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They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. — Benjamin Franklin.

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IRONING OUT last-minute plans for the celebration of the Fourth of July in Franklin are (L to R) Hall Callahan, chairman of "Frontier Day" festivities, and Bob Moore, president of the Franklin Jaycees, who are sponsoring the event for the chamber of commerce. The Jaycees are dressed out in "Frontier Day" duds they'll show off on the Fourth.

Spirit Of Fourth Rising; Celebration Plans Ready

Holiday To Be 'Frontier Day' For Celebrants

The spirit of the Fourth of July is beginning to catch on over the county as just about everybody plans to take time out for the observance. Many Maconians plan trips to see other parts of the country, or to visit with friends and relatives, and others will just sit it out quietly at home in the shade. The rest will converge on Franklin where a full program of festivities is scheduled for the day and night hours. Traditionally, Independence Day is a big thing here and this year is no exception. The Frank-

OFFICES CLOSING
All county offices and agencies are closing for the Fourth. The general clinic regularly scheduled for Thursday at the health center has been cancelled. Most merchants also are closing in observance of the holiday. Bank of Franklin is observing the Fourth as a legal holiday.

lin Jaycees, who are spearheading the celebration for the chamber of commerce, have gone all-out to provide features for all ages. There'll be old timey contests—from corn shelling to the greasy pig and pole—for young and old in the morning, three baseball games in the afternoon, and free square dancing (music by Les Waldrop and his band) and a beauty contest in the evening.

Morning Contests
A variety of contests (see schedule in last week's Press) are slated in the morning, beginning at 8:45, as the proclaimed "Frontier Day" fun begins. All celebrants are urged to wear frontier costumes, according to Hall Callahan, "Frontier Day" chairman. Prizes for the best costumes SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

Local F. F. A. Boy Elected To State Treasurer Post

An outstanding member of the Franklin Future Farmers of America chapter, Frank Nolen, is the new treasurer of the N. C. Association of Future Farmers of America.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nolen, of Cartoogechaye, Frank was picked for the state office during elections held last week at the annual convention of F. F. A. chapters in Raleigh. As one of the local chapter's most active members, he was state winner in farm and home electrification in 1956, district winner in farm mechanics in 1957, and has been a team member for two years, livestock judging for two, and parliamentary procedure for three years.

His hobby is raising purebred Hereford cattle. This fall he plans to enroll at N. C. State College and major in electrical engineering.

Bill Garrison Installed As Rotary Leader

William B. (Bill) Garrison was installed Thursday night as president of the Franklin Rotary Club for the 1957-58 year.

In addition to the installation of officers, the dinner meeting was marked by a talk on legislative activities by Macon Rep. G. L. Houk.

Others installed with Mr. Garrison were Dr. G. R. McSween, the outgoing president, who automatically becomes vice-president; Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, re-elected secretary-treasurer; and directors, Dr. J. W. Kahn, Wayne Proffitt, H. H. Gnuse, Jr., and Dr. H. J. (Hank) Brunk.

The new officers were elected in February so they could attend a district conference that month.

F. F. A. Chapter Wins \$500 More

North Carolina's top Future Farmers of America chapter—Franklin's own 70-member chapter—has increased its state winnings to \$600.

In addition to the \$100 it received last week in Raleigh as the best chapter in the state, it has received a \$500 cash award for first place in cooperative activities.

This award is even more prized by chapters than the best chapter honor, according to Wayne Proffitt, chapter advisor.

Mr. Proffitt and members of the chapter's parliamentary procedure team returned from the state meeting Friday night.

Four Cents More Is Given Schools

Total Levy Just A Penny Off From Bueck's Request

The board of county commissioners reconsidered its month-old decision Monday about how much money the schools should have for the next year and granted them an additional four cents.

This was done without a further increase in the tax rate which already had been raised from \$1.40 to \$1.50 to give the schools a 10-cent increase granted at the commissioners' June meeting.

Thus, Supt. H. Bueck is getting 14 of the 15-cent increase he says is the "absolute minimum" for operating Macon County's schools for 1957-58. He remained home from the Lions convention in San Francisco, Calif., which he was supposed to attend this week, in order to seek the full amount he had requested of the commissioners.

Superintendent Bueck told the commissioners there are current bills for \$10,831.11 for the schools and a bank balance of only \$130. Additionally, there are about \$20,000 worth of bills for 1957-58-59 which will come due but are not provided for, the superintendent said in making his plea for an increase larger than 10 cents.

