

Highlands Agrees To Buy School Property For \$10,000

Move Must Be Approved By Board Of County Commissioners

The Town of Highlands has agreed to purchase the old Highlands school property for \$10,000, under terms set by the Macon County board of education.

Final approval of the school board's decision to sell the property rests with the board of county commissioners.

Terms stipulate that payment must be made in cash by November 1. A clause also says the property cannot be resold by the town.

The school board was informed of the town's decision to purchase the property at a meeting last Thursday. At the board's August meeting, a Highlands proposition to purchase the property for \$5,000 down and \$1,000 yearly was rejected. At that time the board gave the town 20 days to indicate whether it would buy on cash terms, payable November 1.

Highlands plans to use the property for a city park. At Thursday's meeting the school board voted to advertise for bids on buildings and property at Oak Ridge, Clark's Chapel, Kyle, Liberty, Otter Creek, Mt. Grove, and Academy tract, explaining that "they are no longer needed for school purposes."

J. C. Sorrells, appointed to investigate the possibility of building a lunch room at Cullasaja school, said it would take approximately \$12,000 to build the unit.

The board rejected bids on school property for sale in Highlands (tract 2); and discontinued renting classroom space from C. J. Anderson in Highlands.

Chairman Bob S. Sloan was authorized to appear before the Franklin board of aldermen and request the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of U. S. 64 and the Highlands road; the building of a sidewalk to the East Franklin school; the re-routing of U. S. 23 from in front of Franklin High school.

MRS. JOHNSON, FORMER MACON TEACHER, DIES

Services Held Wednesday At Union Methodist Church

A former Macon County school teacher, Mrs. Grace Moore Johnson, died Tuesday morning at her home in the Prentiss community after a lingering illness. She was 48.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 11 o'clock at the Union Methodist church, of which she was a member.

Officiating were the Rev. L. C. Stevens and the Rev. J. Q. Wallace. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born November 2, 1902, the daughter of Mrs. Arie McDowell Moore and the late J. W. Moore. In 1927 she was married to Homer Johnson.

She was a Sunday school teacher at the Union Methodist church and was active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Surviving, in addition to Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Moore, are three daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Parker, of Franklin, Route 1, Miss Mary and Beatrice Johnson, of Prentiss; two sons, Elmer and Howard, of Prentiss; three sisters, Mrs. Elam Gray, of Sedro Woolley, Wash., Mrs. Blanche Wathen, of London, Ky., and Mrs. Helen Wathen, of Everett, Wash.

Pallbearers were Thad and Lawrence Patton, Porter Duncan, Sam Sellers, Woodrow and Elmer Teague.

Potts Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

CHANGE MEETING DATE
The Higdon family reunion will be held at the home place in the Higdonville community this Sunday instead of September 16 as previously announced.

SCHOOL BENEFIT NETS \$300; SOME 600 BUY SUPPER

New East Franklin School Holds Open House Friday Night

A benefit chicken supper at the new East Franklin Elementary school Friday night drew an estimated 600 persons, and those in charge reported that more than \$300 was raised to buy cafeteria equipment at the school.

Another 200 persons balked when they saw the lengthy "chow line", but made the most of the open house and toured the new \$130,000 structure's nine class rooms, lunch room, and faculty lounge.

The event was sponsored by the parents of school children in East Franklin and the Watauga, Clark's Chapel, and Holly Springs home demonstration clubs.

Comments during the evening revolved around the absence of "blackboards" at the new school—they're green blackboards, if there are such things! Explanation for "greenboards" is they are less likely to cause eyestrain than black ones.

The new school received an official christening Wednesday morning at 8:45 as the 1951-52 school year began.

Saturday Storm Lashes Franklin With 2.10 Inches Of Rain; Damage Is Light

Franklin was lashed Saturday evening by 2.10 inches of rain, the backbone of a brief thunder storm that disrupted power and phone service in some sections of town.

No serious damage was reported. R. E. McKelvey, general manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, said water seeped into a phone cable on Harrison avenue, cutting off some 150 phones in that area.

A power failure was reported in East Franklin, but the damage was repaired in less than an hour.

School Fund Gets \$1,704.15 From August Court Term

The August term of superior court here added \$1,704.15 to the Macon County general school fund, according to Miss Kate McGee, clerk of court.

As provided by law, all fines, forfeitures, and solicitor fees are earmarked for the school fund.

Following is a breakdown of money collected for the fund: Fines and forfeitures, \$1,340; solicitor fees, \$168; sale of impounded automobile, \$133.35; highway patrol fees, \$17.10; and jail fees, \$45.70.

