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DEBT FUNDING TERMS TALKED

Tentative Agreement on Refinancing Bonds Reached

A tentative agreement for refunding Macon county's bonded indebtedness of approximately \$900,000 was reached in Raleigh Saturday at a conference between representatives of the county and holders of a majority of the county's bonds. The negotiations were conducted with the aid of the local government commission.

An outline of the refunding plan was given The Press-Maconian this week by C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds and clerk to the county board of commissioners, who, together with George B. Patton, county attorney, represented the county at the conference.

Terms of Plan

The tentative agreement, Mr. Bryson explained, provides for settlement of defaulted interest now amounting to \$149,000 at 50 cents on the dollar. New bonds at 4.75 per cent interest would be issued in place of the present ones, which carry an average interest rate of 5.65 per cent. The new bonds would mature over a period of 30 years.

Mr. Bryson estimated that under this plan the county's annual interest payments would be reduced approximately \$7,750 a year, in addition to the saving of \$74,500 on defaulted interest.

Refuse Lower Interest

Mr. Bryson and Mr. Patton endeavored to persuade representatives of the bond holders to agree on a reduction of interest to 4.5 per cent, but they steadfastly declined to go below 4.75 and countered with a proposal to cut to 50 per cent, instead of 60 per cent as previously proposed, the basis of settlement for past due interest.

Before the tentative agreement becomes effective, it will have to be approved by a majority of the bond holders and the county board of commissioners. The largest bond holders are The Royal Neighbors of America, The Woodmen of the World and a group represented by the Municipal Council.

Negotiation of the refunding plan is expected to require several months' time.

SAYS NO EFFORT MADE TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION

In a letter to The Press-Maconian, received yesterday, C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds and clerk to the county board of commissioners, explained that the purpose of a trip to Raleigh last week by him and George B. Patton, county attorney, was solely for negotiating for a refunding of the county's bonded indebtedness and had nothing to do, pro or con, with legislation sponsored in the General Assembly by R. A. Patton, the county's representative.

Mr. Bryson's letter follows: "It has been called to my attention

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Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 13c
Chickens, light weight, lb. 11c
Eggs, doz. 17c
Corn, bu. 90c
Wheat, bu. \$1.15
Potatoes, No. 1 \$1.20
Field peas, bu. \$1.50
Crowder peas, bu. \$2.50
Yellow Mammoth Soy Beans, bu. \$1.50
Florida Beans, bu. \$1.65
Onions, bu. 60c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 30c

Peaches Bloom

Warm Weather Causing Nature Freaks

The freakishly warm weather for January has brought out peach blossoms in some sections of the county, it was reported this week by Luther Anderson, Lake Emory correspondent.

Mr. Anderson said he had seen the peach blossoms with his own eyes and that some trees, early varieties, had already shed their blossoms and small peaches were forming.

He quoted Mrs. Harriet Sanders, 94-year-old resident of the Watauga section, as saying that never before had she seen peach blossoms in January.

Many early flowering shrubs also are in full blossom throughout the county and maples and some other trees are threatening to bud any day, unless the weather turns colder.

DEATH CLAIMS R. E. PATILLO

Well Known Rabbit Creek Farmer Ill For 15 Weeks

Funeral services for Robert E. Pattillo, 57, well known Macon county farmer, who died at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home in the Rabbit Creek section, were held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Bethel Methodist church.

Mr. Pattillo had been confined to his home for 15 weeks with bronchial asthma. He had been improving for several days but on Monday morning suffered a severe attack of asthma, followed by a fatal heart attack.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and the Rev. J. J. Edwards, pastor of the Macon county circuit of the Methodist church. The church was overflowing with those who had come to pay their last respects to Mr. Pattillo's memory. Members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics served as pallbearers and conducted the rites at the graveside. Burial was in the Pattillo family plot in the church cemetery.

Served in U. S. Army

Mr. Pattillo was a member of Millshoal Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Holly Springs Baptist church. During his youth he served in the infantry of the United States army in the Spanish-American war. An attack of fever, while stationed in Florida, prevented him from seeing active duty in Cuba.

