



### Still No Candidates In Town

#### Registration Books Open Saturday In Franklin

A YOUTH CENTER "working" is set Saturday at the town park. If you've got even 15 minutes to spare, drop down to the park and give a hand. Also, just in case you've forgotten to donate, the building fund still needs contributions.

FROM MIAMI BEACH comes a youth center donation from Mr. and Mrs. Hogenmuller, who are summer residents here "and are very proud of your community". Macon County is very proud of Mr. and Mrs. Hogenmuller, and all the other summer folks who have contributed generously and have shown their faith in our community.

THAT AWARD of "excellent-plus" won by Miss Nancy Cochran in the state music contest is another feather in Macon's cap. Nancy is to be congratulated for this outstanding achievement.

IN THE news business, it would pay to have a sharp nose like "Queenie", who's a real queen when it comes to tracking down people.

ANYONE WHO has attended one of those table-sagging covered dish meals held by home demonstration women will surely want one of the new cookbooks they're going to publish.

HAVE YOU made your contribution to the American Cancer Society drive yet? Mrs. Lester Conley, chapter president, is making her rounds for contributions.

MORE AND more foreign cars are seen with Macon County drivers. There's a lot of appeal to economy this day and time.

THE FELLOW substituting last week on the parking meter patrol was James E. Hurst. He was giving Mr. Conley a breathing spell.

COUNTY AGENT T. H. Fagg had to take over a speaking engagement Monday in Jackson County for an official who was unable to attend at the last minute. It was at the opening of the "pilot forest" by the Mead Corporation. Mr. Fagg's speech was in installments. He started outside. Rain came and he finished it in the barn.

APPEARING ON television is getting to be "old hat" for Macon County talent. A local trio and junior dance team will perform Saturday at 12:30 over WSPA-TV, Spartanburg, S. C.

YOU'VE GOTTA hand something to Nantahala Power for performance. They're going to get that line work done yet. We've overlooked the company's possibilities as a rain-maker, however.

RUBIES SEEM to be coming a part of our everyday life now. It's no longer unusual (here, that is) to use ruby chips on place cards at banquets and the like. The visitors, without exception, rave over them.

### Sutton Elected U.T.D. Chairman

New officers were elected Tuesday night at the annual Unit Test Demonstration dinner at Iola School.

Jerry Sutton was named chairman; George R. Pattillo, vice-chairman; Mrs. Woodrow Gibson, secretary; and Bill Higdon, treasurer.

About 40 attended.

#### SHOOTS SEIF

Darrell Tallent, 37, took his own life with a 12 gauge shotgun Tuesday at 11 p.m. at his home on Jacobs Branch (Route 3), according to Coroner John Kusterer. Funeral arrangements were in complete yesterday (Wednesday).

## so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Puttin' down that new floor in the old courthouse after the young lady fell through, is kinda like the old business of shuttin' the barn door after the horse is gone.

Now I'm worryin' about those pore folks sittin' upstairs in the courtroom this week. Might be a good idea for them and Judge Huskins to keep a good hold on their seats, 'cause they may be droppin' through at any time.

And I thank you.

Mr. Maconian



#### WORK ON BRIDAL VEIL BY-PASS BY STATE HIGHWAY IS MOVING ALONG

With the break in the weather, state highway forces are moving ahead with the by-pass of Bridal Veil Falls on US 64 between Franklin and Highlands. The picture, taken from the Highlands side of the widely-publicized water wonder, shows the location of the by-pass. The oil truck indicated by

arrow is in the by-pass. The old road passing behind the falls will be left open for those wanting to use it. Several curves on the approaches to the falls have been straightened and the road widened. (Staff Photo)

### 5 Fires Reported

At least five forest fires broke out last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday over Macon County before rain Sunday eased the critical situation, according to County Ranger J. Fred Bryson.

One was set intentionally, he said.

