



Mrs. Porter . . . Ready For Work

Man's World? Hah!

Putting up 800 bales of hay, driving a tractor, caring for livestock, pulling trucks out of mud-holes, having sole responsibility for farm and timber lands totaling 300 acres—it's a man's job, isn't it. Maybe so, but a woman does it.

To Mrs. Katherine Bowden Porter, of Cowee, there's nothing unusual about it. She does it because she has to. Mrs. Porter has relied on her religion and a will to work to bring her through a lifetime of problems.

Won't Fret

"I never worry about what could happen. Goodness knows, if I did that I'd be dead. God took care of yesterday and so far he's taken care of today. I'll not fret about tomorrow."

Mrs. Porter emphasizes that she doesn't feel she's someone special because of what she's done. "Other women must be doing the same kind of work where needed. I know there are many who could, and would, if they had to."

How is it that the management of Hall Farm—named after the original settler of the early 1800's—falls to Mrs. Porter? She has owned the place since 1938 and run it since that time. However, except for a brief period while a child, she has lived there only since 1947. Between 1938 and 1947 she lived in Franklin while managing Hall Farm.

Mrs. Porter married James B. Porter, of Old Fort, in 1944 while he was in the Army Air Corps. He remained in service for a year after the war. During that time she was taking care of the farm. When Mr. Porter was discharged he took a job in the construction industry which required that he be away from home for long periods. So, Mrs. Porter continued her job.

Eyeing Retirement

With a total of 12 years' military service behind him, Mr. Porter suggested to his wife it would be to their advantage for him to

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Thumpity-Thump Of Balls Echoing In FHS Gymnasium

Franklin High's gymnasium is echoing the thumpity-thump of basketballs this week as the coaches go through the weeding out process in selecting their teams.

Clayton (Ga.) High will send its lads and lassies here on December 1 for the season opener. With 55 boys reporting out for practice, Coach Pat Pattillo reports he has some good material to pick from to round out his squad. Returnees from last year, who will probably form the nucleus of the Panther attack, include Willard Smith, Bruce Houston, Mitchell Houston, Gary Clark, and Frank McSwain.

The coach of the girls' team, Mrs. Rose Corbin, is building her team around the abilities of nine girls who lettered last year. They are Carolyn Dowdie, Mavis Gibson, Lucy Henry, Bonnie Lee, Frances McClure, Mel-

ba Moses, Jean Phillips, Jean Sutton, and Joan Mincey. A total of 23 girls reported for practice. Most of them are freshmen and sophomores.

Franklin is in the eastern division of the Smoky Mountain Conference and will play teams from Sylva, Cherokee, Swain, Cullowhee, Webster, Glenville, and Highlands.

The schedule:

- Dec. 1, Clayton, home
- Dec. 4, Sylva, away
- Dec. 7, Cherokee, home
- Dec. 11, Swain, home
- Dec. 14, Cullowhee, away
- Dec. 18, Webster, home
- Dec. 20, open
- Jan. 4, Hayesville, home
- Jan. 8, Clayton, away
- Jan. 11, Highlands, away
- Jan. 15, Glenville, home
- Jan. 18, Sylva, home
- Jan. 22, Cherokee, away
- Jan. 25, Swain, away
- Feb. 1, Webster, at Sylva
- Feb. 8, Glenville, away.

A HOT MYSTERY —

Case Of The Apron String

This is the story of the burning apron string. Sounds like the title of a mystery story, doesn't it? Well, for a while it was a mystery.

In every printing shop there are quantities of paper—paper representing money that easily could go up in smoke in a very few minutes. In addition, in all but the best regulated printing shops, there is likely to be a lot of waste paper, in baskets and even on the floor—a prime fire hazard at a place where people smoke cigarettes. So in all print shops, fire is one of the great and ever-present fears.

So when there was the smell of something burning at The Press office last Friday, everybody started looking. It first was detected by David H. (Zory) Sutton.

Wastebaskets were quickly examined for signs of still-burning cigarettes or matches; there was great sniffing around electric motors; noses were stuck out the door to learn if the odor came from outside.

There seemed to be no fire, anywhere. But something undeniably was burning.

Then, in the midst of puzzled head-scratching, Mr. Sutton discovered the fire. An unaccustomed, not to say uncomfortable, heat, rearward, gave him the signal.

How the end of his printer's apron string, dangling behind him, caught fire remains a mystery.

RED-CAPPED HUNTERS SWARM IN

Bag Data On Deer Still Incomplete; 2 Kills Reported

Red-capped hunters by the hundreds swarmed into Macon County in the frost-nipped dawn of Monday, each in his own way determined to bag a deer.

At press time, kill data from the Wayah and Standing Indian wildlife management areas was incomplete. However, the "right signs", coupled with good weather, are pointing to one of the best seasons in recent years.

