



FRANKLIN STUDENT Robert Alexander (left) swaps some candy for soap with three of the hundreds of spooks and goblins that took over Franklin on Hallowe'en night. This bartering headed off some soaped windows.

## Hallowe'en Is Orderly

Hallowe'en's assortment of ogres and spooks was a pretty orderly bunch in Franklin, according to law enforcement officers.

Under the supervision of Principal Harry C. Corbin, students swapped candy for soap with a couple of hundred goblins in the downtown area and headed off a lot of soaping projects on the windows of business establishments.

But along about midnight — after the candy supply was exhausted — soap artists appeared and went to work on some of the larger windows.

A supply of rotten fruit was used by larger pranksters on passing automobiles.

A heavy sign reserving parking space for law officers in front of the courthouse disappeared during the night. It was found Tuesday morning about two miles from town on US 64 by Police Chief C. D. Baird. Broken from its heavy base, it is now being repaired.

But, all things considered, "things went along pretty smoothly," according to Chief Baird.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas also reported little trouble for his department from pranksters.

## Not On His Shopping List . . .

Sgt. John W. McDowell, of the Macon Prison Camp, went to Hendersonville Tuesday for a load of potatoes.

He returned with a couple of items that weren't on his shopping list.

About 4 p. m. some 10 miles this side of Hendersonville, he passed a couple of boys walking along the highway.

He turned the truck, drove back up the highway, and asked the two if "they wanted a ride".

They said "might as well," the sergeant reports, and hopped in with him.

Sgt. McDowell didn't have to ask their destination.

Both were escapees from the camp here.

Supt. John E. Cutshall identified the two as Dwight L. Pitchford and Bobby Pressley. They are serving three to five years for larceny.

But, one big question still remains in this tale. Why did Pitchford escape? He was to have been released from prison yesterday.

## BOOKS OPEN FOR TOWNSHIP TAX ELECTION

Balloting To Deal With Support For Highlands Hospital

Registration books are now open in Highlands Township for a special election November 22 on whether or not the Highlands Community Hospital, Inc., will receive tax support.

The books will close Saturday, November 12. Challenge day will be the 19th.

Registrar is Weldon Paul and the judges are Tom Harbison and Grady Coffey.

The polling place will be the old high school building.

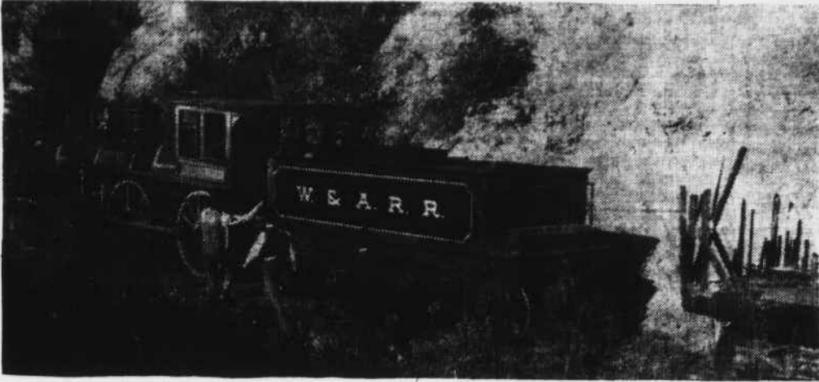
Authorized by the General Assembly, the township election deals with this question:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Macon County levy and collect a special annual tax of forty (40c) cents on each one hundred (\$100) dollars of assessed value of the real and personal property in Highlands Township in Macon County, for the purpose of providing funds for financing the cost of operation, equipment, and maintenance of Highlands Community Hospital, Inc., a non-profit hospital and organization located in the Town of Highlands, North Carolina.

## Girl Scouts Go To Church In Body

Climaxing "Girl Scout Week," the Franklin Girl Scout troops, both white and colored, will attend church in a body Sunday morning at the Franklin Methodist Church.

They will sing special music. Mrs. Ernest Hyde, county chairman, will give a short talk on Girl Scout work.



END OF THE CHASE — This is one of the final scenes in Disney's new movie, The Great Locomotive Chase, when the Confederates catch up with the stolen "General". This also was one of the last scenes "shot" here by the company. It was made in a cut across the highway from the Coweeta Hydrological Laboratory entrance on US 23-41. At right is a burned railroad car, pushed by "The Texas", on which the Confederates rode.

## FARM & HOME MEETING SET

Outlook Discussions To Be Led Monday By Officials Of Raleigh

An agricultural outlook conference for farm and home leaders is set for Monday at 2 p. m. at the Agricultural Building, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

In charge of the conference will be two officials from N. C. State College, Raleigh, Charles R. Pugh, farm management specialist, and Miss Josephine Cusick, home management specialist.

Discussions will center around price trends of things dealing with farm and home operations, the agent explained.

He said men and women working in community development programs are particularly invited to attend.

## Movie Enchantment Fading Here As Company Pulls Out

As mysteriously as it materialized in mid-September, the enchantment surrounding the filming of Walt Disney's "The Great Locomotive Chase" here is disappearing.

The picture's stars, Fess Parker and Jeff Hunter, have packed up and headed for Hollywood along with most of company. The handful of movie people remaining are expected to be gone by the last of the week.

Traffic that has jammed the highway between Franklin and Clayton, Ga., during the "shooting" of the Civil War epic is back to a trickle.

The only visible signs remaining of the fleeting fame brought to this area by the ancient Tallulah Falls Railway are the authentic railway stations erected along her tracks. And even some of these are being dismantled.

