

## COUNTY AND 2 TOWNS TO GET SAFETY HONOR

Jones Coming Here From Raleigh To Present Certificates

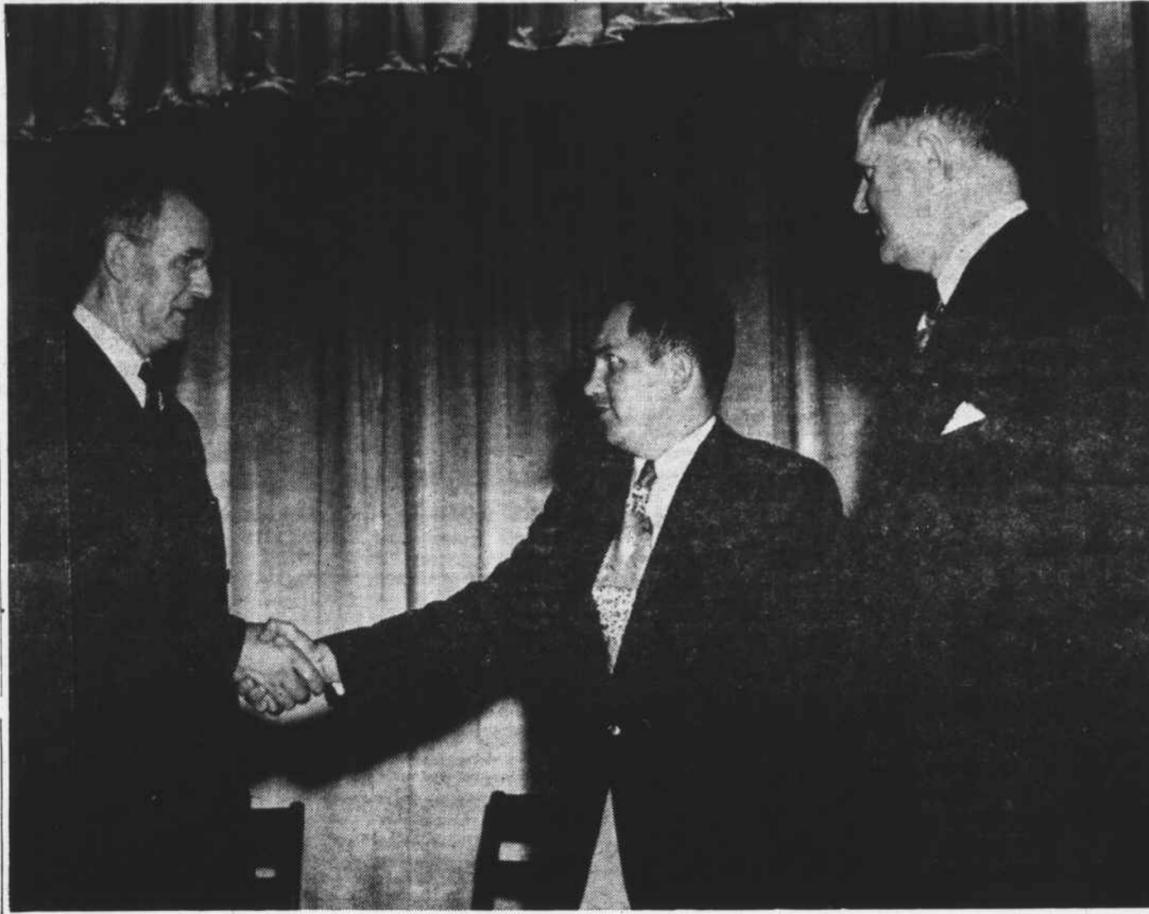
Macon County and the towns of Franklin and Highlands are to be honored for the outstanding highway safety record made in this county in 1950.

That year this county had no automobile fatalities, and it had the largest automobile registration of any North Carolina county with no fatalities.

The situation was called to the attention of H. D. (Tarvia) Jones, head of the State Highway commission's safety department, some time ago, and Mr. Jones announced this week that he will come to Franklin April 22 for a joint presentation of special certificates to Macon County, Franklin, and Highlands.

A public ceremony is planned, it is understood, but the program is yet to be worked out, and the hour for the ceremony to be set.

Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, of the board of county commissioners, and Mayors W. C. Burrell and W. H. Cobb, of Franklin and Highlands, respectively, are expected to meet shortly, possibly accompanied by members of their boards, to work out plans for the ceremony.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

**AT DEDICATION CEREMONY**—Congratulations Macon County! Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, left, state superintendent of public instruction, congratulates County School Board Chairman Bob S. Sloan, who accepted this county's seven new schools from Dr. Erwin at a dedication ceremony Tuesday afternoon of last week. Looking on is Macon School Supt. Holland McSwain. The Nantahala dedication climaxed a tour of the county's 11 schools by Gov. W. Kerr Scott and Dr. Erwin.

## Last Minute Items

**GREEN CALLOWAY DIES**  
Green C. Calloway, a farmer and native of Macon County, died Tuesday morning in a hospital here after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Ridgecrest Baptist church.

**BROGDEN SUCCUMBS**  
James Andrew Brogden, a well-known farmer in Macon and Swain counties, died Monday in a local hospital after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted at the Bryson City Methodist church today (Thursday) at 3 p. m.

**WILL GIVE OPERA**  
The Macon County unit of the N. C. Education association will sponsor an appearance of the Grass Roots Opera in Franklin May 2, it was announced yesterday.

**Cancer Fund Campaign Opens Here; Goal Is \$416**  
The annual American Cancer society fund drive got under way here Tuesday with the county's goal set at \$416—an increase of \$116 over last year. Explaining the distribution of funds, Mrs. Lester Conley, commander of the local A.C.S. chapter, said 60 per cent will be kept within the state for use in state and county projects; 25 per cent will go to the national research program; and 15 per cent to the national organization for education, service, campaign, and promotion. Pointing to the success of last year's drive, the local commander expressed confidence that Macon County will go over the top for the increased goal. Funds will be raised through the schools and various civic and business organizations, as in the past, Mrs. Conley said. She also announced that the home for needy cancer patients in Lumberton is now open, and she said application for admittance may be made by contacting her at her home on Harrison avenue, Franklin, or by telephoning 104.

**PLAN SALE**  
A food and grab bag sale, under the sponsorship of the W.S.C.S. of the Salem Methodist church, is scheduled for April 10 at 2 p. m. at the Cullasaja school, it has been announced.

## 201 Of 482 Families Have No Garbage Cans

### SILER SPEECH MEET WINNER

Robert Siler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Siler, of Franklin, was the county winner in a speaking contest sponsored annually by the North Carolina Banker's association and agricultural agencies.

Others placing in the county elimination, held Friday at Franklin High school, were Miss Mary Ann Killian, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian, second place; and Emory Crawford, son of Mrs. Gilmer L. Crawford, third. The speakers were awarded \$10, \$5, and \$5, respectively, by the Bank of Franklin.

The three contestants were the only entrants. Highlands school planned to send an entry, but the speaker was unable to attend, according to T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, who is in charge of arrangements locally.

Yesterday (Wednesday) young Siler represented Macon County in a sub-group contest here, in connection with county winners from Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Clay, and Graham. The three top winners in this elimination feature—as yet unannounced—are scheduled to compete in a district oratory contest in Waynesville tomorrow (Friday). The winner of this feature will advance to the state eliminations in Raleigh April 12, where a \$300 cash SEE NO. 2, PAGE 6

### Public Cooperation Asked So Collections Can Be Systematized

The town garbage truck here makes 482 stops weekly in the residential districts, and at 201 of those the families do not have garbage cans, a survey just made by Alderman Oscar Ledford revealed.

Mr. Ledford recently was appointed to study and reorganize garbage collection.

The reorganization already done has made it possible to eliminate one of the three men assigned to garbage collection, Mr. Ledford said, and he is now working on a collection schedule that will enable each family to know on what day the truck will pass. The alderman added that he believes the schedule can be so worked out that the entire residential collection work can be done the first three days of the week, so that the two men on the truck can be assigned to other town work the remainder of the week.

That will not be possible, however, he said, without the cooperation of citizens. It will not be possible, he explained, for the garbage truck to maintain a schedule unless the garbage is put out by the household on the proper day. Some times, he added, the garbage SEE NO. 3, PAGE 6

**P. T. A. TO MEET**  
A meeting of the Cartoogchaye Parent-Teacher association is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., it has been announced.

## 260 Attend Van Raalte 'Pin Party'

An estimated 260 persons attended the Franklin Van Raalte "Pin Party" at Cullasaja school Saturday night, an annual affair.