Standing Indian area was host to 373 hunters the opening day. They only bagged 11 bucks and 11 hogs. Four were bagged on Wayah. Fifty-four hunters signed in there for the opening day.

Wayne Harrison, Afton Weaver, and Norman Seay made up the first party to report in Franklin with a deer. They bagged an eight-point buck weighing 175 pounds on Harrison Cove in the Burningtown section about 7:15 a. m.

A second kill was made at 8:15 a. m. on Buzzard Knob on Bryson Branch by J. D. Southard, of Franklin, Route 1. It was a six-pointer and weighed 150 pounds.

Miss Jones Wins 'Voice' Event

Miss Margaret Jones, Franklin High senior, is the winner of the county-wide Voice of Democracy contest.

She was picked from among five contestants, who presented five-minute talks on "I Speak for Democracy" during an assembly last Thursday morning in the high school gymnasium.

Judges were Verlon Swafford, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Sr., and Norman Blaine.

Other contestants in the Jaycee-sponsored speech contest were Misses Dwain Horsley, Linda Whelan, Katrina Elmore, and Shirley Cabe.

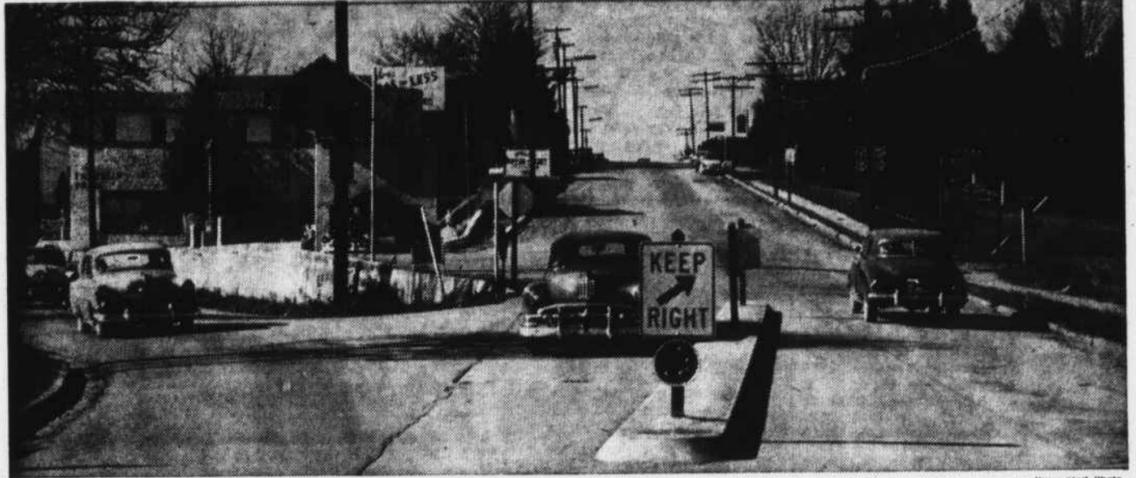
Miss Jones' winning talk has been recorded and will be entered in district competition later this month in Brevard against other winners in the western district.

Jaycee W. V. Cox was in charge of this year's contest.

Benefit Dance For Library Is Slated

A square dance for the benefit of the new Franklin Library is slated Saturday night at Slagle Memorial Building.

Sponsor is the North Franklin Neighborhood Development Club. Dancing will begin at 8.



Highway crews all week have been adding the refinements of traffic islands, directional arrows on the pavement, and more and larger signs to Franklin's one-way street system. The above island at the foot of Town Hill simplifies

the problem of entering the main street from Riverview Street. The island separates the lanes at the intersection, channeling west-bound traffic to the right and leaving the left lane open for Riverview traffic (center car) to merge with east-bound vehicles coming down Palmer (left).

Ohio House Fire Claims Lives Of Infant Children

A flash fire in a two-room with the U. S. Army in Panama, Ohio, snuffed out the lives of two infant boys belonging to former residents of Franklin.

Killed by suffocation in the fire were Verle Dean Vines, nine months old son of Mrs. Virginia Vines, and Curtis Lyle O'Shields, 16-months old child of Mrs. Ethel O'Shields.

The bodies of the children have been brought here for burial.

Father of the O'Shields child, Richard O'Shields, is stationed

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Roy Fell Down...

On a Monday afternoon six weeks ago little Roy Johnson and two friends hopped off the Highlands school bus and headed down the long gravel road for home.

They hadn't long been gone from the highway when, suddenly, Roy tripped on a rock or something (he never did know what) and fell face down in the road. The boys helped him up and the trio continued their way.

About 20 minutes later when they arrived home Roy's arms were swollen. The limbs hung awkwardly from his shoulders. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson took their ten-year-old to Highlands Community Hospital where the trouble soon was determined.

