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WPA APPROVES ROAD PROJECT

Allotment Of \$40,952.00 Made For Work In Macon County

Announcement was made Tuesday that a farm-to-market, or secondary, road project had been approved for Macon county carrying an allotment of \$40,952 and calculated to furnish employment for 314 persons for a period of four months.

No information was given as to what particular roads would be improved, but it is supposed that the work will be done in the sections where it is most needed.

The official order states that when this project gets under way there will be approximately 200 WPA workers left unemployed, and that when the amount available has been used all WPA men who have been engaged in this kind of work will be laid off because no more funds are in sight. Present appropriations will carry the work of government relief agencies only until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and what can be done after that time depends upon further appropriations by the present session of congress.

Following is the official order: "WP No. 4217 has been approved in Macon county to operate a secondary or farm to market road project. Federal funds have been approved in the amount of \$40,952. This project is sponsored by the North Carolina state highway and public works commission and will operate for a period of four months and will employ 314 persons.

"The nature of this project will be to widen, drain and improve roads by crushed stone surfacing. Due to the lack of funds available from state highway department, there will be approximately 200 men left unemployed. These men have been previously working on this type of project. Information at present time is that the state highway department has no funds to operate work of this type at the completion of this project, which will leave all of this labor unemployed.

Gwynn Denton,
Area Chief Engineer
Area 12, WPA."

Fire Destroys Home Of "Dutch" Mason

The six-room dwelling house of "Dutch" Mason, near the Iola Bridge, was completely destroyed by fire about 12 o'clock Monday.

The fire, which started in an upstairs bedroom, was said to have been set by Paul Kinsland, Jr., a four-year-old grandson of Mr. Mason, who has been making his home with his grandparents since his mother's death. He got a match, saying, "he knew where there was an old pipe." A bed caught on fire and before Paul gave the alarm and help could be reached the whole of the second floor was in flames.

Men from the Bradley mica mines close by rushed to the scene and helped to save the contents in the four downstairs rooms, also the meat and provisions from the smoke house near by.

The loss was estimated at several hundred dollars with no insurance on the building.

Charles Bradley, owner of the Bradley mica mines, and the men working at the mines, made up a purse of over \$50 which was given to the Mason family Monday afternoon. Also contributions were being taken Tuesday in Franklin and vicinity in assisting the family in their efforts at rehabilitation.

J. E. Potts Buys Funeral Car

J. E. Potts, who has been building solid oak caskets in Franklin for the past 45 years, announces that he has bought a funeral car and is now prepared to give better service than ever before.

Liquor Found

By Officers In Search At Prewitt Home

Acting under authority of a search warrant issued by Mayor Guy L. Houk, Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Chief of Police C. D. Baird raided the home of Mrs. Elsie Prewitt on Bonny Crest Saturday afternoon and discovered 13 pints and three half gallon jars of popskull whiskey hidden beneath the covers of one of the beds.

Mrs. Prewitt was arrested and a hearing of the case was scheduled before Mayor Houk Monday morning, but the Prewitt woman decided to waive preliminary trial, and was bound over to the superior court which meets in April. She was released under bond which was furnished by her brother.

Mrs. Prewitt has a previous conviction against her for which she served a term in the county jail.

In addition to the state case, she is liable to prosecution under a federal charge of possession of whiskey on which no tax had been paid, and it is not known as to whether she will be tried first by the state or federal courts.

W. A. CONLEY, 75 PASSES FEB. 18

Was Well Known Citizen Of Tesenta; Funeral Saturday

William Albert Conley, 75, died at his home on Tesenta on Saturday, February 18, at 12:30 a. m., after suffering a paralytic stroke on Wednesday.

Mr. Conley, son of the late William and Dicie Conley, was a member of Dryman Chapel Methodist church. He was a farmer and had lived on Tesenta all of his life.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock conducted by the Rev. J. C. Swaim, pastor of the church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

pallbearers were four grandsons, Ras and Ralph Justice, William Conley and Herman Carpenter; Hayes Buchanan and Dan Garland.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Mayme Carpenter, of Franklin Route 2; W. I. Conley, of Franklin Route 2; Mrs. Mary Buchanan, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; Claude Conley, of Franklin Route 2; 23 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lenten Services In Episcopal Churches

The following schedule for Lenten services has been announced by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, for St. Agnes Episcopal church in Franklin and for the Church of the Incarnation at Highlands:

St. Agnes Church
Lenten service with address, every Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Lenten service and study group, every Friday, 3:00 p. m.
Good Friday service from 12:00 M. to 3:00 p. m.

