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## VITATONE HEARD AT LOCAL MOVIE

Feature Pleases Full House of Fans Who Came To "Talkie"

Franklin's first talking moving picture production was presented at the Macon theatre on Monday night of this week, marking a new and novel step for the entertainment of Macon county people.

When the opening scene of the production, "The Unholy Night," was flashed on the screen, showing the city of London shrouded in a blanket of fog, and when patrons heard the whirr of motors on the city's streets, and the clatter of wheels on cobblestones, they were witnessing entertainment of a type not yet seen or heard in many small towns.

A footpad blackjacked a victim in the fog and laughed. A child was seized and dragged screaming into an alley. A pistol cracked, and the victim dropped to the sidewalk. Children who had taken front seats in the theatre crept back to find their mothers.

A full house witnessed the opening show featuring the movietone. The sound feature was effective, and was clearly audible in all parts of the building.

## Parking Forbidden On School Street

All automobile drivers who carry children to the school grounds are asked by Chief Bob Henry to drive into the school house lane before allowing children to get out of the car. No car must stop on the street to unload, nor will any driver be allowed to park on the street below the school buildings.

A sign has been placed below the first curve this side of the residence of Dr. W. A. Rogers. If for any reason a car must stop on the street for a moment, the stop must be made before the curve warning is passed.

Chief Henry reports that drivers have cooperated with him since he has been stationed near the school house when school opens and closes. The public is also reported to be well pleased with the manner in which Chief Henry is handling the traffic situation there.

## COGGINS TO PREACH

Rev. A. E. Coggins, of Robbinsville, will preach at the Franklin Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the subject, "Interpretation of the Golden City."

## LETTERS OMITTED

Letters and other material for this issue have been left out because of space shortage. These will appear next week.

## Southern Wants Line Through The Mountains

Willing To Build Road To N. C. If Feasible Route Can Be Obtained

Last week a whole train load of Southern Railway officials were in this part of the country. Just what was the purpose of their visit they would not tell, and no one outside of the official family of the system seems to be able to give a clue. So definite information is hard to get.

Unofficially it is understood that the company is desirous of building a line through to North Carolina, following in a general course the direction of the Little Tennessee river. The Newport-Asheville branch is overburdened with traffic and to double track that stretch would be decidedly expensive. It is understood that the

## COURT CONVENES HERE MONDAY

Judge Warns Speeders; Necessity of Adequate Jail Mentioned

Judge Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, opened the November term of the Macon county superior court here on Monday. In his charge to the grand jury, Judge Schenck stressed the need of curbing speeders on the mountain highways, particularly those speeders who drive under the influence of liquor.

"It is a wise move to require grand jurors to report violators of these speed laws," declared Judge Schenck. "A tremendous amount of money has been spent on our mountain roads, yet on the highway between Franklin and Dillsboro, one man can make the road a death trap."

Judge Schenck mentioned the danger of speeding in vicinities where school busses are run. One drunk man can make a highway in such vicinity a death trap, he said. Anyone convicted of driving in an intoxicated condition on the highways will not have another such opportunity for twelve months, the judge added.

"The automobile," he asserted, "is no longer the plaything of the rich. All must use it whether or not they want to, and there is no greater danger to the users than the drinker on the highway."

In the charge to the grand jury, Judge Schenck also stressed the duty of reporting the manufacture of whiskey, of which the grand jurors might have knowledge. He also pointed out that it is required of guardians to make reports. The grand jury should check these to see that the reports have been made, he asserted.

In county problems the grand jury's position is that of a board of directors, the judge pointed out. In the county home something more than board should be provided for the unfortunates, he declared. "No citizen in this mountain country of ours should fail in his duty to these poor. This county should not be Christian in name only, but we should practice the precepts of the Master. The committee to investigate conditions at the county home, owes it to the inmates to make liberal recommendations.

