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Miss Kesler And 'First Love'

ORCHESTRA CONCERT SET

Pfohl Is Bringing
Group To Highlands
For Benefit Event

A benefit concert will be presented Saturday evening in the Highlands School auditorium by the faculty of the Transylvania Music Camp, under the direction of James Christian Pfohl. Set for 8 o'clock, proceeds from the concert are for the Highlands Community Hospital. This marks the fourth year the camp orchestra has appeared in Highlands for the benefit of the hospital.

Guest soloist will be Evelyn McGarrity, soprano. The evening's program will include both classical and popular selections.

Deacons Meet

A county-wide Baptist deacons dinner meeting is scheduled next Thursday (July 28) at the Cowee Baptist Church, according to Harry Corbin, president.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Eugene Walter, pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church. The meal is to be served by the women of the church.

Carson Women Plan Fried Chicken Dinner

The ladies of the Carson community will serve a fried chicken dinner at the Carson Community Building Sunday, July 24.

Dinner will be served from 12 o'clock until 2 o'clock. Mrs. Jim Cunningham has charge of reservations. The public is invited.

VANHOOK REUNION

The annual reunion of the Vanhook family will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vanhook on Sunday, July 31. All interested persons are asked to come and bring a picnic lunch.

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Local Law Catches 2 Fugitives

Two fugitives have been apprehended by local officers.

Last Thursday night about 9, J. W. Grant, an escapee from the Oconee (Ga.) prison camp was picked up in the Rose Creek section by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Deputy Newell Pendergrass, and Franklin Police Chief C. D. Baird.

The same trio of officers Friday night arrested a 23-year-old Saxapaw man wanted in Alamance County for auto theft. Sheriff Thomas identified him as Fred Junior Bowers. He was taken into custody about 9:30 at the home of Harve Dills, in the Cowee section.

4-H Clubbers Going To State Event In Raleigh

Five 4-H clubbers — four girls and a boy — have definitely committed themselves to make the trip to Raleigh next week for the annual state "4-H Club Week."

They are Margaret May and Cynthia Queen, of the Nantahala club; Helen Cochran, Patton club; Nancy Cable, Franklin club; and Clay Sams, Otto club.

Nancy, elected "4-H Health Queen" here earlier in the year, will participate in the state health play, a feature of the week.

The local delegation plans to leave Monday and will return Saturday.

James G. Flanagan, assistant agent, will be in charge.

Local Team Cops Third In Judging

Macon's 4-H dairy judging team copped third place in the W. N. C. judging event last Thursday at the Mountain Research Station in Waynesville.

The three-man team collected 1,358 points. Haywood County's team won first place with 1,498.

Members of the team are Jimmy Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Parrish; Wayne Sheffield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sheffield; and Bunny McClure, son of Mrs. D. W. McClure. The team is coached by assistant agent, James G. Flanagan.

This is the first year a team has been entered from here. Mr. Flanagan said the experience the boys gained will be "used to good advantage" next year.



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This rubble-covered dirt floor in Franklin High's partially completed gymnasium is waiting for a waxed hardwood covering, before inviting any basketball games. The hardwood floor is to come in Part 2 of the construction program.

GYMNASIUM JUST SHELL

Company Waiting For
Go-Ahead To Start On
Part 2 Of Project

What some day will be the largest gymnasium in the area is hardly ready to welcome indoor sports.

With the end of Part 1 of the construction program, Franklin High's new gymnasium is just a shell.

What will someday be one of the finest hardwood playing floors in W. N. C. at present is rubble-covered dirt. Where someday a stage appropriate to the dignity of the new building will be constructed, a yawning hole now drops into the basement boiler room. Where someday bright lights will hang to illuminate basketball games and tournaments and other functions, today are bare steel girders. Unfinished block walls are waiting for paint. One wall will have the honor of someday wearing an electric scoreboard.

Meanwhile, Macon Construction Company, contracting concern on Part 1, is marking time, waiting for the go-ahead from county officials on Part 2, which will mean the speedy completion of the building.

The deadline for this signal is July 31. This was set by the construction company several months ago when it offered to complete the gymnasium (Part 2) for \$42,000. Part 1 (walls, roof, doors and windows) cost \$83,000.

County officials are faced with the not so simple problem of raising this money to finish the much-needed addition, and an additional \$20,000

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Principal Is Released To Accept Buncombe Job

Released from this 1955-56 contract here, District Principal Ralph L. Smith has accepted the principalship of the Clyde A. Erwin Consolidated High School in Buncombe County.

Principal of the Franklin district for the past two years, Mr. Smith was principal of Sylva High School before coming here.

He will assume his new duties in August.

In announcing Mr. Smith's release, School Supt. Holland McSwain said officials "regretted" losing the principal, but did not want to stand in his way.

He commended Mr. Smith for his "excellent leadership and devotion to duty" and offered him the best wishes of all in the school system in his new job.



Mr. Smith

'QUARE DOIN'S' — 'Hillbilly Day' Is Nearing

There's some "quare doin's" in the bustling resort town of Highlands.

From out of the brush come mutterings of "Hillbilly Day" and there's a "sight a plenty" of activity — like menfolk oilin' their shootin' irons, groomin' hound "daws", and sharpenin' saws and axes, and womefolk "a' purtyin' up", darnin' their flour-sack finery, and "eyeballin'" possible square dance partners.

And all this preening is caused by the coming fourth annual "Hillbilly Day", which will break with the dawn into wide open festivities on August 3.

This is the day of all days in

Highlands; the day when ordinary "human beans" are looked upon with disdain by the doggonedest conglomeration of hillbillies the world has ever seen.