Technically, the commissioners increased current operation expense funds for the schools from 38 to 42 cents. They set six cents for capital outlay. Then, they abolished the four cents for school debt service, but agreed to take over this item in the county-wide debt service levy of 44 cents.

The commissioners met jointly with Mr. Bueck and the board of education. All members of both boards were present except for education member George Gibson.

The superintendent raised the question that Franklin High School would be taken off the state's accredited high school list unless a start was made toward equipping three science rooms to meet state requirements. Three years were given the county to do it and already two have passed, he said, without action.

In commenting on the schools' deficit, Mr. Bueck said, "This deficit figure indicates that the budget last year and the year before was that much under what was necessary for current operating expenses."

"Taxpayers seeing an increase in the tax rate of 10 cents and a schools increase as a whole of 14 cents expect to see something more for their money. I'm afraid they can't right now. These increases will do nothing but help us get cleared up financially."

The board of county commissioners recessed its Monday meeting at 4:30 p. m., after being in session throughout the day.

It will meet again Monday, July 15. At that time, the 1957-58 county budget will be approved.

New School Office Rented

The school superintendent's office will be moved from the courthouse to a new location next door to Franklin High School, effective August 1.

The board of county commissioners voted Monday to rent a four-room dwelling from Herman Dean for \$40 a month to house the superintendent's office.

The two rooms vacated in the courthouse by the superintendent will be used for the office of county accountant, giving the sheriff's department and the highway patrol exclusive use of an office they now share with the tax collector (county accountant). This change will become effective Oct. 7.

Supt. H. Bueck said the four rooms could be put to "good use". One will serve for the board of education's two secretaries, one as his office, one for board of education meetings, and another for storage of supplies.

The house presently is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. (Art) Byrd, but will be vacated in a few weeks when the Byrds move to Marion.

Schools 'In Red' For Past Year Because Of Taxes

Macon County's school system is in the red \$10,831.11 for the school year just ended (1956-57), according to figures compiled by the superintendent's office.

Slow tax collections are responsible for the deficit.

Of the \$54,000 budgeted by the county for schools during 1956-57, only \$34,635.14 has come in through tax channels, leaving the schools short \$20,635.14.

With the exception of \$250.33, the unpaid bills that have piled up are for general school expense, ranging from \$1.29 for an express bill to \$3,195.69 for insurance that doesn't expire until November.

In addition, \$19,363.72 in bills (\$17,222.54 in capital outlay and \$2,141.18 for general expenses) are on hand in the superintendent's office for payment during the years 1957-58-59.

She Knows Someone Is Watching . . .

Mrs. Cora Mashburn, of Franklin, Route 5, was admitted to Angel Hospital Wednesday morning of last week for treatment of a snake bite.

She was bitten on the ring finger of her left hand by a large snake while reaching for a jar of canned food on a shelf in a can house behind her home.

Mrs. Mashburn's son, Emory, who had brought her a load of wood and was staying for lunch, rushed her to the hospital for treatment. She was released Friday.

A search of the narrow, unlighted can house failed to turn up the snake, thought to be a large copperhead.

From her hospital bed, although her whole arm was badly swollen and she was in considerable pain, Mrs. Mashburn counted her blessings.

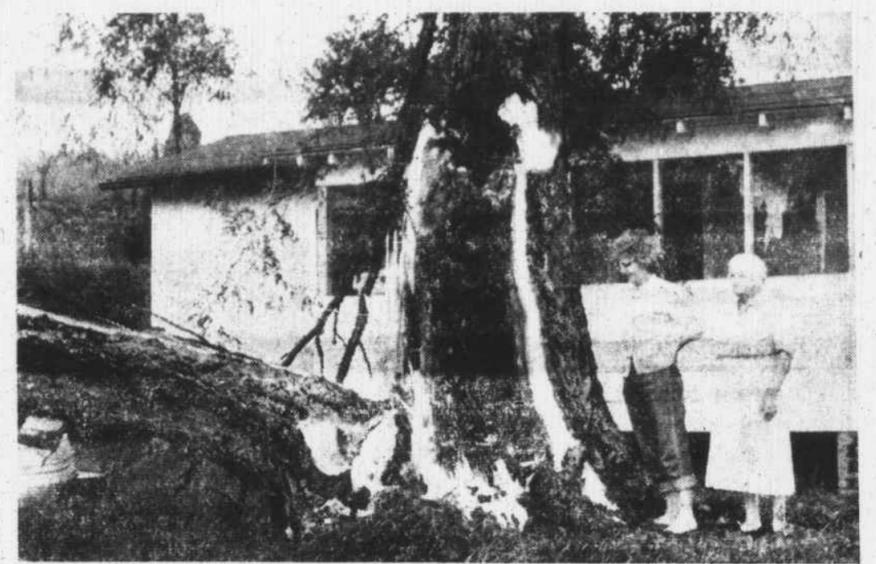
That her son was present to rush her to the hospital is proof to her that "someone is watching over us."

