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FIRST PLACE IN BEST home-grown group of three animals in the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show near Enka Tuesday afternoon was won by Macon. The winning animals are shown above with their owners, (L to R) Charles Gregory, Frank Killian, and Clark Sheffield.

Macon County Entries Win 18 Blue Ribbons Tuesday At Fat Stock Show

In some of the stiffest competition in the 20-year history of the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show, Macon entries Tuesday emerged with 18 blue, 11 red, and two white ribbons.

In addition, they placed first in the best three home-grown animals feature, second in the best five county group, and second and third in showmanship.

The show was held near Enka at the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Pavilion.

Haywood County entries walked off with most of the top honors, winning both the grand and reserve championships.

Macon F. F. A. and 4-H Club members — who in past years have made clean sweeps of the show—were philosophical about the outcome:

"They (Haywood) had the best calves . . . ours were good, but not good enough to take the show . . . but we'll be around next year," was the wise comment of one F. F. A. boy.

Charles Gregory, Frank Killian, and Clark Sheffield had the winning animals in the best three home-grown animals event. These three, Charles Long, and Bruce Houston, won second place in the best five event.

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Late News and Briefs

DIES IN MIAMI

Earl L. Coffin, real estate agent of Miami, Fla., and a Highlands summer resident, died Wednesday of last week, November 3, in Miami, it has been learned here.

Services were held Saturday there. Details of Mr. Coffin's death were not immediately available.

COMING WITH PLANS

An architect from Atlanta, Ga., is expected in Franklin today (Thursday) to present plans for the proposed municipal building to city officials, Mayor W. C. Burrell has announced.

The new building, which will house the city offices and fire department, will be erected on the old Blaine lot at the intersection of US 23-441 and West Main at a cost of approximately \$35,000.

Construction is expected to get under way as soon as the plans are accepted by the town, the mayor said.

POURING GYM FOOTINGS

Workmen began pouring the concrete footings for the new Franklin gymnasium Monday morning.

The gymnasium has been ordered "roughed-in" by the Macon County Board of Education up to the \$105,000 on hand. It will be completed later as funds are available.

Plans call for \$157,000 one-story building to be 163 feet by 97 feet, with a seating capacity of roughly 2,500.



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'HOMECOMING QUEEN' Miss Margaret Crawford is shown being crowned by Coach Howard Barnwell (left), as teacher Richard Stott, who congratulated the head cheer leader on behalf of the school, looks on. The crowning of Miss Crawford featured half-time festivities of the Franklin-Bethel game here Friday night.

Panthers Win Season's Last Game; Crown Miss Crawford

A 28 to 25 non-conference upset over Bethel High School here Friday night rang down the curtain on the 1954-55 football season for Franklin and gave the Panthers a 5-5 record for the year.

A shivering crowd of about 175 braved freezing temperatures to witness the closing game and the crowning of Miss Margaret Crawford as Franklin's "Homecoming Queen" during half-time festivities.

The game was better than a half hour late starting when officials from Western Carolina College failed to show up. School officials stalled as long as possible, and finally had to pick three men from the stands to officiate — Clarence (Red) Henry, H. T. Collins, and El-

bert Angel. The three substitute officials turned in excellent performances.

In capping off the mild upset over Bethel, the Panther line carved holes in the opposing line for three touchdowns by Richard Renshaw, and paved the way for 226 yards rushing by the locals.

Heads-up downfield blocking gave the speedy Renshaw—who will represent Franklin in the annual Optimist Bowl on Thanksgiving Day — the breaks he needed to score on 64, 36, and 66 yard runs during the game.

Their Last Game

It was the last game for Renshaw and nine other Panther seniors — backs Bobby Jack Love, Bobby Gregory, Bobby

IF IT'S TRACKING, THEN

Ray And His Bloodhound Are Ready To Go



Arthur Ray And 'Smoky'

"Smoky", a rangy black and tan bloodhound with flop ears and a doleful expression, bayed sorrowfully out in the front yard.

