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Time is so precious that it is dealt out to us only in the smallest possible fractions — a tiny moment at a time.  
—Irish Proverb.

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## FM Station Applied For

An application for an FM station in Franklin has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C., by the Macon County Broadcasting Company, owner of Franklin's daytime AM station, WFSC.

If the new station is granted, it will permit night broadcasts in this region and an expanded program of news, musical, sports, and public service features, according to Edwin P. Healy, WFSC manager.

He explained that the new station would broadcast the regular WFSC programs from local sunrise to sunset.

WFSC also is planning to open a studio in neighboring Sylva.

## Mayor Burrell Returns From Hospital

W. C. Burrell, Franklin mayor and businessman, returned home yesterday (Wednesday) from the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem where he underwent surgery Tuesday of last week.

His family reported that he was progressing satisfactorily. Harry Higgins and Tommy Jenkins went down to get him.

## Finger Returns Here As District Head

C. Banks Finger has returned to Franklin as head of this district for Nationwide Insurance.

For about a year, he has been head of the Columbia, S. C., office for the insurance company.

Prior to going with Nationwide in Columbia, he had a law office here.

Mr. Finger and his wife and son are living in the Carolina Apartments.

## BENEFIT DINNER

The Cartoogechaye Community Development Organization will serve a dinner at the Cartoogechaye School Saturday night at 6:30. Proceeds are to go toward furnishings for the community building.

## Well And Paving Bids Are Opened

### Aldermen Okay 11 New Lights On Town Streets

Bids for two new wells in water-conscious Franklin were opened Monday night by the board of aldermen, along with a lone bid for paving some town streets.

The well drilling job was awarded to Virginia Supply and Well Company, an outfit that has done other well work for the town.

As the only bidder, Allison Construction Company, of Waynesville, was awarded the contract for the street work at the following figures: Martha Lane, \$1,007.50; Riverview Street, \$4,814.20; Hillcrest Circle, \$1,502.10. Action on Lyle Street, which is to be widened and graveled, but not paved,



THESE 13 LITTLE LEAGUERS were chosen from the league's teams to represent Franklin last week in the district competition at Canton. They won the district and advanced to the division meet before being eliminated. Front

row, left to right, are Jimmy Cabe, Gene Angel, Arland Evitt, Kenneth Reynolds, Herbie Hurst, Jimmy Simpson, and Alec Corbin. Back row, left to right, are L. T. Gibson, Larry Franklin, Lane Dalton, Johnny Swan, Sonny Burrell, Doug Thompson, and Manager Bill Gregory.

## 28 Arrests Made By Town Officers

Twenty-eight arrests were made by Franklin police officers during July, according to a report made by Police Chief Sid Carter.

Eighteen of the arrests were for speeding; two for drunk driving; one for driving after license had been revoked and leaving the scene of an accident; four for public drunkenness; one for a nuisance; and one for a parking violation (warrant issued).

Officers also investigated three minor accidents during the month. Forty-eight gallons of illegal whiskey was confiscated, along with a hotrod bootleg car.

## Little League All-Stars Win District Championship, But Lose In State Tilt

Franklin's Little League All-Stars copped the district championship last week and then advanced to the state quarter finals before being defeated.

Wednesday of last week, the Little Leaguers, after drawing a bye in opening play, beat Hazelwood 6 to 5 to take the district honor. Sonny Burrell was on the mound for the locals. The big gun in the batting department was Arland Evitt, who pounded out two homers to score five of the six runs.

Under the superlative pitching of Johnny Swan, Franklin fought toe-to-toe Thursday in Forest City against Shelby. The score was 1 to 0 for Shelby going into the last inning, before a Shelby rally added five more runs. Lane Dalton got Franklin's only hit in this quarter final clash. His was a double.

Money to send the Little Leaguers to Forest City was quickly contributed locally after they beat Hazelwood.

To Play Sylva  
The league president, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter yesterday

announced that permission had been obtained from the district commissioners for a post-season double-header against the Sylva All-Stars.

This meeting is set for Saturday at 3 p. m. on the East Franklin field.

Final Game  
At 4 p. m. today (Thursday), the Little League 1957 season will come to a close when the Thunderbirds and the Wildcats play.

The Jaybirds, sponsored by the Jaycees, won the league championship this year.

## Football Practice Opening Tuesday At Franklin High

Football practice will get under way Tuesday at Franklin High School as Coach Dick Stott starts shaping his Panthers to meet Alto, Ga., here Aug. 30 in the season opener.

Returnees to the squad are asked to pick up equipment Saturday at the gymnasium at 8 a. m.

Newcomers will be issued equipment Monday at the same hour.

Coach Stott said he plans to hold two practices sessions daily for the squad, one at 7:30 a. m., the other at 4 p. m.

The Panther schedule will be announced later, he added.

## Jury Asks County To Call Meeting About Courthouse

The grand jury has asked the county commissioners to call a special meeting "to study the possibility of building a new courthouse and on a new site". It said citizens would support the move.

In its report, prepared last week, the jury said it found the courthouse "in a deplorable and unsanitary condition. We see it as a fire hazard and health menace. All records and important documents housed in it are in danger of being destroyed."

Supporting its request for a special meeting, the report said, "The citizens of progressive Ma-

## Meanest Man Candidate

Franklin Lion's Club has a choice candidate for the "meanest man in the world" title.

