

Franklin Future Farmers Top Chapter In State Once Again

IN FRANKLIN —

Carter, Former Patrolman, Hired As Chief Of Police

Sid Carter, a former highway patrolman and well-known resident of this county, has been hired as chief of police in Franklin, effective July 1.

Police Chief C. D. Baird, who has held the job since 1934, will remain on the force as an officer at his present salary of \$225 monthly. He and Police Officer Nelson Ledford will constitute the regular force under the new chief. Policeman Homer Cochran will no longer be a full-time officer, but will serve as a relief officer and a part-time employe of the water department.

Mr. Carter, who is being hired at a monthly salary of \$300, is a veteran of 10 and a half years with the highway patrol. A native of Wilkes County, he was stationed in Highlands with the patrol prior to resigning Jan. 1, 1952, to go into the service station business in Highlands.

He sold his service station and until recently was service manager at Burrell Motor Company, a job he held for three and a half years. He saw service in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II. During his 23 years as police chief, Chief Baird was granted

two leaves of absence for duty in the U. S. Army. He served from 1944 to 1946 and then was recalled as an active reservist from 1951 to 1953.



Mr. Carter

Shope Is Hired To Coordinate League Activities

Z. Weaver Shope has been hired by the Town of Franklin to coordinate Little League activities for the remainder of the season.

Aldermen hired Mr. Shope last week after the Little League president, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, requested some town assistance with the league program, in which some 120 boys participate.

Mr. Carpenter explained that the program is too large for

PLAYERS CALLED
Boys who failed to make Little League teams this season are asked to report to the East Franklin field July 3 at 9 a. m. so minor league teams can be organized.
Calvin Henson has volunteered to oversee the minor league program for the rest of the season.
Four teams will be organized.

volunteers to handle now, particularly in view of the opening of minor league play next week.

As coordinator, Mr. Shope will receive \$30 weekly for the rest of the season. This should be about six weeks, according to Mr. Carpenter.

Several applications for the job were studied before Mr. Shope was selected. He is principal of Cullasaja School.

District League Play In July

Franklin is scheduled to play July 18 in the district Little League tournament in Canton, according to Robert C. Carpenter, league president.

He said an all-star team composed of the best players from the four League teams will play in the district event.

Bill Gregory, manager of the Jaybirds, has been selected by the other managers to coach the all-star team.

In the July 18 game, Franklin is slated to play the winner of the Hazelwood-Canton game.

Ramsey Is Improving In Asheville Hospital

Franklin Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey is reported improving at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, where he has been since Tuesday of last week, suffering from a heart ailment.

He expects to be back on the job in the town office next week.

In his absence, James E. (Jim) Tysinger, who has been helping Mr. Ramsey with some tax chores, is on the job in the town office.

Old Morrison School Reunion Is Planned

Former teachers and students and their families of the old Morrison School on the Georgia Road, will hold a reunion Sunday at Arrowwood Glade.

Each family will bring a picnic lunch, which will be served at noon.

ENGINEER SEES WEEKS MORE WORK

Surfacing Finished On Highway Project; Detour To Remain

Resident Highway Engineer S. T. Usry sees about six more weeks of work to be done on the new highway project from Franklin to the Georgia state line.

Although surfacing on the 12.46-mile job has been completed and local and some through traffic is moving over it, the engineer says the detour over US 64 probably will remain in effect until the state accepts the job from the contractor.

About six weeks should see the shoulder work completed, he said, and there is some spot patching to be done.

Surfacing of the short link from the town limits south to the county farm property was finished last week.

Survey For Zoning Case Being Made

The Town of Franklin's trip to court over an alleged zoning ordinance violation probably won't materialize.

Mayor W. C. Burrell said the town and Lee Tippett, owner of a rock crusher reportedly operating in violation of zoning regulations, have reached an agreement.

A survey of the property in question on Harrison Avenue has been ordered by the town. If Mr. Tippett's property is inside the town limits, the mayor said he has agreed to stop operating the crusher.

Should the survey show it to be outside the town limits, and therefore out of the jurisdiction of the zoning ordinance, both parties will share the cost of the survey.