Three of the five blazes broke out Thursday, the ranger reported. On this particular day, the fire danger classification was "5", or "just about as high as it gets". About 63 acres were burned on Matlock Creek; 133 on Sheep Cove in Lower Burningtown; and two acres at Muster Ground Gap, in the Oak Grove section.

The day before, the 8th, 45 acres burned in the Iola section. Friday, an acre and a half burned in the Walnut Creek section. This fire was intentionally set, Ranger Bryson reported. He said they found evidence indicating that one attempt to start a fire failed and only a small area "about the size of a table" burned.

### Rep. Hall's 'Right Hand' Coming Here

Congressman David M. Hall's "right hand" in his district office in Waynesville, Mrs. Edith P. Alley, will be in Franklin next Thursday, the 23rd, for talks with constituents.

She will be in the Veteran's Service office in the courthouse from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with time out for lunch between 12 and 1. Interested women voters are invited to a "dutch" luncheon with Mrs. Alley at Kelly's Tea Room.

Mrs. Alley will stay overnight with Miss Olive Patton, and will be in Highlands for the day on the 24th.

### Library Club Has Charge Of P.-T. A. Program Monday

In observance of "National Library Week", the Library Club at Franklin High will present a program for the Franklin P.-T. A. Monday night in the school cafeteria at 7:30.

A slate of officers for the coming year will be presented by the nominating committee. The Library Club also will serve as a joint host with the social committee of the P.-T. A. for a social hour after the meeting.

### "Queenie" Sniffs Out Escapees

"Lawyer Green" (prison jargon for "Spring") beckoned last week and five prisoners made breaks for freedom. One was shot in the leg by a guard as he attempted to escape with another youth. "Queenie", the local cap's bloodhound, sniffed out the other four.

Three of the five made their break from a road gang Wednesday of last week about 12:30 p.m. on NC 28. "Queenie" found Jerry Strickland, 18, of Brevard, and Billy Taylor, 20, of Murphy, Route 4, about 9:30 that night on River

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### On Again, Off Again, Again . . .

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," seems to be the operating motto of Nantahala Power and Light Company.

Sunday the company scheduled some maintenance work on lines over most of the county. Matter of fact, it was the third Sunday they'd planned the work. However, once again the weather stepped in and short circuited plans.

But, they won't give up. Once again, this Sunday, the maintenance work is scheduled.

### Macon Sailor Miraculously Escapes Being Washed Overboard From Ship

FP 3/c Mack G. Jones is lucky to be alive.

From a hospital bed in Birkenfeld, Germany, the young sailor last week wrote of a harrowing experience at sea in March.

Aboard the destroyer USS Daly, he left the states March 17 for duty in the Mediterranean.

On the second day out, about 2 a. m., Mack headed for the bridge to report. The ocean was running rough.

Suddenly, a huge wave washed him overboard. He managed somehow to grab a life line as he went over. Miraculously, the next wave washed him back aboard the destroyer. But, although it saved his life, the wave smashed him to the deck. He slid about 40 feet and was unable to get up. Mack crawled for a ship telephone to get help. The ship's doctor decided his leg was broken and it was put in a cast. Because of the high seas, the injured sailor couldn't be moved for two days. Then the seas quieted, he was transferred to a hospital ship, where X-rays showed the leg wasn't broken. However, the knee was badly twisted. From the hospital ship he was sent to a hos-

### HIGHER THAN '58 — February Retail Sales Taxes Are \$11,116.26

Retail sales in Macon County in February of this year were higher than in 1958.

Gross sales and use tax collections for the month totaled \$11,116.26 this year, as compared with \$8,904.17 a year ago.

January collections this year were \$17,192.88.

The above figures were taken from The Retailer, a monthly publication of the N. C. Merchants Association.

### DURING 1958 — \$66,403 Is Spent Here On Conservation Program

Gross cost-sharing here during 1958 for Agricultural Conservation Program practices came to \$66,403, according to a summarization of the program just released by the A. S. C. office.

