

MACON TAKES STOCK SHOW TOP HONORS

Killian Has Champion; Local Entries Win 35 Blue Ribbons

For the third year running Macon County has walked away with the grand championship at the annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock show.

The show, held Wednesday of last week near Enka, ended with Paul Killian's 1,090-pound steer receiving the high honor of the show. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian, of Franklin.

At the sale the following day, young Killian's calf was bought by the Franklin Feed Mill for the top sale price of 60 cents a pound.

Overall, the 35 calves entered in the show by this county's Future Farmers of America and 4-H club members chalked up an enviable record in having the grand championship and winning 30 blue ribbons, five reds, and taking first place in both the three-animal and five-animal showmanship groups.

The 35 sold for a total of \$11,222.16 at the Thursday afternoon sale, an average of \$320.63 per animal. The average price per pound was 35.35 cents.

In having the grand champion, young Killian brought the honor back to Macon for the third straight year. Weyman Waldrop's entry won the 1950 show, and James "Pete" Setser's last year's.

As in past years, businessmen and civic groups of this county threw their support solidly behind the youngsters at the sale, helping them receive top prices for their calves.

Local buyers included Brown and Carson, a group of men purchasing under the name of Franklin Businessmen, Macon Construction company, Franklin Frozen Foods, Franklin Veterans and county agents, Franklin Lions club, Franklin Rotary club, Dr. Frank M. Killian, Franklin Future Farmers of America chapter, Dr. Edgar Angel, Waynesville Tractor company, and Belk's Department store.

This year's shows had 111 entries from 11 Western counties, making it even larger than last year's, which drew 97 entries.

While collecting their raft of blue ribbons at the show, the local youngsters won third and fifth place in the lightweight division; first, third, and fourth in the medium weight class; and first, second, third, and fourth in the heavyweight feature.

Winners, by divisions, are as follows:

Lightweight: Jimmy Ayvers, Dillard, Ga., Route 1, third place; Leroy Peek, fifth.

Winning blue ribbons were, Bill Fouts, Franklin, Route 4, Max Morgan, Franklin, Route 4.

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MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

The smooth love-making of a well-known movie idol (male), who starred in a recent movie at the Macon theatre with a bevy of beautiful girls, did little but disgust an ex-GI movie goer.

"Ahh," he muttered, "I used to make better time than that with candy bars!"

There's a story going around the Macon by-ways of an elderly die-hard Republican, who spent his days and nights lambasting the present administration and anyone daring to say he was a Democrat.

A couple of days after the general election, which saw the Republican banner carrier, Gen. Eisenhower, win the presidency by a landslide, the elderly GOP stalwart walked into his favorite hangout—a country store.

"Who you gonna cuss now since the Republicans are in?" asked one of several sitting around a pot-bellied stove.

"Them '***/s Democrats," the old man shot back, "they's the ones who put Ike in."



For the third year running the Grand Champion of the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show has been from Macon County. Paul Killian, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian, of Franklin, is shown above with his 1,090-pound steer that walked off with the championship at this year's show, held Wednesday of last week at the Horse and Hound pavilion near Enka. His mother holds a trophy presented to Paul by the N. C. Hereford Breeders Association for having the champion. In addition, this county's 35 entries received 30 blue ribbons, and five reds.

—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Memorial Service For Mann And Miss Leach Is Planned

10 INDUCTED INTO SERVICE

Selective Service Board Announces 10-Man Call For December

The local selective service board sent 10 Macon County men to Knoxville, Tenn. Wednesday of last week for induction into the army.

Another draft call for 10 men on December 8 has been received, according to Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, board secretary.

The new inductees are Charles R. Norton, Ellis B. Bates, Paul A. Shelton, Claude N. Curtis, Lyman T. Calloway, Jr., Willard J. Haney, Cecil Stanley, John L. Bateman, Howard R. Mason, and Cecil R. Bingham.

Twenty men also went to Knoxville last week for pre-induction examinations, Mrs. Jones said.

SCHOOLS CLOSING

Macon schools will be closed November 27 and 28 in observance of Thanksgiving, County School Supt. Holland McSwain has announced.

ALTHOUGH NOW OIL EXECUTIVE, HE'S STILL SAME BRONCE RAY

This is the story of a country boy from Macon County who has gone to the top in a big American industry.

He is Bronce L. Ray. Reared on the head of Burningtown creek, he has been as-



BRONCE L. RAY

stant general manager of marketing of the Esso Standard Oil company, the largest of the Standard Oil companies, since 1948, and the other day was elected to the board of Esso Standard Oil.

Mr. Ray is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Newton

(Newt) Ray. His step-mother and half-brother, Howard Ray, still live at the old home place on Burningtown. He is a brother of Mrs. Clyde Ledford, of Franklin, Route 1, and a nephew of Mrs. J. Lee Barnard, Sr., of Franklin, and of Mrs. Charlie Ray, of Burningtown. He often has visited these and other relatives here.