The town attorney was ordered to proceed with a civil action against Mr. Tippett at the board's regular June meeting.

Rain And Wind Miss Franklin, Hit At Coweta

A wind and rainstorm which hit Coweta Wednesday of last week shortly after noon missed Franklin completely.

Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory reported 2.08 inches rain in only 30 minutes (12:30 p. m. to 1 o'clock). Some streams showed a rise as high as 1.6 feet in but a half hour, according to laboratory gauges.

W. Frank Piyer, a Coweta employe, said, "The timber was bending like a hurricane was going through it." No damages were reported, however.

COURTHOUSE SING

The fifth Sunday sing will be held Sunday, June 30, beginning at 10 a. m. at the courthouse. All singers are invited to participate.

Schedule Of 4th Activities

- 8:45: Greasy pole climbing for boys.
- 9:00: Hog calling contests for men and women.
- 9:15: Sack races for boys and girls up to 15 years old.
- 9:30: Log chopping contest for men (Bring your favorite axe. Wood will be furnished.)
- 9:45: Corn shelling contests for men and women.
- 10:00: Potato races for men and women and boys and girls.
- 10:15: Wheelbarrow races for boys and men.
- 10:30: Tire rolling races for boys and girls.
- 10:45: Watermelon eating contests for boys and girls up to 15 years old.
- 11:00: Log sawing contest for men (bring your own saw.)
- 11:15: Clothes hanging contest for women.
- 11:30: Selection of winners of the most authentic frontier clothes worn by a man and a woman; the oldest man and woman present; and parent with most children present.
- 11:45: Potato rolling contest.
- 12:00: Noon: Greasy pig.
- 1:30: LITTLE LEAGUE GAME—East Franklin field, Wildcats vs Jaybirds.
- 3:00: PONY LEAGUE GAME—East Franklin field, Yardbirds vs Corvettes.
- 8:00: Free square dancing starts on the west side, of the county courthouse.
- 8:15: 1st elimination of beauty contest to select "Miss Fourth of July."
- 9:15: 2nd elimination of beauty contest.
- 10:15: Selection of "Miss Fourth" and crowning.
- 10:30: More square dancing.

Welfare Department Staff Granted Pay Boosts Here

The board of county commissioners has granted a second group of county workers pay raises for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

They are employes of the Department of Public Welfare, who are getting salary increases of from three to four per cent from the county on that portion of their salaries it pays. Total cost to the county will be \$2,140 a year.

Receiving increases are Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, superintendent, four per cent; Mrs. John Crawford, case worker, three per cent; and Mrs. Winton Perry, office secretary, about four per cent.

The county pays 53 per cent of their wages and the federal and state governments put up the other 47 per cent.

An almost equal raise will come to the three workers from the federal and state on their portions of the salaries.

Old and new salaries are: Mrs. Potts, from \$460 to \$480 monthly; Mrs. Crawford, from \$310 to \$320 monthly; and Mrs. Perry, from \$260 to \$270 monthly.

The increase was granted by the commissioners Tuesday of

last week in joint session with the welfare board.

Earlier in the month, the commissioners granted county agricultural workers a five per cent increase on the part of their salaries the county pays. Additionally, the agricultural people will get some salary increase from the federal and state governments.

15 Local Guardsmen Return From Duty

Fifteen Macon County men returned Sunday night from two weeks' active duty at Fort Bragg with a National Guard infantry company from Sylva.

They are members of Company "I", of the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division.

Charles A. Swafford, of Iotia, said the twin bolts of lightning which struck Wednesday night of last week at Fort Bragg, killing two guardsmen and injuring 40 others, hit the bivouac area about three-fourths mile from where his company was situated. The only effect on members of his company, he said, was an electrical shock received by a switchboard operator. They saw ambulances going by a few minutes later, but it wasn't until the next day that they knew details of the accident, he said.

