



THE FIRST day of fall was not as bright as the men were in their shirtsleeves and the women were cool in summer dresses. The nights, however, are picking up a nip that chills, so it won't be too long now.

HAVE YOU made a donation for the improvement of the Indian Mound? Drop it off at Macon Stiles' station across from the Mound.

IN ABOUT another two weeks or so, the fall colors will be bringing the ohs and ahs from visitors and home folks alike. To many this is the most perfect and pleasing season of the year.

SOMETHING MUST be going to take place on the street situation. The yellow lines are running every-which-way now.

CO-OWNERS of the new Economy Auto Store, James Perry and John N. Archer, Jr., have had their sleeves rolled up in the arduous unpacking merchandise. Their opening is set for Saturday.

BLOOD DONORS are reminded that the Bloodmobile from the regional center in Asheville will be in Highlands on Friday, October 7, for a visit.

SOME INTERESTING tales are being related by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., and H. W. Cabe, who were in New York City last week for the American Bankers Convention. They got to see some of the demonstrations against Khrushchev and Cuba's Castro.

THE OLD folks' Fellowship hour" is set for Sunday afternoon. Come on out and help them have a bang-up time. You might learn a lot about Franklin in the old days too.

GEM HUNTING in Cowee Valley got another free plug recently in a service newspaper in the Washington, D. C. area. A columnist, Jim Easterwood, reported an interview with a woman who had sampled our gem paradise.

DOWN IN GEORGIA, the "1960 Cobb County Queen" has Mrs. Donna Mullenax, of Marietta, whose mother is the former Mrs. Timsey Nell Clouse, of this county. Donna, a high school senior, won the title over 36 others. She and her parents, the Roscoe I. Mullenax, are frequent visitors here.

ALL THIS RAIN this week has helped what? Know it hasn't helped having a bit. Maybe it's

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what's
doing?

JAYCEES: First Monday, 7:30 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building.

ROTARY: Every Thursday, 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.

V. F. W. Auxiliary: Society Monday nights 8 p. m. at Post Home.

AMERICAN LEGION: Third Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Slagle Memorial Building.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB: First Tuesday at 7 p. m. at the N. M. Bldg.

Franklin Post Office: First Monday, 7:30 p. m., at the N. M. Bldg.

Monday: Franklin Post Office, 7:30 p. m., at the N. M. Bldg.

Monday: American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p. m., at Mrs. C. T. Bryson's.



JUDGES of the county's rural community development contest, Wilbur Maney, county agent of Rabun County, and Miss Mary Johnston, home economics agent of Jackson, are shown reading scrapbooks entered by the communities. (Staff Photo)

IN RURAL CONTEST — Winners Unknown

Rain hurried Wednesday afternoon hasty attendance for the tour of Iotla and Cowee communities, but it failed to blunt the appetites of the several hundred who attended the annual awards supper at Iotla Sch. of for the winners of the 60 rural community development contest.

Names of the winning communities in the county contest were not known at press time since they are a closely-guarded secret. Judging of the 11 communities take off

AT ROTARY MEETING — School Queries Answered

A variety of school topics, ranging from teacher load to a fund for Franklin High School, were discussed last Thursday night by School Supt. H. Bueck at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club.

Invited to address the club on school problems, Mr. Bueck turned the program into a question-and-answer session.

In a brief statement prior to answering questions submitted in writing by Rotarians, the superintendent pointed out that the public school system serves more people and touches more intimate life of the people than any other single enterprise, public or private.

With so many people involved, he said, there are of necessity many conflicting interests between the taxpayer who pays the bills, the teacher who performs the services, and the parents who must work without monetary compensation.

Between the teacher trying to do a professional job, proud parents who can never understand why their children do not always make A's grades, the parents who must justify the expense of a private education, and those who demand a private education program when there is seldom enough money to help those who stand to profit one way or

3,722 ARE ATTENDING — School Enrollment Shows Slight Drop

Enrollment in the Macon County School System for the first 10 days this fall showed a slight drop over 1959, according to Laurens from the superintendent's office.

