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Trust men and they
will be true to you;
treat them greatly and
they will show them-
selves to be great.
—Emerson.

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HILLBILLY DAY SLATED AUG. 7 AT HIGHLANDS

Numerous Contests
Will Mark Event;
Barbecue Planned

HIGHLANDS — Next Wednesday (August 7) is the date. "Hillbilly Day" is the event. And the mountain dress, customs, and speech of long ago—all these in caricature—are the theme.

Thousands are expected to participate in the observance, the sixth annual one.

Started by home folks as a tourist entertainment, "Hillbilly Day" has been taken to their hearts by the visitors, who vie with natives in participation—both in numbers and in enthusiasm.

The program will follow the usual pattern—competition in the arts of a century ago beginning at 10 a. m.; a barbecue from 11 to 2; the parade in the afternoon at 4 o'clock; and square dancing in the streets in the evening, starting at 7:30.

Faymond Cleveland, Highlands recreation director, is in charge.

Do-It-Yourselfers Suffer, Too, From Cement Strike

With the nation-wide strike in the cement industry apparently ending, local retailers expect to begin receiving shipments within the next few days.

There has been no cement on sale in Franklin for more than two weeks.

While the effect of the strike on local building has been definite—some work halted, other projects slowed, and proposed building delayed—the situation has not been as serious as it was immediately after the war, according to A. R. Higdon and W. W. Reeves, of Franklin Hardware Company and Reeves Hardware Company, respectively.

Had the strike continued another two weeks, however, the local effect would have become acute, Mr. Reeves said this week.

Aside from the larger projects, scores of do-it-yourself builders of such things as outdoor fireplaces have been inconvenienced or delayed. The man who really had to have cement, though, usually has been able to get it by going to other towns, Mr. Higdon said.

The shortage hit earlier and harder in some places than others, he explained, due to such things as the supply on hand, the demand, and the length of the strike in different areas and manufacturing plants.

Hays Block Plant, which employs from three to five men, has been at a virtual standstill for the past fortnight, R. W. Stephens, the manager, reported. Most of the block plant employees have been temporarily transferred, he explained, to construction projects the company has under way.

Wiley Clark, owner of Clark's Ready-Mix Concrete, said his plant has been shut down for nearly two weeks. He was notified this week that a carload of cement is on its way to him from Birmingham and he expects it to get here the first of the week.

Mrs. Purdom Takes Top Prize At 3rd Straight Flower Show

For the third consecutive year, Mrs. E. S. Purdom, of Wayah Valley, won the sweepstakes in the Franklin Garden Club's 25th annual flower show Saturday at Franklin High School.

Mrs. William Dinnes, of Iotla community, won the tri-color arrangement. Junior sweepstakes winner was Mary Frances McGlamery, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, of Franklin. Mrs. McGlamery is president of the garden club this year.

Bill (Buzzy) Bryson, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryson, of Franklin, was the tri-color



A WHITEFACE ON THE farm of Dr. Frank M. Killian is being given a blood test by Dr. J. H. Fisher to test for brucellosis (Bang's Disease). Dr. Fisher and a U. S. veterinarian are checking about 1,600 head of cattle in order that the county can continue to be accredited.

Cattle Testing For T. B., Bang's Under Way Here

Approximately 1,600 head of cattle, about one-fifth of all beef and dairy animals in Macon County, are now being tested for T. B. and brucellosis (Bang's disease).

The tests are required—and paid for—by the U. S. government to keep the county on the accredited list. Testing is required every three years and two men are working on the project here.

One is Dr. A. Wayne May, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with offices in Asheville. The other is Dr. J. H. Fisher, Franklin veterinarian.

Dr. May was sent here by the government to assist in the testing working since Dr. Fisher does not have the time to do it all alone.

The work has been under way for about a month. Dr. May expects to be here another week or 10 days, leave, and then come back and with Dr. Fisher, complete the job.

Blood samples are sent to Raleigh for analysis. There is no cost to the farmer. Farmers desiring the testing service who have not made arrangements for it may do so by contacting the county agent, Dr. May said.

Prepaid Taxes Off In Franklin

Prepayment of taxes to the Town of Franklin is off about 25 per cent from last year, according to Town Clerk Charles O. Ramsey.

