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Things are going along pretty smoothly in the above picture for all but the calf on the ground, one of 29 entered in the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show and Sale by Macon F. F. A. and 4-H club members. The calf is receiving a hoof manicure to enhance his looks at the show. (L to R) Siler Slagle, Agricultural Teacher Wayne Proffitt, and F. F. A. members G. B. McCall and Ted McCoy.

Hopeful Macon Youngsters Leave For Stock Show

BULLETIN

Charles Gregory's calf brought reserve champion honors to Macon. The local F.F.A. and 4-H club entries won 27 blue ribbons, and one red.

Twenty-nine F.F.A. and 4-H members and their calves left here Monday morning for the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Pavilion near Enka with a determination to make another clean sweep of the W.N.C. Fat Stock Show and Sale.

The stock show opened yesterday (Wednesday) at 1 p. m. and the sale is slated today at the same hour.

In the light of past years, this determination on the part of the club members should pay dividends and bring more honors back to Macon County. For three years running, the show grand champion has been owned by a Macon youngster and each year local entries have dominated both the show and sale.

In addition to the grand champion, local entries won 30 blue ribbons and five reds at last year's show.

Vocational Agricultural Teacher Wayne Proffitt is in charge of the local group, which includes Jerry Sutton, Bobby Teague, Jim Ayers, Colbert Henson, Doyle Henson, Jack Cabe, Douglas Conley, Wesley Dayton, Lamar Houston, Johnny Tippett, Billy Stockton, J. L. Ledford, Grover Sheffield, Clark Sheffield, Bill Fouts, Joe Taylor, Charles Gregory, Dewey Taylor, Crawford Moore, Frank Killian, Johnny Killian, Wayne Gregory, Jack Taylor, John Taylor, Bruce Houston, Grace Brown, Elizabeth Ann Ammons, Sonny Burrell, and Mack Cabe.

'Poppy Day' Sale Is Slated Saturday

By V. F. W. Women

Saturday will be "Poppy Day" in Franklin.

Members of the local V.F.W. Auxiliary will stage the sale to raise funds for disabled veterans, who make the poppies.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Mrs. F. H. Potts, Macon superintendent of welfare, is attending the 34th annual Public Welfare Institute in Raleigh. The session opened yesterday (Wednesday). Mrs. Potts plans to return over the week-end.

BEG YOUR PARDON

In last week's account of the Highlands bank robbery Miss Caroline Hall, bank teller, was referred to as Mrs. Carolyn Hall. The error is regretted.

County-Wide P. T. A. Study Course Slated

A county-wide study course will be conducted by Mrs. Blanche Haley, Parent-Teacher Association field representative, at the Highlands School Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Registration will open at 9:30 a. m. and lunch will be served in the school cafeteria.

Mothers of pre-school age children may bring them and they will be taken care of by high school students.

The meeting is open to all P.T.A. members in the county and will offer the various local units an opportunity to attend the study course, which is required for a P.T.A. to become accredited.

Dust-Fire-Water Faced By Board In Session Here

The Franklin Board of Aldermen faced dust, water, and fire in regular session Monday night.

The first item — dust — was stirred up by a small delegation from South Cherry Street, one of several unpaved streets in town. The delegation said their homes were being showered inside and out by dust from the extremely dry street. The board promised to treat the street at once, and to investigate the installation of street light on South Cherry.

Water entered the meeting when C. E. (Red) Henry complained that his front yard doubled as a storm sewer when it rains. He explained that water draining from White Oak and Riverview Streets had cut a deep ditch across his property and he requested the installation of a storm sewer at the intersection of the two streets. Water Superintendent Herman Childers was authorized to install a drainage system to turn the water from Mr. Henry's property.

The board also authorized the purchase of 1,000 feet of fire hose for the new fire truck, which is expected to arrive some time in December. The truck was supposed to have been delivered in August, but Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger said he had been notified that the delay is caused by a factory commitment to supply top priority civilian defense equipment. Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey was authorized to order a dozen stop signs for installation at various intersections throughout the town.

