

## Wins Third Place In Field Day Events

Franklin High School  
Takes 22 Firsts  
At Cullowhee

Franklin High school was awarded third place in the 1952 High School Field day at Western Carolina Teachers college Friday and Saturday—amassing 22 first places, six seconds, and seven thirds.

Another Macon high school, Highlands, although entered only in a few divisions, nevertheless collected one first place, three seconds, and three thirds.

The annual two-day event drew an estimated 1,500 W. N. C. high school students.

Franklin High, which placed second in last year's field day, was outstanding in the fields of home economics, science, and music. The high school band was awarded second place, first going to Waynesville High.

In the home economics division, each school was allowed only three entries and Franklin's three participants took six first places. Miss Jo Ann Henderson placed first in the school dress feature, first and second phase; Miss Luetta Browning received first place in the evening dress and linen dress events; and Miss Frankabelle Gibson was awarded two firsts in the mother-daughter features. Judging was based on workmanship and modeling.

Those receiving first places in the science division were Russell McKelvey, physics; Ray Moses, chemistry; Holland McSwain, Jr., biology; and Robert (Bud) Siler, general science.

First place also went to the science class exhibit, a plaster relief map of the Coweeta Hydrologic laboratory. William Kinsland received second place in the general science event.

In addition to the Franklin band winning second place in the music field, Miss Audrey Hays won first place for a soprano solo; Miss Hays and Miss Libby Murray, first place, vocal duet; Miss Hays, Miss Murray, and Miss Norma Jean Welch, first place, vocal trio; and Richard Dryman, Miss Murray, Miss Welch, and Miss Becky Murray, first place, mixed quartet.

First places also were awarded to the boys' and girls' glee clubs.

Second places went to the boys' quartet, the mixed chorus, and to Miss Ann Hays and Miss Murray for a piano duet. An alto solo by Miss Betty Jean McCall won third place.

In the business education division, Miss Clara Jo Waters tied for first place in stenography and Miss Georgia Nell McDonald placed third in book-keeping.

History tests found Paul Killian in first place in current affairs and Paul Sorrells third in world history. The school

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## NEW RANGER DISTRICT SET FOR FOREST

Will Be Established In  
June; Change Old  
Boundaries

A new ranger district—to be named Highlands—will be established in the Nantahala National forest on June 8, Supervisor E. W. Renshaw announced this week.

The new district will embrace the southeast portion of Macon County, all of Jackson County, and the part of Transylvania County lying within the Nantahalas. Highlands has been temporarily selected as headquarters by the district since it is centrally located as to major portion of national forest land and work projects, the supervisor said.

Boundaries of the three existing ranger districts have been revised, Mr. Renshaw explained. The boundary of the present Wayah district has been relocated to include the balance of Macon County and that portion of Swain County south and east of the Nantahala river. The Nantahala district, to be renamed Cheoah, will embrace all of Graham County and that portion of Swain County north and west of the Nantahala river. The Tusquitee district will embrace

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## HIGH SCHOOL BANQUET SET FOR SATURDAY

A surprise is in store for those attending the annual Franklin High school Junior-Senior banquet Saturday night at the school cafeteria.

When queried this week about the program, those in charge suppressed any information, explaining that "the surprise makes it more fun."

This much is known. The Durham Hi-Hatters, an 18-piece orchestra, will play for the dance following the banquet. County School Supt. Holland McSwain, Mrs. Weimar Jones, district P. T. A. director, and members of the county board of education will be special guests.

The Hi-Hatters also will play for a dance tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock at the East Franklin school under the sponsorship of the Franklin band.

## H. D. CLUBS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL WEEK WEDNESDAY

Macon County's 20 home demonstration clubs plan to celebrate National Home Demonstration week (April 27 to May 3) with a Spring Federation at the East Franklin school on Wednesday, Mrs. Ralph Bradley, president of the county H. D. council, announced Friday.

Highlight of the celebration, slated for 2 p. m., will be a Spring fashion show, featuring some 75 home demonstration club women modeling clothes they have made. The public is invited to attend.

A musical program will introduce to the public for the first time, the newly-organized Macon County chorus, composed of club women and directed by Mrs. Orval Murray, of Franklin.

Narrator at the fashion show will be Mrs. Graham Grindstaff, of the Cullasaja club, county clothing leader. Judges will be Mrs. Velma Beam Moore, Clay County home agent, Mrs. Carolyn P. Nail, home economics teacher at the Highlands school, and Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, home economics instructor at Franklin High school.

The program committee is composed of Mrs. Grindstaff, Mrs. Jack Cansler, of the Iotia club, Mrs. Robert Bell, of the Mulberry club, and Mrs. D. L.

Bradley, of the Oak Grove club.

