



SURPRISE! The week end was supposed to be rainy and cloudy. Glad the weatherman got his wires crossed—and hope he keeps them that way for a while. A lot of folks are miled from the inside out.

A CHECK ON the Blue Ridge Parkway shows that the folder jointly financed by Franklin, Dillsboro, and Sylva is making a hit with travelers. It pays to advertise.

THE 'MARRIAGE' of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway is set for June 25. It has been a courtship of more than a quarter century. Dedication ceremonies at Cherokee on the 25th will open the 13-mile section of the Parkway from Soco Gap to the Great Smoky entrance.

YOU CAN expect the tourist travel to increase this month with the opening of the outdoor dramas in the area. They're real drawing cards for the mountain area.

WITH A BREAK in the weather, the dirt has started flying along the Little Tennessee again. There's still talk of big motels and shopping centers, in East Franklin.

A YOUNG DENTIST from Asheville is considering Franklin as a place to practice. He still has to pass the state examination and probably won't be here before late summer.

NOW THAT THE weather is behaving, maybe work on the youth center can start. Volunteers are needed at the park Saturday. This will be a good time for many of you teenagers who aren't working this summer to step in and do your share for the center.

THE PHIL HAZAZERS, folks from Palmetto, Fla., who "found" Macon County during the Pilots Ruby Rendezvous last year, are here looking for property on which to build a summer home. They're the ones who donated the ALUMASTOP thresholds for the youth center.

CAN'T SOMETHING be done about improving the grounds at the Macon County Health Center? It's a slap in the face of the public to have such a nice building sitting in such shoddy surroundings. Please!

WITH THE BREAK in the weather, the leaky roofs in town are getting some tar treatments for the next damp spell.

EVERYONE IN Macon County should consider it a duty to attend Tuesday night's meeting about the courthouse and speak See No. 1, Page Ten



A PRETTY REMINDER

Mrs. Charles Whittington's smile is just a pretty reminder that Wayah Bald's famous stand of flame azalea is due to hit its peak about the 20th of this month. That's a clump of the beautiful flower behind her. Mrs. Whittington is a member of THE PRESS family. Her husband operates a linotype machine for the newspaper. (Staff Photo)

Opens Sunday Night

SEMINARY OFFICIAL SETS SERMON SERIES LOCALLY

A series of sermons on the practical aspects of Christian living will be delivered nightly June 14-21 at the First Baptist Church by Dr. Stewart A. Newman, professor of theology and philosophy of religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. Services will begin nightly at

8 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. R. R. Standley, invites persons of all denominations to attend. He describes Dr. Newman's series as "not a revival in the usual sense of the word," but a series of sermons dealing with the practical side of Christian life. His topics will include "Church Membership," "The Meaning and Use of the Bible," and "The Secular and Sacred in Vocation."



Dr. Newman

Dr. Newman was graduated from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., in 1930, with an A.B. degree, and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex., in 1935, with a Th.M. Degree. He got his Th.D. degree in 1939.

Before going to Southeastern, he held the same position for 17 years at Southwestern.

SINGING SUNDAY

The second Sunday singing will be held at the Watauga Baptist Church, Sunday, June 14, beginning at 2 p. m. The annual homecoming for the church will also be held on this day. The public and all singers are invited.

HEARING SCHEDULED — Abandonment Is Sought By Tallulah Falls R. R.

After nearly a half century of financial troubles, the Tallulah Falls Railway is requesting abandonment. A legal advertisement appears in this week's PRESS. Meanwhile, local businessmen concerned with keeping the railroad serving Franklin are organizing to attend the public hearing on the abandonment application in Gainesville, Ga., June 29.

The hearing will be before the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Gainesville Division. In receivership for some 30 years, it has been the contention of the railroad that it has been steadily losing money on the run into Franklin because of the low volume of freight shipped.

SUCCUMBS AT WORK — 'Mr. Charlie' Ramsey, Town Clerk, Is Dead

"Mr. Charlie" is dead. Franklin's town clerk for the past eight years died last Thursday morning (June 4) in his office at the town hall, the place where he frequently joked with friends, "If I have to go, I'd prefer that it would be right here at my desk."

Charles Oscar Ramsey was 72 years old. He'd "weathered"

several heart attacks in recent years, and just recently returned to work after a good while in the hospital.

Death came about 9:45 for "Mr. Charlie". An ambulance was rushed to the office when he was stricken, but he was dead upon arrival at the hospital.

'Want Ad' Is Answered . . .

A man has answered the "want ad" placed last week by the president of the Little League, Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter.