This week, \$6,753 had been collected. This is about \$2,000 off last year's pace, the clerk noted. Taxes prepaid between now and October earn a one per cent discount.

Lake V. Shope, county accountant, reports that prepayment of county taxes is equal to last year's amount. So far, he's been paid \$87,000.

Both the town and the county raised their tax rates this year.

Highlands' Dr. Morton Has Appendix Removed

HIGHLANDS—Dr. Gene Morton is back on the job after a recent appendicitis operation.

Dr. Edgar Angel, of Franklin, was here and performed the appendectomy.

Baptists' Annual Meeting To Run 2 Days Next Week

The 54th annual session of the Macon Baptist Association will be held Thursday and Friday (Aug. 8 and 9) of next week with three churches playing host over the two-day meeting.

A number of state Baptist officials will attend and address the sessions. The Rev. Manuel C. Wyatt, pastor of Iotla Baptist Church, is moderator for the association. Harry C. Corbin, District I principal for Macon schools, is vice moderator.

Theme is "Christ and World Missions".

Watauga is host church for the morning and afternoon meetings of Aug. 8, beginning at 9 a. m. The devotion will be

Jaybirds Champs Of Little League; Tourney Opens

The Jaybirds, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, took the 1957 Little League Championship Saturday in a dramatic last-inning win over the Thunderbirds.

It was a pitcher's duel between Robbie Gibson for the Thunderbirds and Arlin Elytt for the Jaybirds. The Jaybirds went score-

less through five innings but got going in the final frame and took the game, 2-1.

In the first game of the afternoon, the Reddys took a close one from the Wildcats, 6 to 5. The play extended into two extra innings.

Relief pitcher Bruce Elliott banged a double with the bases loaded to give the Reddys a two-run edge but then the Wildcats threatened in the last half of the inning as they scored one run. However, an unassisted double play by first baseman Jimmy Simpson ended the rally.

Franklin Loses In Pony Meet

Franklin's entry in the Pony League Tournament at Canton was eliminated Wednesday of last week when it lost a doubleheader to Canton, 1-0 and 13-1.

Ronnie Higdon yielded but two hits in the first game as Canton won with the only run scored. Franklin got only one hit.

In the second game, Franklin used three pitchers, Bob Corbin, Higdon, and Jim Franklin, but couldn't stop the host team.

given by Thad Robert Dowdle, report of enrollment by Mrs. Arvil Parker, report of committee on order of business by the Rev. M. W. Chapman.

Report of committee on committees, J. H. Brookshire; report on orphanage, Mrs. Ruby Young; report on Baptist literature, the Rev. Clyde Rhinehart; report on American Bible Society, Paul Swafford; report on ministers' retirement, Mr. Chapman; report on cooperative program, J. C. Jacobs.

Outside speakers that morning will be J. Marse Grant, editor of Charity and Children; L. L. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder; and Dr. M. A. Huggins, general secretary and treasurer of the State Baptist Convention. Mr. Rhinehart will preach on missions.

Lunch will be served by the host church.

Thursday afternoon, the devotion will be led by the Rev. Paul Sorrells; report on evangelism, the Rev. Arvil Swafford; report on Baptist Student Union, Mr. Dowdle; report of executive promotion committee, Mr. Chapman; associational missionary's report, the Rev. C. T. Taylor; treasurer's report, Mrs. Parker; report of finance committee, Mr. Rhinehart; report of missions committee, the Rev. John Ralph Willis; and report of committee on resolutions, Mrs. Fred Corbin.

The Thursday night meeting SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12

SO MANY PLACES AT ONCE —

Parking Meter Reader Boosts Revenues

There's a reason why motorists are more attentive these days to keeping the "violation" flag from showing on the Franklin parking meters.

The reason is George J. Conley. He was hired Feb. 15 by the town board to work exclusively as a meter policeman and his zealotry on the job has paid off for the town in two ways:

1. Fearful of a parking ticket, more autoists are making sure there's money in their meters.

2. Those who do park overtime are likely to find themselves with a ticket. The result is increased parking revenues for the town.

The ability of Mr. Conley to be on lower Palmer Street one minute and then appear on upper Main the next has made many a motorist put in an extra penny rather than take a chance on a pink slip.