### World Collapsing

Its wonderful world of make-believe collapsing, soon the "Cinderella" railroad again will be dodging the barrage of barbs that has assailed it since it fell into receivership more than 25 years ago; stinging barbs like "The Total Failure".

## STILL HELD IN SLAYING OF SHELTON

Officers Holding Trio On Open Charges For Shooting Here

Officers yesterday (Wednesday) were still holding Mrs. Hazel Stoffel, her 14-year-old son, Gene, and Mrs. Gertrude Shelton on open charges in connection with the October 22 slaying of Kenneth T. Shelton.

The body of Shelton, 54, was found on the front porch of his home near Franklin by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Chief Deputy Newell Pendergrass.

Officers say Mrs. Stoffel, 34, step-daughter of the dead man, has admitted shooting him with a .32 calibre revolver during a family argument.

## LAW PROBES BREAK-INS

A series of break-ins over the county are being investigated by the sheriff's department and five youths are being held in connection with several.

A Franklin warehouse was entered twice during the week.

Dowdle Wholesale warehouse on Depot Street was entered Wednesday night of last week and cigarettes and candy taken. C. N. (Joe) Dowdle said just how much was taken cannot be determined until an inventory is taken. A window at the end of the warehouse was smashed.

The Dowdle warehouse office was broken into again Sunday night or early Monday morning and cigarettes and possibly some other things were taken, according to Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Three boys, one a minor already on probation, are being held in connection with a breaking and entering Tuesday night of last week at Union School. Entrance was gained through a window in a rest

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## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded at Franklin by Maxson Stiles, U. S. weather observer in Highlands by F. L. N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic

### FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Oct. 26	77	22	....
Thursday	80	29	....
Friday	74	28	....
Saturday	68	49	47
Sunday	57	33	....
Monday	62	25	trace
Tuesday	71	21	....

### COWEETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Oct. 26	75	24	....
Thursday	77	31	....
Friday	72	31	.61
Saturday	72	37	....
Sunday	56	30	....
Monday	60	26	....
Tuesday	67	22	....

## Macon Animals Win 27 Blue Ribbons At Fat Stock Show

In what officials described as some of the stiffest competition in the history of the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show, Macon's 29 calves won 27 blue ribbons and two reds.

Frank Killian, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Killian, took first place in showmanship.

Held Tuesday afternoon at the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound Pavilion, near Enka, the show saw a Swain County entry walk off with the grand champion honors. Reserve honors were won by a Haywood animal. Results of the sale of the fat calves yesterday (Wednesday)

were not known at presstime. A number of men and women from here attended both the show and sale.

Macon animals also placed second in the best group of five feature, and third in the best county group of three.

The 4-H and F. F. A. owners of the blue ribbon animals from here include Charles Long, Ronald Harper, Grover Sheffield, Tommy Hunter, Glenda Sheffield, Dewey Taylor, Wayne Gregory, Jack Taylor, Floyd Kimsey, Ted Kirkland, Frank Nolen, Clark Sheffield, Bill

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PANTHER BACK Crawford Moore (63), with back Willard Smith (66) breaking the way, prepares to outstep the open arms of a Murphy player in Friday's game here. Franklin won 7 to 0.

## C. A. P. Meeting Site Changed To Courthouse

Tonight's (Thursday) meeting of the Civil Air Patrol has been changed from the Agricultural Building, as previously announced, to the county courthouse, it has been announced. The meeting is set for 7:30. Business will include final preparations for officially activating the squadron and instituting a cadet training program.

## Morgan Reelected Win Over A. S. C. Chairman Murphy Hi

By TOMMY GNUSE

Carl Morgan, of Franklin, Route 3, Saturday was reelected chairman of the Macon County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee for 1955-56.

At a county convention at the Agricultural Building, community delegates also elected Bill Higdon, of Route 5, as vice-chairman; Walter Taylor, Route 4, regular member; W. M. Byrd, Route 1, 1st alternate; and Harley Stewart, Route 1, 2nd alternate.

Community committeemen recently were elected in county-wide balloting.

## Eight From Here Attend District P. T. A. Conference

Eight Macon County persons — representing the parent-teacher associations of Franklin and Cullasaja schools — attended last week's district P. T. A. conference, held at Valley Spring School, in Buncombe County, Wednesday.

Attending from Franklin were Mrs. B. L. McGlamery, Mrs. Weimar Jones, Mrs. J. Ward Lons, and Holland McSwain, county superintendent of schools.

The Cullasaja School delegates were Mrs. C. Tom Bryson, Mrs. Wiley J. Clark, Mrs. Bert Mashburn, and Mrs. H. N. Evelt.

## Player Award Being Given By V. F. W. Post

Plans for presenting an award to the outstanding football player of 1955 at Franklin High School were revealed this week by the local V. F. W. post.

The presentation will come as a feature of "Homecoming Day" festivities here on November 18, when the Panthers close out the season against Sylva High.

V. F. W. Commander Zeb Meadows said the recipient for the award will be selected by the members of the football squad. Balloting is to take place later in the month.

Meanwhile, plans for "Homecoming Day" are shaping up, according to school officials. An open house in the afternoon will be held for alumni.

A "Homecoming Queen", maid of honor, and four attendants are to be elected by the student body. The queen and her court will be feted during half-time ceremonies at the game.

Other features are to be announced later.



Commander Meadows And Trophy



MACON COUNTY won second place in the best five animals feature of the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show. With the winning animals are (L to R) Wayne Gregory, Johnny Killian, Bruce Houston, Floyd Kimsey, and Frank Killian.