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Erwin Patton (right), president of Patton Community, receives a check for \$100 from Congressman George A. Shuford. Mr. Patton's community, which won the local rural contest, was awarded the check for winning 4th place in the W.N.C. contest. Congressman Shuford presented awards to the winning communities at a special meeting in Asheville Saturday.

## Patton Wins 4th Place In Area Rural Contest

Patton Community—1st-place winner in the 1953 Macon County Rural Community Development Contest—gathered in more honors in Asheville Saturday by winning 4th place in the W.N.C. rural contest.

Carson and Clark's Chapel, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the local contest, were awarded certificates of achievement by the sponsors of the area contest.

The winners of the W.N.C. event were announced Saturday afternoon in Asheville at a special awards meeting at the Battery Park Hotel.

A beaming Erwin Patton, president of Patton Community, received a \$100 check on behalf of his organization from

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A story on the early history of the prize-winning Patton Community may be found on the front page of the second section of this issue.

Congressman George A. Shuford, who made the awards presentations.

Representatives of the Carson and Clark's Chapel, in addition to a number of others from here, were on hand for the meeting.

The occasion marked the second time an area award has come to this county. In last year's event, Holly Springs tied for 5th place.

Sponsors of the W.N.C. contest are the Asheville Citizen-Times Company, Farmers Federation, Asheville Livestock Yards, and the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, Inc.

## BOARD TABLES SMC PROPOSAL

Terms School Ouster Paper Impractical, Superintendent Says

The Macon County Board of

Education Monday turned an unofficial thumbs down on a resolution advanced by the Smoky Mountain Athletic Conference that could bounce a high school out of the conference because of unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of fans.

The resolution, adopted by the conference at a meeting in November, states:

"... If any fans are involved in acts of a-sault, as defined by law, on officials, visiting players, or coaches, the school that those fans represent may be expelled from conference athletics for a period of one calendar year. Provided: That a meeting of designated conference representatives be held within one week, at which a quorum of conference schools be present, not counting the offending school, and a vote of two-thirds majority for expulsion. Provided: It can be shown that the school involved has failed to take every precaution to forestall and prevent said assault."

County School Supt. Holland McSwain said the board discussed the resolution and was of the opinion that it would be impractical. The issue was not put to a vote.

Sale of the old Clark's Chapel School building to J. D. Franks for \$150 was approved by the board.

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSED BY FIRE CHIEF

Building Fire Hazard; Surprise Move Gives Children Holiday

Three-hundred eighty children had an unscheduled holiday Tuesday, following an order Monday night by Franklin Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger closing the Franklin Elementary School and the old high school building as fire hazards.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain said yesterday the necessary repairs to the elementary school are now being made and the school should reopen not later than tomorrow (Friday). Use of the gymnasium in the old high school will be allowed under certain provisions.

Meanwhile, the 380 "orphans" are being kept busy with play ground periods and classes in the new high school building.

The gleeful children showed up for school bright and early Tuesday, but were sent back home because school officials were unable to make immediate adjustments to handle the surprise move by the fire chief.

Chief Tysinger said Monday night, after he had met earlier with the school superintendent and several members of the county board of education to give notice of the condemnation order, that he received his instructions from the State Fire Warden's office in Raleigh. The school will remain closed until the necessary repairs are made, he added.

Among other things, Chief Tysinger said repairs will have to be made in the elementary school boiler room, including the installation of fire walls and overhead protection in the event a boiler explosion should occur.

"Things to be done in the old high school are too numerous to mention," he declared.

He did say, however, that the school may continue to use the gymnasium section for basketball, provided the balcony is not used and all four exits to the outside are opened. Three of the four doors were nailed shut when he made his inspection, he said.

A no smoking order in the gymnasium will be strictly enforced, he added.

## Preparing For Green Market



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

The Macon Home Demonstration Curb Market is setting a first this year by sponsoring a "Christmas Green Market", here Friday and Saturday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. And the ladies have expended a lot of time and energy making the Yule decorations. Shown above arranging some of the many items that will be on sale are (L to R) Mrs. Eugene Couch, county craft leader, Mrs. Jack Cabe, president of the county council, Mrs. J. R. Ray, county home beautification leader, and Mrs. Joe Setser, chairman of the Nonah Craft Center and committee. Proceeds of the market are earmarked for the craft center. Items for sale will include Christmas candles, floating candles, galax leaves, wreaths, sprays, and various other Christmas greens.

## Franklin Is Strictly For The Birds

Let it be known—Franklin is strictly for the birds.

At the suggestion of the Franklin High School Junior Wildlife Club, the board of aldermen Monday night passed an ordinance making the town an official bird sanctuary.

So from here on all birds—except, of course, such undesirable as starlings, jays, crows, English sparrows, coopers, hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, grackles, buzzards, and their nests and eggs—fall under the shadow of the long arm of the law.

The board also instructed officers to strictly enforce all ordinances regulating the discharge of firearms within the city limits.

Billy Harper, president of the high school club, read a resolution drawn by his organization suggesting the adoption of ordinance to protect the feathered brethren and the board took immediate action. The club was authorized to erect signs designating the town as a bird sanctuary.

Also, the new bird law gives the "bird" to stray dogs and unclean cats. Officers plan to bear down on ridding the town of these natural enemies of the bird.

The only other official action taken by the board was to accept a proposition made by W. W. Reeves to supply 167 feet of sewer and water line to the Trimont Heights subdivision, if the town would install the lines. The board accepted with the understanding the lines would be deeded to the town after installation.

