



Three - Day County Fair Opens Next Thursday



VANCE HENRY, director of the "Red Stocking Revue", went bear hunting over the week end in the Smokies. He just wanted a look at one of the critters. They spotted one rooting around in a garbage can and Mr. Henry decided to go over and have his picture made with it. He touched the bear, the bear lunged out of the can, and the director is reported to have done a fade-out routine that defies anything in the show.

GENE CRAWFORD has opened a rhodolite mine to the public. It is on Crawford Road in Wayah Valley. He has erected signs, so it isn't hard to locate it.

THE TOWN got its big water main installed at the culvert Monday. But, it was broken by a piece of heavy machinery pushing dirt over the roadbed and they had to dig it up and start over.

IT'LL BE COLD this winter and a lot of needy children will be barefooted will be, unless the Franklin Junior Woman's Club buys them shoes. The club is sponsoring the "Red Stocking Revue" this week end to raise money for shoes for the children. Go and enjoy yourself at the show and take heart in knowing you're helping this worthy charity.

PEOPLE LIVING in the shadow of the water storage tanks haven't got water pressure, simply because there's no water in the tanks half the time. Doesn't this indicate how vital the coming water bond issue is to Franklin and its growth?

WHILE FRANKLIN has been almost drowning in rain, many outlying areas in the county are parched. The ways of a thunder shower are mysterious, to say the least.

THERE'S A dangerous traffic hazard near Franklin High that needs correcting before some child is seriously injured or killed, or autos are involved in a bad wreck. It's the dirt road beside the ball field that enters Wayah. The fence around the field blocks the view of anyone entering Wayah and it also hides anyone walking into the street. How about setting the fence back 10 feet and eliminating this potential killer?

NEXT WEDNESDAY'S flower show in Franklin promises to be one of the most colorful in recent years. The jewelry theme sounds unusual and exhibitors should come up with some noteworthy arrangements. This is a "must".

MANY MACONIANS will want to attend the concert of the Brevard Music Center symphony July 30 at Western Carolina College. It starts at 8 p. m. Soloists will be Walter Carringer, tenor, a Western North Carolinian who has distinguished himself in the world of music.

THINK TOURISTS aren't on the move? Sunday the St. Francis Catholic Church overflowed with 134 people. Its seating capacity is 100. Winter attendance is about 30.

A VIRGINIA man, Garnette S. Thomas, of Highland Spring, is but one of many reporting unusual finds at Andy Reid's rhodolite mine. In a week of prospecting, he found a bottle full of rhodolites and sapphires. He also found a piece of dark green gem stone he was unable to identify. Mr. Reid couldn't name it either.

BODY CAN holler himself 'blue in the face about things the community needs, things like some fixing up around the Macon County Health Center. It's a \$30,000 building on a 30-cent lot.

TOURIST OPERATORS complaining about business might consider giving a little support to last year's "Welcome to Franklin" project. It died for lack of money, yet it was one of the best business boosters we've had here in years.



MEMBERS OF THE BABE RUTH All-Star team are (L to R) front row, Ronnie Mashburn, George Tallent, L. T. Gibson, Robbie Gibson, bat boy, Alex Corbin, Larry Franklin, Steve Heafner, and J. D. Gibson, coach; back row, Jimmy Williams, Johnny Swan, Morris Davis, Ronnie Higdon, Sonny Burrell, David Simpson, Tommy Kiser, Jimmy Cabe, and Bill Plyler. (Staff Photo).

Babe Ruthers Lose In Area Play-Off Clash

Franklin's Babe Ruth All-Stars last Thursday night were knocked out of the district title by the Brevard Babe Ruthers by a score of 7 to 3.

The night before at McCormick Field in Asheville, the Franklin team defeated the Beacon team 4 to 0 to step into the finals.

Brevard will represent the district in the state tournament next week in Charlotte.

In the semi-finals, Ronnie Higdon pitched a three-hitter and struck out 12 batters. In the bottom of the first inning Franklin scored three runs and never trailed from this point on.

