



**THE WINNERS** — Looking at their latest first place award are (L to R) Bill McCall, Zeb Guffie, Mark Dowdle, and Buddy McClure, members of the Franklin F. F. A. dairy team that took top judging honors in Nantahala Federation competition last week.

## Aldermen Tackle Problems From Garbage To Clean-Up

A wide variety of municipal responsibilities, ranging from garbage collection to unpaid taxes and the annual clean-up, were tackled Tuesday night by the Franklin Board of Aldermen.

On taxes, the same privilege tax schedule used last year was adopted and Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey was authorized to advertise unpaid '55 taxes in the May 10 issue of the newspaper.

"Clean-Up Week" in town was proclaimed for May 14-25.

Pushing for a solution to the town's garbage collection headache, a chore that becomes bigger as each new home is built, the board offered three sugges-

tions to residents and business houses:

1. that when possible, containers be placed near the street on collection days to give the garbage men more time to make their rounds.
2. that all burnable trash be disposed of at home and not be put in garbage, and
3. that business houses flatten all pasteboard containers to take up less room in the garbage truck.

**Lights Authorized**

Five street lights were authorized; at the intersection of Baird Cove Road and US 64; at the intersection of Second and

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## LOCAL TEAM WINS FIRST

**Takes Dairy Judging Honors In District F. F. A. Competition**

Another top honor came to Macon County last Thursday when the dairy judging team of the Franklin chapter of Future Farmers of America paced the field in federation competition.

Second place in beef judging also was won by a Franklin team.

Both teams will advance to district competition in Asheville on May 11, according to Wayne Proffitt, vocational agricultural teacher.

The federation event was held at Clemson College in South Carolina. Seven schools in the western area of this state participated.

Members of the first place dairy team are Bill McCall, Zeb Guffie, alternate, Mark Dowdle, and Buddy McClure.

Joe Taylor, Bruce Houston, John Tippet, and Frank Nolen, alternate, make up the beef judging group.

Coaches of the two teams are Mr. Proffitt, George Hunnicutt, and Siler Slagle.

**COMMUNITY MEETING**

Cowee Rural Community Development Organization will hold its regular meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the school, according to President Woodrow Gibson.

## Investigation Is Under Way Into Death Of Veterinarian

An investigation is now under way in the sudden death of Dr. O. H. Burnside at his East Franklin home about 8:30 Tuesday night.

The 36-year-old veterinarian and father of four collapsed in the kitchen shortly after talking with his wife in the living room.

Because of shock, Coroner C. Jack Ragan said officers have been unable to obtain a coherent account of what took place from Mrs. Burnside.

Funeral services for Dr. Burnside, who had lived here about eight years, will be held today

(Thursday) at 3:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. W. M. Chapman, pastor, and the Rev. J. Bryan Matchett, Presbyterian pastor, will officiate. Burial probably will be in Mississippi, where the veterinarian was reared.

**Sent For Analysis**

Contents of Dr. Burnside's stomach were sent to Raleigh yesterday for analysis by the State Health Department. Coroner Ragan said no decision can be reached on cause of death until the analysis is re-

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**A GAWKY, LONG-LEGGED** animal named "Wayah" currently is attracting a lot of attention in Franklin. Here the colt nuzzles its young mistress, 11-year-old Martha Angel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Angel. "Wayah" was born two weeks ago. His mother is Martha's Tennessee Walker and his father a Falomino.

## DEMOCRATS SET MEETINGS, CONVENTION

**Party Slates May 5 Township Meetings; Convention On 12th**

Macon's Democrats are "getting their ducks in a row" for the May 26 primary, according to Frank I. Murray, chairman of the party executive committee.

Township meetings are slated for Saturday (May 5) in the 12 precincts and the county convention has been called for May 12, he announced this week.

Election of precinct committees and delegates to the county convention tops the agenda for the township meetings. They are set for 2 o'clock at the polling places in each precinct.

The county courthouse will be the scene of the convention on the 12th. It will be featured by the election of new county committeemen.

## Revival To Open At Baptist Church

A revival is scheduled May 6-16 at the First Baptist Church in Franklin, according to the pastor, the Rev. M. W. Chapman.

Cottage prayer services are being held this week as preliminaries to the opening of the revival.

Guest minister will be the Rev. N. W. Merrill, pastor of the Lookout Mountain Baptist Church in Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Services are slated nightly at 8 o'clock.

Special music for the revival will be under the direction of Mrs. Howard Barnwell.

A native of Asheville, Mr. Merrill has held pastorates in Fletcher and Charlotte. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College, and Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

## Honor Students Of Highlands Class Selected

**HIGHLANDS.** — Principal O. F. Summer has announced the selection of honor students for the 1956 graduating class of Highlands High School.

Valedictorian is Miss Nancy Jane Norton, daughter of Mrs. Ray Norton.

Miss Mary Anne Calloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Calloway, is the salutatorian of the class.

Graduation exercises are set for June 1, the principal said.

## New Motor Court Is Operating

Franklin's newest motor court, The Town Motel, is now operating unofficially.

Its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wood, plan a formal open house in the very near future as an official opening to the public, they said this week.

The 22-unit L-shaped court is situated at the intersection of US 23-441 and US 64, across from the recently opened Mashburn shopping center.

Built at a cost of about \$125,000, the new court is fully air-conditioned and each of its large rooms has wall-to-wall carpeting.

Some finishing touches to the building and landscaping are still going on.

## 3 Macon 4-H'ers Win In District

Three Macon 4-H clubbers rode out the storm of district competition Saturday in Asheville and advanced to state contests.

