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COUNTY WILL VOTE ON BONDS

Franklin Bond Issue Approved By 4-1 Vote

\$80,000 For Improvement Program Authorized By Election

The \$80,000 Franklin bond issue for street, water, and sewer improvements was overwhelmingly approved in Tuesday's special election. The vote was approximately four to one in favor of the bonds.

The total vote cast was extremely light.

On the three proposals, the vote stood:

For street bonds, 180.
Against, 45.
For water bonds, 177.
Against, 42.
For sewer bonds, 177.
Against, 43.

Only about one-fourth of the registered voters participated in the election. Of the 805 persons registered for the election, only 225, or slightly less than 28 per cent, voted on the street bond issue, while the total vote on the water and sewer bonds was even less.

As a result of the election, the board of aldermen has the authority to issue \$34,000 in bonds for street improvements; \$33,000 for extension of water mains; and \$13,000 for extension of sewer lines. In addition to the \$34,000 just authorized for street work, a bond issue of \$9,000 for street improvements was approved by the voters in a special election several years ago, so that the board will have available a total of \$45,000 for that purpose.

At a special meeting of the board Wednesday morning, the ballots were turned over to the aldermen by the election officials. The board canvassed the vote and formally certified that each of the three proposals received a majority of the votes cast.

With the proceeds of the bond sale, the board plans to surface unsurfaced portions of West Main street, old Georgia road, Hillcrest, Wayah, Forest, and Depot streets, First street in East Franklin, and the street connecting West Main and Church; lay six-inch water mains on each of the town's chief streets to the corporate limits, with smaller mains making connection with the larger

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Do You Remember . . . (Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Dr. W. B. Moore died at the residence of Mrs. Sloan at 10 o'clock of Tuesday night of last week.

Some people act like their debts were like coffee, and would settle themselves in time by standing.

25 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The board of aldermen last Monday unanimously elected Dr. C. D. Baird mayor of Franklin to succeed Hon. Gilmer A. Jones, who resigned to accept appointment as solicitor of the twentieth judicial district.

Dr. S. H. Lyle left Sunday for a trip to Washington and other points in the north.

John Corbin, Jr., of Cullasaja was the prize winner in the Red Cross baby contest.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Macon county warehouse and store of the Farmers Federation, Inc., will be formally opened Saturday in the Franks Building on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Marett expect to leave Highlands on Sunday for Atlanta, Smyrna, and Calhoun, Ga., to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Miss Cora Lee Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Higdon of Higdonville, and Mr. Howard Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Ellijay, were quietly married in Franklin December 8.

3-INCH SNOW, YEAR'S FIRST, COVERS AREA

Streets And Highways Slippery; Schools Are Closed

Three to four inches of snow fell here Thursday morning, the first of the winter for Franklin and most of Macon county, although Highlands had reported a similar fall Tuesday of last week.

Starting shortly before daylight, the snow fell fast, in big flakes, but about 9 o'clock turned to sleet, mixed with rain.

Streets were slippery, and the morning saw several automobiles in difficulty as they attempted to negotiate the hill on West Main street, some of them stalling, backing to the foot of the hill, and trying again, while others reached the top of the hill with the aid of pushers. Wise motorists, unless they had chains, avoided the hill on East Main street, traveling by Palmer street instead.

With the temperature still hanging around the freezing point at noon Thursday there was danger that streets and highways would be icy Friday morning.

With school buses unable to operate, the Franklin, Highlands, and most other schools were closed Thursday, and Supt. Guy L. Houk said the larger schools will not reopen earlier than Monday.

The snow followed by only 24 hours the coldest weather of the winter here, thermometers here having registered eight to 10 degrees Wednesday morning.

The weather bureau forecast for this region, received by telephone from the Nantahala National forest headquarters here, said the weather would be milder Friday, probably with light rain in the morning, and decreasing cloudiness later in the day.

Stockton

To Head March Of Dimes Drive In County

J. H. Stockton, Franklin attorney, has been appointed director for Macon county for the annual "March of Dimes" campaign. The appointment was made by Ralph McDonald, state director.

