



## MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

W. W. REEVES is building a large one-story building on Depot Street next to his warehouse. Won't say whether he's going to move his Main Street hardware store into it or not; just, "I'm building a warehouse-type building."

IF YOU'RE wondering why a lot of grownups are limping and moaning about it's not the weather but those blasted hula hoops. Seems it's a real challenge to hip one of the things around.

JUST FOR the record, it has rained for the past five years at the Franklin-Sylva football game. There should be some special citations for fans who have waded in the mud at all five.

WORLD SERIES play sure seemed to bring a lot of interruptions in business. More men "forgot" things they had left at home, etc.

SQUIRREL hunting is reported tops so far. And, hunters relate seeing more grouse signs this year than ever before.

THE JAYCEES plan to give an award to the county's "Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year". If you know of some deserving young farmer don't hesitate to nominate him.

A NEW ROOF is being put on the Bank of Franklin building and Mrs. Wilson's boy, Alfred, is constructing a metal building between Belk's and Macon County Supply, after being stopped with a frame one because of fire zone regulations.

IS THERE any business in Franklin NOT selling those hula hoops? They're all over the place.

'PROP WASH', the publication of the Florida Air Pilots Association was devoted almost exclusively this month to the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" here. A lot of pictures and plenty of words, most in praise of the area and its people.

HIKING TRIPS are now being sponsored by the new Highland Trail Club. An excursion for minerals is slated soon, in addition to several others, as long as the weather permits. Suggestion: Offer them again next tourist season and put the emphasis on visitors.

FRANKLIN HIGH'S jayvees now have four victories for the football season and are gaining valuable experience. Drop out to the field and give them your support when they play here.

## Falls Color Peak Coming

Waiting to see and/or photograph fall colors? The week end of the 18th and 19th should see the mountains, at all elevations, ablaze with the reds, yellows, browns, and greens that each fall attract thousands of sightseers. This coming week end, at the mid-elevations, color should be good with beech, maple, fire cherry, black gum, sourwood, and birch.

## Scouts To Give Out CD Booklets

Saturday, "Civil Defense Day", will find Boy Scouts and Cubs of Macon County doing some planned good turns. As a climax to the 1958 National Safety Good Turn, they'll distribute a booklet, "Handbook for Emergencies", to homes over the county. Scouts leaders plan to work the distribution door-to-door and also through organized community clubs.



Happy Faces... What Are They Doing? See Page 1, Second Section.



LOCAL TO THE END, FRANKLIN FOOTBALL fans braved a soggy rain, and shed a few tears to add to the dampness, Friday night in Sylva while the Panthers went down in soggy defeat, 36 to 0. Scarves, umbrellas, old newspapers—in fact, just anything to keep dry under—were utilized by die-hard fans who refused to be bluffed out of seeing the game. Some of these brave souls are pictured above. (Staff Photo)

## Judges To Pick Rural Winners

Awards Supper Set For October 30 At High School

Some critical eyes will be focused on Macon County's rural community development program next Wednesday and Thursday.

On those two days, Miss Jean Childers and Virgil Holloway will be touring the county's 11 organized communities, studying their contest scrapbooks, and then finally selecting the top winners of the '58 contest.

Miss Childers is home agent of Watauga County and Mr. Holloway is county agent of Haywood.

An awards banquet for the contest is scheduled for October 30 at Franklin High School.

## Know A Young Farmer Doing A Good Job?

Know of a young Macon farmer under the age of 36 who is doing an exceptionally good job?

If your answer is in the affirmative, why not nominate him for the "Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year" award being offered by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for submitting written nominations (explaining the nominee's work and why he is a nominee) is October 29.

Nominations may be mailed to Jim Williamson, project chairman, or J. P. Brady, Jaycee president.

## School Bus Safety Letters Being Sent To Macon Parents

Prompted by a rash of school bus accidents over the state, the Highway Patrol and School Supt. H. Bueck this week are sending letters by school children urging parents to emphasize safety education at home.

The highway patrol letter, originating at Troop "E" headquarters in Asheville, puts the issue to parents in this manner: "Knowledge of the habits of your children as a pedestrian, as a passenger in a school bus, in an automobile, on a bicycle, or whatever means he uses to travel to school is a personal responsibility of the parent. It is necessary that you become acquainted with the driving habits of the school bus driver and in so doing take part in a program which would assure safe conduct of your child."

In addition to a letter to parents, Mr. Bueck has suggested that his principals also include a copy of safety rules for school bus passengers. "You may find it necessary to take stern measures to assure compliance with these safety rules, but if we prevent one accident your efforts will have been justified," the superintendent declared.

## Junior Varsity Downs Clayton

Franklin High's junior varsity stretched its win-loss record for the season to 4-0 Monday night by defeating Clayton, Ga., 19 to 7.

Played in Clayton, the game saw Kenny Hall score twice and Ronnie Mason once for Franklin.

