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TVA Will Build Fontana Knudsen Has Announced

Agreement Reached With Alcoa, Work Expected To Begin Soon

The announcement made public last Saturday that the Fontana Dam will be built, was received with interest in this section.

William S. Knudsen, director of the office of production management, has announced that the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Aluminum Company of America have reached an agreement for the construction of the Fontana dam and power facility by the TVA on the Little Tennessee river.

According to the Associated Press dispatch Mr. Knudsen reported the decision to Chairman Truman (D., Mo.) of the senate defense investigating committee, after a number of conferences, in which he stated that TVA and Alcoa had reached an understanding providing for the construction of the project by TVA. The agreement was dependent upon securing from congress the necessary appropriations, which, it was stated, would be recommended to the president early next week.

Although no mention was made regarding construction of facilities to produce aluminum, Washington defense officials on June 27, recommended construction of eight new aluminum plants in the nation to produce 600,000,000 pounds additional annually, and one to produce 40,000,000 pounds would be in North Carolina.

Senator Truman said that according to testimony before the committee, although the TVA had no preference as to who should develop the project, it was believed that if it were developed with government funds it should be owned by the government.

Alcoa To Sell Site
"It is our understanding that the TVA is best equipped from an organizational and facility standpoint to successfully undertake the development of this project. In this connection, it was testified by Alcoa officials that they would be willing to sell the watersite to the government or, on the other hand, would be willing to develop the site if the RFC would make available to them the \$50,000,000 estimated cost."

Although the TVA has released no details on the proposed project, the Aluminum company's Fontana plans called for the creation of a tremendous lake and the wiping out of a number of small villages. It would have necessitated the relocation of about 20 miles of tracks of the Southern railway below Bryson City, and the relocation of many roads.

The Aluminum company proposed to build a rock-filled dam 1,700 feet long and 470 feet high, creating a 10,350-acre reservoir. Installed capacity of the power plant would have approximated 300,000 horsepower.

Whether the TVA plans to construct a similar project was not known.

Mrs. Mark Clark, 90 Taken By Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Dicey Clark, 90, were held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist church eight miles from Franklin on the Bryson City highway. The Rev. Robert W. Williams, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. D. C. McCoy, a retired Baptist minister of the Oak Grove community. Interment was in the Riverview cemetery.

Mrs. Clark died at the home of her son, Jim Clark on Lakey Creek, on Sunday afternoon about 4:45 o'clock following a lingering illness of several months.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Chastaine, Mrs. Clark was born and raised in Walhalla, S. C. She was married to Mark Clark in South Carolina, later moving to the Oak Grove community in Macon county, where she has resided since. She was a member of Riverview Methodist church at Etna.

The pallbearers, all grandsons, included Otis Clark, Grady McGaha, T. A. Clark, John Clark, Claude Clark and Lon Clark.

The flower bearers were Eva Nell Clark, Julia Lakey, Lorene Gibson, Ada Houston, Esther Martin and Louise Houston.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Charles McGaha, of Etna; Jim and Alfred Clark, of Etna and Ervin Clark, of Dallas, Texas; 47 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Town Bond Issues Passed By Large Majority

The town bond election which called for the issuing of bonds amounting to \$1,000 to be used for sidewalk improvement and bonds amounting to \$9,000 to be used for street improvements was held Tuesday, July 8 and both ordinances were passed by large majorities.

Although there were only 138 votes cast the sentiment as shown by the returns is heartily in favor of the bond issue with 120 voting for the sidewalk improvement issue and 15 against and 121 for the street improvement issue and 14 opposed.

There were approximately 500 registered eligible voters listed on the books who could have voted in the election.

Jury Drawn For August Court Term

The Macon County Commissioners announced that the following men had been chosen for jury duty to serve during the August term of court, which will begin August 18.