Mr. Pattillo, a native of Morgan county, Georgia, was married in April, 1904, to Miss Ida Harrington of this county. They came here to make their home about 25 years ago. In recent years Mr. Pattillo devoted his efforts to farming, formerly having been employed by the Central of Georgia and the Southern railroads. He at one time held a position in the construction of the hydro electric dam at Tallulah Falls, Georgia.

Surviving Mr. Pattillo are his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Allen Siler, three sons, George R., Robert L., and Joseph H., all of this county; three brothers, W. A. Pattillo of Macon, Ga., Dacosta Pattillo, Milledgeville, Ga., and Roy C. Pattillo, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pattillo, Miss Georgia Hicks, Mrs. J. K. Pattillo and Frank McCullough of Macon, Ga.

Two Square Dances Planned To Raise Paralysis Funds

Harley R. Cabe announced yesterday that plans had been completed for two dances to be held in Macon county in observance of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 55th birthday. He said he expected record crowds at both parties, one to be held at Kelly's Tea Room in Franklin, and the other at Helen's Barn in Highlands.

Funds raised at the dances will be devoted to local and national infantile paralysis relief, 70 per cent of the proceeds to remain in this county and 30 per cent to go to the Warm Springs commission to finance infantile medical research.

This is the first time that Macon county has joined in this national

movement to honor the president and to raise funds for the cause closest to his heart.

Dr. W. A. Rogers is chairman of the birthday party committee for the county and Harley R. Cabe is head of a committee in charge of arrangements for the Franklin dance. At Highlands, the party is being promoted by C. C. Potts and Henry Cleaveland.

Use of Kelly's Tea Room has been offered by Miss Lassie Kelly without charge and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson, owners of Helen's Barn at Highlands, also are making available this hall without charge. Local musicians in each community have donated their services in supplying music.

Hoey Urged To Name Alley to Supreme Court

RALEIGH, Jan. 27.—Representative R. A. Patton of Macon county was a member of a group of western lawmakers who Monday presented a request to Governor Hoey for appointment of Superior Court Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, as a member of the state supreme court, Kelly E. Bennett, state senator from this district, also was in the group.

Members of the supreme court would be increased from five to seven members under terms of a bill passed by the house and now before the senate and the governor would be authorized to appoint two associate justices.

A petition signed by seven members of the Macon bar, urging Judge Alley's appointment to the high court, also has been presented to the governor, along with similar petitions from other western counties.

PROTEST FILED ON PATTON BILL

Measure Cutting Jailor's Fees Attributed to 'Spite'

Representative R. A. Patton's bill to abolish turnkey fees for Macon county's jailor, a measure attributed to "personal spite" in a letter of protest signed by a number of prominent residents, has been referred to the senate committee on salaries and fees after passing the house, according to information received here this week.

The bill not only would abolish the turnkey's fee of 60 cents for admission of each prisoner to the jail, but would also limit to 15 cents each meal and 45 cents a day the amount paid the jailor for boarding prisoners. The jailor, John Dills, now receives under a contract awarded by the county commissioners 75 cents a day for each prisoner.

Protest Measure

A letter protesting against the measure was sent to Kelly E. Bennett, senator from this district. It was signed by Sheriff A. B. Slagle, Ras Penland, Harley R. Cabe, clerk of court; W. D. Barnard, former member of the board of commissioners; C. M. Moore, county coroner; R. S. Jones and Gilmer A. Jones, attorneys; J. R. Morrison, chairman of the county board of elections; J. Frank Ray, town attorney; Dr. W. A. Rogers, county Democratic chairman; and C. F. Moody.

The letter reads: "It has been the custom of this county for the county board of commissioners to set the fees for the jailor, as conditions permitted, which has been, and is now, satisfactory. We have an honorable board of commissioners, of sound judgment, taxpayers and who have

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MACON PASSES RELIEF QUOTA

\$444.75 Raised for Flood Victims; Fund Is Still Growing

Donations to the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross for relief of flood victims in the Ohio and Mississippi valley states totaled \$444.75 this morning and contributions were still coming in, it was reported by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, chapter chairman.

