

County's Interest Centering On Fair

County interest is swinging to the three-day Macon County Fair, which opens August 11 on the grounds at Franklin High School.

Fair officials and county extension workers are now in the process of tying off the loose ends and report the various features of the undertaking are shaping up nicely. For the past several weeks, extension agents have been visiting each of the organized communities to explain the mechanics of the fair and to urge participation.

Incorporated as special features are the annual flower show of the Franklin Garden Club, and the third annual Macon County Folk Festival. The festival, sponsored by the Jaycees, is scheduled each of the three nights at the stadium. The garden club's show, "Come to the Flower Fair", is to be staged Friday and Saturday (12th and 13th) in the school cafeteria. Hours Friday will be 2 to 9:30 p. m., and Saturday from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Any person in the county may exhibit in the show.

Opening Parade

A parade through the downtown area at noon will officially open the three-day event. Organizations and exhibitors planning to enter floats are asked to meet at the Agricultural Building on Church Street by 11 o'clock.

Exhibits By 10

All exhibits for the fair must be entered by 10 a. m. on the opening day. However, space arrangements are being made in advance and those wishing to place exhibits earlier may begin at 2 p. m. Wednesday, August 10. Someone will be on duty to assist and assign space.

Livestock Showing

At least one livestock feature is planned each of the three days of the fair.

On Thursday, swine, sheep, horse, and dog shows are scheduled; on Friday, beef cattle; and Saturday, dairy cattle.

As an added feature of the poultry division, the annual 4-H poultry show and sale is to be held Saturday.

In addition to the individual farm crops and horticulture entries, special exhibits are being invited. These include "Live at Home", which is to be composed of farm products from the individual farm and should show that the farm family is producing food for the family, feed for the livestock, and other farm products that need not be bought; Wildlife, a display of native wildlife; community exhibits, which must be prepared and entered in the name of an organized and active community development group; F. F. A. exhibits; 4-H community displays.

Arrangements also have been made for exhibits of handicrafts, canned goods, baked goods, clothing and needlework.

Wiley Brown and Charlie Sutton are serving as co-directors of the fair. Serving with them are Holland McSwain, secretary, and W. W. Sloan, treasurer.

Wike Is Sentenced To 25-30 For Slaying

On trial for the shotgun slaying of his brother, 42-year-old Dallas Wike last Wednesday was sentenced to 25 to 30 years in Superior Court in Bryson City.

The convicted slayer was captured the day after the shooting by local officers. Wike shot his brother June 29 at the home of their parents near Whittier. He pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

TRAFFIC ON UPSWING

'Road Closed' Signs Down

A noticeable upswing in traffic this week over US 23-441 can be attributed to the removal of "road closed" signs in Franklin and Clayton, Ga. Travel (at your own risk) is now allowed on the new con-

Entertainers Asked To Sign For Folk Event

A call was issued this week for entertainers to compete in the third annual Macon County Folk Festival, which is being staged this year as the evening entertainment feature of the county fair.

Sponsored by the Franklin Jaycees, the event in the past has drawn thousands nightly to the stadium.

Musicians wishing to compete this year for ribbons and cash prizes may register with Jaycees J. P. Brady or Bob Carpenter. They are asked to sign up immediately, so a tentative program can be worked out.

In addition to the local talent, the Jaycees again have signed "Panhandle Pete" the One Man Band" to fill in with his antics Friday and Saturday. Festival competition is open to all entertainers and musicians in the county. Contests are for men, women, and children.

The opening night (Thursday — the 11th) will be featured by preliminary events. The next night the semi-finals will be held, and on the closing night the finals are planned.

Contests will include all string instruments, string bands, buck dancing, square dancing, jug-blowing, and a variety of specialty acts.

Quartets also are invited to compete this year.

No Vaccine Until Term Is Opened

The second round of Salk polio vaccine will not be administered to Macon's first and second graders until after school starts this fall.

Dr. Guy V. Gooding, new district health officer, said here Friday the vaccine is in Asheville, but will not be shipped here until later.

Before the nation-wide vaccination program ground to a halt for investigations in the spring, 626 of the county's 974 registered first and second graders had first shots.

Barbecue Slated As Welcome For Burlington Plant

A barbecue to welcome the personnel of Burlington Industries, Inc., officially to Franklin is set for next Wednesday afternoon under the sponsorship of the chamber of commerce.

The guest list is composed of those who contributed financially and in effort to bring the new plant to the community. About 250 are expected to attend the event, which is planned for the high school cafeteria at 5 o'clock.

M. Y. F. MEETING SET

The Macon County Methodist Youth Fellowship sub-district meeting will be held August 1 at Clark's Chapel at 7:30 p. m. It has been announced by Joan Thomas, publicity chairman.

ROBINSON REUNION SET

The annual reunion of the (Andy) Robinson family will be held Sunday, July 31, at Arrowood Glade. All interested persons are asked to come and bring a picnic lunch.



