind '54. From June 25 (opening night) to July 10, Miss Angel reported ticket sales here totaled \$159. Last year they hit \$316 for the same period.

### Rays Of Sunshine

But, some rays of sunshine are doing their best to poke through the clouds of tourist inactivity.

On a cheerier note, Miss Angel said "business has picked up some since the Fourth."

Also, some offer the idea that the unseasonably chilly weather experienced in the area even into June slowed the tourist influx, but in turn will serve to lengthen the season into October and November when autumn and fall coloring is at its peak.

Then too, the Cowee Gap-Dillsboro link of US 23-441, the main travel artery through this section, is to be out of the pangs of construction and paved in September, according to highway department officials.

### Interests Varied

The interests of those stopping at the information booth on Main Street are varied.

A recurring question is "why are all the highways closed and when are they going to open up," Miss Angel has noted.

Others stop in for directions to the area's many beautiful scenic spots; others want information on activities; and few just drop by to speak favorably about the place they are staying; and some want leads on real estate.

Since opening, between 30 and 35 mail inquiries have been received each week. Most of these, the secretary said, wanted information on the area, rather than the names of places to stay.

About 200 pieces of literature on Franklin and the area go out of the office each week through the mails.

## Stolen Auto Found Here

A 1951 Chevrolet reported stolen Saturday night in Forest City was found abandoned in this county Tuesday afternoon, according to Deputy Newell Pendergrass.

The officer said the vehicle was parked by the side of the highway on US 64 in the Upper Cartoogechaye section.

## Youth Center Drive Is Now Under Way

A membership drive for the Franklin Youth Center is now under way.

Memberships are \$3. The money is being used to finance the summer recreational program.

Bob Carpenter is in charge of the adult drive. Young people may get in touch with Coach Howard Barnwell, program director, or Norman Smith for memberships.

## Patrolman's Father Dies In Twin City

Highway Patrolman A. A. Lewis was called to Winston-Salem Monday by the death of his father, the Rev. M. A. Lewis.

The patrolman's father and mother were week-end visitors in Highlands.

## Brief Court Term Seen For August

Mrs. Kate Wrinn, clerk of Superior Court, predicts a "very short term" here in August.

Only some 30 new cases have been added to the criminal docket since the April term, she reported this week. This number, coupled with about 50 hold-over cases from past terms, means the August docket is going to be the lightest in years. As a rule, the docket runs in the neighborhood of 175 to 200 cases.

"Probably two days" will wind up all civil matters coming up for trial this term, Mrs. Wrinn said.

Scheduled to preside at the mixed term, which will convene the 1st, is Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, resident judge of the 30th Judicial District. Jurors for the one week session were selected last week.

## Something Big To Remember

John F. Cunningham has something big to remind him of his vacation this year.

The 81-year-old Macon native landed a 26 pound mackerel while fishing in Chesapeake Bay.

He and Mrs. Cunningham have just returned home from Gwynn Beach, Va. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in March. They live in the Carson community.

## C. R. Cabe, Former County Commissioner, Dies At 78

Charles Robert Cabe, 78, retired farmer and former county commissioner, died last Thursday at his Otto home after an illness of six months.

A native of this county, he served 12 years on the board of county commissioners, eight as a member and four as chairman, from 1924 to 1928. He also served for a period as county accountant while on the board.

Funeral services for Mr. Cabe were conducted Monday at 2:30 p. m. at the Asbury Methodist Church by the Rev. R. L. Poindecker. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The son of Z. P. and Mrs. Mary Ann Mann Cabe, he was born May 29, 1877. On September 29, 1897, he was married to Miss Martha Lou Campbell, who survives. Mr. Cabe was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Other survivors include two sons, Claude and Neville Cabe, of Otto; four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Norton, of Otto, Mrs. Vance Rogers, of Darrington, Wash., Mrs. Charles M. Rogers and Mrs. Ted Blaine, both of Franklin; a brother, John E. Cabe, of Otto; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bryant Funeral Home.

## 3 Volunteer For Induction

Three men volunteered for induction into the U. S. Army through the local draft board and Monday morning were sent to Knoxville, Tenn., for processing.

They were Robert L. Bateman, William C. Solesbee, and Harold J. Bradley.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary, has announced no calls, either induction or pre-induction, for August.

## Tallent-Jacobs Clan Reunion Set July 24

The Tallent and Jacobs family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tallent on Womack Street in Franklin July 24, it has been announced by the president, Frank Tallent. All relatives are invited to come and bring basket lunch.

## Local Delegation Of 4-H Clubbers Eyeing Excursion

A delegation of Macon 4-Hers are looking ahead to "4-H Club Week" and a trip to Raleigh the latter part of this month.

The event is scheduled the week of July 25-30. Assistant County Agent James G. Flanagan is to be in charge of the local group.

Several will compete in the contest features of the state event.