A four-run rally in the bottom of the fifth inning put SEE NO. 1, PAGE 8

Little Leaguers Lose To Andrews

In a district Little League play-off last Thursday in Andrews, the Franklin Little League All-Stars lost in the first round to Andrews by a score of 3 to 1.

It was a pitching duel, with Franklin's Hugh Franklin and Andrews' Dick Slagle both giving up only three hits during the game. Andrews, however, capitalized on Franklin's hits and won the game.

Missing Man Finds Himself

The Macon Search and Rescue Squad was called out Sunday afternoon to search for Troy Swafford, who had been missing on Burningtown, near his home, since the night before.

They began searching from his abandoned car and covered a large area before stopping because of coming darkness.

Members had no more than left the scene when the missing man emerged and drove off in his car.

While he offered no explanation for his actions, Mr. Swafford was given an overnight "cooling off" period in the county jail, compliments of the sheriff's department.

GETS CONTRACT

A local contractor, W. A. Hays, has been awarded the contract for curbing and gutting in the town of Newton. His bid was \$13,800.

GETS JOB ONCE AGAIN — C. D. Baird Is Appointed Police Chief Of Franklin

C. D. Baird is once again police chief in Franklin.

The veteran police officer was renamed to the post at a special meeting of the board of aldermen last Thursday, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Chief Sid Carter.

Mr. Carter, who held the post 25 months, had succeeded Chief Baird, who remained as an officer on the force. An officer here since 1933, Chief Baird first became police chief in 1934, and except for time off for Army service during World War II and the Korean

War, served until 1957. He also was a candidate for sheriff in the county election last year.

The resigned chief, Mr. Carter, plans to join the staff of Conley Motor Company this month as service manager.

Aldermen also appointed a new police officer. He is Ancil Crutchfield, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and husband of Mrs. Martha Hyatt Crutchfield, case worker with the local welfare department. Officer Crutchfield started work Friday. He is a former Marine.



Chief C. D. Baird

All-Stars Beat Hiawasse Here; Game Saturday

Hiawasse bowed here Saturday afternoon to the Franklin All-Stars 6 to 5.

Trailing 5 to 4, a home run by Norman Seay with one man on put the All-Stars out in front to win the game. Tom Huff was the winning pitcher. In the batting department, C. D. Corbin had three for four and Grady Corbin and Bobby Gregory each had two for four.

This Saturday on the local diamond, the V.F.W.-sponsored team will meet Robbinsville at 3 o'clock. Sunday, the All-Stars will play in Young Harris, Ga.



A 'FIRST' FOR MACON 4-H CLUBBERS

Misses Elizabeth Ann Ammons (standing) and Brenda Cunningham last week were tapped for membership in the State 4-H Honor Club during "State 4-H Week" activities in Raleigh. This marked the first time anyone from this county has been so honored. Both of the girls are outstanding 4-H members in local, district, and state activities. (Staff Photo)

Judge Patton Will Convene Superior Court On Monday

Superior Court will open Monday in the county courthouse with Franklin's own Judge George B. Patton on the bench.

While the August term generally is only one week, an extra week has been authorized this time so Judge Patton can clear some old cases from the criminal and civil docket.

What this means is that all 54 jurors probably will see duty, the first 36 the first week and the rest during the second special week. Grand jurors also will be drawn from this number during the opening session.

Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court, this week said there are a number of civil actions of long standing that need attention. The first three days of the term will be devoted mostly to criminal actions. Civil trials are scheduled to begin next Thursday and probably will consume most of the next week, she said.

On the criminal calendar, there are 139 new cases, most of them traffic violations. Also, the calendar lists about 40 hold-over cases from prior terms.

Thirty civil actions are listed, in addition to five divorce cases.

Chamber Out \$\$\$ Hunting

Directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce this week hope to wrap up the '59 membership campaign.