This fall's total of 3,722 is 64 students less than last year's and only three schools — Franklin High, Franklin Elementary, and Cowee — have increases in enrollment.

Enrollment at each school follows, with the 1959 figure in parentheses:

Franklin High, 898 (807); Franklin Elementary, 353 (327); East Franklin, 375 (386); Cullasaga, 327 (342); Union, 244 (245); Cowee, 233 (227); Otto, 229 (235); Cartoogechay, 265 (272); Iotla, 215 (226); Nantahala High, 63 (64); Nantahala Elementary, 168 (187); Highlands High, 86 (95); Highlands Elementary, 294 (303); Chapel High, 11 (17); and Chapel Elementary, 50 (53).

CONVENTION HELD — Delegates Reelect Slagle Chairman Of A. S. C. Group

Community delegates meeting in convention Friday reelected Siler Slagle, of Cartoogechay community, chairman of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for 1961.

Mr. Slagle is serving his third term on the committee and this will be his second term as chairman.

Picked to serve with him are Frank Gibson, vice chairman, Harley Stewart, regular member, Verlon Poindexter, 1st alternate, and Carr Bryson, 2nd alternate.

The new committee will take office October 1.

Delegates from the 11 A. S. C. townships held the convention at the county A. S. C. office in Franklin.

Old Folks Gathering Is Sunday

For a short while Sunday afternoon, "the good old days" will return to Macon County when the county's old folks gather for their annual "Fellowship Hour."

Set to begin at 2 p. m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church, with reminiscing as usual will glow with gathering when old friends renew acquaintances.

Although the "Fellowship Hour" is held for those 65 years and over, everyone is invited to attend and join the fun. It is sponsored by the churches of the county and any person wanting transportation may get in touch with their minister.

Prizes donated by local merchants are being offered to the oldest man and woman present, to the man and woman with the most grandchildren, to the couple married the longest, and to the person 65 or over traveling the longest distance to attend the gathering.

Mrs. Roy P. Cunningham's committee has arranged the following program:

Welcome, the Rev. R. R. Standley, devotional, the Rev. Fred Guthrie, solo, J. L. Fesperman group singing led by the Rev. R. E. Early with Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, as accompanist, a reading, Mrs. R. S. Jones, presentation of prizes, Mr. Early and benediction, Mr. Standley.

NEW CHAIRMAN

Dr. J. L. Hill, Jr., and optometrist, has accepted the chairmanship of the 1960 United Fund campaign in the Franklin area. Active in church and civic affairs, Dr. Hill came to Franklin in 1953. He is a past president of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce and is now vice president of the Lions Club. This year, Dr. Hill will announce plans for the U.F. drive at an early date.

COWEE HOMECOMING

The annual homecoming at Cowee Baptist Church will be observed Sunday, October 2, with an all-day program, including lunch and afternoon singing.

NO COMMENT ON INCREASE —

McGuire Says Duke Still Will Buy Nantahala

"We still plan to sell the Nantahala Power and Light Company's distribution facilities of Duke Power Company in this region, a proposed deal publicly announced more than a year ago."

Mr. McGuire, who volunteered the statement, was telephoned by THE PRESS about a report that

SCORE 30 TO 13 — Panthers Scalp Indians In Conference Battle

By TODD REECE

Franklin's Panthers defeated a crowd-thrilling game Friday night, 30-13, against the Indians of Cartoogechay. The Panthers, led by quarterback Teddy Clark, played a superb game, outscoring the Indians 14-0 in the first quarter. Clark broke for 100 yards on a 13-yard touchdown pass to

CONFERENCE GAME

Friday night's game marked the Panthers' emergence as a conference power. The Panthers, who had lost to the Indians in the first game of the season, were led by quarterback Teddy Clark, who threw for 100 yards and a touchdown. Clark's performance was the key to the Panthers' victory.

Man Hurt

Cherokee's two scores came on a one-yard plunge by Jonah Day and on a three-yard drive by Dennis Smith. Cherokee suffered an unfortunate blow early in the game when their top lineman, left end Richard Sneed, had to be taken out of action with a pulled leg muscle.

