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PHONE CONCERN This County Tops State **IS AUTHORIZED RAISE RATES** TO

N. C. Utility Body Grants \$8,000 Increase; May **Allow More Later**

The Western Carolina Telephone company, with head-quarters in Franklin, last week was given authority by the N. C. es commission to increase its rates

Pointing out that it had no: had a rate increa e since 1927. the local concern asked permission to so increase rates as to boost its annual gross in-bles than the other six councome by \$22,618, on a basis of ties. present facilities and business.

The Utilities commission, however, authorized increases . at this. time to provide additional total gross income of only \$8,000. In announcing its decision, the in announcing its decision, the with the next inglicit commission said further in-creases are likely as the local company completes its expan-

In the light of that state-ment, R. E. McKelvey, the comhe did not know how the \$8,000 increase is to be distributed, Bushe La That Arrow whether over all of the exchanges the company serves in this state, or only among those where the plants have been modernized. He was in Raleigh yesterday to confer with offic-lals of the commission.

Mr. McKelvey explained that, in seeking the \$22,618 increase, his company submitted a breaked this week-an unusual rec-ord, considering that one deer down of proposed increases in rates. With a smaller increase than that sought, he said, he did not know just which rates would be increased, or how much.

The firm serves eight communities - Franklin, Highlands, Sylva, Cullowhee, Cashiers, Bryson City, Cherokee, and Hayesville-in this state.

It also serves Clayton, in Georgia, and has filed with Georgia authorities a request for authority to increase rates at Clayton sufficiently to bring in an additional \$3,358.

PMA Farmers Will Ballot For Officials

Community and county com-mitteemen to serve on the Production Management Administration program here in 1951 will be elected today (Thursday) and tomorrow.

Robert Fulton, chairman of the committee, this week asked all farmers eligible to vote to turn out for today's balloting.

Polls will be open from 9 a.

Macon county's automobile | reporting no fatalities, Mitchell, safety record topped all of with 2,950 vehicles. North Carolina's 99 other coun- Other counties re-Other counties reporting no

club was made.

with the next highest county

Bucks In That Area

In Six Days

tahala forest officia's announc-

for each 10 hunters has been

This year is the first time.

however, the Wayah area has

ficials pointed out, and that

Pictured above is a 200-

the average in past hunts.

ties from January through Sep-tember of this year, thereby Gates, with a registration of earning this county the right to the tile, "safest county in the state." Mean of the period were Gates, with a registration of 2,678; Jones, with 2,317; Hyde, wi h 1,070; Tyrrell, with 910; and Clay with 848. state.") Macon's record came to light Macon's record came to light after a comparative analysis of olina Motor c'ub last week statistics from the North Car- showed that Macon county, for

o'ina Department of Motor Ve- the nine-months period, had 45 hicles and the Carolina Mo or highway accidents, in which 25 Macon and six other counties killed. in the state reported no fatals. For the whole of North Caro-lties for the nine-months pe- lina, up to October 1, 660 per-riod, but Macon is "safest" by sons were killed and 8,701 were virtue of having more automo- injured as a result of 19,601 re-

In Auto Safety Record

por ed accidents. As compared with the corre-A motor vehicle registration estimate, made by the depart-totals represent an increase of ment of motor vehicles, showed nine per cent in deaths, 27



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Combine To Present Music Program

Franklin's annual Ch istmas cantata will be held Sunday night at 8 o'c'ock at he Methodist church here, and will fea-ture the combined choirs of

ing "The Music of Bethlehem," it was announced this week. The cantata is under the direction of S. F. Beck, Franklin school band director, and Mrs Henry W. Cabe will be the

ian, Methodist, and Episcopal that this county has 3,080 reg- per cent in reported injuries, churches will blend their voice istered vehicles, as compared and 34 per cent in total re- in the cantata, which has been in the cantata, which has been popular Christmas event in

Frank'in for a number of years As in the past, a capacity audience is expected to attend. Members of the combined

Boys, Girls choir are: Sopranos; Mrs. E. C. Harmon,

> Gilmer L. Crawford, Mrs. Mar-garet M. Cooper, Mrs. C. N Dowdle, Mrs. Hyldah Shepherd, and the Misses Rebecca Murray, Esther Wallace, Nancy Jane McCollum, Carolyn Nothstein, Laura Lyle, Betty Lou Constance, Wilma Renshaw, Joan Wilhide, and Betty Sharitz:

wildlife management area dur- boy and girl teams, 37 to 23, ing the two three-day hunts in and 26 to 12, respectively, in November and December, Nan- games at Nantahala. Altos: Mrs. Harold T. Sloan, Mrs. A. A. Bailey, Mrs. Neal Johnston, and the Misses Frandren, eight sons, will be on hand for the event, two of them The hardwood classic was the opening game for Franklin. The ces Barr, Elizabeth Murray, Julia Hunnicutt, Mary Ann Killian, Nan'ahala boys have played and Caroline Crawford. four other games, winning them all, while the girls have chalk-

ed up two previous wins. Leading the male Nantahala Richard Sloan. Basses: The Rev. Hoyt Evans, W. Mendenhall, Robert S been open to deer hunting, of- thin-clads was Herman May, a

Monday Night Meeting

A program of music wi'l be presented at the December meeting of the Franklin Parento'clock next Monday evening at the high school auditorium. first, second and third grades, under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, will give several Christmas numbers. The Ton-

tion of S. F. Beck, will be heard

The devotional will be con-ducted by the Rev. Hoyt Evans, are wanting a dollar. People Press Employes

TITLE TOREALTY IS TRANSFE POWER F

Nantahala Concern Pays County \$15,000, Signs Agreement To Build

The deed transferring title to the West Main street county lot from Macon County to the Nantahala Power and Light company was put on record Monday.

