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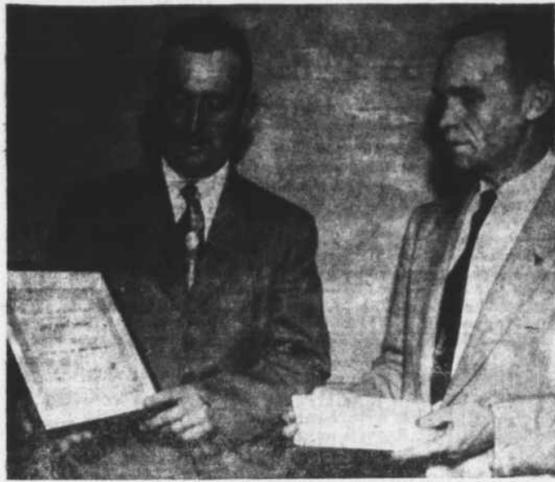
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HARRY KINSLAND (left), outgoing Holly Springs president, holds a certificate presented to the community at the W. N. C. rural contest luncheon Saturday in Asheville. County Agent **T. H. Fagg** has the \$100 check Holly Springs won in the contest.

Holly Springs Wins Award Of \$100 In W. N. C. Contest

Talk 1955 Farm Prices, Trends

A special farm outlook meeting to discuss 1955 prices and trends was held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at the Agricultural Building with local farm men and women and a team of extension service experts from Raleigh taking part.

ATTENDING MEETING

School Supt. **Holland McSwain** left yesterday (Wednesday) to attend a state-wide meeting of superintendents in High Point. He plans to return home Friday night.

Woman's Club Has 'Closet' To Aid Needy

The Franklin Junior Woman's Club has a very unusual closet. It has its own name — "Children's Clothing Closet" — and, unlike a regular closet, things don't hang around in it for long.

Result: "The Children's Clothing Closet" is one of the club's pet projects and it provides clothing for needy children of all ages. In the past 18 months, club women have distributed more than 500 garments and have spent roughly \$100 for new shoes for needy children. The latter item — shoes for children — is an allied project of the closet, but operates independently, according to Mrs. **Ralph Penland** and Mrs. **Oscar Ledford**, who are in charge.

Recently, all club members gathered at the "closet" — which is a room over the Quality Shop given rent-free to the club by **T. W. Angel, Jr.** — and mended and pressed garments they had collected in the latest drive.

Result: "The Children's Clothing Closet" has plenty of clothes to offer. Parents or teachers of needy children may get in touch with Mrs. **Ledford** (telephone 348-J) for further information on how to obtain clothes.



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FRANKLIN JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB has plenty of garments for the needy at its "Children's Clothing Closet" over the Quality Shop. Checking sizes on some of them are (L to R) **Mrs. Joe Ann Hopkins**, **Mrs. Nancy Keener**, **Mrs. Louise Ledford**, and **Mrs. Hazel Penland**.

Prison Break Is Squelched Monday Night

Alert prison guards squelched an attempt by three prisoners to break out of the Macon Prison Camp early Monday night through the roof of the prison hospital room.

A 42-inch hole was cut in the galvanized roof by the three men, who were scheduled to stand trial in Superior Court the following morning for previous prison breaks, according to Supt. **John E. Cutshall**.

The superintendent said the prisoners had tin snips, files, a hammer, and a crow bar in the cell when the escape was discovered by guards **Alex Ledford** and **James Sanders**.

"How they got them I don't know," Mr. Cutshall confessed. However, the superintendent surmised that honor grade prisoners slipped them the tools. An investigation is now under way, he added.

He identified the three, who figured in breaks earlier in the year, as **Milton Pete Austin**, 23, of Gastonia, serving time for automobile theft; **Mack A. Walden**, 25, sentenced in Mecklenburg County for highway robbery; and **Johnny Porter**, about 31, also serving time for highway robbery.

Standing on a double-deck bunk, the prisoners must have spent most of the day secretly cutting through the roof, Mr. Cutshall surmised. They used a sweater hanging on a supporting beam to keep guards from seeing the hole, he said. The attempted break was nipped by the guards at 7:15, the superintendent added.

But in spite of the attempted break, the three prisoners stood trial as scheduled Tuesday morning for their past escapes. Judge **Johnston** handed Walden eight months more and Austin and Porter four months each. The three probably will stand trial for Monday night's escape attempt at the next term of court, Mr. Cutshall said.

