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T. Y. Angel (left) and Sam Gibson are shown distributing "Welcome to Franklin" packets to motorists on US 23-441. A trial run of the new chamber of commerce project was held last Thursday. In each packet are gift certificates valued at about \$25, along with chamber of commerce literature. (Staff Photo)

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

BOB MOORE, who has never missed the Labor Day Southern 500 mile auto races in Darlington, already is firing local interest in the ninth annual event. He's had his tickets and motel reservations for some time and would like to see more local faces in the crowd come race time.

AN ODD-SHAPED egg, resembling a small gourd, was brought to THE PRESS office by Mrs. J. C. Dowdle, of Route 1. Makes one think the hen had trouble deciding when to stop.

MANY THANKS are due V. H. Burt, one of our enthusiastic summer residents, for his work in promoting a ruby-digging "fly-in" here in September. Mr. Burt has worked hard selling our wonderful mountain country to his fellow flyers and everyone should pitch in and make sure the Floridians and their families have the time of their lives when they come here.

MOURNING WREATHS should be out for "Hillbilly Day", a celebration that put Highlands on the map. The town tossed the sponsorship (with a small gift of money) to the chamber of commerce, but the latter has now decided to abandon it. This will come as something of a shock to officials of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development. "Hillbilly Day" is among the feature attractions in the state's new Variety Vacationland color movie.

HIGHLANDS favorite young actress, Miss Colin Wilcox, of television fame, starred Saturday night in "Red Peppers", the latest production of the Highlands Community Theatre. The community drama group's next offering will be "The Glass Menagerie" July 23-25.

THE FAMILY of 1st Lt. Frank L. Henry, III, got a thrill out of seeing him stop off briefly Sunday afternoon at the airport while on a navigational profile. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8



MOORE KILLS AN ARM-SIZE RATTLER

H. L. Moore (left), of Toccoa, Ga., brother of Franklin's Roy Moore (right), is pictured with the big four-foot rattler he killed Wednesday morning of last week near the checking station on Standing Indian. Roy is comparing his arm with the girth of the snake, which had eight rattles and a button. (Staff Photo)

FARTHING PRESIDING — Superior Court Actions Should Take Entire Week

Trial of criminal and civil matters is expected to take up the entire one-week term of Superior Court here next week. Judge J. C. Farthing, of Lenoir, will convene the short term Monday morning.

SATURDAY AT SCHOOL — Musical Touch Will Feature Garden Club's Flower Show

There'll be a musical touch to the Franklin Garden Club's 36th annual flower show, which opens Saturday in the high school cafeteria.

"Southern Melodies" is the show theme, and the arrangements division carries it out in song titles, ranging from "Little Brown Jug" to "On Top of Old Smoky".

Last minute details are now being worked out by several committees, headed by Mrs. Prelo Dryman, general show chairman.

Hours for the public will be 2 to 9:30 p. m. Rules and regulations governing the show may be found elsewhere in this issue of THE PRESS.

No admission will be charged for the show, but a silver offering will be taken.

'Misunderstanding' Causes Work Loss At Hosiery Plant

Franklin Hosiery Plant lost some production time Monday and Tuesday "due to a misunderstanding among some of our employees," according to Supt. S. A. Bundy.

The Burlington plant was back in full operation Tuesday morning, however.

Mr. Bundy said there was no organizational effort from the outside involved in the brief shutdown.

Macon V. F. W. Getting Ready For Meeting

Words of welcome will be spoken here Sunday afternoon by members of the local V. F. W. post and auxiliary to between 7 and 80 expected for a District 17 V. F. W. meeting.

Representatives from posts and auxiliaries in Asheville, Hendersonville, Brevard, Canton, and Hayesville will be on hand, according to local officials.

All activities, including separate meetings of posts and auxiliaries, will be at the post home on Palmer Street.

Supper will be served following the meetings, which will open at 2 o'clock. In charge of planning for the meal are Mrs. Anne Murray, Mrs. Margaret Dowdle, and Miss Elizabeth Meadows.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Murray, immediate past president of the local auxiliary, will be honored as "Auxiliary President of the Year", an honor recently bestowed on her in competition with 22 other districts in the state. She will be presented an engraved silver tray by Mrs. Elsie Smith, of Canton, district president.

Little League Play-Offs Now Under Way Here

Rain delayed the opening of the western division Little League play-offs in Franklin Monday afternoon.

The three scheduled games were set ahead a day. Tuesday afternoon, in opening play, Andrews-Murphy defeated Sylva 14 to 10.

Yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, Franklin played Andrews-Murphy. The outcome of this game was not known at press time.

This afternoon at 5, the winner of the Franklin-Andrews game will play the winner of the Canton-Hazelwood clash.

Franklin Loses In Babe Ruth Division Game

Franklin's Babe Ruth All-Stars were knocked out of division play-offs Tuesday night.

Playing under the lights in Asheville, the locals were defeated 15 to 1 by Asheville National All-Stars. Jim Franklin got Franklin's only hit.

The game was scheduled Monday night, but was rained out.

Church Benefit Set To Finance Water System For Church

A benefit supper will be held at the Bethel Methodist Church Tuesday, July 29, at 6:15 p. m.

Proceeds will go toward providing a water system for the church; the public is invited.

OAKDALE SINGING

The fourth Sunday singing will be held Sunday, July 27, at 1:45 p. m. at the Oakdale Baptist Church, Lon Thompson, president, has announced.