Men from Macon going with the Sylva unit, in addition to Mr. Swafford, were James T. Houston, Kenneth E. Clark, Dean E. Pendergrass, Charles W. Bridgeman, Arthur G. Browning, George H. Moore, Jr., Kenneth E. Taylor, Hudie C. Crawford, James D. Fouts, Bronce L. Roper, Harold T. Cochran, James E. Raby, Harold D. Ammons, and Grover H. Miller.

Welcome Signs Are Being Erected At Highway Entrances

New welcome signs at the highway entrances to Franklin are being erected.

The all-metal signs have been purchased jointly by town civic and service groups. The overall project is being headed by a committee from the Rotary Club.

Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher, and members of the Future Farmers of America chapter are handling the erection of the signs.

Mr. Proffitt expects the job to be finished by next week.

DRUG STORE FIRE

A burning electric motor in the basement of Perry's Drug Store brought out the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Sunday about 3:30 p. m. Damage was confined to the motor.

Georgia City Also Raises Money For Thomas Family

Word was received from Athens, Ga., this week that a fund drive there for the Porter family raised \$1,332.00 in cash.

Coupled with the money raised in Franklin, the Thomas family has now \$2,976.99 to help defray expenses arising from the June 2 auto accident which killed Mrs. Thomas, a baby daughter, and injured her husband, a male passenger, and six other Thomas children.

Additionally, the family received groceries, several boxes of clothing, and has been offered hospitality in the homes of Athens citizens.

The information was forwarded to The Press by the Athens newspaper, The Banner-Herald. It was given to them by Sister M. Columba, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, where the Thomas family has been hospitalized.

Sister Columba said the Athens drive to help the Thomases was initiated by Mr. and Mrs. Van Saw, themselves victims of an accident a few days earlier in which they lost a son and daughter.

"Notes enclosed with contributions," Sister Columba said, "revealed an urge to help someone in gratitude for help received in the giver's own times of need."

Franklin's prize-winning Future Farmers of America chapter has done it again.

From Raleigh comes word that the 70-member chapter has repeated its 1955 performance by again walking off with top state honors.

As the best chapter in the state, it will be presented a \$100 award during the annual F. F. A. convention now under way in Raleigh.

Wayne Proffitt, chapter advisor, and six F. F. A. boys making up the chapter's parliamentary procedure team, are attending the convention.

Fourth Plans Are Ready For Uncorking Here

A Fourth of July celebration that "will stand with the best of 'em" is ready to be uncorked in Franklin, according to Hall Callahan, Jaycee in charge of the over-all program.

The Fourth has been proclaimed "Frontier Day" and everyone is being asked to dress as they did in the old days.

Prizes will be awarded for the most authentic clothes and also to the winners of a variety of contests to be staged during the day. (See schedule of events on this page.)

Morning activities will center at the west side of the county courthouse. This area will be roped off. In the afternoon Little League and Pony League games at the East Franklin field are on tap. Spotting the evening hours will be free square dancing and a beauty contest to select "Miss Fourth of July". More than 20 contestants have been entered by merchants in the contests, according to Roy Biddle, Jr., Jaycee in charge of this event.

Jerry Sutton Just Misses A No-Hitter

Jerry Sutton came within one out of pitching a no-hitter for the Franklin All-Stars against Sylva in a baseball game at East Franklin field Sunday, but a last inning hit ruined his game.

Franklin won the game, 8-0, behind Sutton's steady hurling. Sutton also was one of the All-Stars' leading hitters, getting three for four, including two doubles. Norman Seay had a home run and two singles in four times at bat for Franklin.

With a 4-2 season record, the local team meets Blairsville, Ga., here Sunday. Game time is 2:30 p. m. at East Franklin and there is no admission charge.

PATTON MEETING SLATED

The Patton Rural Community Development Organization will meet Tuesday, July 2, at 8 p. m. at the community building. Carol Smith and the Carolina Playboys, Macon County talent, will furnish the entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

The team, which is shooting for state honors, is composed of Bill Fouts, Frank Nolen, Johnny Killian, Richard Setser, Riley Henry, and Bud Shope.

Frank also is competing in the state farm mechanics event. Moreover, he and Bill are candidates for state offices this year.