The "March of Dimes" is the means for raising funds for the nation-wide fight against infantile paralysis.

Mr. Stockton announced that the appeal for funds will open Monday, January 14, and continue through Wednesday, January 31.

Baptist Sunday School Officers To Meet Dec 18

A meeting of the Baptist Associational Sunday School officers will be held in the Franklin Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon, December 18, at 2 o'clock, it has been announced by Sanford Smith, president.

This meeting is being arranged to make available information, received at a recent meeting held in Morganton, which is of particular interest to superintendents and officers in their work. Plans also will be made at this meeting for the Sunday school program for 1946.

Transportation expenses will be paid, at the rate of three cents per mile for the round trip, for as many as two cars from each association. This is the same as the offer made for the Morganton meeting. The meeting at the Franklin church is scheduled to last two hours, and Mr. Smith said it is very important that all officers and superintendents attend.

Macon ACA Committee Announced

The names of the 65 members of the Macon County Agricultural Conservation association, who were chosen in a recent county-wide election, were announced this week.

Following their election, the committee members met in the AAA office and reelected Miss Bernice McDowell as secretary and chief clerk and Mrs. Mary B. Justice as treasurer of the association. Robert Fulton, chairman, A. C. Patterson, vice-chairman, and B. W. Justice, regular member, were reelected to those offices at a county convention at the AAA office.

The members of the committee, named in the county-wide election, are listed below. In each case, the first name listed is the chairman; the second, the vice-chairman; the third, the regular member; the fourth, the first alternate, and the fifth, the second alternate.

North Franklin: D. M. Bennett, R. L. Poindexter, Thomas Sloan, Ed Tippet, and Frank Plyler.

Southeast Franklin: Charles A. Rogers, J. Ned Teague, Charles C. Sutton, Harley Cabe, and H. W. Rogers.

South Franklin: Thad Patton; Everett White, Rufus Wells, P. C. Swanson, and Harley Stewart.

Mill Shoals: Walter Taylor, Fred Fox, Paul Ammons, J. L. Huggins, and Jack Cabe.

Cartoogechaye: W. N. Dalrymple, Eugene Crawford, John Roane, J. H. Brookshire, and D. M. Sweatman.

Ellijay: Fred Corbin, Troy Shook, Wiley Clark, Marion Bryson, and John Taylor.

Sugar Fork: Fred Henson, D. M. Rogers, Mrs. Faye Mashburn, E. M. Dills, and W. I. Houston.

Highlands: T. M. Keener, Glen Shuler, Jess Keener, Dan Edwards, and R. J. Cobb.

Flats: H. R. Penland, Mrs. Irene Fisher, Toliver Vinson, H. C. Miller, and M. S. Burnette. Smithbridge: T. M. McDowell, J. L. Justice, J. J. Gray, T. J. Ramey, and E. M. Nichols.

Nantahala: J. R. Shields, Clint May, Carl Bateman, Homer Passmore, and C. B. Owenby. Burningtown: Carl Morgan, W. R. Parrish, Fred Ledford, E. B. Byrd, and L. P. Roper.

Cowee: J. E. Allen, Mrs. S. C. Leatherman, Woodrow Gibson, H. R. Morrison, and J. A. Brogden.

Eastern Star Will Hold Meeting And Christmas Party

Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its regular meeting on Thursday night, December 20, at 7 o'clock in the Masonic Hall.

The annual Christmas party will follow the business meeting and will be held at 8 o'clock in the Agriculture building. The members of Junaluska Lodge, No. 145, A. F. & A. M., have been invited.

The program committee will arrange for an exchange of gifts which the Eastern Star members will bring. It is hoped that all members will be present.

Presbyterian Services For December Listed

The Rev. C. R. McCubbins, pastor of the Franklin and Morrison Presbyterian churches, has announced the schedule of services at those two churches for the remainder of December as follows:

Franklin—Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching service at 11 a. m.