Twenty-five Van Raalters were presented service pins by E. W. Maebert, of Blue Ridge, Ga., southern plants manager.

A brief address was made by Dave Brody, of New York City, hosiery merchandising manager, and "nonsense" on the evening's program came under the quick tongue and wit of Frank Burkhead Brown, of Atlanta, Ga. N. L. Gilbert, of Blue Ridge, served as master of ceremonies. Those awarded service pins

Included: More than five years, Jeanette Elliot, Grace Rogers, Bernice McCracken, Dollie Angel, Betty Gregory, Mertis Long, Shirley Houston, Lola Fouts, Nell Welch, Dorothy Finney, and J. N. Blaine; more than one year, Christella Estes, Robert Swindell, Ralph Duvall, Edith Fritzgerald, Paul Holbrooks, Sally Gregory, Lillian Evans, Annis Kinsland, Hazel Shelton, Nellie McConnell, Wilma Roper, and Charles Seay.

Activities included Bingo, door prizes, and square dancing. The school was decorated and refreshments served by members of the Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association.

## Reece Again Heads Republican Party In Macon

George W. Reece was reelected county Republican chairman at an organizational meeting of the party here Tuesday night at the courthouse.

Guest speaker at the session was Hugh Monteith, Sylva attorney, who recently was nominated for congress at a district Republican convention here.

Another county meeting of the party is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the courthouse for the nomination of judges, a representative, and state senator.

Others elected to serve with Mr. Reece include Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Ed Carpenter, and W. L. McCoy, vice-chairmen, and Calvin Henson, secretary-treasurer.

## 186 Gallons Of Whiskey Poured Out

If "Frogdown Branch" ever aspired to reach "high" tide, opportunity was pecking at the door Monday morning.

Local officers dumped 186 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey into the small Franklin stream. The whiskey was found aboard a three-quarter ton truck in the Sealy community earlier that morning by Highway Patrolmen C. M. Byrd and Ed Bryson and Sheriff J. Harry Thomas. The truck's illegal cargo was camouflaged by bushel baskets and from all outward appearances the vehicle was a produce truck, officers said.

Charged with transporting SEE NO. 4, PAGE 12

## Lt. Horsley Tells Of Close Call —And Tight Friendships In Korea

Lt. James C. Horsley, Jr., of Franklin, who is cleaving the Korean "wide, blue yonder" in a P-51 Mustang, has a war story to tell—a story of a narrow escape he recently had, and a clear picture of the iron-bound friendship of American pilots as they carry the air war to the Communists.

Following is a portion of a letter recently received by the lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horsley:

## HEALTH MEET PLANNED HERE

A health work conference for Macon school teachers—featuring all phases of health connected with schools—is slated to be held tomorrow (Friday) at Franklin High school beginning at 2 p. m.

Several doctors and health authorities will assist in the program as consultants.

All schools in the western district have been invited to send representatives to the Macon County session, according to Jack Angel, program chairman.

The conference will get under way with a general assembly in the high school library, and "workshops" will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Following are the topics scheduled for discussion: Nutrition and School Lunch program; Mrs. Jessie D. Cane, home economics teacher, will be the discussion leader SEE NO. 5, PAGE 12

## Miss Higdon Wins Phi Beta Kappa Honor

Miss Julia Ann Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Higdon, of Franklin, recently was elected into Phi Beta Kappa, the highest national scholastic fraternity, by a faculty selection committee at Wake Forest college where she is a senior this year.

To become a member of the fraternity, a student must have a 2.3 average in all work, and at least a 2.5 average in all upper division work. A formal induction ceremony for new members will be held in the spring, according to a college announcement.

## List Negro School And Busses As Top Needs Of Schools

### Reeves Citizens' Group Will Urge Commissioners To Take Action

#### Again Named Commander Of V. F. W.

W. W. Reeves, Franklin hardware merchant, was elected to his second consecutive term as commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post Wednesday night of last week.

Elected to serve with the commander were Jack Ragan, senior vice-commander, J. E. Perry, Jr., junior vice-commander, C. Banks Finger, post advocate, J. G. "Speck" Murray, post quartermaster, the Rev. Robert D. Burnette, post chaplain, and George R. McSween, post surgeon.

Named as a three-year trustee was Frank W. Plyler, a past commander.

## 3 From Here Escape From Haywood Jail

Three prisoners recently moved from the Macon County jail to the Haywood county jail for safekeeping were among six who escaped from the Haywood jail Sunday night.