PEEK-A-BOO — It may look like it, but this picture has nothing to do with the game. It's Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse, looking through the lead-lined partition in the X-ray room at the Macon County Health Center, where an X-ray machine was installed Saturday. The unit will be put to work at an early date, according to the health officer.

'Hillbilly Day' (Shudder!) To Come Off On Wednesday

Put on yore best bib and tucker, grab yore shootin' iron and the ol' woman and traipse up toward Highlands next Wednesday for the ding-dongdest, carnsarndest, dingbustedest conglomeration of shenanigans you've ever seen in all yore born days.

It'll be "Hillbilly Day" in the "Highest Incorporated Town in Eastern America", the third annual take-off on Hollywood's portrayal of the hillbilly.

Along about sunup there'll come ah creepin' from the brush along the roadside, male and female critters imaginable.

And yawl ordinary critters had better beware. If yawl ain't dressed in real hillbilly finery the law is gonna toss yawl in the "stockade" and wrap yawl across the pocketbook with a stiff fine.

Free Barbecue
Highlighting festivities will be a free barbecue at 11 a. m. on

a first-come-first-serve basis. Arrangements have been made to feed more than 3,000.

Earlier (10 o'clock), log rolling, cross cut sawing, wood chopping, greasy pole climbing, and the best pack of hounds contests will unroll as the expected thousands begin pouring into the resort town for a day and night of fun.

At 1 o'clock, from a central-SEE NO. 1, PAGE 10

A Real Green 'Green Thumb'

Mrs. Lester Southards' "green thumb" surely has an extra spark for growing things bigger.

She brought two items to The Press office this week to back up this contention. One was a seven-pound turnip; the other a two-pound potato!

Macon Prison Camp Changing To One For First Offenders

A change from a felon's camp to one for youthful first offenders is slated to get under way today (Thursday) at the Macon Prison Camp.

Supt. John E. Cutshall yesterday said the processing is to be gradual.

When first offenders are shipped here, he said they will be "segregated" from the present inmates until the entire change-over is effected. Present inmates are to be transferred to other camps.

Mr. Cutshall said the camp will accommodate about 72 men.

In announcing the switch, he said emphasis will be on a "rigid rehabilitation program to get as many of the young men as possible back on the right path again." This will include a stepped-up athletic program, with activities ranging from boxing to shuffleboard.

No increase in camp personnel is anticipated at present, Mr. Cutshall said.

TOWN BUDGET IS ADOPTED

Highlands' Governing Body Passes \$109,550 Budget For 1955-56

Highlands has adopted a budget of \$109,550 for the 1955-56 fiscal year.

Approved by the board of commissioners last week, it is about \$5,000 higher than last year's, according to Louis Potts, town clerk.

The tax rate did not change from \$2.25, where it has been for several years.

A budget breakdown gives the following allocations:
Administration, \$9,165; Police and Fire Departments, \$11,750; Street Department, \$20,765; Debt Service, \$11,500; Electric, \$34,420; and Water, \$21,950.

Construction Of Final Link Of Wayah Road Is In Doubt

CIVIL CASES DOMINATING

Override Criminal Actions For First Time In Many Years

For the first time in several years, trial of civil actions in Superior Court here probably will be more time consuming than criminal cases, according to Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court.

With the opening of the short August term at 10 Monday

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morning, Judge Dan K. Moore will face a light criminal docket, but a civil calendar termed by Mrs. Wrinn as "the largest in several years".

The clerk predicted more court time will be spent on civil matters than on the criminal.

Twenty-one civil actions, including seven divorces, are listed for trial. Only about 80 criminal actions are docketed, as compared with approximately 200 per at past terms.

Cases listed for trial include:

R. L. Anderson, abandonment; Ray Prince, careless and reckless driving, speeding; Clyde Jerome Simonds, drunk driving (2nd offense); Truman Moody, assault on a female; Frank Edwin Shockley, improper registration and brakes, drunk driving (2nd offense), reckless driving, improper operator's license, and transporting whiskey; Bobby Lee Potts, speeding; Henry Lawrence McCall, Jr., speeding; Herman Willis, killing doe deer; Johnnie S. Porter.

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Siler Reunion Meets

Next Week In Franklin

The annual Siler family reunion will be held Saturday of next week (August 6) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Siler, in Franklin.

For many years, the reunions have been held the first Thursday in August, but the family voted last year to meet hereafter on the first Saturday.

Benefit Softball Games Scheduled

A special benefit softball game is scheduled next Wednesday night in Franklin to raise money for the local league.

Set for 8 o'clock at the stadium, the game will pit the best players of Franklin and Cullowhee.

Dinner Brings \$320

Carson community's fried chicken dinner Sunday drew some 300 persons and netted \$320, it has been announced.

The figure includes some donations. The money is for the community center building fund.

Construction of the final highway link on Wayah Road into the Nantahala section hangs in balance, reportedly because some funds supposedly earmarked for the proposed project have been withdrawn. The Press learned this week.

The bottleneck appears to be somewhere in the maze of appropriations handled by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

And, although both state highway and forest service officials have recommended immediate completion of the project, prospects of its materializing any time soon appear dim.

