



HEINZ BOLLMAN, unsuccessful Congressional candidate on the Republican ticket, has squelched rumors that he will move his shoe factory from Haywood County because he failed to carry it in the election.

GET THOSE books and magazines ready for "Operation Library" this Saturday. This will be a great boost to the local library and everyone can contribute to this worthy drive.

DON'T FORGET to return those Christmas Seals checks right away to the local T.B. association. And, if you want more seals, get in touch with Sam Gibson.

WHO COULD have requested a more beautiful Thanksgiving week end than the one just ended?

THOSE OMINOUS low clouds and rain Tuesday made it look like winter really is here. However, the warm temperature suggested that things were a bit messed up.

DOESN'T THE Indian Mound look good now that the grass has come up in the areas that were graded? More improvement money is needed and if you're so inclined you can mail it or drop it off at Manson Stiles' station.

THIS NEW Biddy Basketball League sounds interesting. Boys that stay busy, particularly in athletics, don't have time to get in trouble, not to mention the valuable experience they gain.

MACONIANS interested in seeing the annual county fair develop should consider it their duty to turn out for the fair association meeting next week and speak their piece on ways to improve it.

MRS. HILDA Olson's class at Franklin Elementary is once again calling for used toys so they can repair them for needy children at Christmas. Any donations may be left at THE PRESS office.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its December meeting Monday night at 7:30 at Miss Lessie Kelly's. Mrs. Lon Dalton will serve as co-hostess with Miss Kelly.

what's doing?

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

ROTARY: Every Thursday, 6:30 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 night, 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.

Friday: Franklin High vs. Nantahala High, Franklin gym, 7:30 p. m.

Monday: West Macon Grange, Patton Community Building, 8 p. m.

Monday: Franklin Garden Club, 2:30 p. m., high school cafeteria.

Tuesday: Macon County Fair Association, 7:30 p. m., Agricultural Building.

Nantahala Power Seeks Rate Boost



THE TWO wicked half-sisters of Cinderella berate the unfortunate girl for her clumsiness in a scene from La Cenerentola, as performed by the National Grass Roots Opera Company.

IN FRANKLIN GYM — Opera Appearing Here Tomorrow

The Nation Grass Roots Opera Company, which has contributed greatly to a new interest in opera throughout the nation, will give two performances tomorrow (Friday) of La Cenerentola (Cinderella) in the gymnasium at Franklin High School.

Under the sponsorship of the Franklin Music Study Club, the company will perform a free matinee at 1 o'clock for school children and another at 8 o'clock for adults.

Roy M. Biddle, Jr., is in charge of arrangements for the music club.

The roster of this nationally famous troupe lists singers from North Carolina, Virginia, California, Missouri, New York, Oregon, Maine, and the District of Columbia. Most of the young singers have college degrees or the equivalent from music schools and most of them have enjoyed considerable experience in opera as well as concert, oratorio, and television.

Admission at the evening performance will be \$1.25, according to Mr. Biddle.

Organized right here in North Carolina (Raleigh), the National Grass Roots Opera Company has proved to be a haven for young professional singers desiring experience. Each season, auditions are held in New York and Raleigh and only the most outstanding voices are chosen. Over one hundred young

Overflow Expected?

A safe was delivered by truck to the Bank of Franklin in mid-afternoon Monday. "How about that," quipped a bystander. "Kennedy hasn't even been inaugurated and they're having to make room for keeping the money."

BUT FOR HOW LONG? Tallulah Falls RR Stubbornly Goes On

Even in the face of Friday's authorization by the Interstate Commerce Commission for abandonment, the picturesque Tallulah Falls Railway stubbornly refuses to go under.

But, the big question is: "For how long?" In a telephone interview yesterday (Wednesday) morning from Cornelia, Ga., the Tallulah Falls receiver, H. L. Brewer, confessed he didn't know how long the 57-mile line can continue operating.