He announced this week that the Rev. J. C. Lane "answered" the "ad" in last week's PRESS and has agreed to organize a minor league so about 45 to 60 boys in the Franklin area can play baseball. This will give the boys the experience they need to step up to Little League play.

Also, Mr. Carpenter added, a number of boys on Little League rosters, who do not get to play regularly, will be moved down to the minor league to gain experience.

As in Little League, the minor league will have four teams.

Mr. Lane is scheduling his league games for Saturdays.

Hollywood Talent Hunt Next Week

Plans for staging a three-night "mountain talent hunt" here next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are moving along and a number of entertainers have registered in advance. Called by talent scout Bob Cox, of St. Petersburg, Fla., the shows will be held "under the stars" in the Franklin High stadium, beginning nightly at 8 o'clock.

Acts from all over Western North Carolina and North Georgia are expected to participate.

Mr. Cox, who put the Smoky Mountain Cloggers on the Ed Sullivan show, is seeking at least two groups of entertainers to take to Hollywood next month along with the Cloggers. He has firm commitments for auditions at several studios, including some that film westerns for television.

Proceeds from the three-night talent hunt will be used to help send the groups to the coast.

Entertainers may register in advance with the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Cloggers Going To Savannah Once Again

Macon County's Smoky Mountain Cloggers tomorrow (Friday) night will dance their way into Georgia hearts for the second time this year. They're again going to Savannah, this time to perform for the annual convention of the Georgia Press Association at General Oglethorpe Hotel.

In April, the young dancers captivated a Rotary International convention in Savannah, so much so that tomorrow's appearance is a direct result of Rotarians bragging on their performance.

AT LION'S CONVENTION

H. Bueck and Harry C. Corbin are representing the Franklin Lions Club at the state convention this week in New Bern. Mr. Bueck gave the response to the mayor's welcome at the opening session.



FUNERAL-BOUND PILOT HAS CLOSE CALL HERE

R. L. Bryson, (inset) of Central City, Ky., en route here Saturday for the funeral of C. O. Ramsey, has a flying tale to relate to the boys back home. On his arrival over Franklin, he discovered the overcast was too heavy for him to drop through and locate the airport. So he circled, and circled, and circled until his gas supply was all but exhausted. Mr. Bryson was in radio contact with Royston, Ga., and also with the Franklin Airport unicom set-up. But, neither could help him find the ground. Finally, in desperation, gas tank about empty, he announced with a note of resignation that he was "going down through" the overcast. After that, Franklin lost radio contact with the pilot. He presumably had crashed somewhere in the Sylva area. In fact, Frank Flyter, who had talked with him on the radio, flew out to see if he could locate him. Then it was learned the pilot had made it through the overcast and had landed in a pasture in the Lovesfield community in Jackson County, in spite of the presence of 18 cows. The airplane, pictured above with the owner of the pasture, Dennis Higdon, was unharmed and was flown out and to the Franklin field by Mr. Flyter, while Mr. Bryson attended the funeral. (Photos courtesy THE SYLVA HERALD)

Volunteers Needed For Park Work

Calling all workers! Volunteers are needed to help start construction of the new youth center at Franklin Memorial Park, now that the weather has decided to cooperate.

A. A. Brooks, building chairman, asks that volunteers report for work Saturday at 9 a. m. and at 2 p. m.

The site for the center is being prepared and work on the building will start immediately.

All-Stars To Play Two Games At Home

The Franklin All-Stars have two games slated here over the week end.

Saturday at 3:30 p. m., the team will play Robbinville Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Hiwassee's team will be here.

The field is located on US-23-441, just beyond Franklin Hosiery Company.

Sunday in Murphy, the Franklin team won 23 to 2.

Miss Carolyn Dowdle To Be Presented At Rhododendron Event

Miss Carolyn Hall Dowdle, daughter of Mrs. C. N. Dowdle and the late Mr. Dowdle, will be presented at the 27th annual Rhododendron Raffle of Guards Saturday night at the City Auditorium in Asheville.

Her escort will be Dan K. Moore, Jr. of Canton.

Miss Dowdle is a rising sophomore at Woman's College, Greensboro, where she is a member of the Dolphin Club. She also is active in the Recreational Association and has been elected to the Camp Counselors Club.

Miss Dowdle and her mother are spending this week in Asheville, where they are attending other functions in connection with the Rhododendron Festival, and are visiting Mrs. Dowdle's brother, Robert C. Hall, and Mrs. Hall.

Gibsons To Gather For Family Reunion

The annual family reunion of the descendants of John Stewart Gibson will be held Sunday, June 14, at the Snow Hill Methodist Church.

A picnic lunch will be served at 12:30. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

This reunion has been held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Welch for several years.