Morrison—Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. each Sunday and preaching service at 3:15 on the fourth Sunday, which falls on December 23.

MACON'S BOND SALES STILL BELOW QUOTA

But County To Be Given Credit For Sales Up To December 28

Macon county still isn't over the top in the purchase of Victory Bonds, but Henry W. Cabe, county chairman for the Victory Loan campaign, announced yesterday that this county will receive credit for "E", "F", and "G" bonds bought through December 28.

The Macon county overall bond total through December 8—the date that had been set as the formal close of the campaign—was \$135,000, the Federal Reserve bank in Richmond, Va., reported. This is \$30,000 short of the overall quota of \$165,000.

Sale of "E" bonds showed considerable increase since the report of December 1, but the county still was short of its "E" bond quota.

The Federal Reserve total, as of December 8, gave Macon county credit for \$62,343 in "E" bonds, or not quite two-thirds of the county's "E" bond quota of \$101,000.

Mr. Cabe said, however, that "E" bond sales made since the figures were compiled in Richmond would run the total to about \$70,000, and expressed the hope that the remaining \$31,000 can be sold before December 28, so that this county can be listed as having met the quota assigned it.

Mrs. Foster

Taken By Death At Home Of Daughter Here

Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Foster, 77, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Watkins, on Harrison avenue last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following an illness of two weeks. She had been in ill health for more than a year.

Mrs. Foster, before marriage, was Miss Alice Patterson of Clayton, Ga. For several years she has made her home with her daughters. She was a member of the First Methodist church in Toccoa, Ga., where she lived for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Toccoa Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Patterson, former pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Cherry, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in the city cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. C. R. Browning, Bryson City, Mrs. Watkins, Franklin, Mrs. C. A. Merck, Toccoa, and Miss Mae Foster, Seneca, S. C.; three sons, Col. S. M. Foster, San Diego, Calif., the Rev. John Emerson Foster, Clarkesburg, W. Va., and the Rev. A. P. Foster, Jr., Lakeland, Fla.; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Milfred Patterson, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. Conley, 83, Taken By Death In Tesenta Section

Mrs. Cordelia Gudger Conley, 83, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Rogers, in the Tesenta section of Macon county, November 30, following an illness of three years.

She was a life-long resident of Macon county and was married to George Conley, who preceded her in death nine years ago. She was a member of the Dryman Chapel Methodist church.

Funeral services were held December 1 at 11 o'clock at the Dryman Chapel church, with the Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Truman, Tommy Lee and D. L. Rogers, Neville Buchanan, Herschell Keener and Kenneth Buchanan.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Rogers, 10 grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of arrangements.

County Is Facing Acute Shortage Of Coal This Winter

With Macon county allotted less coal than it received last winter, and with several hundred servicemen already back home, this county faces a serious coal shortage this winter.

L. B. Phillips and Rufus Snyder, local dealers, said this week that they will get only 80 per cent as much coal this winter as they received last year, and Bob (R. S.) Sloan, veterans service officer, pointed out that this winter some 500 veterans, many of them married and with families, will need fuel.

In view of the situation, he has appealed to the solid fuels administrator at Charlotte.

"Unless local coal dealers receive an additional amount of coal," Mr. Sloan wrote the Charlotte administrator, "these veterans will certainly will be out in the cold."

Mrs. P. West 81, Dies At West's Mill

Mrs. Pallie Ruth Parrish West, 81, died at her home at West's Mill Saturday night about 9 o'clock, following a serious illness of only three days. She had been in ill health for several months. Death was caused from pneumonia.

A life-long resident of Macon county, she was born on September 24, 1864, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Parrish. She was married to Jess L. West, Sr., who died 32 years ago. She was a member of the Snow Hill Methodist church and had attended church and took a part in all church activities as long as her health permitted.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Snow Hill Methodist church. The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, and the Rev. C. C. Welch, pastor of the Cowee Baptist church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were J. L. West, III, Charles Owens, Clyde Smith, Lewis Smith, Jr., Clayton Ramsey and Henderson Calloway.

