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SENATE BLOCKS SPENDING BILL

Opposes House Increases; May Prevent Early Adjournment

The General Assembly, which seemed to be speeding toward sine die adjournment the first of the week, struck a snag Wednesday when the senate appropriations committee unanimously refused to support the compromise spending measure which had been passed by the house.

The measure as received from the house boosted the biennial allotments for educational institutions and increased the appropriations for teachers' salaries, the advertising fund and several other items, the increases totaling approximately \$500,000. The senate appropriations committee refused a favorable report on the bill on the ground that it would throw the budget out of balance by about \$873,828.

The revenue bill which will receive final action today (Thursday), will not be further amended, and it is contended by the senate economy bloc that the only way in which the budget can be balanced is to trim the appropriations to fit the estimated revenue. The revolt in the senate is expected to prevent early adjournment, as the appropriations measure will probably be so amended that it will have to go to a conference committee before final passage.

Board Of Education Bill Passes

Representative George B. Patton's bill to increase the board from three to five members has passed both houses and will become law upon ratification. The new board will be sworn in the first Monday in April and is named in the bill as follows: C. Tom Bryson, James L. Hauser, W. E. Mozeley, Miss Lassie Kelly and Mrs. Fred Slagle.

Many local measures are on the house and senate calendars and many more are being introduced each day. These bills, however, will not delay adjournment, for most of them are non-controversial and can be put through in short order when the appropriation bill is out of the way.

Interesting Display Of Vermiculite Products

A very interesting display of vermiculite products has been placed in the show window of the Franklin Hardware company by Ellis Clarke Soper, head of Minerals, Inc., operators of the vermiculite plant in Franklin.

The display includes raw and processed vermiculite, vermiculite bricks and blocks, insulation plates, insulation pipes and a model house showing how vermiculite can be used for complete insulation.

This display is well worth seeing, especially by those who contemplate any kind of building operations.

The vermiculite plant is a local institution, all operations from mine to finished products being carried out in Macon county.

Play To Be Given At Mulberry School

A three-act play, "The Red-Headed Stepchild," will be presented at the Mulberry school house on Saturday night, March 18, at 7:30.

The proceeds will go toward paying for the school lunch room.

Admission will be 10 and 20 cents.

Aquone Students Who Passed 7th Grade Test

Miss Mary H. Elmore, principal of Aquone school, has announced the names of the following students who have graduated from the seventh grade at Aquone:

R. L. Russell, Jr.; Vivian Jacobs; Inez Dewberry; Jeff Lambert.

Eighty per cent of the grade passed the test to high school.

Program For Closing Exercises Of Otter Creek School

Following is the program for the closing exercises of Otter Creek high school:

March 20, Sunday, 3 o'clock p. m., baccalaureate sermon by Rev. T. D. Denny, at Otter Creek high school.

March 24, 10 o'clock a. m., exercises by primary and grammar grades.

March 24, 7:45 p. m., educational address by Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor Franklin Baptist church, followed by graduating exercises and awarding of diplomas to the high school graduates.

A week before the close of school, a banquet honoring the seniors will be given at Whiteoak Farm, Friday, March 17, 8 to 10 o'clock p. m., attended by the teachers, the custodian, Mr. Pat Solesby, the president of the Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Tom Wilson, and all the high school students.

The graduating class consists of four boys—Warren Steppe, Locke Steppe, William Wright, and J. L. McMahan; and one girl—Irene Wright. Warren Steppe is president of the class, William Wright is secretary, J. L. McMahan is vice-president, Locke Steppe is valedictorian, and Irene Wright is salutatorian.

The group selected the trailing arbutus as their class flower, and for their class colors, green and white. For their motto, they chose that of the state, *esse quam videri*—to be rather than to seem.

MRS. PHILLIPS PASSES FRIDAY

Funeral Services Held At Clark's Chapel Sunday

Mrs. Addie Florence Phillips, 74, of Franklin Route 2, died last Friday night at 7 o'clock at her home of a sudden heart attack.

Mrs. Phillips, who ate a hearty supper, was stricken as she was preparing for bed and died within a few minutes.

Mrs. Phillips was born and reared in Macon county, and was a daughter of the late Adolphus and Cynthia Hicks. On November 11, 1885, she was married to Jonathan Phillips, who preceded her in death several years ago.

