

BLIND SURVEY IS UNDER WAY

James Penland, Hayesville, Conducting Study in This Area

The state commission for the blind, which is conducting an exhaustive survey of the number of blind people in North Carolina and their needs, has appointed James Penland, of Hayesville, to conduct the survey in seven western counties, including Macon.

On a recent visit to Franklin Mr. Penland said it is his purpose to contact, if possible, not only those who are totally blind but every person in his district who is suffering from badly impaired sight. The counties to be covered by Mr. Penland, in addition to Macon, are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Jackson and Transylvania.

In order to plan an intelligent and effective program of assistance for persons with defective vision, Mr. Penland said, it is first necessary to know their number, the extent of their visual disability and their individual situations. With the aid of churches and schools, local civic clubs and other interested persons, Mr. Penland hopes to compile a list of all persons in his territory who are unable, through poor sight, to read, even with the use of glasses. He is anxious to include in this list children as well as adults.

Cards for the listing of persons with defective vision are being circulated by the schools and churches. But, lest someone be overlooked, Mr. Penland has requested that any persons knowing of individuals handicapped by serious impairment of sight to notify him, listing the names, addresses and other information concerning such individuals.

In many instances, Mr. Penland said, persons suffering from blindness can be given corrective treatment. And in many other instances, he said, persons who are unable to be self-sustaining on account of their inability to see can be made self-supporting through vocational training.

Mr. Penland, himself blind, is a fine example of what a blind person can accomplish. He owns and operates the telephone system in Clay county, operating the switchboard in addition to supervising the company's business. In place of lights which are used as signals on the ordinary telephone switchboard, Mr. Penland has gongs, or bells, all tuned differently. He knows every bell on the board and, too, can recognize any of his subscribers by the sound of their voice over the wire.

WELFARE WORK IS DISCUSSED

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services were discussed by Miss Lily Mitchell.

Other Speakers

Other speakers taking part in the program were: R. Eugene Brown, director of the division of institutions and corrections, on the subject of juvenile delinquency; Dr. Crane, state psychiatrist, on the maladjusted individual; Foil Essex, who is in charge of parole prisoners in this section; and Miss Loula Dunn, WPA field representative.

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, Macon county superintendent of public welfare and retiring president of the district welfare organization, presided at the conference. A welcoming address was given by M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools. G. L. Houk presided at a luncheon served in the basement of the church by the ladies of the missionary society with Mrs. W. B. Zachary at chairman.

Mrs. Arthur Harrill, of Rutherford county, was elected president of the conference for the coming year, and Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick, of McDowell county, was elected secretary.

A Swiss watchmaker, Georges Belation, has perfected an electric watch that is driven by a tiny storage battery.

Public Health Work Soon To Be Started in County; Sanitary Inspector Named

Herbert Plemmons, formerly assistant district engineer for the Works Progress Administration, has been appointed sanitary inspector for Macon county under the county's new public health program, it was announced Wednesday by Dr. C. N. Sisk, of Waynesville, district health officer.

Appointments of a county public health nurse and of a health officer, who will be in charge of public health work in both Macon and Jackson counties, are yet to be made. Dr. Sisk expressed the hope that he would soon be able to complete the personnel of the Macon county unit.

Offices for the county health unit will be provided by the county in the Higdon house on East Main street.

Mr. Plemmons, the sanitary inspector, is formerly of Macon county, having been reared in the

Cowee community. For the past 17 years he has made Asheville his home. Until recently he was assistant district engineer for the PWA. His duties will include dairy inspection, which is required for Grade A milk ratings.

A five-year program has been outlined for public health work in the county at an estimated cost of \$5,200 a year, of which the county has agreed to appropriate \$1,500. The balance of the funds are to be supplied by state and federal agencies. The program includes public school health clinics and dental examination of school pupils.

M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools and a member of the county board of health, said today that it was planned to hold a school clinic this spring if the personnel of the county health unit is completed before all of the schools have closed.