Franklin also was playing without the services of first string left end Johnny Swan, who is out for three weeks with a broken finger. Duke Band started at the 20-yard line and did a commendable job, along with Sonny Bryant and Larry Pennington, who also played in the section. Band accounted for six Panther scores as he snatched a 30-yard pass from Jim Williams.

Nickels Voting Slated Friday

Macon County farmers go to the polls here tomorrow (Friday) to vote in the Nickels For Knowledge program.

A favorable vote will assure continuation of the program for 1961-1962.

The research and education program is worked through N. C. State College and the money can be used for fertilizer sales.

A two-day fair table vote is necessary to assure the program.

Polling places will be at the following locations: Cartoogechay, H. W. Jones's store; Burlington, Parrish's store; Cowee, Beckman's store; Elmer, Sugarfork Press store; Union, County Store; Highlands, Talley's store; Smithville, Parrish's store; Millbrook, Paul Ammons's store; and Nantahala, Bateman's store.

Shops Have Unusual House Guest

The Joe Shop of Cowee, owned by Joe and Mary Ann, had a very unusual house guest Friday night. The guest was a large, black bear that had wandered into the store from the nearby woods. The bear was very tame and did not cause any damage to the store's merchandise.

QUITTING FOR THE COUNTY FAIR

These Girl Scouts of Troop 205 have been hard at work for some time now on a quilt they plan to enter in the Macon County Fair in October. They have a quilting session each Friday afternoon after school in the basement at the home of their leader, Mrs. Russell Cabe. The troop is sponsored by the Womens Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church.

Pantonses (foreground) helps with milking

From left to right: Pantonses (foreground) helps with milking. (Staff Photo)

Nantahala would ask for a rate increase, and that if and when it was granted, the two companies would proceed to seek approval of the proposed sale.

On that report Mr. McGuire declined comment.

John M. Archer Jr., Nantahala president, also had no comment.

Asked "about when" the joint application for approval of the deal would be filed, Mr. McGuire said he could not say "at this time."

Either a rate increase or the sale of Nantahala's distribution system to Duke would require approval by the State Utilities Commission.

The report linking the filing of an application for approval of a rate increase for Nantahala came to the paper from a prominent Western North Carolina businessman, who is directly connected with neither company, but who is believed to be in position to know what he is talking about.

Announcement of the proposed Nantahala/Duke deal made in Charlotte Sept. 2, 1959, was greeted with considerable opposition in this area. While it has been more than a year since the announcement, there has been no move to get the Utilities Commission to pass on the proposal.

Mr. McGuire in a talk at the Franklin Rotary Club last October 8, said the joint application would be filed "in about a month."

Two months later, on December 10, Mr. Archer, also speaking to Franklin Rotarians, said delay in filing the application was due to operating problems that had arisen.

There had been no further public comment on the subject until Mr. McGuire's statement last week.

Under terms of the agreement, Nantahala would sell Duke its distribution facilities, but would retain its power-producing plants in this region. Duke proposed to bring power in from outside the area.

Nantahala is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aluminum Company of America, which is its largest customer.

THE WEATHER

The week's temperature and rainfall below are recorded at Franklin by Macon Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tador N. Hall and W. G. Newton, TVA observer, and at the Cowee Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed. 22nd	63	32	0.0	
Thursday	60	37	0.0	
Friday	62	60	0.0	
Saturday	78	49	0.0	
Sunday	79	50	0.0	
Monday	73	44	0.0	
Tuesday	61	52	5.8	
Wednesday	—	—	—	1.03
COWEE				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed. 22nd	63	47	0.0	
Thursday	64	54	0.0	
Friday	77	58	0.0	
Saturday	78	54	0.0	
Sunday	79	51	0.0	
Monday	75	44	0.0	
Tuesday	74	49	9.1	
Wednesday	59	50	10.8	
HIGHLANDS				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed. 22nd	66	49	0.0	
Thursday	66	60	0.0	
Friday	77	56	0.0	
Saturday	76	53	0.0	
Sunday	74	52	0.0	
Monday	70	50	0.0	
Tuesday	58	51	0.0	
Wednesday	—	—	—	0.0