Annual Dryman Reunion Slated Sunday At Scaly

The annual Dryman family reunion will be held Sunday, July 7, at the home of Earl D. Dryman, of Scaly. All members of the family are invited to come and bring picnic lunch.

NO ROTARY MEETING

Since its regular meeting date, Thursday, falls on July 4, this week's meeting of the Franklin Rotary Club has been cancelled.



This big tree nearly fell on the house of Mr. Elizabeth Angel in the Bethel section when "Audrey" struck. Mrs. Angel (right) and her granddaughter, Miss Rachel Brown, were in the house when the tree toppled and thought "the house was falling in".

'Hurricane Audrey' Hits County With Wind, Rain

Corn Crop Suffers Damage; Falling Trees Block Roads

Like a woman scorned, "Hurricane Audrey" lashed Macon County Friday with high winds and rain for several hours.

Surprisingly, local damage from the first tropical storm of the year, which now has chalked up a death toll of over 300, was light, probably because of the northerly path it followed through here.

Suffering the heaviest blow from the storm was Macon's corn crop. Save for some sheltered sections, corn was flattened almost county-wide as winds from "Audrey", estimated to be up to 40 m.p.h., increased in intensity between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Crews of Western Carolina Telephone Company and Nantahala Power and Light Company were still mopping up damage to electric and telephone lines over a wide area Saturday afternoon.

Falling trees halted traffic on several highways.

One automobile wreck can be blamed on the storm. "Audrey" disappeared in the late afternoon. By dark, a sky that hours before boiled with fast-moving storm clouds was filled with stars.

Falling Trees
Falling trees probably gave the most trouble.

Between 40 and 50 fell either partially or across US 64 east (Highlands road), according to the state highway county supervisor, Nelson Waldrop. Most of them were in the area SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

County-Wide Evangelistic Series Opens Here Sunday

Franklin's annual interdenominational evangelistic series opens Sunday night at Friendship Tabernacle with Dr. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., as guest minister.

Services are set for 8 o'clock

nightly, Sunday through Friday, and persons of all denominations are invited, according to the Rev. Donn Langfitt, publicity chairman for the sponsoring Franklin churches.

Dr. Fry is pastor of the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, which is now approaching its 75th anniversary.

The Atlanta minister has announced the following nightly sermon topics for the series:

Sunday: The Commandment and Ultimate Priority.

Monday: Frozen Idols.

Tuesday: Commandments and Use of Power.

Wednesday: The Pause That Refreshes.

Thursday: Why Not Do What Comes Naturally.

Friday: Looking Unto Jesus.

Reared in Decatur, Ga., Dr. Fry studied two years at Georgia Tech before transferring to Davidson College, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1940. He continued his education at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., and in 1943 received the degree of bachelor of divinity, and in 1949 a master's degree in theology. In 1951 he was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of divinity by King College.

His first pastorate was in Blackstone, Va. From there he went to Red Springs, N. C., and in 1953 to the First Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Tenn.

Dr. Fry accepted a call to the Druid Hills church on March 1, 1956.

His appearance here for the annual series was arranged by the Franklin Presbyterian Church under a rotation system used by the sponsoring churches.

Dr. Fry's wife and their two sons will be with him here during the week.

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 26	83	59	.00	
Thursday	83	58	trace	
Friday	79	66	1.71	
Saturday	84	54	.07	
Sunday	84	54	.35	
Monday	82	60	.00	
Tuesday	—	58	.00	
HIGHLANDS				
Wed., June 26	77	57	.45	
Thursday	74	58	trace	
Friday	68	60	.49	
Saturday	79	55	2.91	
Sunday	76	64	.15	
Monday	78	60	.16	
Tuesday	—	—	.00	
COWETA				
Wed., June 26	81	58	.00	
Thursday	82	56	.00	
Friday	72	64	.77	
Saturday	83	53	2.75	
Sunday	83	63	.10	
Monday	81	58	.25	
Tuesday	—	56	.00	



Farmer O. C. Arnold, of the Cullasaga section, looks over a field of corn flattened by the winds of "Audrey". In his 65 years of farming in that section, he says it was the hardest wind he has witnessed. He estimates he will lose more than a third of his corn crop on the half-acre tract shown in the photo.