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PWA APPROVES FRANKLIN LOAN

\$122,000 Loan and Grant Available for Town Improvements

Town officials were notified by telegram, Friday of approval by the federal Public Works administration of Franklin's application for a loan and grant of \$122,000 for public improvements, including construction of a new water supply system and a sewage disposal plant. Approval by the electorate will be necessary before the loan can be completed and the work undertaken.

The town council is awaiting arrival of official papers in the matter from Washington. The Press-Maconian learned, before calling an election. The first Tuesday in February, it is thought, is the earliest possible date on which the election can be held, as it first will be necessary to advertise the election and call a new registration. The issuance of bonds requires the approval of a majority of the registered voters and in elections of this character it is customary to have a new registration, as it would be extremely difficult to obtain a majority of the standing registration.

30 Per Cent Grant

Under the terms of PWA loans, the federal government advances gratis 30 per cent of the cost of labor and materials and purchases bonds for the balance of the cost of approved projects. The rate of interest on the bonds is set at four per cent and they are to be paid over a period of 30 years.

In applying for a loan and grant in October, 1933, the Town of Franklin submitted a brief prepared by Harwood Beebe Company, engineers of Spartanburg, S. C., proposing the following projects:

Proposed Projects

1. Establishment of a new water supply system with a pumping station near the old Cartoogechaye bridge and a filtration plant and 200,000-gallon elevated tank on the Franklin golf course. The plans also called for six-inch water mains, which not only would afford better service for water consumers, but also would make better fire protection possible. It is estimated that the cost of constructing the water supply system would be approximately \$65,375, while the water main improvements would cost about \$24,053.

2. The construction of a sewage filtration plant at the point where the town's sewerage lines empty into the Little Tennessee river at an estimated cost of \$7,493.

3. Extensions to sewerage lines at an estimated cost of \$10,461.

4. Resurfacing of badly worn sections of Iotla, West Main, Riverview and Wayah streets at an estimated cost of \$7,640.

Other funds are allowed to bring the total to the \$122,000 sought and approved. These allowances are for engineering, legal and other miscellaneous expenses.

It has been estimated that the town would receive approximately \$34,000 as an outright grant, leaving a balance of \$88,000 to be obtained by issuing bonds.

The town council is expected to call for a new registration and election on the bonds at its next regular meeting, the first Monday night in December.

Work Resumed on High School Gymnasium

Work was resumed Tuesday on construction of a gymnasium for the Franklin school, a CWA project which was abandoned last spring when civil works appropriations were cancelled. Fifteen men are employed on the project, for completion of which the federal government has made \$900 available, to which \$300 has been added by the county board of education.

Murder Case Scheduled In Court Next Week

The fall term of Macon county superior court is scheduled to open Monday with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., presiding. The first three days of the two-week term have been set aside for the trial of criminal cases, most outstanding among which is that of Herbert Bradshaw and Edgar Howard, accused of murdering Thomas "Brack" Norton, whose body was found on highway No. 285 in the Mulberry section one night last August following a chicken roast in the neighborhood at which the dead man was reported to have had a drunken brawl with Bradshaw.

3 ROBBERIES HERE IN WEEK

Thieves played rings around Franklin officers during the past week and gave the public a bad case of jitters with everyone wondering who would be the next robbery victim.

Thursday night of last week a thief or thieves stole a 1929 Ford roadster belonging to Dr. H. T. Horsley from in front of Mrs. George Jones' residence on west Main street. The same night someone broke into the Esso service station near the railway depot, stole 50 gallons of gasoline, several gallons of oil and fled after an unsuccessful attempt to break into a safe.

The same filling station was robbed again Wednesday night of this week of gasoline, oil and tires reported valued at approximately \$50. And when the employes of the Dowdle Wholesale company went to work Thursday morning they found that thieves had broken into the warehouse and escaped with cigarettes and other tobacco goods valued at \$200 to \$300. An inventory was being taken Thursday to determine whether anything else had been stolen.

Wins Silver Cup

Bobby West, 22-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry West of 65 Clifton avenue, West Asheville, won a silver loving cup in the Baby Beauty-Personality contest sponsored by the Kiffin Rockwell unit of the American Legion Auxiliary which was held in the David Millard school auditorium in Asheville October 25.

