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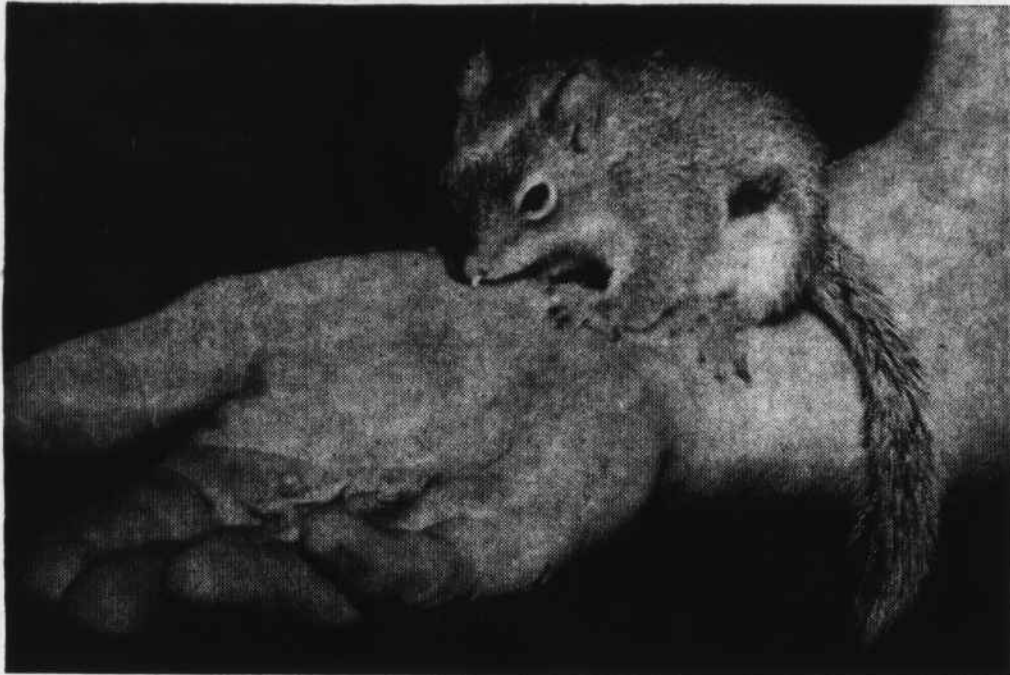
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## Some Squirrel-ly Doin's Are Afoot



Some whispering between a prisoner and the cook aroused the suspicions of Supt. John E. Outshall at the prison camp here last week. He investigated and found the prisoner was negotiating for some milk to feed a baby squirrel adopted by the inmates of the cell block. The little squirrel, who is called "Tony", for the prisoner who found him along a road, seems quite content with a diet of peanuts and milk.

## Improvements At Highlands Hospital Total \$8,508.64

Wilton H. Cobb this week announced the completion of improvements totaling more than \$8,508.64 at Highlands Community Hospital, Inc.

Mr. Cobb, chairman of the hospital board, said the improvements include office and patient examination spaces for Dr. William S. Lanford and Dr. D. G. Morton, who joined the staff on May 1.

Surgical facilities and new equipment for the obstetrical room also were provided under the program, he said.

A \$5,000 grant from the Ford Foundation and contributions from a number of summer residents paved the way for the improvements, Mr. Cobb explained. These funds—totaling \$9,201.46 on June 30—are not included in the audit report since they were donated for the specific purpose of providing hospital building improvements, surgical instruments, and other equipment.

Neither does this amount include contributions of Highlands residents, he added.

### Need Of Funds

At a board of directors meeting last week, Mr. Cobb pointed to the urgency of raising about \$16,000 to take care of hospital needs this winter and a deficit of \$2,052.37 incurred from last December until May 1, the period when the hospital operated without the services of a doctor. These months created a severe drain on its funds, he said.

Since the chairman's plea for additional operating capital, \$8,149.91 has been raised and more was coming in this week.

Mr. Cobb said one summer resident has offered to match local contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$1,000, and will contribute another \$1,000 on the basis of \$1 for every \$2 raised from contributions of

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## One Methodist Change Made At Conference

A single change in Methodist pastorates in this county was made by the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference at Winston-Salem last week.

The Rev. R. J. Hahn, pastor of the Snow Hill-Iotla charge for the last two years, was assigned to the Crabtree charge in Haywood county. He will be succeeded here by the Rev. Paul Heafner, of Gastonia.

Of local interest, too, was the assignment of a local businessman, J. C. Sorrells, to the Sylva circuit. Mr. Sorrells, who will have the Wesleyan, Lowell's Chapel, and Wesley churches in Jackson County, will sever his automobile connections and devote his full time to the ministry, he said this week. He and Mrs. Sorrells, however, will continue to live at their home in the Cowee community. Mr. Sorrells was licensed to preach in

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## BUS CHANGE BLOCKED BY OBJECTIONS

Proposal By Queen City Would Have Cut Daily Bus

Protests from riders along the route have stopped, at least temporarily, a move by Queen City Trailways to eliminate a daily Atlanta-Asheville bus.

