

## MACON RURAL CONTEST ENDS THIS SUNDAY

Judging Next Week; Will Name Winners At November 7 Dinner

Sunday marks the end of the 1953 Macon County Rural Community Development Contest and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will find the hopes of 13 communities riding with two out-of-county judges, whose job is to pick six winners.

The winners, who will not be announced until the night of November 7 at a special awards dinner, will divide \$1,025 in prize money contributed by interested businessmen.

Judges will be Homer Gilliland, who is in charge of the community development program at the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and Mrs. Velma B. Moore, home agent in Clay County.

The judges' schedule for the three-day period follows, with the location at which they will begin judging in parenthesis:

Monday, November 2: Carson, 8:30 to 10:30 a. m. (East entrance sign); Cartoogechaye, 10:30 to 12:30 (Shields' Store); Patton, 1 to 2:30 (West entrance sign); Longview, 2:30 to 4 (North entrance sign); West Union, 4 to 5:30 (Henry Cabe's Service Station).

Tuesday: Mulberry, 8:30 to 10:30 (North entrance sign); Smithbridge, 10:30 to 12:30 (South entrance sign); Prentiss, 1 to 3 (North entrance); Clark's Chapel, 3 to 5 (Prentiss Bridge).

Wednesday: Holly Springs, 8:30 to 10:30 (North entrance); Bethel, 10:30 to 12:30 (Wallace Morgan's home); Oak Grove, 1 to 3 (Dock Byrd's home); Tellico, 3 to 5 (Lost Bridge entrance sign).

The November 7 awards dinner is slated for 7 p. m. at the Franklin High School cafeteria. It is being sponsored by all of the communities entered in the rural contest in appreciation to those who backed the contest by contributing prize money. All contributors will attend as special guests, according to County Agent S. W. Mendenhall, secretary of the county contest council.

Scheduled as guest speaker for the dinner is F. H. Jeter, of Raleigh, extension service editor.

The awards schedule for the six winning communities, as announced by W. W. (Bill) Sloan, council treasurer, is as follows: 1st place, \$400; 2nd, \$250; 3rd, \$150; 4th, \$100; 5th, \$75; and 6th, \$50.

All of the 13 communities also are entered in the W. N. C. contest, which was used as a pattern in setting up the local contest last Spring.

In both contests, Community Organization and Development and Farm and Home Improvements count 1,000 points each, with each classification broken into different categories for scoring.

So, this week finds the 13 communities teeming with activity as the deadline approaches. Last minute projects are being pushed to completion, committees are hustling to collect those all-important family score sheets, and those working on scrapbooks are keeping paste and paper flying.