Church of the Incarnation
Lenten service and study group, every Thursday, 3:00 p. m.
Good Friday service, 7:30 p. m.

New Store Building To Be Erected

C. L. Pendergrass is preparing to erect a new store building on his lot adjoining the Confederate monument, and the work will be done under the supervision of W. T. Tippet.

The building will be a one-story brick structure with basement, and will be 80 feet in length and 27 feet wide.

Mr. Pendergrass has not announced as to what kind of business will be carried on in the new building.

SOCIAL AGENCY MEETING HELD

Mrs. Glenn Delivers Able Address; Officers Elected

"The South Faces Facts," was the subject of the address delivered to the meeting of the Council of Social Agencies on Friday evening by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Glenn of Asheville. Dinner was served in the Legion Hall by the business women's circle of the Presbyterian church, and a number came in later for the program.

Mrs. Glenn outlined the causes of the social and economic problems of the South, and in a forceful manner appealed for a more determined study and sympathetic understanding to meet needs in our community, of both white and colored, with intelligent approach to interracial relations.

"It costs \$20 a month to support a child in a reformatory, and \$10 dollars a year per child to furnish a supervised playground," Mrs. Glenn stated, in discussing the question, "What price crime?" The need for vocational education, wholesome recreation and better schools was stressed in an appeal to reduce delinquency and aid youth to contribute to the progress and well being of their communities. Apt quotations and colorful anecdotes added to the pleasure of a most thoughtful and entertaining address.

A number of reports were made by welfare workers and heads of various agencies. The need of a community building for Franklin was discussed at length. Gwynn Denton, area head of WPA, stated that labor was immediately available for this project, provided the town or county sponsor it, and the necessary funds for material be supplied. Mr. Denton expressed the hope that the combined efforts of individuals and organizations make possible the building of two community houses, one in the town of Franklin and another in the county. The accomplishment of the negro community house under construction by NYA was cited, made possible by the raising of \$300 by the colored citizens of the county.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: W. H. Cobb, of Highlands, chairman; Mrs. Gilmer Jones, vice-chairman; Miss Florence Stalcup, secretary-treasurer.

The program closed with the singing of negro spirituals by pupils of Chapel school, assisted by members of the faculty.

Building Project Awaits Sponsor

The following official statement from Gwynn Denton, area chief engineer of WPA, shows that funds for the erection of a community building are available, and that the project is approved subject to the sponsorship of some local agency:

"Project to construct a community building in Macon county, under an old approval by the Works Progress Administration, is available with sufficient funds from some local governmental agency to sponsor same project. Federal funds in the amount of \$8,251.50 are available on this type of work to be matched by sponsor funds. The approximate percentage required from a sponsor will be 40 per cent, this percentage varying according to the type of construction involved. Several projects of this kind have been successfully operated in North Carolina by the Works Progress Administration and people who live in the communities where these buildings have been completed, are greatly pleased and fast growth and progress is noted where these buildings have been completed.

Gwynn Denton,
Area Chief Engineer
Area 12, WPA."

J. H. Franklin

Dies At Son's Home This Morning

J. H. Franklin, 85, died at the home of his son, Jerry R. Franklin, in the Rabbit creek section this (Thursday) morning at 5 o'clock, following an illness of five weeks.

Mr. Franklin, a son of the late Louis and Emeline Gaddy Franklin, of Waynesville, moved to Macon county five years ago to make his home with his son, Jerry.

He was a farmer and formerly operated a tannery in Waynesville where he lived his entire life. He was married to Miss Martha Edwards, also of Waynesville, who preceded him in death about 25 years ago.

He was a member of the First Methodist church in Waynesville, where the funeral services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. T. Huggins, Jr., pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Green Hill cemetery at Waynesville.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry R., of Franklin Route 4, and George Franklin, of Lincoln county; 18 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

DEATH CLAIMS

J. H. DURGIN, 95

Pioneer Citizen Passes At Highlands Home

Funeral services for J. H. Durgin, who died at his home in Highlands Tuesday morning, February 21, after a two weeks' illness, were conducted from the Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Frank Bloxham. Mr. Durgin, known as "Papa" Durgin to his many friends, celebrated his 95th birthday anniversary last September.