Mr. Conley was ill during the spring and was off the job from April 1 to June 15. Nevertheless revenues during the six months from Jan. 1 picked up \$600, coming to a total of \$4,389.79.

Before Mr. Conley was hired meters were checked by the town's regular police officers. However, in employing Mr. Conley the town aldermen noted that the police didn't have enough time for meter reading along with their other duties and the thing to do was add a man full time.

He was hired at \$100 a month

T. M. Rickman Chosen Foreman Of Grand Jury

T. M. Rickman, Cowee store-keeper, was chosen foreman of the grand jury for the July-August Superior Court term which got under way Tuesday.

Grand jurors serving with him are Ed Cross, of Nantahala; Homer Fox, of Franklin, Route 5; J. I. Vinson, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1; Lyman Higdon, of Franklin; Robert Corpening, of Route 1; Ralph Henson, of Otto; Neville Cabe, of Dillard, Route 1.

R. S. Peek, of Route 2; Paul Brown, of Dillard, Route 1; D. T. Allen, of Route 3; T. B. Picklesimer, of Highlands; Parks Brendle, of Route 4; Algie Raby, of Route 4; Orron Holland, of Route 5; Hillard Solesbee, of Route 1; Earl Harrison, of Route 1; and Grady Wilkes, of Route 3.

Town Auto Tags To Be Required

Franklin motorists will be required to buy a town tag beginning in 1958 at a cost of \$1.

This was decided at a meeting of the board of aldermen Friday night of last week. Town Clerk Charles O. Ramsey requested the board to authorize it. He said it would provide an accurate registration of automobiles and at tax listing time the lists could be sure each owner was declaring his vehicle.

The tags will be made in Raleigh along with the state tags. They will be the same color and length but only about one and a half inches wide. The word "Franklin" and a serial number will be imprinted on them. They will be sold only at the town hall.

Cost to the town will be seven and a half cents each. The extra revenue will go into the town coffers, although Mr. Ramsey noted that his principal idea was not to raise revenue from the tags themselves but through additional tax listing.

Civil Cases Expected Today

Disposition of cases on the criminal docket moved at a lively clip this week at the July-August short term of Superior Court and Clerk Kate M. Wrinn said she thought the civil calendar would be called today (Thursday).

Judge Francis O. Clarkson, of Charlotte, is presiding at the session, which didn't get started until Tuesday of this week. Judgments will be carried in next week's Press along with the grand jury's recommendations.

Franklin Will Dig 2 Additional Wells

The aldermen of the Town of Franklin voted to authorize the digging of two additional eight-inch wells at a called meeting Friday night.

The wells are to be in a geographical belt which runs northeast through the county and which so far has produced

Burlington Water Rate Raise Talked

Franklin is considering raising the water rate of its largest customer, Burlington's Franklin Hosiery plant, by about five cents a thousand gallons.

This would cost the company \$100 a month more, based on its current consumption of about 2,000,000 gallons monthly. Also affected would be the rates of Nantahala Creamery and Franklin Mineral Products, which have the same rate as the hosiery plant.

Burlington was given a special water rate as an inducement to come here. It pays the regular rate for the first quarter-million gallons and all over that it gets for 10 cents a thousand. Because the two other firms used in excess of that, they, too, got lower rates when Burlington went on the town line.

The question of raising Burlington's rate was discussed by the aldermen at a called meeting last Friday night when they discussed the water situation in general. No action was taken on the Burlington matter, however.

It was brought out in comparative figures that Burlington averages about 11 cents a thousand gallons while the town customer pays 53 cents. Board members felt this was inequitable and said they were considering a raise for the hosiery firm.

The company has been asked to pay the increase voluntarily, according to Mayor W. C. Burrell. The aldermen are awaiting its answer. The mayor added he thought business in Franklin should have their rates increased slightly while home consumers' prices should stay where they are.

Angel Hospital Wing To Be Occupied

Although formal dedication ceremonies won't be held until mid-September, Angel Hospital expects to begin using its new quarter-million dollar wing this week.

Dr. Edgar Angel said work was complete enough to permit the moving of the three doctors' offices into the new structure, work on which has been underway for more than a year.

a good quality and quantity of water when wells have been dug there, according to Alderman H. H. Gnuse, Jr. The McConnell well on Iotla Street falls within the area.