## Officers Get Ellijay Still

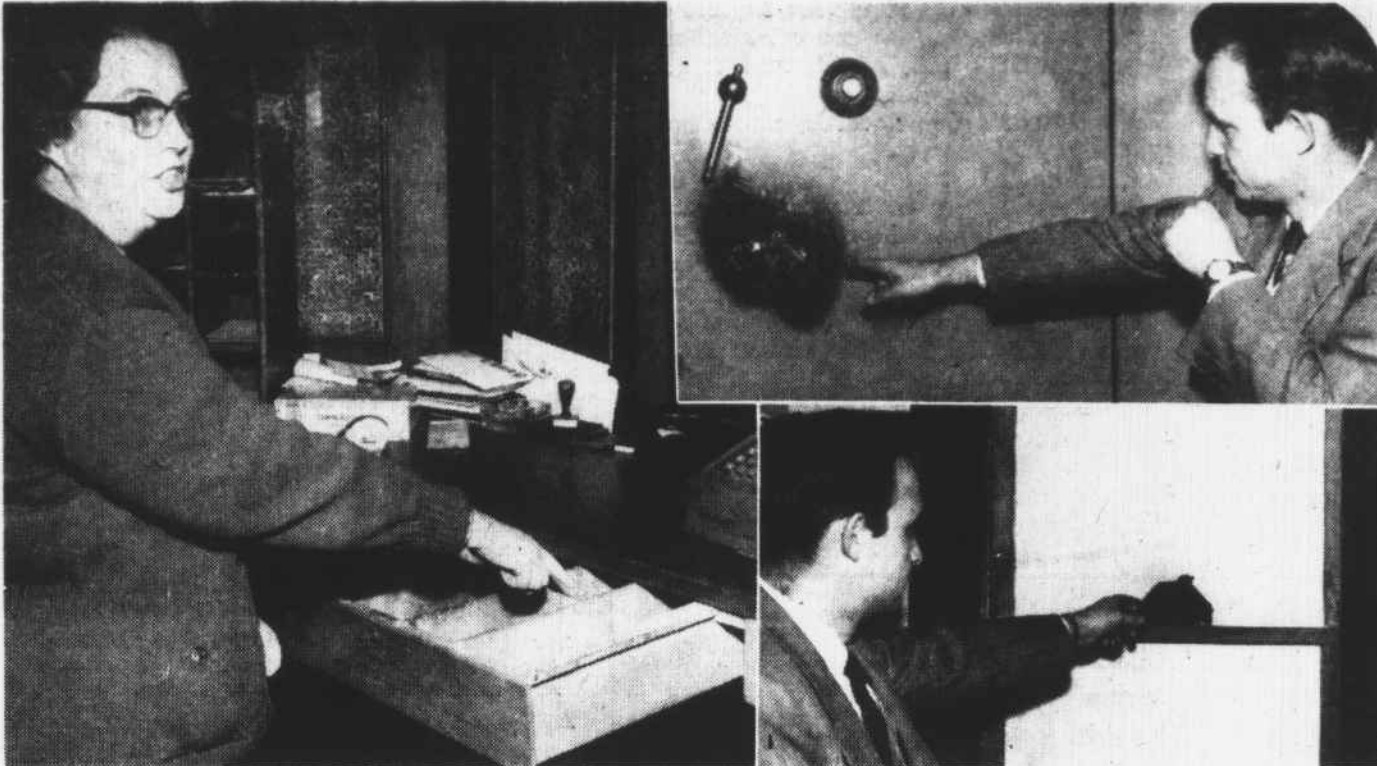
A small still was destroyed Tuesday of last week on the right prong of Upper Ellijay, the sheriff's department has reported.

Deputies Newell Pendergrass and Arthur V. Garrett reported the copper distilling unit was missing when they arrived, but they destroyed six gallons of whiskey and the remaining equipment.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said his office received an out-of-county tip that a still was operating in the area.

### NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT

R. E. McKelvey, of Franklin, general manager of the Western Carolina Telephone Company, was one of three men named to vice-president posts at the 22nd annual convention of the directors of the North Carolina Independent Telephone Association Friday at Pinehurst.



Mrs. Carolyn Hall, teller of the Highlands Branch of the Jackson County Bank, (left) indicates the cash drawer from which \$220 in silver was stolen in last Thursday's break-in at the bank. Cashier V. W. McCall (upper right) points to the melted area on the vault door where an unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the vault with an acetylene torch. The cashier (lower right) indicates the window pane in the toilet at the rear of the building which was smashed to open the window lock and gain entrance to the bank. (Staff Photos By J. P. Brady)

## Highlands Bank Robbed Thursday

Robbers gave up trying to open the vault of the Highlands Branch of the Jackson County Bank early last Thursday morning and settled for \$220 in silver from a cash drawer.

F. B. I. agents and local officers are investigating the robbery, which was discovered by Cashier V. W. McCall when he opened the bank Thursday morning.

The thick vault door of the bank was charred and melted just below the lock, in what officers termed an unsuccessful attempt to open it with an acetylene torch.

However, Cashier McCall reported \$200 in quarters and \$20 in half dollars missing from a cash drawer.

Entrance to the small branch bank was gained by smashing a window in the toilet at the rear of building to reach the window lock. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said a small rock found on the outside of the window probably was used to smash the pane.

F. B. I. Agents Stanley Settles and Bob Moore, of the Asheville office, assisted by Sheriff Thomas, spent most of Thursday "lifting" fingerprints from various objects in the bank.

Had the robbers managed to open the vault, they would have had a surprise in store, according to Cashier McCall. The vault is rigged with a tear gas safety device.

So far, officers have been unable to set the time of the robbery. But Sheriff Thomas reported Charlie Brooks said he saw a shade in the bank being pulled down when he passed shortly after midnight on his way home, and he remarked to his wife and another passenger that "Bill McCall is working late."

Preleau Hedden also reported he saw a late model automobile pass his service station (Sid's Amoco Service) at a high rate of speed about 5:45 a. m.

The sheriff said it is possible the robbers spent most of the early morning hours trying to burn a hole through the vault.

