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ON THE INSIDE -

Be well informed read THE PRESS from cover to cover.



THE CHECKER PLAYERS in front of Pendergrass' Store say they don't need a board anymore. The yellow parking lines have turned Main Street into the biggest checker board in the world.

MRS. WEIMAR Jones, of Franklin, helped judge Haywood County's home demonstration "Achievement Day" Wednesday of last week. She was the only non-extension service judge.

MACON COUNTY'S per capita income in 1958 was \$921. The state average is \$1,420. Buncombe's average is \$1,541; Transylvania, \$1,497; Haywood, \$1,380, and Henderson, \$1,366. All of these counties had population increases from '50 to '60. Macon didn't, and neither did our neighbors, Jackson, \$741; Swain, \$903; Clay, \$871; Graham, \$864; and Cherokee, \$981. Does this point up a crying need, or doesn't it?

THE BRICKS have been pouring down on Main Street with the razing of the old McCoy Building porch.

PAINTERS HAVE been giving the Carolina Pharmacy front a new complexion. Mighty pretty and it should jog others into sprucing up their store fronts.

GET READY to enjoy the county fair next week. It gets bigger and better each year. The carnival will set up shop at the fair grounds the first of the week.

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN Pat Miller has resigned the patrol and is now operating the Phillips 66 station in Highlands.

IT WASN'T hard to come away from the Conley Motor Company smelling like a rose last week when they showed the new Fords. The women folk were given artificial roses—that really smelled rose-like—and the men got yardsticks.

A HUNTING pup owned by Winton, Vic, and Jim Perry took a fourth place in the open puppy class of the Buekeye Britany Club Field Trial September 23-25. A professional trainer handled the dog for them.

EXPENDITURES totaling \$51.40 have been put out on the Indian Mound by the Franklin Garden Club since June 6. Most of the money went for labor to "shave" the mound.

ATTENDING the national reunion of the 81st Wildcat Division in Waynesville last week were Charles Waldroop and Tom Moss. The 81st is a famous fighting outfit.

MONEY STOLEN

The sheriff's department is investigating the theft of about \$80 from THE FRANKLIN PRESS office. The money apparently was taken some time Saturday night.

what's doing?

JAYCEES: First Monday, Zickgraf's Lumber Co., Third Monday, Dillard House, Dillard, Ga. 7:00 p.m.

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.

V. F. W. Auxiliary: Second 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: Fourth Tuesday at 7 p. m., at the Normandie.

Tonight (Thursday): 4-H County Council meeting, 7:30 p. m., Franklin Methodist Church.

Friday: Franklin Panthers vs. Robbinsville High. In Robbinsville, kickoff at 8 p. m.

Monday: Retarded Children's Association meeting, 8 p. m., Franklin High Library.

Tuesday: Visit by Congressman Roy A. Taylor, 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., county courthouse.



ROBERT C. (Bob) Carpenter is shown congratulating Mrs. Lucy Leatherman, president of Cowee community, '60 rural development winner. Looking on are Mrs. Nell Blaine, representing second place Patton, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, president of Cartoogechaye, which placed third. (Staff Photo)

HELPS REBUILD NEGRO CHURCH -

Cowee Top Community In '60 Rural Event

Cowee, a 59-family community that spent some 336 man-hours rebuilding a Negro church in its section, is the winner of the 1960 Macon County Rural Community Development Contest.

Second place went to Patton and third to Cartoogechaye.

Winners were revealed Wednesday night of last week at an awards supper held by the 11 participating communities at Iotla School. It was by far the biggest supper ever held in the eight-year history of the rural program, attracting more than 300 persons.

The top community, Cowee, collected \$400 in prize money, receiving \$200 for first place and two \$50 incentive awards for the outstanding community projects and outstanding accomplishments in religious activities. Patton got \$150 for placing second and won a \$50 incentive award for the best home food supply. A check for \$100 went to third place Cartoogechaye.

Gets \$100

Iotla, winner of the '59 county contest, got a \$100 incentive award for the best programs, community participation in activities, and attendance at meetings.

