



## MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

THEY'RE SUN bathing all over the place; that is, when the sun shines, which isn't very often. A female sunbather was even spotted on the wide expanse of lawn between Main Street and Angel Hospital. Too far away for identification, however.

GOVERNOR Luther H. Hodges has proclaimed August as "See North Carolina" month and the travel council of the state is sponsoring the event to acquaint Tar Heels with the state's coast-to-mountains vacationlands and to stimulate in-state travel.

WATCH OUT, folks! As could be expected, some worthless Burma rubies have found their way into Macon County. So don't be fooled. They're not our authentic Cowee Valley rubies and the gravel in your driveway is worth more.

MOST ARE inclined to complain a little about the rain, but they'll close off by observing "we sure need it."

TOURISTS SEEM to really be on the move these days, most of them heading for Cherokee and vicinity. Reports received here have the Parkway packed with vehicles over the week ends.

BECAUSE OF the weather, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce has been holding off on its "Welcome to Franklin" project. However, weather permitting, chamber officials will conduct a trial run on a major highway today (Thursday).

MORE THAN 35 people from here so far have taken in the Craftsman's Fair in Asheville this week. And, many more are expected to attend this unusual show that features mountain handicrafts.

A TEAM WITH support stands a lot better chance of winning. If you have to use "grandma's funeral" once again, by all means make some excuse to show up for the Little League play-offs here next week.

## 2 Bishops To Attend Dedication

Two bishops will be on hand Sunday morning for the dedication of the Highlands Methodist Church.

Bishop Noland B. Harmon, residing bishop of the Charlotte area, will be present to dedicate the new church, while Bishop Coston J. Harrell, of Decatur, Ga., will preach the dedicatory sermon.

The presentation of the church for dedication will be made by John Wesley Edwards, chairman of the board of trustees. Lyman Picklesimer, a trustee, will place the cornerstone.

Smathers To Help  
The Rev. F. C. Smathers, Waynesville district superintendent, also will take part in the service. Special music will be under the direction of Robert G. Ramsey and Mrs. Robert C. Balfour, Jr., guest organist.

Pastors To Speak  
Featured speakers at the afternoon portion of the service will be the Rev. P. T. Houts, Jr., of Murphy, and the Rev. Robert E. Early, of Franklin, pastors of the

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## THREE GAMES SLATED — Locals Welcoming Little League Teams

Franklin will be host to the western division Little League play-offs July 21-22-23 on the East Franklin diamond.

One game is scheduled each day, starting at 5 o'clock. Teams competing in the All-Star playoffs include Franklin, Sylva, Canton, Hazelwood, and Andrews-Murphy.

On the 21st, Sylva will meet Andrews-Murphy; on the 22nd, Franklin will take on the winner of that game; and on the 23rd, the winner of the game on the 22nd will play the winner of the Canton-Hazelwood game.

The division winner will advance to district competition in Forest City.

Sam Higdon, local Little League president, is tournament director and is handling arrangements. The East Franklin playing field also is being improved.

Boys playing for the local Little League All-Stars were selected from the four regular teams. They are Robert Dalton, Hugh Franklin, Jess Corbin, Jr., Jimmy Taylor, Donald Woody Fisher, Wildcats; James W. Simpson, Larry Ross Cloer, Larry Gene Young, Gerald Holland, and Howard Johnson, Reddys; Reagan Ammons and Robbie Gibson, Thunderbirds; and Arland Evitt and Gene Angel, Jaybirds.

Team managers are Grady Corbin and E. J. Carpenter.



QUEEN IS CROWNED  
Miss Margaret Johnson, who was selected as "Miss Franklin" Saturday night, is being crowned above by last year's beauty contest winner, Miss Nancy Sutton. (Staff Photo)

## MISS JOHNSON WINS — Belated Fourth Celebration Sees Enthusiasm Undimmed

Franklin held a belated Fourth of July celebration Saturday night with all the enthusiasm of the regular observance, minus the rain that forced the postponement more than a week before.

A beauty contest between 13 beauties saw Miss Margaret Johnson win the "Miss Franklin" title after three elimination events. Miss Johnson, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, of Cartoogechaye community. She was sponsored by The Fashion Shop.

