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All great art is the
expression of man's de-
light in God's work,
not his own.
—John Ruskin.

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Sloan Buys Franklin Press; Jones To Remain As Editor

Bob S. Sloan, a partner in The Franklin Press since 1949, has purchased Weimar Jones' controlling interest in the newspaper and is now sole owner.

Mr. Jones will continue as editor and will have "full control" of the editorial policies of the newspaper, according to the new owner.

No staff changes are planned. The purchase price in the transaction, which was closed Friday of last week, was not disclosed.

In addition to his duties as editor, Mr. Jones plans to devote more time to other writing. He returned to his native county nearly 12 years ago (Sept. 1, 1945) from Asheville and purchased The Press from William S. Johnson and the estate of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson. At that time the newspaper averaged six pages and was staffed by four full-time employees. In 1949 Mr. Sloan bought in as a partner and took over as business manager. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a veteran of World War II.

Since 1949, the newspaper's circulation has risen more than 50 per cent. It today is averag-

A. T. U. Protest Petition Making Rounds Locally

Circulating locally this week is a petition protesting the discontinuance of the federal alcoholic and tobacco tax unit with headquarters in Bryson City.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, whose department receives assistance from A.T.U. agents in running down illegal whiskey manufacturers, feels the discontinuance of the nearby unit will "result in a serious impairment of law enforcement in the western area."

The officer said it is proposed to close the Bryson City office. Local assistance would then come from the Asheville unit.

Bloodmobile Will Set Up In Highlands

HIGHLANDS—The bloodmobile, from the Asheville regional Red Cross Bloodmobile Center, will pay its first visit to Highlands Friday of next week.

It will be at the Highlands Methodist Church from 2 to 6 p. m. that day (August 23), according to Louis E. Potts, Highlands Red Cross bloodmobile chairman. The Red Cross is seeking 125 donors of blood, and Mr. Potts appealed for cooperation of the people of the entire Highlands-Cashiers area, since, he said, persons of the whole section use the Highlands Community Hospital

ing 14-16 pages a week and has a full-time staff of 10.

The Press is the oldest business under its original name in Franklin.

In announcing the purchase, Mr. Sloan said he plans to "continue the publication of the newspaper in the traditions established by Mr. Jones" and "to make it grow with the community."

Local Officer Helps Capture Wanted Men

Franklin's highway patrolman, Pfc. H. T. Ferguson, is one of two patrolmen credited with the arrest of two Burke County men wanted for armed robbery, breaking and entering, and automobile larceny.

Pfc. Ferguson and a Jackson County patrolman, J. L. Beal, arrested the two near Balsam on Aug. 6 following a routine check. The officers, in Pfc. Ferguson's patrol car, were reporting for duty at a truck weighing station in Haywood County when they spotted them.

The Burke men have been identified as Robert Moore, 23, a soldier absent without leave from Fort Sill, Okla., and Herbert Eugene Martin, also 23, both of Hildebran. Following their arrest, the two implicated a third man, Pvt. Thad Roberts, 23, of Hickory Route 3, in break-ins and armed robbery of a curb market in Catawba County.

Pfc. Ferguson said they found a .38 pistol and a .22 rifle and ammunition in the suspects' car along with a quantity of merchandise.

The officer said Martin had served time at the Macon County Prison Camp. He has a dishonorable discharge from the U. S. Army because of a forgery conviction.

"They just didn't look right," Pfc. Ferguson declared in explaining why he and the other officer decided to check the men.

Franklin And Sylva Split Game; Brevard Team Coming Saturday

The Franklin and Sylva Little League All-Stars split a double-header here Saturday.

Franklin won the first game 11 to 10 and Sylva blagged the locals 8 to 0 in the second.

In another post-season game this Saturday, an all-star team of Little Leaguers from Brevard will play Franklin at the East Franklin field beginning at 3 p. m.

Three Franklin Scouts Initiated Into Order

Three Franklin Boy Scouts, Fred Bulgin, Johnny Crawford, and Doug Vinson, were at Camp Daniel Boone last week end where they underwent the "ordeal" of their initiation into the Order of the Arrow, Scout camping fraternity.