The West baby was adjudged 100 per cent perfect on the following points: fairness of face and form, personality, charm, cuteness and costume. More than 100 other babies were in the same contest group, for entrants under two years of age.

Bobby is a grandson of Mrs. J. L. West, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holbrook, both of West's Mill. He is well known in Macon county, as he has spent much of his short lifetime with Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL STARTS

Campaign Chairman Pleased With First Reports From Workers

While only partial reports from the Red Cross membership drive have been received, the chairman of the roll call for Macon county, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, expressed himself Wednesday as very well pleased with the first reports that have been turned in. The indications were that Macon County would reach her quota of 300 memberships provided the other workers meet with the same success as those who have already made reports of their canvass.

Next Sunday morning and afternoon a number of speakers will visit Sunday schools and churches in the county to present the needs of the American Red Cross. Requests have come from various parts of the county for speakers for the next two Sundays.

Following is a partial list of those whose memberships have been turned in. An additional list will be reported in next week's issue of The Press:

Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, Troy F. Horn, Prof. M. D. Billings, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, Sheriff A. B. Slagle, Harley R. Cabe, C. Tom Bryson, Lester Henderson, Claude McConnell, F. G. Burnette, Gilmer Crawford, E. E. Sypher, Mrs. Allen Siler, Mrs. Wilmer Stevens, Henry W. Cabe, James E. Perry, Emory Hunicutt.

Homer P. Nichols, A. R. Karling, Ted Bryant, W. L. Keene, Philip S. Hoyt, George Jamison, Dr. Frank T. Smith, Mrs. F. G. Burnette, Dr. J. H. Fouts, Harold T. Sloan, J. S. Porter, J. W. Addington, Jack Sanders, J. S. Conley, Roane Bradley, Rev. C. C. Herbert, Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Mrs. Carl Tysinger, Mrs. J. B. Willis.

Miss Mary Willis, Mrs. F. T. Smith, Mrs. Walter Allen, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Mrs. John Wasilik, Mrs. M. D. Billings, J. H. Stockton, Mrs. Jim Perry, Mrs. A. W. Horn, Rev. S. R. Crockett, Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, Miss Carolyn Nolen, Miss Rachel Davis, J. E. Lancaster, Mrs. J. E. Lancaster, Gartrelle Lancaster, John Earle Lancaster.

Mrs. J. D. Franks, Grover Jamison, Fred Arnold, S. H. Lyle, Roy Carpenter, Dr. W. E. Furr, Mrs. Blumenthal, Blumenthal's Store, (2); Miss Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, Miss Mary Bissell, Miss Lily Rankin, Ernest Rankin, Mrs. W. H. Sellers, Mrs. R. C. Dady, Cecil Pendergrass, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, R. D. Sisk, W. A. McNeil, Mrs. G. G. Watkins, G. J. Johnston, Miss Harriet Kinnebrew, T. J. Mauney, Don Young.

TVA Petitions Discounted In Wire to Morgan

BLOXHAM TELLS ABOUT CHURCH

Gives Account of Consecration of First American Bishop

An account of the establishment of the Episcopal church in America and the consecration of the first bishop of the church in the United States was given by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, in an address at the morning service last Sunday.

Wednesday, November 14, was the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the first American bishop, Samuel Seabury, in Aberdeen Scotland, and it was made an occasion of special observances in many Episcopal churches throughout the country.

"The first permanent establishment of the Episcopal church in this country," Mr. Bloxham said, "was at Jamestown, Va., in 1607, although services were held earlier in various parts of the country by clergy who acted as chaplains to the groups of explorers. Before the end of the 17th century the English church had become the established church of Virginia and Maryland, while it also had a footing in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. x x x x x

"Until the time of the Revolution the church had no bishop in the American colonies. It was under the jurisdiction of the bishop of London, who naturally could do little for this distant field. Without bishops the Episcopal church was in an abnormal position.

"The Revolution was a time of severe trial for the Church of England in the colonies. Many of the clergy felt called upon to give up their parishes and return to England, though others, especially in the South, remained at their posts.