"How long I can keep going I just don't know... so far I've been able to." At present, Mr. Brewer is complying with a federal court order issued last month by

BISHOP IS SPEAKER — Methodists Coming Here Sunday For Conference

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, a retired bishop of the Methodist church and perhaps the best-known American in India, will be the evening preacher here Sunday when the Franklin Methodist Church is host to the Waynesville District Conference.

Cet to begin at 3 o'clock, the conference is expected to attract nearly 250 pastors and representatives of the district's 35 churches, comprising 88 churches, and a membership numbering more than 11,700.

Dr. Frank C. Smathers, district superintendent, will preside at both the afternoon and evening sessions.

Supper arrangements at the high school cafeteria are being handled by the women of the host church under the leadership of Mrs. H. Bueck, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The evening session, including Bishop Pickett's talk, also will be held in the cafeteria where ample seating is available. Special music for the evening program will include a soprano solo by Mrs. Charles W. Gidney, accompanied by



Bishop Pickett

Mrs. L. J. Neal, organist-pianist of the church.

The afternoon report and planning session will be held at the church.

A son of Texas by birth and of Kentucky by boyhood residence and education, Bishop

Pickett has spent 46 years in missionary service in India—21 years as bishop.

He was the one American who was requested to help the new India in the writing of her national constitution.

One of his major contributions to the Christian cause in India was made more than 20 years ago when he studied the so-called "mass movements" to Christian Council and the Institute of Religious and Social Research, founded by John D. Rockefeller. The study still is an authority in the field of Christian approach to peoples on the outskirts of the Hindu faith.

Bishop Pickett was acquainted with Mahatma Gandhi for many years and is a friend and adviser of many of India's leaders. He is author of "Christian Mass Movements in India" and "Christ's Way to India's Heart."

Now living in Atlanta, he is serving as professor of missions at Boston University for one semester each year and is consultant on evangelism for the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church for the remainder of the year.

AT FRANKLIN HIGH — Cage Season Opens Tonight

Franklin High's 1960-61 basketball season opens tonight (Thursday) night in the local gymnasium with the lads and lassies taking on another Macon County high school, Nantahala.

The girls will make their debut at 7:30 and the boys game will follow. The admission will be 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

Lights are burning late in the gymnasium this week as the coaches, Mrs. Rose Corbin, and G. K. (Ike) Olson, ready their charges for the opening clash.

Mrs. Corbin gives her first team as Mary Lou Cabe, Jessie Carpenter, and Dorothy Stockton, forwards, and Janice Bowman, Jewel Fox, and Wanda Houston, guards. Alternating between the two positions will be Linda Leatherman.

Coach Olson is pinning his hopes on senior forwards Doug Baird, Wayne Justice, and David Simpson and senior guards Turner Bryson, Tex Corbin, Jim Franklin, and Ken Hall. Juniors slated for plenty of action are Ronnie Higdon, center, and guards Jim Williams and Arvil Holland. Sophomores include forwards Sonny

Burrell and Larry Cabe, center Doug Franklin, and guards John Swan and Jim Cabe.

Basketball League For Boys Slated

A Biddy Basketball League for boys is now being organized in the Franklin area under the sponsorship of the athletic committee of the Franklin Jaycees.

The chairman in charge, Robert W. Moore, this week said a nine-game schedule is now being worked out. Games will be played on Saturday afternoons.

Boys nine through eleven years are eligible to play. A boy who has celebrated his 12th birthday since August 1 is still eligible to play under the rules, Mr. Moore said.

Coaches of the teams will be Tommy Raby, Harold Henry, Ed Shatley, the Rev. Fred Guthrie, Genet Lloyd Stamey, and Bob Carpenter.

Crossed Fingers Permitted

Crossed fingers will be permissible Saturday in Asheville when a group of Maconians sits down for lunch in City Auditorium.

For at this luncheon, being sponsored by the W.N.C. Rural Community Development Council.

STORY TOLD The story of rural community development work and its social and economic impact on Macon County may be found inside this issue.

cil, the winners of the 1960 area rural contest will be announced.

Macon County's prize-winning Cowee community is one of 13 competing for some \$2,000 in prize money and the honor that goes with being numbered among the best communities in Western North Carolina.

