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NEAR FRANKLIN—Heavy earth-moving machinery moved closer to Franklin this week on US 23-441 as the approaches to the lone bridge on the project were prepared. In the picture, a "pan" is shown getting an assist from a "dozer".

Information About Regular Amendments

When handed ballots on September 8 at the polls, local voters will find listed four proposed constitutional amendments.

Three of them were passed in regular session by the General Assembly and are referred to on the ballot as "regular session amendments". The fourth is the special amendment dealing with the school problem. Its background was presented in a news story last week, and therefore will not be discussed in this article.

Here's a brief rundown on each of the three proposed amendments passed during regular session by the General Assembly:

No. 1: To increase the maximum number of days for which members of the General Assembly may receive compensation and to authorize the General Assembly to provide subsistence and travel allowance for members engaged in legislative duties.

This amendment would make possible two changes in compensation to be received by members of the General Assembly. One change would be that members could be compensated for a maximum of 120 days, instead of 90. The other would be that a constitutionally acceptable law could be enacted providing for the payment of subsistence and travel allowance to members of the General Assembly while engaged in legislative duties. The allowances could not exceed those established for members of state boards and commissioners generally. These amounts are set by each Legislature in its appropriations bill.

No. 2: To change the date for convening the General Assembly from January to February.

If it passes, this amendment means the General Assembly can convene approximately one month later than usual. The 1955 General Assembly passed a law which extended the final date for the filing of income tax returns from March 15 to April 15. Because of this, the General Assembly cannot have until a month later an esti-

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Late News and Briefs

REACTIVATING UNIT

Plans are now being made to reactivate Company C, 347 Engineering Aviation Battalion, here.

All former members and other interested veterans are asked to contact Gardner Holden or Roy W. Isley in Franklin so an organizational meeting can be scheduled.

The reserve U. S. Army company was active from 1947 to 1953. It was called into active service in 1950.

HAYSTACKS BURN

Lightning caused fires that destroyed three haystacks early Monday afternoon on the farm of Dr. T. D. Slagle on Cartoogechaye.

REWARD OFFERED

The Town of Franklin is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the identification of the person, or persons, who cut off the rubber "No U-Turn" sign on Main Street in front of Burrell Motor Company.

Bridge Approaches Being Prepared On New Highway

Preliminary preparations for building the only bridge on the 12.46-mile relocation project from US 23-441 highway project from Franklin to Georgia brought the powerful growl of earth-moving machines closer to town this week.

Heavy machinery started readying the approaches to the five-span bridge over Cartoogechaye Creek, just below the Burlington Industries plant. The creek was rechanneled at the bridge site.

Resident Highway Engineer S. T. Usry said the bridge will be about 150 feet long.

Much of the roadbed from Otto south to the state line has been roughed out

The rest of the structures on the 12.46-mile relocation project are culverts, he said, and they are just about finished.

Meanwhile, other heavy machinery is gnawing away at the rest of the 900,000 yards of dirt that will ultimately be moved on the job.

Mr. Usry said about 30 per cent of the grading has been completed and that "things are proceeding satisfactorily" on the entire job.

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Woolworth Founder Makes Donation To Library Fund

A check for \$500 arrived last week as a gift to the Franklin Library fund.

It came from a man who has never been here, but one who, nonetheless, recalls a kindness rendered many years ago by a Maconian, Mrs. Virginia Bryson Ramsey.

The generous donor is Edwin Merton McBrier, who, at 91, is the only survivor of six cousins who founded the present F. W. Woolworth Company. He lives in Montclair, N. J.

In a letter to Mrs. Ramsey (the check enclosed) he recalled her kindness many years ago in Kentucky, where she taught: "You doubtless remember, as well as I do, the night when you gave up your cottage apartment at Carcassonne, at the time Mr. Frank Hutchinson and I spent the night there and talked with Mr. Caudill and many others who came by numerous paths over the mountains to see the 'furniners'. It was a revealing experience. Mr. Hutchinson is still my best friend and lives in this town of Montclair, where I have lived since 1912 . . . For the sake of old times, I am herewith enclosing a check in the amount of \$500 (for the library fund)."

Acknowledging the gift and expressing her appreciation to Mr. McBrier, the chairman of the library committee, Miss Lassie Kelly, said about \$2,500 more is needed to complete the first floor of the new library on Phillips Street.

She also disclosed plans for moving the library from its temporary quarters into the building in mid-September.

Mr. Finger has operated one of the leading state Nationwide agencies here part-time in connection with his law practice.

