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## WATER SUPPLY ISSUE REVIVED

### Subject Bobs Up Again After Modification of PWA Provisions

Discussion of a new water supply system for Franklin to be financed with PWA funds bobbed up again this week.

The issue which was disposed of by an overwhelmingly negative vote in a special election last January has been revived on account of recent modifications of the PWA plan of financing and liberalization of North Carolina laws in regard to issuing bonds.

Under the proposal upon which the voters decided in January the town was to receive an outright grant from the government of 30 per cent of the costs of labor and materials and was to obtain the balance of the money needed in return for bonds, supported by a pledge of the community's credit, the bonds to bear four per cent interest.

#### Grants Increased

The government now will make outright grants of 45 per cent of the total cost of an approved project and, if the project is classed as self-liquidating, it is not necessary to pledge the community's credit. In other words, the bonds constitute a lien only against the project itself. In view of this, it is thought possible that Franklin might now build a new water system without increasing its tax rate, although it might be necessary to raise water rates.

Until this year bonds issued by North Carolina units have pledged the general credit of the borrowing community; but a bill was enacted at the last session of the General Assembly modifying this provision so that communities could issue bonds on self-liquidating projects, pledging only the receipts from the project after it has been put in operation. Under this provision, if the PWA approved a new water supply system for Franklin as a self-liquidating project, the bonds could be ordered sold by the board of aldermen without calling an election by the people.

#### Objections Raised

Some residents are inclined to think that in view of these changes Franklin should file a new application for a PWA grant and loan to construct a new water supply system. On the other hand, some new objections have been voiced by persons who have carefully studied the new PWA provisions. One of the principal objections is that 90 per cent of the labor used must be recruited from relief rolls. This would penalize the man who has not "gone on relief" and, one man commented, "it would place a premium on indolence." Another objection is that the new PWA regulations require that wages be in the form of a salary; workmen would be paid, rain or shine, work or no work, for a certain number of hours a month.

The pros and cons of the question are expected to come up for discussion when the board of aldermen hold their regular monthly meeting next Monday night. Mayor George Patton said Wednesday that the board had considered convening in special session sometime this week to study the matter, but it had later been decided to wait until the regular meeting.

## Singers To Meet at Bethel Church July 7

The regular monthly meeting of the Macon County Singing Convention of the Southern Division will be held at Bethel church on the first Sunday in July.

#### Much Land Reverts to U. S.

More than 12,000,000 acres of forest land in this country has reverted to public ownership through tax delinquency in recent years.

### Loses Commerce Job



WASHINGTON . . . Ewing Y. Mitchell (above), Missouri lawyer and Assistant Secretary of Commerce since 1933, has been ousted by President Roosevelt, upon the recommendation of Secretary Roper. J. M. Johnson of S. C. gets the job.

## BENEFIT KENO PARTY PLANNED

### To Be Held at Kelly's Tea Room Next Tues- day Evening

A keno party for the benefit of the Franklin Library will be held at Kelly's Tea Room on West Main Street at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 2, under the auspices of the Franklin chapter of the Eastern Star. The proceeds will be used to buy new books for the library. Seventy or more prizes will be awarded.

Use of Kelly's Tea Room for the party was volunteered by Mrs. Lizzie Kelly Cunningham, who was instrumental in organizing the benefit event. Franklin business houses and a number of individuals have contributed liberally toward the prize list, which includes many valuable awards, among them a walnut end table, electric toaster, five gallons of gasoline, a carton of cigarettes, luncheon tickets, a water bottle, man's dress shirt, pair of lady's gloves, sack of flour, ice bag and mallet.

The prizes were solicited by members of the Franklin Girl Scout troop. Tickets are being sold by the Boy Scouts.

A full list of those giving prizes will be published in next week's issue of The Press-Maconian.

## Two Forest Service Men To Be Transferred

J. W. Cooper, ranger in the Franklin area of the Nantahala National Forest, is to be transferred in the near future to the Hiwassee district of the Cherokee National Forest, with offices in Cleveland, Tenn. He is to be succeeded here by R. V. Miles of the Cherokee Forest.

A. R. Karling, accountant in the Nantahala Forest headquarters office for the past two years, also is to be transferred. He is expected to leave soon to assume similar duties in the headquarters office of the DeSoto forest at Jackson, Miss. He will be succeeded by D. W. Nichols.

## \$450,069 Given for N. C. Forest Improvement

An allotment of \$450,069 has been made to the forest service for forest improvement work in North Carolina, according to information received from Washington. The allotment comes under the new federal works program. It was reported that the money is to be used in clearing underbrush in national forests, improving fire protection facilities and in other forest improvement projects.

#### Some Rise

During the annual floods experienced in Egypt along the banks of the Nile, this famous river rises about 20 feet.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. PIERSON

### Wife of Highlands' Mayor Dies in Atlanta Hospital

Mrs. S. P. Pierson, 47, wife of the mayor of Highlands, died at the Piedmont hospital in Atlanta on Friday, June 21. She had been ill for some time and had been in the hospital several weeks.

Mrs. Marjorie Mardon Pierson was born on March 13, 1888, in Monmouth, England. She came to Highlands about 29 years ago. On November 27, 1916, she and Mr. Pierson were married in Cornelia, Ga. Members of her immediate family by whom she is survived are her husband, S. P. Pierson, and their two sons, Edward Kendal, and Val Stephens.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pierson were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the Episcopal church of the Incarnation here, with the Rev. Frank Bloxham officiating. Interment was in the Highlands cemetery. Pall bearers were W. H. Cobb, F. B. Cook, Charles McKinney, Bense Neeley, F. H. Potts, and O. F. Summer. Many friends from out of town as well as local friends and relatives attended the funeral.