She was a member of Clark's Chapel Methodist church and was highly esteemed in her church and community.

Funeral services were held at Clark's Chapel Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Swaim and the Rev. A. A. Angel, conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were the six sons of Mrs. Phillips.

Surviving are six sons, Charles, of Franklin Route 1; Frank, of Franklin Route 2; Louie B., of Franklin; Thomas W., of Brevard; Clarence and Wendell, of Franklin Route 2; four daughters, Mrs. Odell Snyder, Cornelia, Ga.; Mrs. W. H. McNab, Pampano, Fla.; Mrs. J. H. Daves, Franklin Route 2; Mrs. H. Elmo Baker, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; 27 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrowood Glade To Be Policed

Unwelcome visitors at the recreational development, Arrowood Glade, have caused forest service officials to designate closing hours. Commencing this week the entire recreational development will be closed to all use every night at 10 p. m. Picnickers and visitors should plan their stay so as to leave the area by this hour.

STOCKHOLDERS OF CO-OP MEET

Name Advisory Committee And Reelect Two Directors

Macon county stockholders of the Farmers Federation at their annual meeting Saturday morning in the Franklin warehouse selected a local advisory committee and nominated Jerry Franklin and Ed Byrd to succeed themselves as members of the co-op's board of directors.

Members of the advisory committee are: Carl Slagle, Franklin Route 1, chairman; Elias Ammons, Franklin Route 4; John J. Corbin, Cullasaja; Ed B. Byrd, Stiles; J. R. Holbrook, West's Mill; James Young, Franklin; J. I. Vinson, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; J. S. Conley, Franklin; Jerry Franklin, Franklin Route 4; Lawrence Ramsey, Franklin Route 3.

Mr. Franklin was nominated as one of two regular directors from this county and Mr. Byrd as a director-at-large. Each county where the federation is organized is entitled to two regular directors, serving overlapping terms of two years. They are nominated at county meetings and elected at the general meeting of stockholders of the entire organization, which this year is to be held Saturday, March 25, in Asheville. Nominations usually are tantamount to election. In addition to the regular directors the federation has seven directors-at-large. The other regular director from Macon county, besides Mr. Franklin, is Carl S. Slagle, whose term extends for another year.

James G. K. McClure, federation president, announced in reporting on the organization's financial status that it now has a surplus slightly in excess of \$100,000.

S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, who spoke briefly, commended the federation's service in supplying reliable seeds to farmers at reasonable prices and asked for the co-operation of Macon county farmers in carrying out the government's soil conservation program.

S. C. Clapp, head of the co-op's seed department, and Blackburn W. Johnson, editor of the Farmers Federation News, also made brief addresses.

Music was supplied by the federation's string trio and at the conclusion of the meeting coffee and cakes were served.

Mary Caroline Mehaffey Dies In Hendersonville

Funeral services for Mary Caroline, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Mehaffey, of Hendersonville and Franklin, were held at the Ridgecrest Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mary Caroline died in the Patton Memorial hospital in Hendersonville, Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, after having eaten a number of pills that contained two deadly poisons, which she had obtained from a cabinet while her mother was out milking. The exact number of pills she had eaten was not known.

The child was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Reid, Sr., of Franklin Route 4. Her mother was the former Miss Nell Reid.

Surviving are her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

New Hat And Dress Shop In Munday Hotel

Mrs. W. L. Higdon and Mrs. D. G. Stewart have opened a new stock of ladies' and children's hats, coats, dresses and accessories in the Munday hotel and will be glad to have the ladies of the county call and inspect their line.

Water And Sewer Extension Project Approved By WPA

W. W. Landrum Drowned Friday In Surf At Daytona Beach

Weaver W. Landrum, 43, was drowned in the surf at Daytona Beach, Fla., last Friday morning about 11 o'clock. He was employed as truck driver by the Pure Oil company at Daytona Beach, and had just come in from a trip when the accident occurred. He went in for a swim, and it is thought that he was taken with cramp, probably on account of being hot from his work. Strenuous efforts were made to revive him but to no avail.

Mr. Landrum was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Landrum, of Cullasaja, and had been working in Florida for the past eight months. He had spent most of his life in Macon county and was a member of the Salem Methodist church. He was a World War veteran and saw service in France with the 81st division.