Runners-up in the beauty event



THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE ISLAND OF GUAM  
Mrs. R. L. McGaha and her two children, Billy and Annie Lee, yesterday (Wednesday) boarded the General Gaffney in San Francisco, Calif., for Guam to join M/Sgt. McGaha, a U. S. Army engineer. A copy of this week's FRANKLIN PRESS is being airmailed to M/Sgt. McGaha and will arrive well in advance of his family. (Staff Photo)

## CAUSED BY GROWTH — Macon County's Tax Value Up Three-Quarter Million

The 1958 value of Macon County property, as listed for taxes, is three-quarters of a million dollars more than it was a year ago.

That increase comes on the heels of zooming growth over a long period.

The total today is half-as-much-again as it was 10 years ago. It's three times as much as it was 20 years ago.

The 1958 tax valuation figure is \$1,739,816 (subject to possible minor revisions in the value of one or two properties). That compares with \$1,069,816 last year, a gain of \$752,336.

The biggest factor in the year's increase is attributed by Thomas A. (Tom) Henson, tax collector, is construction of new homes. Other items that help account for it, he said, are new businesses, new automobiles (replacing old ones), and "discovered" property. He estimates that property, most of it personal, valued at \$75,000 has been put on the tax books for the first time this year.

In terms of tax receipts, the additional valuation, it is estimated, will bring in an extra \$12,000, at the county's new rate of \$1.60 for each \$100 valuation. The total valuation figure is misleading in estimating the actual value of property in this county. Since taxpayers are supposed to list their property at only 30 per cent of its sale value, the dollars-and-cents worth of taxable property in this county probably is well in excess of \$6 million dollars.

The tax valuations put on properties of some of the county's largest taxpayers follow:

Nantahala Power and Light Company, \$5,155,695. That's an increase of \$41,795 over last year.

Franklin Hosiers Plant (Burlington Industries), \$250,162, an increase over 1957 of \$12,462.

Southern Railway, \$170,776, the same as last year.

Van Raalte, \$144,800, a decrease of \$4,050.

The Bank of Franklin, \$75,000, the same as last year.

Tallulah Falls Railway, \$20,425, the same as last year. (The Tallulah Falls line, long in receivership, has paid no county taxes in many years.)

Utility corporation tax valuations have to be approved by the State Board of Assessment, and the 1958 figure for the Western Carolina Telephone Company has not yet been received from Raleigh. That company's properties in this county last year were valued for taxes at \$166,000.

Officially of both groups are now at work planning for the event, which will attract 75-80 members from posts and auxiliaries in Asheville, Hendersonville, Brevard, Canton, and Hayesville. These towns, and Franklin, comprise the 17th V. F. W. District.

A supper will be served following the individual meetings of the two groups at 2 p. m. Mrs. Anne Murray, Mrs. Margaret Dowdie, and Miss Elizabeth Meadows are in charge of planning the meal.

James E. Perry, Sr., and Mrs. James E. Perry, Jr., are in charge of flower arrangements.

All activities will center at the post home on Palmer Street in Franklin.

A highlight of the auxiliary meeting will be the presentation of engraved silver trays to Mrs. Anne Murray, of Franklin, and Mrs. Gertrude Lowe, of Hendersonville. Mrs. Murray, immediate past president of the local auxiliary, recently was named "Auxiliary President of the Year" in the district, and Mrs. Lowe was "District President of the year". These awards will be presented by Mrs. Elsie Smith, of Canton, the present district president. Both Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Lowe competed with 22 other districts in the state for this honor.

For example, recently, the executive editor of the Asheville Citizen-Times stated, after repeated questioning, that he did not feel that it was a matter of grave concern that newspapers carried no mention of the fact that Congressman George Shuford had been admitted to the hospital until four days after he entered the hospital.

The simple fact that the congressman was off the job four days (the 12th Congressional District has now been without representation in the House of Representatives for more than six weeks) should be of vital interest to every voter. When it comes at a time when voters are to choose representation for another two years, and there are indications that one of the candidates may not be in good physical health for the coming two years, this paper feels that added importance should have been attached to it as a news item.

