



HEY GIRLS! Will you be the next "Miss Ruby"? You can't even be in the running if you don't register for the beauty contest. Those are mighty handsome trophies they're giving the queen and her court.

THIS NEWSPAPER'S "correspondent" in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., area, Mrs. Jean French, sends a clipping from that town's newspaper dealing with the ruby hunting vacation of nine-year-old Kenny Ross, whose finds included a 54-carat ruby. One of three pictures has ruby mine owner Carroll Gibson grinning at the photographer like a mule eating briars.

FRIENDS OF Rolfe Neill, former PRESS reporter, will be interested to learn he is being sent by the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER to work in its Washington, D. C., bureau for the next two months. This is well-deserved jump for Rolfe.

SATURDAY'S TRAFFIC, heavy as usual, hit a real barricade when a motorist, apparently unable to find a parking place, parked in the middle of the street and went in a store. The left lane was backed up to the bottom of Town Hill by the time said motorist returned and drove off.

ALL THAT RAIN Sunday found a lot of families eating their picnic lunches in picnic-like places. It also caused a lot of cars to become stuck in the mud around the skating rink in East Franklin.

MRS. RAY SWAFFORD'S seventh grade at Cartogechaye School is "kinda perplexing", as one of the students puts it. In the class the teacher has two Johnny's, two Tommys, two Lindas, two Franceses, and four left-handed students!

THE INTERNATIONALLY famous stunt pilot, Bevo Howard, who can do things in the air that birds wouldn't attempt, is scheduled to be here for the "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous".

ELIS SOPER has donated a set of Compton's encyclopedia to East Franklin Elementary School. The gift also included a rolling table for moving the books from one room to another.

NEEDING MAGAZINES? The Junior Class at Franklin High is selling subscriptions to earn money for the Junior-Senior banquet and they'll appreciate your business.

THE STATE has been at work, using prison labor, on a heavy storm drain near the Indian Mound, where the highway becomes a lake during a big rain. This is a welcome addition.



THE POTENTATE OF OASIS Temple in Charlotte, Neil W. Jones, (left), of Greensboro, will present a charter tonight to the Smoky Mountain Shriners Club. Also present will be Julian W. Helms, recorder of Oasis Temple, of Charlotte. (Transylvania Times Photo)

THEY'RE THE BEST! Franklin All-Stars Win Tournament

The Labor Day week end's Tri-County League baseball tournament belongs to the Franklin All-Stars, a team that has penned some new sports history this season for Macon County.

In addition to winning the tournament, it looks like the All-Stars will be champs of the league. At present, Young Harris is a game and a half behind the locals with two games to

REGISTERED GIRLS? —

Whoops! We Goofed — Ruby Rendezvous Is Next Week

Through error last week, THE PRESS announced the second annual "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous" for this week end, when the flying treasure hunt isn't until next week, September 17-18-19-20.

A sigh of relief came, however, from the Franklin Jaycees, who are making plans for a Saturday night mountain hoedown for the visiting Florida flyers and their families.

"Thank goodness it gives us another week to get things ready," declared Roy M. Biddle, Jr., Jaycee president.

The four-day fly-in is being sponsored by the Florida Air Pilots Association and is hailed as one of the most unique flying excursions in the United

Shrine Club To Receive Charter Here

Presentation of a charter to-night (Thursday) in Franklin to the Smoky Mountain Shriners Club will highlight a two-day Oasis Temple visitation in the western area.

Neil W. Jones, of Greensboro, potentate of Oasis Temple in Charlotte, is scheduled to present the charter to A. G. Ty-singer, of Franklin, president of the newly-organized Shriners club, during a barbecue supper in the high school cafeteria. "Ladies night" also will be observed and serving will start at 7 o'clock.