And the three will not be trying escapes from the Macon camp anymore. Tuesday night Austin was transferred to a camp near **Whittier** and Porter to one in **Ashe County**. Walden will be sent to the state prison in **Raleigh**, Mr. Cutshall said.

Who's Who

Georgia is the perfect goat hereabouts when it comes to illegal whiskey.

A man charged with possession of non-tax paid whiskey told Judge **Walter E. Johnston, Jr.** he got the booze in Georgia.

But the judge didn't swallow that one.

With a smile he commented, "Georgia is handy, so they use it."

But with no Georgia and no state line, things are different down in the judge's part of the state — (**Winston-Salem**) — "they just say they don't know where they got it."

And for having a bad memory and also telling the judge he had the whiskey (a full case — six gallons) "for my own drinking", this defendant got six months in jail.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY GOES TO J. SMITH

Appointment Made By State Board; Is On New Board

John E. Smith, nominee on the incoming board of education, last Thursday was appointed to the Macon Board of Education to serve the unexpired term of **John M. Archer, Jr.**, resigned.

The appointment was made by the N. C. Board of Education, on recommendation of the local Democratic executive committee, which is headed by **Frank I. Murray, Sr.**

A letter received by Mr. Murray from Dr. **Charles F. Carroll**, secretary to the state board, confirmed Mr. Smith's appointment.

An employee of the Western Carolina Telephone Company,



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Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith will serve on the present board until the new school board receives the blessing of the 1955 legislature. This action generally comes in April. Mr. Smith was nominated in the Democratic primary this past May to serve on the new board.

In early October, Mr. Archer, president of **Nantahala Power and Light Company**, resigned from the board and at that time said pressing business forced his resignation.

Since the Democratic executive committee did not pick a successor to Mr. Archer within 30 days of his resignation, under the law the state board had to make the selection, using, of course, the recommendation of the local committee.

4-H DAY SATURDAY

Annual Achievement Awards To Be Made By Extension Agents

Macon 4-H'ers will receive awards for their efforts over the past year at their annual "Achievement Day" Saturday morning at the Agricultural Building.

The program will open at 9:30 with a welcome by **Miss Nancy Cable**, president of the 4-H County Council.

Having charge of the devotional will be the Rev. **R. J. Mahn**, pastor of the **Snow Hill-Iotla Methodist** charge. Greetings will be extended by County Agent **T. H. Fagg**.

Members of the Franklin club will have charge of the music and the **Chapel 4-H** clubbers will present, "Let's Make Somebody Happy for Christmas."

Bud Shope, president of the **Cartoogechaye** senior club, will recognize adult leaders, and **Mrs. George Byrd**, reporter for the county 4-H leader organization, will respond.

Annual awards will be presented by the 4-H agents, **Mrs. Jessie Lee Cabe** and **James Flanagan**.

As a closing feature of the annual meeting, **Miss Carolyn Waldrop**, vice-president of the council, will speak on "Looking to the Future."

SING IS SUNDAY

The second Sunday Sing will be held at **Dryman's Chapel** beginning at 1:45 p. m. **Tom Henson**, secretary, has announced.

Maconians Will Mark 'S-D Day'

Macon is going to be solid behind "S-D Day" next Wednesday, a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially, when all motorists and pedestrians do their part.

The "Safe Driving Day" chairman, **Sheriff J. Harry Thomas**, said this week he plans to have "Slow Down and Live" bumper safety slogans distributed for the observance, and he also requests all teachers to devote classroom time to highway safety.

"Naturally, we're going to be solid behind 'S-D Day', but with the idea of making every day of one year 'S-D Day' in Macon County," the sheriff commented.

Sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, in cooperation with various national organizations, "S-D Day" is designated to demonstrate that the place to attack the traffic safety problem is in the community and that the responsibility rests upon each individual.

The test will be for Macon — along with every community in the nation — to remain completely free of traffic accidents for the 24-hour period.

Grand Jury Reports County Needs More Space To Store

Body Files Report With Clerk After Making Inspection

Recommendations for minor repairs and more storage space for records marked the Grand Jury's report, following inspection of county facilities Tuesday.