This blueblood of the canine set must have sensed he was the topic of conversation inside the small house of his master, near Burnington Road just off NC 28 (Bryson City highway).

"He (Smoky) and I are ready to help just anyone", offered Arthur Ray.

But this statement could have been left unsaid. Just about everyone around here knows that Arthur Ray and his bloodhound are available free of charge at any time, whether for tracking escaped prisoners for the local prison camp, other law breakers, or lost tourists and children.

A native of Haywood County who has lived in this county

TELEPHONE STATEMENT IS RECEIVED

W. C. T. C. President Explains Valuation Reduction in Macon

A mix-up in reporting "conductor" line miles and "circuit" line miles is responsible for Western Carolina Telephone Company's reduction in valuation in Macon County — from \$134,129 in 1953 to \$88,588 in 1954.

This is, in part, the explanation offered by L. D. Garibaldi, W.C.T.C. president, in a statement to The Press referring to a story on the cut in valuation (Oct. 21) and an editorial on the same subject (Oct. 28).

On the basis of the cut, Macon County stands to lose \$637,588 and Franklin \$329,778, according to officials of both governments.

In an interview this week, as a follow-up on Mr. Garibaldi's statement, R. E. McKelvey, W.C.T.C. vice-president, said the mix-up was caused by a "mis-interpretation" of the meaning of "circuit" and "wire" miles on the part of the company.

Mr. McKelvey said a "circuit" (or conductor) mile is really two wire miles and that the company, in 1953, counted a "circuit" mile as only one mile, when it should have been two. Therefore, this made total company mileage, including Macon, change from 9,799 miles in 1953 to 17,315 in 1954 when the mix-up was straightened out. This discovery, in turn, reduced the per mile valuation from \$69.29 in 1953 to \$45.70 in 1954 and cut Macon's valuation from \$134,129 to \$88,588, he explained.

At the same time, however, the company's total valuation rose from \$878,993 in 1953 to \$791,348 in 1954.

Mr. Garibaldi's statement: "Your editorial in The Franklin Press of Thursday, October 28, together with the news story you carried in the paper the week before, with reference to the assessed valuation of our wire plant in Macon County has been called to my attention.

"In 1952 we reported to the State Board of Assessment 1,910 miles of line in Macon County, and in 1953, 1,935.72 miles of line, and in 1954 we reported 1,938.38 miles of line. The valuation placed by the State Board varied in each of these years but mainly in 1954, based on the fact we reported on conductor miles as against circuit miles in the years previous. This mainly accounts for the difference in certification to the county of \$134,129.00 in 1953 as against \$88,588.00 in 1954.

"You understand, of course, that these returns, while made in the current year, are for the prior year ending December 31. In other words, the return made in 1954 was for the year ending December 31, 1953. This return made in 1954 was actually based on an inventory of the miles of line in Macon County, as well as in the other ten counties in which we have plant in North Carolina. We believe you will find the difference

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STATE HOME AGENT Miss Ruth Current (left), of Raleigh, is pictured reviewing some of the points of the new farm and home development program with the three extension agents who will put it into practice — Mrs. Margaret D. Smith, Robert McNeil, and John Wrinn. Mapped by local and state leaders here Friday, the program goes into effect immediately.

FARM & HOME PROGRAM SET

Plans Mapped Friday At Meeting; Agents Ready To Start Job

Macon's new Farm and Home Development Program and the three special extension service workers to put it into practice are now ready for work.

Details of the program—a federal-county deal offered only to Macon and Madison in the western district—were ironed out at a special training meeting of extension service officials and local farmers and businessmen here Friday.

At the day-long meeting at the Agricultural Building, these key leaders mapped a workable program designed to give individual educational assistance to farm families in a personalized approach to the farm and home as a unit.

Extension workers John Wrinn, Mrs. Margaret D. Smith, and Robert McNeil, who will carry out the program under the supervision of the county and home agents, plan to kick off the program immediately.

