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BOARD BESIEGED BY DELEGATION

Teapot Tempest Develops Over Bond Issue Scare

Franklin's board of aldermen learned Monday night that "a tempest in a teapot" could be quite a serious storm.

Shortly after the board met to take up its routine business it was besieged by a delegation of about thirty residents who had their dander up. The group was composed of opponents of the water and sewer improvement bonds which were defeated in a special election last month.

Alarmed at the reported presence in town of Mr. Beebe of the engineering firm of Harwood-Beebe company, of Spartanburg, S. C., the group got into its heads that the board was preparing to call another election, this time on the issuance of bonds for a gravity supply system to bring water from Ray's Cove on Trimont Creek.

Beebe Present

True enough, Mr. Beebe was at the town hall. But the board of aldermen denied that it was planning to call another election. In fact, it was stated that it had not requested the presence of Mr. Beebe. It was admitted, however, that he had been asked in a letter to give a rough estimate of what it would cost to build a pipe line from Ray's Cove, but the project was not under serious consideration, and Mr. Beebe had come to town of his own accord.

But the irate delegation was not completely convinced. They said they believed Franklin's two wells could supply plenty of water and they wanted the wells tested. They most assuredly did not want to hear of any more proposals to issue bonds, at least not until it was definitely ascertained that the wells could not supply sufficient water to wet Franklin's whistles.

To Test Wells

The board informed the delegation that it already had taken steps to have the wells tested and, if necessary, cleaned out. Later the Press was informed that well No. 1 near the Nantahala Creamery was producing about 68 gallons a minute, which was believed to be its capacity. The pump at well No. 2 on east Main street was said to be obsolete and this well was not believed to be supplying more than 20 gallons of water per minute. A well and pump firm in Atlanta has been asked to give an estimate on testing the wells and on the installation of a new pump at No. 2.

Mr. Beebe informed the board that a gravity system from Ray's Cove would be inadvisable as the watershed is small. He estimated a pipe line could be built from the cove, a distance of three and a half miles from town, for approximately \$27,000; but unless the town bought the watershed, fenced it and patrolled it, it would be necessary also to install a filtration and chlorinating plant, which would increase the cost considerably, so much in fact that, in view of the limited supply of water available from Trimont Creek, it would be foolish to attempt such a project.

Discussion pro and con went on apace, with members of the visiting delegation warning emphatically they did not want another bond issue election. The board assured them that they might rest their fears; but, nevertheless, their fears were not completely allayed.

Tax Exemption Denied

Finally the board adjourned without completing its business. Next morning it resumed its considerations. The town attorney, to whom a request for release of Angel Hospital from town taxes had been referred, reported that he could find no law on the statute books giving the board authority to comply with this request. He pointed out that the board must accept the

Florida's Orange Queen



WINTER HAVEN, Fla. . . Miss Betty Bunkle (above), of Winter Haven, was the choice of the judges over 24 beauties from orange-belt communities, to be Queen of the Florida Orange Festival this month.

BOUNDARY LINE IS DISCUSSED

Aldermen Consider Extension but Take no Action

The question of restoring Franklin's town boundary line to the original mile radius from the courthouse was brought up at a meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday morning, but after considerable discussion the matter was dropped without an action being taken.

The question was raised by Alderman W. B. McGuire, who said some resident had mentioned the subject to him.

Mayor R. D. Sisk told the board he had discussed the matter with J. Frank Ray, Macon county's representative in the legislature, a few days ago and that Mr. Ray had stated he would not sponsor legislation to restore the original town limits, but would consider a bill to take into the corporate limits all property now outside the limits which is supplied with town water. It was the late J. Frank Ray, father of the present representative of Macon county, who had a bill enacted by the Legislature a number of years ago exempting certain tracts of property from the mile radius boundary.

From the discussion which followed Mayor Sisk's statement it was gathered that a majority of the town board favored restoration of the original boundary line, but did not feel that it was feasible to propose an irregular extension just to include users of town water.

