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DAIRY FOODS demonstration winners in Saturday's 4-H competition at the Agricultural Building talk over their skills. (L to R) Ann Pennington, junior winner, Jo Ann Curtis and Brenda Cunningham, best team, and Helen Cochran, senior winner. The annual 4-H elemination day is set for this Saturday morning at East Franklin School.

POLITICS? COLD LIKE WEATHER

Courthouse Talk Says Primary Filing Action Will Start 'In Hours'

Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, politics and the weather were behaving pretty much alike. They were cold.

But, both showed signs of improving; the weather because of a warm front moving in and politics because of Saturday's filing deadline.

Politically, Franklin businessman J. C. Sorrells still was the only one seeking an office in the May 26 Democratic primary. He is after the nomination as county representative.

However, just before presstime, there were rumblings along the hall of the county courthouse and reports that some filing action would take place with the elections board chairman "within a few hours".

In addition to the representative, the "off-year" election is being held to select a board of education and county surveyor.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Macon County Fair Association are shown preparing '56 fair committee appointments. Seated, left to right, are Edwin T. Williams, treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Patton, secretary, and Robert C. Parker, chairman. Standing is C. C. Sutton, vice-chairman.

Chamber's Annual Dinner Meet To Kickoff Campaign

Next Wednesday night (April 18), the Franklin Chamber of Commerce will kick-off its '56 membership campaign at its annual dinner meeting.

Set for the high school cafeteria at 7 o'clock, the dinner will feature an address by John Harden, of Greensboro, vice-president in charge of public relations for Burlington Industries, Inc.

John Archer, president of Nantahala Power and Light Company, is to introduce the speaker, and E. J. Whitmire has accepted the job of master of ceremonies.

An official send-off for the membership drive will be sounded by the chamber's new president, Verlon Swafford. He will present an operating budget for approval and outline his program for the year.

Members of the F. F. A. chapter will prepare the barbecue dinner.

P. T. A. Election

Election of officers will feature Monday night's meeting of the Franklin P. T. A., the final one of the current school year.

The new officers will take over at the beginning of the 1956-57 year.

Hour for the meeting is 7:30.

B. L. McGlamery is now serving as president.

JAYCEES SET AREA MEETING

Clubs Of District Coming Here April 20 For Gathering

For the first time since its organization four years ago, the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce will be host to a gathering of Jaycees in District 1.

The meeting will be held here April 20 at Panorama Court. It is expected to draw nearly 75 Jaycees from eight clubs in W. N. C. C. Banks Finger, president of the local club, said arrangements are now being made to welcome them to the state's "most westerly club". Dr. J. L. Hill is in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

J. P. Brady, a member of the local club, will preside in his capacity as a vice-president on the state executive committee.

District 1 embraces all territory west of Hendersonville.

Talent Show Slated Friday Night At Union

A talent show will be sponsored tomorrow (Friday) night at Union School at 7:30 by the eighth grade, it has been announced.

The show will feature all local talent and entertainers are invited to enter. Prizes will be awarded.

County's 4-H Clubbers Slate Event Saturday

Saturday will be "elimination day" for Macon County's 4-H clubbers.

They'll gather at East Franklin School at 9:30 to compete against each other in a variety of 4-H activities. Events will be for individuals and teams.

Winners of the annual event are slated to compete in district eliminations in Asheville later in the month, according to Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, and James G. Flanagan, assistant agents in charge.

Weather Puts Trout In Mood For No Biting

Trout fishing opened with a zing last Thursday morning, but misbehaving weather since has put the fish in a non-biting mood.

On the opening day, more than 1,000 trout were reported caught in Cliffside Lake alone, according to Reed Queen, who is in charge of the trout rearing pools at Arrowood.

Mr. Queen said Mirror Lake, at Highlands, also gave up some good catches. One party is said to have caught a string of about nine fish, each more than 15 inches and weighing 2-3 pounds.