At the same time, the aldermen specified that the wells were not to be dug deeper than 250 feet and that after the first 100 feet, the well driller is to report at 50 foot intervals the quantity of water and the type of material encountered. Mr. Gnuse said this would assure the availability of future records.

A champion of wells to meet Franklin's water needs, Mr. Gnuse told fellow aldermen, "If these two wells don't give you water I'll give up to you on the watershed and won't argue any more." The town now has seven wells in production and gets all its water from them.

After some discussion, the town fathers voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Gnuse to put in a six-inch water main from the foot of town hill to White Oak Street, contingent on a swap with Dr. Edgar Angel. Mr. Gnuse said there was not enough water available at the hospital to man its new sprinkler system and that the insurance rate was higher because of this.

Town Clerk Charles O. Ramsey questioned if this wasn't building a water main for a private party "just so Dr. Ed (Angel) can get a cheaper fire insurance rate." He reminded the aldermen that the hospital is owned by Dr. Angel but leased to a non-profit corporation and as such does not pay taxes. (The new wing is owned outright by the corporation.)

Mr. Gnuse said he didn't SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

Dairymen Seek 45¢ Per 100 Lbs. Raise On Milk

Four Macon County dairy farmers and county agent Tom H. Fagg attended a hearing before the N. C. Milk Commission in Asheville last week at which Western North Carolina producers asked for a 45 cent a hundred raise on Class I milk. The present price for this milk is \$6.25 a hundred pounds.

The commission heard the dairymen's arguments—which centered on the increased cost of everything the farmer uses—and told the group their decision would be handed down later.

Milk plant spokesmen say should an increase be granted it almost certainly would be passed along to the consumer as a penny a quart raise (there are about 44 or 45 quarts in a hundred pounds of milk).

Attending with Mr. Fagg were Siler Slagle, Jess Shope, Robert Parker, and R. C. Enloe, all of whom are for the increased price, Mr. Fagg said.

Burrell Has Operation; Condition Satisfactory

W. C. Burrell, mayor of Franklin, underwent surgery at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem Tuesday and is recovering satisfactorily, his family reports.

The operation was a minor one, they said.

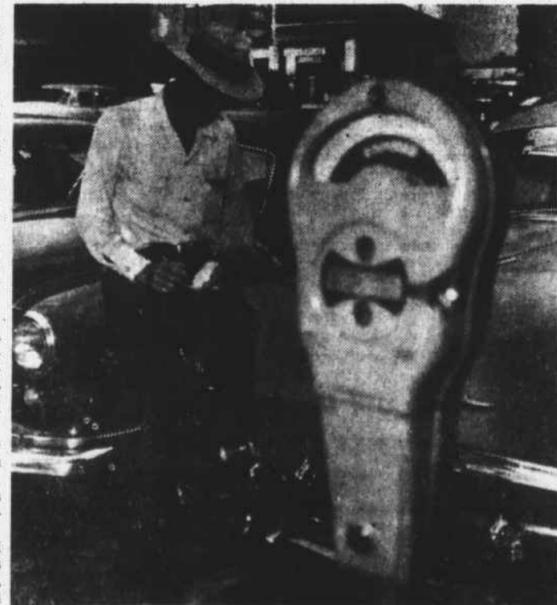
The Weather

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., July 24	86	63	.47	
Thursday	80	64	.32	
Friday	82	55	.00	
Saturday	78	59	.00	
Sunday	85	61	.00	
Monday	87	60	.00	
Tuesday	85	68	.00	
Wednesday	85	65	.10	

HIGHLANDS				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., July 24	78	65	.00	
Thursday	69	60	.73	
Friday	76	54	.00	
Saturday	78	58	.00	
Sunday	73	58	.00	
Monday	78	52	.00	
Tuesday	76	54	.00	
Wednesday	—	58	trace	

COWETA				
	High	Low	Trace	
Wed., July 24	85	66	.20	
Thursday	79	62	.04	
Friday	82	52	trace	
Saturday	74	56	trace	
Sunday	84	59	.00	
Monday	85	52	.00	
Tuesday	84	56	.00	
Wednesday	—	59	trace	



Mr. Conley Leaves Calling Card

and raised to \$150 July 1. parking problems. He doesn't own Mr. Conley has no personal a car.