J. T. Vinson, Jr., Route 2; R. W. Welch, Franklin; Alfred Leonard, Gneiss; J. M. Harrison, Route 1; Howard Bradley, Otto; U. N. Carpenter, Dillard, Ga., Rt. 1; Fred Dills, Gneiss; S. P. Pierson, Highlands; Cline Evans, Kyle; Chas. A. Rogers, Prentiss; R. C. Love, Franklin; Q. J. Houser, Franklin; W. W. Edwards, Highlands; Robert Brown, Route 2; Roger Van Hook, Route 2; C. L. Bateman, Route 3; George Anderson, Route 1; Davis Morgan, Route 4; Z. V. Shields, Flats; J. E. Allen, West's Mills; W. I. Houston, Gneiss; W. N. Cochran, Route 3; Carl Donaldson, Prentiss; M. S. Burnette, Scaly; Frank Peek, Gneiss; R. L. Liner, Route 3; Jack Cansler, Route 3; C. A. Patterson, Route 2; R. L. Hall, Route 3; E. M. Teague; Fred Jones, Franklin; D. L. Clark, West's Mill; Lon Roper, Franklin; Ed Shope, Prentiss; W. C. Arvey, Franklin.

Second Week
L. C. Henderson, Franklin; T. J. Carnes, Stiles; W. A. Huggins, Route 3; G. H. Brendle, Franklin; John E. Wilson, Route 1; F. B. Cook, Highlands; James W. Houston, Highlands; J. P. Howard, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; C. F. Moody, Franklin; Radford L. Holland, Cullasaja; Joe Potts, Cullasaja; A. R. Rogers, Route 1; T. T. Reeves, Route 3; Z. A. Shuler, Highlands; J. L. Hunnicutt, Route 1; C. P. Bradley, Dillard, Route 1; S. J. Murray, Franklin; W. M. Angel, Jr., Route 3.

Smiling Rangers To Appear At Courthouse

A stage show will be presented Friday night, July 18 featuring the Smiling Rangers, WWNC Radio Stars.

This performance will be sponsored by the Tesenta Methodist church. The proceeds from the show will be used to aid the church in buying an organ.

Local Garage Offers Safety Driving Service

Increased driving safety for local motorists is made possible through the recent installation of new testing equipment by Burrell Motor company.

The new machine makes precision tests and corrections at all speeds to 100 miles per hour with an electric neon eye.

The machine can eliminate the cause for shimmy, hard steering, wander and other conditions that frequently are responsible for accidents, and increase tire mileage.

W. L. Baughn, of Athens, Ga., will have charge of the operation of the machine. Mr. Baughn is a skilled mechanic and has had six years, experience in the operation of this type of work.

Methodist League To Hold Meeting July 17

There will be a meeting Thursday night, July 17 at 8 o'clock in the Franklin Methodist church of the leagues of the Methodist churches throughout the county.

The purpose of this meeting is the reorganization of the Macon county Methodist Young People's Union. Following the business meeting will be a social hour. All young people are cordially invited to attend.

Despite Heavy Rainfall In July Power Situation Still Remains Critical

The recent heavy rains have partially broken the long drought which has prevailed throughout the Southeast. However, despite over 7 inches of rainfall since June 15 there is still a serious power shortage due somewhat to the fact that the storage reservoirs are still far below their normal level.

The two main factors causing the low water level in storage lakes in this area are the tremendous demand by defense industries for electric power and the fact that there was only approximately 10 inches of rainfall between January 1 and April 1.

The Nantahala Power company has expressed its appreciation of the cooperation of local consumers in conserving electric power and urges them to continue their efforts until there is a larger supply of reserve water power.

TOWN BOARD CUTS TAX RATE

Approves Budget With Minor Changes For Coming Year

At the first meeting in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1941 the board of aldermen passed the budget for the coming year with only minor changes from the budget of the previous year and reduced the tax rate to \$.90 per hundred dollars valuation. This is a \$.05 per hundred dollar valuation reduction from last year's rate.