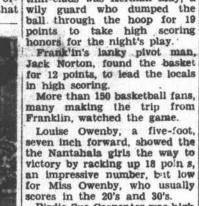
At the same time, the power company gave the county a check for \$15,000, in payment for the proper y, and an agree ment, under which the Nantohala firm agrees to con trust a business building on the lot within 10 years, was put cn record

The board of county comminsioners, at its meeting last week, had accepted the power company's offer of \$15,000 cash for the lot, and this week formalities closed the deal.

The \$15,000 was placed in the county genera' fund, o ficia s said.

Nantahala company officials have assured the commissione they will put up a two-story office building and a one-stor/ service building, the two structo cost tures approximately \$150,000. Present plans call for construction to start next spring, but the 10-year period was requested in view of unsettled international conditions. The agreement, signed by John M. Archer, Jr., Nantahala firm presiden , and Claude Bol-ton, secretary, it is set out that Whereas, in addition to the purchase price for said lot . . . a moving consideration actuat-ing said board (of commission ers) in agreeing to sell said lot was the expressed plan and in-ten ion of the party of the firs part (the power company) to construct and erect a building on the property, to be used by it as a general office building and for other purposes, now, therefore, in consideration of the agreement on the part of he Board of County Commissioners to sell and convey said lot, as aforesaid, the party of the first part (power company) covenants and agrees that if said party of the first part has failed to erect said building on property on January 1, 1961, then, and in that event, the Board of County Commissioners of Macon County shall have the right and option to re-purchase said property from the said party of the first part, its successors and assigns, for a period of six (6) months, for Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars.

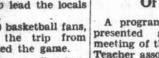
The lot, bought by 'he coun ty for \$6,000 in 1937 as the site for a new courthouse, fronts 115 feet on West Main street,



for the Franklin girls with 6 points. The Franklin teams journey

Macon Woman Gets

pound, 8-point buck, bagged



Birdie Sue Carpenter was high

to Hayesville next Tuesday night for their next scheduled game.

Record Size Buck.

Drags It One Mile

A local woman deer hunter

three Franklin churches, sing-

organist. The choirs of the Presby er-

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Mrs. Roy F. Cunningham, Mrs

Lick Franklin The Nantahala school basketbal'ers, boys and girls lengthened their winning streak Tues-One out of five deer hunters day night by trouncing the pagged a buck in the Wayah fresh-starting Franklin High

Tenors: P. B. McCollum and

Dowdle, and Bryant Hurst.

Music To Mark

Of P. T. A.

Teacher association, set for 7:30 the e'dest 75 years old, are ex-The Rhythm band of the her home on Bryson branch. ettes, of the fifth, sixth, sev-

in several numbers. and Mrs. Allen Siler, the president, will preside.



MRS. MARTHA JANE BRYSON

the Civil war!-Mis. Bryson, known in her communi'y as "Aunt

Jane", will celebrate her 103th birthday today. All of her chil-

having traveled from the Pacific Coast to be present when their

Born December 14, 1850-11 years before the outbreak of

100 Years Old Today

(Aunt Jane) Bryson, Macon Coun y's oldest resident, will celebrate 100 years of worldly existence. All of her eight sons, rean Two of her sons journeved

mother attains the century-mark.

coast to take part in the celebration. At her 99th birthday party enth, and eighth grades, will play some selections. The boys' terday, Mrs. Bryson was still choir, from the third, fourth young enough to laugh at jokes, and fifth grades, will sing advance her philosophy of life, Christmas carols. And the school band, under the direc-break of the Civil War.

as good as it used to be," she don't care for one another like

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from their homes on the West 30 men, reported .or induction

terday, Mrs. Bryson was still "I don't think the world is

Cabe

Five men, making up Macon county's second draft contingent since the start of 'he Kowar, will leave

this (Thursday) mo ning at 8:15 nected to be present to help o'clock for Charlotte, where her usher in a new century, at they will be inducted into the

The first group, numbering November 30.

The names of the selectees leaving his morning were made public this week by W. N. Sloan chairman of the local draft board.

They are: Ray Eugene Yonce, Clarence Eugene Mason, Robert Ma'ion Lunsford, James Edward Williams, and C'aude Maxwell

To Take One-Week

5 Selectees Will Leave Franklin **Today For Army**