Among those indicating plans for attending are Betty Owens, Highlands club; Buddy Waters

## NEW LODGE BUILDING IS STARTED

Work Begins This Week On \$35,000 Masonic Structure

Construction of the new \$35,000 Masonic Lodge on Church Street started this week.

Elmer Roten is foreman in charge. A lodge committee is supervising construction.

Mason H. H. Plemmons is the contact man between the construction phase and the lodge. He also prepared plans for the new structure.

Of brick and tile construction, the building is going up on the site of the old lodge hall, which was razed several weeks ago after overseeing Church Street for some 80 years.

Previously, Masons had hoped to salvage the tower of the old building and use it to top the new one. However, Mr. Plemmons this week said the tower "came to pieces" when workmen removed it. But, it will be duplicated for the new structure and possibly some pieces of wood from the old one will be usable, he added.

The two-story lodge is of Colonial architecture, featuring white columns in front. A social hall, kitchen, and Eastern Star and Masonic offices are planned for the first floor. On the second level is the lodge meeting hall. The building is 42 by 66 feet.

## Mrs. Trotter Dies Saturday In Asheville

Mrs. Ada Burnett Trotter, 79, wife of John S. Trotter, a native of this county, died Saturday at the Trotter home in Asheville.

Services were held Monday afternoon at the Mountain View Baptist Church, near Black Mountain.

A retired educator, Mrs. Trotter is survived by her husband, a son, Haywood Trotter, of Charlotte, and a daughter, Mrs. Ammon McClellan, of Okeechobee, Fla.

## Rain Changes Picnic Site

Rain altered plans for holding the annual Franklin Lions Club picnic at Arrowood Glade Monday night, but it failed to hurt attendance as more than 132 Lions and special guests "picnicked" in the Franklin High cafeteria.

The annual event, headed by Lion President Jack Angel, this year was a combination affair for ladies, family, and newcomers to the community.

Among newcomers shaking hands were several from the new Burlington Industries, Inc. plant, which opened here recently.

Quipped Fred Dowdle, publicity chairman, "The only ones disappointed in the last minute switch in location were the ants at Arrowood."

## Kusterer Receives Soldier Of Month Award In Korea

Pfc. John J. (Jackie) Kusterer, who is serving with the 7th Signal Company in Korea, has been awarded a "Soldier of the Month" medal by his outfit, it has been learned here.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kusterer, of Franklin. It is understood the award was made for the month of June.

## Scouters Set Meeting Here

Scouters serving on the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District committee have a meeting scheduled tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Dinner will be at Horsley's Restaurant at 7. Following the meal a business session will be held at the Nantahala Power and Light Company building.

R. E. McKelvey, of Franklin, is serving this year as chairman of the district.

## Says 'Chance' Wayah Road Paving To Be Done This Year

## Person Behind Smoke Bomb In Theatre Being Sought

## TRUCK BREAKS YOUTH'S LEG

14-Year-Old Hurt Tuesday Afternoon In Franklin Mishap

A 14-year-old boy received a broken leg in Franklin early Tuesday afternoon when a truck reportedly driven by his father backed and accidentally pinned him against an automobile.

The boy, Tony E. Cox, was admitted to Angel Hospital about 1 p. m.

His left leg was caught between the bumpers of the two vehicles. The mishap occurred in front of Brown and Carson.

## Gov. Folsom And Family In Highlands

Alabama Gov. James Folsom and his family have rented the Ronald Baty house on Mirror Lake in Highlands for the season.

The governor plans to spend the week-ends there with his family, it is understood.

## MRS. BURCH SUCCEUMBS AT HER HOME

Macon Native Was 79; Funeral Services Set At Maiden's Chapel

Mrs. Nancy Van Dora Burch, widow of Norman C. Burch, died Tuesday at 11 p. m. at her home on Franklin, Route 1. She was 79, and had been ill for four weeks.

Funeral services for Mrs. Burch, a native of this county, are to be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Maiden's Chapel Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Goldston, the Rev. Frank G. Rochester, and the Rev. Emerson Davenport. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Born July 4, 1876, Mrs. Burch was the daughter of Melvin and Mrs. Hester Dowell. Mr. Burch, a native of Clay County, died in September, 1942. She was a

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## Softball League Standings

(Through July 8)

	Won	Lost	Games Behind	Pct.
NP&L	6	0	0	1.000
Cowee	2	1	2½	.667
Lions	2	2	3	.500
VFW	2	2	3	.500
Jaycees	2	3	3½	.400
Oilers	0	2	4	0
Rotary	0	4	5	0

## Upcoming Games

Games: Friday, July 15, Lions vs. NP & L. Oilers vs. Rotary; Tuesday, July 19, VFW vs. Cowee, Jaycees vs. Lions.

Friday, July 8, Rotary forfeited to NP&L; Jaycees defeated VFW, 14-10.

