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It is not enough for a public official to be merely smart. Hitler and Mussolini were smart—and look where they led their peoples.

Macon Highway Safety

Record for 1948 to Date

(From State Highway Patrol records)

KILLED 2
INJURED 9

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OFFICIAL COUNT PUTS SCOTT AT TOP OF TICKET

Macon Voters Approved Only One Of Four Amendments

W. Kerr Scott, who was elected governor of North Carolina in last Tuesday's election, led the victorious Democratic ticket with a plurality of 1,003, official totals, as announced by the county board of elections, show.

Carl S. Slagle, the Democrats' nominee for representative from this county, received the second highest vote, winning by a margin of 891.

President Truman, though he carried this county with a plurality of 397, trailed the Democratic ticket here. Roosevelt carried the county in 1944 by a margin of 345.

The board of elections met last Thursday, canvassed the returns from the 12 precincts, and announced the official results.

Mr. Scott received a vote of 3,170, as compared with 2,167 for George M. Pritchard, his

Republican opponent. Miss Mary Price, Progressive candidate for governor, received the votes of four Macon County persons.

Mr. Slagle, second high man on the ticket, was less than 100 votes behind Scott. He received 3,077, while John Ferguson, the Republican nominee, got 2,186.

Of the four proposed amendments to the state constitution, Macon County voters favored only one—to determine the result of special elections by a majority of the vote cast, rather than having to "vote against the registration." A total of 1,124 voted for that amendment, and 1,072 against. The amendments to increase the salaries of legislators, to remove the debt limitation, and to remove the 15-cent tax limit, were snowed under here by majorities from 500 to 1,400.

The total vote cast was about the same as in the 1944 election. At that time 5,365 votes were cast for President, as compared with 5,309 this year, while 5,314 were cast in the governor's race four years ago, as compared with 5,341 last week.

TRANSFERRED HERE

Carroll, U. S. Forest Service employe, has been transferred from Cleveland, Tenn., to duty in Franklin.

DO YOU REMEMBER ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mitch Mozely, a black negro, aged about 22 years, was taken from the jail here Monday night at 8:30 o'clock by an infuriated mob, and carried to the iron bridge and hanged, for breaking into two houses Sunday night and attempting to commit the most heinous crime known.

25 YEARS AGO

On August 11, 1923, the pupils of the Cartoogechaye school met and organized the Cartoogechaye Literary Society. The following officers were elected: President, Louise Setser; vice president, Addie Crawford; secretary, Elizabeth Slagle; editor of society paper, Mary Enloe; assistant editor, Carolyn Nolen; program committee, Flora Robinson, Bertha Southards, and Eugene Crawford.

10 YEARS AGO

At a called meeting of the town held last Friday night, November 4, George B. Patton tendered his resignation as mayor of Franklin and Guy L. Houk elected to succeed him. Mr. Houk will serve for the unexpired term which ends in May, 1939.

2 Unhurt As Truck Hits Home, Pushes It Off Foundation

A mother and infant were unhurt when a truck Tuesday struck a three-room house, knocked it off the wooden pillars on which it stood, and left it, standing at a crazy angle, several feet away.

The house, home of a Vinson family, stood at the intersection of the Georgia highway and the Mulberry road. Mrs. Vinson, it was said, was sitting on the bed feeding the baby at the time.

Earl Angel, driver of the truck, told Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., that his steering gear came loose. He agreed to pay for the damages which included demolition of the front porch. The family, meanwhile, moved to the home of Mrs. Vinson's mother.

The accident occurred about 8:15 a. m.

LIST DONORS TO STADIUM HERE

Only \$100 Now Lacking On \$3,000 Athletic Field Project

In its recently completed stadium, the school here has a project that normally would have cost approximately \$3,000, it was estimated this week as the committee in charge prepared its final report on contributions and expenditures.

The stadium, which has a seating capacity of more than 500, actually cost the taxpayers nothing.

An estimated \$2,000 was contributed in materials, use of equipment, and labor, and the actual expenditure in money was thus kept to a total of less than \$1,000—\$840.24. Of this amount, all but \$100 has been raised by private subscription. R. R. Gaines, chairman of the committee in charge, announced.

The committee hopes to raise the funds to take care of this \$100 deficit within the next week or 10 days, and asked that persons who wish to make contributions mail or take them to Grover Jamison, Jr., at the Bank of Franklin.

The project was initiated and completed under the auspices of a committee made up of representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club. Immediate start on the work was made possible by an advance of \$500 made by the V. F. W. post from its treasury. Of the total cash expenditures, \$447.91 was for materials and \$392.31 for labor.

