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Principal Harry Corbin Washing Windows

## Halloween Pranksters Miss Franklin Once More - Almost

For the second straight year, Halloween vandalism — with the exception of some soaped windows — by-passed Franklin. And most of the credit for this goes to the children themselves, who took mature outlooks when turning into spooks, ghosts, and witches for the night (Saturday).

In a unique, but effective, swap, Franklin High students appeared in the downtown area as the merriment picked up steam and traded candy for bars of soap.

And in an even more unique move, these students, along with principals Ralph L. Smith and Harry Corbin and teacher Richard Stott, appeared bright and early Monday morning with buckets of soapy water and brushes and washed the windows of all businesses that got the soap treatment from pranksters.

"We tried to see that this sort of thing didn't happen," Mr. Corbin explained, as he scrubbed at a window, "but as you can see we weren't too successful."

"Most of it happened after we left," assured student Bobby Womack, who helped swap candy for soap. "Quipped Dick 'Sheriff' Bradley: 'They (pranksters) did some of these fellows a favor... this is the first time some of these windows have been washed in months.'"

Town and county law enforcement officers were more than pleased when reporting the absence of any vandalism.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas was very complimentary of the way the celebration was conducted by the children and he declared "the teachers especially deserved our vote of thanks."

Night Policeman Homer Cochran described his shift, which came during the high spot of festivities downtown, as "almost routine."

A chilly wind failed to cut any of the spirit of the traditional "trick or treat," for helpful parents — possibly hoping to avoid colds and coughs among their offsprings — willingly motorized the goblins and witches and drove them over the town.

## INSTRUMENTS NOW IN USE

\$3,595 Shipment Arrives; Orr Says Students Willing

The Franklin Band is moving closer to its first appearance this year, thanks to the arrival of \$3,595 worth of instruments. Knocked out of action by the gymnasium fire last March, the band managed to fulfill its promise of a spring concert only through the generosity of Western Carolina College, which loaned instruments for the occasion. Since then, it has been a band without music.

However, the arrival last week of instruments — ordered by the Macon Band Boosters Club in an effort to put the band back on its feet — is returning the band to its original purpose — to make music.

Yesterday (Wednesday) Theodore Orr, band director, reported...

## Bloodmobile Visit Slated This Friday

One hundred pints of blood will be the goal of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile when it sets up shop tomorrow (Friday) at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Hours will be 1 to 6 p. m. The blood will go for defense purposes, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, secretary of the local A.R.C. chapter.

Sponsor of the Bloodmobile is the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. Members of the post auxiliary will assist with arrangements and will serve refreshments to donors.

### ANSWERS FIRE CALL

A burning chimney at a home owned by Bob Blaine off Harrison Avenue brought the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department out about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Damage was slight.

## 'Aunt Jane' Bryson, Macon's Oldest Citizen, Dies At 103

Mrs. Martha Jane "Aunt Jane" Bryson, Macon's oldest citizen, whose birthday parties in recent years added new color to the county's history, won't be here December 14 to celebrate her 104th birthday with family and friends.

"Aunt Jane" died Wednesday night of last week in the modest little frame house on Bryson Branch in the Cullasaja community that had been her home for 80 years.

At her birthday party last year, attended only by a few members of the family and close friends, the white-haired old lady, whose love for peppermint candy and birthday parties was as much a part of Macon as its mountains, must have suspected she was spending her last birthday before the native stone fireplace she...

## MOVE MADE INTO CENTER

### Health Department Leaves Ashear Home; Work Still Undone

Health department personnel Saturday moved into the new \$30,000 Macon County Health Center on Riverview Street across from Angel Hospital.

The move from the Ashear Building, where the department has been for more than 10 years, was made sooner than anticipated, and there is still some minor work remaining to be done on the new center. Previously, it had been announced the move would be made about November 15.

A formal dedication will be held by the county and officials of the Medical Care Commission, which financed most of the center, as soon as equipment is installed, according to Mrs. Frank Shope, public health nurse. However, the nurse said plans are indefinite at the present time and it is not known when the equipment will arrive.

