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HIGHWAY BODY WILL SURFACE DEPOT STREET

Officials Give Assurance Work Will Be Done This Summer

The State Highway and Public Works commission has agreed to surface Depot street, in Franklin, this summer, Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., has announced.

Commission officials repeatedly have told town authorities that they would surface the street, but indicated that it might be months, or even years, before they could get to this particular job.

This week, however, John A. Goodie and John C. Walker, district commissioner and engineer, respectively, gave assurance that the work will be done this summer.

The street is a part of the state highway system.

An asphalt surface will be placed on the street from the Tallulah Falls Railway station to the intersection of Depot with Wayah street, a distance of .65 of a mile.

The work is expected to cost about \$9,000.

The depot street project was a part of the program announced by town authorities when the \$120,000 bond issue for street, water, and sewer improvements was authorized. When the contracts were let, however, the total of the bids was approximately \$39,000, or \$9,000 more than the bonds issued for street improvements.

The state's taking over responsibility for paving Depot street, therefore, eliminates the necessity for the town to raise from some source, approximately \$9,000 extra to complete its street program.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
 Prof. M. C. Allen left Monday for Georgia. He has been among us for three years as principal of Franklin High School and in taking his departure he leaves many warm friends here who wish him abundant success and happiness wherever he may chance to locate.

Mr. R. L. Porter had his wheat crop thrashed Monday. It measured out 360 bushels from 17 acres.

25 YEARS AGO
 In the life of the present Macon County Summer School, a very important step has been taken by the students. Beginning at 9 a. m. in the court house last Friday morning the civics class gave the first folk play ever given on a platform in Macon County. The cast was as follows:

Zachariah Cabe, Parker Moore, Smathie Cabe, Irene Kinsland, Totsie Cabe, Fannie Buckner, Mrs. Polly Cabe, Hallie Setzer, Jollay; Isaac Newton, Sanford Ebenezer Newton, Wilbern Welch, Elvira Newton, Beulah Ollay, Issac Newton; Sanford Smith, Singing Teacher, Andy Gribble; School Ma'am, Flora Patton.

Independence Day will be celebrated in Franklin this year on next Monday, July 5, with an all-day program sponsored by the American Legion and the Boy Scouts and it is expected that one of the largest crowds ever seen in Franklin will be on hand to enjoy the fun.

10 YEARS AGO
 Guy L. Houk, district governor of the 58th district of Rotary, is home again after attending the convention of Rotary International in France and spending three weeks in France, Switzerland, and Italy. Mr. Houk first attended the meeting of Rotary International, held the week before the convention at Montreux. This gathering was attended by 200 officers representing 77 countries - including all of Europe except Russia, and also China and Japan, the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania.

DDT Fly Control Drive To Be Launched Here By State And Town July 12

A fly control campaign will be launched here about July 12, under the joint auspices of the Town of Franklin, the local health office, and the State Board of Health, Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., announced Wednesday.

It is planned to use approximately 100 gallons of 25 per cent DDT.

By using the big air pressure spray provided by the state board, it will be possible to spray a large building within a few minutes, W. F. Hart, senior district sanitarian, who was here Wednesday, said. The spray is good for five months, where the area sprayed is not subject to the effects of rain.

The DDT will be applied, Mr. Hart said, by an expert from the division of malaria control of the State Board of Health.

Taking the town, section by section, it is planned to spray every chicken house, cow stall and barn, and the backs of

business buildings, with a view to eliminating flies in Franklin for the season.

Persons who have special insect problems are requested to notify the town office.

Meanwhile, the public is asked to clean up their premises in preparation for the campaign.

With DDT available, "it is entirely possible to do away with flies", Mr. Hart said.

"To do so, two things are necessary:

"First, it is necessary to clean up the places where flies breed. That is up to the people.

"Systematic spraying of the entire town is the second requirement."

Franklin will be the third community in Western North Carolina to put on such a campaign. One has already been conducted in Asheville, and one will get under way in a few days in Brevard.

2 Million Feet Of Timber Sold To English Firm

The Nantahala National Forest this week sold approximately 2 million board feet of timber, to be cut from the Piercy Creek drainage, to the English Lumber company, of Asheville.

The company, which has operated a band mill at Kyle for about 10 years, will saw the timber at its Kyle mill.

The average price per thousand board feet was \$7.30, so that the total sale was for approximately \$15,000. Like other gross receipts of the forest, one-fourth of this will be divided pro rata, among the counties in which the Nantahala Forest lies.

Pick Winners In 4-H Dress Revue Here

Twenty-one 4-H club girls entered the county dress revue held in the Agricultural building Saturday morning. Mrs. Katherine M. O'Neil, home economics teacher in the Franklin High school, served as judge of the dresses.

Margaret Berry, of the Higdonville 4-H club, won first place to become county winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Berry, of Cullasaja. Her blue ribbon dress was made of blue cotton with key-hole neck line and detachable peplum lined with white shantung. Miss Berry will represent Macon County in the state dress revue to be held in Raleigh August 20 as a part of 4-H week.