To Pick Families

In an interview this week, Mr. Wrinn said the job of picking farm families to participate in the new program probably will be

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Dinner For Rural Contest Saturday

Vote Outcome About Same

A table of official results, by precincts, may be found on Page 9 of this issue.

Complete and official election returns — verified at a count-out last Thursday — changed no races in the Macon political picture.

The Democrats swept the ticket, as reported unofficially in last week's issue of The Press, following the November 2 off-year election.

For the most part, the unofficial figures carried last week were within a dozen of the official totals.

In balloting locally for the U. S. Senate and state offices, Macon voters — an unusual 6,088 considering adverse weather — carried out the Democratic trend, which was also reflected nationally by the Democrats winning control of the Senate.

W. Kerr Scott, former gov-

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The rapt attention of more than 125 persons will be focused on W. W. Reeves Saturday evening at a special dinner at Franklin High School.

For it will be Mr. Reeves, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, who will disclose the 13 winning communities in the 1954 Macon County Rural Development Contest and present \$1,100 in prize money.

The awards dinner, set for 7:30 in the high school cafeteria, is a "thank-you" from the communities to local merchants who put up the prize money for the contest.

Meanwhile, the winners are known only to the two out-of-county judges of the contest, Miss Anne Benson Priest, Transylvania home agent, and W. H. Flake, Graham farm agent, who completed their job last week.

Guest speaker at the dinner will be R. C. Francis, well-known Haywood County farmer and humorist. He will be introduced by W. B. Collins, of Waynesville, district farm agent.

Walter Taylor, of the Holly Springs community, contest council president, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The top community will receive \$300, while the second and third place winners will get \$200 and \$100. The next 10 in line will receive \$50 each.

Twenty-one communities participated in this year's contest, the second held in the county. These communities also are entered in the W.N.C. contest.

A committee composed of two women from each community is in charge of the awards dinner. Food is being donated by each community.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Macon State U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed. (Nov. 3)	51	9
Thursday	45	20
Friday	47	25
Saturday	50	16
Sunday	63	70
Monday	69	18
Tuesday	73	23

COWEETA		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed. (Nov. 3)	50	7
Thursday	45	24
Friday	47	34
Saturday	48	18
Sunday	60	19
Monday	69	20
Tuesday	70	25

HIGHLANDS		
Temperatures		
	High	Low
Wed. (Nov. 3)	46	12
Thursday	44	30
Friday	44	30
Saturday	46	20
Sunday	58	22
Monday	67	22
Tuesday	68	29

PLAN RUMMAGE SALE Mrs. Theo Kiser's Seventh Grade of the Franklin Elementary School will hold a rummage sale Saturday morning on Rankin Square, beginning at 7:30. Proceeds will go to paint the school room.

Otus Works On A Radio Macon Youth Wins 4-H Territorial Electrical Projects Scholarship

A Franklin 4-H Club member, Otus Stiwinter, has been named the territorial winner of 4-H farm and home electrical projects.

Young Mr. Stiwinter, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stiwinter, of the Gneiss community, was awarded a \$100 scholarship to a college of his choice for his achievement at the annual 4-H Electrical Congress in Charlotte Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Miss Becky Monteith, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Birch Monteith, of Franklin, also a member of the Franklin club, was the county award winner in the contest.

In winning the scholarship, Otus — who is so wrapped up in his work he recently completed a correspondence course in electronics — won out over other top 4-H'ers in the terri-

tory served by the Nantahala Power and Light Company, one of the contest sponsors.

His intense interest and a radio he constructed in his spare moments played key roles in his being selected for the territorial award, according to his 4-H leaders. Otus also worked this past summer in a local radio shop as another step toward a college career in electrical engineering.

Going to Charlotte with Otus to receive the award were James Flanagan, assistant county agent in charge of 4-H, and H. H. Gnuse, Jr., and W. W. (Bill) Sloan, both of Nantahala power company.

As a feature of the congress, Otus gave a five-minute talk on his projects. Next project for the Franklin High Junior? A TV set.