

Beauty On The Mountain



Miss Julia Moody, of Franklin, rising senior at Western Carolina College, was one of 11 girls from over the state competing in the "Miss Carolinas Press Photographer" beauty contest this week-end on Grandfather Mountain. She was sponsored by J. P. Brady, of The Press staff, a C.P.P.A. member.

Personnel 'Licks' Fair Catalogue Distribution

Distribution of catalogues for the annual Macon County Fair has been "licked" by extension workers at the Agricultural Building.

And a literal "licking" it was! By tongue, sponge, and damp dish rags they wet and affixed 2,512 three-cent stamps to catalogues for mailing.

And it was a sticky operation every one got in on, including the farm and home agents.

The catalogues were mailed to a representative cross-section of farmers over the county and still another 500 are to be distributed by hand to those calling on agricultural agencies, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

Dates for the fair are September 28-29. From this week on the fair committee and extension workers plan a concentration on "everyone entering something in the fair."

Special emphasis also is being put on organized communities preparing educational booths.

Between \$700-800 in cash prizes are being offered this year as fair premiums, in addition to blue, red, and white ribbons. Last year only ribbons were given winners.

Committees in charge of the various departments of the fair are:

Farm Crop Exhibits: Milton Fouts, chairman, Charles Doster, and Bud Shope.

Dairy Cattle: Max Parrish, chairman, Cecil Parker, and Jerry Sutton.

Beef Cattle: Fred Hannah, chairman, Siler Slagle, E. J. Whitmire, Jud Talant, and Wayne Gregory.

Swine: Walter Taylor, chairman, and Charlie Sutton.

Sheep: Parker Gregory, chairman, Billy Taylor, and Perry Wiggins.

Horses and Mules: committee same as for beef cattle.

Dogs: Wayne Stewart, chairman, Ed Brogden, and Coburn Holden.

Poultry: Harry Pangle, chairman, Lawrence Potts, and Ed Shores.

Wildlife: J. Fred Bryson, chairman.

Community Exhibits: Woodrow Franklin, chairman, Sam Winkleblack, Jack Ragan, and Mrs. Kathryn Boyd.

Handicrafts: Miss Sally Kesler, Mrs. Carl S. Slagle, Mrs. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8

Safe At Motor Company Looted

Box Is Pried Open
During Night; Leads
Are Being Followed

Adroit thieves pried open the office safe at Macon Motor Company in Franklin late last Thursday night or early Friday morning and vanished with about \$700 in cash.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas yesterday (Wednesday) said his department and S. B. I. Agent

P. R. Kitchen are "working on some leads right now".

He said investigation has disclosed that at least two persons were involved in the break-in and "they definitely had some experience in safe work".

The back window of the office was "jimmied", the sheriff said, and marks on the safe indicate a "pry bar" and a small tie rod tool were used to pry loose the steel plate over the safe door. With the steel plate twisted back, the thieves cut the lock out of the door with a chisel to open it.

A large screwdriver, its point bent, was left at the scene, Sheriff Thomas said.

Pascal Norton discovered the break-in when he opened the motor company about 6:15.

The safe was on its back in the office floor. Checks and money orders, some change, cash register drawers, and other papers were strewn over the floor.

Some New Faces Are Being Seen

Macon's school children are facing 20 new teachers this year, according to a list compiled by the school superintendent's office.

Some of the newcomers to the system, however, are not new to the county. Nine of them are Maconites. These and their schools are Miss Carol Ramsey and Kenneth Barker, Nantahala; Mrs. Una C. Setser, L. C. Howard, George R. Pattillo, and Miss Ruby Penland, Franklin High School; Mrs. Emma R. Myers and Ralph Angel, Highlands; and Mrs. Gladys P. Kinsland, new special education teacher, who taught at Otto last year.

Bonafide newcomers and their home towns and new schools include Miss Minnette Moffitt, of Hayesville, John F. Johnson, of Connecticut, Charles Battle, of Marble, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kimberly, of Madison, who are assigned to Nantahala; James Taylor, of Murphy, Franklin High; Mrs. Clara Robn, of Bryson City, Union School; Mrs. Pansy White, of Hayesville, Cowee School; and Alva Duke, of Asheville, Chapel School.

Jerry A. Hall, Nantahala principal, also is new this year. He is from Murphy.

Station Break-In Is Reported

A break-in at Carter Talley's service station near Highlands Court on US 64 has been reported by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

The station was entered sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, the officer said. About \$20 in change was taken and some candy and chewing gum. Entrance was gained by breaking a pane in the front door, he said.

An attempt also was made to operate a gas pump, Sheriff Thomas revealed, and it is his theory the person who entered the station was primarily interested in turning the power on the pumps and to steal gas and took the change and merchandise as an afterthought.

A "good lead" is now being following up by the department, he said.

Anti-Polio Program Swinging To Franklin High School Next

With things pretty well under control in the elementary grades, the Macon County Health Department is swinging its anti-polio vaccination program to Franklin High School.

Monday afternoon, Dr. Guy V. Gooding, district health officer, expects to give about 500 first shots to high school students who have parental permission. Beginning at 1 o'clock, students will be taken to the health center by bus.

It is estimated that 133 students at Franklin High already have received two of the three required anti-polio shots. They are eighth graders who moved into high school this fall from elementary schools in the district.

Little League Ceremony Slated

A Little League presentation ceremony is set for next Thursday night (September 20) at Slagle Memorial Building at 8:15, immediately after the regular Rotary Club dinner meeting.

Jack Justice, of Canton, district director of Little League, is expected to be on hand to award a trophy to the Wildcats, league champs. Fifteen individual player awards also will be made.