On the Wayah refuge, he said, about 175 trout were caught the first three days by 35 fishermen. This averages about five fish per fisherman, and Mr. Queen said this figure probably would apply to the Standing Indian refuge as well. Catch data was not available from the latter.

MISS MORGAN GETS AWARD

Macon Native Feted As Outstanding Woman Of Year In State

A Macon County native is the recipient of this year's "distinguished service award" for women.

The honor goes to Miss Lucy Morgan, founder and director of the Penland School of Handicrafts. It was presented to her Wednesday night of last week by the Epsilon Beta Chapter of the Chi Omega Sorority at the University of North Carolina.

She was cited as a "teacher, philosopher, humanitarian, creative artist, who is founder and director of the Penland School of Handicrafts, which attracts students from all parts of the world."

Miss Morgan is a sister of the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and Mrs. H. E. Freas, of the Cartoogechaye section.

Reports Needed For Red Cross

Looks like a second 15-day extension of the American Red Cross fund drive is coming, unless reports are handed in by the Saturday deadline.

The chapter executive secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, yesterday (Wednesday) reported only $1,145.89 on hand. The quota is $3,730.

"If the reports aren't all in by Saturday, we'll just have to set another 15-day extension," she declared.

The drive was supposed to end March 31.

Seniors Going To Washington

Next Thursday (April 19), some 40 Franklin High students will board a chartered bus for the seniors' annual invasion of the North — specifically, Washington, D. C.

The class raised money for the trip through several projects last year and this, according to Principal Harry C. Corbin.

Accompanying the seniors will be the principal, T. J. Edwards, and Mrs. Roy Biddle, Jr.

Amateur Night Slated At School By Jaycees

Plans have been completed for an amateur night this Saturday at East Franklin School under the sponsorship of the Franklin Jaycees.

Set to begin at 7:30, the program will include everything from string music, buck dancing, and singing to special variety acts prepared by the Jaycees and their wives, according to Dr. G. R. McSween, who is in charge.

Cash prizes will be awarded the best amateur act. All musicians, singers, dancers, and performers are invited to enter.

KUSTERER JOINS BRYANT

John Kusterer has accepted a position with Bryant Funeral Home. For the past two years he has been associated with Potts Funeral Home.

Parker Is New County Fair Head

Robert C. (Bob) Parker, Cartoogechaye dairyman, has been elected chairman of the Macon County Fair Association for 1956.

Mr. Parker, who recently was honored by the Franklin Jaycees as the county's "Outstanding Young Farmer", succeeds C. C. Sutton and Wiley Brown, co-chairmen of last fall's fair.

Meeting to reorganize for the '56 fair, some 40 interested citizens and extension service personnel Friday night elected new officers and set the following points of policy:

(1) With money on hand from last year's event, cash premiums will be awarded this year, in addition to ribbons.

(2) With the approval of school authorities, fair activities for the most part will be centralized in the new high school gymnasium.

(3) Pending something unforeseen, the fall event will be held September 28-29.

Others Are Named

Named to serve with Mr. Parker on the association steering committee are Mr. Sutton, vice-chairman, Mrs. Lawrence Patton, secretary, and Edwin T. Williams, treasurer.

In order to coordinate activities, the group voted to hold the fair two days, instead of three as last year. Exhibits are

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April Court Opening Is Monday Morning

In top-heavy proportion, motor vehicle cases hold sway over the criminal docket for the April term of Superior Court opening here Monday morning.

The term will convene at 10 o'clock with Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, presiding.

At least three-fourths of the cases listed for trial on the criminal docket are violations of motor vehicles law, ranging from improper registration papers to drunk driving. Of the 168 listed, 112 are of this nature. The remaining cases cover a variety of charges.

Court officials predict a speedy term. Criminal matters are expected to be disposed of in two or three days and the light civil docket in less time.