Station agents along the route last week were notified to advertise the elimination of the Asheville-bound bus that arrives here at 1:10 p. m. It was proposed to have its run from Asheville end here at 6:25 p. m., instead of proceeding on to Atlanta. This also would have eliminated the 5:45 p. m. bus from Asheville that arrives here at 9 p. m.

A later order, however, cancelled the change.

The following schedule is still in use here:

To Asheville: 5:50 a. m., arriving at 8:15; 1:10 p. m., arriving at 3:45; and 10 p. m., arriving at 12:30 a. m.

From Asheville: 7 a. m., arriving here at 9:20; 4 p. m., arriving here at 6:25; and 5:45 p. m., arriving here at 9.

Going to Asheville, the 1:10 a. m. and the 10 p. m. buses make up in Atlanta. Coming from Asheville, the 9:20 a. m. and the 6:25 p. m. go to Atlanta.

## SCOUT FUND DRIVE SLATED

County's Quota Of District Figure Set At \$1,850

Macon's annual Boy Scout fund drive is set for October 1-6 under the chairmanship of Harry C. Corbin.

The county's share of the district quota is \$1,850 and the finance chairman says he hopes to raise this amount with the aid of community workers.

A meeting of Boy Scout leaders, and those interested in helping with the drive, has been called for Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at the Methodist church, Mr. Corbin announced this week.

Within the three-county Smoky Mountain District, it is hoped to raise \$4,361 for Scout work this year. Jackson and Swain are the other two counties.

### COURTHOUSE SINGING

The fifth Sunday Singing convention will hold its quarterly all-day session at the courthouse Sunday, starting at 10 a. m., the president, James M. (Jim) Raby has announced. The general public, as well as all singers, is invited, Mr. Raby said.

### RUMMAGE SALE SET

Bethel Women's Society of Christian Service will hold a rummage sale Saturday morning, September 29, on the town square. The money will be used for the church fund.

## Macon County Fair Opens Friday At Franklin High

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### Lions Slate Numbers Sale

A sale of house numbers will be kicked off next Thursday (October 4) by the Franklin Lions Club as the second step in its campaign to obtain home mail delivery in town.

Earlier in the year, the club completed a house numbering project on all streets as the first move toward delivery.

A master map of streets and lot and house numbers has been prepared and will be used in the sale of numbers.

Numbers will cost \$1 per house. The Lions plan to sell them door-to-door.

### They're Staying In School Here

A complete education must mean something in the Macon system.

Figures show there have been no "drop outs" this year on the jump from grammar to high school. To the contrary, there are 25 more high school freshmen enrolled than were promoted from the eighth grade.

A total of 285 eighth graders were promoted to the three high schools last spring. Present enrollment lists 310 freshmen.

Supt. Holland McSwain says new families moving here during the summer account for most of the increase.

Present freshmen enrollment at Franklin High is 250; Nantahala, 26; and Highlands, 34.

### Merchants Trade Event Featuring Harvest Bargains

Bushels of bargains are being offered by Franklin merchants in their trade-at-home promotion, "Harvest Festival", which opens for three days today (Thursday).

A parade to promote the sale and the opening of the county fair tomorrow is set for 10 a. m. It is to be featured by floats, decorated automobiles, and a pet parade. Prizes totaling \$30 are to be awarded the best entries. The parade will assemble on Church Street, near the Agricultural Building, at 9:30.

Sam Gibson, who is chairman of the merchants' trade promotion, explained that "Harvest Festival" is designed to stimulate not only interest in the fair, but also the idea of keeping "Macon County dollars in Macon County".

As a give-away feature of the sale, a drawing will be held for an electric stove at 4 p. m. Saturday on the square. Mr. Gibson emphasized that it is not necessary to make a purchase to get in on the drawing. All Franklin stores have registration slips. The only requirement is that the winner be present at the drawing.

"Harvest Festival" is the first of two trade events slated this year. Plans are now being made to usher in the Christmas season with a gala Santa Claus parade and pre-Yule sale soon after Thanksgiving, Mr. Gibson said.

### Exhibits Being Set Today; Shows Are Slated Saturday

Exhibitors will start placing entries this (Thursday) afternoon in preparation for the opening of the second annual Macon County Fair tomorrow on the grounds at Franklin High.

Fair officials report interest is good, particularly in the individual classifications. Communities, neighborhoods, and youth groups also are throwing their support behind the two-day event.

Official opening hour is noon tomorrow. Closing is set for 9 p. m. On Saturday, hours will be 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The morning of the opening day will be spent in judging.

Exhibits are being set up in the high school gymnasium. All must be placed by 9 in the morning (Friday).

