



### TOWN FACES SHORTAGE OF WATER AGAIN

All Nine Pumps Going, Tanks Stay Low

**GOOD LUCK TO** all of you Smoky Mountain Cloggers on your trek to Hollywood. The blessings and best wishes of many Maconians go with you kids, and we all hope you take the place by storm — if for no other reason than to prove to some of the doubting Thomases that you can do it!

**THE CONCRETE** is really pouring at the culvert job at the foot of Town Hill. They're making every effort to get that detour out of the way just as soon as possible. If the weather will continue to cooperate, it will only be a matter of days before traffic will be able to use the highway once again.

**SOMEONE HAS** been raiding the Babe Ruth refreshment stand at the East Franklin ball field. Seems a little foolish for boys to risk a stretch at a reformatory for a soft drink or some candy.

**ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHER** of high repute has visited our area and sampled some of our many wares in the attractions field. Nationally-known Alan Gould visited the Cowee Ruby Mines one day last week and took several color pictures. Jim Brinkman is now cutting a ruby Mr. Gould found while taking time out for a little prospecting on his own.

**'UNTO THESE HILLS'** opened Tuesday night for the season. This is a tremendous drama, and one that every Western North Carolinian should see, if for no other reason than to be able to applaud its quality to visitors.

**COULD BE ABOUT** time for the town to patch some broken places in the sidewalk. An elderly woman took a nasty fall Tuesday morning when she turned her ankle in a big broken place.

**IT'S GETTING** hard to figure which set of lines to park between uptown. Of course, with the heavy traffic this day and time, a motorist feels fortunate just to be able to get the nose of his vehicle pointed toward the curb.

**A FRANKLIN** merchant has a letter from a prospective industry. It calls attention to the abandonment of the railroad and says the industry would not be interested in coming here if the choo-choo quit. Bye-bye industry; and a big ol' "I told you so" to some of you who couldn't get stirred up about the loss of the line.

**THAT TALENT** show here last week was something. There's a lot of ability being covered up because no one seems interested in letting it be discovered.

**FIRST THEY** were hollering about the rain, now about the dry spell. Next someone'll be saying a rocket might punch a hole in the sky and drain all the blue out.

**A LOT OF** folks hoping the "Save the Railroad" committee can at best save off the abandonment of the Tallulah Falls line into this section. There's talk that it will continue to serve North Georgia, but that will be of little value here.

**IT'S GOOD NEWS** when they find those big gems out in Cowee Valley; even the local "rockhounds" start heading for the diggin's.

**WONDER WHY** all highway construction has to be done during the busiest season of the year? Could blame it on the weather, we guess.

**A CITY MANAGER** could help head off some of these municipal problems cropping up almost before they start.

so says **"MR. MACONIAN"**

Hi-ya Neighbors:

I just knew you folks wouldn't let the youth center building project down—although you had me a mite worried for a while.

All of you going out to work Saturday shows that the spark is still there and I'm mighty proud of your interest in the young people. While that spark is there, let's fan it with enough work to have a big fire burning until the youth center is built. A good way to kindle that fire would be for some of the young people not working this summer to volunteer a lot of their time on the project.

And I thank you,

Mr. Maconian



### PRACTICING WHAT THEY'LL 'PREACH'

The four Maconians above are going over their daily schedules before going to their respective classrooms to teach at the training school at Western Carolina College, where they are practicing teaching this summer. They are (L to R) Earl Williams, L. B. Welch, Ray Young, and Grady Corbin. All but Mr. Williams, who is working on his master's degree in education, will be graduated from the college at the end of the summer session. (Zeke Angel Photo)

### PLAYING HERE SATURDAY — All-Stars And Georgia Team Are Tied For Top

The Franklin All-Stars, one of the hottest ball clubs produced here in recent years, is tied with Young Harris, Ga., for the top spot in the Tri-County League. Both teams sport win-loss records of four and one. This Saturday on the local diamond they'll play at 3 o'clock for first place. Sunday in Young Harris, the All-Stars stepped up to the tie by beating the Georgia team 5 to 1. On the mound for the All-Stars, Roger Seay pitched a four-hitter

and struck out 19. It was a scoreless ball game up to the seventh inning, when the Young Harris pitcher walked Harold Corbin. On a throw-away, Bobby Womack squeezed a two-bagger into three and Corbin scored. Grady Corbin singled to left field, scoring Womack, and the All-Stars started sewing up the game. Norman Seay got a hit and scored Corbin. The All-Stars got two more runs in the ninth. In this Saturday's tie-breaking clash, the All-Stars will send Norman Seay to the mound.