Contributors of materials, etc., Mr. Gaines said, included C. S. Brown, who gave the use of a concrete mixer and the time of a man to operate it; Stewart's Esso station, who gave the gas to operate the mixer; Burrell Motor company which gave the use of two trucks and the time of drivers to haul the sand and gravel, requiring about a week's time; Charlie Shields, who gave a discount on the sand; the Nantahala Talc company, which provided the rock at about half price; Zickgraf Hardware company, which donated all the lumber for the forms and seats; the Franklin Hardware company, which hauled the lumber without charge; Fred A. Moore, who provided earth-moving equipment for the grading; and E. J. Whitmire and his FFA boys, who helped in pouring the concrete.

The largest cash contributions came from veterans and civic organizations. The V. F. W. gave \$118.03 from its treasury and its share of the proceeds from the recent benefit air show; the Chamber of Commerce and Lions club gave their shares of the air show proceeds; and the Lions club donated \$100 from its treasury.

Other donations, ranging from \$2 to \$25 came from individuals as follows:

R. E. McKelvey, Hal Allen, W. W. Sloan, Bob Sloan, Norman Blaine, J. S. Conley, T. H. Fagg, Will Waldrup, Lee Gurfey, Grover Jamison, Jr., George Dean, Ed Whitaker, Harold Enloe, Pritchard Smith, Jr., John Kusterer, J. L. West, R. E.

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MORE BOYS OUT FOR FOOTBALL AFTER MEETING

Will Meet Bryson City In Season's Final Home Game

Following a slump, school athletics here this week appeared to be on the up and up again.

Interest in the future of athletics at the Franklin school and the development of an all-around physical education program seemed to be at a low point among students last week. There were only 17 boys out for football and three of these were suffering from injuries and could not take part in practice.

A meeting of athletic and school officials, interested citizens, and all the boys in the high school were called by W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin high school, to discuss the matter.

Talks were made by G. L. Houk, county superintendent of schools, and John M. Archer, Jr., Frank Henry, E. J. Whitmire, W. W. Sloan, Harry Thomas, Charlie Sutton, R. S. Jones, interested citizens, explaining the situation and urging that all students take a more active interest in the development of the athletic program. It was pointed out that, for the first time, the school now has a full-time athletic director and that the chief purpose is not to win games but to create interest in athletic competition.

Following this meeting, a large number of boys, some of whom had quit the squad this year came back out for the football squad.

First evidence of show of new spirit by the football squad was at the game this past Friday with Liberty, S. C.

While completely outclassed, the local boys looked better in losing by a 42 to 9 score than they have at any time this year. Local football fans, who followed the team to South Carolina feel that "Nink" Henry played one of the best games of his two years of high school football. Other standouts in the light spirited Panther eleven were Thomas, Pattillo, and Shields, a new comer to the team.

Next Wednesday Franklin plays Bryson City on the local field. The evening before the game it is planned to have a pep rally at the school.

Coach Milburn Atkins said this week that while Bryson City is rated a much better ball team than Franklin, he be-

lieves they can win.

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Situation On Health Work Is Unchanged

The situation with reference to funds for the local health department yesterday remained unchanged.

A conference between Dr. M. B. H. Michal, district health officer, and members of the board of county commissioners, which had been planned for the latter part of last week, failed to materialize.

Meanwhile, Dr. Michal discussed the department's problem in a talk at Monday night's meeting of the Franklin Lions club. The club took no action on the matter.

The district health department asked this county to appropriate \$5,500 as its share of the district's operating costs for this year, instead of \$4,000, the amount that was appropriated last year. The commissioners, who set up \$4,000 in the budget for the health department, said the additional funds were not available, and cited the constitutional 15-cent tax limit for operating expenses.

While district health department officials have said that local health service would have to be drastically curtailed or dropped altogether without the larger amount, assurances have been received from State Board of Health officials in Raleigh that Macon County will receive whatever health services the \$4,000 will pay for.

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Macon Girl, Boy Win Scholarships For Best Projects In District

Miss Ann Teague and Jerry Potts, Macon County 4-H club members, last week were declared five-county district winners in the better methods electric contest, and were awarded scholarships of \$100 each to the college of their choice by the Nantahala Power and Light company.

They previously had been announced as Macon County winners, and for that were given a free trip to Raleigh for the better methods electric congress there November 1 and 2.

The contests throughout the state were sponsored by electric companies, and were conducted by the N. C. State college extension service. The Nantahala Power and Light company sponsored the contests in Macon, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, and Jackson counties.

Each company presented one boy and one girl with a \$100 scholarship, and one boy and

one girl in the territory of each of the sponsoring electric companies received a \$50 gold watch as second place winners. In addition to the major awards, county winners were given certificates by their power companies and gold medals by the Westinghouse company.

Miss Dorothy Shields and Devero Martin, both of Cherokee County, won the gold watches as second place winners in this territory.

Miss Teague, 14-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Teague, of Prentiss, won by completing a project of sewing with electricity, showing time and energy that could be saved that way.

Young Potts, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Potts, of Cullasaja, won his scholarship by showing the time and energy to be saved, as well as the financial gain, by installation of a milk cooling system at the dairy barn.