Following is a breakdown of the practices, acres involved, and the amount of cost-sharing advanced by the federal agency:

Establishment of permanent pasture or hay, 1,054 acres, \$24,645; vegetative cover in crop rotation, 153 acres, \$3,624; liming materials on farm land, 383 acres, \$2,840; forest tree planting, 50 acres, \$800; pasture hay improvement, 2,208 acres, \$19,116; tile drainage, 5,113 feet, \$534; winter cover crops, 266 acres, \$2,435.

The cost-sharing given by A. S. C. for the practices represented about 50 per cent of the total cost of establishing each, according to the office. The farmer also performed all the labor.

In the 1958 program, 1,282 farmers participated.

### Help Needed To Prepare Center Site

An appeal for volunteers Saturday to remove sod at Franklin Memorial Park on the site of the proposed Franklin Youth Center was sounded yesterday (Wednesday) by Allan Brooks, chairman of the building committee.

Bad weather hampered work at the park last Saturday, although several turned out and worked in the rain.

Construction of the center is expected to begin within the next week or so.

Mr. Brooks said the morning working hours will be 9 until noon. In the afternoon, work will resume at 2 o'clock. He said any amount of time, even 15 minutes, will be welcomed from volunteers.

Meanwhile, funds to construct the center are coming in slowly. About \$1,000 is needed before the work can begin. Yesterday (Wednesday), Robert C. Carpenter, treasurer, reported about \$636 on hand. Most of the labor and a large amount of materials for the proposed center have been donated.

Persons wishing to donate either labor, materials, or cash are asked to get in touch with Mr. Carpenter at the Bank of Franklin.

### Miss Cochran Gets High Rating From State Music Judge

An "excellent-plus" was awarded Saturday to Miss Nancy Cochran in the senior high school state music finals in Greensboro.

Miss Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cochran, of Patton community, was accompanied to Greensboro by her piano teacher, Mrs. Margaret Cooper.

The contest is sponsored by the N. C. Music Education Association. Mrs. Cooper quoted the judge as saying Nancy gave a "beautiful performance".

Narrators will be supplied by individual clubs, according to Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home economics agent.

Mrs. Vernon Bryson is chairman of the decorations committee. Serving with her are Mrs. Sammy Beck, Mrs. Lois Anders, and Mrs. Dorothy Bowers.

Walnut Creek and Highlands clubs will be in charge of refreshments. Serving will be handled by members of the Higdonville club, with Mrs. Fred Corbin, president, in charge.

Judges are now being selected. Review divisions will be Fashions for Home; Play Clothes; General or Street Wear; Tailored Suits and Coats; Best Dress; Special Occasion; and Children's Clothes.

TRY-OUTS SLATED Babe Ruth League try-outs will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. at the East Franklin field. Players also will be measured for uniforms.

### JURY IN SESSION — Judge Huskins Convenes Court Term Here Monday

Judge Frank Huskins, of Burnsville, resident judge of the 24th Judicial District, opened a two-week mixed term of Superior Court here Monday morning. Yesterday (Wednesday) morning, the grand jury was still in session in the Veterans' Service office.

### BYRD IS COMMANDER — V.F.W. Groups To Install New Officers Wednesday

New officers of the local V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary will be installed in a joint-ceremony next Wednesday night at the post home on Palmer Street in Franklin.

George P. Byrd is the new post commander, and Mrs. Grace O'Mohundro heads the auxiliary. A covered dish supper is planned prior to the installation. All members are urged to bring husbands or wives and a covered dish. The meal will be served at 7 o'clock. After the installation, Bingo will be played, with proceeds going for the purchase of dishes for the post kitchen.

Officers to be installed with Mrs. O'Mohundro are Mrs. Katherine Perry, senior vice-president; Mrs. Pauline Garrison, junior vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Mc-

Collum, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Lou Salain, chaplain; Mrs. Sallie Jones, conductress; Miss Winnie Bates, guard; Mrs. Clyde Slagle, Mrs. Anne Murray, and Miss Elizabeth Meadows, trustees; Mrs. Rachel Fagg, secretary; Mrs. Helen Grant, Miss Meadows, Mrs. C. M. Breedlove, and Mrs. Peggy Christy, color bearers; Mrs. Marie Barnard, historian; and Mrs. Edythe Reeves, patriotic instructor.