Mr. Durgin was one of the pioneer settlers of Highlands, moving there with his family from West Roxbury, Mass., in 1883. A more beautiful christian character than his would be difficult to find; always unselfish to the extreme, and in his quiet, unobtrusive manner doing his bit to make the world a better place in which to live, thereby endearing himself to all.

Mr. Durgin was a former scout and Indian fighter in his younger days, and served with General Custer in several of that noted officer's hardest fought campaigns.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Bernice Durgin of Highlands, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Fred E. Carter, of Leominster, Mass.; three grandchildren, Misses Eunice, Dorothy, and Elinor Carter of Leominster.

Mrs. Tudor Hall was in charge of the flowers, and the offerings were many and beautiful. Mrs. J. A. Hines had charge of the music, and all Highlands expressed its sympathy in every way possible.

The pallbearers were J. E. Hicks, Guy Paul, Wendell McKinney, William Potts, J. W. Reese, Sr., and Frank B. Cook. Burial was in Highlands cemetery, with the Bryant Funeral Home of Franklin in charge.

C. L. Davis Buys Dayton Bus Franchise

C. L. Davis has purchased the franchise to operate a bus line on the road from Murphy to Franklin via Hayesville and will run a bus two round trips daily.

This line was formerly owned and operated by the Dayton bus line which has gone out of business.

The schedule which Mr. Davis is operating on at present follows: Leaves Murphy 7:45 a. m. (E.S.T.) and arrive at Franklin at 10 o'clock; leave Franklin 10:30 and arrive at Murphy at 12:40 p. m.

Second trip leave Murphy 3:30 p. m., and arrive at Franklin at 5:50 p. m.; leave Franklin at 6:30, and arrive at Murphy at 8:45.

OHIO MEN MAY BUILD PLANTS

Engineers Plan Project To Process Macon's Sulphite Ores

Plants to mine and process sulphite ores from the large deposits in this section are in prospect for Macon and Swain counties, if the plans of Messrs. P. H. Elliott and R. L. Mudge, Ohio engineers, are carried out.

Mr. Elliott is from Marietta, Ohio, and is a chemical engineer of wide experience who is head of two corporations in that state. Mr. Mudge is a mechanical engineer who was for six years with the Ford Motor company, and is now connected with the Mudge Conveyor Equipment company, of Martins Ferry, Ohio.

These men own all patents on chemical and mechanical processes for recovering potash, copper, lead, zinc, bismuth and other products from low grade sulphite ores which are found in large deposits all through this section. They also propose to manufacture commercial fertilizers.

Messrs. Elliott and Mudge state their processes make the low grade ores extremely valuable, and that they plan extensive operations in Macon and Swain. They also stated that their processes had been tried out for two years and had proved satisfactory both in laboratory and commercial practice, and would revolutionize the mining and treating of sulphite ores.

Messrs. Elliott and Mudge told a Press representative that their proposed plants would represent an investment of \$500,000.00 over a two-year period, and would employ from 150 to 200 men within a year. They expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the prospects here, and stated that they expected to begin operations within 30 to 60 days. They plan to buy their mineral land outright and erect their own buildings.

Messrs. Elliott and Mudge spent several days in Franklin this week and have returned to Ohio to complete arrangements for their project. They expect to return within 10 days and prepare to start operations.

Baptist

S. S. Association To Meet At Prentiss Sunday

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School association will meet with the Prentiss Baptist church on next Sunday, February 26, at 2:30 p. m., according to announcement made by the Rev. R. F. Mayberry, president, and Miss Katherine Bowden, secretary of the association, and the following program will be carried out:

Devotional—Mrs. C. F. Rogers, Franklin.

Roll Call, Report from Churches and Offering.

Reports on Personal Work of Past Month.

Three Reports of S. S. Convention Held in Winston-Salem:

Mrs. I. T. Peek—"Working With Cradle Roll and Beginners."

Mrs. Ed Duvall—"Extension Department."

Rev. R. F. Mayberry—"A Larger Vision of What Our Sunday Schools May Accomplish for Christ and the Unsaved."

Benediction.

Still Captured By Sheriff Sunday Night

Sheriff A. B. Slagle and Deputy Sheriff John Dills captured a 30-gallon still Sunday night in the Coweta section and brought it to the courthouse.

The furnace was still warm when the raid was made, but there was no liquor found and no arrests were made.