

The Franklin Press

and The Highlands Maconian

Staff correspondents of THE PRESS keep the inside pages of this newspaper alive with news about your friends and neighbors. Read the inside pages from top to bottom and you'll know Macon County.



PLEASE THROW your support behind the countywide bake sale Friday and Saturday for the crippled children. Purchase your Easter treats (some mighty good cooks will be donating items) at the bake sale and help some less fortunate than yourself.

AN ADVANCE copy of a new state promotional publication, "Let's Go Fishing and Hunting in North Carolina," has been received here and, to turn a phrase, "It's a beaut!" Several points in this county, including Nantahala Lake, are given excellent treatment in both pictures and text.

PHIL B. HAZAZER, who has a summer place here, is letting the postal employees between his home in Palm Beach, Fla., and Franklin know what he's famous for around the world. On a recent letter to Nantahala Lumber Company, his address said "rubby famous" Franklin, N. C.

THE FRANKLIN All-Stars are tossing a big talent show on the 22nd to raise some money for uniforms and equipment. You won't want to miss it.

THEY'RE BROKEN ground in East Franklin behind the Gulf station for the new Baldwin supermarket. Ah spring! your powers for generating activity are unlimited.

WHOOPEE! The state has repaved over the culvert at the foot of Town Hill and things are smooth there once again.

Asheville Man New Area Scout Field Executive

John D. Burton, Jr., of Asheville, has been hired as the new district executive for the Smoky Mountain Boy Scout District and will take over his duties the 15th of this month.

He succeeds Phil Thompson, of Sylva, who recently resigned to enter military service.

The new executive is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and has lived most of his life in the mountain area. He attended the University of Tennessee and at present is a master sergeant in the Army Reserve.

Mr. Burton will attend the national training school for Scout executives for several weeks.

Gudger Will Speak

Lamar Gudger, Buncombe County attorney, will be the speaker at an organizational meeting of the Macon County Young Democrats Club tomorrow (Friday) night at the courthouse at 8 o'clock.

TWO TO ONE — Nantahala Voting Precinct Changed

Nantahala's two voting precincts have been eliminated and the area's estimated 600 voters will cast their ballots at a single polling place at Nantahala School.

The decision to abolish the old Nantahala 1 and Nantahala 2 precincts was taken Saturday by the Macon County Board of Elections in session to appoint registrars and judges for the upcoming elections.

Board Chairman J. Lee Barnard reports the reelection of all precinct officials "as far as they are available". He said an official list of these officials will be made available soon.

Mr. Barnard explained that the decision to eliminate the two Nantahala precincts in favor of a large one was prompted by requests from voters in that section. He said Nantahala 1 has never had a satisfactory voting place and that a majority of the voters felt it would be more convenient to have a single polling place. About 200 voters are registered in Nantahala 1, while Nantahala 2 has an estimated 400.

SHOOTS HIS NEIGHBOR — 'Him Or Me', Says Negro Of Shooting

"I knew it was either him or me," is the way a local Negro justifies the Saturday night shooting of his next door neighbor in the wake of a fighting and drinking card party.

Being held without bond on a charge of murder is Robert Lee (June) Austin, who admits he shot 45-year-old Elwood Greenwood in self defense with a 22 rifle after being threatened with a knife.

Witnessing the slaying at the Austin home on New Hope Road about 10:30 were Austin's wife, his eight-year-old son, a nephew of Greenwood, Henderson Hayes, and Buddy Chavis.

The account of the shooting was given by the witnesses to the investigating officers, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Police Chief C. D. Baird, Deputy Newell Pendergrass, and Coroner John Kusterer.

The four men were drinking and playing cards at the Austin home when an argument developed between Greenwood and his nephew, Hayes. Greenwood struck his nephew a hard blow in the mouth and when the others objected he began cursing and brandished a knife. He also cursed Mrs. Austin and was ordered out of the house by her husband. Greenwood started toward Austin with the knife and Austin retreated to another room. Chavis succeeded in calming Greenwood down and talked him into leaving the house.