## It Was A Sad And Soggy Night For Panthers

Last Friday night was a sad and soggy one for Franklin High's Panthers.

Sad because they ended up on the very short end of a 36 to 0 score against Sylva High's Golden Hurricane, and soggy because the entire game was played in a steady rain on the Sylva field.

The runaway game gave the Golden Hurricane its third victory of the season, with Lionel Brooks scoring three times and Kenneth Miller getting the other two.

Panther fans, ever faithful, stuck the game out to the finish in the rain (see above photograph) and kept rooting for the home team.

This week's game has been rescheduled for tonight (Thursday), instead of Friday, and the Panthers will play in Robbinsville. This change was made so local fans could attend the Sylva-Andrews game Friday night.

Statistics

Fumbles lost	2	2
First downs	3	9
Rushing yardage	71	336
Passing yardage	0	17
Passes	0-0	2-1
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Punts	7-26	3-42
Yards penalized	110	45
Franklin	0	0
Sylva	14	13

## VOTE HELD THURSDAY — Macon County Farmers Pick New A.S.C. Committeemen

In county-wide balloting last Thursday, farmers elected A.S.C. committeemen for 1958-59.

The chairman of each of the 11 communities is automatically a delegate to the county convention, which is set for October 21 at the Agricultural Building. Election of a county A.S.C. committee will feature the convention.

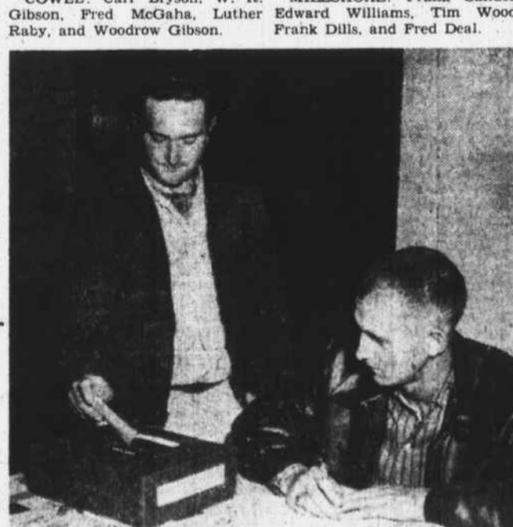
A total of 215 farmers voted in the election.

Following are community committeemen, listed in order as chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first alternate, and second alternate:

NANTAHALA: Turner May, Jim Neal, G. W. Owenby, Will Denny, and Dallas Rowland.

HIGHLANDS: Frank Crane, Claude Keener, Luther Picklesimer, R. J. Cobb, and Ed Edwards.

COWEE: Carr Bryson, W. R. Gibson, Fred McGaha, Luther Raby, and Woodrow Gibson.



LOTLA FARMER Bill Ramsey is shown casting his ballot in the A. S. C. election. Watching is Jerry Sutton, voting official at the Franklin precinct. (Staff Photo)

## SS Benefits Here Exceed Collections

District Office Makes Analysis Of Situation

The area Social Security office in Asheville, following up on its recent statement relating to the payment of Social Security benefits to residents of Macon County, has now released figures relating to the amount of Social Security (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) taxes being paid into the Social Security trust fund by residents of the county.

D. H. Butler, Social Security field representative for Macon County, reports the information has been compiled through the joint efforts of the U. S. Bureau of the Census and the U. S. Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and is published in a detailed report entitled, County Business Patterns, Part 6, First Quarter 1956, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1956.

While the study relates to the first quarter of 1956, it was only recently published, due to the time-consuming process of reviewing and analyzing many business reports. However, a fairly accurate ratio of Social Security benefit payments, as compared to the amount of Social Security taxes being collected, can be obtained by comparing the County Business Patterns' figures on Social Security tax collections, as of March, 1956, to the Social Security-released figures on benefits that were being paid through that agency, as of December, 1955.

According to the former report, Macon County had about 1,500 industrial and commercial employees in mid-March, 1956. The report does not include farm and domestic employees, self-employed persons, and federal employees. The industrial and commercial employees covered in the report were paid wages of about \$260,000 in March, 1956, with a resulting Social Security tax collection of about \$5,200, from both the employees and employers — a total tax contribution of about \$10,400 for the month. Mr. Butler reports that Social Security benefit payments to Macon County residents amounted to about \$15,400 in the month of December, 1955.

Regarding the ratio of Social Security tax receipts and benefit payments at the present time, Mr. Butler reports that because of the 1956 amendments and the delayed impact of the 1954 amendments, Social Security benefit payments now exceed the Social Security tax collections by a greater margin than in 1955-56. This is so because these amendments provide increased benefit payments and payments to a greater number of people — including farmers — to a greater extent than it provided for larger tax collections through coverage of more persons and through an increase in the tax rate. This ratio will strike a more realistic balance within the next few years, Mr. Butler explains, due to the scheduled increases in the Social Security tax rate.