Also winning \$50 incentive awards were Clark's Chapel, for best health program; Higdonville, best balanced agricultural program; Cullasaja, best community beautification; Cars-n, best accomplishment in youth activities; and Holly Springs, best job of increase in income.

Winners were announced and presented prize money following supper by Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter.

Mrs. Stanley Penland, Iotla's president, served as master of ceremonies at the brief after dinner program. A welcome and thanks to the businessmen who put up prize money for the contest was made by Jerry Sutton, of



THEY'RE SUPER SALESMEN

These two Franklin High juniors, Martha Angel (left) and Sara Lee Bryson, took top honors in salesmanship in the magazine sale recently held by the junior class to raise funds for the annual junior-senior banquet. Sara Lee was in first place with 109 subscriptions totaling \$254.55. Martha was next with \$109.75. The sale grossed \$2,307.63 and the class got a percentage of this as its share. Twenty-four juniors sold \$30 or more in subscriptions. (Staff Photo)

Team Yanks Feathers Of Eagles

By TODD REECE

Franklin's Panther pulled the tail feathers out of the new Sylvia Webster Golden Eagles Friday night and delivered a stunning 43 to 7 defeat to the newly consolidated school.

Pre-game thinking had rated the game as a tossup, with Sylvia having the advantage of playing on their home field. Franklin's overwhelming victory settled the fact among football observers that the Panthers are the Smoky Mountain Conference power.

Scoring honors for the game went to fullback "Red" Seay, who romped for touchdown jaunts of 32 and 85 yards. Teddy Clark, who dazzled fans with a streaking 96-yard kickoff return and a 30-yard end sweep. Jim Williams, who dashed around end for a five-yard strike and passed 20 yards to Kenneth Hall for another, and to ends Landy Pendergrass and "Stompy" Higdon, who teamed up. Pendergrass blocking a Sylvia punt on their 35 and Higdon grabbing the ball and racing for another touchdown.

Coach Dick Stott was jubilant following the Panther's smashing victory and he praised the play of every member of the squad. "It was a team victory," exclaimed the coach. Every member of the traveling team participated in the game and the second team moved the ball almost as easily as the first ranks.

Franklin grabbed an early lead with two touchdowns and an extra point in the first period. Sylvia dominated the second quarter by snatching a Panther fumble on the one foot line for their lone score and momentarily stopping Franklin. In the second half it was all Franklin.

The Panthers wrapped up the ball game with four touchdowns in the third period, the scoring coming so fast and furious that both fans and coaches had trouble adding up the points. A referee commented that Franklin scored four times in this period before the sideline chain moved an inch. Franklin proved its bench strength as substitutes played out most of the remainder of the game, adding another score and holding the Eagles to a standstill.

Robbinsville Next

Franklin's undefeated Panthers go on the road again this Friday, traveling to Robbinsville to take on the Blue Devils. The Blue Devils have posted a record of four wins and one loss so far this year, bowing only to Murphy, 25 to 7. They have victories over Cherokee 25 to 6, Franklin beat Cherokee 30 to 13, Swain 20 to 13, Haywood 39 to 12, and last week Robbinsville downed last year's runnerups for the state class A championship, Andrews, 13 to 6 in their opening game. Big guns for the Blue Devils have been Buddy Postell, Jerry Williams, Coy Odom, and Larry Queen.

Hunter Dies In Accident Opening Day

Saturday's opening of the '60 hunting season also brought Macon County its first hunting fatality.

A retired Baptist minister, the Rev. William Grant Wood, 71, was accidentally shot late in the afternoon while squirrel hunting by another hunter, Grady Martin, of Franklin.

Mr. Wood was hunting alone about three miles from his home in the Watauga section when the shooting accident occurred. Mr. Martin, 32-year-old employe of the Town of Franklin, told the investigating officers he had mistaken movement in the woods for a squirrel and fired. Mr. Wood was struck in the head and face by shot and died instantly, according to Coroner John Kusterer.

A coroner's jury empaneled Sunday afternoon visited the scene of the shooting near Brown Branch Road before rendering a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. Martin, who was hunting with his small son and Grady Jones, of Franklin, reported the shooting to the sheriff's office. He said he and Mr. Jones had become separated in the woods at the time of the accident.