Officers are now running down several leads, he added, and fingerprints found at the scene are being studied.

## Mrs. Dowdle Elected New Scout Leader

Mrs. Margaret Dowdle, of Franklin, was elected Macon County chairman of the Nantahala Area Girl Scouts at an area meeting Saturday in Cullowhee.

Mrs. J. M. Valentine, of Highlands, was reelected first vice-president of the area; Miss Dorothy Harbison, also of Highlands, was named area program chairman; and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, of Franklin, was reelected Franklin chairman.

Dr. A. Rufus Morgan and Mrs. C. Banks Finger, adult scout leaders, represented Franklin at the meeting. Mrs. Valentine, Miss Harbison, and Mrs. Tudor N. Hall attended from Highlands.

## Girl Scout Troops Marking National Week

Franklin Girl Scouts are engaged in several activities this week in observance of National Girl Scout Week.

The two troops have scouting displays in front of downtown store windows.

Yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon members of Intermediate Troop 29 entertained approximately 75 parents and friends at tea at the Episcopal parish house.

Friday night the girls plan to attend the Franklin-Murphy football game here in a group and then go to Mrs. Jimmy Waldrop's home for a "slumber party."

The new senior troop, which has not been assigned a number, plans to conduct a cake sale Saturday at the Nantahala Power and Light Company building beginning at 9:30 a. m.

At 11 a. m. Saturday, the winners of Troop 29's baby contest will be announced at Macon Theatre.

Sunday, Troop 29 will attend the morning worship services at the First Baptist Church.

## R. A. CONCLAVE SLATED MONDAY

Baptist Youth Meet Will Be Held At Franklin Church

A county-wide Royal Ambassador convolve is scheduled Monday afternoon and night, at the First Baptist Church, it has been announced.

The theme for the four-hour meeting of Baptist young people in the county will be "Following Jesus".

With the Cowee R.A.'s in charge, registration will begin at 4:30, followed by the opening of the meeting at 4:45. Thad Robert Dowdle, of the Longview church, will give the opening devotion.

Study of ranks in conferences will be led by Mrs. Jim Berry, the Rev. W. L. Sorrells, the Rev. M. W. Chapman, and Miss Evelene Giedinghagen.

Supper will be at 5:45, and the meetings will reconvene at 6:30 with Lowell McKee in charge of singing. The devotion will be given by Paul Sorrells, of the Iotia church. This phase of the meeting will be featured by a program by the R.A.'s of the First Baptist Church and the showing of a movie, "They That Were Scattered Abroad", a mission emphasis film.

At 8:15, the Rev. W. L. Sorrells will preach.

### PLAN RUMMAGE SALE

The grade mothers of Mrs. Theo Kiser's seventh grade of the Franklin Elementary School will hold a rummage sale Saturday, November 7, on Rankin Square. It has been announced.

## Duncan Says Coming Labor Survey Is Most Important

The chief objective of the county-wide survey of Macon's labor potential November 6 and 7 is to help pull the county's over-all industrial picture into sharp focus should prospective industry be interested in settling here.

In the past, the county's industrial picture has been fuzzy and obscured by vague and out-dated facts and figures, according to Frank B. Duncan, chairman of the Macon County Industrial Committee, which is sponsoring the survey.

"I know of two specific instances when we were unable to give up-to-date answers about the availability of labor and other pertinent facts about the county, including tax rates and available plant sites, when representatives of industries came here for interviews", Mr. Duncan said yesterday, adding: "We were unable to give intelligent answers because no one has made an effort to compile this information for this specific purpose."

Therefore, the chairman pointed out, it is important for every citizen of this county between the ages of 18 and 50 to register some time during the two-day labor survey.

Volunteers from civic organizations will be on hand at the following registration locations to assist with the survey between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. each day:

Highlands: Town Office, Gneiss; Post Office, Cullasaja; Bryson's Store, Millshoal; Holly Springs Community Center.

Watauga: Crawford's Store, Franklin; County Courthouse and Shook's Shell Station, Cowee; Rickman's Store, Tellico (Lower Burnington); Morgan's Store, Nantahala; Aquone Post Office and Nantahala School, Otto; Post Office, Prentiss; Union School, Cartoogechaye; Cartoogechaye School.

The labor survey results and other facts concerning the county's economy will be published in booklet form for distribution both in and out of the state for the inspection of industry, the chairman said.

