

PHONE RATES TO BE BOOSTED ON DECEMBER 1

Commission Approves Company's Request For Increases

BULLETIN

Directors of the Western Carolina Telephone company, at a meeting here yesterday, approved plans for merger with the Carolina Mountain Telephone company, and called a meeting of Western Carolina stockholders, to act on the proposal, for December 20.

Telephone rates in Franklin, Highlands, and rural Macon County will go up the first of next month.

The application of the Western Carolina Telephone company for rate increases estimated to provide \$40,189.44 additional annual revenue from its various exchanges in the five counties it serves has been granted by the N. C. Utilities commission, and the commission order makes the higher rates effective December 1.

Under the new rates, monthly telephone rentals will be as follows:

Residential:
One-party telephone, \$4.25; two-party, \$3.50; four-party, \$3; rural, \$3.

Business:
One-party, \$7.25; two-party, \$6; four-party, \$5; rural, \$5.

In granting the increase—a jump of about 60 or 70 per cent—the Utilities commission reported that the company is not now earning a fair return on its investment, and found that it "cannot continue to give the type of telephone service required in the area served, or expand and improve its services" without the higher rates.

It also was pointed out that approximately half of the total increase in revenue will be paid out in taxes.

MOVE TO CARTOOGECHAYE

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and his sister, Mrs. H. E. Freas, Monday moved from the rectory here to the old Albert Siler home on Cartoogechaye. The Cartoogechaye place, their childhood home, recently was purchased by Mr. Morgan and his sisters.



Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary treasurer of the N. C. Press Association, is shown above congratulating Weimer Cochran, winner of first place in The Franklin Press editorial contest. Miss Cobb accepted The Press' invitation to come to Franklin to present the contest awards.

O. C. Corbin Store Robbed, Safe Stolen

The sheriff's office has reported the theft of a 300-pound safe and about \$100 in cash from O. C. Corbin's store on the Highlands road.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said the store was entered by the back door sometime Wednesday night of last week or early Thursday morning. About \$60 was taken from a cash register, and the safe contained about \$40 and valuable papers.

Officers are trying to locate a green 1949 or 1950 Buick, reportedly bearing Kentucky license.

Mr. Corbin told officers that two men in a green automobile stopped at his store for gas and refreshments about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He did not remember the make of the car, the sheriff said. However, other persons reported seeing the automobile in the vicinity of the store that night and identified it as a green Buick with Kentucky plates.

Sheriff Thomas issued the following statement yesterday:

"It would be to the advantage of all Macon County businessmen to make it a point to remember automobiles and strange faces. If professional

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BLOODMOBILE COMING NOV. 30

An American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Franklin November 30. W. W. Reeves, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, which is sponsoring the bloodmobile's appearance here, announced, Monday.

The mobile blood unit will set up headquarters at the Franklin Presbyterian church. Hours will be from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m.

According to the post commander, 75 per cent of the employees of the Nantahala Power and Light company have agreed to give blood, and he urged everyone in Macon County to back this generous pledge of the local concern by also giving a pint each. All blood collected here will be used for defense purposes, Mr. Reeves emphasized.

Donors will be served refreshments by members of the V. F. W. auxiliary.

Franklin Raises Its Quota In Girl Scout Drive

Franklin has gone over the top of its quota in the Nantahala Girl Scout area fund drive, Mrs. R. G. Lichtenstein, county chairman, announced Monday.

COCHRANPIECE IS FIRST PRIZE WINNING ENTRY

Winners of prizes and honorable mention in The Franklin Press editorial contest were announced, and the awards presented, at a dinner given by The Press at Slagle Memorial building Friday night.

The presentations were made by Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association.

First prize, a \$25 Defense Bond, was won by Weimer Cochran, farmer and community leader of the Nantahala section.

Second prize of \$10 in cash was won by Miss Mary Jo Newton, tenth grade student at the Highlands High school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, of Highlands.

Charles W. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jacobs, of Franklin, won third prize of \$7.50. Mr. Jacobs, who lives in Macon, Ga., was unable to be present. His check will be mailed to him.

Another Highlands tenth grader, Miss Sue Hopper, daughter of Mrs. Pratt McClure, was in fourth place. Her prize was \$5.

Fifth place prize of \$3 went to Mrs. Frank Fleming, Jr., of Chamblee, Ga., who came to Franklin for the presentation dinner.

Honorable mention went to Miss Jo Ann Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Henderson, of Franklin, a ninth grade student at Franklin High school; Miss Gladys Vinson, of Scaly, another Highlands tenth grader; S. W. Mendenhall, Macon County farm agent; E. N. Evans, of Bryson City; and Mrs. Margaret Ordway, of Franklin. Each will receive a one-year subscription to The Press.

Since the dinner was a newspaper event, the newspaper idea was emphasized throughout the evening. The "place cards" were linotype slugs on which the guests' names appeared. The winners' "certificates" also were linotype slugs. And at the conclusion of the program, "extra" copies of The Press, announcing the winners, were distributed.

Attending the dinner were the prize winners and their guests, Miss Cobb, members of The Press staff and their guests, and County Supt. and Mrs. Holland McSwain.

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First N. C. Grouse Dog Trial To Be Here

Grouse and quail dogs will point the way to the birds in the Standing Indian wildlife management area Saturday and Sunday as North Carolina's first grouse dog field trial goes into full swing.

According to O. D. Biddy, association president, the first brace of dogs will be put down at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, and trials will continue until all entries have been before the judges.

Headquarters will be at White Oak Bottoms, 16 miles from Franklin, just off U. S. 64.