News of the tremendous extent of the disaster, brought by newspapers and radio, stirred deep sympathy among the place of this mountain county and they opened their pocketbooks in the spirit of generosity similar to that manifested a year ago when the city of Gainesville, Ga., was nearly wiped out by a tornado.

When the first appeal came from national headquarters of the Red Cross, asking that the Macon county chapter raise \$60 for aid of the flood victims, that sum had already been surpassed in voluntary contributions. A large envelope, labeled for Red Cross flood relief, and placed on the counter of Perry's Drug Store was soon filled with silver change, \$1 and \$5 bills.

Wednesday morning, another appeal came from the national Red Cross asking Macon county to raise five times its original quota and again that sum had already been passed. The appeal in the form of a telegram from Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national Red Cross chairman, follows:

Grayson's Appeal

"Flood suffering has already reached unprecedented proportions with relief needs steadily mounting. Under these conditions impossible now name final goal for funds only limited Red Cross assistance must be maximum generosity American people. Every possible member national Red Cross staff now assigned to field for relief duty. I call upon all chapters to assume full initiative their respective jurisdictions and mobilize every community resource of personnel and organization to raise promptly largest possible amount. Report daily amount raised. For your information in view present known needs your goal should be not less than five times quota originally assigned you."

Rich and Poor Give

People in all walks of life, young and old, well-to-do and poor, helped to swell the relief fund. Employees of the Zickgraf Lumber company chipped in \$27.25, the American Legion Auxiliary contributed \$31.30, employees of the W. M. Ritter Lumber company at Rainbow Springs, sent Mr. Flana-

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WHERE TO LEAVE DONATIONS

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, chairman of the Macon county chapter of the American Red Cross, has designated the following places of business in Franklin to receive contributions to the flood relief fund: The Bank of Franklin, Perry's Drug Store and The Franklin Press.

In Highlands, flood relief donations may be left with the Rev. Frank Bloxham or the Highlands Drug Store.

Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national Red Cross chairman, has appealed to the American people for \$10,000,000 to aid flood victims. Although Macon county's latest quota of \$300 has been passed, a much larger quota is expected to be assigned on account of later reports indicating that the loss and suffering in the afflicted states is many times greater than at first thought.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

Samuel Taylor Ramsey, 90, Succumbs After Foot Amputation

Samuel Taylor Ramsey, 90, one of the five remaining Confederate veterans in Macon county, died shortly before noon Saturday at the home of his son, Robert Ramsey, at Tellico.

Mr. Ramsey, despite his age, had been active until he became seriously ill four days before his death. An infection, which developed into gangrene, necessitated the amputation of his right foot on Friday, the shock of the operation proving too great for the old man to withstand.

Enlisted at 17

Mr. Ramsey, son of the late John and Patsy Bryson Ramsey, was born at Tellico, February 22, 1847. At the age of 17, he enlisted in Thomas' Legion, famous in Western North Carolina annals of the War between the States. He was a member of Berry's 69th regiment.

His death leaves in this county only four Confederate veterans, A. M. Shope of Prentiss, J. M. Daves of Clarke's Chapel, Sam Pickelsimer of Tesenta, and J. W. Caldwell of Iotla. In addition to these, there are a number of widows and one negro bodyguard, Jim Deal of West's Mill, who accompanied his master to the war.

Mr. Ramsey joined the Cowee Baptist church early in life but later became a charter member of the Tellico Baptist church which he had served in as a deacon since 1884.

Leaves 5 Children

On October 10, 1869, he was married to Miss Nancy Emmaline Parrish of this county. They had seven children, five of whom survive—George, Robert, Harley and James Ramsey and Mrs. Vance DeHart, all of Tellico. In addition, there are 37 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Tellico Baptist church with burial in the church cemetery. The Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, conducted the rites.

Pallbearers were Albert Ramsey, Jack Weyman, Clyde West, Floyd Ramsey, Creed DeHart and Wade Moody.

SINGERS TO MEET SUNDAY

The regular fifth Sunday singing convention will be held at the courthouse Sunday, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning, it was announced yesterday by J. M. Raby, president of the convention. Mr. Raby expressed the hope that the weather would permit a good attendance.