## BREAKS PRECEDENT

## Siler Clan Meeting Changed

The Siler family this year will break a long-time precedent.

Starting this year, the family's annual reunions will be held on Saturday instead on Thursday.

At their reunion last year, the Silers voted to change the

meeting date from the first Thursday to the first Saturday in August, since it is easier for out-of-town members of the family connection to get here at the week-end.

This year's reunion will be held with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Siler on Saturday, August 6.

Manager Charles Ivester reported their retreat was "fairly orderly", but he said a few ladies and some children were "scared".

Mr. Ivester, thinking the building was on fire, called the fire department.

"I wasn't taking any chances," he declared.

Labeling the prank as "childish", Policeman Nelson Ledford said "it was a wonder someone wasn't hurt or killed". The officer said several in the vicinity of where the bomb went off saw the boy who fired it but were unable to give positive identification because of the darkness. The bomb was touched off about 9:30.

A \$25 reward is being offered by the theatre for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

## Local Scouts Going To District Court

Several Macon County boys are scheduled to receive advancements tonight (Thursday) at a Smoky Mountain District Court of Honor in Bryson City. The court is set for 7:30 at the Methodist church.

## Capacity Crowd Turns Out For Federation Picnic

A capacity crowd filled the auditorium of the East Franklin School Saturday for the annual Macon County Farmers Federation picnic.

James G. K. McClure, Federation president, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the many speakers and entertainers of the day.

County Agent T. H. Fagg told the group that the county's crop prospects this year were good because of recent rains. He also cautioned Macon farmers to use good management in their farming operations this year to bring in a higher income.

Mr. Fagg described the requirements necessary for raising aromatic tobacco, which he pointed out could be a "good money-making crop" for some county farmers. He also mentioned sheep raising as a good source of income and suggested that more farmers think about

## Caldwell Reveals Contractor Pushing To Complete Project

A "slight chance" exists that the new highway across Wayah Gap into the Nantahala section will be paved and ready for use this summer, according to Resident Engineer J. S. Caldwell, of Murphy.

"The contractor (Taylor Construction Company) is driving to pave this summer," the engineer said in a telephone interview Tuesday night.

Mr. Caldwell said it all depends on the weather.

"If we keep on having rain like this week" the paving will be delayed until next spring, he declared, adding:

"But with a good break in the weather we'll make it."

At any rate, the engineer said the grading and graveling on the nearly 12-mile project will be completed by September.

## 'Considerable Delay'

Although the road has not been closed entirely, Mr. Caldwell said vehicles attempting to use it during the day while construction goes on will experience "considerable delay". He suggested the detour out US 28 from Franklin to US 19 be used.

The road is passable at night and on Sunday, he reported.

With the Nantahala side of the project nearing completion, grading operations are now under way on the Franklin side just below Wayah Gap. The engineer said the project on the Nantahala side has been graded and graveled from Feisty Branch to Rainbow Springs Road and graded from this point on to the gap.

selling wool and lambs through the sheep and wool pools held in several W. N. C. counties. He also announced plans for the Macon County Fair this fall.

Don Biggerstaff, Federation purchasing agent, described the farm co-operative's broiler and commercial egg programs and encouraged Macon farmers to market more chickens and eggs to fill the increasing demand.

Carolyn Myers, of Franklin, Route 2, won the first prize for the best local act. Panhandle Pete Nash, Gaither Robinson, Alex Houston and the Mimoso Boys, Joe Franklin, Darryl Petty, Jimmy Buchanan, and Harry Ingram headlined the group of musicians, singers, and dancers who came from all over Macon and surrounding counties.

Additional speakers included Carl Slagle, Macon County Federation director; J. H. Hampton, Cherokee County Federation director; from Murphy; Miss Frances Setzer, Rural Hospitalization Insurance Enrollment director; Gene Frizzell, Franklin warehouse manager; Max Rob-

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**SANDERS REUNION**  
The Sanders reunion will be held on the fourth Sunday (July 24) in July this year at the home of J. L. Sanders in the West Union community, it has been announced.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Marion Stiles, U. S. weather observer in Highlands by Taylor S. Hill and W. C. Newby, TVA observers in the Cherokee Highlands Laboratory.

## FRANKLIN

Temperatures		High	Low	Rain
Wed, July 6	85	63	.....	.....
Thursday	86	65	trace	.....
Friday	85	65	.21	.....
Saturday	79	65	.45	.....
Sunday	89	66	.....	.....
Monday	85	64	.90	.....
Tuesday	76	67	.83	.....

## COWEETA

Temperatures		High	Low	Rain
Wed, July 6	78	60	.54	.....
Thursday	84	59	.05	.....
Friday	81	60	.79	.....
Saturday	79	61	.15	.....
Sunday	81	62	.....	.....
Monday	80	61	1.96	.....
Tuesday	77	62	1.07	.....