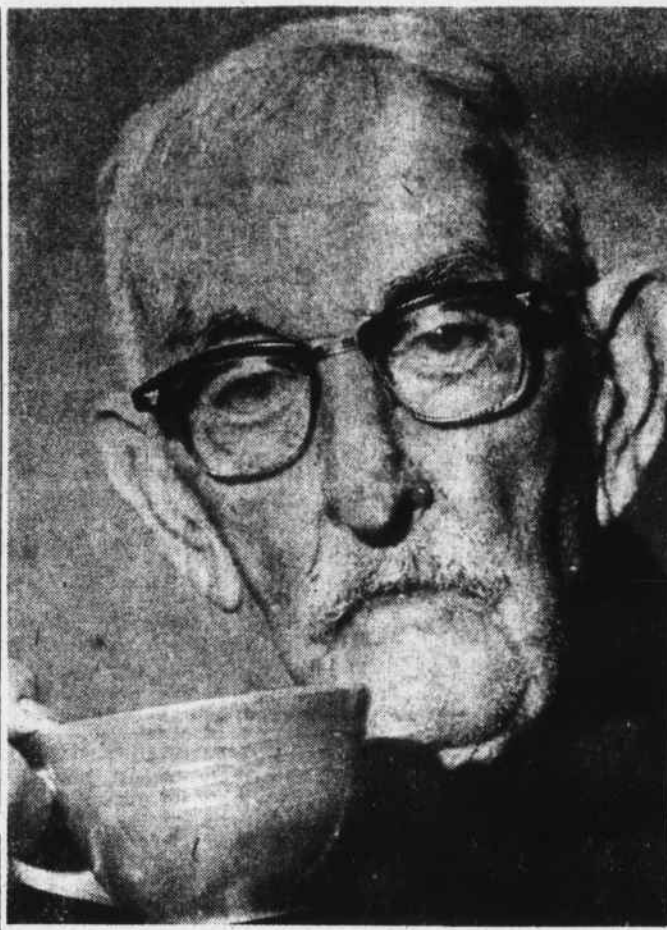
FOR CLUB LUNCHEON — Mrs. Cover, Representative Of Cherokee, Is Speaker

Mrs. Giles W. Cover, of Andrews, Cherokee County's representative to the General Assembly, will be guest speaker Monday at the annual spring luncheon of the Franklin Garden Club.

Stated for 12:45 at the Franklin Methodist Church, the luncheon also will be featured by the installation of officers.



FIRST ONE UNDER THE WIRE: Mrs. Betty Jewel Roper (left), of Franklin, was the first census enumerator in either county, Macon or Clay, in the 13th District to complete the count in her territory. Here Mrs. Roper and Mrs. A. H. Eller, of Hayesville, 13th District crew leader, look over the maps of the portion Mrs. Roper covered. She finished Monday, two days ahead of the Wednesday, April 13, deadline. (Staff Photo)



'UNCLE BILLY' BREAKS 100

"Uncle Billy" McCoy isn't a golfer, but he knows how to break a hundred. He's done it using birthdays. Tomorrow (Friday) will celebrate his 101st at his home in the Gold Mine section. He reads his Bible constantly, enjoys after-meal cigars, and drinks steaming cups of coffee during the day. (Staff Photo)

JUDGE PLESS PRESIDING — 'Average Docket' Facing Court Officials Monday

Judge J. Will Pless and District Solicitor Glenn W. Brown will face an "average docket" with the opening Monday morning of the April term of Superior Court, according to Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn, clerk of court.

Since the December term, 188 new cases (as of Monday afternoon) have been added to criminal docket. Also, the docket lists 56 hold-over cases and 55 others involving cash bonds to be forfeited by defendants this term.

Mrs. Wrinn describes the civil docket as in "excellent shape" because of the special term held in early February to hear some old cases.

Judge Pless, of Marion, is resident judge of the 29th Judicial District. He has held several terms here in the past and presided at the celebrated Shedd murder trial in the early '50's.

Monday morning's opening session of the two-week term will begin at 10 o'clock. Solicitor Brown was here Monday to go over the docket with court officials.

All Are Recaptured —

AH, SPRING! ESCAPEE NIPPED BY LOVE BUG, FLEES GANG

Warm spring weather brought on a rash of escape attempts from the state prison camp here in the past week, but none of the breaks was successful and the escapees are all now back in custody.

The latest attempt was made by William Edwin Johnson, 19, of Route 4, who is serving seven to ten years for larceny of an automobile.

Johnson, an honor grade trustee, was working with a road gang three and a half miles south of Highlands on NC 106 Monday afternoon, April 11. About 3:30 p. m. he went to gather firewood and failed to return.

North Carolina and Georgia Highway Patrols were alerted, along with police and sheriff's departments in Franklin, Highlands, and Clayton, Ga., and prison camp custodian officers.

Early Tuesday morning, Macon County Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendergrass was driving along the road in the Poplar Cove section and spotted Johnson. He arrested him and returned him to the prison.

