



DEPUTY tax collector Tom Henson is shown depositing Macon's check for \$19,022.76 from national forest receipts. The amount is the largest for any county in the state. The bank teller is Mrs. Mary Otto.

Search On For Macon's Young Man

"Macon County's Young Man of the Year" is once again in the spotlight.

For the fourth year, the Franklin Jaycees are seeking a young man, who, in the opinion of a secret selection committee, has made outstanding contributions to his community during the past year.

When he is found, the Jaycees plan to award him a "Distinguished Service Award" at a special banquet in January.

Jaycee C. Jack Ragan is chairman of the Jaycee committee promoting the search. However, the selection of the young man will not be made by Jaycees, but by a committee of local men and women. Mr. Ragan said the purpose of his Jaycee committee is to serve as liaison for the selection committee and individuals and organizations making nominations for the award.

Any young man not over 35 years may be nominated. Mr. Ragan noted. A statement must be prepared, outlining the nominee's accomplishments and contributions for the year.

Last year's winner was Edwin T. Williams, Franklin High teacher.

Yule Cantata Practice Begins

Voices from the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian church choirs in Franklin are now practicing for the third annual Christmas cantata.

Sponsored by the Franklin Jaycees, the program is set for the evening of December 23 at the Methodist church.

As in the past, admission will be a toy, or any gift of food or clothing, for the needy. Items collected will be included in the Christmas baskets distributed by the Jaycees.

The Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett, who is handling arrangements for the Jaycees, said the cantata will feature traditional Christmas selections.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program will highlight a meeting of the Cartoogechaye P. T. A. Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the school, it has been announced.



TALKING WITH "Smokey" Cameron, the walking vagabond from Arizona, are (L to R) Ronnie Mason, 13, his sister, Sharon, 9, and Eugene Dowdle. "Smokey" appeared in Franklin on Friday.

GEORGIA BID IS EXPECTED THIS MONTH

Is Second US 23-441 Link In Series From Line To Tallulah Falls

A contract for construction of another link of US 23-441 from Mountain City to Clayton, Ga., is expected to be let on December 16, it has been learned here. It is understood that the right-of-way for this new section which will tie-in with the recently completed one from the state line to Mountain City, has been cleared.

Another tie-in project from Franklin to the state line is about to begin.

The Georgia project is the second of three planned sections from the state line to Tallulah Falls, Ga.

Forest Check Arrives Here

Macon's bank account got a \$19,022.76 shot in the arm this week when a check for this amount was deposited by Tom Henson, deputy tax collector.

The check is the county's share of national forest receipts, which are annually divided among counties having national land within their boundaries.

The money is pro-rated on the basis of the county tax structure.

Receipts are mainly from the sale of timber stumpage, but also include minor amounts from special use and mining permits. Macon's check is the largest in the state, according to forest service officials. In second place was Montgomery County, with \$18,608.44.

Of the state's total of 1,113,831 acres of national forest land, this county claims a high of 147,868 acres of Nantahala National Forest.

Amounts received by other counties in this area include Cherokee, \$19,474.56; Clay, \$7,612.42; Graham, \$13,758.02; Jackson, \$3,568.02; Swain, \$2,055.39; and Transylvania, \$623.94.

Total state allocation was \$146,699.31.

IOTLA SUPPER MEETING

A covered dish supper will feature a meeting of the Iotla Rural Community Development Organization Monday at 6:30 at the Iotla School, it has been announced.

OUT OF DRIZZLE —

Walking Vagabond Visitor

Out of Friday's chilling drizzle strolled a vagabond from Arizona, who claims to have walked nearly 36,000 miles in this hemisphere since the mid-40's.

His slight and lean body angled forward against the pull of a 65-pound pack on his back. "Smokey" Cameron—a man of the world—entered Franklin from the direction of the Little Tennessee River bridge in the middle of the afternoon. In the downpour, his progress through town was almost unnoticed—his presence was tipped off by a quick-thinking motorist who gave him a lift into Macon County.

Rain dripping from his cap, "Smokey" imparted this information about his life and times to an equally wet reporter.

He has worn out 22 pairs of boots and 21 pairs of moccasins in his strolls through 44 states,

Girls Win Both Games

Franklin's lassies started their climb to basketball laurels this week by winning both games. The boys, however, split their first two clashes.