Those caught inside the city limits without hillbilly dress will be tossed in the "stock-ade" and fined by "Sheriff" Riley Johnson and his deputies.

Scheduled to begin at 5:30, festivities will include morning contests and events — log rolling, crosscut sawing, greasy pole climbing, hog calling, and the like — a free barbecue shortly before noon (Steve Potts and Luther Rice are in charge);

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WORK STARTS ONCE AGAIN ON BUILDING

Delay Over Steel
Door Jams For New
Franklin City Hall

After a delay of some five weeks, construction is again under way on Franklin's \$53,000 municipal building.

The lengthy work stoppage was caused by metal door frames, which were ordered but were delayed in arriving, according to the contractor, Wiley Clark.

If the weather holds, Mr. Clark this week said he hopes to have the job completed in about two months. As of last Thursday, he had used only 28 of the 110 working days allotted in his contract with the town.

"I don't think anything else will hold us up now," he declared. Just about all materials needed have arrived.

Because the \$50,000 bond issue voted to build the new building was inadequate to do the job town officials wanted, the structure is being put up under a continuing contract. An additional \$15,000 to finish it was programmed in the town's new budget, which was passed week before last.

Week Shows Summer Here

A late arriving Summer is beginning to make itself known hereabouts.

From Wednesday of last week, the murky 80's held sway, but Tuesday in Franklin gave way to a high of 91 that left no doubts about Summer's arrival.

Lows for the week were in the not-so-cool 60's.

But for beating the heat, Highlands was hard to beat. For the whole week there, the Mercury rode in the 70's during the day and the 50's and low 60's during the night.

Brief showers at intervals and in widely scattered sections did little to relieve the daytime press of heat.

First Degree Murder Indictment Is Brought Against Wike By Jury

A first degree murder indictment was returned Monday against Dallas Wike by the grand jury for the July term of Superior Court in Swain County.

Wike, who is to be tried for the shooting of his brother near Whittier on June 1, was arrested by local officers near Franklin the day after the alleged shooting.

His trial was scheduled to get under way yesterday (Wednesday).

County Tops 60% Of Bond Quota

Macon County reached 60 per cent of its '55 quota in June when sales of U. S. Savings Bonds hit \$23,643.75, according to H. W. Cobe, county chairman.

Through June 30, cumulative sales here totaled \$139,650. The year's quota is \$233,200.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded at Franklin by Macon Sikes, U. S. weather observer in Highlands, by John N. Hall and W. S. Newton, TVA observer at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

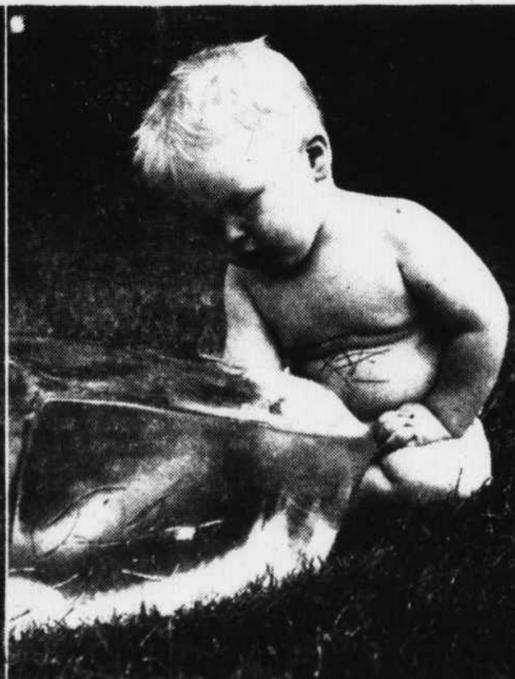
FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 13	83	64	.11
Thursday	84	66	.05
Friday	81	63	.15
Saturday	84	64	trace
Sunday	86	60
Monday	88	63
Tuesday	91	64

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 13	74	61	.30
Thursday	72	60	.24
Friday	72	59	trace
Saturday	78	60	.32
Sunday	79	56
Monday	76	57	.52
Tuesday	79	57	.43

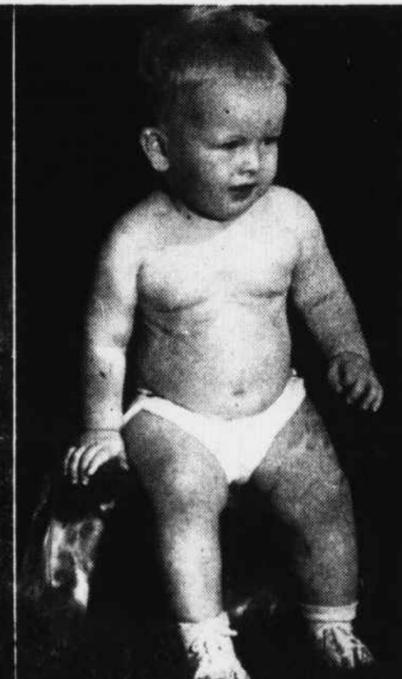
COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 13	81	62	.55
Thursday	79	70	.18
Friday	81	62	.06
Saturday	84	60
Sunday	88	56
Monday	84	60	.48
Tuesday	88	60	.04



Now let's count the things (pardon the fingers). First, take a snappy straw hat and a chunk of ice...



Ah, forget the hat... It's the chunk of ice that really counts in this business of keeping calm and cool in this weather...



Well, you folks use your own remedies, if you don't appreciate mine. Me? I guess I'll just put an end to this right now!