Lucille Edwards, of the Burningtown club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Edwards, Franklin, Route 3, won second place with a red and white striped cotton dress, trimmed in rick rack.

Virginia Cansler, president of the Franklin 4-H club and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cansler, of Franklin, Route 3, took third place with an outfit made of sacks. Miss Cansler has done outstanding 4-H work for a number of years, and has completed 11 projects.

Roberta Snyder, of the Franklin club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Snyder, won first place in the junior group. She modeled a blue cotton print dress.

Mary Frances Bingham and Esta Mae Bingham, of the Franklin club, daughters of Richard Bingham and the late Mrs. Bingham, of Franklin, Route 1, won second and third places, respectively, with printed cotton dresses.

FELLOWSHIP TO MEET
 The regular meeting of the Methodist Youth fellowship will be held at the Bethel church Monday night at 8 o'clock. Clyde Drake will make the principle talk of the evening.

OPEN 6-COUNTY ARMY STATION

Four Recruiters Will Work Out Of Office In Franklin

A U. S. Army recruiting sub-station was opened here Tuesday morning.

The station, which has four recruiters assigned to it, will serve the six counties of Macon, Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Clay and Graham.

The station is situated on the second floor of the Hearn hotel, and occupies the former lounge and the room adjoining, at the head of the stairs.

T. Sgt. James R. Dance, who will be in charge, and S. Sgt. H. V. Belt will seek recruits in Macon, Swain, and Jackson counties, while M. Sgt. Kenneth Coon and T. Sgt. Dave Calhoun will work Cherokee, and Clay counties.

The station will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Saturday. Detailed information about the army may be obtained, Sgt. Dance pointed out, in person or by writing to the station.

Pipe Line Laid For Pumping Creek Water Into Mains

Franklin town authorities hope to be pumping creek water into the water mains within a few days, and thus temporarily to relieve the acute water shortage from which the community has been suffering in recent weeks.

The two mobile filtering-chlorinating units bought from government surplus have been connected with the main on the Murphy road, by installation of about 500 feet of pipe between the end of the water main and a point on the creek near the entrance to the Crawford farm, where the units have been set up.

After final tests of the equipment and the water, it is anticipated that the pumps will be put to work, pushing the water level in the town reservoirs upward.

Will Hold Meet To Plan Sunday School Revival

The pastor, Sunday school teachers and officers of the Highlands Baptist church will meet with the pastor, teachers and officers of the Franklin Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Franklin to make preliminary plans for a Sunday school revival throughout the county, beginning Sunday morning.

Bradley Dies At Otto Home Of Heart Attack

Ed Bradley, well known elderly farmer of the Otto section, died at his home in the Otto community Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. Death was said to have been due to a heart attack. Further details were not available.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS BONDS BE ISSUED AT ONCE

Adopts Budget, Approves PTA Suggestions; Area To Get More Teachers

The county board of education, at its meeting Monday, adopted a budget calling for a levy of 30 cents on the \$100 valuation, asked the board of county commissioners to issue and sell as soon as possible the \$400,000 in school bonds voted about 18 months ago, and agreed to adopt, as far as possible, suggestions offered by a committee from the Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

It also was announced that this district is scheduled to receive an allotment of three additional teachers.

The tax levy for schools is subject to approval by the county board of commissioners, members of which met with the education board. The commissioners will act on the levy at their meeting next Monday.

The 30-cent levy requested by the board of education compares with 27 cents levied last year. The school board seeks a levy of 15 cents for capital outlay, the same as last year; 12 cents for operation and maintenance, as compared with seven cents last year; and three cents for debt service, as compared with five cents last year.

While no formal vote was taken by the board on issuance of the bonds at this time, comments of the members indicated they were in agreement with Supt. G. L. Houk in his argument that the bonds should be sold now, in order to take advantage of the current low interest rate.

Chairman W. E. Baldwin, of the board of commissioners, however, called attention to a letter from the Local Government commission, which controls all bond issues of counties and municipalities. In that letter, the commission stated that its policy will not permit sale of bonds until the issuing unit actually is ready to spend the money. Members of the board, in response to a question from Mr. Baldwin, previously had said they do not think the present is the time to build.

The letter said the commission "would not consent to the advertisement and sale of the bonds solely on the grounds that prevailing interest rates are lower than they may be later. The Commission's policy with respect to advertisement and sale of bonds is that no bonds shall be sold and issued unless and until satisfactory evidence is furnished by the issuing unit that the sale proposed."

Union Services Of 2 Churches To Start Sunday

A series of Sunday evening union services of the Franklin Methodist and Presbyterian churches will start Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

The first services will be held at the Presbyterian church, with the Methodist pastor, the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt in charge. The following Sunday evening, the Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, will be in charge of the service, to be held at the Methodist church. And the place and minister will alternate thereafter.

The plan calls for a number of visiting ministers to preach during the summer.

Choirs of the two churches will work together to provide the music.

Stores, Offices Here Will Close For July Fourth

County offices, including those of the register of deeds, clerk of the court, department of public welfare, and health department will be closed both Friday and Saturday of this week, in observance of Independence day.

The town of Franklin offices and the bank will close Friday but will be open Saturday.