After attending the school at Oak Dale and the old Iotla High school, he went to Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, for about two years. Then, as a youth, he joined the Standard Oil company at Charlotte as a clerk.

Later, he was transferred to Durham, where he rose through various district and sales management positions to become division manager in 1943. Transferred to the New Jersey division as manager, in 1945 he became assistant northern region manager with headquarters in New York. Three years later, he was named manager of direct marketing, a position later changed to assistant general manager of marketing.

The Esso Standard Oil covers 18 states and has large interests abroad. His work often has taken Mr. Ray to Europe and the East.

Still in his early fifties, Mr. Ray is a member of the Amer-

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Manager Plan For Franklin Is Discussed

Members of the Franklin Rotary club favor the adoption of the manager-council form of government for Franklin, by a margin of about 9 to 1.

This was revealed by an informal poll taken at the club's meeting last Wednesday evening, following a general discussion of the pros and cons of employment of a full-time town manager for Franklin.

The consensus appeared to be that, with a full-time manager, the town's affairs would be better administered, and that a competent manager probably could save his salary by better advance planning, economies in buying, and more efficient use of the town's facilities and labor.

Among those taking part in the round-table discussion were Mayor W. C. Burrell, Alderman Verlon Swafford, and Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey, who were present as invited guests; Alderman Erwin Patton and Oscar Ledford; R. S. Jones, town attorney; H. W. Cabe, former mayor; John M. Archer, Jr., former alderman; Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., John B. Ray, W. A. Hays, the Rev. C. E. Murray, Don Smith, and Welmar Jones, who led the discussion.

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NANTAHALA LEADER DIES

May Succumbs Friday; Was Active In His Community Affairs

Clint May, an employee of the State Highway Department and active leader in the Nantahala community, died suddenly Friday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. He was 38 years old.

A native of this county, Mr. May had served as chairman of the Nantahala school district, precinct chairman of the Nantahala township, and was an unsuccessful candidate for the county board of education several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Briartown Baptist Church, of which Mr. May was a member, by the Rev. Clint Sawyer and the Rev. Moss Woodard. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Born February 12, 1914, Mr. May was the son of Mrs. Rosabelle May and the late J. M. May. He was educated in the county schools and in 1938 was married to Miss Rebecca Ray, of Franklin, Route 3.

He had been with the highway department for about four years and at the time of his death was a foreman of road construction.

Surviving are his wife and mother; a son, James Clinton May, of the home; two daughters, Margaret Sue and Jennie Lou, of the home; four brothers, Turner and Roy May, of Flats, Garland and Hubert, of Marble; three sisters, Mrs. Ollie Lambert, of Andrews, Mrs. Lena Owenby, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Nina Lambert, of Ohio.

Pallbearers were Newman Wilson, Ebb May, Buford Owenby, Grady May, Harley May, Clyde Clark, Harold Roper, Paul Crawford, A. B. Chandler, and Lake Shope.

Honorary pallbearers were Clifton Douthit, M. Cochran, Fred Morgan, Grady Cope, Carman Kilpatrick, Frank Shields, E. L. Curtis, George Stalcup, Gene Hyatt, and Jack Conley.

Arrangements were under the direction of Potts Funeral home.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Siles, U. S. weather observer, and at the Cowetta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN	Temperatures	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	63	26
Thursday	65	23
Friday	57	24
Saturday	70	42
Sunday	75	31
Monday	78	32
Tuesday	68	38

FORMER MACON SHERIFF DIES HERE MONDAY

J. P. Bradley Is Victim Of Heart Attack; Was Active Republican

Ex-Sheriff James Perry Bradley, an active leader in the Republican party here, died suddenly Monday night.

Mr. Bradley, who was 68 years old, was found slumped over the steering wheel of his automobile about 8 o'clock on a road in the Watauga section.

Coroner George R. Henson



J. P. BRADLEY

said death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services for Mr. Bradley, who served as sheriff here from 1942 to 1950, were conducted yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist church by the Rev. C. C. Welch, the Rev. Clarence Taylor, and the Rev. B. Underwood. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of the Oak Grove

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Deer Hunters

Take To Woods; Some Kills Listed

Scores of hunters, from Macon and other nearby counties, took to the woods Monday and Tuesday for the season's first deer hunt.

Because of the scattered nature of the hunts, members of The Press staff were unable, at this date, to obtain the number of kills and the lucky hunters.

Among those from this county getting bucks were Paul Duvall, Adolph Zoellner, Glenn Holt, Jarret Ledford, Terrell Hoilman, and Bunn Kaiser.

Others registering kills are asked to contact The Press office on Palmer Street, or call 24.

Three kills Tuesday, which attracted a lot of attention in downtown Franklin where the hunters parked their truck, were made by a party of four—Ernest Clay, of Madison, Tenn., Johnny Thomas, Walt Glazner, and Carl Watson, all of Brevard.