A Shriners caravan headed by Mr. Jones, members of the Dixie and Dixie Land Band, and several ambassadors left Greensboro yesterday morning for Charlotte and Hendersonville. Last night, the Motor Corps Maneuver Drill and Dixie Land Band gave a program in Hendersonville before departing for Brevard, where Shriners in Transylvania County were guests of the Oasis Temple for breakfast this morning. The caravan is having lunch today in Waynesville and with Waynesville and Canton Shriners.

The Smoky Mountain Shriners Club, organized here earlier in the year, is for Shriners from Waynesville west. Monthly meetings of the club are rotated between the different towns of the area.

ANDERSON REUNION

The 63rd annual family meeting of the Anderson family will be held Sunday, September 20, with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wal-droop at their home near the White Oak Bottoms picnic grounds. Mrs. Van Frazier, of Route 1, invites all relatives to attend.

ASC VOTING UNDER WAY HERE TODAY

11 Communities Picking Leaders For Program

Voting is under way today (Thursday) in 11 community precincts to select Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committeemen for 1960.

Polls opened at 7 a. m. and will close at 6 p. m.

Three committeemen will be picked in each of the 11 communities. The one receiving the highest number of votes will be chairman of his community and also will be delegate at the county convention on the 25th to elect a county A.S.C. committee. The county committee will oversee A.S.C. programs in Macon County during the year.

Any farmer who is an owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper on a farm participating, or eligible to participate, in any of the A.S.C. programs may vote in the election.

Macon Featured In Magazine

Macon County is featured in the September 5 issue of THE STATE magazine.

Illustrated with a number of pictures, articles cover many of the historical and economic facets of the county, from the shortia, a flower "lost" for 100 years, to a general information piece by Editor Bill Sharpe entitled "The Appalachian at His Best . . ." That's a description of the people who inhabit Macon, a county of surpassing beauty.

It Was Quiet (And Rainy)

It was a quiet Labor Day week end here, the spirit, no doubt, dampened by rainy weather.

Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson reported only two minor accidents, one on NC 23 and another on US 64. No one was injured.

The Franklin police investigated one minor accident.

Panthers Play Clayton Friday

Franklin High's Panthers will play in Clayton, Ga., tomorrow (Friday) night.

The non-conference clash is expected to attract a large following of Panthers fans.

The kick-off will be at 8 o'clock.

Meeting Called To Evaluate County Fair

An "evaluation meeting" of the '59 Macon County Fair has been called for Monday night at 7:30 at the Agricultural Building by Fred Corbin, chairman.

Plans also will be discussed for procuring building sites for future fairs. Mr. Corbin explained, so it is doubly important that a representative group attend.

He particularly would like to have all exhibitors in the '59 fair present.

The Weather

This week's temperature and rainfall below recorded in Franklin by Monroe Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Goetz Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 5 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 3rd	85	64	.00
Thursday	89	61	.00
Friday	87	69	.07
Saturday	82	62	.00
Sunday	74	63	.11
Monday	78	66	.65
Tuesday	83	63	.19
Wednesday	84	64	.33

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 3rd	82	60	.97
Thursday	85	55	.90
Friday	87	56	.39
Saturday	85	59	.43
Sunday	80	61	.08
Monday	72	63	2.57
Tuesday	77	60	.19
Wednesday	80	59	.04



A GLASS OF PUNCH AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Lee "Aunt Carrie" Crawford's great-grandson, Darry Crawford, 3, being the perfect little gentleman, offers her some of his punch to show how much he's enjoying her 95th birthday party. Mrs. Crawford was "95 young" (her own words) Sunday and neighbors and friends helped her celebrate the milestone Sunday and Monday. "Aunt Carrie" still attacks life with the youthful enthusiasm of one many years younger. "We're taking good care of her," quipped her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mae Crawford, "so she can look after me when I'm in my 90's." (Staff Photo)

STREET WORK BIDS ASKED —

Sale Of Power Facilities Protested By Town Fathers

Duke President Answers Some Questions Raised

Many questions are being raised over the proposed sale of the electric distribution system of Nantahala Power and Light Company to Duke Power Company.