Officials will start receiving entries and making space arrangements at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### Special Exhibits

Wayne Proffitt, president of the local Agricultural Workers Council, which is helping with arrangements, this week said individuals will be allowed to have special exhibits, although a classification of this kind is not in the fair catalogue. The catalogue only provides for special exhibits among organized communities and groups.

And, he had a word of encouragement for those who want to exhibit something not listed in the catalogue:

"If you have something worth showing, we'll make a place for it," he declared.

### Saturday Shows

Seven shows are scheduled for Saturday on the grounds at the high school.

An eighth show, poultry, will run during fair hours on both days.

Starting times for the shows are: swine, 12:30 p. m.; dairy cattle, 1 p. m.; beef cattle, 2 p. m.; sheep, 3 p. m.; horses and mules, 3 p. m.; dogs, 3:30 p. m.; pets, 4 p. m.

Mr. Proffitt emphasized that the pet show is not just for dogs, but for "any thing that is considered a pet."

### Fair Departments

Departments of the fair include farm crops, horticultural, dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, horses and mules, dogs, poultry, wildlife (educational exhibit), community exhibits, F. F. A. exhibit, 4-H community exhibits, pets, handicrafts, food conservation, breads, cakes, and pastries, clothing and needlework, 4-H Club and home economics (individual exhibits), housefurnishing, and flowers.

Between \$700-800 in cash premiums and blue, red, and white ribbons are to be awarded the winners in each department.

### CHANGES MEETING

Supt. Holland McSwain has announced that the Macon Board of Education plans to meet Saturday at 10 a. m., instead of on Monday as previously scheduled.

### 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., Sept. 19	79	49	....	....
Thursday	74	44	....	....
Friday	78	33	....	....
Saturday	83	40	....	....
Sunday	83	56	....	....
Monday	78	58	.18	....
Tuesday	67	54	.89	....
Wednesday	....	....	1.85	....

### HIGHLANDS

Wed., Sept. 19	70	54	....
Thursday	74	44	....
Friday	72	47	....
Saturday	68	42	....
Sunday	70	44	....
Monday	63	54	trace
Tuesday	58	50	.18
Wednesday	....	....	3.08

### COWEETA

Wed., Sept. 19	75	54	....
Thursday	72	42	....
Friday	75	34	....
Saturday	80	40	....
Sunday	78	50	.48
Monday	70	55	.15
Tuesday	61	56	2.52

## At Rainbow Springs — Kaleidoscope Of Flowers

A living kaleidoscope of giant chrysanthemums, nestled in a small valley at Rainbow Springs, has been winning all popularity polls here in recent weeks.

Those responsible for this latest and very beautiful attraction are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kendall, who grow the flowers commercially in Vero Beach, Fla., and view their venture here as an "experimental proposition".

Mr. Kendall declined, for business reasons, to comment on the degree of success they have

experienced with the chrysanthemums in this mountain climate. And, his secret for growing the giant flowers is still secret. They ship the flowers out of here by express to the commercial market.

The Kendall experiment covers about a third of an acre on a section of the old Killian place, which the couple purchased from Clifton Ledford.

They learned of Rainbow Springs through friends in Florida. Mr. Kendall said in an interview

this week, and decided to "give it a try".

His reticence about discussing business stems from a Florida newspaper declaring in a feature article that "I was picking gold from the bushes", he declared.

"I wouldn't want anyone to get the idea that this business is a gold mine . . . it takes someone who knows what he's doing . . . and the markets and other factors are always working against you."



Chrysanthemum Beds At Rainbow Springs Are Experiment Of Couple

## Panthers Defeat Braves In 1st Conference Scrap

Franklin High's Panthers chalked up their first Smoky Mountain Conference victory here last Friday night in defeating the Cherokee Braves 26 to 13.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, Coach Dick Stott's gridders travel to Hayesville for their first out-of-town meeting of the season and the fourth game on their schedule.

A large delegation from here is expected to be on hand to back the squad in its bid for a

second conference win. Kickoff will be at 8 o'clock.

### Smith Stars

Quarterback Willard Smith sparked the locals to their 26 points in the Braves' happy hunting ground with two touchdowns.

In the wake of a scoreless first quarter, Smith tore loose in the second on a 35-yard scamper that put the Panthers out front to stay. Bobby Cabe's kick for the extra was good.

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## School Children Get Early Holiday; McSwain Presides At N.C.E.A. Meet

Macon's school children, who reported in for the 1956-57 year on the 4th, didn't have to wait long for their first holiday.

Last Friday all schools closed down for the day so teachers could attend the 34th annual convention of the western district of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville.

Holland McSwain, of Franklin, superintendent of the local school system, presided as district president over the convention, which marked the opening of the centennial year of the N.C.E.A.

Mrs. Roy M. Biddle, Jr., teacher at Franklin High, served as chairman of a group session on English.

On his return home, Mr. McSwain said it was his pleasure to announce at the convention that his own teachers have 100 per cent membership in the

local, state, and national professional organizations.



Mr. McSwain