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'Aunt Jane' Bryson

## TOWN PICKS BLAINE LOT AS HALL SITE

### Rusty Water Problem Is New Headache; To Purchase Tank Site

The old Blaine property has been picked as the site for the proposed new Franklin municipal building and the Board of Aldermen has ordered the town attorney to take the necessary steps to secure bond money to finance its construction.

A new headache—rusty pipes discoloring the town's water—popped up at the board's regular meeting Monday night and the water committee is trying to relieve it.

The site for a new water storage tank to serve south Franklin and the new Burlington Mills plant also was ordered purchased.

One of four sites considered for the new municipal building, the Blaine property is at the intersection of US 23-441 and West Main Street. The purchase price is \$10,000.

As the next move toward construction of the building, which was approved by voters in a special \$50,000 bond election in September, attorney R. S. Jones was instructed to put the machinery in motion for selling bonds and Mayor W. C. Burrell was authorized to have an architect prepare plans.

The board hopes to have the building under construction as soon as possible. In addition to the town offices, it will house the fire department.

### Rusty Water

Complaints of rusty water, particularly from the Franklin Laundry and Dry Cleaners and water customers in the areas south of Palmer Street, are presenting a new problem for the town.

Quizzed as to the cause, Water Supt. Herman Childers blamed it on old water lines that have rusted. He said abrupt changes in pressure in the lines is causing the rust to break loose and discolor the water. As a rule, the superintendent explained, this kind of trouble occurs when the seasons change and he said as soon as cold weather comes it should clear up. The only sure solution is to change all of the troublesome lines. This approach is out of the question at the present time, the aldermen agreed.

"We had better do something about it," Alderman Verlon Swafford commented, "before all of us have to leave town." Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger offered to open all fire hydrants at dead-end lines to blow out rust that has collected.

The search for the solution, however, was put to the water committee, which is composed of J. Frank Martin, A. G. Cagle, and J. C. Jacobs.

### Site For Tank

The purchase of a small piece of property from Mrs. Furman Angel and Furman Angel, Jr., as the site for a water tank in south Franklin was authorized. The property, which is costing the town \$2,000, is between A. R. Hipdon's and Dr. Furman Angel's. The town recently pledged itself to erect the water...

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## Democrats Make Clean Sweep In Off-Year Election Tuesday



Contest Judges Study Scrapbook

## Contest Winners Secret Until Awards Dinner Here

Which communities are the winners of the 1954 Macon County Rural Community Development Contest and will split \$1,100 in prize money?

The answer to this question is known by two persons, and they are the out-of-county judges for the contest.

But, the public will know the night of November 13 when the

contest awards dinner is held at Franklin High School. Until then, it is all mystery and \$1,100 wide.

The two judges, W. H. Flake and Miss Anne Benson Priest, capped their work Friday night after touring the 21 communities in the contest and leafing through the individual scrapbooks of each. Miss Priest is home agent of Transylvania and Mr. Flake county agent of Graham.

Meanwhile, as speculation rules, the women of the communities are planning the awards dinner, an event staged in honor of the businessmen and merchants who contribute the prize money. A large committee, composed of two women from each community, is in charge of the dinner and will prepare the food, which will be donated for the occasion by all communities.

One other feature also has been disclosed. County Agent T. H. Fagg, officer of the contest council, said yesterday (Wednesday) that R. C. Francis, well-known Haywood County farmer and humorist, is to be the guest speaker.

Awards to the winning communities will be presented by W. W. Reeves, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Waiter Taylor, council president, will preside.

## 31 Will Leave Here Saturday For Stock Show

Early Saturday morning, 31 Future Farmers of America and 4-H clubbers will leave for the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Pavilion near Enka with their prize baby beef calves.

Their only aim will be to make a clean sweep of the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show and Sale on Tuesday and Wednesday — a fete not uncommon for Macon youngsters in recent years.