Love Called John E. Cutshall, prison superintendent, said Johnson told him that he "ran off to try to see a girl he was in love with."

Another prisoner, Robert Presnell, 18, of Waynesville, serving four to seven years for breaking and entering and larceny, tried to escape from a work crew last Thursday, April 7, on the River Bend Road off NC 28, three miles south of Franklin.

Guard Jesse Hall reported that "Presnell jumped the gun and tried to run off". Hall fired one shot, then dropped the gun and ran Presnell down on foot.

Disappears On Friday, April 8, Ray Edward Darnell, 18, of West Asheville, serving eight to nine years for receiving stolen goods, disappeared from a drill squad and was found by a patrolman on Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendergrass has given the following account of the incident: About 2 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, a woman described as a dark skinned gypsy-type stopped at the Chastain home. She told

Bank Makes \$500 Gift For Fair

A \$500 gift from the Bank of Franklin this week pushed the building fund of the Macon County Fair Association to \$3,450 and plans are now under way to begin construction of an exhibit hall.

The total on hand includes \$680 the association had in its treasury after the last fair, according to the treasurer, Mrs. Grace M. Tatham. Cash donations total \$1,527 and pledges account for \$1,240 more.

Try-Outs Saturday

Little League try-outs are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the league field on the grounds at Franklin High, according to Dr. T. J. Huff, league president.

Any boy who will not be 13 years old by August 1 is eligible to shoot for a berth on one of the four Little League teams. The minimum age is 8.

Dr. Huff said league plans for the season are rapidly falling into place, including the selection of team managers. A date to "purchase" players under league rules will be announced later.

Benefit Tournery For Children Is Starting Tonight

A benefit basketball tournament for retarded children and crippled children is slated to get underway tonight (Thursday) in the Franklin High gymnasium.

A game at 7 o'clock between the Franklin All-Stars and Winn-Dixie's team will open the invitational tournament; at 8 o'clock the Highlands All-Stars will meet Burlington Mills; and at 9 o'clock the Rabun Warriors will play Zieckgraf Lumber Company.

Friday night's court action will lead off at 6:45 with a preliminary game between the Burlington girls and the Lucy Pickens team; at 8 o'clock the winners of the Highlands-Burlington and Rabun-Zieckgraf game will clash; and at 9 o'clock the Nantahala All-Stars will take on the winner of the Franklin-Winn-Dixie game.

The championship game is set for 9 o'clock Saturday. Games preceding this will be the Franklin Senior Boys vs. Brevard College team at 7 o'clock, and a consolation game between the semi-finals losers at 8 o'clock.

The tournament is being jointly sponsored by the Macon chapters of the Retarded Childrens Association and the League for Crippled Children. Weaver Shope is chairman of the project.

Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 for children.

Leming Child Dies Sunday In Sylva

Two-year-old Linda Leming, daughter of Highway Patrolman and Mrs. W. G. Leming, died in a Sylva hospital about 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

It is believed the child either jumped or fell from the car as her mother backed from a driveway in Sylva. She ruptured a blood vessel to her brain.

Patrolman Leming was stationed in Highlands before being transferred to Sylva several months ago.

95 RATING

John E. Cutshall, superintendent at the Macon County Prison Camp, reports that the prison received a rating of 95 per cent from the North Carolina Board of Health following a recent inspection.

WINS CONTEST

A trip to New York is the prize going to Miss Genevieve Whitmire, pictured here, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire and a senior at Franklin High. Miss Whitmire won over five fellow students in the 14th Annual High School World Peace Study and Speaking Program to gain the trip to New York City and the United Nations, April 24-27. She will be accompanied on the trip by Roy M. Biddle, Jr., sponsor of the speaking contest. The finals in the contest were held last Friday morning in the high school auditorium. Judges were the Rev. Jack Tucker, Bob S. Sloan, the Rev. R. R. Standley, Mrs. H. Bueck, and Mrs. Margaret Cooper.

FOR FUTURE EXPANSION — School Board Buys Leach Property

With an eye to future expansion at Franklin High School, the Macon County Board of Education this week closed a deal to purchase the Leach property adjoining the high school grounds for \$35,000.

The transaction involves about seven acres of land and two buildings, the old Leach home and a commercial building now occupied by the Tom Thumb Inn.

School Supt. H. Bueck and Board Chairman Erwin Patton explain that the property will not be developed for any school uses until it is paid for under the purchase terms.

"We're just locking ahead... possibly the land some day can be used as an auditorium or something of that nature," Supt. Bueck declared.

