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TOWN BONDS DEFEATED

Storebreakers Make Big Haul

ESCAPE WITH \$1,350 GOODS

Sanders' and Pendergrass' Stores Robbed; Ashe Is Dismissed

Thieves broke into two Franklin stores Tuesday night and escaped with merchandise valued at approximately \$1,350, leaving hardly a clue in their wake. Alarmed by the robberies, two in a series of many which have been perpetrated here in the past year, the town board at a special called meeting Thursday morning voted to replace Derald Ashe as night watchman and to offer a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the storebreakings. A similar reward already had been offered by Sheriff A. B. Slagle.

The two stores broken into were Jack Sanders' Store and the J. R. Pendergrass Store, both on Main Street. Practically all of the loss was suffered by Sanders, who after a check-up Wednesday said about \$1,350 worth of goods, possibly more, had been stolen. Broadus Pendergrass, proprietor of the other store and member of the town board, said only a few packages of cigarettes and about 25 pennies had been taken from his establishment. It is believed the thief or thieves were frightened away from this store by the barking of a dog in the neighborhood.

Systematic Robbery

At Sanders' Store, however, there were indications that the thieves, and there must have been more than one, took their time and went about looting the place of only the most choice merchandise, much of it new stock which Mr. Sanders had received only a few days before. The thieves entered the building by breaking a heavy padlock hasp on a rear door. They are thought to have loaded the stolen goods in a truck or car parked alongside a warehouse at the back of the store. Tire treads were found beside the warehouse with footprints on a path leading from the store.

Among the articles found missing by Mr. Sanders were 54 ladies' silk dresses, a half dozen fancy robes and ladies' pajamas; 49 men's suits, only the best in stock; 25 ladies' coats of the better quality; about 20 dozen expensive silk hose, but none of the cheaper grades; four and a half dozen men's dress shirts in the higher price ranges;

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Mrs. Grover Lewis, 69, Dies after Long Illness

Mrs. Grover Lewis, 69, died of a heart ailment and Bright's disease at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning at her home near the Franklin cemetery. The funeral is scheduled to be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the home with the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

Mrs. Lewis suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago and since then had been an invalid. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Surviving Mrs. Lewis are her husband, two half sisters, Mrs. Frank Reece and Mrs. Ted Gillespie, and a half brother, Jake Waldrop.

Board Requested To Exempt Hospital from Town Taxes

A letter from Dr. Furman Angel requesting the Franklin board of aldermen to exempt the Angel Hospital from town taxes and intimating that unless the board did so the question would be referred to the courts, was read at a called meeting of the council Thursday morning.

The board was called into session to consider other matters, but the letter from Dr. Angel was presented by the town clerk, George Dean. The board referred it to R. S. Jones, town attorney, for an opinion on the legal phase of the matter.

In the letter Dr. Angel quoted a statute which he claimed exempted from taxation hospitals operated for the public benefit and whose

revenues were not used for private gain.

Dr. Angel stated that if the board did not see fit to grant the exemption, he would carry the matter to the supreme court. He requested a reply in writing.

The board deferred discussion of the matter until it has been investigated by the town attorney.

Previous requests for exemption of the hospital from taxes have been rejected. About a year ago the hospital, formerly Angel Brothers Hospital, was reorganized and named Angel Hospital. At that time a board of trustees was named and the hospital obtained a grant from the Duke Foundation to help defray the expense of caring for charity patients.

16 BOY SCOUTS ARE PROMOTED

Sixteen Scouts were promoted by the Boy Scouts Court of Honor which was held at the Methodist church in Franklin Monday night. The troops at Franklin, Cherokee, and Sylva were represented in the list of promotions.

The Franklin troop, under Scoutmaster Bloxham and Assistant Scoutmaster Hauser, gave a demonstration of signaling and first aid before the audience of more than 100 parents and other friends.

The session was presided over by Dr. W. E. Furr. Second class awards were made by J. H. Stone, first class by Dr. Furr, merit badges by the Rev. C. C. Herbert star by Mr. Stone and the tenderfoot awards and the closing charge were given by Scout Executive A. W. Allen, of Asheville. Milton Sanders, of Franklin troop, welcomed the visitors. Then Rev. Mr. Flanagan of the Franklin Presbyterian church, gave the invocation.

The following promotions were made: Tenderfoot, Harold Baldwin, of Franklin; Glenn Frady, William Allen, and Charles Allen, of Sylva; Hugh Lambert, of Cherokee.

Second class, Harry Higgins, Charles Hunnicutt, Eugene Furr, Lyman Higdon, Jr., and Willie Bryant, of Franklin.

First class, Gilmer Andrew Jones, of Franklin.

Merit badges, Charlie Slagle, of Franklin, automobiling, first aid, pathfinding, firemanship, and bird study; Gilmer Andrew Jones, of Franklin, Wood carving, pathfinding, personal health and firemanship; Mark Reed, of Cherokee, bookbinding and personal health.

The rank of Star scout was conferred upon Jefferson Thompson, Joe Pritchard, and Walter Swayne, of Cherokee.

Sloan To Make Co-op Order for Lespedeza Seed

Macon county farmers interested in buying lespedeza seed were requested this week to get in touch with F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, on or before Saturday. Mr. Sloan said he planned to make a cooperative order for lespedeza seed and would be in his office in the courthouse all day Saturday to receive individual orders from farmers.

