

GREETINGS TOURISTS!
Won't You Stay A Spell With
Us? Read About What We Have
To Offer In RUBIES, RECRE-
ATION, AND REST
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MEANDERING
ALONG
MAIN STREET

WAYAH BALD's colorful stand of flame azalea has passed its peak now, but some pretty clumps can still be seen in some spots. Wonder how many thousands viewed the beautiful spectacle?

MRS. LILLIAN Hirt, Western Carolina College's public relations director, was here Saturday on a scouting trip of the Cowee Ruby Mines. She plans to bring a group of writers here for some digging in August and just wanted to get the lay of the land in advance. Mrs. Hirt wrote the excellent feature article on Mrs. Mary Summer Norman, which appeared in last week's issue of The Press.

MERCHANTS seemed to be highly pleased with the success of Friday's "Sidewalk Carnival" and shoppers were equally delighted with some of the bargains offered. Several merchants continued their bargain tables the next day.

DID YOU KNOW several reporters in Raleigh collected a lot of Judge George B. Patton's humorous stories while he did his stint in the Capital City as attorney general? There's talk they plan to publish some of them.

WINSTON BAUGHN has severed his Chevy connections with Burrell's here and is now working in Sylva. He'll be moving his family there before long.

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl from Barwick, Ga., Mary Landrum, found a 60-carat ruby at Holbrooks No. 2 Sunday afternoon. And if you're looking for a twist to the story, you won't be disappointed. She was preparing to leave and happened to spot the large stone in a pile of gravel that supposedly had already been washed and searched.

BETTER MARK the Fourth of July on your calendar, right now. And plan to spend it in Franklin. The Jaycees promise you a day and night of festivities the likes of which hasn't been seen here in many a moon.

THE SWIMMING pool at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course is attracting large numbers from outside the county. This serves to point up the need for more recreational facilities all over Western North Carolina.

DEPRESSION TALK hasn't seemed to bother Franklin's merchants. And their business-as-usual attitude seems to have been the right approach to the problem.

A COUPLE OF years back, Bob Cox, of Chapel Hill, then president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce, made quite a hit locally as guest speaker at two functions, one a gathering of educators of the area. Last week this same young man brought new honor to North Carolina by being elected president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

AT GIRLS' STATE, Dwain Horsley was in the thick of politicking. She was campaign manager for Jean Cochrane, a Garner girl was elected secretary of state. Dwain also was manager of her precinct for the election.

ANOTHER MACON 4-H clubber did some good camping at Camp Schaub last week. Ann Maddox, of Cartoogechay, was picked as the best camper of her group.

THE INDIAN Mound seems to have received one of those "Mow-hawk haircuts"; a heavy cut around the edges and nothing off the top!

WHEN A MARYLAND 4-H dairy judging team represents the United States in international competition in Bristol, England, July 2 standing proudly by will be Mr. and Mrs. Gist Welling, of Adelphi, Md. Mrs. Welling is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cunningham, of Route 1. Her husband is an assistant county agent. The Welling's children are visiting here while their parents are away.

Little League All-Stars Picked

A Little League All-Star Team has been selected to play Canton in August.

Team members include Bobby Dalton, Hugh Franklin, Alex Corbin, Jimmy Taylor, Donald Fisher, Jim Simpson, Gene Young, Howard Johnson, Gerald Holland, Larry Cloer, Robbie Gibson, Regan Ammons, Arland Elvitt, Gene Angel, and Terry Mashburn.

Grady Corbin is manager of the All-Stars and the Rev. Donn Langfitt is his assistant.

Highlands Lions Win District Award

HIGHLANDS — The Lions club here is one of four clubs in District 31-A winning attendance awards for the club year ending July 1, according to Gov. William A. Hart, of Weaverville.

The other three were Candler, Weaverville, and Hendersonville.

Welcome

FREE
GIFT CERTIFICATES
INSIDE

To

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

A RUBY On The Finger Of The SMOKIES

Here's a reproduction of the 'Welcome To Franklin' packet, which will contain gift certificates (left) for free merchandise and chamber of commerce literature.



Only 6 Miles to the Famed
COWEE RUBY MINES
DIG YOUR OWN GEMS!

SLATED NEXT WEEK — Franklin Chamber To Unveil Tourist Welcome Promotion

"Welcome to Franklin", the new project of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, is to be kicked off one day next week.

It will work this way: One day in each week during the summer, volunteers will stop out-of-state automobiles and officially welcome its occupants to Franklin. A packet of chamber of commerce literature, including a number of valuable gift certificates from local merchants, will be presented the driver of each automobile (not each passenger). Donated by the merchants to the "Welcome to Franklin" project, the certificates might, for example, entitle the bearer to a free cup of coffee, a free movie, a free ice cream cone, or a day's free digging for rubies in Cowee Valley. Also included in the packet will be Franklin's new fact sheet, a nutshell encyclopedia of what to see and where to go in this area.

those making the gifts, since other purchases will be made by the other passengers in the automobile.