Filed with the clerk of court in the afternoon, the report said jurymen found the courthouse "in fair condition considering age of building", and recommended new carpeting on the stage and along the aisles of the courtroom. Also suggested was more storage space for records in the offices of the sheriff, school superintendent, and register of deeds.

The jury found the jail to be clean, but recommended repairs to screens and guttering and suggested that the plumbing be checked and repaired.

"Good condition" was the report on the prison camp.

The report said the county home is "in fair shape considering age of building". A better heating and hot water system was suggested.

Death Car Drivers Get Prison Terms

Judge Swears In Officers

Macon's newly-elected county officials were sworn in with the opening of Superior Court Monday morning by Judge **Walter E. Johnston, Jr.**

Those taking the oath of office included Sheriff **J. Harry Thomas**, Miss **Kate McGee**, clerk of court, **Lake V. Shope**, register of deeds, **W. E. (Gene) Baldwin**, chairman of the Macon Board of County Commissioners, **John Roane** and **Wiley Brown**, county commissioners, **C. Jack Ragan**, coroner, and **Richard H. Slagle**, surveyor.

Miss McGee and Sheriff Thomas are starting their second four-year terms; Mr. Shope his fourth; Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Roane their third; and Mr. Brown, Mr. Ragan, and Mr. Slagle their first.

ENLIST IN AIR FORCE

Charles Robert Shope and **William Eugene Ledford**, both of Franklin, enlisted in the U. S. Air Force during November through the local recruiter, **T/St. William E. Hull**.

Charges of drunk driving and no driver's license against **Irby** were not pressed with leave. Charges of drunk driving and driving after his license had been revoked against **Stewart** were consolidated with the other charge for judgment.

Irby went on trial as the driver of a 1949 Ford which wrecked December 14, 1953. Two days later one of four passengers, **T. D. McCallister**, also of Anderson, S. C., died in the hospital.

Sixteen-year-old **Eulas Eugene Coggins**, of **Cullowhee**, **Erastus Route**, died in the wreck of a 1947 Dodge driven by **Stewart** this past October 3.

Other jurymen were **Lawrence Long**, **Marion C. Thomas**, **D. L. Douthit**, **Crawford Ayers**, **Laddie Crawford**, **Dwight Waters**, **W. C. Arvey**, **F. R. Roane**, **Jack Cabe**, **S. M. McCoy**, **J. C. Buchanan**, **Alvin Crow**, **R. L. Parrish**, **J. T. McCoy**, **Lawson Snyder**, **Leslie Campbell**, and **Paul Ashe**.

Members of the jury were drawn by five-year-old **Gary Palmer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Bruce Palmer**, of Franklin. **Robert Morgan** was appointed foreman by the court.

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Offers of free land for the site of the new water tank in south Franklin were turned down by town officials because none met the needed requirements of height, it was brought out at Monday night's meeting of the board of aldermen.

Mayor **W. C. Burrell** explained that land for the tank was purchased (\$2,000) from **Mrs. Furman Angel** and **Furman Angel, Jr.**, because this particular site was ideal for the tank. In terms of dollars, the free land, "although we appreciate the offers" — would have cost the town an additional \$8,000 to \$10,000 to provide adequate water.

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The Weather

Temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by **Manson Stiles**, U. S. weather observer, and at the **Coolest Hydrologic Laboratory**.

FRANKLIN	Temperatures	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 1	55	19		
Thursday	52	32		
Friday	48	12		
Saturday	56	12		
Sunday	44	28	.5	
Monday	36	38	.05	
Tuesday	43	8		

HIGHLANDS	Temperatures	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 1	55	26		
Thursday	46	27		
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Monday	43	29	1.4	
Tuesday	34	8		

COWEETA	Temperatures	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Dec. 1	55	21		
Thursday	48	24		
Friday	48	13		
Saturday	54	14		
Sunday	46	27		
Monday	48	38	1.4	
Tuesday	48	8		

BARBECUED BOAR was the menu Saturday evening at the **Normandie Restaurant** when 111 members and friends of the **Macon Coon Hunters Association** gathered to raise money for a restocking ('coon) program. The 250-pound Russian boar was killed Tuesday of last week in the **Blue Valley**, near **Highlands**, by **Taylor Crockett** (above) and **Ernest Holland**, members of the association. They used dogs to track the big hog, one of several brought into the county under another restocking program.