Features of the style show will include "Fashions for the Home", "From Sacks to Garments", "Fashions for Tots", "Sports Clothes", "Street Clothes", "Best Dresses", Tailored Coats and Suits, and "Evening Dresses".

Last year's spring fashion show, held at the Macon theatre, drew a capacity crowd.

## Summer Quits As Principal At Highlands

O. F. Summer has resigned as principal of the Highlands school, effective at the end of this school year, it was learned yesterday.

Mr. Summer, who has served as Highlands principal a total of 21 years, plans to devote his full time to business.

His resignation was submitted to the Highlands school committee and County Supt. Holland McSwain.



At a public ceremony yesterday (Wednesday) morning at the Agricultural building, Macon County was honored for being one of the top 10 counties in the state in last year's Green Pastures campaign. And 62 farmers, who were responsible for the county's achievements, were singularly honored with special plaques designating their farms as Green Pasture honor farms. Miss Jo Ann Hopkins, secretary to the register of deeds, is shown above admiring one of the special plaques. Yesterday's ceremony featured a flag raising ceremony and talks by a number of agricultural officials, in addition to the presentation of plaques.

## Bennie Queen, Jail Breaker, Is Back Again

Jail-breaking Bennie Queen is back behind bars again, apparently still none the wiser although he has twice been recaptured in almost the same place.

Queen, a two-time escapee, invariably heads for Detroit, Mich., where a girl friend is reportedly living. The former Macon County resident sawed out of the county jail here February 7 and was picked up by Detroit officers several days later near the home of the reported girl friend. Returned here, the wily jail-breaker was taken to the Waynesville (Haywood County) jail for safekeeping. However, March 29, Queen and five other prisoners broke out of that jail, constituting the first jail break in the

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## P. T. A. GETS GLIMPSE OF SCHOOL WORK

Demonstrations Presented  
By Home Economics,  
F. F. A. Pupils

Parents and teachers got a glimpse of some of the work being done at the high school here at Monday evening's Franklin P. T. A. meeting, when home economics and vocational agriculture students presented a demonstration program.

Thirty-five girls, who are studying sewing under Mrs. T. J. O'Neil, modeled costumes they had made. In most cases, the garments shown were the first the girls had made.

A group studying cooking under Mrs. Jessie Lee Cabe presented a skit emphasizing bal-

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## Fire Destroys Small Dwelling At Cullasaja

Fire gutted a small two-room house in the Cullasaja community, about four miles from Franklin, early Friday afternoon as the local fire department fought to keep the flames from spreading to near-by residences.

Origin of the fire was not determined. The loss—estimated at \$3,000—was not covered by insurance, according to Gordon Gibson, owner.

Firemen, hampered by the distance involved, were unable to check the blaze and played the emergency fire truck water supply on houses near the burning structure. Paint was blistered and shingles melted on Mr. Gibson's home, about 35 feet from the fire.

The small house had been rented by miners for the season, the owner said, but no one was in it at the time.



Deputy Sheriff Calvin Roland looks over a 25-gallon still found in the Walnut Creek section and immediately after the sound of swinging axes pronounced its death. The arrow points to the lip of the unit where the copper condenser, a valuable piece of equipment for making whiskey, fit snugly.

## The Death Of A Still Is Painless; Trying To Locate The Site Isn't!

By J. P. BRADY

The death of a still is easy and painless—trying to locate one is another matter.

Ferretting out illegal whiskey stills in the hills of Macon County "must be so fascinating," remarked a young lady a couple of days ago, in the course of conversation.

Advice for this Week: If you think as the young lady does, it is respectfully suggested that you step back about two paces

and bring the picture into sharper focus.

This reporter, admittedly thinking that still hunting would be a lot of fun recently made three still-hunting junkets, as a casual observer, with Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Deputies Newell Pendergrass and Calvin Roland. All three hunts inside of a week, with the result that:

Item: A 25-gallon still in the Walnut Creek section died painlessly, its 325 gallons of mash trickling sluggishly down the

hillside from smashed barrels.

Item: Entered the Buck Creek section on a 10-mile still hunting expedition with a five-pound camera and the vigorous constitution of a young colt. Emerged several hours later with a camera that felt like it weighed in the neighborhood of five tons, a pair of oh-so sore feet, and a nutshell knowledge of the general topography in that section of the county.

Item: Plunged back into the Walnut Creek section. Emerged

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## 12 Enter In Board Race

### BLOODMOBILE VISIT SLATED FOR NEXT WEEK

Unit Sponsored By VFW;  
Macon's Quota Set  
At 150 Pints

A Bloodmobile from the regional American Red Cross blood center in Asheville is scheduled to be in Franklin next Thursday (May 1) at the Presbyterian church. It has been announced.

As in the past, the mobile blood unit's appearance here will be sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the post auxiliary. Macon's quota for the visit has been set at 150 pints, according to Mrs. J. Ward Long, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter. Hours will be 2 to 7 p. m.