A delegation of about 25, including Cowee's officers and extension service personnel, is expected to attend the luncheon.

Judges of the area contest visited Cowee last week.

Average Less Than Seven Cents Per Day For Residential Users

Fair Group To Elect Leaders

An election of officers will receive top billing Tuesday night when the Macon County Fair Association holds a planning session for the coming year.

The meeting, to which all officers and community and civic representatives are urged to attend, is set for 7:30 at the Agricultural Building.

Cecil Parker, of Cartoogechaye, is now serving as president.

An evaluation of the '60 county fair is slated, along with some advance planning for the '61 event.

'Stolen' Car Is Found

In a comedy of circumstance and red faces, Junior Pruitt has his "stolen" car back.

Saturday night, Mr. Pruitt, who works for Burrell Motor Company as night wrecker man, emerged from his apartment over the motor company and discovered his automobile missing. He had left it, as usual, keys in the ignition, out front. He alerted the police.

The "stolen" car was spotted at a skating rink. A young woman emerged from the rink and climbed in the car. Somewhat embarrassed by police she had this story to tell:

Her automobile was being worked on at Burrell's and she was told that a company car would be left out front for her use while it was being repaired. So, she simply drove off in Mr. Pruitt's car, thinking it was the one left for her.

Still Found By Deputies Saturday

A 25-gallon still was destroyed Saturday afternoon on the head of Matlock Creek by Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass and Deputy Van Frazier.

The officers found no whiskey at the still site, but destroyed about 220 gallons of mash. They said the still was not in operation at the time and no arrests were made.

Nantahala Power and Light Company today (Thursday) applied to the N. C. Utilities Commission for its first general rate increase in 30 years, one that will increase Nantahala's net income by approximately \$1,080,000 annually.

John M. Archer, Jr., Nantahala president, said the increase, applicable to all customers, will average out to slightly less than seven cents a day to residential customers and will improve the utility's net income by approximately \$460,000 a year.

Nantahala's president emphasized "that the request for a rate increase is independent of Nantahala's expressed intention to sell its power distribution facilities to Duke Power Company."

Long Delay He said Nantahala has delayed "too long" in seeking rate increases that would have afforded it the opportunity to come closer to earning a reasonable return on the value of its plant.

"However," he said, "We are still interested in transferring our distribution facilities to Duke because we believe that the future growth and interests of Western North Carolina would be best served by integrating the Nantahala system with another larger one capable of developing more economically additional firm power to meet the needs of the area."

The proposed sale of Nantahala's facilities has been hanging fire for more than a year.

Explaining that the increase being requested is the minimum now required by the company for maintaining its present service level, Mr. Archer said that even with the proposed increase the low rate of return on the value of the company's plant will make it difficult, if not impossible, to attract capital for investment in the future expansion of the utility system.

Still Lower

He also pointed out that even with the proposed increase, Nantahala's rates will still be lower than they were 30 years ago. During this period, the company has lowered its average rate to residential customers from 8.9 cents per kilowatt-hour to 1.67 cents per kilowatt-hour while the number of customers served has increased from approximately 400 to more than 14,000.

The low rates enjoyed by Nantahala's customers, he said, are among the lowest of any privately-owned utility in the U.S. Mr. Archer said they have been maintained despite construction of new facilities involving higher labor, material,

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The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Turner S. 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.

Table with columns for location (Franklin, Coweta, Highlands), date, and weather conditions (High, Low, Rain).



WOMEN OUTFIT A CHRISTMAS DOLL

A complete wardrobe for a Christmas doll has been made by home demonstration club women, who are shown working above. The doll will be sold and the money will be used for the special education class at Franklin School. Working on the doll are (L to R) Mrs. Fred Palmer, Cullasaja club, Mrs. Floyd Martin, Franklin club, Mrs. Fritchard Russell, Cullasaja club, Mrs. Mac Moffitt, Patton club, Mrs. W. N. Dairymple, Cartoogechaye club, and Mrs. Ralph Cassada, Watauga club, who is county clothing leader.