BULLDOGS BITE SQUAD

Panthers Lose Smoky Conference Scrap By 26 To 7 Score Friday

The Murphy Bulldogs showed their bite was worse than their bark here Friday night by treeing the Franklin High Panthers with a 26 to 7 score in a Smoky conference scrap.

Only two games—both non-conference—remain on the Panthers' schedule. Tomorrow (Friday) night they will be in Bethel and November 13 they close out the 1953-54 season in game here with Clyde.

The Bulldogs started snapping at Panther heels early in the game and by the half had racked up a 19 to 7 lead.

Franklin showed across its lone touchdown late in the second quarter with Buck Richard Renshaw scoring on a 35-yard pass from Paek Junior Dills. Renshaw kicked the extra.

Soon after the opening kickoff, Coach R. A. Byrd's lads felt the bite of the Bulldogs in a ground offensive that started on the Franklin 40 and ended in a score by Hoyt Palmer. Eddie Elliott made the extra to put the Bulldogs out in front to stay.

Murphy struck again in the second quarter for six more points, with Dockery scoring, got six more at the opening of the second half in a 90-yard kickoff return by Elliott; and with three minutes remaining

HALLOWE'EN? IT SURE WAS!

Candy For Soap Trade Brings Absence Of Vandalism In Town

Some of the most polite, fun-loving, and level headed spooks, goblins, and ghosts invaded Franklin Saturday night for a Halloween celebration unprecedented in the history of the town.

Police reported a complete absence of vandalism—an achievement that drew praise from all quarters and prompted the board of aldermen to draw up a special message of appreciation.

While the festive spirit of Halloween was undimmed, this year's supernatural beings were perfect ladies and gentlemen right down to their last ounce of ectoplasm. By midnight most of them had faded back into "Dimension X" for another year, leaving behind a virtually spotless town, which in years past has felt the useless sting of unrestrained vandalism.

The watered-down and highly-praised celebration this year was largely the work of Franklin Principal Ralph L. Smith. The principal recruited students from the Franklin and East Franklin schools, armed them with \$50 worth of candy, and turned them loose Saturday night with orders to swap sweets for soap.

And the swapping paid off. Windows were spared the usual treatment. In fact, one high school student, after swapping candy for a cake of soap, was observed diligently scrubbing off a soap streak from a window that had been given "the treatment" before the trade.

Mr. Smith also promised Franklin and East Franklin students a half-day off yesterday (Wednesday) to attend the game here between the Franklin and Swain High junior varsity football teams.

Although Franklin weathered the storm, there were isolated reports of vandalism in some communities in the county. Thoughtless pranksters are reported to have completely demolished some entrance signs and mailboxes in communities participating in the local rural community development contest.

In session Monday night, the board of aldermen commended Mr. Smith for his successful effort.

RURAL AWARDS DINNER SLATED HERE SATURDAY

Contest Winners Will Be Announced; Editor To Speak

Winners of the 1953 Macon County Rural Community Development Contest will be disclosed here Saturday night at a special dinner at the Franklin High School cafeteria.

Guest speaker at the awards dinner, which is slated for 7 o'clock, will be F. H. Jeter, of Raleigh, extension service editor. He will be introduced by Western District Farm Agent Bryan Collins, of Asheville.

With the close of the contest Sunday, citizens of the 13 communities entered in the competition focused their attention on the judges, Mrs. Velma B. Moore, home agent in Clay County, and Homer Gilliland.

EDITION CHANGED

Since the winners of the Macon Rural Community Development Contest will not be disclosed until Saturday night, the planned special edition on contest activities, previously scheduled for publication November 12, has been moved ahead to November 19 to enable The Press staff to prepare stories and pictures of the winning communities.

head of the community development program at the Cherokee Indian Reservation, who spent Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the difficult job of picking six winners.

Their decisions will be kept secret until Saturday's dinner, when John M. Archer, Jr., president of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, will announce the winners and award \$1,025 in prize money.

Presiding at the dinner, which is being given by all 13 communities in appreciation to businessmen contributing contest prize money, will be Erwin Patton, president of the county contest council and the Patton community.