Store and 2 Residences Condemned by Inspector

One store building, two residences and a number of smaller structures—barns, sheds and garages—have been condemned by Paul Potts, Franklin building inspector, as especially dangerous in case of fire.

One of the residences, on the northeast corner of Main street and Harrison avenue, belongs to the town itself. The other residence condemned is the old Love house at the rear of the Dowdle building. The store condemned is the Munday building recently vacated by the Farmers Supply company. The two residences are occupied.

Mr. Potts was appointed building inspector by the town council last year, but he was not formally notified of his appointment until a few weeks ago.

"When I learned of it," he said, "I began investigating to find out what my duties were. If I am going to be inspector, well I'm going

to do what the law requires of me."

Mr. Potts said the law not only directs him to pass upon plans for new structures, but also upon additions and repairs to houses and buildings. Within the fire zone, he said, the law forbids the construction of frame structures, limiting new buildings to those of brick and tile construction.

The town board is empowered, he said, to require owners of condemned buildings to repair them so as to meet state specifications, and, in event the owners fail to do so after having been given 10 days formal notice, the council may order the condemned buildings torn down and place a lien upon the property for any expenses incurred.

The law requires the inspector to condemn "every building which shall appear x x x to be especially dangerous because of its liability to fire, or in case of fire, by reason of bad condition of walls, overloaded floors, defective construction, decay or other causes x x x."

that he cannot show where he is going to get this money. They also maintain that a great many more of his platform planks can be broken into bits by a presentation of the facts. But in the meantime, it is agreed that McDonald has had very little opposition and has been making some real progress, and that unless other candidates open up on him, he is going to be very hard to stop.

STATE POLITICS IN FULL SWING

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lowed to run unchecked and unchallenged long enough and that the time has come to start shooting holes in a lot of the campaign balloons he has been sending up. Reports indicate that the Hoey managers are now busy assembling ammunition with which to puncture the McDonald balloons and that they will start popping away very soon.

Waiting on Each Other

The only reason Hoey and Graham have postponed taking any shots at McDonald this long is the belief that each has been waiting for the other to open fire, in the belief that in the long run the one who said the least and made the fewest people mad would get the most votes—admitted to be good political strategy. Accordingly, the Hoey managers have been hoping and praying the Graham forces would cut loose on McDonald while the Graham managers have been sitting tight hoping the Hoey howitzers would open fire on the trenches of the Scotch school teacher from Illinois. Since it is agreed that the Graham forces have more to gain and less to lose by keeping quiet than the Hoey forces have, the belief in most circles here now is that the Hoey managers are going to be forced to take the initiative in fighting McDonald.

The Hoey supporters maintain that McDonald is exceedingly vulnerable and that not only has he failed to show how he is going to get the \$25,000,000 in new taxes needed to put across his program calling for the repeal of the sales tax, which will reduce the state's revenue \$10,000,000 a year, and more money for schools and for social security, which will require about \$15,000,000 a year more, but

Carmacks Return Expect Many New Visitors Here in Summer

Major J. F. Carmack and Mrs. Carmack returned to Franklin the latter part of last week after spending the winter in Florida, and Major Carmack, who has leased the Franklin golf course and swimming pool for the season, has already started extensive improvements at the recreational center.

When weather permitted a crew of workmen were put to work on the course putting it in shape for play.

"Really, the course is in better shape than I thought it would be," Major Carmack said. "The heavy rains have caused very little washing and I expect that the turf will be better this year than last as a result of the winter's snows."