While the Franklin barn burned fiercely, firemen used their limited water supply to cause outbuildings nearby to keep them from catching fire. Near center in the background of the picture is fireman Jimmy McCollum, who had to wet himself down several times when his fire coat started smoking from the intense heat. In the foreground is fireman Reid Wemack.

Franklin Barn Destroyed By Fire Friday Afternoon

Fire completely destroyed a double-barn packed with hay Friday afternoon on the Holly Springs farm of J. R. Franklin. The farmer estimated his loss at more than \$5,000 and said there wasn't "a drop" of insurance on the building. "It's just a complete loss," he declared.

Mr. Franklin said about 500 bales of last year's hay were in the big barn, along with this year's unbled crop. He also lost two pigs to the blaze.

The fire, first detected about 1:15, had gained too much headway when volunteer firemen from Franklin arrived about 1:35, so they channeled their efforts to saving a large corn crib nearby and other outbuildings.

Heat from the burning barn was very intense, probably because of the large quantity of hay.

As they fought to keep the fire from spreading to the corn crib, several firemen, their backs to the burning barn, doused themselves at intervals to keep from catching fire.

Mr. Franklin said he believed the fire was caused by defective wiring.

'Hillbilly Day' Figures Crowned

HIGHLANDS — "Hillbilly Day" ended with a square dance in the town's Main Street Wednesday night of last week and the crowning of a "Country Squire", Tudor N. Hall, and "Highlands Belle", Mrs. S. L. Ridley, both of Highlands.

The junior squire was Butch Beck and the junior belle was Patricia Anni Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Edwards. Butch is the son of Mrs. James Beck.

Raymond Cleaveland, who was in charge of the "Hillbilly Day" program, said several thousand people attended the day-long festivities.

Individual contests of skill, held in the morning, were won by W. T. Burrell, of Pendleton, S. C., hog calling; Bill Frady, of Wallalla, S. C., greasy pig; and Eugene Houston, of Highlands, best beard.

Jim Lowe, of Highlands, won the prize for the best float in the afternoon parade and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kirkland, Highlands summer residents, took the prize for best group in the parade.

Slagle-Crawford Clan To Gather

The Slagle-Crawford reunion will be held Sunday at the Slagle Memorial Building in Franklin. Reunion president Edwin T. Williams said this week.

Masons And O. E. S. Set Supper Tonight

Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star and their families will hold a covered dish supper at the Masonic Temple in Franklin tonight (Thursday) at 6:30.

The worthy matron, Mrs. Nat Phillips, asks each family to bring a covered dish.

GILLESPIE SINGING

A singing is planned Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Gillespie Chapel Church on Jones Creek in the Upper Cartoogechay section. All singers and the public are invited.

Tourist Finds Unusual Stone

An unusual stone, a star sapphire with a ruby inside, was found by a visiting ruby hunter this week at the Shuler mine in Cowee Valley.

The hunter is a "repeater" to the ruby mines, L. N. Shilling, of Panama City, Fla. He and his family returned home yesterday (Wednesday) after spending a week here. They also spent a week ruby hunting here last year.

The sapphire-ruby weighed about 22 carats.

Baptists Name Highlands Minister As Moderator

The Rev. L. Eugene Walter, pastor at Highlands, was chosen moderator for 1957-58 at the Macon Baptist Association's 54th annual meeting last week.

Mrs. John Campbell, member of the Iotla church and secretary at Franklin High School, was elected president at the

Folk Festival Opens Tonight

Strains of mountain music from a variety of instruments and the thump of clogging feet will echo from the Franklin High stadium tonight (Thursday) as the fifth annual Macon County Folk Festival opens for a three-night run "under the stars."

The mountain music shows will get under way nightly at 8 o'clock under the sponsorship of the Franklin Jaycees.

Registrations by string bands, dance teams, and individual entertainers yesterday indicate this year's festival is going to be the "biggest and best yet," according to L. B. Oran, festival chairman.

Dance teams signed include the "Otto Cloggers," a local group that has acquired an enviable reputation at other fairs and festivals and on television.