### FOR THIS WEEK END — Annual Station Meetings Scheduled In Highlands

**HIGHLANDS** — This week end, the annual meetings of the Highlands Biological Station are scheduled.

Saturday, at 10 a.m., the board of managers will meet in the Reinke Library of the Coker Building. Sunday, at 3 p.m., in the Museum of Natural History, the board of trustees will gather to consider the budget for the coming year, evaluate the educational program at the museum, consider plans for expanding the research program at the laboratory, nominate trustees for the class of 1959-60, and elect officers for the coming year. At 4:30 Sunday, the annual membership meeting will be held in the museum building, with President Leland Shanor giving his annual report. At this time, citations of merit for distinguished service to the station will be presented to a number of individuals. Expected for the board of man-

agers meeting, which also will be highlighted by a report by the executive director and a discussion of long-term research projects to be undertaken at the station, are J. R. Bailey, Duke University; Lewis Berner, University of Florida; J. J. Friauf, Vanderbilt University; R. K. Godfrey, Florida State University; J. W. Hardin, N. C. State College; E. P. Odum, University of Georgia; W. D. Burbank, Emory University; Royal Shanks, University of Tennessee; and H. R. Totten, University of North Carolina.

Trustees planning to be on hand include Leland Shanor, Florida State University; H. J. Costing, Duke University; Gertrude Harbison, of Highlands; William D. McKee, of Cashiers; S. W. Farnsworth, of Memphis, Tenn.; Lewis Anderson, Duke University; H. R. Totten, University of North Carolina; A. J. Sharp, University of Tennessee; Elon E. Byrd, University of Georgia; Ralph M. Sargent, Haverford College; Mrs. W. C. Coker, of Chapel Hill; Mrs. E. M. Thomason, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; R. B. Platt, Emory University; Mrs. Irving Gumbel, of New Orleans, La.; H. M. Wright, of Highlands; Warren McA. Deacon, of Nashville, Tenn.; F. R. Dulany, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. F. M. Bird, of Atlanta, Ga.; Lewis Berner, University of Florida; H. L. Blomquist, Duke University; Mrs. Margaret Cannon Howell of Atlanta; and Judge George Janvier, of New Orleans.

The executive director of the station is Miss Thelma Howell, of Wesleyan College.

### Square Dancing Being Sponsored

Saturday night square dancing for the summer season will begin this week at Slagle Memorial Building under the sponsorship of the Franklin Jaycees.

Hunter Young's string band will play. A small admission charge will be made to pay the expenses of the band.

The Jaycee president, Roy M. Biddle, Jr., said his organization will continue to sponsor the Saturday night dances so long as interest stays high.

### ATTENDANCE LOW, BUT TALENT GOOD

\$285 Is Raised For Team's Trip To Hollywood

A chill in the air seriously hurt attendance at the "mountain talent hunt" here Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, but those who attended were treated to some high-quality entertainment.

Held "under the stars" in the high school stadium, the event attracted entertainers from many sections of Western North Carolina and North Georgia.

\$285 Cleared

A total of \$285 was turned over to the Smoky Mountain Cloggers to help with expenses on their trip to Hollywood next week for auditions at several major movie and television studios. The Franklin Jaycees, headed by President R. M. Biddle, Jr., assisted the local chamber of commerce with arrangements.

While Bob Cox, of St. Petersburg, Fla., the talent scout who requested the talent hunt to search for possible mountain acts suitable to make the trip to Hollywood with the Cloggers, did not find any of the acts adaptable to the type of program he is planning on the west coast, he nevertheless "discovered" two excellent prospects and already has made arrangements to further the careers of both.

Dancers Signed

On the spot, just minutes after they danced Friday night, the talent scout signed a group of young Murphy square dancers, the Carolina Sweethearts, to appear on a show in Florida in September. Many considered the Friday and Saturday performances of the Sweethearts, whose average age is about 10, the highspot of the entire three-night show.

Also tapped for possible stardom in the music world by Mr. Cox was a two-man act from Canton, billed as "Ernie and Bill". Singers and guitar players, the two men, at the request of the talent scout, performed all three nights. Mr. Cox announced Saturday night that he had made arrangements earlier in the day for them to audition for a big recording company at an early date.

Hollywood Bound

On borrowed money (most of it scraped up by parents), the Smoky Mountain Cloggers, Jimmy Lunsford and his string band, and Mr. Cox will leave tomorrow (Friday) for Hollywood by automobile.

The talent scout, who placed the Cloggers on the Ed Sullivan Show in March, 1957, says he is confident the young dancers will "click" and that movie-goers and television viewers will someday see them in movie houses and on television screens.