Roy had broken both his arms. The broken bones were set and heavy casts put around the youngster's arms. After being at home for a week, Roy returned to Mrs.

Elaine Norton's fourth grade. He was unable to help himself, so Cub Scouts fed Roy his lunch. "It was like Elijah in the wilderness," said Mrs. Norton.

At home, the Johnson family took turns feeding and dressing him. The boy soon learned to grasp a pencil in a peculiar way, holding it between his thumb, a finger, and the cast. He could read a book unaided.

Last Thursday night the doctors decided Nature's work was complete. It was time to cut away the large casts that covered the arms.

There was a hollow sound as the saw sliced through the plaster around the right arm. The cast dropped away. Then the cast from the other arm.

"I've never seen such dirty arms in all my life," said Mrs. Johnson. Freed of the heavy casts, Roy said: "How light they feel."

Youth Shoots Dad After Warning Him

Ready For Thanksgiving

In the pattern of the olden days, Maconians will celebrate Thanksgiving (Thursday) by attending church services and gathering with family and friends for dinner "with all the trimmings".

Franklin's annual union service is set for 8 a. m. at the Methodist church.

Guest minister this year will be the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Jointly sponsored by the Metho-

OFFICES CLOSING

With the exception of the sheriff's department, county offices in the courthouse will close for the holiday.

The county welfare office in the Nantahala Building also will be closed. The county health center on Riverview Street will close Thursday and Friday.

dist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches in town, it will be the only service of the day.

Service Tonight

Tonight (Wednesday) at the Carson Chapel Methodist Church, a Thanksgiving service will be conducted at 7:30 by the Rev. S. B. Moss.

Catholic Service

A Thanksgiving day service is scheduled for 7:30 a. m. at the St. Frances Catholic Church, according to Father Healy.

A service is planned at Wells Grove Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

A 16-year-old Sealy boy is free on \$1,000 bond following the shooting of his father last Thursday morning.

The sheriff's department has identified the boy as Lewis Barnes and quoted him as saying he shot his father in self-defense.

Meanwhile, the rather, Albert E. (Bert) Barnes, about 45, remains in a critical condition at Highlands Community Hospital.

The shooting occurred about 10 o'clock at the home of the boy's grandfather, Ray Dryman, on Hall Ridge Road, where officers said the boy and his mother fled after being threatened by Barnes at their own home nearby.

Shoots Through Door

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said the boy shot a .410 gauge shotgun blast through the front door of the Dryman home and it struck Barnes in the left side.

Only recently Barnes had been ordered by Resident Judge Dan K. Moore to stop bothering his family, the sheriff reported.

Gives Account

The boy gave this account of the events leading to the shooting to Deputy Newell Pendergrass:

His father came to their house and threatened his mother with a knife. When a neighbor knocked at the front door, Mrs. Barnes got loose and ran from the house and they went to the Dryman home. Before long, Barnes showed up at the grandfather's carrying a 20 gauge shotgun. The boy shouted for him to stop and not

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17,800 Pounds Of Fat Calves Bring Local Owners \$5,607

Eighteen fat calves from Macon County, weighing in at 17,800 pounds, brought their F.F.A. and 4-H owners \$5,607 at last week's W.N.C. Fat Stock Show and Sale.

The local animals averaged 31½ cents a pound. The sale average was 27½.

At the show Tuesday of last week, the local animals wrapped up every event but the grand championship, which went to one owned by a Haywood County boy. The sale was held the following day.

The reserve champion, a Herford calf owned by Johnny Killian, of the Cartoogechaye section, brought \$430.50 at the sale for an average of 42 cents a pound. It was bought by the N. C. Equipment Company.

Several animals were purchased by local businesses and professional men. One was bought by Franklin Frozen Foods; Burrell Motor Company and Nantahala Oil Company jointly purchased one; and Drs. W. E. Furr, E. W. Fisher, and G. R. McSween divided the cost of another.

A number of other local people supported the local animals at the sale. A list of these will be available the last of the



10-Year-Old Roy Gets Some Eatin' Help From Mother

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.

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	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Nov. 14	70	21	.00
Thursday	65	22	.00
Friday	58	45	.07
Saturday	58	41	.53
Sunday	60	23	.00
Monday	60	20	.00
Tuesday	...	25	.00

HIGHLANDS

Wed., Nov. 14	60	29	.00
Thursday	56	38	.00
Friday	54	49	trace
Saturday	51	45	.87
Sunday	50	28	.13
Monday	52	22	.00
Tuesday	...	26	.00

COWEETA

Wed., Nov. 14	70	25	.00
Thursday	66	37	.00
Friday	62	46	.00
Saturday	55	47	.03
Sunday	58	25	.46
Monday	58	23	.00
Tuesday	...	26	.00