Two minor changes in the budget are the appropriation of \$200 for the Public Library Fund and \$180 for WPA office rent. Both of these appropriations will be made by funds from both the county and state.

Despite the addition of these two items to the budget the estimated total operating expense for the year is \$315 less than that of the previous year.

Prohibiting Loudspeakers
The Board passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of any loud speaker or public address system upon any public street or public place within the corporate limits of the Town of Franklin, or in any privately owned building so that it creates a nuisance or interferes with any person in the discharge or conduct of his business.

In accord with recommendations by Mr. Allen Siler, state highway engineer, the board agreed to fix the pavement and sidewalk on Main street in front of the Burrell Motor company so that it will be safe for pedestrians.

Large Group Of Entries Takes Prizes On Fourth

Despite bad weather conditions and heavy rain during the afternoon there was a large crowd in Franklin to take part in the Fourth of July celebration.

The morning program of contests and races attracted a large number of spectators and participants.

Due to the heavy downpour of rain it was impossible to have the flag dedication as had been planned, however, through the cooperation of the Franks Electric company there was a public broadcast of President Roosevelt's speech and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag delivered by Chief Justice Harlan Stone.

The following is a list of the winners of the games and contests: 50 yard dash (boys), first, Clell Bryant, second, Ross L. McCoy; 50 yard dash (girls), first, Dorothy Guy, second, Ruth Angel; tricycle race, first, Christine Tilson, second, Tommy McCoy; third, Frank L. Henry, III; wheelbarrow race, first, Leonard Guest and Dick Angel, second, Jack Angel and James Furr; egg race, first, Dorothy Duvall, second, Carolyn Leach; three leg race (boys), first, Don West and Thad McCoy, second, Jack Angel and James Furr; three leg race (men), first, Wiley Guest and Edd Coward, second, Wiley Leavett and Morris Ledford; three leg race (girls), first, Catherine Baker and Martha Standford, second, Ruth Smith and Dorothy Duvall.

John Hamer, chief clerk of the Nantahala Forest headquarters, has received a promotion which will necessitate his moving to the National Forest office in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamer expect to leave Franklin about July 15.

Large Crowd Attend Asbury Church Dedication

In spite of a steady rain throughout the day, approximately 400 people attended the dedicatory services held at Asbury church last Sunday. Those who could not get seats in the church were able to hear the full program through the amplifying system which had been set up in the auditorium of the new Otto school building.

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, was present and delivered the dedicatory sermon which was most impressive, using as his text the 87th Psalm.

Due to the rain, lunch was served in the auditorium of the school instead of on the grounds as was planned.

A very fine musical program was rendered throughout the day.

Many friends from Franklin and other neighboring towns were present for the day's services and rejoice with the Asbury community in such a fine church building.

Franklin To Play Hiwassee 2 Games Sun.

The Franklin All-Stars take on the Hiwassee, Ga. club in a twin bill Sunday at 2 p. m. on the local diamond. This will be the first league game played here since June 15 and will be the first chance for the fans to see the three new players in action.

On the 4th of July, the All-Stars proved to be the best mudders in the game against Walhalla, coming out on top by a score of 2 to 1. "Knuckle Ball" Newton only gave up one hit in five and a half innings when rain stopped the contest.

Franklin dropped both ends of a double-bill at Andrews Sunday by a score of 7 to 1 and 14 to 2. There should be plenty of action in the Hiwassee-Franklin games as the All-Stars are determined to take both games since being beaten so badly at Andrews.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. James P. Conley

Final rites for Mrs. James P. Conley, 73, were held at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning at the Carson's Chapel Methodist church. The Rev. J. L. Stokes, II, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Hubert Wardlaw, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Conley died at her home on Franklin Route 1, about four miles from Franklin on Sunday morning at 5:45, following an illness of two months.