He's so confident, in fact, he sold his most prized possession, his Cadillac convertible, to help finance the trip.

"When a talent scout takes a step like that, he's really sure of the abilities of his performers," he quipped here recently.



Dr. LaDu Pins The Medal On Luke Chastain

(Staff Photo)

### NATIONAL ONE, TOO — Master Of 'Old Touse' Got Himself A Medal

Luke Chastain has himself a medal.

It's an unusual medal, too, because it's the only one of its kind awarded in the United States. It's for human service to animals.

There are lots of medals given each year to animals for saving the life of someone drowning, or for barking and awakening the occupants of a burning house, and things like that.

But, there's only one medal given to a human for service to an animal. That's the Walter L. Stillman award of the American Humane Society, the highest recognition the society gives in this field of devotion.

That's the one Luke Chastain got last Friday night at a special awards banquet in Asheville held by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Luke's love for his favorite 'coon hound, a blue tick and bulldog named "Old Touse", got him the medal. Back in December while 'coon hunting, the hound became trapped in a rock cliff in Georgia. For 13 days, Luke rarely left the scene as he and his friends worked against time to chisel their way to the trapped animal. Finally, on the 18th day the dog had been in his rock prison, Luke decided it was a hopeless task. Dynamite was the only solution — and that might kill "Old Touse", who let Luke know he was still alive by whimpering.

"But I figured if he had to die, I'd rather it'd be that way

than by starving to death," Luke told the banquet audience Friday night.

A dynamite charge was set. When the dust cleared, out staggered "Old Touse", very much alive.

The 'coon hound was wobbly on his feet. Luke picked him up and carried him down the mountainside.

So, that's why Dr. Robert W. LaDu, an Asheville veterinarian, with a sincere measure of pride, pinned the William L. Stillman medal on Luke over in Asheville Friday night, adding his own appraisal of the situation:

"The rest of the world could follow Luke's example of getting right to work on an impossible job, without first... considering if the job could be done or not... this is truly a case where a man was a dog's best friend."

### Gets 50-Year O.E.S. Pin

Miss Lassie Kelly, of Franklin, has received a 50-year pin from the state organization of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A member of the Nequassi chapter here, she was presented the pin at East Laport last week by the worthy matron, Mrs. Mildred Fisher, of Asheville. The occasion marked an official visit by Mrs. Fisher with the O.E.S. chapters of Franklin, East Laport, Sylva, Highlands, and Glenville.

### RAILROAD GROUP HIRES LAWYERS

Will Represent Area At Hearing In Georgia

Franklin's "Save the Railroad" committee has two legal voices to represent its interests at this coming Monday's hearing in Gainesville, Ga., on the requested abandonment of the Tallulah Falls Railway.

Money put by a number of local businessmen interested in keeping the dead-end line here has been used to retain the services of lawyers J. Horner Stockton and G. L. Houk, who will attend the Georgia hearing, along with several businessmen.

Southern Railway, which owns the 57-mile line from Cornelia, Ga., to Franklin, has requested its abandonment on the grounds the

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### Jaybirds Leading

Little League play ended the first half of the season last week with the Jaybirds leading with seven wins and one loss.

The Wiccats were in second place with five and four; Reddys, third, three and five; and Thunderbirds, fourth, two and seven.

Teams are now engaged in the first week's play of the second half.

Today (Thursday), the Thunderbirds and the Jaybirds will clash. Tomorrow, the Reddys and the Thunderbirds meet.

### The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manor Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Dolor 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., 17th	84	45	.00
Thursday	76	58	.00
Friday	83	50	.00
Saturday	84	47	.08
Sunday	89	53	.00
Monday	87	57	.00
Tuesday	86	57	.00
Wednesday	—	64	.29

  

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 17th	86	42	.00
Thursday	82	55	.00
Friday	74	48	.00
Saturday	78	44	.00
Sunday	81	45	.00
Monday	85	55	.00
Tuesday	86	54	.00
Wednesday	87	60	.37

  

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 17th	77	49	.00
Thursday	69	51	.00
Friday	78	58	.00
Saturday	76	48	.00
Sunday	79	53	.00
Monday	82	59	.00
Tuesday	80	56	.00
Wednesday	—	62	.00



### FAIR WEATHER SPARKS WORK ON CULVERT

Fair weather in the last week let workmen have a break on the culvert project at the foot of Town Hill in Franklin. Tuesday, half of the large double-barrel culvert had been poured. Forms are now being erected for the second half. Weather cooperating, traffic should be flowing over the new structure in July. (Staff Photo)

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