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The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.  
—Plutarch

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## Mystery — Where Did They Come From?



Where did the big footprints in the large flint rock on Ellijay come from? Folks have a lot of theories about them, but no one really knows. The prints are clearly outlined in the stone, which was first found in the Indian Camp Gap. About 30 years ago the late Jake Henry broke the large rock open in the hope of finding something inside. His efforts yielded nothing. Four years ago his son, Tom Henry, studded the rock down the mountain to his home. For purposes of photographing, the footprints were outlined with chalk. What's your theory? An Indian look-out rock, maybe, the prints made by the moccasins of countless warrior lookouts?

## To Give Free X-Ray Service Mobile Unit Coming Here

A mobile X-ray unit from the N. C. Tuberculosis Association is coming here to fill an eight-day schedule over the county.

The service will be free, according to officials of the district health department, which is sponsoring the unit's visit.

Here's a schedule of times and places:

Highlands: May 17 and 18 from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Cullasaja School: May 21, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Franklin High School: May 22, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.  
Franklin Hosiery Company: May 23.  
Covee School: May 24, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Otto School: May 25, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
Nantahala School: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

In June, the mobile unit will return here for five more days, four of them in Franklin. On the 18th, it will set up at Van Raelte plant, to serve the East Franklin area, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. The

19th through the 22nd it will operate in the downtown section near the county jail.

## Teen Center Plans Square Dances Each Saturday This Summer

As a money-raising project, the Franklin Teen Center will sponsor Saturday night square dances during the summer, with the first one scheduled for June 1.

The dances are to be held at Slagle Memorial Building, it was decided at a board of directors' meeting Friday night. Profits will go toward operation of the center, which has a place to meet but few furnishings to go into the building.

The once-a-month meeting of the center's board of directors was changed from the first Friday in the month to the first Wednesday. The meetings will be held at 8 p. m. at the center. Parents are invited.

## FORMER BUSINESS TEACHER —

## Annual Dedicated To E. T. Williams

Franklin High's annual, The Laurel Leaf, is dedicated to Edwin T. Williams, a former business teacher who resigned last year to go into the insurance business in Franklin.

In according the honor to Mr. Williams, the annual staff wrote: "His interest in the entire stu-

dent body and his willingness to work for the school will be greatly missed at Franklin High School."

Appreciation also is expressed by The Laurel Leaf to Dr. and Mrs. Furman Angel, "the school's most loyal and helpful supporters, whose contributions, both moral,

## 'Play Ball' Cry To Boom May 25

A cry of "play ball" will boom over East Franklin the afternoon of May 25 as the Little League and Pony League teams open their 1957 seasons.

Plans for an opening day celebration at the East Franklin field are now being made by officials of both leagues. Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter is president of Little League and E. G. Crawford heads the new Pony League.

On opening day, the Little League Reddys and Jaybirds will play at 4 o'clock. The Rexallites and the Cardinals, Pony League teams, are slated to meet in the second game of the double-header.

Schedules for both leagues are now being prepared and will be ready for publication next week.

**AT BIG LAUREL**  
A number of district committeemen from Macon County plan to be on hand tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at the Big Laurel camp for the monthly Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District committee meeting. It will begin at 5:30.

## Big Franklin Precinct Divided Into 4; New Registration Ordered For County

### Bill Taking Local Officials Off Fees Passes In Raleigh

A measure taking courthouse officials off fees and putting them on salaries and setting up a separate tax collection office, was one of two Macon County bills passed last week by the general assembly. The courthouse measure will take effect Oct. 7 of this year. Within the minimums and maximums set forth in the bill, salaries of the officials are to be set by the board of county commissioners. The breakdown, with minimum and maximum for each position, follows:

Sheriff, \$5,000-\$6,000; sheriff's travel allowance, \$1,800; full-time deputy, \$2,400-\$2,700; jailor-deputy, \$1,800 plus jailor's fees. Register of deeds, \$3,800-\$4,500; register's assistant, \$1,800-\$2,400. Clerk of Superior Court, \$3,800-\$4,500; clerk's assistant, \$1,800-\$2,400. County accountant-tax super-

visor-tax collector (one job), \$3,600-\$4,800; deputy tax collector, \$2,400-\$3,600.

The second bill passed last week deals with Highlands. It permits the town to charge a "reasonable" admission fee to the Highlands Biological Museum there. The land deed conveying the land on which the museum is located had specified there was to be no admission charge.

Two other pieces of Macon County legislation still are in the assembly. One is the "fish bill", which would exempt a private fishing lodge on the Nantahala River from a state law which prohibits placing obstructions in public streams. This bill has passed the Senate and is in committee in the House. The second bill relates to Highlands' power plant and its financing. This bill has not yet passed either State or House.

## Tommy Gnuse Is Recipient Of Medal For R.O.T.C. Work

Harmon Thomas (Tommy) Gnuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gnuse, Jr., of Franklin, has been named recipient of the Chicago Tribune Silver Medal for outstanding military achievement, scholastic attainment, and character.

He is a U. S. Air Force R.O.T.C. cadet at Duke University and is now completing his freshman year. He holds the rank of airman second class.

Tommy, who is majoring in engineering, earned the award for his outstanding work in the photographic laboratory of the R.O.T.C. unit, according to an announcement from the Department of Air Science at Duke.

He was awarded the medal Monday (May 13) at the annual combined Navy-Air Force R.O.T.C. review at the university.

While at Franklin High School, Tommy worked as sports

editor and photographer on The Mountain Echo, school newspaper.



Tommy Gnuse

## ON TOWN SQUARE — Franklin Chamber Seeking New Location For Booth

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce wants a "coming out" party for its Main Street information booth.