"This is not a gimmick designed entirely to boost our tourist business", according to the chamber president, Dr. G. R. McSweeney. "We feel if we can get tourists to stop and take advantage of the gifts offered in the packets, our merchants will help sell Franklin as a friendly town and the tourists will decide to stay here for their vacations instead of driving on to some other town."

Heart Is Greeting

Dr. McSweeney emphasized that the heart of the entire project is the manner in which the individual merchants greet the visitors.

"If a merchant feels he's making a handout, in all fairness, he should not participate in the project since it will jeopardize the whole undertaking. On the other hand, if a merchant feels he can take time out from his busy work schedule to be friendly and cordial to those presenting certificates, we've immediately made them think, 'What a friendly place Franklin really is... why don't we stop overnight instead of going on as we planned.'"

Pushing Work

The chairman of the project, Sam Gibson, this week is approaching merchants and inviting them to offer small gifts. "We don't want big things," he explained. "Just something as a token of friendship... a penny balloon, or a free ice cream cone, things like that."

The outside packet (see illustrations) is red, white, and blue and features Franklin's new slogan, "A Ruby On The Finger Of The Smokies."

Towns Were Like Different Worlds Sunday

Although only 20 miles apart, Franklin and Highlands were like different worlds Sunday.

At the bottom of the mountain, Franklin was partly cloudy and sunny.

Highlands, the "Highest Incorporated Town in Eastern America", was "socked in", its head in a thick cloud bank, visibility almost zero. Cars moved slowly through the cloud bank, headlights burning. Activity was damp, to say the least. And it was that way all day long.

Auction Slated For Boy Scouts

An auction sale is slated Saturday at 10 a. m. on the square in Franklin to raise money for the Boy Scouts.

It is being sponsored by the Rotary and Lions clubs and the American Legion.

B. L. McGlamery will be auctioneer.

Folk Festival Dates Are Set

Dates for the annual Macon County Folk Festival have been set for July 31 and August 1 and 2.

Sponsored by the Franklin Jaycees, the festival features "home-grown talent". It annually attracts thousands of locals and tourists.

SINGING CONVENTION

The fifth Sunday singing convention will be held at the courthouse Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m.

Dr. Barmore Is Joining Staff Here

Pediatrician And Family To Arrive In Town Friday

Dr. Burton Blaksley (Pat) Barmore, of Augusta, Ga., will join the staff of Angel Hospital in Franklin tomorrow (Friday), specializing in pediatrics.

A native of Cornelia, Ga., Dr. Barmore received his A. B. degree from Mercer University in 1949, and his M. D. degree from the University of Georgia Medical College in 1953. He interned at the Macon (Ga.) Hospital from 1953-54 and then joined the U. S. Air Force. Dr. Barmore received his discharge in 1956 and then served residency in pediatrics at University Hospital and Talmadge Memorial Hospital in Augusta. While serving residency in pediatrics, he did special work in diseases of babies resulting from incompatibility of blood (where the mother's RH factor is negative and the father's positive).

Dr. Barmore is a member of the Theta Kappa Psi and Alpha

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She Was Reelin' At The Carnival

Let's get out of here," declared the harassed woman, grabbing a female-type offspring by the hand. "I'm reeling!"

Hat askew, she and the child disappeared into the crowd that packed Franklin last Friday for the annual trade promotion, "Sidewalk Carnival". Her shopping bag looped over one arm was packed with items.

Not all of the estimated 2,500 taking in "Sidewalk Carnival" ended up reeling as she did, but most of them left town, as she did, satisfied with the bargains merchants had heaped on tables outside their stores.

With just an hour gone, one smiling merchant reported he'd already topped any prior Friday in sales.

All day shoppers picked over the bargain tables while merchants brought assorted merchandise outside.

The weather cooperated. It was warm and sunny most of the time.

And beaming like the weather was Sam Gibson, chairman of the promotion.

"It beats anything we've had so far," he declared.

Dance Team To Perform On Fourth

Biddle Reports Several Now In Beauty Contest

The Smoky Mountain Cloggers, Macon County's square dancing stars of the Ed Sullivan show, will take the spotlight during night activities at Franklin's annual Fourth of July celebration.

Arrangements to obtain the team for an appearance (free for "home folks", of course) were closed this week by the Franklin Jaycees, who are sponsoring the day-and-night celebration.

Also on hand to play for the Cloggers and for free square dancing will be the string band that appeared with the team on the Sullivan show in March. Featured with the band are Jimmy Lunsford, Asheville fiddler, and Harry Roberson, bass player from Dilard, Ga., Route 1.

Meanwhile, the many features of the Fourth celebration are being whipped into shape by Jaycee committee chairmen.

Roy M. Biddle, Jr., who has charge of the "Miss Fourth of July" contest, is also active.

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CHURCH HAS GROWN —

Pine Grove History Recalled

By LAWRENCE WOOD

Though there were many miles to walk or ride horses, the early settlers went to the old Buck Creek Church.

It stood about where the Franklin-Highlands highway runs in front of the old Isaac Peek home.

About 75 years ago, a group of members from Pine Grove decided they should have a church closer home. They saw John Corbin

and he gave them land for a church. The Pine Grove Baptist Church was then organized with the Rev. David Vinson as pastor.