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Mrs. Hallie Russell Opens Beauty Shop

Mrs. Hallie Russell announced this week the opening of the Hallie Beauty Shop on the second floor of the new Ashear building. Mrs. Russell, who recently completed a course in beauty culture in Atlanta, has installed the latest electrical equipment in her shop. She is prepared to do permanent waving, hair conditioning, hair dyeing, manicuring and to give facial treatments.

Power Propaganda Assailed in Report

Commission Says Public Pays for Utilities' Publicity

Charges that power and utilities companies had been waging a costly "propaganda" campaign in behalf of their interests but at the expense of the public, were contained in a report made public in Washington Wednesday by the federal trade commission.

The report said the propaganda drive was of greater magnitude than any other ever undertaken, "except possibly by governments in wartime." The commission found that nearly every publicity method available had been used to influence public opinion in behalf of

the utilities. The report questioned the right of a publicly granted monopoly such as a public utility to use money collected from the public "to perpetuate itself through the control of public opinion," and warned that these methods may not be abandoned.

M. H. Aylesworth, a former director of the National Electric Light Association, was quoted as having advised utility executives not to be afraid of the expense in permitting large numbers of their employes to attend conventions, because "the public pays."

"This is literally true," the report continues, "as the cost of all the public relations work is usually charged up as operating expenses by the utilities companies."

original payments are used in successfully lulling the paying public into satisfaction with improper rates or charges, to such extent does the public pay for the privilege for continuing to pay excessively as long as such rates continue in force.

Electric utilities of the two Carolinas for some years maintained a public relations office in Raleigh at a considerable expense. The director of this office, a former Philadelphia newspaper man, was paid a salary of \$5,000 a year in addition to office and traveling expenses.

Since the circulation of anti-TVA petitions in Macon, Swain and Graham counties several weeks ago by paid workers the question has been raised as to who was paying the bill. As yet, however, it has not been answered.

Many Ready, Telegram Says, To Swear Facts Misrepresented

A telegram discounting petitions recently circulated in Macon county by paid workers requesting the Tennessee Valley Authority to stay out of the territory of the Nantahala Power and Light company in Western North Carolina, was sent Saturday to Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, chairman of the TVA. The telegram, signed by a group of county officials and others, declared that many who had attached their signatures to the petitions were willing to "furnish affidavits that the facts were misrepresented."

Sending of the telegram was prompted by a news story appearing in last Friday's Asheville Citizen under a Bryson City date line, stating that the petitions "will be sent to the office of Dr. Morgan Friday by registered mail. It is understood that a party of men from the three counties (Swain, Macon and Graham) will go to Knoxville, Tenn., Monday and will be received by Mr. Boch, one of the assistants of Dr. Morgan."

As far as The Press-Maconian has been able to learn, no one from Macon county went to Knoxville Monday in behalf of the movement to discourage TVA entry in this area. Whether the petitions were sent to Dr. Morgan, as it was reported they would be, has not been announced.

The Telegram sent Saturday read as follows:

"A petition from Macon county against TVA in favor of American Aluminum on way to you. Please hold any action until both sides are shown. Many signers of petition willing to furnish affidavits that the facts were misrepresented. Many others did not know what they signed. Give more time and petition will come with majority Macon County citizens signed against present petition. Men paid to circulate petitions."

The following names were signed to the telegram:

Dr. W. A. Rogers, chairman Democratic party; Frank I. Murray, clerk of court; J. R. Morrison, chairman board of elections; R. A. Patton, state senator; Harley Cabe, assistant clerk of court; C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds; E. W. Long, county commissioner; Blackburn W. Johnson, editor The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian; John W. Edwards, manager Macon county reemployment office.

Wins Second Place in Stewardship Contest

Miss Helen DeHart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. DeHart of Franklin, won second place in a stewardship contest held in Raleigh Saturday for members of the G. A. departments of Baptist Sunday schools throughout the state.

Miss DeHart, accompanied by her father, went to Raleigh as a representative of the western division of the state, having qualified for this honor by winning previous contests held in Franklin, Sylva and Asheville. There were four other young people, representing other divisions in the state, taking part in the contest in Raleigh.

While in Raleigh Miss DeHart was a guest at Meredith College.

BOX SUPPER PLANNED

A box supper for the benefit of the Coweta church will be given Saturday night, November 17, at the church.