Cases listed for trial on the criminal docket include:

R. L. Anderson, abandonment; Clyde Jerome Simonds, drunk driving (2nd offense); Truman Moody, assault on a female; E. H. Brown, assault; Sidney Sutton, non-support of illegitimate child; Donald Lee Henson, non-support of illegitimate child; Harville Miller Parks, speeding; James Marion Spencer, speeding; Robert Derald Ashe, drunk driving and operating on restricted license; Robert A. Patton, aiding and abetting to drunk driving; H. H. Roberts, assault on a female; Irvin J. King, escaping prison; Lewis Crane, escaping prison; Herbert Lake McClure, drunk driving; Everett Ducker, escaping prison; Lewis Fouts, non-support; Paul Duane Cochran, drunk driving; Ernest H. Brown, drunk driving, no operator's license; James Eden Hopkins, resisting arrest; Layton Moss, aiding and abetting to assault with a deadly weapon.

Tom S. Patton, transporting; Grace Woodall Pennington, driving after license suspended; Owen Neal Childers, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; Robert Andrew Patton, drunk driving, improper operator's license and registration; Roland Aster Deal, no operator's license; Claude Henry Sanders, no operator's license, attempting to steal; Bryant Hodgins, breaking and entering; Larry Thomas, breaking and entering; Bobby Jack Reece, speeding, reckless driving; D. L. Burgess, no operator's license, license suspended; James Burgess, aiding and abetting to operating vehicle while license suspended; Beecher Prince Hodgins, reckless driving; B. B. Price, carrying concealed weapon; Henry Grady Watts, drunk driving; Willie Wykle, possession of home brew for sale; John Lewis Keener, bigamy; Kenneth James, drunk driving, resisting arrest; D. L. Johnson, abandonment; James Stanfield, non-support of illegitimate child; Clarence Hodgins, larceny; Lee Douglas Wood, drunk driving; Marvin N. Potts, drunk driving (2nd offense), reckless driving, threatening an officer; Bert Edwin Waldroop, operating on expired license and transporting; Donald Ray LeCompt, loaning license, permitting non-licensed person to drive; James Taylor Houston, no operator's license; Harley Gibson, speeding; Homer Lee Billingsley, no operator's license; William Edward Bingham, operating on expired driver's li-

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Late News and Briefs

SPRING! WHERE?

After a night of heavy rain, an unseasonable snow began falling on Macon County about daylight yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

Because of the wet ground, it did not stick in most areas. However, a two-inch fall was reported in the Morrison section below Otto and lighter falls in others. Surrounding mountains were topped in white.

The temperature was in the mid-30's.

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AT RALEIGH MEETING

E. G. Crawford, principal of Otto School, attended the joint meeting of public relations, legislative, and local unit presidents of the N. C. Education Association in Raleigh on Saturday.

As legislative chairman, he represents the local N. C. E. A. unit.

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FIELD DAY CANCELED

Because of the work now under way on the athletic field, the field day slated at Franklin High tomorrow (Friday) has been canceled, according to Principal Harry C. Corbin.

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STILL IN HOSPITAL

Weimar Jones, editor of The Press, who suffered a heart attack last week, is still confined to C. J. Harris Community Hospital, Sylva.

His condition is reported improving and he is expected to be released by the end of the week, or the first of next week.

FROM 'KEY' TO MISSILES —

Ammons Retires From Corps

Tracing the development of the U. S. Marine Corps' electronics program is a simple matter for folks around here.

All they have to do is review the 24-year service of a native son, James S. Ammons, who was retired by the Leathernecks March 31 with the rank of major.

The major wasn't always a major and the corps' electronics program wasn't always filled with exciting talk of guided missiles, homing devices, and rocket and jet power.

When a Holly Springs boy, Jim Ammons, joined the Marines in January, 1932, he was "on the bottom" (a private) and electronics was something that only the most intellectual dared to discuss.