## 'Dollar Worshippers' Threat To Nation, Judge Patton Says

"Dollar worshippers", jealousy, and greed are gradually undermining the basic ideals of this country's forefathers fought and died for, Judge George B. Patton declared in his charge to the grand jury with the opening of the December term of Superior Court here Monday morning.

Too many people judge others by what they have, rather than what they are, the judge asserted, and the nation as a whole seems to think friendship of other nations can be bought on the open market like any commodity.

"Unless we get hold of ourselves and put the dollar bill back down in the dollar bill place, quit trying to buy friendship, but they're wrong . . . bad wrong", Judge Patton warned, "for friendship is something you cannot buy."

In some cases, he explained, foreign aid money from this country is going into the hands of politicians, who are using it to play politics in other lands. Some foreign governments are guilty of taking money and food from the United States and fooling their peoples into believing they are supplying the needs, he said.

"But they're wrong . . . bad wrong", Judge Patton warned, "for friendship is something you cannot buy."

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## Trial Of Criminal Cases Ends Tuesday

Special Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, capped off the criminal side of the December term of Superior Court yesterday (Wednesday) at noon and this morning plans to move into trial of civil matters.

The criminal docket—composed mostly of motor vehicle cases—was disposed of rapidly by the judge and Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., from the term opening Monday morning. The majority of the defendants pleaded guilty, paving the way for speedy dispositions.

Eleven actions are scheduled for trial on the civil docket, including five divorce cases. Judgments handed down by the court through Tuesday noon include:

Elzie Nicholson, drunk driving, 60 days suspended, \$100, costs. Ray Eugene Henry, speeding, \$10, costs.

Harry Ladd, violation of prohibition laws, 4 months suspended, \$50, costs. Milas Andrew Donaldson, speeding, \$10, costs.

W. A. Norton, drunk driving, 60 days suspended, \$100, costs. Eckel Rowland, forcible trespass, nol pros with leave.

Ernest Bennett, non-support of illegitimate child, capias issued.

Leon Williamson, drunk driving, 60 days suspended, \$100, costs.

Guy Addison, drunk driving, 60 days suspended, \$110, costs. Marvin Potts, drunk driving, \$100, costs.

Robert Glenn Owens, drunk driving, 60 days suspended, \$100, costs.

Reid O. Watson, speeding, \$10, costs. Leonard Morris Henson, drunk driving, 60 days suspended, \$100, costs.

Shirley Walter Kerns, abandonment, capias issued.

Charlie William Paul, careless and reckless driving, continued pending disposition of civil action.

Norman P. Fitzgerald, abandonment, continued.

Bennie Lenor, drunk driving, 4 months suspended, \$200, costs. Lester B. Chappel, drunk driving, called and failed, capias issued.

Joseph Snyder, non-support illegitimate child, nol pros with leave.

Marshall Pettis, drunk driving, \$100, costs.

J. D. Welch, resisting arrest, alias capias issued.

Henderson Hayes, drunk driving, capias issued.

Grover Eugene Crisp, careless and reckless driving, \$25, costs.

Kenneth B. McCoy, drunk driving, careless and reckless driving, speeding, 90 days suspended, \$125, costs.

Edward Franks, taking and possessing doe deer, \$100, costs. T. A. Tilson, taking and possessing doe deer, nol pros with leave.

W. H. Mashburn, non-support, nol pros with leave.

Troy Arvil Welch, permitting non-licensed person to operate motor vehicle, \$25, costs.

Alma Ledford, no driver's license, \$25, costs.

Neville McCoy, drunk driving, no driver's license, careless and reckless driving, speeding, \$210, costs.

Zeb Buchanan, carrying concealed weapon, called and failed, capias issued.

Arthur D. Hayes, drunk driving, carrying concealed weapon, called and failed, capias issued.

Williams Smalls, no driver's license, operating vehicle on borrowed license, called and failed, capias issued.

Arthur Elija, loaning driver's license, \$25, costs.

## The Weather

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

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	59	15	.....
Thursday	52	22	trace
Friday	63	47	1.02
Saturday	69	29	.....
Sunday	61	47	.30
Monday	62	28	.....
Tuesday	62	18	.....

COWEETS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	53	18	.....
Thursday	54	24	.....
Friday	53	48	1.62
Saturday	66	28	.11
Sunday	62	50	.54
Monday	57	26	.38
Tuesday	59	19	.....

## She'll Be 103 Years Young Monday



Macon County's "youngest" citizen has another birthday coming up Monday. Mrs. Martha Jane "Aunt Jane" Bryson will be 103 years young. No birthday party is planned for her this year and she will spend a quiet observance with her family at her home on Bryson Branch where she has lived for 79 years. Seven of her sons are still living. The eldest, Will Bryson, is 78. The picture above was taken at "Aunt Jane's" birthday party last year. The youngster is her great-grandson, Dennis Bryson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bryson, of Cullasaja.

## Cop's Good Turn Almost Backfires

A good turn almost backfired on Policeman Homer Cochran here Saturday afternoon.

The officer said he noticed Harley Roper, of Franklin, staggering in the Bank of Franklin building, supposedly under the influence of some intoxicant, and suggested that he go home.

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## T. B. Seal Campaign Is Launched Here

The annual Christmas T. B. Seal campaign was launched this week by County Chairman Fred Dowdle, of Franklin.

Letters containing seals and a plea for contribution have been mailed, the chairman said.

In line with the campaign, seven films on tuberculosis are being shown in schools throughout the county. Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse, also spoke to home demonstration club leaders on the disease yesterday (Wednesday).

County School Supt. Holland McSwain left yesterday (Wednesday) to attend the state school superintendents' conference in High Point. He will return Friday.

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