McSween Beats Archer For Golf Crown; Tourney Draws 14 Entries

Chip-shot artist Dr. George R. McSween nosed out John M. Archer, Jr. 4 and 2 on the 16th hole Monday morning and walked off with the mythical Franklin golf crown.

The tournament, which drew a field of 14 golfers, raged on the local links hot and heavy most of last week. Pre-tournament predictions went up in smoke as par shooting favorites rapidly dropped out of the running as match play got under way.

McSween, a local chiropractor who carded a qualifying 93, made most of a seven stroke handicap, and rode over W. W. (Bill) Sloan 8 and 7 and Winton Perry 5 and 4 before meeting Archer for the finals. When non-handicap holes came up, McSween put the burden of winning on chip shots. Time and again during his three matches, McSween dropped chip shots either in the cup or within inches for surefire "gimmies".

The first nine holes of the Archer-McSween battle were played under threatening skies and both golfers experienced difficulty on fairways and greens because of a downpour the night before. The sun



SEVEN BROTHERS, YOUNGEST 52—A couple of weeks ago, the Williamson brothers, ranging from 52 to 71 years, gathered in Franklin and dropped by Crisp's studio to have their pictures made. All are farmers, natives of this county, and are the sons of the late Ben and Mrs. Rhody Strutton Williamson, of the Cartoogehaye section. Only one has moved out of the county, Reasoned 71-year-old C. E., after the photographer snapped the picture, "there's seven of us, but each of us just has six brothers". (L to R) C. E., J. C., 68, of Commerce, Ga., R. L., 67, T. L., 52, W. W., 56, G. W., 57, and John, 60. All but J. C. live in the Cartoogehaye community.

Research Proposal To Be Discussed Tomorrow Night

The "Nickles for Know-How" campaign, supporting a proposal to give financial assistance to the agricultural research department of North Carolina State college, will be discussed by farm men and women tomorrow (Friday) night at the Agricultural building at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting has been called by County Agent S. W. Mendenhall to explain what can be accomplished by giving assistance to the research department. The proposal asks a five cent per ton increase on the price of feed and fertilizer which would be used to assist in research.

A state-wide referendum will be held November to determine whether North Carolina farmers are in favor of the proposal. Mr. Mendenhall said the average farmer would contribute only about 20 to 30 cents each year as outlined by the measure.

An enabling act of the 1951 legislature empowered the North Carolina Farm Bureau, the North Carolina Grange, and the agricultural foundation to set up the machinery for a referendum to determine whether farmers would favor such a proposal.

Chairman of the local campaign is Max Parrish, of Otto.

CANCEL MEETING

A meeting of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, scheduled for Sunday, has been postponed. Mrs. Marie G. Barnard, president, announced yesterday. The meeting will be held September 16, she said, at the post building on Palmer street.

WILL CONTINUE UNIT TEST FARM PROGRAM HERE

Meeting Called For Next Week; Says 20 Farms To Be Approved

The test demonstration farm program, halted temporarily in July for reorganization, is to be continued in Macon County, according to County Agent S. W. Mendenhall.

The county agent said his office has been assured that at least 20 farms will be approved this year as unit test farms under the program.

Farm men and women desiring to make application for test farms are asked to attend a meeting at the Agricultural building next Thursday morning, September 13, at 9:30 o'clock. At that time, W. B. Collins, in charge of test demonstration work, will discuss the program and applications will be taken up.

The demonstration program, jointly sponsored by the Tennessee Valley authority and the North Carolina Extension service, was organized in 1935. At one time there were more than 100 test farms in Macon County alone, the county agent said.

Mr. Mendenhall said there is a possibility that more than 20 farms will be approved this year if enough interest is shown by Macon farmers.

T. V. A. fertilizers, phosphate, and technical assistance have been made available, and will continue to be, to Macon County, to further the program which advocates sound farming practices, agricultural development, and watershed protection, the county agent said.

He pointed out that farmers in North Carolina, and particularly those in the Tennessee river watershed area, have made great progress during the past several years under T. V. A. assistance. This progress can be measured, he said, both in the protection of the watershed and in increased financial returns on individual farms.

Estimated 500 Attend Youth Revival Series

An estimated 500 church young people attended the week-long youth revival series here last week, jointly sponsored by the Franklin Methodist and Presbyterian churches, pastors of the churches reported this week.

The series, which ended Sunday, was conducted by three students from the Columbia Theological seminary.

Georgia Preacher Will Hold Service Saturday At Sugar Fork Church

The Rev. Edward Ledford, of Marietta, Ga., will conduct a service Saturday at 8 p. m. at the Sugar Fork Baptist church, it was announced this week. Mr. Ledford will bring a special singer with him for the service, it was said.