Other features of the evening's program will be a welcome by Walter Taylor, president of Holly Springs, the first local community to enter the W.N.C. rural contest, and a response by W. W. Reeves, Franklin merchant, who suggested the awarding of cash prizes

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Mrs. Cabe New Assistant Agent

Mrs. Jessie Downs Cabe took over her new duties Monday as assistant home agent in this county, succeeding Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, who has resigned after holding the post for more than three years.

A graduate of Berea College, the new assistant agent formerly taught home economics in the Franklin and Hayesville high schools. She taught in Hayesville in 1949 and 1950 and at the high school here in 1951 and 1952.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Downs of Franklin, Route 3.

Macon Labor Survey Set For Friday And Saturday

Jury Drawn Monday For Court Term

Fifty-four jurors — including one woman — were drawn Monday at a meeting of the board of county commissioners for the December term of superior court.

The term opens December 7, with Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding.

However, because of illness, Judge Phillips may be unable to preside as scheduled, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of superior court. Should this happen, the clerk said a special judge will be appointed to handle the term. Judge Phillips presided at the August term here.

Jurors were drawn by Susie Collins, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Collins, of Franklin.

The woman selected for duty is Mrs. J. R. Berry, of Franklin, Route 4. She was the first of 36 picked for duty the first week.

Other first week jurors include F. M. Brendle, of Route 4; George Crawford, Route 4; S. C. Creswell, Highlands; Roy Speed, Highlands; A. M. Morgan, Nantahala; Lyle Baldwin, Nantahala; Earl Blaine, Route 1; Frank Johnson, Route 1; Glenn Dills, Nantahala; Arthur Rogers, Highlands; Joe M. Henry, Franklin; Charles J. Ferguson, Route 4; E. C. Shook, Franklin; C. T. Brooks, Highlands; F. H. Willis, Route 3; Frank Shields, Nantahala; Floyd Rogers, Highlands; Troy Holland, Gneiss; R. A. Baty, Highlands; Fred Corbin, Cullasaja; Fred Mason, Nantahala; E. C. Hodgins, Prentiss; Lawrence Setser, Route 1; Jeff H. Enloe, Jr., Route 1; John G. Murray, Route 1; P. N. Moses, Cullasaja; J. P. Bryson, Route 4; John M. Conley, Route 1; Dillard, Ga.; J. A. McCoy, Franklin; Alex Holbrook, Route 2; E. B. Beck, Route 1; Clyde O. Morgan, Nantahala; Arthur Quilliams, Route 1; Frank Tallent, Franklin; and Sammy Bryson, Cullasaja.

Selected for the second week duty were Grover Sorrells, Cullasaja; Claude Leatherman, Route 4; Ralph Henson, Otto; William Howard Baty, Highlands; Parks Brendle, Route 4; Frank Roper, Route 4; Bruce Bates, Route 2; Owen Ammons, Route 4; Omer Elmore, Route 4; W. K. Hooker, Franklin; W. R. Gibson, Route 4; James L. Hauser, Franklin; Coyle Carpenter, Prentiss; Robert Wiggins, Route 1; Dillard, Ga.; Henry Christy, Franklin; Harold Smith, Route 1; Wayne Smith, Route 1; and R. C. Holt, Highlands.

ROTARY DELEGATES

County Supt. Holland McSwain and the Rev. C. E. Murray were Franklin delegates to the district Rotary meeting in Asheville Monday and Tuesday.

Crew Blasting Through Cowee Gap



The J. C. Cramer Construction Company is blasting the going rocky in a deep cut at Cowee Gap, the end of the Franklin-Cowee Gap link of U.S. 23. The contractor is having to blast through about 70 feet of solid rock in the 130-foot cut. In the above picture, a crew is shown drilling into the rock in preparation for setting another charge of dynamite. Resident Engineer S. T. Usry said the cut should be down to the proper level in about another month. The rock blown out of the gap is being used as fill material.

Tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, a complete survey of Macon County's labor potential will be conducted county-wide in an initial move by the Macon County Industrial Committee to ready this area for industry.

All citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 are requested to visit the nearest designated registration place and fill out labor survey blanks.