Most business establishments here will follow the same policy, closing Friday but being open for business Saturday.

Franklin's Tax Valuation Shows 27 Per Cent Gain

Swiss Forester Starts U. S. Tour With Visit Here

A Swiss forester, Hans G. Winkleman, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting the Coweeta Experiment station and the Nantahala National Forest.

Mr. Winkleman, who is director of the Swiss Association of Forest Economics and consultant to the forestry section of the food and agriculture division of the United Nations, is making a tour of forests in the United States. The Nantahala was the first forest visited.

Although forest conservation is practiced in Europe long before it was adopted in this country, the Swiss forester expressed admiration for the methods he found in use here.

3 BUSINESSES CHANGES HANDS

Motor Court, Grocery, Sandwich Shop Involved

Three business enterprises here—a motor court, a grocery, and a sandwich establishment—changed hands in deals consummated this week.

Sanders Motor Court, on the Georgia highway, was bought from Robert (Bob) and Clyde Sanders by A. H. Cagle.

J. C. Jacobs and W. P. (Bill) Bryant became the owners of Swafford's Market, purchased from Verlon Swafford.

And D. L. Johnson and R. B. Waldrop bought the Sandwich shop and pool room on West Main street, from Doyle DeHart. Mr. and Mrs. DeHart have gone to Florida.

The motor court was built by A. H. Cagle and his brother, A. G. Cagle, about 18 months ago at a cost estimated at between \$45,000 and \$50,000. The Sanders brothers bought it from the Cagles last August.

Swafford's Market, grocery store and meat market situated on the north side of Main street, changed hands Monday, and the new owners took charge Tuesday morning. Mr. Bryant, who has been employed by the Macon County Supply company, has resigned to devote his full time to operation of the market. Mr. Swafford has not announced his plans for the future.

Sunday School Enlargement Campaign To Get Under Way

Plans for a Sunday school enlargement campaign, with 28 of the 40 Baptist churches in this county participating, were announced this week. The campaign will open through Sunday and continue through Friday.

L. L. Morgan, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Sunday school board, will head the campaign, and will be assisted by a group of young men and women from colleges and theological seminaries.

During the six-day campaign, a meeting will be held each evening in each of the 28 churches.

Bray Will Open Revival At Clark's Chapel Sunday

The Rev. T. W. Bray, of Salisbury, will conduct a revival meeting at Clark's Chapel Methodist church, starting Sunday at 11 a. m. It also was announced that Bible school will begin Monday, with all children from three years of age through the intermediate group invited. Members of all denominations are invited to participate in the revival meeting.

\$400,000 Increase Puts Town's Total Close To \$2,000,000

The value of taxable property within corporate limits of the Town of Franklin has increased by more than \$400,000 during the past year, records in the town office show.

This \$400,000 represents slightly more than half of the increase for the county as a whole.

During the 12-month period, the town's tax valuation has grown by 27 per cent.

The increase has boosted the taxable wealth of the town to close to the two million dollar mark.

A year ago, Franklin's tax valuation stood at \$1,481,782. Today it is approximately \$1,900,000. The figure on the town's books is \$1,884,096, but E. W. Long, town clerk, said there would be some slight additions of corporate excess, yet to be reported by the State Board of Assessment.

Approximately \$50,000 of the tremendous increase is in pulpwood of the Champion paper

Commissioners, Town Boards To Fix Tax Rates

Tax rates are expected to be fixed Monday by the board of county commissioners and the town boards of Franklin and Highlands.

All three groups are expected to adopt their budgets for the fiscal year, and upon a basis of those budgets, set tax rates.

Due to phenomenal increases in tax valuations—the total for the county is about three-quarters of a million dollars—little or no increase in the rates is anticipated.

The commissioners will meet in the morning, while the town boards' meeting are scheduled for Monday night.

and Fibre corporation and the Mead Corporation, on their yards here—an increase that might be greater or less next year.

Most of the growth in taxable wealth, however, is believed to be of a permanent nature, much of it represented by new building within the corporate limits.

And the valuations are as of January 1, and thus do not reflect building done during the first half of 1947.

Home-Coming Planned At Bethel On Sunday

Home-Coming and Sunday School rally day will be observed at the Bethel Methodist church Sunday. The Sunday school will present a program at the regular Sunday school hour, and preaching services will be held at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to come and bring baskets.

Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Results
 Friday, June 27:—
 Zickgraf 3; Veterans 8.
 Rotary 11 vs NP&L Co. 2.
 Monday, June 30.
 Ollers 13; Zickgraf 7.
 Veterans 14; Rotary 7.
Coming Games

Friday, July 4:—
 Ollers vs Burrell.
 NP&L Co. vs Zickgraf.
 Monday, July 7:—
 Veterans vs Burrell.
 Rotary vs Ollers.

League Standings
 (Includes June 30 Games)

	W	L	Pct.
Rotary	6	1	.851
NP&L Co.	5	3	.6250
Veterans	5	3	.6250
Burrell	3	4	.430
Zickgraf	2	5	.290
Ollers	1	6	.150