Bishop Henry Will Preach Sunday At St. Agnes

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina, will preach at the St. Agnes Episcopal church here Sunday at 11 a. m. It was announced this week by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

Bishop Henry was guest preacher at this year's series of interdenominational evangelistic services in July and large crowds were on hand each night to hear him.

Mr. Morgan said there would be no evening service Sunday at the St. Agnes church. Bishop Henry will conduct a service in Sylva that evening at 7:30 o'clock, he said.

CARPENTER TO HEAD CAMPAIGN

Drive For Funds To Move Wake Forest College To Twin City

The appointment of E. J. Carpenter as chairman of the Greater Wake Forest campaign in Macon County was announced this week by Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest college.

The campaign being conducted by the Baptist institution is part of a program designed to move the college from Wake County to Forsyth County in the near future.

Mr. Carpenter, a teacher in the Macon school system for 32 years and principal at Cowee school prior to his resignation this year, attended Wake Forest from 1916 to 1918. He is now engaged in the insurance business.

The Z. Smith Reynolds foundation in Winston-Salem has given the college a guaranteed income for the operation of the college.

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Aldermen Release 33 From 1950

Tax Charges Because Of Errors

Thirty-three individuals and concerns were released from payment of 1950 town taxes at a meeting of the Franklin board of aldermen Tuesday night.

According to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey, those released had been erroneously charged. The list follows:

Sam D. Alexander, \$2.20, not in Franklin; Atlanta Oak Flooring company, \$135.30, out of business April, 1949; Harley Baldwin, \$26.95, outside town limits; Clyde S. Cabe, \$34.65, outside town limits; Cabe and Norton, \$5.50, owned and listed by Fred Cabe; Dillard Builders supply, \$35.75, out of business in 1949; Farmer and Nicholas store, \$11, out of business; Robert Gaines, \$29.37, property outside city limits; Martha M. Hammill, \$22, property outside town limits; Macon Lumber company, \$11, out of business in 1949; Earl Mashburn, \$2.75, listed by new owner; Mason Grocery company, \$16.50, outside

Town Picks Well Site; Asks For Bids

GROUPS PLAN TO ENTER 10 CALVES IN W. N. C. SHOW

4-H, F.F.A. Members Will Leave Monday For Annual Event

Ten Macon County 4-H clubbers and Future Farmers of America will enter 10 pure-bred Jersey calves in the seventh annual Western North Carolina Dairy show Tuesday, T. H. Fagg, assistant county agent, said this week.

The show will be held at the Hominy Valley Hotel and Round Show pavilion near Enka. The local group will leave Monday and plans to return Tuesday after the show. Mr. Fagg will be in charge.

Cash prizes amounting to approximately \$1,700 will be awarded winners. The Asheville Kiwanis club will give a picnic-banquet for all exhibitors, leaders, and sponsors Monday night at 7 o'clock at the pavilion.

The Macon group includes Tommy Dalrymple, Leonard Swanson, Charles Thomas, Grace Brown, Joe Taylor, Fred Deal, Carolyn Waldrop, Conard Henry, Bill Ledford, and R. L. Cabe.

The show is held each year under the auspices of county farm agents, vocational agricultural teachers, and the dairy commission of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, Inc.

Wallace Will Conduct Presbyterian Services In Absence Of Pastor

The Rev. J. I. Wallace, retired minister and former pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, will conduct services at the Presbyterian church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Evans, who will be out of town for two weeks.

The Rev. C. B. Yergan, of Franklin, Route 1, former superintendent of the Maxwell orphanage, will hold services at the church the following Sunday.

Sells Four Highlands Tracts For \$45,000

A \$45,000 property transaction was filed through the register of deed's office this week.

It involved the sale of four tracts in Highlands, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rouse, of Montgomery County, Ala., sold the properties to Mary B. Bean, of Rusk County, Tex., according to the deed.

STATION ENTERED
Local officers reported this week that Roper's Service station on the Bryson City road was entered sometime Sunday night.

Taken was \$48 in change and eight cartons of cigarettes, they said.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	84	65	.06
Thursday	86	61	.15
Friday	88	61	.15
Saturday	90	59	.36
Sunday	85	59	.36
Monday	86	59	.10
Tuesday	86	57	trace
Wednesday	86	60	.65

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVA)

Date	Amount
Wednesday, 24	Trace
Thursday, 25	Trace
Friday, 26	None
Saturday, 27	None
Sunday, 28	2.10
Monday, 29	None
Tuesday, 30	None
Wednesday, 31	None