Registration will be handled by volunteers at the following places each day from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.:

- Highlands: Town Office.
- Gneiss: Post Office.
- Cullasaja: Bryson's Store.
- Millshoat: Holly Springs Community Center.
- Watauga: Crawford's Store.
- Franklin: County Courthouse and Shook's Shell station.
- Cowee: Rickman's Store.
- Tellico (Lower Burningtown): Morgan's Store.
- Nantahala: Aquone Post Office and Nantahala School.
- Otto: Post Office.
- Prentiss: Union School.
- Cartoogchaye: Cartoogchaye School.

COP KILLER CAUGHT HERE

Removed To Prison Camp After Attempt To Pick Jail Lock

An expired South Carolina license tag led to the arrest of a 39-year-old escaped killer Monday night just outside the Franklin city limits.

The man was identified as Roy G. Kitchen, of Jacksonville, Fla., who escaped from the Transylvania Prison Camp in June while serving a 25-30 year sentence for killing the chief of police in Norwood (Stanley County) in 1943.

Kitchen and a 15-year-old girl companion — a runaway from Chattanooga, Tenn. — were taken into custody about 10 o'clock on the Murphy highway by local officers who stopped the car for a routine check after noting the license had expired.

It was later learned the car — a 1953 Plymouth — was stolen in Chattanooga, according to Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson. Kitchen, who was armed with a .32 calibre revolver when arrested, Tuesday afternoon attempted to pick the lock on his cell door in the county jail with a razor blade, the patrolman said. When his escape attempt was discovered he was turned over to authorities at the Macon prison camp.

The killer's teen-age girl companion, who listed her address as Chattanooga, told officers Kitchen made her get out of the car and walk across the Tennessee-North Carolina state line in an obvious attempt to escape prosecution under the Mann Act.

Patrolman Ferguson said no charge has been lodged against the girl and she will be returned to her home.

In addition to Patrolman Ferguson, Patrolman Arthur A. Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendergrass were in on the arrest of Kitchen, who was on the F.B.I. wanted list for unlawful flight to avoid confinement.

Patrolman Ferguson said Kitchen overpowered a guard in making his escape from the Transylvania prison, where officials described him as a "bad prisoner."

New Patrolman Arrives Monday

Highway Patrolman Arthur Alan Lewis, of Winston-Salem, has been assigned to this county and officially began his duties Monday.

The Highlands patrol station, which has been unmanned since the transfer of Patrolman V. E. Bryson to Canton in August, has been eliminated and patrol activities will radiate from the Franklin station in the county community.

Pte. H. T. Ferguson has been the only state trooper here since the transfer of the Highlands patrolman.

Patrolman Lewis was last stationed in Jackson County, where he was the agent at Holly Hill.

Two Fire Calls Keep Department On Move

The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department kept on the jump this week with two alarms.

Early Monday afternoon, firemen were called to Carroll Mason's apartment in East Franklin to deal with an overheated oil stove. Damage was light.

Late Tuesday afternoon they extinguished a burning trash pile in the alley behind the fire house.

JOINS LAW FIRM

Jack H. Potts, Highlands attorney, has joined Ralph Fisher's law firm in Brevard.

Weed Grading Demonstrations Slated Friday

Two tobacco grading demonstrations will be conducted in the county tomorrow (Friday). County Agent S. W. Mendenhall has announced.

The first is slated for 9:30 a. m. at the Carl Morgan farm in the Tellico community; the second at 1:30 p. m. at Earl Justice's farm on Rabbit Creek.

Several expert graders will be on hand during the demonstrations to help tobacco growers with grading problems, the agent said.

All growers are invited to attend the demonstrations.

The Weather

The weather observations and reports are furnished by Franklin by Marion Sikes, U.S. weather observer, and at the local Hydrologic Laboratory.

FRANKLIN	
Temperatures	
	High Low Rain
Wednesday	62 43 .01
Thursday	43 42 trace
Friday	63 30
Saturday	75 25
Sunday	75 35
Monday	79 28
Tuesday	76 28
COWETA	
Temperatures	
	High Low Rain
Wednesday	56 37 .09
Thursday	49 41
Friday	68 30
Saturday	69 27
Sunday	72 34 trace
Monday	75 28
Tuesday	75 30