The season opens again in this area Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Another hunt is scheduled December 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Locals Beat Clyde To End Grid Season

The Franklin High Panthers, flaunting a sizzling air and ground attack, wrote finis to their 1952-53 grid season in Clyde Friday afternoon by swamping the Clyde Cardinals 26 to 0.

Although this season is past history as far as the Franklin squad as a whole is concerned, several local stars will be writing new chapters in the Optimist Bowl in Asheville and the Smoky Mountain Senior Bowl in Bryson City. Both games are scheduled Thanksgiving Day.

The Panther's hard-charging fullback, Sammy Henderson, and his backfield co-workers, Tailback Dick Mashburn, fired the Panthers to the decisive victory over the Cardinals.

From the opening kick-off the outcome of the game was never in doubt. The Panthers took the boot on the 12-yard line and drove and passed 88 yards for the first score. A Mashburn-Hunnicut pass turned the touchdown trick and Henderson booted the extra point.

From that point on, Coach Ralph (Chuch) McConnell's lads started plucking feathers out of the outclassed Cardinals. They struck for two more scores in the second game and again in the fourth.

Two Cardinal fumbles in the second quarter paved the way for the Panthers.

Panther End Carroll Childers pounced on a Clyde bobble on the Cardinal 21 and Mashburn flipped a pass to End Bill Hunnicut, who rolled over into paydirt. Henderson's kick for the extra was no good.

Another fumble, on the Clyde 14, was recovered by Guard Thomas Jones and on the next play, Wingback Bobby Womack used a reverse to chalk up another score. Henderson's kick for the extra was good.

Although the Cardinals knuck-

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FOREST FIRE REPORT GIVEN

Renshaw Says Situation Still Needs Caution Exercised

During the first 15 days of November, 15 forest fires—that's an average of one a day—played havoc with an estimated 12,609 acres of Nantahala forest and adjoining private lands, according to Nantahala Supervisor E. W. Renshaw.

A damage estimate in terms of dollars and cents is now being prepared, the supervisor said, and will be made public later.

Macon County's biggest concern during the prolonged dry spell, when fire danger reached

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MACON PLANS QUIET THANKS OBSERVANCE

Holidays Will Be Marked By Church Services And Dinners

Macon County plans a quiet observance of Thanksgiving with church services and community suppers.

In Franklin, an interdenominational service will be held Thanksgiving Day at the Franklin Presbyterian Church at 8 a. m. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

The offering from this service will be for orphanages of all churches here.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. J. Q. Wallace, retired Presbyterian minister, and the benediction by the Rev. M. W. Chapman, pastor of the First Baptist Church. A prayer will be offered by the Rev. C. E. Murray, Methodist minister.

Special choral music for the service will be by the Presbyterian Children's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Cooper.

A similar Thanksgiving Day service is planned at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. The Rev. Robert M. Hart, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon, using as his topic, "It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks Unto The Lord." The service will begin at 10 a. m.

Elsewhere through the county, schools and organizations are planning Thanksgiving dinners "with all the trimmings".

One is scheduled Saturday at 7 p. m. at the East Franklin school and another the same night at the Cartoogechaye school at 7:30 o'clock.

Union school will sponsor a dinner Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

T.B. Seal Drive Is Under Way

The annual Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Campaign, sponsored in this county by the Franklin Lions Club, got under way this week with Lion Robert J. Korte heading the drive.

In announcing the opening of the drive, the chairman said in 1953, for the first time since 1948, a free mobile X-ray unit will be in Macon for the benefit of everyone.

"Positively no one will be denied the opportunity to learn if he or she is free from the menace of tuberculosis," he emphasized.

In health investment, Mr. Korte said this year's drive should bring a 1,600 per cent return, if the county's 16,000 citizens back the campaign with dollar contributions.

"The investment is in your health—everyone of you," the chairman said, "and the return can only be realized if all pitch in and help in the fight against tuberculosis."

More than a thousand letters, containing sheets of seals, will be mailed throughout the county at an early date, he said.

SLATE RED CROSS MEET

Annual Session Friday Will Feature Election Of New Officers

Election of new officers and a special program will be highlights of the annual meeting of the local American Red Cross chapter at East Franklin school tomorrow (Friday) night.

The session will begin at 7:30 o'clock and all persons interested in the work of the Red Cross are invited to attend.

Boy Scouts, home nursing groups in the county, and a musical feature make up the evening's program.

Present officers of the chapter are: Weaver Shope, of Franklin, chairman, W. R. Potts, of Highlands, vice chairman, and J. C. Jacobs, of Franklin, treasurer.

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—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

These comely young ladies from Macon County are two of 62 in Western North Carolina counties who will be competing for the title of Queen of the 1952 Burley Tobacco Market during the Tobacco Festival, which opens Friday in Asheville. Miss Freda Elliott, left, will represent the Holly Springs community and Miss Jane Ledbetter, the Carson community. The beauty contest will begin at 9 p. m. at City Auditorium.