President Verlon Swafford and his directors would like to bring the booth out of hiding in its picturesque setting across the street from Nantahala Power and Light Company and relocate it on the Town Square, where it could be seen by tourists.

They're working toward that end this week.

President Swafford already has received permission to use the square from W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the Macon Board of County Commissioners.

However, Mr. Baldwin feels the final decision should be made by the Town of Franklin, which maintains the square as a parking area.

So President Swafford is ready to take the chamber's



Information Booth . . . Partially Obscured

The big Franklin voting precinct, containing approximately 40 per cent of all the voters in the county, Saturday was split into four precincts.

The action was taken by the Macon County Board of Elections.

The board also ordered a new registration of voters, county-wide—the first since 1942.

In a third action, the second floor of the courthouse was eliminated as a voting place.

Generally speaking, the three new precincts created by the board embrace the southern, eastern, and far northern parts of the former Franklin precinct.

### New Town Groups To Take Office

Newly-elected officials in Franklin and Highlands are to take office this month.

Mayor W. C. Burrell and his six-man board will be sworn in on the 24th in Franklin. The aldermen are A. G. Cagle, Dr. J. W. Kahn, E. C. Shook, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., William P. Bryant, and J. Frank Martin, who won the sixth seat Wednesday of last week, following a recount of votes. He and Prelo Dryman had deadlocked at 312 votes each until the official tally turned the seat over to Mr. Martin, 316 to 311.

In Highlands, Mayor V. W. McCall and his five town commissioners are scheduled to take their oaths of office at the board's next regular meeting on May 20. The commissioners are L. W. Rice, Tudor N. Hall, Edward Potts, L. C. Billingsley, and Curt A. Wilson.

Biennial elections were conducted in the towns Tuesday of last week.

With the exception of the Martin-Dryman recount, the votes received by the individual candidates are unchanged.

### Union Precinct

Hereafter, all voters (within the confines of the old precinct) who live from Cartoogechaye Creek south to the Smith's Bridge precinct line will vote at Union School. This will be known as the Union Precinct.

All who live in the area east of the Tennessee River (and west and south of the Millshoal, Ellijay, and Smith's Bridge lines) will vote at the East Franklin School. This will be known as the East Franklin Precinct.

The third new voting area is from the Trimont divide north to the Burningtown and Cowee precinct lines. Voters in this section, to be known as the Iotia Precinct, will cast their ballots at the Iotia School.

What remains—the area from the Tennessee River west, from the Trimont divide south, and from Cartoogechaye Creek north—will comprise the new Franklin Precinct. For that area, the Agricultural Building was designated.

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## F. F. A. Chapter Is Going After More District Honors Friday And Saturday

Franklin's live-wire Future Farmers of America Chapter, which already has a wall covered with ribbons and awards, will be going after still more honors in Asheville Friday and Saturday, when some 500 F.F.A. members from 25 counties gather for a giant rally.

Competition between chapters for district awards will feature the rally and the Franklin F.F.A. is ready to battle for its share of the glory, according to Wayne Proffitt, vocational agriculture teacher.

The chapter as a unit will compete in a chapter contest, a cooperative activity competition, and a crop improvement event.

Two teams also are registered. The ritual and parliamentary procedure team is composed of Frank Nolen, Riley Henry, Bill Fouts, John Killian, Bud Shope, and Richard Setser. On the dairy judging team are Bud Shope, Bunny McClure, Howell Miller, and Bill McCall.

Individuals who will compete, and their fields, include: Bud Shope, dairy achievement; Frank Nolen, farm mechanics; Bill Fouts, forestry and public speaking; Wayne Gregory, supervised farming.

## Late News and Briefs

**INSTALLING PUMP**  
Power was off at intervals Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Highlands road section of East Franklin while a Nantahala Power crew wired in the pump at the town's new Higdon well.

**HIGHWAY CLOSING**  
Beginning Monday, Maconians traveling east to Asheville must detour around Balsam Mountain, where US 19A-23 is being relocated. The detour from Sylva is via US 441 and 19 through Cherokee and over Soco Gap into Maggie Valley.

The Balsam-Willets link will be closed 90 days.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Maxson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., May 8	77	39	.00
Thursday	72	42	.00
Friday	75	44	.00
Saturday	73	38	.61
Sunday	84	48	.09
Monday	84	57	.00
Tuesday	84	57	.00
Wednesday	—	54	.02
HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., May 8	68	37	.00
Thursday	70	40	.00
Friday	69	44	.00
Saturday	68	55	.78
Sunday	76	55	trace
Monday	78	50	.12
Tuesday	76	54	.00
Wednesday	—	52	.05
COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., May 8	74	38	.00
Thursday	76	40	.00
Friday	73	45	.00
Saturday	73	58	.61
Sunday	82	51	.32
Monday	83	52	.00
Tuesday	83	55	.00
Wednesday	—	52	.00



MISS Mildred Burch, editor of Franklin High's yearbook, The Laurel Leaf, and the yearbook advisor, Mrs. Anne F. Biddle (right), look over one of the '57 editions, following their arrival Friday.

### PAPER CONTEST ENDS

The Franklin Press subscription contest among Rural Community Development Organizations in the county ended yesterday (Wednesday). Since subscriptions in the contest could be mailed up to midnight last night, the results will not be known until today. The winners of the community prizes, totaling \$100 in cash, will be announced in next week's Press.

### CARELESS PICNICKERS

A fire, believed to have been started by careless picnickers, burned about two and a half acres in the U. S. National Forest in the Skeenah Gap area Tuesday night of last week.