The stretch of road in question is less than six miles, running from Feisty Branch to Nantahala School.

If this short section is re-located and paved, as planned by a state highway survey, it will afford the previously isolated Nantahala section a paved highway whose extremes will fall into the Franklin and Andrews trading areas.

Bulletin

Contractors have been given the go-ahead to complete Franklin High's gymnasium.

Word that the state has approved a loan of \$28,000 requested by school officials arrived yesterday (Wednesday) and Supt. Holland McSwain immediately notified contractors to begin work again on Part 2 of the program.

About \$60,000 will finish the job. The state loan of \$28,000 is to be coupled with \$15,000 promised by the county from delinquent taxes and \$17,000 budgeted for the project.

NEW DOCTOR IN DISTRICT

Dr. Gooding Takes Health Officer Post; Will Pro-Rate Time

A new health officer, Dr. Guy V. Gooding, is now on duty in the three-county district of Macon, Jackson, and Swain.

He will make his home in Sylva. Dr. Gooding succeeds Dr. T. D. Slagle, also of Sylva, who has served as acting health officer since the resignation of

CLINIC CHANGED

The general clinic day at the Macon Health Department has been changed from Tuesday to each Thursday, it has been announced. Hours will be 8:30 to 11 a. m.

Dr. L. C. McCampbell 10 months ago. Health officer of Dublin County from 1945 to SEE NO. 3, PAGE 10

BOARD TO MEET SATURDAY

The Macon Board of Education will meet Saturday at 10 a. m. instead of Monday as scheduled, it has been announced. Placement of teachers already hired and setting an opening date for schools are listed among items to receive attention at the session.

Glaring Gap

If abandoned, it will become a glaring gap of dusty and curving gravel road in the middle of two newly paved and re-located sections from US 64 on the Franklin side to US 19, a distance of nearly 30 miles.

On the issue, state highway

WORKING ON IT

Congressman George A. Shuford has disclosed that the "forest service" made the transfer of funds on the Wayah Road.

In a telephone interview from his office in Washington, Mr. Shuford said he is aware of the situation developing in regard to the road and assured he is working for the completion of the final link.

and forest service officials agree wholeheartedly that the project should be let to contract now, while construction is still under way on the 12-mile section of the highway from Cold Springs to Feisty Branch. This link, weather permitting, is to be completed within the next two months.

Financing Barrier

However, the job of financing stands as a formidable barrier to the long-awaited, all-weather highway through the Nantahala section.

G. G. Page, division highway engineer, estimates the proposed project will cost roughly \$200,000.

He also has recommended the project and in a telephone interview this week said he would be able to have the job let to contract within 60 days "if it can be straightened out."

To "be straightened out" is an "allocation for the project," the engineer said.

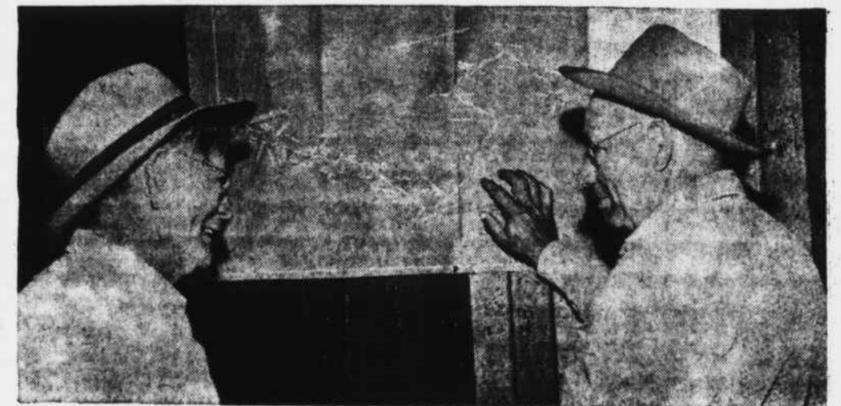
Money Left

When the contract for the 12-mile section from Cold Spring to Feisty Branch was let last year, a balance of approximately \$100,000 was left. SEE NO. 4, PAGE 10

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Macon State, U. S. weather observers in Highlands by T. N. Hill and W. C. Newton, TVA weather office at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 20	86	65	.20
Thursday	79	65	.14
Friday	84	62
Saturday	87	62	.10
Sunday	83	66	.04
Monday	87	68
Tuesday	91	66
HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 20	78	60	trace
Thursday	69	61	.500
Friday	77	60	.300
Saturday	76	59	.30
Sunday	76	62	.43
Monday	80	60	.16
Tuesday	76	58	.62
COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 20	84	63	.14
Thursday	82	62	.12
Friday	82	60	.09
Saturday	84	60	.06
Sunday	83	64
Monday	86	60	.16
Tuesday	88	61



STUDYING THE HIGHWAY map for the final link of Wayah Road is John (Uncle John) Long and Jim Stewart. The map has been posted in the courthouse by the state highway department.