T. S. Munday Reported Slightly Improved

T. S. Munday, who has been seriously ill at the Munday Hotel for several weeks, was reported Wednesday night to be slightly improved.

tax list made up from the county tax list and that any exemptions must be made first by county authorities. Whereupon the board instructed the town clerk to so inform the hospital.

The board went into executive session to consider town policing problems. No announcement was made of its action other than that it was determined to do everything in its power to prevent any more robberies in Franklin.

TVAC Fails To Approve Local Cannery Project

Advantages of Lespedeza Explained by Farm Agent

BY F. S. SLOAN

Macon County Farm Agent

The farmers of Macon county are fast turning their attention to the improving of pastures and cultivated lands by using legumes, and the most popular one in use now is lespedeza. It has gained in popularity because of the results obtained from it, the way that it will grow on land too poor to produce other legumes, the amount and quality of hay that it will make on good land, the additional amount of grazing that it will add to pastures, the way it fits into the cropping program, and because for practically no cost the seed can be saved by each farmer for use the following year.

As a soil improver it is one of the best plants we can use, as is shown by the results farmers in this county obtained last year. The average increase in corn yield per acre on fields checked was nineteen and one-half bushels. The average increase, as stated in a state

bulletin for North Carolina, was 23.8 bushels per acre. The U. S. Department of Agriculture found that the average yield of all farms from which corn yields were reported was 15.4 bushels of corn per acre where lespedeza had not been grown and 44.5 bushels per acre where corn followed lespedeza. By using these figures and the price of lespedeza seed this year for approximately \$2.50 (the approximate price of one bushel of lespedeza seed, which will sow one acre) we can increase our corn yield 29.1 bushels per acre. This can be done by sowing lespedeza on small grain this spring, saving the seed from it next fall then turning it under for next year's corn crop, and by this method the problem of buying seed each year is eliminated and by saving our own seed we can seed more acres and improve more of our farms each year.

Improves Pastures

Lespedeza should also be sown
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Macon County Farm Board Formed at Mass Meeting

The directing board of the Tennessee Valley Associated Cooperatives has failed to approve establishment of a cannery and cooperative truck marketing organization in Franklin, it was announced Saturday morning at a mass meeting in the courthouse of farmers and business men called to consider plans for an agricultural improvement program in Macon county.

Keen disappointment was manifested in this announcement, as the farmers of the county were eagerly looking forward to the success of the project; but hope of ultimately obtaining the TVAC cannery and marketing center was not abandoned. The decision of the TVAC directors was accepted as tentative, rather than final. In view of this, steps were immediately taken in the hope that they would reconsider the matter.

Farm Program Discussed

The mass meeting Saturday was called for the purpose of discussing plans for Macon county's participation in a general farm betterment program to be sponsored in 10 western North Carolina counties by the Tennessee Valley Authority, of which the TVAC is a subsidiary organization. Announcement was recently made in Asheville that the TVA would pay the expenses of an assistant farm demonstration agent in each of these 10 counties if the counties were willing to cooperate in the farm improvement program.

Hearty approval of the program was given at the mass meeting and an organization to be known as the Macon County Board of Agriculture was formed to cooperate with the TVA in furtherance of the program. Carl Slagle, of Cartoogechaye, was elected chairman of the board; J. S. Conley, Franklin business man, vice chairman, and E. H. Meacham, vocational agriculture instructor of the Franklin school faculty, secretary. A board of directors, consisting of representatives from the various townships, was chosen as follows: John Ferguson, Millshoal; C. W. Henderson, Sugarfork; J. J. Corbin, Ellijay; Fred McGaha, Cowee; E. B. Byrd, Burningtown; M. L. Dowdle, Franklin; John E. Cabe, Smith's Bridge; Carl Slagle, Cartoogechaye. Board members from Highlands, Flats and Nantahala townships are to be named later.