Boys' ribbons and cash prizes are to be awarded the winners of the festival in a wide variety of competitive events. Mr. Oran said. "Only those with Macon County ties are eligible to compete for prizes. However, as in years past, groups and entertainers from other counties are invited to perform and will be assigned spots on the program."

A regular performer from out-of-county has been Cebe Cope, of Jackson County, and the old fiddler is expected to be on hand again this year.

Eliminations will be run tonight and tomorrow and the festival finals will be featured Saturday.

The Jaycees have been busy each evening this week building a new dance platform at the stadium.

Chamber To Survey Members About Building New Booth

Franklin Chamber of Commerce will seek the approval of its membership for construction of new and modern information booth on Town Square.

In session last Thursday night, chamber directors approved a plan by President Verlon Swafford to sound out the feelings of members before continuing with the project.

Each member is to be sent a letter outlining booth, construction plans. Enclosed will be a ballot and stamped envelope so the member can vote for or against the booth.

Since no funds are available in the chamber's budget this year for the booth, each member will be asked to contribute either money or materials.

Estimates place the cost of building the booth between \$1,800 and \$2,000.

Both county and town officials already have given the chamber permission to build the booth on the square facing Main Street.

Preliminary plans call for the booth to be about 12 by 15 feet, one story with a flat roof, and of block construction with a

veneer of either Roman brick or crab orchard stone.

Other Actions

In other actions, the directors passed a resolution thanking Rafe Teague for his work in making frames for the church schedules, which have been distributed to motor courts and other tourist places for the convenience of visitors. This project was handled for the chamber by director S. A. Bundy.

Discussion also centered on complaints that local businesses, particularly drug stores, close too early during the tourist season. It has been pointed out that visitors have a hard time locating toilet articles and other items and that newspapers can't be purchased late at night. This complaint was turned over to the merchants committee for study.

Plant Accepts Request To Pay More For Water

Burlington Industries' Franklin Hosiery Company has accepted an informal request from the town board of aldermen to pay more for its water.

At the same time, Supt. Stephen A. Bundy said the local plant "doesn't plan to expand any at all during the coming 12 months. In fact, we've still got some empty room in our new addition." He made the comment, he said, to assure the town that the hosiery firm would not need any more water than it is now using.

Mr. Bundy said his company was agreeing to an increase in cost on all the water it uses beyond 250,000 gallons a month—the portion on which it was given a special rate as an inducement to come here. It now pays the regular rates on the first quarter-million gallons and on all over that the cost has been 10 cents a thousand gallons.

Under Burlington's agreement to pay 25 per cent more on that portion, the rate would increase

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Mason 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., Aug. 7	79	49	.00	
Thursday	86	49	.00	
Friday	90	53	.00	
Saturday	91	53	.00	
Sunday	93	54	.00	
Monday	95	56	.00	
Tuesday	93	61	.00	
Wednesday	61	.00		
HIGHLANDS				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Aug. 7	76	44	.00	
Thursday	77	46	.00	
Friday	78	50	.00	
Saturday	83	47	.00	
Sunday	84	52	.00	
Monday	88	54	.00	
Tuesday	84	57	.00	
Wednesday	61	.00		
COWETA				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Aug. 7	80	45	.00	
Thursday	84	45	.00	
Friday	86	50	.00	
Saturday	88	50	.00	
Sunday	90	51	.00	
Monday	92	54	.00	
Tuesday	90	57	.00	
Wednesday	61	.00		



NO ITEM ON THE AGENDA took precedence over the one for noon time last week as the Macon Baptist Association held its annual meeting. Noon time was eating time. This picture was taken Friday at the closing session, held at the Cowee church. From left to right are Mrs. Ed Brogden, of the host church; the Rev. C. T. Taylor, of Franklin, associational missionary; Lawson Allen, vice-president of Gardner-Webb College; and Dwight Wilhelm, public relations assistant at Mars Hill College. Mr. Allen and Mr. Wilhelm spoke at the meeting.



A HOUND DOG AND COONSKIN cap set this oddtimer apart from some of the more gaudily dressed at "Hillbilly Day". The T-model on whose running board he's sitting made the trip to Highlands from South Carolina.

'BACK TO SCHOOL' - - - SHOP FRANKLIN FIRST