The three were identified as Jake B. and J. B. Hall, Jr., brothers, of Traveler's Rest, S. C., and Bennie Queen, a former Macon County resident.

Sunday's jail break was the first in the history of the 16-year-old Haywood jail, and the second for Queen, who saved his way out of the Macon jail February 7. He later was arrested in Detroit, Mich., and returned here to await trial on charges of abandonment and automobile theft.

Queen and the Hall brothers, both ex-convicts with lengthy records, were taken to the Haywood jail about the middle of February.

The Halls were arrested February 11 on the Georgia road (US 23), their small coupe loaded with guns and stolen goods. A companion, David Lee Overman, an escapee from a North Carolina prison camp, was taken to the Macon prison camp. All three were wanted for the robbery of a South Carolina store the week-end before they were apprehended here.

Two of the six escapees have been captured, according to local officers, leaving Queen, the Halls, and Jerry Smith, 27, of Balsam, still at large.

Sunday's break was made by cutting a hole in the wall of a bull pen shower, the prisoners lowering themselves three stories to the ground on a rope made from blankets, authorities said.

## Mrs. Shuler, Of Watauga, Dies, Aged 92

Mrs. Harriett Brendle Shuler, one of Macon County's oldest natives, died Wednesday morning of last week at her home in the Watauga community. Ninety-two years old, she had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted at the Watauga Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. Lee Crawford and the Rev. Joe Bishop. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Born in June, 1860, Mrs. Shuler was the daughter of John and Mrs. Amanda Ingram Brendle. A member of the Watauga church, she was married in 1880 to W. H. Shuler, who died in 1922.

Surviving are 92 descendants: a daughter, Mrs. Martha Coggin, of Franklin, Route 4; three sons, John, of St. Charles, Va., H. T., of Asheville, and Lon, of SEE NO. 6, PAGE 12

### Citizens' Group Will Urge Commissioners To Take Action

New school busses and a new Negro school for the 1952-53 school year are given top priority in a recommendation approved by the Macon County Citizens' Committee for Education.

The group's recommendation for the two "urgent" needs—suggesting that \$60,000 be made available either from the county debt service surplus or an increase in the tax rate—is scheduled to be presented to the board of county commissioners at a board meeting Monday.

Endorsements of the citizens' committee's \$201,000 school-need report, by member organizations of the citizens' group, also will be turned over to the commissioners. The report, after being endorsed by the county board of education, was placed with the county commissioners several weeks ago.

Decision to place new school busses and construction of a new Negro school foremost among needs followed lengthy discussion at a meeting of the citizens' committee Monday night.

Present at the session as invited guests were Bob S. Sloan, chairman of the county board of education, and Board members J. C. Sorrells and W. E. Gibson. According to officers of the citizens' organization, an invitation was sent to the members of the board of county commissioners, but that three-man board was not represented.

Placed third in the committee's recommendation was janitorial supplies. It was brought out at the meeting that additional supplies are needed to keep the new school buildings clean.

"The transportation system will be even worse next year than now," County School Supt. Holland McSwain told the group during the discussion of more busses for the county fleet. W. G. Crawford, principal at East Franklin elementary, and Lions club representative on the citizens' committee, pointed out that a number of children arrive at his school as early as 7:30 a. m., and because of a shortage of busses, frequently do not leave for home in the afternoon before 4:10.

"That isn't very easy on a first grader," Mr. Crawford declared.

Mr. Sloan suggested a method to raise funds that "will not increase the tax rate one penny". He pointed out that the county has more than \$100,000 in debt service surplus, and "although I'm told legally you can't spend it", the school board chairman said, the county could meet next year's debt service obligation from surplus, and then take an amount of tax receipts needed for the schools and put it in school capital outlay.

Mr. Sloan explained that this method was used by the county to provide \$60,000 to complete this county's new school building. SEE NO. 7, PAGE 12

Mrs. A. B. Slagle has returned to her home, following a visit with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Butler, in Aynor, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinton Brookshire, of Aiken, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brookshire.

## The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Covetta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	64	34	—
Thursday	62	32	—
Friday	59	33	—
Saturday	66	22	—
Sunday	63	28	—
Monday	68	46	13
Tuesday	75	50	28
Wednesday	68	41	15

Franklin Rainfall  
(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVAS)  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, none; Monday, .04; Tuesday, .06; Wednesday, .10.