



## WATER SUPPLY PLAN OUTLINED

Cost of New System Placed  
At \$65,375 by  
Engineers

(This is the first of a series of articles to be published in The Press-Maconian concerning public improvements contemplated under the proposed \$91,000 PWA bond issue upon which the people of Franklin will vote on January 22.)

Back in 1929 the board of aldermen of the Town of Franklin authorized the engineering firm of Harwood Beebe company, of Spartanburg, S. C., to make a survey of the town's present and future needs for water and to submit plans and estimates of proposed improvements. In October of that year the engineers submitted their report, recommending abandonment of the well system then (and still) in use and proposing the construction of a new system drawing water from Cartoogechaye Creek and storing it, after a filtration process, in a 200,000-gallon tank on Angel Hill near the Franklin golf course.

The engineers also submitted recommendations and estimates for installing new and larger water mains leading into town. In this article we are concerned only with that part of the report of the engineers dealing with the source of water, pumping, filtering and storage. This phase of the 1929 report is the basis of the proposed water supply improvements now under consideration. Proposed improvements in the water distribution system and sewage disposal facilities will be discussed in later articles.

After making another survey of the community's water needs last year to prepare an application to be filed by the town for a PWA grant and loan, the Harwood Beebe company repeated the same recommendations contained in the 1929 report for a water supply system and presented revised estimates of the cost.

### Cost of Plant

The new water supply and filtration plant, including storage tank, the engineers estimated, would cost \$65,375, and extensions to the water mains designed to render better service to present consumers and to afford service for many not now having water service, would cost \$23,631.

Findings of the engineers regarding Franklin's water needs, present and future, and their plans for improvement of the supply system are set forth in the following excerpt from their report:

In accordance with our agreement and your instructions we have made an investigation of your water supply system relative to its present and future needs. Our findings and recommendations are submitted herewith, together with preliminary plans and estimates of the proposed improvements.

### Scope of Investigations:

Our investigations have covered a study of the topographic maps of the U. S. Geological Survey of this section, the data contained in the engineering report of Mees & Mees on your water supply, dated October 1927, the record maps of the water distribution system by J. B. McCrary Company and the conditions on the ground. In this connection we wish to say that we find the report by Mees & Mees, Engineers, very complete and thorough in its scope.

We have checked, in a general way, the date of the Mees & Mees report as to present supply, in-

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The Macon county emergency relief office will be closed for the Christmas holidays Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

## 'Messiah'

To Be Presented by Local  
Choral Group

The music lovers of the community are anticipating with pleasure the rendition of Handel's "Messiah" by the Franklin choral society on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, at the vesper hour, 5 p. m., in the Franklin Methodist church.

The choir has been augmented by a number of voices, and several solos not given last year, have been included.

James Porter and the choral society have been faithfully rehearsing this most famous of all Oratorios.

The public is invited to attend the presentation.

This is the third year the Franklin choral group has rendered a Christmas program. No admission charges are made at their presentations, but plate offerings are taken to purchase music for the society.

The oratorio this year will open with a piano and organ overture with Miss Edwina Dalrymple at the piano and Mr. Porter at the organ. The soloists will be: Sopranos, Mrs. Frank Bloxham, Miss Margaret McGuire; altos, Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., Mrs. Harold Sloan; tenor, Robert Wallace; bass, Dr. Charles Solms.

Choruses to be given are entitled: "The Glory of the Lord," "O, Thou that Tellest Good Tidings," "For unto Us a Child is Born," "Glory to God," and then, in closing, the Hallelujah chorus with the choir standing.

Mr. James Porter is organist and director.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. CARPENTER

Funeral services for Mrs. George Carpenter, 58, were held at the Franklin Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. They were conducted by the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, and the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, of Iota.

Mrs. Carpenter died at her home on Iota street, Friday morning at four o'clock after an illness of more than three years. Despite her great suffering, she bore her afflictions with great patience. As death approached Mrs. Carpenter, it was reported, sang, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," one of her favorite hymns. This hymn also was sung as a solo by Mrs. R. M. Hudson at the funeral service.

The deceased is survived by her husband, four sons, Edgar, of Higdonville; George, Jr., of Valdeese; Wiley and Britt, of Franklin; one daughter, Mrs. J. Frank Johnson, of Winston-Salem; seven grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Laura McCall, Dillard, Ga.; Mrs. William Justice, Franklin Route 2; Mrs. Bascom Long, Franklin Route 2; and Mrs. S. L. Cabe, Toccoa, Ga.; and two brothers, Evan Talley and Jonas Talley, both of Highlands.

## 2 Christmas Services To Be Held at St. Agnes

Among the Christmas services at St. Agnes Episcopal church, to which everyone is invited, will be an evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday when many of the old Christmas carols will be sung by the congregation. Then, in accordance with an ancient custom of the church, there will be candle-light communion service starting at 11:30 o'clock Monday night. At this service a short address will be given by the rector, the Rev. Frank Bloxham.



O LITTLE town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hope and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

—Bishop Phillips Brooks.