"What's going to happen to Nantahala's employees? Its building?"

In line with a long-time PRESS editorial policy, when an editorial is critical of some particular situation, copies are sent to the editor.

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MEETING IS CALLED — Board Favors Remodeling Old County Courthouse

A remodeling project for Macon County's antiquated courthouse is favored by the three-man board of commissioners.

Commissioners W. E. Baldwin, John W. Roane, and Wiley Brown made it official this week and also called for a public meeting September 30 at the courthouse to hear the pros and cons from the voters.

Mr. Baldwin said yesterday (Wednesday) that no cost has been set by the commissioners for the project and that this will be discussed at the mass meeting.

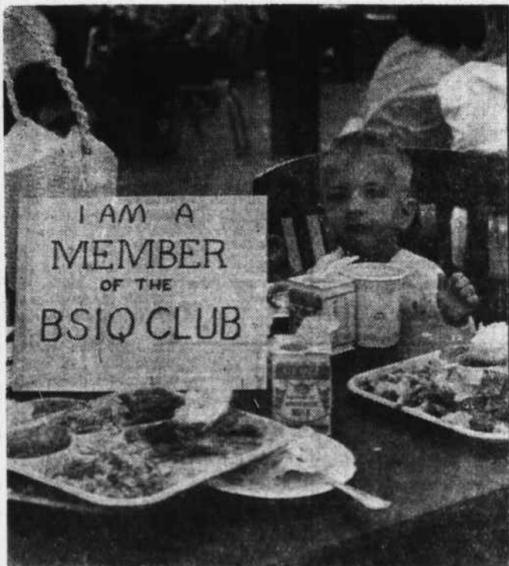
An official protest is being filed with the N. C. Utilities Commission by the Franklin Board of Aldermen over the proposed sale of Nantahala Power and Light Company's electric distribution facilities to Duke Power Company.

Town Attorney R. S. Jones has drawn the protest and it will be mailed to Raleigh immediately.

The "heart" of the protest from the town governing body is that Duke will not be able to serve the section as cheaply as Nantahala has been doing.

Other Business

In other actions Friday night (regular first Monday meeting rescheduled because of Labor Day), aldermen decided to ask for paving and resurfacing bids on several streets. Tapped for resurfacing are White Oak, Riverview, and Dogwood Drive. About 1485 feet of street in the Forest Hill sub-division will be paved. Town Clerk Ray Swafford said Powell Bill funds will be used and as much of the work will be completed as the money allows.



AS PROMISED, PLANT SUPERINTENDENT PAYS OFF IN BARBECUE

Franklin Hosiery Company's superintendent, Stephen A. Bundy, kept his promise Sunday afternoon, treating plant employees to a barbecue supper as a reward for their efforts in setting an all-time quality record at the plant and one of the best in the Burlington Industries family. Rain cut attendance to something over 400, but it didn't put a damper on the spirit. The young man above surrounded by trays of food and the sign is Bill Adams, two-year-old son of Mr.



and Mrs. Earl Adams. Bill's dad works at the plant and the "BSIQ Club" stands for "Beat Scotsboro in Quality", something Franklin has come close to doing twice in recent weeks. Polishing off a carton of milk with relish is young J. D. Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wiggins, of Route 4. Turn inside for a picture layout of activities at the barbecue. (Staff Photo)



MACON COUNTY DANCE TEAMS TOPS AT FESTIVAL

Macon County danced off with top honors Friday night at the N. C. Apple Festival in Hendersonville. The Carson Cloggers (pictured above, with the team manager, Mrs. Esther Cunningham) and the Promettes' a team of seven and eight-year-olds, placed first in their divisions. Hunter Young's string band, which plays for the Cloggers, also won first place at the festival. A large number from here drove to Hendersonville to watch the teams perform. (Staff Photo)