Because of our limited facilities we will not be able to do a complete job, but for the future this newspaper promises to the best of its ability to report completely on the voting stand of our representatives in the federal and state governments. We will also do our utmost to inform our readers of any happening which may have an effect on their ability to serve their constituents.

We feel that our readers want to know, and should know, how their governmental representatives vote on issues, and in what physical condition they are to carry out their duties.

BOB S. SLOAN,  
Publisher.

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Mr. Austin formerly was associated with Billy Graham.

Attention entertainers! It's about folk festival time again. Matter of fact, July 31, August 1 and 2 are the dates for the annual event.

Square dance teams, country musicians, and other entertainers are asked to register immediately with any Jaycee so an advance program can be arranged.

As in the past, the festival will be held "under the stars" at the Franklin High stadium.

Excellent crowds' attending revival series in Franklin

"Excellent crowds" have been attending Macon County's inter-denominational evangelistic series, which opened July 6 with Don Austin, of High Point, as guest evangelist.

## MONEY-RAISING PLANS DISCLOSED — Planning For County Fair In August Is Under Way

It's nearly county fair time again and extension service personnel, special committees, and community groups are hard at work planning for the annual event August 21-22-23.

A special session of the planning committee was held one night last week. This group put emphasis on the fair catalogue and on some new money-raising ideas to finance the fair.

"Merchants have been very cooperative, as usual," in supporting the advertising in the catalogue, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg. Copies of the catalogue are expected to be available well in advance of the fair.

Two money-raising ideas will be put to use at this year's fair, in addition to the revenue from advertising in the catalogue.

A barbecue chicken dinner is scheduled for the 21st, with the proceeds earmarked for the fair. A Raleigh poultry specialist will be on hand to help prepare the barbecue and also to demonstrate barbeque methods.

As a means of raising more money, special entertainment is being prepared for the nights of the 21st and 22nd. Community groups are being asked to put on skits, or provide other entertainment. A small admission will be charged.

Extension officials are meeting this month with the community groups to work out the many details of the county fair, including the entering of booths and exhibits.

Commenting on the early dates for the county fair, Mr. Fagg said the fair planners "feel they are the best" because they will not conflict with the operation of the schools later.

The fair is held on the grounds at Franklin High School and most of the exhibits are housed in the gymnasium.

At a special meeting Saturday night in Asheville, the W. N. C. Press Association tabled a resolution asking for an investigation of news coverage of Congressman George A. Shuford's health prior to the May 31 Democratic primary.

The resolution stemmed from an editorial appearing in the July 3 issue of THE FRANKLIN PRESS, written by Weimar Jones. In the editorial, Mr. Jones suggested that "50,000 voters were deceived" by the newspapers of the area had failed to report that Rep. Shuford suffered a stroke May 25 and the seriousness of his illness was not revealed publicly until after the primary.

A 5-2 vote tabled the resolution after exchanges between Mr. Jones, THE PRESS publisher Bob S. Sloan and editors of two Asheville newspapers. Siding with THE PRESS not to table the resolution was the Morganton News-Herald.

Sarah Price, of Franklin, left for Kanuga Camp for Girls at Hendersonville July 7. The Episcopal camp will continue until July 19.

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Hanson Siles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Doctor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Cartoogechaye community by the local weather bureau. The figures are for the 24-hour period ending at 5 p. m. of the day listed.

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	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 9th	72	53	1.47
Thursday	81	63	.13
Friday	81	57	.00
Saturday	79	63	.18
Sunday	77	69	.17
Monday	80	64	.00
Tuesday	7	53	.05
Wednesday	—	64	.00

COWETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 9th	78	61	1.15
Thursday	73	63	.32
Friday	80	64	.53
Saturday	80	60	.40
Sunday	78	76	.25
Monday	77	69	.23
Tuesday	78	58	.06
Wednesday	85	62	.00

HIGHLANDS

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 9th	68	62	.00
Thursday	75	61	.00
Friday	76	62	.00
Saturday	74	61	.00
Sunday	72	58	.00
Monday	74	58	.00
Tuesday	78	58	.00
Wednesday	—	54	.00

Area Press Tables Paper On Shuford

Reunion of Robinsons Set Sunday

Camp Sanitary Rating

A Statement To Our Readers

How About Eating Picnic Lunch Sunday?

Ready To Sign For Festival?

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