## Sewer Extension Is Approved By Town Aldermen

The long-awaited Harrison Avenue sewer extension was approved Monday night by the Franklin Board of Aldermen and work on the project is expected to begin shortly.

Covering about 2,500 feet, the job will be done by town labor, instead of on a contract basis.

In regular session, aldermen also decided to connect Wilkie Street and Trimont Trail and they authorized the street committee to look into a request for a sidewalk in East Franklin so school children will not have to walk on the street.

## Roth Purchases Wayah Lodge; Changes Name

Wayah Bald Lodge in Wayah Valley has been purchased by Emil Roth from A. J. Yost for approximately \$30,000.

The deal, which was handled by Ed M. McNish, was filed in the register of deeds office this week.

Mr. Roth, of Clearwater, Fla., is a summer resident of Highlands. He is changing the name of the 14-room lodge to Wayah Valley Inn, and plans extensive remodeling and decorating prior to opening about May 1.



APPROXIMATELY 115 turned out Sunday at the Presbyterian church for the annual "Fellowship Hour" sponsored by the churches of the county and the Franklin Junior Woman's Club for the old folks of the county. Pictured above is a portion of the crowd, preparing to sing some hymns.



REPRESENTING 276 years of living are the three above, who were honored with gifts as the oldest attending the "Fellowship Hour". They are (L to R) Mrs. Lee "Aunt Carrie" Crawford, 94, who also got a gift for playing the piano, Mrs. Fannie Hayes Addington, 94, and J. B. Justice, 88. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swafford, who have been married 58 years, walked off with top honors in this department. (Staff Photos)

## Few Thousand Years Gather And Reminisce

A few thousand years of living paused briefly Sunday afternoon at the Franklin Presbyterian Church to sing hymns, reminisce about the old days, and eat light refreshments.

These years were embodied in about 115 men and women, most of them over 65. It was the annual "Fellowship Hour" for Macon's old folks and they made the most of "their day".

Two monogamians, Mrs. Lee "Aunt Carrie" Crawford, and Mrs. Fannie Hayes Addington chatted about their 94 years of living, while an 88-year-old "youngster", J. B. Justice, related experiences on his trip to California not too long ago. He was the oldest male "youngster" present.

And Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swafford had something to talk about too. They've been married 58 years.

Sponsored by the churches of the county and the Franklin Junior Woman's Club, the "Fellowship Hour" had the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt presiding and

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## FOR NOVEMBER VOTE — Election Registrars To Receive Books

Registrars from the county's 15 voting precincts will be dropping by the county courthouse today (Thursday) to pick up registration books and receive instructions on registering voters for the November 4 general election.

Books will open in the precincts Saturday, and registration will continue for the two succeeding Saturdays, October 18 and 25. Challenge day will be November 1. "We don't have any special instructions to give them (registrars)," J. Lee Barnard, elections board chairman, declared this week. "They were briefed prior to the primary last spring; we won't have a formal meeting; they'll just come in during the day to get their books."

Absentee ballots also are being sent out, Mr. Barnard said. He observed that there hasn't been too much activity as yet, but he expects requests for ballots to increase before long.

Registrars and Democrat and Republican judges, with the name of the registrar appearing first, are as follows:

Millshoal: Harold Cabe, Owen Ammons (D), Harry Kinsland (R).

Ellijay: C. B. Bryson, Canton Henry (D), Pritchard Russell (R).

Sugarfork: Troy Holland, Lawson Woods (D), W. M. Moses (R).

Highlands: Weldon Paul, Henry Cleveland (D), Ralph Crunkleton (R).

Flats: H. R. Penland, Frank Dryman (D), J. L. Miller (R).

Smithbridge: Maurice Norton, SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

RUMMAGE SALE  
A rummage sale will be held on the Town Square Saturday, October 11, from 8 a. m. until 12 noon. Proceeds from this sale will go to Mrs. Peggy Bradley's first grade class.

## The Weather

FRANKLIN		High	Low	Rain
Wed., Oct. 1	64	54	1.99	
Thursday	58	48	.16	
Friday	64	50	.10	
Saturday	74	55	.12	
Sunday	80	46	.00	
Monday	72	45	.00	
Tuesday	75	46	.00	
Wednesday		32	.00	
COWETA		High	Low	Rain
Wed., Oct. 1	69	58	1.41	
Thursday	65	48	.14	
Friday	65	48	.14	
Saturday	57	49	.09	
Sunday	63	51	.06	
Monday	70	39	.02	
Tuesday	76	39	.00	
Wednesday	70	42	.00	
Thursday	73	31	.00	



SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Miss Rebecca Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reeves, of Franklin, and Tommy McNish, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McNish, of Wayah Valley, have been announced by Franklin High Principal Harry C. Corbin as semifinalists in the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship competition. They were among 10,000 of the highest scorers on the scholarship qualifying test given in April. They now face another three-hour examination in December. (Staff Photo)