With \$2,377 of the year's \$7,500 budget now on hand, they're divided among themselves some 50 membership prospects and are out to sell them on the value of the chamber of commerce movement in both business and tourist activities.

At a meeting last week, President J. C. Jacobs and his directors discussed a number of projects and acted on several.

It was announced that the chamber's new industrial booklet should be ready for distribution before long. It is being printed by an Asheville firm at a cost of \$600.

Also, the new documentary film on Macon County, "The Majestic Nantahalas", is nearing completion and a special showing is being arranged at the local theaters in early August. The movie is being shot by Ken Stambaugh, of Demorest, Ga.

Mr. Stambaugh had hoped to film the ruby fly-in of the "Flying Rebels" the past week end, but it had to be cancelled because of the weather. However, he has told the chamber he will arrive in a future fly-in to make the movie complete.

The chamber has voted to pay gasoline expenses for the Carson Clingers to the Mountain Folk Festival in Asheville next month.

News Item

About that special tourist edition slated for publication by THE FRANKLIN PRESS this week.

It'll be included in next week's newspaper.

The truth of the matter is the staff underestimated the popularity of the eight-page section promoting the area. Many merchants also requested additional time in which to prepare advertisements.

So, the deadline has been extended to tomorrow (Friday) noon to enable everyone to "get their name in the pot".

Look for this picture-packed edition next week. Oh yes, and make plans right now to mail a copy to a relative or friend away from home.

RICKMAN REUNION

The annual Rickman family reunion will be held Sunday, August 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fouts in the Cowee community. All relatives are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

IOTLA REVIVAL

Revival services will begin at the Iotla Methodist Church Monday, August 3, and will continue through August 7. The Rev. G. L. Lovett, of Clyde, will preach each night at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

SLATED FOR WEDNESDAY —

Jewels Theme Will Feature Flower Show Next Week

"Our Mountain Jewels" will be the '59 theme for the annual flower show being sponsored next Wednesday, August 5, by the Franklin Garden Club.

A special exhibit of gems and minerals is being prepared by Jim Brinkman to carry out the theme.

Slated for the cafeteria at Franklin High School, the show is open to any resident of Macon County. Under the show rules, entries in potted plants must be placed Tuesday, August 4, between 8 and 10 p. m., and in the horticulture and arrangements sections between 8 and 10 a. m. the morning of the show.

Show hours will be 2 to 9 p. m. Judging will be by accredited judges and seals of blue, red, and yellow will be awarded the winners. Point values for the seals will be 3, 2, and 1, respectively, in all classes and sections. A tri-color seal will be given for the best arrangement and the sweepstakes award will be presented to the exhibitor receiving the greatest number of points in horticulture and arrangements. No admission will be charged for the show, but a silver offering will be taken.

IT'S THIS MONTH — Attention Entertainers! Sign Now For Festival

Do you sing, play an instrument, buck dance or engage in any form of mountain entertainment?

Then you're wanted for the eighth annual Macon County Folk Festival, the colorful event that lets home talent work the year's accumulation of music out of their system for three nights running.

Slated for August 13-14-15 "under the stars" in the Franklin High stadium, the '59 festival promises to be one of the biggest and best yet, according to the festival general chairman, the Rev. Donn K. Langfitt.

As in past years, the Jaycees sponsored event will award prize money to winners in a variety of categories, ranging from individual musicians to string bands and square dance teams.

The '58 festival even turned up some accomplished spoon players and jug blowers and Mr. Langfitt said the competition in these two fields will be stiff.

To enable the Jaycees to plan the program in advance, all local entertainers are requested to register immediately with Mr. Langfitt or the other members of his committee, Alfred Higdon, Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., and Bob Bryson.

Friday and Saturday nights at 8 at the East Franklin School. Sponsored by the Franklin Junior Woman's Club, the show theme is "Vacation Time in '59".