Last year the unit in five visits collected a total of 496 pints of life-giving blood from Maconians, all earmarked for wounded veterans of the Korean war.

Refreshments will be served donors during the afternoon by members of the post auxiliary, it was said.

### GRASS ROOTS OPERA COMING HERE IN MAY

Plan Two Performances  
Under Sponsorship  
Of Local NCEA

Children as well as adults will have an opportunity to see Mozart's comic opera, "School for Lovers", scheduled for presentation here May 2 by the Grass Roots Opera company of the N. C. Federation of Music clubs.

Two performances are planned here at the East Franklin school—one at 1:30 p. m. for school children, another at 8 o'clock for adults.

The opera company is being sponsored here by the Macon County unit of the N. C. Education association and its appearance here will mark the 40th time the opera has been presented in as many different cities and towns in the state.

According to Robert Bird, director, the Grass Roots company is doing for ambitious vocalists what the N. C. Symphony is doing for the ambitious instrumentalists of the state.

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## WILL HONOR MACON COUNTY FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY RECORD

"Macon County's automobile safety record topped all of North Carolina's 99 other counties from January to September (1950) of this year, thereby earning this county the right to the title, 'safest county in the state'."

Clipped from the December 11, 1950 issue of The Press, the above, at the time, called attention to the county's almost phenomenal safety record—phenomenal in the sense that in this day and age, few counties are able to keep death from the highways.

Next month the State Highway commission's safety division will acknowledge Macon's achievement.

At a ceremony here May 6 (plans for which will be announced later), H. D. (Tarvia) Jones, of Raleigh, engineer-director of highway safety in the state, will present safety awards to Macon County and its two towns, Franklin and Highlands, for the 1950 record.

The appearance here of Mr. Jones will, in a way, be a pat on the back for the county and its towns. Ordinarily, only the larger towns and cities in the state are recognized for outstanding highway safety and even then it is the general policy for a field man with the

### Republican Candidates File For Surveyor, Representative

With 12 candidates in the running, including two women, the race for nomination to the five-man county board of education in the Democratic primary May 31 has all the earmarks of becoming a hotly contested one.

Interest locally will center around the school board race since only two other places on the party ticket will be filled, those of representative and county surveyor, neither which is contested. The filing deadline was Saturday.

Filing for nomination to the school board were incumbents, J. C. Sorrells and Charles W. Nolen, Claude W. Cabe, of Otto, Allen A. Siler, of Franklin, W. S. Calhoun, of Stiles, Neville Bryson, of Highlands, Calvin Roland, of Franklin, Charles A. Jacobs, of Nantahala, John M. Archer, Jr., of Franklin, James R. Norris, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, Mrs. Joseph W. Fouts, of Franklin, and Mrs. Roy Phillips, of Highlands.

C. Tom Bryson, of Cullasaja, Macon's representative to the 1951 general assembly, filed Saturday after previously announcing his intention of running again. Also filing for the house seat was Republican Water Dean, former Macon deputy sheriff.

Incumbent Lake R. Ledbetter filed for reelection to the county surveyor post. James Denman, of Franklin, was the Republican choice to oppose the incumbent.

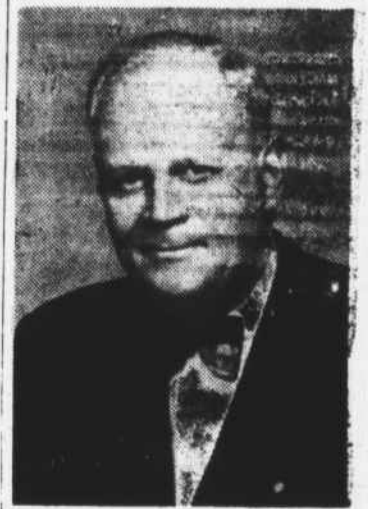
Selection of a state senator rests with Graham county in this election year, under provisions of an act of the 1941 general assembly calling for the rotation of senators in the 33rd district, which embraces Graham, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, and Clay counties. The bill introduced by the Clay county representative at the 1951 session,

Seeking nomination in the Graham senatorial race are R. B. (Jack) Morphew, who represented his county for three terms in the state legislature and the 33rd district in the state senate in 1939, Claude Deyton, and Dr. J. H. Crawford, a former representative.

Filing locally for the Graham seat, since the rotation bill applies only to Democrats, was Republican E. J. (Ed) Carpenter, of Franklin, a former principal at Cowee school, now engaged in the insurance business.

In the education board race, both of the incumbents, Mr.

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H. D. (TARVIA) JONES  
engineer-director will make the presentations here!

This county's 1950 safety record was one of justifiable pride, but of even more significance is the fact that Macon almost went through 1951 without a highway fatality.

In November of last year, however, a head-on collision be-

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