First deacons were Z. I. Peek, Dave McCoy, Tom Dills, Andy Evans, and Calhoun Henderson.

Twice A Day

Communion service was held in the month of May. And, in the old days, revival meetings were

held in August after all the crops had been laid by, so the people could attend twice a day. As at all the old time revivals, there was much shouting and testifying. There also used to be all-day singing and dinner on the ground at the church.

Some of the old members still attend church, like "Aunt Isabelle" Holland, who supplied information for portions of this article.

Three generations of the Vinson family have served as pastor of the church, David, Tom, and James I. Vinson.

Church Burns

In 1932, the old church burned. But, the people saw the need for a place to worship, so they had services in the schoolhouse until a new church could be built.

That is the present church, which was started in July, 1932. The following were on the building committee: W. M. Holland, John Dills, Charlie Henderson, W. T. Tilson, and John Keener.

Although the building wasn't finished, the associational meeting was held there in August, 1932.

125 Members

At present, the church has about 125 resident members. Deacons are W. T. Tilson, Briscoe Dills, George Keener, and Raleigh

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PROMOTED

J. W. (Red) Smith, former Duke University football star and personnel supervisor for the Franklin Hosiers Plant for a year and a half, has been promoted to Mooreville Mills, a member plant of Burlington Industries. Mr. Smith will leave tomorrow (Friday). His successor here is Earl Adams, who has been with the Wadesboro plant. He will arrive here tomorrow and will occupy the Sanders house on First Street being vacated by Mr. Smith and his family.

REPRESENTATIVE RUN-OFF — Voters Returning To Polls Saturday

For the second time within a month, voters will go to the polls Saturday.

It's a run-off primary this time between two Democrats seeking their party's nomination to the state house of representative, incumbent G. L. Houk and James M. (Jim) Raby, who ran a close second to his opponent in a three-way contest in the May 31 primary and soon after asked for a run-off.

m. to 6:30 p. m. Since only two candidates are involved, the count-out Saturday night is not expected to take very long and Democrats should know before bedtime which has the nomination. Macon County is one of several in the western area holding a second primary. In the first primary, Mr. Houk polled 1,217 to Mr. Raby's 909. The third man in the race, Weimar Jones, received 862.

Sample Ballot

OFFICIAL MACON COUNTY
Second Democratic Primary Ballot
For Member of
State House of Representatives

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot, make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return to the registrar and get another.

For Member of
State House of Representatives
(Vote for One)

GUY L. HOUK
 J. M. RABY

Second Primary Election June 28, 1958

J. L. Barmore
Chairman of Macon County Board of Elections

FOR THE NEXT WEEK — Dedication And Meetings Set By Biological Station

HIGHLANDS—Busy days are ahead Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the Highlands Biological Station.

Tomorrow (Friday), at the museum building at 8 p. m., Dr. Stanley A. Cain, professor of botany at the University of Michigan, will deliver a lecture, "The Role of the Biological Station"; Saturday the annual meetings of the board of managers and the board of trustees are scheduled; and Sunday afternoon dedication ceremonies for the station's new buildings will be held, followed by a general membership meeting.

Also, a tour of the station for the general public is slated from 2:30 to 3:30 Sunday.

Guggenheim Fellow
Friday's lecturer, Dr. Cain, was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1940-41 and a scholar of the New York Botanical Garden in 1941. He has served on the editorial board of the Ecological Society of America and is an authority on the vegetation of the Great Smoky Mountains. Dr. Cain's fields of research are ecology, phytogeography, and

phytogeography. He has published widely in scientific journals and is author of the book "Foundations of Plant Geography". He received his B. S. degree from Butler University and his M.S. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Chicago.

Managers Meeting

At 9:30 a. m., the annual meeting of the board of managers is set. Those expected to attend include Miss Thelma Howell, executive director and chairman; J. Friauf, of Vanderbilt University. SEE NO. 4, PAGE 8

Noah Gibson Charged With Stabbing Coggins

Noah Gibson, about 73, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on his granddaughter's husband, Junior Coggins, following a fight Saturday night at the Gibson home in the Ridgecrest section.

Mr. Coggins, about 21, was allegedly stabbed three times with a knife by Mr. Gibson, according to Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass. He is hospitalized at Angel Clinic.

Mr. Gibson is in the county jail. Deputy Pendergrass said the stabbing apparently was the outcome of a "family squabble".

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Mannon Siles, 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., 18th	85	51	.00
Thursday	83	48	.00
Friday	84	64	.81
Saturday	86	60	.00
Sunday	80	62	.30
Monday	81	54	.20
Tuesday	83	47	.00
Wednesday	80	50	.00

COWETA	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 18th	79	46	.00
Thursday	83	47	.00
Friday	82	62	.18
Saturday	84	54	.00
Sunday	86	60	.15
Monday	74	54	.26
Tuesday	78	45	.00
Wednesday	80	47	.00

HIGHLANDS	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 18th	80	52	*
Thursday	74	50	*
Friday	82	61	*
Saturday	82	56	*
Sunday	69	58	*
Monday	73	51	*
Tuesday	78	46	*
Wednesday	—	50	*

* no record



Pine Grove Baptist Church