The convention ends tomorrow (Friday) and Mr. Proffitt and the team members expect to arrive here in the early evening.

As district winner, the Franklin chapter also is competing on the state level in cooperative activities and crop improvement.

Members of the chapter farm 120 acres of the county farm on US 23-441, south, on a lease arrangement. The chapter also has 70 head of sheep, two bulls, one beef heifer, and a Yorkshire boar.

Telephone Tax Check Still Hasn't Arrived

That \$1,438.72 check for back taxes which the Western Carolina Telephone Company told the county commissioners June 3 it would "try to get on the way in the next day or two" still hadn't come in this week. It is expected the commissioners will look into the matter further at their monthly meeting on Monday.

The taxes are for 1954 and had remained unpaid while an adjustment was made by the State Utilities Commission on the company's valuation here. The commissioners had the county attorney contact the telephone company June 3 and a company official made the above statement at that time.

SCOUTERS TO MEET

Scouters of the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District, including several from here, have a meeting scheduled tomorrow (Friday) at 6:30 p. m. at Clark's Restaurant, between Franklin and Dillsboro. The Rev. Roy E. Bell, of Sylva, district chairman, has been assigned a new pastorate and his Scout post is expected to be filed at the meeting.

Press Coming Out Early Next Week

Next week's issue of The Press will be published 24 hours earlier than usual.

The change in schedule is due to the Thursday holiday. This year, July 4 falls on a Thursday, and there will be no delivery of mail on the rural routes. So rural readers' copies of the paper will not lay over in the post office 24 hours, next week's Press will be put in the post office Tuesday night for delivery Wednesday morning.

To make the earlier publication date possible, it is necessary to move up all advertising and news deadlines by 24 hours.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson 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., June 19	84	63 .00
Thursday	85	62 .00
Friday	84	58 .00
Saturday	85	63 .00
Sunday	83	65 .00
Monday	78	65 .29
Tuesday	82	64 .32
Wednesday	80	.00
HIGHLANDS		
	High	Low Rain
Wed., June 19	80	56 .00
Thursday	77	58 .23
Friday	77	57 .00
Saturday	78	62 2.11
Sunday	75	64 trace
Monday	72	62 1.02
Tuesday	74	60 .63
Wednesday	57	.45
COWETA		
	High	Low Rain
Wed., June 19	82	59 .00
Thursday	85	58 2.08
Friday	83	57 .00
Saturday	82	62 .01
Sunday	82	64 .51
Monday	78	64 .68
Tuesday	81	63 .30
Wednesday	—	58 .00

Wages Here Show Drop

Total wages paid Macon County wage earners during the fourth quarter of this fiscal year reached \$851,264, giving an average weekly earning for each of \$55.26.

Compared with the third quarter of 1956, the present fourth quarter average of 1,185 workers represents a loss of 3.74, according to the Employment Security Commission.

The weekly earning average for the entire state for the fourth quarter was \$62.98.

Sidewalk Bargains

Weather cooperating, Franklin's sidewalks will be lined with hundreds of items for bargain hunters tomorrow (Friday).

It'll be "Sidewalk Carnival", a one-day merchants' trade promotion. The 62 participating merchants will place bargain items outside their stores on tables.

Should the weather be bad, the promotion still will be held, but the tables will be moved inside, according to Sam Gibson, chairman of the chamber of commerce committee sponsoring the trade event.

1,418 Receive Free X-Rays

On a five-day visit in Franklin last week, a mobile X-ray unit gave free service to 1,418 persons, according to officials of the county health department.

The unit operated on Phillips Street, next to the county jail. Clerical assistance was furnished by local tuberculosis association and volunteers from the V. F. W. Auxiliary.

In Nantahala community recently, the unit made 187 X-rays for citizens in that section.

Womacks Buy Motor Court

The 18-unit Panorama Court just outside Franklin on US 23-441, south, has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Davis to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Womack.

The Womacks own and operate a smaller motor court on US 64, east, (Highlands road). Stamps on the deed filed in the register of deeds office indicate the transaction involved approximately \$35,000.

Mr. Davis this week said he has no present plans for the future.