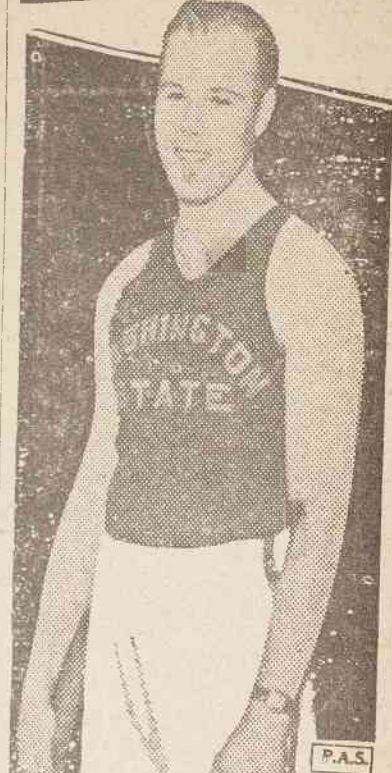
The Carmacks said they had advertised Franklin widely during the winter and they expected many new visitors to come here next summer.

Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Crawford Return

Mrs. Lizzie Kelly Cunningham and Mrs. Miza Crawford, who have been spending the winter in New Mexico, returned to Franklin Wednesday. Mrs. Cunningham said her health was greatly improved.

Women live longer than men, according to insurance statistics.

"Nix On Fight Game"



PULLMAN, Wash. . . "Dad told me to go in for athletics, but to stay away from the fight game," said Jess Willard, Jr. (above), as he came out for football and track at Washington State college. The son of the former heavy-weight champion stands 6 ft. 2 in. and weighs 196 pounds.

TVA NOW SEEKS FONTANA BASIN

(Continued from Page One) money be appropriated for the Fontana project in its stead, is not, of course, known, but, in view of today's recommendation, it would appear that the latter is the case.

In the 105-page report of progress and plans for unified development of a navigation and flood control program for the Tennessee River watershed, filed with Congress today, the Authority described at length its plans for both the Fowler Bend and Fontana dams.

4 Dams Mentioned

Of the Hiwassee river, the TVA report said a "reasonable and economical development" from Murphy, N. C., to the mouth of the river could be secured by construction of four dams besides the Fowler Bend project, for which money has been appropriated, and which is described as the "best storage on the Hiwassee river," the report recommends a project at Charleston, 20 miles above the mouth, which would control 2,230 square miles of watershed; another at Austral, 45 miles above the mouth, which would carry the runoff from 1,220 square miles, and a third at Appalachia, near the Tennessee-North Carolina State line.

The Fowler Bend dam is described at more length. The report said it lies entirely within Cherokee county, and the drainage area at the site is 977 square miles, with an average run-off at 2,100 cubic feet per second. As to flood possibilities, the report points out that while a minimum run-off as small as 100 cubic feet per second was recorded during the drought in September, 1925, a maximum of 50,000 cubic feet had been recorded in 1920, and an extreme flood of 180,000 cubic feet per second is considered "remotely possible."

Would Improve Navigation

Still speaking of the Fowler Bend dam, the report said it will "improve navigation on the Hiwassee and Tennessee rivers, and on the Mississippi river below Cairo, and will reduce the fluctuation in water levels in the main river reservoirs. "The Fowler Bend dam will be a substantial aid in flood control. It has a storage capacity of about 4,000,000 acre-feet, which is sufficient for complete control of flood waters from above.

"Electrical energy may be produced at Fowler Bend in connection with its operation for navigation and flood control. As a part of a power system comprised of Norris, Fowler Bend and eight main river dams, the development would contribute to the system about 90 million kilowatt-hours of prime energy annually."

However, the report added, "no installations for power are recommended at the present time."

Negotiations Under Way

After its description of the Fowler Bend project, the report said:

"Negotiations are under way to determine whether the site on the Little Tennessee can be acquired. It is thought that, if negotiations are successful, the Fontana dam will be located near the latter the last constructed of the three recommended in this sequence is proposed. The Fontana dam would provide larger storage and is a nominal site."

The TVA report, at the request of Congress, tells of the Aluminum Company's development at Cahoon, Ala., Cheoah, and located near the Tennessee state boundary.

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