She is survived by nine children, C. N. West and Dr. J. L. West, of West's Mill; Harry H. West, of Norfolk, Va., and W. Floyd West, of Ibadah, Utah; Miss Vonnie West and Mrs. Clara Owens, of West's Mill, Mrs. J. L. Smith, of Cullowhee, Mrs. Nannie Browning, of West's Mill, and Mrs. Zeb V. Gibson, of Winston-Salem; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Calloway, of Franklin, Mrs. Dan Lyle, Peck, Idaho, and Mrs. Mamie DeHart, of near Winston-Salem; six brothers, Ed, James, John, and George Parrish, all of Franklin, Route 3, Will Parrish, of Bryson City, and Wade Parrish, of Ibadah, Utah.

Potts funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

MISS STEPPE DIES

Miss Ruth Steppe, 19, daughter of Craig Steppe and the late Mrs. Steppe, of Aquone, died in the Angel Clinic here Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kyle Baptist church.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE HELD

The Macon County Baptist Sunday School convention will meet at the Oak Grove Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2:30 o'clock, it has been announced by Sanford Smith, president.

All Sunday schools in the county are urged to send delegations, and the public is invited.

BALLOT DEC. 18 ON \$400,000 FOR SCHOOL ISSUE

Funds Would Be Used For New Buildings In Nine Communities

Macon county voters will go to the polls Tuesday to determine whether this county shall issue \$400,000 in bonds for new school buildings.

The bond issue was proposed by the county board of education to carry out a program worked out by Supt. Guy L. Houk and the board for the modernization of the physical plant of the county's school system as a whole, and the county commissioners called next week's special election, at which the voters will act on the proposition.

The program calls for the consolidation of the 23 schools now operated in the county into 10 white and one Negro school, and for the construction of new, modern buildings in eight communities in the county.

The new buildings would be situated in the following areas: Cartoogechaye, Mill Shoal, Nantahala, Highlands, Union-Skeenah-Prentiss, Lottia-Burningtown, Ellijay-Sugar Fork, and Franklin.

In Franklin, the plan calls for a new Negro school and for additional facilities and space at the white school.

The other two of the 11 proposed schools would be situated at Cowee and Otto, both of which communities have buildings that are comparatively new.

In presenting the program to the people, the board of education points out that Macon county has erected no new school buildings since 1926, with the exception of those at Cowee and Otto; that the present buildings were designed for another day, are too small, and many of them dilapidated; and that the consolidations which the building program would make possible would assure a minimum of one teacher for every grade in all 10 white schools. At present, the board said, only two of the 25 schools now in operation have as many as one teacher per grade, while 14 schools have not more than two teachers altogether.

It is proposed to issue 30-year serial bonds, and the authorities anticipate that they can be sold, on the present market, at an interest rate not to exceed four per cent.

The board also sets forth that, at a four per cent interest rate, a tax of 28 cents on the \$100 valuation would amortize the bonds, and that it would be necessary to increase the present tax rate by only 10 cents per \$100, since a 17-cent rate now is being levied for capital outlay for schools.

The present debt of Macon county is \$535,450, while the assessed valuation is \$9,714,756. The present tax rate is \$1.10 per \$100 valuation.

The \$400,000 in bonds it is proposed to sell is the maximum amount the county is permitted to issue at present, under the law as applied to this county's present debt and valuation, officials said.

The election will be determined by a majority of the vote cast. —Continued On Page Six

Parent-Teacher Meet Set For Monday Night

The Franklin Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the high school auditorium on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock for its monthly meeting, it has been announced by Mrs. J. H. Stockton, secretary.

I. B. Hudson, superintendent of the Andrews school, has been invited as guest speaker for the occasion. Another feature of the program will be a number of Christmas carols rendered by the High School Glee Club. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, president, will preside.

Members of the Franklin Lions club have accepted an invitation to attend the meeting in a body. Any interested persons, as well as members, are invited.