Meeting Webster last Thursday, the girls won 43 to 27, with Carolyn Dowdle taking high score honors with 18 points. The lads also topped Webster 54 to 42, with Willard Smith pacing the way with 20 points.

Tuesday, the girls dumped Cherokee 28 to 20 under the 13-point shooting of Mavis Gibson. A 53 to 39 defeat was suffered by the boys. Crawford Moore was high scorer for the locals with 12 points.

Friday, the Franklin teams play in Bryson City and Tuesday in Glensville. The girls' game is set for 7, the boys' at 9.

Officials Of Two States Slate Watershed Survey

A preliminary field examination of the 90,000-acre Little Tennessee River watershed has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday by officials of this state and Georgia.

This survey is being conducted

Auto Groups Are Leaders In Business

Motor vehicles accounted for more than a third of Macon County's 1954 retail sales of \$9,970,000.

A breakdown of total sales shows the automotive group reaped \$2,392,000 of the total and gasoline service stations an additional \$1,414,000 — giving the two allied groups a \$3,806,000 slice of the retail pie.

Other shares: Twenty-three food stores, had sales totaling \$1,481,000.

Eleven eating establishments hit \$268,000.

General merchandise stores, 25 of them, took \$786,000.

Nine apparel and accessories stores did a business of \$590,000.

In furniture, home furnishings, and appliances, 12 stores took in \$333,000.

Eight businesses dealing in lumber, building materials, hardware, and farm equipment shared \$873,000.

Drug stores and proprietary stores — four listed for the year — had sales of \$306,000.

Thirty-four other retail stores took in \$1,527,000.

These figures were furnished by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, in a preliminary report.

Forgotten That Dollar?

Forgotten something? A dollar, maybe? A dollar for those 100 Christmas seals mailed you last week by the Macon Tuberculosis Association.

From 900 letters sent out, the campaign has brought in only \$211, according to Fred Dowdle, chairman.

ALLOCATION DISCUSSED

Purchase Of Land Near High School To Be Investigated

The Macon County Board of Education took no official action in session Monday morning, but discussed several matters.

A portion of the meeting was devoted to discussing, in general terms, how the county's share of the 50,000,000 school building al-

FIGURE ANNOUNCED

Macon's share of the final \$50,000,000 for school building expansion has been announced as \$152,027.87.

Supt. Holland McSwain was not available for comment (Wednesday) when the amount was disclosed by the State Board of Education. He is attending a superintendents' conference in High Point and is not expected back until Friday.

location will be spent. Since it still is not known just how much Macon is to receive, no definite plans were made. This allocation — the second in the state-wide bond issue for school expansion — is being made to counties on the basis of need, effort, and ability, according to Supt. Holland McSwain.

Board members also decided to investigate a plan for purchasing about four acres of land owned by Frank Leach near Franklin High School. If the land can be obtained, it is the board's idea to utilize it for playground space and future expansion of the high school. The property is across the street from the south end of the building.

HEADS AGENTS



T. H. Fagg, County agent for Macon, Mr. Fagg is the new president of the W. N. C. County Agents' Association for 1956. He was elected to the post at an agents' meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Asheville.

Newspaper Gets Historical Award

A certificate of merit has been presented The Franklin Press for its Centennial Edition.

The award was made by the N. C. Society of Local or County Historians at its annual meeting Friday in Raleigh "for meritorious historical activities in the newspaper field... for continuing active interest in the publication of outstanding feature articles in local and North Carolina history."

The Press was one of two newspapers in the state to receive a certificate and the only weekly. The other was the Greensboro Daily News.

Published just prior to Franklin's 100th birthday celebration in mid-June, the edition was the largest in the history of the newspaper (48 pages) and was composed largely of local historical features written by county citizens.

MEETING POSTPONED

The Union P. T. A. meeting has been postponed from tonight (December 8) until next Thursday at 7:30 p. m. A Christmas program will be presented.

Murder Trial Slated; Cases Are 'Moving'

Laws Protect, Not Punish

Protection, not punishment, is behind North Carolina's motor vehicles laws, according to Judge Dan K. Moore.

In his charge to the grand jury here Monday morning, the jurist placed special emphasis on the increasing number of traffic violations, both here and elsewhere, and allied highway death toll and injuries.

He labeled the mounting death toll a "tragic situation... that seems to be getting worse."