Someone pried open a soft drink machine operated by the club in the county courthouse and took about \$35 in dimes.

Profits from the machine are earmarked for the club's work with the blind.

The theft occurred about midnight Sunday, according to the investigating officers.

Heavy use of the machine during last week's court term accounted for the large amount of money in the machine.

## Hillbillies Were In Town

HIGHLANDS — Several thousand locals and visitors took in the high jinks here yesterday (Wednesday) as another successful "Hillbilly Day" came and went.

Old timey contests of skill, a luncheon barbecue, an afternoon parade, and an evening street dance—all staged against a backdrop of rakishly dressed individuals poking fun at the Hollywood-like hillbilly—featured the sixth annual program.

Parade winners and the identities of the "County Squire" and "Highlands Belle" were not known at presstime.

SINGING AT ELLIJAY  
The annual singing at the Ellijay Baptist Church will be Sunday, August 11, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Lunch will be served and all singers and the public are invited to attend.

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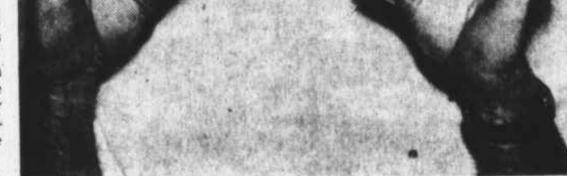
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## Hickory Knoll Woman Being Honored In Raleigh As Past H. D. President

A Macon woman who believes home demonstration work is an education in itself is being honored in Raleigh today (Thursday) for her many contributions to the movement.

She is Mrs. J. S. Gray, of the Hickory Knoll club, who proved her point in 1949-50 when she served as president of the state home demonstration organization, after distinguishing herself in a variety of offices and projects on the local and district scenes.

Mrs. Gray and other past state presidents are being honored as a feature of the annual state-wide federation of home demonstration club women in the capital city.

A bit of Macon County also is in the spotlight. Several color slides of the Gray farm at Hickory Knoll, a Centennial scene of Mr. and Mrs. Gray in old time costumes, and the Gray's individual truck float that won a prize in last year's county fair parade, are being shown with scenes from other counties over the state.



Mrs. Gray ... Being Honored

## 'Flyswattin' Salesman' - A Drama In Three Acts

The drama of J. Norwood Holmes, a fly swattin', perspirin' school furniture salesman from Goldsboro, unfolded in two acts here Monday.

It lasted for an hour and a half and admission was free.

Mr. Holmes was in town—for the second time in a week—to see about a matter of \$15,937.39 still owed him for furniture and equipment for the new Franklin High School gymnasium.

ACT I: Mr. Holmes met with the county board of commissioners and board of education, which had convened in joint session to hear the gentleman's story. As Mr. Holmes told it, he made a verbal contract in late 1955 with then School Supt. Holland McSwain for the purchase of \$19,937.49 worth of equipment. It was delivered in early 1956—February 22, to be exact.

The debt was to be cleared up in two fiscal years, that is, by June 30, 1958. Approximately half was to be paid each year, Mr. Holmes said.

A portly, pleasant-mannered man, Mr. Holmes punctuated his explanation with several vicious effective swats at flies which droned about. "I like to kill these rascals," he said. He frequently patted his forehead with a handkerchief as he perspired in the close-packed room.

What brought him here today, Mr. Holmes continued, was that he needed money. Only \$4,000 had been paid him. He wanted some operating capital badly, he said. Education board chairman, E-

## Baptists Open Meeting Today

A number of state Baptist officials will speak today (Thursday) and tomorrow at the 54th annual meeting of the Macon Baptist Association.

Watauga church is host to the morning and afternoon meetings today. The session begins at 9 a. m. The night meeting will be with the Ridgecrest church.

Tomorrow's session, which also starts at 9 a. m., will be held at the Cowee church.

The annual meeting will close with the lecture of new officers.

## Harris, Former Press Editor, Dies In Fla.

Major S. A. Harris, a former editor of The Franklin Press, died Sunday in Wewahatchka, Fla., after a long illness.

A retired Army officer, Major Harris edited the newspaper in the 1920's. At that time the newspaper was in the Higgins Building, where Carolina Pharmacy is now located.

Major Harris came to Franklin from Dahlonega, Ga., where he was a teacher.

He was a charter member of the Franklin Rotary Club.

## MRS. HOLLAND DIES

Mrs. Holda Jane Holland, of Franklin, Route 5, died Tuesday afternoon at her home. She was 85. Funeral services are set for today (Thursday) at 11 a. m. at the Sugarfork Baptist Church.

## 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.

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., July 31	90	60	.10
Thursday	91	62	.00
Friday	93	64	.00
Saturday	94	62	.00
Sunday	87	63	.00
Monday	86	65	.22
Tuesday	83	51	.00
Wednesday	—	50	.00
HIGHLANDS			
Wed., July 31	80	58	trace
Thursday	84	56	.14
Friday	85	56	.25
Saturday	88	58	.00
Sunday	82	60	.35
Monday	81	62	.00
Tuesday	70	50	.00
Wednesday	—	44	.00
COWETA			
Wed., July 31	90	59	trace
Thursday	87	57	.94
Friday	91	58	.00
Saturday	92	58	.00
Sunday	85	52	.35
Monday	85	61	.00
Tuesday	78	51	.00
Wednesday	—	45	.00