After notifying the sheriff's office, Mr. Martin was admitted to Angel Clinic suffering from shock as a result of the accident.

The incident was investigated by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas, Deputy Newell Pendergrass, and W. T. Jenkins, acting coroner.

Funeral services for Mr. Wood, a farmer and native of this county, were held Monday afternoon at Buck Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Wood had lived in the Buck Creek section before moving to Watauga about eight years ago. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Harold Cabe, the Rev. William Shields, pastor of Watauga Baptist Church, of which Mr. Wood was a member, and the Rev. Frank Reed. Serving as pallbearers were Asbury Sanders, Frank Brown, Paul Morgan, Erastus Wood, Clarence Isenhour, and Clyde Vaughn.

Surviving are Mr. Wood's wife, Mrs. Elvira Morgan Wood; a son, John, of Flint, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Barnes, of Sylvia; and three grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by Potts Funeral Home.



MR. WOOD

FAGG IN RALEIGH

County Agent T. H. Fagg is in Raleigh this week judging 4-H record books in preparation for the N. C. State Fair next week.

Fair Excitement Is In The Air

An excitement is in the air as last-minute details for the sixth annual Macon County Fair are pushed to completion.

Set for October 13-15, the three-day event will be held at the new county fair grounds on US 23-44 and all activity will center in the newly-completed exhibit hall.

A festive air will be added Monday when "Honest Homer's" carnival sets up on the fair grounds for business.

Meanwhile, last-minute kinks in

the fair agenda are being ironed out, finishing work on the exhibit hall and grounds is being pushed, and fair catalogues are being mailed out to some 2,000 persons.

Officially, the fair will open at 1 p. m. next Thursday, the 13th. That morning will be devoted to judging of exhibits by judges from outside the county.

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

show, 3 p. m. The exhibit hall will be open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

A pet show at 9 o'clock Saturday morning is the only scheduled activity during the day and the fair will officially close at 3 p. m. to give exhibitors ample time in which to check out exhibits.

However, Saturday night the exhibit hall will be the scene of a "Harvest Sale" to raise money for the exhibit hall building fund.

About \$6,000 in donations still is needed to pay off the exhibit hall debt and complete necessary work, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

The fair association recently borrowed \$5,000 to complete the building in time for this year's fair.

"Most of the big donations already have been given," the county agent said. "So we're depending upon the 50 cent pieces and dollars to finish paying for the building."

Also to help finance the building, exhibitors will receive no cash premiums, only ribbons.

If the weather is good, Mr. Fagg said the association hopes to realize between \$800 and \$1,000 from the carnival.

Twenty-four six by eight foot booths have been erected inside the exhibit hall for community, 4-H, and home demonstration exhibits. Regular exhibits will be exhibited in the center section of the building.

Mr. Fagg said any community or organization wanting booth space should call his office immediately. The space is being disposed of on a "first-come-first-serve" basis.

BIDS ARE AWARDED -

Town Marking Time On One-Way Change

Franklin's board of aldermen voted Monday night to further delay the scheduled return to a two-way streets system until hearing from the State Highway Commission on the matter.

Town attorney R. S. Jones was instructed to write the highway commission for advice on whether the streets should be returned to two-way traffic or to stick with the present one-way system.

A delegation from the Franklin Chamber of Commerce requested at the meeting that the board work with the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission and the highway commission on the street question. Members of the delegation appearing were Bob S. Sloan, Frank B. Duncan, Bob Cain, Bry-

ant McClure, and R. D. Carson.

Other business conducted at the monthly meeting included the opening of bids on the new Bald Cove well and on the paving of Hillcrest and Patton Avenues.

P. B. Rogers, Well Drilling Company, of Franklin, was awarded the bid on the well with the stipulation that the work be done at a time decided by the board. Virginia Supply and Well Company, of Atlanta, Ga., also submitted a bid.

Allison Construction Company, of Waynesville, was awarded the paving bid with the understanding that the paving be completed by November 1.

Town clerk Ray Swafford presented a report from the State Board of Health showing that water from "Big Bessy" well had checked satisfactorily according to state specifications.

Confirms Belief

This test confirmed beliefs that red water in the system is the result of disturbing the flow of water in the lines and is not coming from the wells.