A life-long resident of Macon county, Mrs. Conley was born on March 15, 1868. She was a daughter of the late R. K. and Belle Carson Wallace. On May 3, 1893 she was married to James P. Conley, also of this county. She was a member of the Franklin Presbyterian church, having joined in early womanhood.

The pallbearers were nephews. They included J. S. Conley, Ed Wallace, Bill Pressley, Ernest Wallace, Gilmer Waldroop and John Wallace.

Surviving are the husband and seven children, three daughters, Mrs. John Vinson, of Otto; Mrs. Turner Vinson, of Clayton, N. C., and Mrs. Harold Moore, of Franklin Route 1; four sons, George R. Conley, and J. P. Conley, of Franklin Route 1, J. K. Conley, of Cullasaja and Charlie Conley, of Mosheim, Tenn., one brother, George Wallace, of Franklin Route 1; 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Concert To Be Presented At Courthouse July 12

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will present their program of songs, recitations and drills at the Franklin Courthouse, Saturday night, July 12.

Each year the people of Franklin and surrounding communities look forward to Junaluske Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to bring this group here.

The program will start at 8 p. m. and a free will offering will be taken.

Baptist Pastor To Preach On Prophecies

Last month the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist church, began a series of messages on Sunday nights on the subject of Prophecies in the Bible, which were interrupted on account of the Tabernacle meetings, but which will be continued beginning next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday night topic will be, "Prophecy and Preparation for the World's Greatest Battle."

Commissioners Propose Bond Election For New Courthouse

Draft Call July 22nd To Be Sent To Fort McPherson

The Macon County Selective Board announced that 15 boys will be sent from Macon county in answer to the draft call to be filled July 22. There will be 11 local selectees, four volunteers, and two selectees from other boards.

Those volunteering for service are Joseph Joshua Gibbs, Route 3; George Herbert Gibson, Leatherman, William Lewis Elmore, Leatherman; Joseph Octavius McDowell, Cullasaja.

The following are being taken into the Army as selectees: Glen Alexander Shuler, Highlands; Thomas Woodrow Brown, Route 2; Edward Burton Parker, Route 4; Burco Emory Brown, Otto; Vivian Robert Crawford, Route 3; Lee Hiram McKinney, Highlands; Coleman Thomas Shepherd, Leatherman; William Stanyarne Johnson, Franklin; Charlie Wakefield Conley, Route 1; James Cecil Jacobs, Route 3; Vernon Alex Cunningham, Route 1.

Two of the selectees will be inducted by other boards. Robert Lafayette Byrd will be inducted at Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Buren Calvin Houston by the Pineville, Ore. Board.

All men answering this call will be sent to Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Maud Jones, secretary of the Selective Board, released the following statement in regard to the present standing of Macon county quota. The established quota for the county was 150. Since the time this quota was set 65 men have been inducted by the local board leaving a current quota of 85. No definite date has been set for the fulfillment of this quota.

Local Committee For FSA Program Appointed

Six Macon county citizens have been named on committees to advise and assist in the operation of the rehabilitation and tenant purchase programs of the United States Department of Agriculture. Albert Ramsey, Macon county supervisor for Farm Security Administration, announced the appointments made by Vance E. Swift, FSA state director at Raleigh.

John W. Roane, Marshal S. Burnett and Bunyan W. Justice will serve as members of the subcommittee on the Tenant Purchase program; John W. Roane, Bunyan W. Justice and Wiley Brown will serve on the subcommittee for the Farm Debt Adjustment and tenure improvement work; Ed Byrd, Marshal S. Burnett and Walter Taylor will serve on the subcommittee for the rural rehabilitation program. Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, Harley R. Cabe and Sam W. Mendenhall are members at large to advise on the various phases of assistance to low income farm families.

The Tenant Purchase program provides funds for the purchase of family type farms by qualified tenants. Macon county already has 15 new farmowners in this program. FSA rehabilitation loans are available to low income farm families, ineligible for credit elsewhere, for the purchase of livestock, workstock, seed, fertilizer and equipment, in accordance with carefully planned operation of the farm and home. About 500 farm families in Macon county have already been helped.