"The law provides that the county commissioners must provide an adequate jail. An adequate jail is one that will hold the prisoners and hold them properly. The jail quarters must be sanitary, such as will not endanger the life or health of the inmates."

## FRANKLIN WINS OVER ANDREWS

Visiting Team Defeated 33-0 In Last Home Game

Franklin played the last home game of its most successful football season when its eleven defeated the Andrews high school team by the score of 33-0 here last Friday. Every player appeared to put his best into the game, while Houser and Fouts, in the backfield, did sensational playing for the local men.

Houser, in the second quarter, caught a punt, swept around right field for 63 yards and a touchdown. This was the prettiest demonstration of ground gaining during the afternoon. Later in the same quarter Houser intercepted an Andrews pass and ran about 30 yards for another touchdown.

Fouts received a pass in the first quarter that was good for a touchdown. He made good an extra point for Franklin after Houser had crossed the goal line the second time, and he bucked across Andrew's line for the last touchdown in the final quarter. "Red" Stewart carried the ball for the first touchdown of the game. Henry was in the thick of the play, and bucked the line for many nice gains.

If it was possible to name every lineman and call attention to his playing, that would be done. Wilkes, Wilkie, Barnard, Freeman, Slagle and Ammons were in the thick of the playing. Andrews fought gamely thru the four quarters, but could only run up two first downs against eight for Franklin. In passing, however, Andrews completed four out of 10 attempts, while Franklin was able to complete only three out of 11 trials. Franklin, however, gained 39 yards on these three, while Andrews gained 26 yards on its four completed passes. Franklin ran up 152 yards from scrimmage against 28 for Andrews. Franklin received the first kickoff. The ball went over to Andrews on downs. Then Franklin took it back on downs. Shortly afterwards, the local team pushed down the field for its first score. Early in the first quarter, Bellamy, Andrews quarterback, was tackled by two Franklin men when he picked up a punt and received a broken leg.

Following a 40-yard dash by Fouts, a pass from Henry to Fouts netted Franklin her second touchdown. Andrews then received, was held on downs, and punted. It was then that Houser made his long run for the third touchdown.

In the third quarter, Coach Kesler ran in Franklin's second team. These boys ran up a first down against Andrews and scored a touchdown. In the fourth quarter the first team returned, and pushed over the final touchdown.

The lineup:  
Andrews (0) Franklin (33)  
Waldrop R. E. Wilkie  
McFalls L. E. Barnard  
Hyde L. T. Freeman  
T. Walker R. T. Slagle  
Everett R. G. Wilkes  
Jones L. G. Ammons  
Bellamy Q. B. Fouts  
Forsyth L. H. B. Henry  
Hamlin R. H. B. Houser  
H. Walker F. B. Stewart  
Substitutes for Andrews: Watkins for Bellamy, Sneed for Jones, Adams for Walker, Hampton for Sneed.  
Substitutes for Franklin: Cunningham for Barnard, Reese for Stewart, Calloway for Cunningham.

Judge Schenck recommended that a committee be appointed to investigate conditions at the jail, another to investigate conditions at the county home, and another to see that the records in the court house are properly protected from fire hazards.

## COUNTY BOARD MUST ERECT NEW JAIL

## NINETY GALLONS WHISKEY STOLEN

Entrance Forced Through Window of Sheriff's Office

Forcing an entrance through a window, some person or persons entered the office of Sheriff C. L. Ingram last Thursday night and took 90 gallons of whiskey from the stock of approximately 130 gallons which was stored there.

A hole had been punched through the screen which protected the window that was forced open. Then the window was broken. This enabled the thief to put his hand on the night latch, loosen it, and raise the office door, although the door had been closed and automatically locked if it was used. Some traces of mud under the window through which entrance was gained, led others to believe that a car had been driven on to the sidewalk there and the whiskey loaded into it through the window.