Launch Drive For Members Of Symphony

The campaign to bring the Little Symphony orchestra to Franklin again this season get under way this week, and Wednesday workers already had reported a number of \$5 memberships, several for \$25, and one for a larger sum, in addition to the \$2 general memberships.

It is necessary to raise \$750 (plus federal tax) in memberships to bring the orchestra here for the two performances—a free concert in the afternoon for Macon County school children, and one in the evening for Symphony Society members.

The campaign for members is to be held well ahead of time for the orchestra to come here, Miss Laura M. Jones, county chairman, explained, because it is necessary for the orchestra to know to which towns it is going, so that it can make up its schedule.

Miss Jones added that the response and cooperation she and members of the county executive committee have received has been "both encouraging and gratifying."

A membership, she pointed out, is not just an admission ticket to a concert—it is a membership in a worth-while state organization, and a way of bringing good music, without charge, to Macon County school children, "an important part of their education."

Collins Irvin, business representative of the Symphony Society, conferred with members of the executive committee here Tuesday night, and at that meeting arrangements were worked out to send a letter from Chapel Hill to every person who joined the society last year. Persons who already have joined when they receive their copy of the letter are asked to disregard it.

2 Meetings Next Week Scheduled By Presbyterians

Two meetings will be held by members of the Franklin Presbyterian church next week, according to an announcement by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor.

Sunday night the annual program, presented to the church each year by the young people's organization, will be given, and all members of the church are urged to attend. The program will start at 7:30 p. m.

The home mission study program for the entire church membership will be held Wednesday evening, November 17, at 7:30. The book to be taken up at this meeting is "On Our Doorstep." Mrs. Ross Zachary will direct the study session.

P. T. A. Family Supper Set For Tomorrow Night

The Franklin P. T. A.'s "Family Supper" benefit program tomorrow (Friday) night will get under way at 6 o'clock. In addition to the cafeteria-style supper, the evenings program will include cake walks and music. All proceeds will go to the work of the P. T. A.

Hallowe'en Carnival At Otto Grosses \$382

The gross receipts of the Otto school Hallowe'en carnival amounted to \$382.45 according to E. G. Crawford, principal. He added that the amount cleared at the event will be announced at a later date, and that the money raised will be used to develop the physical education program and for the work of the parent-teacher association.

BERN GARLAND BROUGHT BACK TO FACE TRIAL

Robbery Case To Come Up At December Court Term

Bern Garland, one of two men who escaped from the Bryson City jail just before they were to have gone on trial here in connection with the robbery of several Highlands business houses, will be tried at the term of superior court opening here December 6, it was announced this week.

Garland was picked up several months ago in Cincinnati, his capture having followed his attempt to telephone his wife, who was held in the Franklin jail.

From Cincinnati, he was taken to Nashville, Tenn., and the federal government last week released him to North Carolina officers for trial here. Sgt. T. A. Sandlin and Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., brought him to North Carolina, and last Wednesday night placed him in the Haywood county jail at Waynesville.

He faces trial for possession of burglary tools and breaking, entering, and robbing three Highlands places of business.

He and Floyd L. Phillips, alias James Floyd Philpott, and their wives were arrested by officers here last July 27. The Highlands robberies had occurred July 10.

Phillips, who is said to have a long criminal record, is still at large. The wives of the two men have been released.

Garland and Phillips escaped from the Bryson City jail, where that had been taken for safekeeping, August 21, by moving a commode in their second floor cell, sawing three bars from a window on another floor, and letting themselves down with blankets tied together.

Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, will preside at the December term of Macon Superior court.

A jury list for the term will be drawn by the board of county commissioners at its meeting Monday.

School Broken Into But Nothing Taken

Someone who broke into the Cowee school Sunday afternoon or evening left considerable work for the janitor, but apparently took nothing from the school, Principal E. J. Carpenter reported. Chalk was thrown over the floor, books tossed about, and other school equipment misplaced, Mr. Carpenter said. Entry apparently was gained by picking the lock on the front door, he explained.

Higdonville Defeats Otto In Basketball

Higdonville girls' and boys' basket ball teams defeated the Otto boys' and girls' teams in two games at the Otto school last Friday. The Higdonville boys won by a score of 6 to 3, while the girls defeated the Otto team by a 14 to 5 score.

GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA
Richard Slagle left last Thursday for Maracay, Venezuela, where he has accepted a position with an engineering firm.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perkins and Dr. J. W. Kahn attended the performance given by Mariemma, noted Spanish dancer, at the Asheville auditorium, Thursday night.

Mrs. George Bulgin is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Wilson, in Atlanta. She expects to be away several weeks.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	63	53	4.37
Thursday	73	45	T*
Friday	70	51	.80
Saturday	68	50	2.36
Sunday	70	43	.03
Monday	66	30	.00
Tuesday	61	41	.02
Wednesday	52	.33