Gate not Shut

About 200 farmers and business men attended the mass meeting, which had been called by F. S. Sloan, county farm agent. The announcement concerning the cannery was made by John E. Barr, of Waynesville, TVAC cannery supervisor. Those who heard Mr. Barr received the impression that the TVAC directors had not definitely closed the gate on Franklin's selection as a site for a cannery and marketing center. In fact, he advised that this county continue its efforts, pointing out that although it may not be possible to get the cannery this year, such efforts might bring results later.

Petition Drawn Up

The Board of Agriculture named Saturday morning met early in the afternoon and drew up a petition, directed to John W. Goodman, district farm extension supervisor, soliciting his advice and assistance in the matter. Hundreds of signatures to the petition were obtained in a few hours and it was sent to Mr. Goodman Saturday night. The petition was directed to Mr. Goodman, because it is through him that the TVA is launching its farm betterment program, and it was felt that his aid would be valuable.

Warden

E. T. Calloway Succeeds Charlie Waldroop

E. T. Calloway has been appointed game warden of Macon county succeeding Charlie Waldroop, resigned.

Mr. Calloway announced this week that although the fishing season does not open until April 15, fishing licenses for 1935 are now on sale at the following places in the county: Macon County Supply Company, Leach Brothers hardware store, both in Franklin; Highlands Hardware Co., Highlands; Mrs. Frank Phillips, Rainbow Springs; H. B. Hawks, Aquone.

Farm Census Under Way In Macon County

The farm census enumerators for Macon county met in the courthouse Monday morning and received instructions. They began work Tuesday.

Enumerators for this county: George Crawford, Franklin; Charles Morrison, Iotla; E. S. Hunnicutt, Franklin; C. Robert Cabe, Otto; James M. Raby, Franklin; Charles B. Bryson, Cullasaja, and Horace Bryson, West's Mill.

The enumerators will make inquiry as to farm tenure, farm acreage, which includes crop land, pastures, and woodland; farm values; acres and yields of the principal crops; number of trees and their yield in fruit and nuts; number and value of each class of livestock; poultry and eggs, and farm population. All farmers have been asked to cooperate.

Box Supper To Be Held At Higdonville

A box supper for the benefit of the Higdonville singing school will be held at the Higdonville school house Saturday night of this week. The public is invited to attend and ladies attending are requested to bring well filled boxes, which will be auctioned to the highest bidders. A cake has been announced as a prize for the most popular young woman at the box supper.

It is estimated that there are more than 1,500,000 living graduates from the colleges and universities of America.

NEW SERVICE STATION OPEN

B. L. Sherrill in Charge of Henry-Angel Motor Inn No. 2

The Henry-Angel Motor Inn opened the latter part of last week a new automobile service station, one of the most modern in Western North Carolina, at Palmer and Porter streets. The new station will be known as Henry-Angel Motor Inn No. 2.

F. L. Henry, Sr., will continue in charge of Station No. 1 at Palmer and Main streets, and B. L. Sherrill will have charge of Station No. 2.

Both stations will handle Sinclair gasoline and oils, Goodrich tires and tubes, and U. S. L. storage batteries.

Henry-Angel Motor Inn No. 1 has the local dealership for Plymouth and Dodge automobiles and trucks and is equipped to do automobile repairs of all kinds.

The new station at Porter and Palmer streets was recently completed by the Sinclair Refining company, which leased it to the Henry-Angel Motor Inn.

Appointed

Owens Named Reemployment Office Manager

J. Grady Owens, of West's Mill, was notified this week of his appointment as manager of the Franklin office of the National Reemployment service, succeeding John W. Edwards, who recently was appointed deputy United States marshal.

Mr. Owens assumed his new duties Wednesday morning, announcing that the offices of the reemployment service above the Macon theatre would be open each day to register applicants for jobs and to serve employers seeking skilled and unskilled labor.

HAS INFLUENZA

G. L. Houk, principal of the Franklin school, has been confined to his home for several days with influenza.