Following the presentations, Little League officers for the '57 season, with the exception of managers, are to be elected. All present officers, parents of Little Leaguers, and other interested citizens are invited to attend.

Panthers Rout Clyde Erwin 26 To 6 In Season Opener

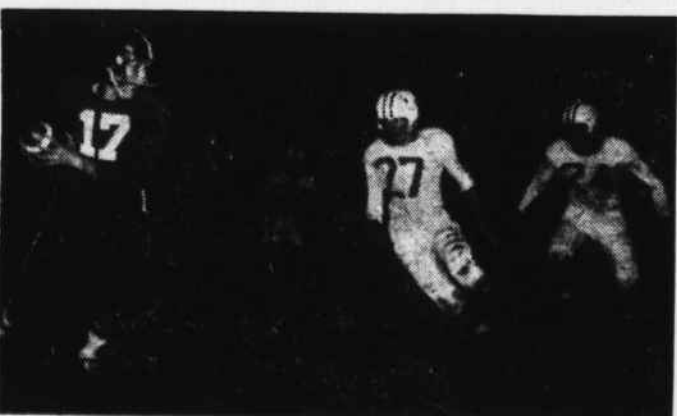
Displaying a surprising amount of mobility on the ground and in the air for a team of inexperienced players, the Franklin High Panthers sparked the opening of their '56 season here Friday night by routing the favored Clyde Erwin High eleven 26 to 6.

With this victory under their belts, the Panthers tomorrow (Friday) night play host to Clayton (Ga.) High. The kickoff will be at 8. This game is

the second of three non-conference clashes scheduled for the Panthers.

Although they bogged down at intervals, the Panthers left little to be desired offensively in racking up the lopsided score against the Buncombe County team Friday night.

In their first meeting with the ball, the Panthers powered 70-yards for a touchdown and extra point with Gilmer. Henry SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8



Mitchell Houston (17) is shown heading for valuable yardage after catching a pass in the first quarter touchdown march of the Panthers here Friday night. The two Clyde Erwin players closing in are unidentified. The Panthers won 26 to 6.



This is the sight that greeted the eyes of Pascal Norton when he opened the office of Macon Motor Company Friday morning. During the night, the office safe had been pried open and about \$700 taken.

Race Relations To Be Discussed

A meeting to discuss race relations has been called by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan for tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 in the Sunday school building of St. Agnes Episcopal Church.

All interested persons, regardless of race or church affiliation, are invited, Dr. Morgan said.

HIRES ENGINEERS

In special session Tuesday night, the Franklin Board of Aldermen hired an engineering firm to conduct a preliminary survey of the town's water needs.

The survey will cover a pumping station and filter plant with a capacity of one million gallons of water daily.

Cost of the survey is \$800 and this amount will be applied to the firm's overall fee should the town decide to finance the recommended improvements.

Through It All—

Tourist Year Tops

Over the pessimistic predictions of many, highway construction and capricious weather failed to blunt the success of the '56 tourist season.

Almost without exception, those dealing in services to tourists—from service stations to motels and restaurants—report an average, or better-than-average, season.

Some even think '56 was the best season in recent years.

Fact is, the steady stream of vehicles pouring into the county since Labor Day (a date that once marked the end of the season) suggests autumn of '56 may be a record-breaker when it comes to attendance.

Most chambers of commerce in the western area (Macon's included) this year are promoting an extended tourist season to include the autumn coloring. They're even setting good examples by keeping information booths open.

Franklin's chamber is step-

County Carries School Proposal

W. J. Trowbridge Is New President Of Town Chamber

William J. Trowbridge is the new president of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Lewis A. Edwards.

Other officers are R. L. Potts, vice-president; Mrs. Marguerite Potts, secretary; Mrs. Henry Whitmire, treasurer; and Pat Int-Hout, C. E. Mitchell, Mrs. W. P. Hedden, and Mr. Edwards, directors.

The new chamber officers met Tuesday night to plan for the 1957 tourist season, including the adoption of a budget.

Pearsall Proposal Approved By More Than 10 To 1 Here

By more than 10 to 1, Macon County voters approved the Pearsall school amendment in a general election Saturday.

The vote locally on the school amendment — product of the Pearsall Committee segregation findings — was 2,400 for and 241 against.

Passed by the General As-

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sembly in special session, it was one of four proposed constitutional changes placed before the voters in the election, and by far the most controversial. As such, it drew the highest vote of the four.

The other three amendments, passed by the legislators in regular session, also met with the approval of voters here and state-wide.

Voting was considered light here, with 2,729 being cast.

Under the change embodied in the Pearsall amendment, education expense grants for private education are authorized and "local option" voting can suspend operation of public schools.

The first of the three regular session amendments, which passed here by a vote of 1,558 to 248, allows members of the General Assembly compensation for 120 days, instead of 90, and makes provisions for subsistence and travel allowances.

Under the second, the General Assembly will now convene in February, instead of in January. It passed locally 1,870 to 199.

A vote of 1,839 to 238 passed the third and final amendment dealing with power of attorney conferred on a woman by her husband.

A 'Lean Year'

A "lean year" seemed in prospect last spring when the county's main travel artery north-south closed between Franklin and the Georgia state line for relocation. Without the "Uncle Remus Route" (US 23-441) to shuttle north and south-bound tourists through here, many predicted a heavy net of cobwebs over cash registers dependent on the tourist dollar.

Also, the disposition of the weather this season has been Jeckel-Hyde with temperature darting erratically from hot to cold and back to hot again.

Yet, through it all, Macon County apparently found '56 to be a pretty good year.

'About Average'

In Highlands, where the population swells from 500 in the winter to 7,000-10,000 at the SEE NO. 1, PAGE 5