Entries are expected from a number of southeastern states. Because the trial is the first of its kind in the state, Mr. Biddy said the association decided this year to have only one event—the amateur open all-age. Future plans call for special events for puppies and derbies for all classes, providing this year's trial is successful, the president said.

Judging the trials will be Howard D. Pavey, of Flint, Mich., a well-known Michigan grouse dog judge, E. G. Smith, of Pittsburgh, Pa., owner and handler of a number of top dogs in Pennsylvania, and Gene Galloway, of Marienville, Pa., a professional dog handler.

The trial will be run over 17 courses in the Standing Indian area.

Macon County bird dog owners are invited to enter dogs in the trial. Drawings will be held in the assembly room of the Panorama court at 9:30 p. m. Friday.

Lunch for trial parties will be served by the Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher association.

10 Macon Men Report For Induction At Charlotte

Ten Macon County men yesterday (Tuesday) reported to Charlotte for induction into the army, local draft board officials have announced.

They were Fred H. Talley, Kenneth N. Fouts, Carlos R. Passmore, Paul L. Duvall, Clyde J. Guest, Kenneth E. Angel, Arvil A. Cabe, Clifton B. Morgan, and Billy F. McCoy.

The contingent left by bus from the Square at 7:45 a. m.

Firemen Help Fellow Fireman Save His Home

Firemen helped a fireman save his home in East Franklin about midnight Monday.

A burning fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anders caused an estimated \$200 damage. Quick thinking by Mr. Anders, a Franklin volunteer fireman, averted a serious fire. He used a garden hose to keep the fire in check until his co-workers arrived with the fire truck.

The damage was covered by insurance, Mr. Avers said.

MRS. FERGUSON ILL

Mrs. Charles O. Ferguson, the former Miss Margaret Franks, is seriously ill in a Winston-Salem hospital. Her mother, Mrs. F. H. Potts, and her sister, Mrs. Frank L. Henry, Jr., drove to Winston-Salem Monday to be with her.

MACON DID HAVE IT IN THE BAG

Macon County's 31 entries in the Western North Carolina Fat stock sale last Thursday afternoon brought F. F. A. and 4-H club members \$13,037.74, it was announced this week.

The 1,030-pound Grand Champion, owned by James "Pete" Setser, went for \$875.50, or 85 cents a pound.

The Reserve Champion, also a Macon entry, owned by Johnny Tippett, sold for \$559.

Average per pound for each Macon animal was 44 cents—eight cents more per pound than the market price that day for choice baby feef.

The ever lengthening chain of honors gathered by Franklin Future Farmers of America and county 4-H clubs in the past got a real boost last week when the two county organizations joined forces for the annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock show near Enka.

By the time the saw dust had settled over the show arena Wednesday afternoon, Macon County entries had won the Grand Champion, the Reserve Champion, 30 blue ribbons, and one red.

Not a bad showing for a bunch of kids who would just say "maybe" when asked if they had what it took for top honors.

However, the kids were the only dubious ones—everyone seemed to think from the start that Macon County would be among the top winners. As early as Tuesday, out-of-county spectators, after giving the local entries the once-over lightly, were heard remarking that "Macon County has it in the bag... not a bad calf in the lot."

Those pre-show predictions held up, in fact, even the most enthusiastic and optimistic Macon County rooters were beaming after the show's end.

"Good Gosh! What was left for the other 67 entries?" one man inquired after hearing the results of Macon's march through the arena.

"The red ribbons!" was the answer he got.

"Well," the nonplussed man shot back, "why don't they hold the show over in Franklin next year and cut down the cost of transportation?"

But don't get the idea that

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Scenes From Last Week's W. N. C. Stock Show Where Macon Swept The Field



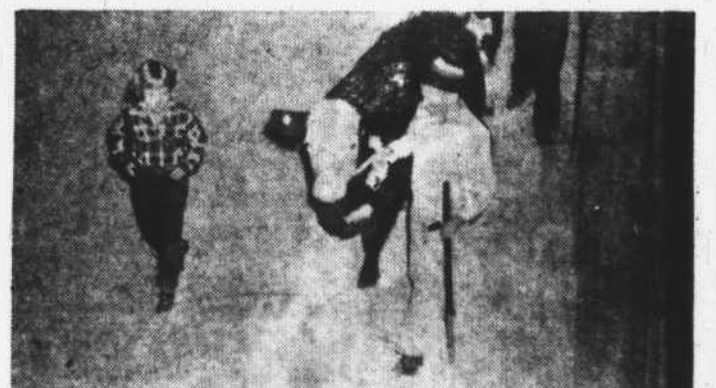
Pitchfork details operated almost constantly, keeping Macon County's stalls neat as a pin. In the photograph above, Johnny Tippett (foreground) and Richard Gibson taking their turns on the hay sticks Tuesday night.



Top honors at the 17th annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock show near Enka last Wednesday went to Macon County entries. Above, at left, is James "Pete" Setser and his Grand Champion entry, and the Reserve Champion and his owner, Johnny Tippett.



In the heavyweight division, Macon entries took the first five places, thus assuring 30 blue ribbons for the three divisions. (L to R) Frank Killian, Dan Moore, Frank Deal, Paul Killian, and "Pete" Setser.



Genevieve Whitmire, (left) eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire, of Franklin, was the only Macon County girl to have an entry in the show. Her "Fuzz", being handled by Crawford Moore, was a blue ribbon winner in the light weight class.



Show or no show, the time comes when one must get a little shut-eye, or as the Macon boys did above, "hit the hay". (L to R) Ray Henry, J. D. Hastings, Joe Taylor, and Kenneth Taylor.