Event Will Be In Greensboro —

AUXILIARY PICKS GIRLS' STATE DELEGATES

Three rising seniors at Franklin High School have been selected by the local American Legion Auxiliary to represent Macon County at Girls' State on the campus of Woman's College, Greensboro, this month.

Tapped to attend the student government event the 21st through the 27th are Miss Lois Norton, daughter of Mrs. Ruby Norton, Miss Alice Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-

win J. Bradley, and Miss Judy Blaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Blaine. Their expenses will be covered by the auxiliary. Mrs. E. G. Crawford is chairman of the local Girls' State committee.



Miss Bradley



Miss Blaine



Miss Norton

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Lamb Pool Slated

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EVERYONE INVITED — Courthouse Meet Called Tuesday

Tuesday night has been set as the date for the public meeting concerning the old county courthouse.

It will begin at 8 o'clock in the upstairs courtroom of the 76-year-old structure.

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, invites everyone to attend and present their ideas.

Discussion will center on two points: (1) construction of a new courthouse, or (2) remodeling the present one.

Because of the county's present bonded indebtedness, Mr. Baldwin said he favors a remodeling project until the county is in better shape to float a bond issue for a new courthouse.

The open meeting will give everyone a chance to speak up on the issue. He explained and also will allow the commissioners to present the county's side from the standpoint of finances.

The movie will be about 14 minutes long.

Macon Movie Okayed By Chamber

A documentary movie about Macon County has received the blessing of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

But now the "Midas touch" or financial backing for the undertaking, must come from those who are in direct touch with tourists, like restaurants and motels.

Here last Thursday night from his home in Demorest, Ga., Ken Stambaugh showed a documentary color movie he made for tourist interests in Cuba. He proposed to make a similar color film on Macon's tourist and industrial attractions for \$300. It could be shown on television and at civic club meetings all over the county, he said.

Impressed by the quality of Mr. Stambaugh's work, and with his promise that the film would be completed in about six weeks, the chamber directors voted to give him a letter of recommendation to a local film operator.

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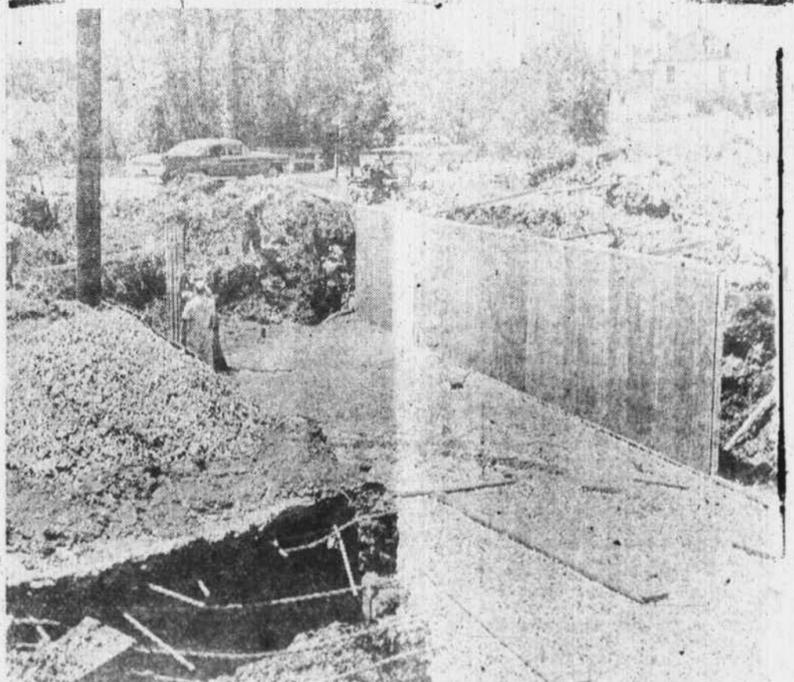
ELECTED DELEGATE

Mrs. H. Bueck, president of the Franklin Methodist W.S.C.S., was elected as delegate to the annual conference at Lake Junaluska, June 17-19. Members who would like to attend the session the 18th may contact Mrs. Bueck.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Macon-Sylva, U. S. weather observers, in Highlands by Tabor 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.

Table with columns for location (Franklin, Coweta, Highlands), date, High, Low, Rain.



CULVERT WORK UNDER WAY ONCE AGAIN

Work on the culvert at the foot of Town Hill got under way again this week after being stopped by the rainy weather. If the weather continues to cooperate, the foreman figures traffic will be moving over the culvert in about three weeks. Workmen are shown above erecting concrete forms in preparation for pouring. The cars in the background are moving over a detour bridge. (Staff Photo)