Quarter Admission To Festival

Entertainers Are Now Registering For Annual Event

Twenty-five cents per person, that's what it's going to cost to see the annual Macon County Folk Festival.

"We discussed the idea of raising the admission price," a Jaycee spokesman disclosed this week, "and then decided not to because we want everyone to have the opportunity to see this all-local mountain show... everyone can raise a quarter."

Meanwhile, plans for holding the festival, now in its sixth year, week end after next (July 31-August 1-2) are moving ahead.

Several entertainers already have registered in advance. Others wanting to compete for the cash prizes being offered are asked to get in touch with any Jaycee in Franklin.

As a "back-up band" to play for exhibition square dance teams and other acts, the string band that played for the Fourth of July celebration will be on hand. It features the hot fiddle of Asheville's Jimmy Lunsford and the bass slapping of Macon county's own Harry Roberson.

Exhibition dances by the famous Smoky Mountain Cloggers and the new Carson Square Dancers are to be spotlighted all three nights.

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

IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN —

Neal Sisters On The Move

It's Farmers Federation picnic time again, and that means the Neal Sisters, of Franklin, are on the move.

A more appropriate description might be "on the bend", because the Neals, Linda and Patsy, do an acrobatic act for the Federation.

The sister acrobats are self-taught. Television has been a big help in developing their act. When they see a particularly good stunt pulled by an acrobatic group on television, they immediately start trying to duplicate it. They've

been performing for more than five years now. The Federation job is their first professional one, however.

Patsy, 17, will be a senior this fall at Franklin and plans to go on to college. This won't break up the sister act, though.

"We can still work during the summer, can't we?" asks Linda, 16.

Through August 9, the girls will perform at Federation picnics every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday in towns all



Downpour Flooded Street Near Franklin Indian Mound

(Staff Photo)

Macon Marine In Lebanon

At least one Marine from Macon County is now in Lebanon, the present center of international tensions.

Cpl. Eugene C. McDonald, of Franklin, Route 5, was with the 1,800 U. S. Marines who landed at Beirut at 2:30 a. m. (EDT) July 16. This was the second group ordered ashore by President Eisenhower.

Assigned to the Fleet Marine Force with the U. S. Sixth Fleet, the Marines are members of the 3rd Battalion, Sixth Regiment.

Carl Story Out On Bond

County music star Carl Story was released Friday on \$7,000 bond from the county jail, where he had been for a week for failing to show up for a preliminary hearing.

Mr. Story, a Macon native who now lives in Asheville, posted the bond for appearing in Superior Court here next week on a charge of fraud and false pretense.

The original warrant was drawn against the radio-television personality in March by Mrs. Vernon Pruitt, a local widow, who alleges he obtained about \$7,000 from her to put up a radio station on a partnership basis.

Last week, when Mr. Story was brought here by an Asheville bondsman for failing to put in an appearance at a preliminary hearing July 7, his bond was set at \$8,500. However, the figure was later reduced by court officials to \$7,000.

DAMAGE IS LIGHT — Heavy Rain Pours Monday Afternoon

A real old mountain "gully-washer" backed by lightning and thunder dumped nearly two inches of rain on Franklin in about an hour Monday afternoon.

Many streets were ankle-deep when storm drains clogged or were unable to turn off the heavy downpour.

"I guess you could say it settled the dust for a while," was the wry comment of Manson Stiles, Franklin's T.V.A. weather observer, in reporting a rainfall of 1.85 inches for the late afternoon.

Lightning knocked out about 200 telephones south of Franklin and crews of Western Carolina Telephone Company were still working Tuesday afternoon to restore service. Frank Dean, division manager, said Tuesday morning lightning apparently struck a cable feeding the area.

Nantahala Power and Light Company had only a "little trouble", according to Mac Ray Whitaker.

Lightning knocked out service in the Prentiss-Coweta section south of Franklin, and some trouble was reported at Cullasaja and Iotla.

Mr. Whitaker said service was restored by 10:30 that night in all sections.

The heavy rain started falling about 4:30 and did not let up until about 5:30.

Groups Vote To Incorporate

Franklin's four neighborhood development groups have voted to incorporate under the name of Franklin Community Club.

This action was taken Saturday night at a picnic supper meeting at Franklin Memorial Park, a community project.

The club members decided to seek pledges of labor from the town's many civic and service groups in order to complete projects under way at the park.

Two new directors were added to the board, Mac Whitaker and Rafe Teague. Allan Brooks was named chairman of the board.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Maxson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Taylor 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., 16th	87	63	.00
Thursday	86	63	.20
Friday	88	65	.00
Saturday	89	65	.00
Sunday	88	65	.00
Monday	81	66	.44
Tuesday	80	65	1.92
Wednesday	83	65	.05
COWETA	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 16th	85	62	.00
Thursday	87	63	.00
Friday	88	60	.00
Saturday	88	60	.01
Sunday	90	62	.00
Monday	89	62	.03
Tuesday	80	64	1.74
Wednesday	81	60	.00
HIGHLANDS	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 16th	84	64	.00
Thursday	82	61	.00
Friday	83	62	.00
Saturday	83	63	.00
Sunday	84	62	.00
Monday	75	63	.00
Tuesday	73	62	.00
Wednesday	—	62	.00



The Neal Sisters... All Wrapped Up In Their Work

(Staff Photo)

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