Mr. Duncan said there is a definite need for more industry in Macon to help balance the economy and the labor survey is the first step toward supplying the need.

"We will have to prepare the county for industry before it will come here", he said.

### Number Plan To Attend G. O. P. Meet In Murphy

A number from this county plan to attend the 12th Congressional District meeting of the Republican Party in Murphy Saturday, according to George W. Reece, county party chairman.

The meeting will open with a free barbecue at 11:30 a. m. Guest speaker will be Congressman Ayers, of Akron, Ohio.

### CARNIVAL SET TONIGHT

East Franklin School will hold a Halloween carnival tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock. It has been announced.

## SWAIN HIGH BEATS SOUAD

Revitalized Panthers Nearly Upset Maroons; Lose Game 20 To 19

A revitalized pack of Franklin High Panthers, displaying some of the hottest ball handling seen by local fans this year, almost upset the undefeated Maroons in a conference scrap Friday night in Bryson City.

After leading 13 to 0 in the second quarter, the "new look" Panthers gamely tried to stave off the powerful Maroons, but lost by a heart-breaking 20 to 19 score.

However, the more than 200 jubilant Franklin fans who were on hand to witness the startling rise of the Panthers out of the defeatist dumps, declared the game a moral victory anyway and are now ready to see what they have in store for Murphy High here tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock.

The underdog Panthers unleashed their do-or-die attack on the favored Maroons in the opening minutes of the game when Back Richard Renshaw scampered through the line on a 60-yard paydirt jaunt that left Franklin fans screaming and breathless. Near hysteria took over on the Franklin side in the second quarter when Back Connie Potts tucked away a Maroon fumble and rolled 30 yards for the second score. Renshaw's conversion put the Panthers out in front 13 to 0.

Visibly stunned by the setback, the Maroons knuckled down and roared back before the half. Carroll Wright connected to Bobby Robinson in the air and the Panthers ground the play to a stop on the 2-yard line. But Wright, an outstanding player both on offense and defense, bulled over for the score and kicked the extra.

The fired-up Panthers opened the third quarter with another touchdown by Vic Teague, but the Maroons also passed for another score.

In the fourth, the Maroons took the game winning one-point lead when a down field drive paid off for six points, and Wright made the conversion.

Another twisting run by Renshaw was halted on the Swain 5 and in four downs the Panthers were unable to whip up enough drive to push over the goal and salt away the game.

### CULLASAJA CARNIVAL

Cullasaja School plans its annual Halloween carnival Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced. In addition to Halloween entertainment and contests, including the crowning of a king and queen, the evening's program lists a play by Mrs. Charles Nolen's room and an art exhibit prepared by students.

## Future Teachers Club Officers



Officers of the Elizabeth Kelly chapter of Future Teachers Club at Franklin High School have been elected for the year. They are (L to R), front row, Frances Huscusson, secretary, Beverly Higdon, treasurer, Lucille Holland, vice-president, Betty Howard, historian; back row, Jody Lenoir, parliamentarian, Audrey Gibson, librarian, Jean Blaine, president, and Mrs. E. G. Crawford, sponsor. Other members not pictured are Anna Seiser, Cleo McDonald, Betty Hurst, Nancy McCollum, Caroline Reece, Josephine Roper, Patsy Setser, Kenneth Guffey, Bobby Cabe, and Lolita Holland.

## DENTISTS IN COUNTY

Will Be Here Several Weeks Lecturing And Correcting Defects

Two dentists from the Division of Oral Hygiene, State Department of Public Health, arrived here Monday to spend several weeks working in the county schools.

The dentists—Doctors H. C. Jamison and John Hoyt French—are spending this week at the Highlands School and they plan to visit all out-lying schools in the county before coming to the Franklin schools.

In addition to correcting dental defects, they also are lecturing at the schools on oral hygiene.

In connection with the dentists' visit in the county, the Division of Oral Hygiene plans to send its "Little Jack" puppet show on tour here November 2-6, according to Dr. Leo P. McCampbell, district health officer. The puppet show stresses the importance of proper dental care, he said.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded by Franklin by Macon News, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN		Temperatures		High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
82	77	79	70	36	38	
77	73	70	73	35	43	
73	69	69	65	29	30	
65	47	47	47	37		
COWEETA		Temperatures		High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
80	76	78	73	38	40	
77	73	70	70	33	33	
73	67	67	63	45	30	
63	47	47	47	31	31	
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