When he leaves for Columbia,

Edwin T. Williams, former teacher at Franklin High School, will take over the agency on a full-time basis.

Since coming here in October,

Mr. Finger has been active in civic and political circles.

He has been an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Franklin and was twice defeated for representative from this county to the General Assembly.

Mr. Finger is the immediate past president of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Active in state Jaycee affairs, he is a past state vice-president

NEW PLANT ADDITION IS STARTED

Bundy Reports More Than Million To Be Spent On Expansion

Supt Stephen A. Bundy this week announced the beginning construction of an expansion program of the Franklin plant of Burlington Industries, Inc., which will cost "in excess of a million dollars".

The new addition to the south end of the present three million dollar plant just outside town will be "half again the size of the present building", the superintendent said, and is expected to be in operation by January.

Contingent on styling trends within the industry, he said probably 100-150 more will be hired to round out the expansion program. Both men and women will be used, he added.

Holt Construction Company, of Graham, holds the construction contract. Work got underway on the site early last week.

The building will be finished by October.

Floor space of the present plant is about 29,000 square feet, so it is assumed, on the basis of Mr. Bundy's statement, that the addition will be about 14,000.

Burlington has been in operation here since May, 1955, and expects to reach the peak of operations in the existing plant some time this fall.

C. Banks Finger is closing his law office in Franklin to accept a job in Columbia, S. C.

He will head the Columbia office of Nationwide Insurance and plans to move his family there the week of September 10.

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ed, she said; a painter to ap-

ply Macon County Supply's gift,

and a carpenter to build the

stairway.

The upstairs of the building

will not be finished now.

OLIVE HILL HOMECOMING

A homecoming program will be held at the Olive Hill Gospel Church, in the Iota community Sunday, it has been announced.

All singers and the general public are invited

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Mrs. Texie Cadey Ramsey carries 90 years with the grace of one who enjoys living and expects to be around for many years to come.

Joining the ranks of nono-

genarians at a birthday party

Sunday afternoon at Slagle Me-

morial Building, she puffed out

the 16 candles on her cake and

disclosed she doesn't like to

have time on her hands.

"I just like to keep busy all

the time," the Macon County

native and widow of John B.

Ramsey revealed.

In keeping with this, she

walks better than a half mile

"there and back" to the post

office daily in Sylva, where she

has lived for the last five years.

And each morning she "steps

across the way" to help a

neighbor, whose husband is ill,

with breakfast and house clean-

ing.

And, in her "spare time", she

has made about 50 rugs as

gifts.

More than 200 friends and

relatives were on hand to help

Mrs. Ramsey celebrate her mile-

stone Sunday. Preceding an

open house, she and "her family"

talked over a luncheon

prepared by Mrs. G. R. Pattillo.

At a program in her honor,



ALL OVER!—The wild jubilation released by David Pollock (left) and Alex Cabe when school was out last May has subsided. County schools go into operation again Tuesday morning and students Pollock and Cabe are ready to surrender weekly and continue their education.

Towns Get Good Slice Of Money

Schools To Open Tuesday Morning

McSwain Estimates 4,000 Enrollment For Coming Year

Two hundred and eighteen eighth graders have been promoted to high school.

Of the estimated 4,000, he said about 3,130 will be in the 11 elementary schools, while the four high schools will take care of about 875. By schools, high school enrollment is estimated at: Franklin, 608; Highlands, 89; Nantahala, 87; and Chapel, 11.

Mr. McSwain said the membership estimates will be "just about right" if all children report to school the first day.

He also said regular attendance is "extremely important" during the first seven months of the school year, since daily attendance determines the number of teachers the county will be allotted the following year. Sick leave, of course, does not count, he said.

Higdon Family Sets Reunion

The Major W. H. Higdon family will hold its annual reunion Sunday, September 9, at the old Higdon home-place.

The announcement was made this week by A. R. Higdon, president of the reunion organization. William G. Crawford is secretary-treasurer.

The Higdon reunion is one of the oldest and largest in the country.

The Weather

The weather's temperatures and rainfall as recorded in Franklin by Maxine Stiles, U. S. weather observer in Highlands, by Mr. E. H. and W. C. Newton, TVA hydrologists, and the Coweta Hydrologic

FRANKLIN Temperatures

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday, Aug. 22	79	54	—
Thursday	81	51	—
Friday	59	51	—
Saturday	85	51	—
Sunday	84	57	.09
Monday	85	57	.09
Tuesday	63	60	.16

HIGHLANDS Temperatures

	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday, Aug. 22	70	47	.35
Thursday	74	50	—
Friday	79	51	—</