He said at present there is a possibility the house can be used for some school activity, but added "we really don't know until we've given it a thorough inspection... we may decide to raise it later, we just can't give an answer right now... the main thing we're interested in now is paying for the property."

Under terms of the property sale, the board is paying Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leach a down payment of \$10,000, with semiannual payments running for 10 years. The interest rate set is four and a half per cent. However, the board has an option to pay off the full amount due at any time during the 10-year period.

Frank Leach, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., met with the school board and W. E. Baldwin, chairman of the county commissioners, Monday morning to iron out details of the transaction.

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION — Easter Sunrise Service Set At Methodist Church

Traditionally, Maconians plan to celebrate Easter quietly, at home and at church services.

The Franklin community Easter sunrise service is set for 5:45 a.m. at the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. Robert R. Standley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, delivering the Easter message. The opening worship will be led by the host pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Early, and the scripture reading will be given by the Rev. J. R. Tucker, of St. Agnes Episcopal Church. Special Easter music will be by the combined choirs of community churches. Organist will be Miss Nancy Cochran.

A special Easter morning service will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. The youth choir will sing at the service. Regular services will be held at 11 a.m., with the adult choir singing.

Good Friday Rite Tomorrow (Good Friday), at St. John's Episcopal Church on Cartoogehaye, a service of meditations on the "Words from the Cross" will be held from noon to 3 o'clock and persons of all faiths are invited.

The Easter services at St. John's will include a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 o'clock and an afternoon service at 4 o'clock.

Maudy Thursday Maudy Thursday services are scheduled at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church at 7:15 p.m. and at St. Agnes at 8 p.m. A one-hour Good Friday service also is slated for 7:15 p.m. at St. Cyprian's.

No Services On Easter, no church school or 11 o'clock services are planned at St. Agnes. These will be replaced by a children's service at 9 a.m., following by a regular Easter service at 9:45.

St. John's will hold an Easter service at 9 a.m. and St. Cyprian's at 7 a.m.

Methodist Plans The First Methodist Church plans regular services also on Easter; that is, church school at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., and family worship at 7 o'clock that night. Mr. Early also will preach at the prison camp at 8:30 a.m. and at Salem Methodist at 3 p.m.

'Open House' Set By Special Education Students Tomorrow Tomorrow (Friday) will find the students at the Special Education School in Franklin awaiting visitors to observe their school and the work they and their teachers are doing.

"Open house" for the public will be observed from 9:30 to 10:30 in the morning and from 12 to 2:15 in the afternoon.

The Weather

	High	Low	Rain
FRANKLIN			
Wed. 6th	63	32	.03
Thursday	74	44	.00
Friday	71	33	.00
Saturday	63	38	.00
Sunday	53	25	.00
Monday	67	18	.00
Tuesday	78	29	.00
Wednesday	73	35	.00
COWETA			
Wed. 6th	49	30	.05
Thursday	67	48	.00
Friday	73	33	.00
Saturday	70	36	.00
Sunday	64	25	.00
Monday	52	18	.00
Tuesday	66	29	.00
Wednesday	78	35	.00
HIGHLANDS			
Wed. 6th	68	29	.00
Thursday	76	54	.00
Friday	66	41	.00
Saturday	60	42	.00
Sunday	66	20	.00
Monday	62	20	.00
Tuesday	61	38	.00
Wednesday	66	36	.00

*no record.

what's doing?

- JAYCEES: First and third Mondays, 6:30 p. m., Cagle's Restaurant on US 23-441 south.
- ROTARY: Every Thursday, 7 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building.
- LIONS: Second and fourth Mondays, 7 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building.
- JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB: Fourth Monday, 7:30 p. m., Agricultural Building.
- V. F. W.: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8 p. m., V. F. W. Post Home on Palmer Street.
- AMERICAN LEGION: Third Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building.

Tonight (Thursday): Benefit basketball tournament starts, 7 o'clock, Franklin High gymnasium.

Friday: Young Democrats Club meeting, courthouse, 8 p.m.

Friday: "Open house" at Special Education School on Franklin High grounds.

Saturday: Little League try-outs, 10 a.m., Franklin field.

Sunday: Easter sunrise service, 5:45, Franklin Methodist Church.

Monday: Franklin P.T.A., 7:30, Franklin High cafeteria.

Monday: Garden club luncheon, 12:45, Franklin Methodist Church social hall.

Tuesday: Methodist Men's Club, Clark's Chapel church, 7 p.m.