## \$150,000 Allotted for Work On Highway to Bryson City

### BURNS FATAL TO M. F. JONES

Martin F. Jones, 75, well known retired mail carrier, died at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning from burns received early Tuesday morning when his home on Bonny Crest caught fire.

Mr. Jones, who has been in feeble health for several years, was believed to have been overcome by smoke and to have fallen into the fire. About 3 o'clock in the morning his wife, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, heard him cry out. Rushing into the room, she found the woodwork around the fireplace ablaze. Mr. Jones had fallen into the flames and his clothing had caught fire. With the aid of a daughter she managed to pull Mr. Jones from the fire and to extinguish the blaze; but Mr. Jones had been so badly burned that little hope was held for his recovery.

It was not learned exactly how the fire started, but it is thought a box of kindling had become ignited from a fire left in an open grate.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced Wednesday night.

Mr. Jones, a native of Buncombe county, came to Franklin when he was 20 years old. He later served five years in the army at Norfolk, Va., returning afterwards to Franklin. For seventeen and a half years he was mail carrier on Route 1 out of Franklin. He was retired on a pension in 1924. He was a member of the Baptist church and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Surviving Mr. Jones are his widow, nee Lydia Henry, and five daughters, Mrs. Joe Palmer, Mrs. Hal Waldrup, Miss Ella Jones, Mrs. Lewis Mielke and Mrs. Lucy Cunningham; and two sons, George and Frank.

The state highway and public works commission has allotted \$150,000 for starting work on the relocation of state highway No. 286 between Franklin and Bryson City, according to a news story emanating from Bryson City. Frank W. Miller, of Waynesville, a member of the commission, and Byron S. Marsh, highway engineer, were quoted as authority for the announcement.

Franklin and Macon county officials have been notified in a letter from Raleigh that the highway commission has placed No. 286 on its construction program, but the amount set aside for the work was not specified and it was not said when work would be started.

Construction of the road, Mr. Miller was quoted as saying, will be let to contract after plans and specifications have been completed and approved by the federal bureau of public roads in Washington. It will be a federal aid project. Field work in connection with plans for the road, Mr. Miller said, has been finished but it will be necessary to complete specifications and may work in the highway offices.

Two contracts will be let, the highway commissioner stated, one for grading a section of the proposed new road in Macon county and one for grading another link in Swain county. When the grading is completed contracts are to be let for hard-surfacing the highway.

The new route, as contemplated in preliminary plans, will leave highway No. 10 about two miles west of Bryson City, turn south and then go up Alarka creek and cross the mountains, joining the present highway No. 286 in the vicinity of West's Mill in this county. The new route, it was said, will reduce the length of the road five or six miles.

## FARMERS CO-OP PLAN OUTLINED

Movement Started To Get  
TVAC Cannery for  
Franklin

A movement looking toward establishment in Franklin of a cooperative farm marketing organization and cannery under the Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives was launched at a meeting of Macon county farmers in the courthouse Wednesday afternoon. The plan of organization for the cooperative marketing group and means of obtaining the cannery were outlined by John E. Barr, of Waynesville, cannery supervisor of the TVAC.

The plan was given an enthusiastic reception by more than 200 farmers and business men attending the meeting. After a thorough discussion of the proposed organization by Mr. Barr and others, F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, called for an expression of sentiment. He requested those interested in the plan to raise their hands and the right hand of nearly every man in the house was lifted in approval.

Following the meeting Mr. Sloan stated that after Christmas he would launch a series of community meetings throughout the county at which the cooperative idea and cannery proposal would be discussed more in detail. Interested farmers will then be given an opportunity to join the cooperative organization.

### 200 Members Needed

If a cooperative group is to be organized in Macon county to function next year and a cannery established, Mr. Barr said it will be necessary to obtain 200 members, each of whom must subscribe \$10 in participating stock, by February 1. A total of \$5,000 capital must be raised to make establishment of the cannery possible, it was stated. This capital may be raised by the sale of two kinds of stock — \$10 participating shares, which can be purchased only by growers of produce, and \$25 preferred shares, which will bear six per cent interest and may be bought by anyone.

### TVAC Supplies Capital

Working capital for canneries is supplied local co-op groups by the TVAC.

Under the TVAC plan, the cooperative furnishes the member grower with seed and the grower agrees to dispose of his crop from this seed through the cooperative, which first endeavors to sell the produce in the open market. Surplus crops for which advantageous sales cannot be found in the open market will be canned and the canned goods later sold by the cooperative. An advance price will be paid by the cooperative to producers and the producers will participate also in profits of the organization. The prices to be paid in advance on various crops are to be determined at a meeting the latter part of January of representatives of various co-op groups associated with the TVAC, Mr. Barr stated.

### Water Essential

Three things are essential to the establishment of a cannery in Franklin or anywhere else, Mr. Barr emphasized. These are: Railroad facilities, a plentiful supply of water and the wholehearted cooperation of farmers.

He said a cannery such as contemplated would require 30,000 to 40,000 gallons of water a day when in full operation. Some of those who heard this statement remarked that it was all the more imperative that Franklin vote bonds for construction of a new water supply system, as the present water supply is already overtaxed.