After this report, the board decided to initiate a program to improve water lines and circulation in the town system.

The board also discussed the plan of installing water meters in the city limits and heard the report from the clerk that \$60 tax notices will be mailed out this week.

While the rallies are primarily for those living in the above precincts, party officials say everyone is invited to attend them.

Two Democratic Rallies Slated

Two Democratic rallies are scheduled this coming week as the party's series continues.

Saturday night at 7:30 at East Franklin School, a rally will be held for the party faithful in the East Franklin and Millersville precincts.

Next Wednesday night, October 12, a rally will be held at Cullasaja School at 7:30 for Democrats of the Cullasaja and Swanton precincts.

While the rallies are primarily for those living in the above precincts, party officials say everyone is invited to attend them.

Moore Leaves Winn - Dixie Store Here

Roy Lee Moore, manager of the Winn-Dixie Store in Franklin for the past 10 years, has been transferred by his company to manage a store in Seneca, S. C.

The management of the local store is being turned over to Roger Seay, who has been with the store for five years and has been assistant manager for two



TAYLOR COMING

VETS MEETING

Barracks No. 966 of the Veterans of World War I will meet Friday, October 7, at 7:30 p. m. at the courthouse. All members are requested to attend as the disposition of funds will be discussed.

Sale Items Are Needed

Items for the "Harvest Sale" at the fair exhibit hall Saturday night, October 15, are needed.

County Agent T. H. Fagg said "everything that will sell" will be welcomed by the fair association.

Money raised at the benefit will be repaid for the exhibit hall building fund, which has a deficit of about \$6,000.

Faulty Fuse Box Flares At Gym

A fuse box fire at the Franklin High gymnasium brought out the volunteer fire department about 11:35 Friday night.

Damage was confined to the box and some to the outside of the building.

Although the fuse box was shorted out, fuses failed to blow and firemen had to clip the wires on a nearby power pole to stop the electrical fire.

A large crowd showed up on the scene.

UNION SERVICES

Homecoming services will be held at the Union Methodist Church Sunday, October 9. The public is invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall are recorded in Franklin by Hanson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tudor 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

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COWETA

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HIGHLANDS

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* No Record.

A Common Thread--Old Friends-- Links The Past And The Present

Macon County's youth in heart had their shining hour Sunday afternoon in Franklin.

Golden wedding anniversaries were common and anyone in the 60 to 70 age bracket was considered a youngster. Anyone under 50, well—you know that younger generation!

This unusual gathering was, of course, the annual "fellowship hour" for those 65 years and over. Thirty-six over 65 registered, representing a total of 2,359 years and an average age of 79.

Another 30 or so from the "younger generation" showed up to help the old folks sing old time hymns and to listen while they talked of times gone by. They also served up some tasty refreshments for the social hour following the regular program in the chapel of the First Baptist

Church.

"There are no friends like old friends," declared Mrs. W. D. Howell, 83, who came all the way from her home in San Diego, Calif., to meet for this brief time with old friends and schoolmates. This was the common thread—old friends—that linked the past and the present.

The two oldest present were John B. Justice, 89, of Holly Springs, and Miss Laura Stillwell, 87, of Bryson City, a sister of Mrs. John F. Cunningham, of Carson community. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham won the prize for having been married the longest, 65 years.

"Uncle John" Justice, who will be 90 this month, collected another prize as well, for being the man with the most grandchildren, 18. Mrs. Roxie Watts, with 55,

took the prize among the women.

The "fellowship hour," which is sponsored by the churches of the county, opened with a welcome by the Rev. R. R. Standley, pastor of the host church. The devotional was given by the Rev. Fred Guthrie, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Two solos were sung by J. L. Fesperman and group singing of old hymns were held by the Rev. Robert E. Early, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Gilmer Jones was accompanist. A humorous reading was given by Mrs. R. S. Jones.

Gifts were presented to the winners by Mr. Early. Donating gifts were Van Raalte, Franklin Hosiery Company, Belk's Department Store, Dryman's, Bower's Department Store, and the Carolina Pharmacy.

AT OLD FOLKS GATHERING -