Sheriff Ingram had no idea of who the thief or thieves may have been, and he said that no clues were in evidence that could be traced down. It would be necessary for anyone who took the whiskey to have been familiar with the sheriff's office in order to have planned for breaking in and removing the liquor.

## Man Slashes His Own Throat; Will Recover

W. S. Erwin of Clarksville, Ga., was brought to the Angel Brothers hospital here last Thursday after an attempt to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. Mr. Erwin is reported to be resting well, and the prospects for his recovery are better than physicians had at first expected. No reason was given for Mr. Erwin's attempt to end his life.

## Bryson City To Be Played On Friday

Bryson City will be played on Friday of this week at Bryson in the last football game Franklin has scheduled for the reason. In the event that this game is won, Franklin will have been the victor in all the games played this fall with the exception of two. Waynesville took the first game by the score of 12-0. Sylva was played to 0-0 tie.

A total of 210 points have been scored to date by Franklin against 18 for opponents.

## Sale of Guernsey Bulls Saturday Brings \$522.50

Nantahala Creamery Has Most Rapid Progress In State

Buyers from Rabun, Habersham, Jackson and adjoining counties came to Franklin last Saturday to bid on the Guernsey bulls auctioned here through the cooperation of the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders' association and F. S. Sloan, county agent. In spite of the bids put in by men from outside the county, eight of the nine bulls put on sale remained in Macon. For the most part, the bulls were distributed in communities needing them most. Over 300 people attended the sale.

F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist from Raleigh, congratulated the people of Macon on the progress

To Be Prosecuted Unless Work Begins By Next Court Term

The report of the Grand Jury to Judge Michael Schenck states that the jail is in such condition that prisoners must be kept in the cages to prevent their escape. Conditions are unsanitary, states the report. The toilets are stopped and bedding is worn out and dirty.

The Grand Jury's report and the judge's recommendation follow: To his Honor Michael Schenck Judge Presiding:

The Grand Jury for the November Term of the Superior Court of Macon County respectfully submits the following report:

Upon examining the County Home, the following committee J. M. Harrison, L. B. Phillips, A. Q. Williams, and J. C. Jones find that the Home is being kept in first class condition in every way.

Upon examining the County Jail we find that sanitary conditions are very bad. The toilets are stopped, the bedding is very dirty and worn out, should be removed, and new bedding should be bought for all the beds that are occupied by the prisoners.

The jail is in such condition that the prisoners must be kept in the cage for safe keeping; therefore, we recommend that the County Commissioners build a new and modern jail for Macon county. If the Commissioners begin this operation at once or before the next term of Superior Court they will not be prosecuted. If they do not begin operation there will be a bill presented to the Grand Jury at the opening of the next term of court.

Also, the Court House and the grounds around it must be kept more sanitary.

The Clerk Superior Court has filed the following report with the Grand (Continued on page eight)

## Needlework Guild To Gather Garments

An ingathering of garments by the Needlework Guild on Friday, November 29, is announced by Mrs. Jess Sloan. The garments are to be placed where most needed by a distributing committee. Two new garments entitle one to membership in the guild. These garments, it is pointed out, will be used in our own vicinity where most needed.

No amount, it is stated, is too small to be of some use. Two ponies, two nickles, two dimes, etc., entitle one to membership. This enables the smallest child to assist in the cause. Announcement of the place to which garments are to be brought will be made next week.

made here in dairying. The Nantahala creamery at Franklin, he said, has made more rapid growth than any other creamery in North Carolina. No finer quality of butter, he asserted, is made in the state.

"I can see no reason," he declared why Macon should not be one of the leading dairying counties of the South. I understand that \$100,000 will be paid out by the creamery this year. There is no reason why that amount cannot be doubled or tripled."

Lee Crawford, president of the Bank of Franklin, stated that the creamery here had brought more money into the county than any other one thing except the sale of poultry and eggs. He stated that he wanted to see the bulls distributed over the county in order to insure increased (Continued on page eight)