To be installed with Mr. Byrd are Richard Slagle, senior vice-commander; Kenneth Clark, junior vice-commander; Zeb Meadows, quarter-master; Dr. J. W. Kahn, surgeon; the Rev. R. D. Burnette, chaplain; Jack Hudson, judge advocate; Larry Welch, John G. Murray, and Vic Perry, trustees.

### ARMSTRONG TO SPEAK — Scholarship At Franklin High To Be Recognized

Scholarship at Franklin High School is to be given special recognition by the Franklin Rotary Club.

The club will honor 40 students — the 10 from each of the four classes with the highest scholastic ratings — at a banquet April 30.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Roy Armstrong, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Former director of admissions at the university, he now is executive secretary of the John Motley Morehead Foundation, which annually awards a number of coveted scholarships to Chapel Hill. In both capacities, his work has kept Mr. Armstrong in close touch with high school students.

It is planned to make the banquet an annual affair. As a further step toward recognition of excellence in scholarship, the club this year plans to present the high school with a valedictorian's plaque, to be hung permanently in some prominent place at the high school. Each year the name of the valedictorian will be placed on the plaque.

This program for stressing the importance of work in the classroom, worked out by a committee, was given unanimous approval by Rotarians at their meeting last Thursday night.

It is felt it is in line with the growing belief, all over the country, that scholarship is the central thing in school, and that in the recognition that has been given, in the past, to such desirable things as athletic prowess, leadership, good-citizenship, etc., excellence in scholarship has been under-emphasized, not only in many schools but also in the public mind.

### HAD ACTIVE LIFE — Walter Gibson, Former County Official, Dies

David Walter Gibson, a Macon County native whose active life spanned everything from farming, mining, and many years' service as a county official, died Friday (April 10) at his home on Franklin, Route 3, following a heart attack.

Seventy-eight years old, he served four terms as a county commissioner and three terms on the board of education. A retired farmer and miner, Mr. Gibson for 16 years was foreman of Southern Mica Company, of Franklin and Johnson City, Tenn. He was a Mason and a member of the Iola Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Mr. Gibson were held Sunday afternoon at the Iola church, with burial in the church cemetery. Officiating were the Rev. M. C. Wyatt, the Rev. C. C. Welch, the Rev. Paul Heafner, and the Rev. Bill Sorrells.

Serving as pallbearers were H. W. Cabe, Oscar Ledford, L. B. Limer, Glenn Ray, Jess Shope, and W. T. Jenkins.

Born Feb. 15, 1881, Mr. Gibson was the son of Joseph and Mrs. Alva Allen Gibson. He was

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### The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Macon Stiles, H. 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 9 a.m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 8th	81	39	.00
Thursday	80	47	.00
Friday	73	55	.00
Saturday	70	55	.62
Sunday	64	51	.82
Monday	56	36	.81
Tuesday	57	33	.04
Wednesday		28	.00

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 8th	77	39	.00
Thursday	80	48	.00
Friday	80	54	.00
Saturday	72	53	.73
Sunday	69	53	1.86
Monday	63	37	.67
Tuesday	47	32	.01
Wednesday	56	26	.00

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 8th	74	41	*
Thursday	74	54	*
Friday	64	54	*
Saturday	66	52	*
Sunday	58	52	*
Monday	39	33	*
Tuesday	54	27	*
Wednesday	*	*	*

\* no report.



Mack Jones



'UNCLE BILLY' McCoy, Macon County's oldest living male citizen, whose memory goes all the way back to Sherman's march during the Civil War, yesterday (Wednesday) celebrated his 100th birthday at his home in the Gold Mine community. A picture-story of the still very active "Uncle Billy" will appear in next week's PRESS.