Contest On

A popularity contest also is being staged in conjunction with the show, with local civic and service groups cooperating. This is the "maharaja" contest. Five "maharajas" are competing for the title. Lon Dalton, representing the American Legion, Steve McDaniel, Macon, Starch and Malone Squad, Lake V. Shope, Franklin Lions Club, E. J. Campbell, Franklin Rotary Club and Tom Collier, Franklin Jaycees, are the contestants.

Amusement Rides Will Open Monday

Placing Of Exhibits Will Begin Tuesday; Barbecue Slated

It's just about county fair time again and Maconians are preparing to make the three-day event August 6-7-8 the biggest and best yet.

To provide additional fair operating expenses, the Georgia Amusement Company will set up rides and other entertainment on the Franklin High grounds beginning Monday and running through the entire week.

Supper Slated

Also scheduled by the fair committee as a fund-raising project is a barbecue supper the night of the 6th at the Vocational Agriculture Building near the gymnasium. Both pork and beef barbecue will be featured, according to Agricultural Agent T. H. Fagg.

Fair exhibits and booths will be set up in the gymnasium. Judging will be done from 9:30 to 12 noon on opening day. The fair will be open to the public at 1 o'clock and will remain open until 10 that night.

'Show Day'

Friday, the 7th, will be "show day", with a sheep and swine show set for 12:30; dairy cattle show, 1 p. m.; beef cattle show, 2 p. m.; and horse and mule show, 3 p. m.

A pet show will open Saturday activities at 9 a. m. and the public will be allowed to view exhibits until 3 p. m.

Placing Tuesday

Maconians will start placing exhibits and working on booths Tuesday afternoon. All exhibits must be in place by 9 a. m. Thursday.

The Weather

| FRANKLIN | High | Low | Rain |
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| Wed., 22nd | 82 | 66 | .00 |
| Thursday | 80 | 65 | .00 |
| Friday | 83 | 63 | .00 |
| Saturday | 85 | 62 | .00 |
| Sunday | 87 | 55 | .00 |
| Monday | 87 | 64 | .23 |
| Tuesday | 87 | 66 | .12 |
| Wednesday | 87 | 63 | .00 |
| COWETA | High | Low | Rain |
| Wed., 22nd | 82 | 64 | .50 |
| Thursday | 81 | 63 | .08 |
| Friday | 80 | 64 | .00 |
| Saturday | 83 | 58 | .08 |
| Sunday | 86 | 59 | .00 |
| Monday | 86 | 59 | .15 |
| Tuesday | 86 | 59 | .00 |
| Wednesday | 87 | 56 | .00 |
| HIGHLANDS | High | Low | Rain |
| Wed., 22nd | 76 | 64 | .00 |
| Thursday | 73 | 64 | .00 |
| Friday | 78 | 67 | .00 |
| Saturday | 80 | 60 | .00 |
| Sunday | 80 | 58 | .00 |
| Monday | 73 | 60 | .00 |
| Tuesday | 80 | 59 | .00 |
| Wednesday | 80 | 60 | .00 |

HIGHLANDS TONIGHT — 'Red Stocking Revue' Ready For Performances

With last night's (Wednesday) dress rehearsal out of the way, the local talent musical show, "Red Stocking Revue", is ready to go "on the road" for three performances.

Starting from "scratch" little more than a week ago, the New York director, Vance Henry, has almost miraculously moulded a professional-type production that runs the gamut of song and dance and comedy.

Highlands Tonight

Citizens of the Highlands area tonight (Thursday) will get to see the opening show at 8 o'clock in the Highlands School gymnasium. Nightly performances are scheduled for the Franklin area.



LEGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT in the "Red Stocking Revue" indicates the director Vance Henry, during a rehearsal. Girls dancing in the show include (L to R) Beatrice Pruitt, Frances Duncan, Linda Whitaker, Jean Ledford, Barbara Duncan, and Pat Ward. (Staff Photo)

so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Even a feller who's not right bright knows that plants and animals and the like can't grow without water.

So how in the world can a town like Franklin expect to make it without water?

Growin' is growin', I say, and it just can't be done without water.

And I thank you,

Mr. Maconian