Miss Helen Cochran took first place in the individual dairy foods event. As a team, Guy Duvall and Burt Raby placed at the top in poultry production competition.

The state contests are set for July 23-28 during "State 4-H Week" in Raleigh.



**UP THEY WENT** — Detour signs (not uncommon sights here in recent years) went up Tuesday on US 23-441 from Franklin to Dillsboro so maintenance crews could start repairing the damage to the highway caused by a large landslide two weeks ago. East-west traffic is being detoured through Bryson City. The job is expected to take about two weeks.

## Bundy Says No Word Yet On Expansion

Supt. Stephen A. Bundy has no new information on the expansion plans for the Franklin plant of Burlington Industries, Inc.

He said company officials have not definitely decided on the scope of the proposed expansion and until a concrete plan is arrived at will be unable to make an announcement.

However, Mr. Bundy said he expects to know something within two weeks.

Two weeks ago, Burlington revealed plans for an expansion of "substantial proportions" that would bring a "sharp increase" in employment.

Since the announcement, the superintendent said an upswing in job applicants has been noted.

In operation less than a year, the Franklin plant now employs about 170 persons.

## Room Improvement School Is Slated

Miss Josephine Cusuk, house furnishing specialist from N. C. State College, Raleigh, will conduct a room improvement school this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock at the Agricultural Building.

Invited are house furnishings leaders from home demonstration clubs, 4-H leaders, and 4-H girls enrolled in room improvement projects, according to Mrs. Jessie D. Cabe, assistant agent.

## ROLLINGS CREEK SINGING

The semi-annual singing convention of the northern division of Macon County will be held at the Rollings Creek Baptist Church, located on US 19, near the Nantahala Power plant, Sunday, May 6, beginning at 10 a. m., John Campbell, president, has announced. All singers and the public are invited.

## Detour Signs Up For Slide Repairs

Detour signs went up Tuesday on US 23-441 from Franklin to Dillsboro, closing the stretch while a section of the highway damaged by a landslide is repaired.

Barring bad weather, highway officials estimate repairs will take about two weeks.

Hundreds of motorists, who either choose to ignore the signs or fail to see them, have been turned back on both sides of the project.

Even before the detour signs went up in Franklin and Dillsboro routing traffic through Bryson City, road machinery was moving dirt around the slide area in preparation for relocating the damaged section about a mile below Cowee Gap on the Franklin slide.

In a sudden movement on the 16th, about 200 yards of the highway and more than 75,000 yards of dirt slipped into the valley below seconds after a highway employe crossed. An underground fault line, "lubricated" by heavy rain and snow, is believed responsible for the landslide, highway officials say.

The relocation, which is being done by highway maintenance men, moves the centerline of the highway about 70 feet closer to the mountain.

Because of the possibility of more ground movement, refilling was considered unfeasible. However, about 30,000 yards of dirt will be dumped back into the old fill to stave off more sliding and to strengthen the

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## Local 'Premier' Of Movie Slated

On the heels of the Atlanta premier, Walt Disney's new movie (one close to the hearts of Maconians), "The Great Locomotive Chase", will play in Franklin at the Macon Theatre.

Following its Georgia premier on June 8 at Loews Grand Theatre, the film will be featured at the local theatre June 10-11-12-13, according to an announcement made this week by the manager, Charles Ivester.

Filmed here and in north Georgia last fall over the rustic Tallulah Falls Railway, the movie recreates an almost forgotten chapter of Civil War derringdo, when Yankee raiders attempted to sabotage the railroad between Marietta, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn. Starring in the epic are Fess (Davy Crockett) Parker and Jeff Hunter.

In announcing the "Franklin premier" of the movie, Mr. Ivester said special arrangements probably will be made to accommodate the crowds expected to turn out. If necessary, he said, morning and afternoon shows can be held to ease the pressure on the night runs.

Filming of the movie over the tracks of the "Cinderella Railroad" attracted thousands to the area for several weeks.

**LOFTY LIVING HITS**

The lofty cost of living has hit Franklin with both barrels. Tuesday, barbers upped haircuts to \$1.

Today (Thursday) restaurants put up signs announcing: "Coffee, 10c".

## Ramsey Declares Education Is Foundation Of Democracy

Education as the foundation of democracy was the main theme of D. Hiden Ramsey's speech here Friday night at a dinner meeting of the local unit of N. C. Education Association.

Chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, Mr. Ramsey cited the vital problems confronting the public school system today as:

Shortage of teachers, lack of properly trained teaching personnel, and inadequate buildings to take care of the rising percentage of pupils entering school.

Pointing to these problems, the speaker declared that in order to open a higher minimum in education to all children in all sections of the state, provisions will have to be made in local revenue channels for supplemental purposes.

Mr. Ramsey, a retired Asheville newspaper executive, stressed the value of high schools encouraging more students to enter college. He noted



**Mr. Ramsey**  
dents enrolled in institutions of higher learning.  
The speaker was introduced  
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## County Band Concert Slated

First annual concert of the 68-member Macon County Band is set for May 13.

Composed of band students from all schools but Nantahala, the band will play in the Franklin High gymnasium at 3 o'clock.

The concert is free.

Director T. A. Orr plans to have the concert program ready for publication soon.

The band also will play for commencement exercises at Nantahala High School on the 16th.

## The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
	High	Low
Wed., April 25	67	34
Thursday	82	36
Friday	81	62
Saturday	80	52
Sunday	83	48
Monday	83	49
Tuesday	75	57
COWEETA		
Wed., April 25	62	38
Thursday	80	37
Friday	78	43
Saturday	79	53
Sunday	82	55
Monday	78	48
Tuesday	74	55