But, as the operator of a wireless "key", Pvt. Ammons stepped in on the ground floor in the new field and grew along with it. He came up through the ranks and when he retired last month was serving in Washington, D. C., as assistant to the officer in charge of electronics supplies for the U. S. Marine Corps.

Here this week for a visit with relatives, Mr. Ammons recalled that he wasn't "too sure" at first about a service career. But, at the end of his first four-year enlistment, the "spirit of the corps" had him completely converted.

In his 24-years' duty, the Macon native has served at just about every base the corps has in this country. Most of his overseas duty was in the Pacific area.

He was in China in '37, attached to the American embassy guard, when open warfare broke out between the Chinese and the Japanese. He again served in the China theatre in 1946-47.

Commissioned in 1942 as World War II gripped the world, he hopped the islands of the Pacific with a supply outfit as the American forces pushed back the Japanese invaders.

At the end of his post-war duty in China, he got back into electronics.

As a native son, Mr. Ammons is struck by the rapid turnover of people that has taken place here.

"I used to be able to speak to about nine out of ten people on Main Street", he declared, "but now if I see one familiar face I'm fortunate."

Mr. Ammons and his wife, the former Miss Miriam Allaun, of Chicago, Ill., left yesterday for a short visit with her people in Chicago before going on to San Diego, Calif.

Once on the coast, he plans to go into civilian electronics with an aircraft company.

Son of the late S. J. and Mrs. Lulu Rickman Ammons, of Rabun County, Ga., he is a brother of Mrs. W. G. Crawford, of Franklin, and a nephew of E. B. Ammons.

Death Claims Mrs. Jones At Her Home Here Sunday

The lady of "The House at the Foot of the Hill" is dead. Mrs. Hattie B. Sloan Jones, widow of George A. Jones and one of Franklin's oldest and best-known citizens, passed away Sunday at 5:30 a. m. at her home on West Main Street. She was 93.

Members of the family said "Aunt Hattie" was "just tired".

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones were conducted Monday at 3 p. m. at the Franklin Methodist Church, of which she was a member. The church pastor, the Rev. S. B. Moss, officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Jones was active almost up to her death. She was a familiar sight at most of the community's social functions and she seldom missed Sunday morning worship services at her church. Along with other nonagenarians, she was an active participant in last year's Franklin Centennial Celebration, riding in the parade in a buggy. This past October she was one of the last to leave the annual "Fellowship Hour" for the county's old people. She delighted in attending the fellowships and talking of the old days. And the times are many when she saved the day by calling upon her remarkable memory for some almost forgotten incident in the county's history.

Mrs. Jones had lived in "The House at the Foot of the Hill" for 61 years. It was built in the early 1800's by her grandfather, Jesse Siler, one of the original settlers of the area, and she moved into it soon after her marriage January 31, 1895, to Mr. Jones. A lawyer, he died in 1906.

A graduate of Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn., Mrs. Jones taught school in this county, at Paint Rock, in Madison County, and in Athens, Ga. In her younger years, her hobby was oil painting. She was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society of her church, was a former president, and had been awarded a life membership pin.

Surviving are four sons, Dr. J. P. Jones, of Wakefield, R. I., and Gilmer A. Jones, Weimar Jones, and R. S. Jones, all of Franklin; a daughter, Miss Laura M. Jones, of Franklin; and a sister, Mrs. Lee Crawford, of Franklin; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dick Sloan, W. N. Sloan, W. W. Sloan, Bob S. Sloan, Phil McCollum, and Erwin Patton.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer, and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN Temperatures	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Apr. 4	75	57	.42
Thursday	63	41	.02
Friday	73	50	1.29
Saturday	63	45	....
Sunday	53	31	....
Monday	67	25	....
Tuesday	62	34	....
COWEETA			
Wed., April 4	75	54	.12
Thursday	57	42	1.06
Friday	73	48	1.27
Saturday	60	45	....
Sunday	55	33	....
Monday	67	26	....
Tuesday	59	34	1.35