The body was brought to Franklin Sunday and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Holly Springs Baptist church. The Rev. Harry S. Williams, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit was in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. A. Angel and burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Gilmer Crawford, W. Rufe Cunningham, G. G. Watkins, Sam Bryson, C. Tom Bryson and Lee Poindexter.

Surviving Mr. Landrum are his widow, the former Miss Ruth Deal and two daughters, Emogene and Patricia; his parents, one sister, Mrs. Ernest Johnston, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and one brother, Ralph O. Landrum.

LOT TENDERED FOR BUILDING

Dr. Furman Angel Offers Land For Community Structure

Dr. Furman Angel has offered the gift of a lot for the erection of the proposed community building on the corner of Main and River-view streets, now a part of the spacious grounds of Angel Brothers Hospital.

This lot, which fulfills every requirement for a community center in location and beauty of surroundings as well as adaptability to future development will be deeded by Dr. Angel as soon as a sponsor is obtained to meet the requirements of the Works Progress Administration, which has authorized the allotment of \$8,251 for the building. The sponsor is required to furnish 40 per cent in materials and cash.

In stating his purpose to a representative of The Press, upon learning that the town had no suitable lot to offer, Dr. Angel said, "It would be a tragedy for Franklin to lose this wonderful opportunity to obtain a community building, which is one of the greatest needs. I shall be glad to deed as much land as is needed for the present and future plans of this civic undertaking. I believe that Franklin is destined to grow to many times its present size, and I have confidence in our citizens that we will cooperate to give our town the advantage this project will bring to the town and county."

Among the students here for the spring holidays from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are: Winton Perry, Neville Sloan, Jr., John Crawford, Jimmy Perry, Bobby Sloan, and William S. Johnson.

Work Expected To Begin In Two Weeks On \$51,000 Job

A message was received Saturday at WPA area headquarters in Franklin stating that the water and sewer extension project, which has been under consideration for some time, had been approved, and Mayor Guy L. Houk says that work is expected to begin in about two weeks.

The project provides funds to the amount of \$51,000, the government paying 55 per cent and the town of Franklin 45 per cent. This project, together with the street and sidewalk improvement work which is now under way, brings the total allotted for work in the town to \$106,484, and it is stated that the water and sewer jobs will provide work for most of the unemployed who are now on the WPA rolls in this county.

The town will have \$17,000 for water extension and \$6,000 for sewer work available from the bonds which were voted last September, and the WPA allotment of \$28,000 will make up the total of \$51,000 which the work is expected to cost.

It is understood that the water and sewer extensions to be made will be practically as announced before the bond election, which were as follows:

Water storage elevated tank of 125,000 gallons capacity. Six-inch water mains as follows:

Oak street to Riverview street, 3 fire hydrants.

Bidwell street from west Main street to Harrison avenue, 2 fire hydrants.

Lyle street west from Bidwell street to Green street, 1 fire hydrant.

West Main street to city limits, 2 fire hydrants.

Atlanta highway extension to city limits, 3 fire hydrants.

Wayah street and Hill Crest Drive (Bonny Crest), 3 fire hydrants.

First street (East Franklin) to city limits, 2 fire hydrants.

Church street main connected with Harrison avenue 8 inch main.

Palmer street main connected with Main street 8 inch main.

These 6 inch mains and fire hydrants, with additional storage, would give Franklin third class fire rating instead of fourth class.

Sewer Extensions

Extend main sewer from Porter street west up the creek to near Green street; up West Boulevard to Lyle street and Bidwell street, then to Harrison avenue, taking all sewage out of Town creek except for a very small number of residences.

With the exception of a few skilled men on the water extensions, all labor will be furnished by WPA, and the job is expected to last for several months.

Fire Dept. Conducts Drill At School

The local fire department conducted a fire drill at the high school last Tuesday—the first in the history of the school.

All pupils were out of the building in two and one-fourth minutes in good order. More drills of this kind are needed, stated a member of the fire department, which has promised cooperation with school authorities for these drills.

Sergeant Keener Visits Parents At Gneiss

Sergeant Wendell Keener, of the United States marines, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keener, at Gneiss.

At the expiration of his furlough Sergeant Keener has been ordered to report as instructor at the marine training station at Parris Island, S. C.