At last year's show, local entries cornered the reserve championship, first place in the best county group of five animals, first in the best county group of three, and first and second in showmanship.

"I think our calves are a little better than last year," Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher in charge, said yesterday (Wednesday).

But he declined to speculate on how Macon would fare, other than to say, "we'll be in there fighting as always."

The show, which is expected

## Only Five Of 12 County Precincts Vote Republican

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Voters gave Macon Democrats a clean sweep of all county offices in Tuesday's off-year election, on the basis of complete but unofficial returns from the county's 12 precincts.

And the voters yesterday (Wednesday) appeared to be carrying out this trend on the state level with more than half the Macon precincts reporting.

Despite blowing snow and near-freezing temperatures, election officials said the turnout was "exceptional" for an off-year.

Incumbent Register of Deeds Lake V. Shope led the Democratic ticket with an unofficial 3,702. The incumbent clerk of Superior Court, Miss Kate McGee, was in second place with 3,561, and incumbent Sheriff J. Harry Thomas was third with 3,500.

Five of the 12 precincts went G. O. P. — Sugarfork, Flats, Nantahala 1 and 2, and Burningtown. The rest went overwhelmingly Democratic.

With all 12 precincts reporting in the local races, the results unofficially stacked up this way yesterday (Wednesday) at noon:

Democrat G. L. Houk over Republican H. S. Talley 3,471 to 2,491 for the state representative seat for Macon.

Democrat incumbent Sheriff J. Harry Thomas for a second four-year term over Republican L. B. Welch, 3,500 to 2,576.

Democrat incumbent Miss Kate McGee to a second four-year term over Republican Ray Swafford, 3,561 to 2,472, for Clerk of Superior Court.

Democrat incumbent Lake V. Shope to a third four-year term as Register of Deeds over Republican Clyde Drake, 3,702 to 2,392.

Democrat incumbent W. W. (Gene) Baldwin over Republican Bryant McClure, 3,284 to 2,732 in the race for chairman of the Macon Board of County Commissioners.

Democrats John Roane, incumbent, 3,260, and Wiley Brown, 3,455, over Republicans J. C. Crisp, 2,537, and R. G. Ray, 2,521, for the two county commissioner seats.

Unopposed on the county-district ballot were Thad D. Bryson, Jr., 20th Judicial District solicitor, and C. Jack Ragan and Richard H. Slagle, for county coroner and county surveyor, respectively.

In the 33rd Senatorial District race here, H. M. Moore polled an unofficial 3,409 in the Republican opponent's, Ray Wright, 2,423. This was for all 12 precincts.

On the state ticket, former Gov. W. Kerr Scott, with 10 of 12 precincts reporting held a wide lead on his Republican opponent, Paul C. West. The count: Scott, 3,414; West, 2,153. Over the rest of the state, the former Democratic governor held a wide lead also.

In the 12th Congressional District race, incumbent George

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Macon Sales, after Asheville, and at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

FRANKLIN			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed. (Oct. 27)	75	38	....
Thursday	70	36	trace
Friday	61	41	.36
Saturday	45	32	.03
Sunday	45	17	....
Monday	55	22	....
Tuesday	40	20	.03
Wednesday	.....	9	....

HIGHLANDS			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Saturday	40	26	....
Sunday	37	22	....
Monday	44	22	....
Tuesday	38	14	.14
Wed. (Snow)	.....	12	1.5

COWEETA			
Temperatures			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed. (Oct. 27)	74	39	....
Thursday	67	35	....
Friday	59	40	.15
Saturday	46	30	....
Sunday	41	20	.04
Monday	52	21	.15
Tuesday	40	31	....
Wednesday	.....	7	....

NEW INSTRUMENTS are put to use by members of the Franklin Band. The instruments, which arrived last week, cost \$3,595 — a debt assumed by the Macon Band Boosters Club to help put the burned-out band back on its feet. The boy in the foreground (plaid shirt) is making like a music stand since the band has none. However, they plan to sell shampoo to raise money for stands.