Elected

Harold Sloan Named Rotary Club President

Harold Sloan, well known Franklin business man, was elected president of the Franklin Rotary club at the club's regular weekly luncheon Wednesday in Rotary Hall. He succeeds J. S. Porter, who resigned before the expiration of his term on account his acceptance of a position in Hendersonville.

VOTERS OPPOSE IMPROVEMENTS

Large Majorities Against Sewer and Water Issues

The proposed issuance of \$91,000 water and sewer improvement bonds by the Town of Franklin was decisively defeated in Tuesday's special election. The official canvass of the election showed a majority of 225 against the \$75,500 bond issue for construction of a new water supply and storage system and extension of present water mains, and a majority of 237 against the issue of \$15,500 bonds for installation of a sewage disposal plant.

Six hundred and thirty-three persons registered for the election, but 10 whose right to vote was challenged were dropped from the list or themselves requested removal of their names. Thus, the qualified registration was 623, the largest in the history of Franklin.

How They Voted

The official count revealed that 199 ballots were cast for the water bonds and 183 against them; 187 ballots for the sewer bonds and 183 against. The majorities piled up by the opposition came from those not voting, for the voting was against the registration. Approval of the bonds required a majority of the registered voters.

Election Quiet

The election, which had aroused more interest than any held in Franklin in recent years, passed quietly. The voting was heavy in the morning, but declined later in the day. Rain which poured most of the day kept many voters away from the polls. During the morning groups on both sides of the bond issue question kept several cars busy hauling voters, but toward noon it became apparent that the bonds were defeated and those favoring the issues lost heart and ceased their activities.

Counting of the ballots was completed before 7 o'clock in the evening. Proponents of the bonds admitted defeat long before the polls closed, but claimed that the majorities would not have been so large had the weather not discouraged many voters from going to the polls.

SIX ALDERMEN AIM OF BILL

J. Frank Ray Introduces Bill for Larger Town Board

Franklin again would have six members on its board of aldermen, instead of three as at present, under terms of a bill introduced in the Legislature by Representative J. Frank Ray.

The measure, which would become effective in May of this year, was introduced Saturday, passed on three readings in the house and sent to the Senate. It would repeal chapter 5, private laws of 1933, which reduced the number of town aldermen from six to three.

Introduction of Ray's bill has aroused considerable comment here. Public opinion generally seems to be in favor of the large board on the ground that it could not be easily controlled by any single group or faction.

Another bill introduced Saturday by Mr. Ray is designed to provide for the selection of a grand jury at each April term of court to serve for one year, thereby making unnecessary the selection of a grand jury for each new term of court. The measure was passed in the house and sent to the senate.

A third bill applying to Macon county has been introduced, but it is understood to have been pigeon-holed, although it passed three readings in the house. It was designed to extend the season for hunting rabbits and quail in this county to February 1.

Mr. Ray has been appointed a member of the following house committees: public welfare, institutions for deaf and dumb; election laws; counties, cities and towns; constitutional amendments.

Appointments

Farm Census Enumerators Are Chosen

Tentative appointments of federal farm census enumerators were announced in Asheville Wednesday by David M. Buck, of Bald Mountain, supervisor of the census in district No. 1, which includes counties in the 11th congressional district. Enumerators named for this county were:

George Crawford, Franklin; Furman Anderson, Stiles; John Grady Owens, West's Mill; Charles Morrison, Iota; Emory S. Hunnicutt, Franklin; C. Robert Cabe, Smith's Bridge township; James M. Raby, Franklin; and Charles B. Bryson, Cullasaja.

The farm census is scheduled to begin about February 1 and it is expected to require two months time. The enumerators will be paid according to the work they do and it is said they should earn from \$4 to \$7 a day. They will make inquiry as to farm tenure, farm acreage, which includes, crop land, pastures and woodland; farm values; acres and yields of the principal crops; number of trees and their yield in fruit and nuts; number and value of each class of livestock; poultry and eggs, and farm population. All farmers have been asked to cooperate.

Learns Not To Count Eggs Before They're Laid

Mrs. Frank Murray decided a few weeks ago she would try raising some thoroughbred chickens. After looking over various breeds she chose a newfangled Wyandotte and, with considerable difficulty, succeeded in finding half a dozen hens and a rooster of that particular species for sale. Immediately she bought them and was beginning to count her eggs and biddies beforehand. She could see her flock growing steadily, fine thoroughbred birds that would be the envy of other chicken raisers and would command good prices. But, alas, she learned the truth of the wise old saying about counting eggs before they are laid. Sunday night some fellow who probably did not appreciate pedigree birds anyway came along and stole Mrs. Murray's chickens just as if they were the plain ordinary variety of barnyard fowls.

J. S. Porter To Move To Hendersonville

J. S. Porter, operator of the Esso Service station on the public square, has accepted an attractive offer made to him by the Standard Oil company to take over the management of an Esso station in Hendersonville. He plans to assume his new position the early part of next week. His family will go to Hendersonville with him to live. John Cunningham, who has been Mr. Porter's assistant, will succeed him as manager of the station here.

The Hudson river bridge has 200 feet clearance above the water. The height of the towers is 625 feet above the water.

Election of Officers Postponed by Red Cross

Election of officers for the ensuing year by the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross was scheduled to take place at a meeting called for Wednesday afternoon in Rotary Hall, but the meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum and the election of officers was indefinitely delayed. J. E. Lancaster has served as president of the chapter several years. The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, chairman of the roll call campaign, reported Wednesday that in the local drive last fall 189 members were signed and \$210.10 raised, approximately half of which will go to the national Red Cross organization and the remainder to be used by the local chapter for relief purposes.