Motor vehicles laws were passed for the purpose of attempting to reduce deaths, injuries, and property loss, Judge Moore explained, and to protect those who use the highways.

In taking violators of the laws to trial, he said the court is not simply seeking to punish the individual. Unless the laws are enforced, it will become increasingly dangerous to operate a motor vehicle on the highways.

He declared it is the duty of each citizen to aid in the enforcement of the laws; first by obeying them personally, secondly, by assisting officers with enforcement.

Law enforcement has become such a "tremendous undertaking," that despite the conscientious efforts of officers it is impossible for them to do the job.

Fred Hannah was appointed foreman by the court.

Members included Ralph Crunkleton, Bert Zachary, Frank J. Crane, Lex Vanhook, George W. Nix, Don Watson, Soby Roper, Joe Reese, Carl E. Bateman, Carl Donaldson, B. F. Waldrop, T. A. Bateman, Bronce L. Roper, John H. Campbell, Wiley Stamey, and J. E. Hicks.

HOPES ARE ON HOLLY SPRINGS

Macon Community In Area Rural Contest; Awards Luncheon Set

Holly Springs is carrying Macon's hopes in the W. N. C. Rural Community Development Contest and when the winners are announced in Asheville on Saturday more than 25 from here plan to be on hand.

An awards luncheon at the Battery Park Hotel is to be featured by the disclosure of the top communities in the area. Cash awards totaling \$1,750 are to be made.

Tickets to the luncheon are being distributed to community leaders by County Agent T. H. Fagg.

Placing in the money in the W. N. C. contest is nothing new to Holly Springs. As the leader in the development program in this county, it won an honorable mention (\$100) in the 1954 event.

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Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., yesterday (Wednesday) morning said the murder trial of Mrs. Hazel Stuffle and two others probably will begin today.

The grand jury Monday returned indictments against Mrs. Stuffle, 34, Mrs. Gertrude Shelton, 54, and Gene Autrey Stuffle, 14, in connection with the October 22 pistol slaying of Kenneth Tom Shelton near Franklin. Officers say Mrs. Stuffle has admitted the shooting.

Shelton, 54, was Mrs. Shelton's husband and the step-father of Mrs. Stuffle.

Meanwhile, the solicitor reported criminal trials were "moving along" and he predicted the docket probably would be disposed of today.

Judge Dan K. Moore is presiding. The term opened Monday.

Cases acted upon through Monday include: Roy Lewis Watson, Jr., driving after license revoked, 4 months suspended, \$200 and costs, license suspended three years.

John David McGaha, speeding, prayer for judgment continued, costs.

Jimmy Thacker, fraud, nol prois with leave.

Add Thacker, fraud, prayer for judgment continued, costs.

Charlie Ray Dillard, speeding, prayer for judgment continued, and costs.

Andrew Pierson Wilson, drunk driving, improper brakes, prayer for judgment continued, \$100 and costs.

Jesse Garland Ledford, drunk driving, prayer for judgment continued, \$100 and costs.

Arnold B. Garrison, drunk driving, prayer for judgment continued, \$100 and costs.

Arnold Ray Dills, drunk driving, 90 days suspended, \$100 and costs.

Charles Marshall Mincey, drunk driving, 90 days suspended, \$100 costs.

Samuel Lawson Shook, aiding and abetting drunk driving, alias capias issued.

Paul Everett Buchanan, speed-SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN				
Temperatures				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Nov. 30	44	08	—	
Thursday	45	10	—	
Friday	40	30	.25	
Saturday	64	41	—	
Sunday	63	53	1.37	
Monday	58	28	—	
Tuesday	58	27	—	

COWEETA				
Temperatures				
	High	Low	Rain	
Wed., Nov. 30	41	09	—	
Thursday	44	10	.60	
Friday	47	29	.19	
Saturday	64	40	.58	
Sunday	65	52	.41	
Monday	54	29	—	
Tuesday	54	27	—	



TALKING AFTER last week's F. F. A. and 4-H dinner honoring stock show supporters here are (L to R) Bobby Teague, who was master of ceremonies, James G. Flanagan, assistant agent in charge of 4-H boys, Wayne Proffitt, vocational agriculture teacher, and H. T. Gryder, of Asheville, western district vocational agriculture supervisor. The group is standing in a clever display prepared for the dinner by the F. F. A. and 4-H members. The dummy in foreground holds a calf made of straw. (See Story on Page 16).