The services of debt adjustment committees are available to all farmers, as well as to FSA borrowers. The committees will assist creditors and farm debtors to reach an amicable adjustment of debts based on the ability to pay. This service has been used by 45 farmers in Macon county.

Albert Ramsey said better tenure arrangements is one of the most pressing needs in the rehabilitation of low income farm families. Farm Security Administration provides lease forms for long term leases to encourage conservation and better living on farms. This service is also available to all farmers in the county, as well as to FSA borrowers.

Farm Security Administration is the agency of the U. S. Department which assists the low income farm families to take full advantage of the other services of the national agricultural program, such as soil improvement, diversified farming, and increased production for home use, Mr. Ramsey said.

Bonds Vote Unanimous; County Cost Limited To \$60,000.00

The Macon County Commissioners at their regular meeting July 7, passed a motion made by Commissioner C. L. Blaine and seconded by Gus Leach, chairman of the board which proposes that an election be called in the near future for the purpose of authorizing a bond issue to be used to erect a new courthouse and jail combined. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was the opinion of the Board that a new courthouse was needed in order to furnish the administrative agencies of the county with more adequate room for the transaction of their business and to furnish adequate protection for the records of the county.

The courthouse is to be built at a total cost of not more than \$150,000 as a WPA project with the cost to the county as sponsor of the project not to exceed \$60,000.

The date of the election has not yet been announced, but it is expected that it will be held during the first part of September.

Commissioners To Sponsor NYA

After a report had been submitted by Mrs. Margaret Ordway, NYA county supervisor, giving a record of NYA activities over the past year and showing the present condition the commissioners agreed to accept the sponsorship of NYA for the coming year.

Annual Federation Picnic To Be Held July 19th

The annual Farmers Federation picnic will be held Saturday, July 19 at the Franklin high school. Everybody in the county is invited to come and bring a full basket. The program for the day will feature string music and a two hour singing program by choirs and quartets from Macon county. There will also be contest games, etc. throughout the day.

Worthy Grand Matron Makes Official Visit To Nequassa Chapter

At a special meeting of Nequassa Chapter No. 43 Tuesday evening, Miss Bessie Gaddy, Worthy Grand Matron of the State of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star, made her official visit.

Other distinguished guests were John Orr, Past Grand Patron of the State of North Carolina; Miss Elizabeth Slagle, District Deputy Grand Matron of the 12th District; Mrs. Eunice Church and Mrs. Nancy Orr, Grand Representatives of the States of Tennessee and South Carolina, respectively. Mrs. Edna Lathan, present Worthy Matron and Mrs. Mattie Frye, past Worthy Matron of Tuckasee Chapter were also present.

Miss Lassie Kelly and John Orr were introduced as Grand Committee members for the year 1941-42. The meeting was preceded by a dinner in honor of Miss Gaddy, Worthy Grand Matron, at Kelly's Tea Room.

Old North State Drive To Have Official Start July 11 Decries Gov.

According to a proclamation by Governor J. Melville Broughton the official start of the Old North State Fund's Campaign to raise \$15,000 to purchase and deliver an ambulance as a gift to the people of England from citizens of North Carolina will start Friday, July 11.

Dr. Ed Angel, Macon county chairman, announced that although the campaign does not officially open until today he had received a large number of donations and fine support from the people of Macon county.

Other local citizens who were appointed to serve on the committee by Gov. Broughton, were Mrs. A. R. Higdon, J. E. S. Thorpe, Dr. W. A. Rogers, and Gilmer Jones.

Vacation Bible School To Be Held At Carson

A daily Vacation Bible school is being held at the Carson Chapel Methodist church this week.

This is the first Bible school to be held in this church and there are between 15 and 20 children attending daily.

The school will be climaxed by a picnic held on Saturday morning.