Highlands suffered a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Pierson. With her genial personality she possessed a rare ability for making and holding friends. She was well known to many of Highlands' summer visitors. She was a devout member of the Episcopal church and was always ready and willing to serve in church affairs. She was an ideal wife and mother, and devoted much of her time and energy to her family and home.

## DEATH CLAIMS GRAY VETERAN

### John L. Cabe, 90 Dies at His Home Near Otto

John L. Cabe, 90-year-old Confederate veteran, died at 3 a. m. Tuesday morning near Otto, where until a few months ago he lived alone in his small home. When he became ill a few months ago relatives went to live with him.

Mr. Cabe's death leaves only eight Confederate veterans remaining in Macon county.

Funeral services for Mr. Cabe were held Tuesday afternoon at Tesenta Methodist church with the Rev. Mr. Tabor officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Cabe was a native of this county. During the War between the States he was a member of Company I, 39th North Carolina regiment. He was a member of Asbury Methodist church and was affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Surviving Mr. Cabe are a brother, George Cabe, of Middle Creek, and two sons, Mell Cabe, of Tesenta, and Charlie Cabe, of Seattle, Wash.

## Forest Service Employees To Have Picnic July 4

The Fourth of July will be celebrated by employees of the Nantahala National Forest with a picnic at CCC Camp F-10 on Lake Burton, Georgia. About 150 are expected to attend.

#### Adrenaline a Life-Saver

Methods of reviving not only animals but also men thought dead from suffocation have been known and practiced for a long time. When there has been no injury to any organ of the body which would cause the death, adrenaline has been used successfully to start the heart and also to keep it going.

## Scouts To Stage July 4th Program

## CARMAK HEARD BY ROTARIANS

### Florida Man Sees Fine Op- portunity Here for Resort Center

Surrounded by beautiful mountains and possessing a temperate climate, Franklin affords a fine opportunity for development as a resort center, Major J. Frank Carmak, retired army officer of Tampa, Fla., told the Rotary club at its weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday.

If the glorious endowments nature has bestowed on this section were advertised and more facilities provided for entertaining visitors, Major Carmak said, Franklin would attract thousands of people here every year.

Major Carmak, who was the first major in the United States army wounded in combat during the World War, is a guest at Trimont Inn. He plans to spend the summer here and has been instrumental in bringing a number of other Florida people to Franklin and Highlands.

#### "Sure Money Crop"

Declaring that tourists are a "sure money crop," Major Carmak pointed out that Florida, despite loss of its orange crop, has been able by virtue of its tourist business to surpass other states of the union in overcoming the effects of the depression. Having spent much time in resorts from Nova Scotia to Florida and from North Carolina to California, Major Carmak qualified as an expert on the tourist business. Millions of dollars are spent each year by tourists in places which lack the natural charms possessed by Franklin, he declared.

"God has given you mountains of marvelous beauty and an unsurpassed climate," the speaker continued. "The United States government and the State of North Carolina have given you fine roads. You are the center of an area of large population from which tourists can be drawn by the thousands. You are more accessible to a greater number of people than either Florida or California. It is only a two days trip from New York and one day from St. Louis."

#### Must Use Opportunities

But it remains for the people of Franklin, he added, to take advantage of its marvelous opportunities. He praised those who have developed the Franklin golf course and recreational center and said that this should be a nucleus around which efforts in the future should be concentrated. He suggested that everyone in the community should join the golf club and lend their support in improving its recreational facilities. In addition he urged the construction of resort hotels and summer cottages and advised the people of the community to become tourist conscious, to be hospitable to visitors, to advertise the advantages of this section and "to boost, not knock."

## Number of TVA Test Farms May Be Increased

Possibilities of increasing the number of TVA test farms in Macon county were discussed at a meeting in the courthouse Tuesday of members of township test farm committees. The meeting was addressed by R. W. Shoffner, supervisor of test farms in 15 western counties. At present there are 12 test farms in the county and it is thought possible that this number may be tripled.

## Grand Parade and Fire- works Display Feature Day's Events

An all-day Fourth of July program, including a grand parade and a fireworks display in addition to the usual games and contests, will be sponsored in Franklin next Thursday by the local Boy Scout troop.

The program is scheduled to get under way with a baby parade and doll parade on the public square at 10:30 a. m. All mothers desiring to enter babies in the parade, open to children from one to three years old, are requested to notify Mrs. Gordon Moore, who will be in charge of this event, not later than Wednesday of next week.

At 11 o'clock in the morning games and contests for girls will be held. Cash prizes will be awarded the winners.

#### Parade at 2 o'clock

The grand parade is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It will form in front of the Baptist church, proceed down Church street to Harrison avenue, thence to Main street and move eastward. It will circle the public square and then continue east on Main street to the foot of the town hill, where it will disband.

The parade is open to all who desire to make entries. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated floats and the individuals with the best costumes. Many entries are expected. Music for the parade will be furnished by a caliope.

#### Contests for Boys

Immediately after the parade there will be games and contests for boys, including sack races, slow bicycle races, three-legged races, potato races, a balloon boxing event and a roller skate race. All boys with bicycles and skates are urged to bring them along and enter the races.

A pet show will be held by Girl Scouts at 4 p. m.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the Boy Scouts will sponsor a variety show, staged by a traveling troupe of actors and musicians, in the courthouse. At 9:45 p. m. the fireworks display from the hill near the school house will climax the day's events.

Other events scheduled, but not sponsored by the Scouts, will include a special three-feature program at the Macon theatre starting at 10 a. m. and continuing until midnight, and a dance in the evening at Camp Nikwasi on the Franklin golf course. Music will be furnished by Peck's Bad Boys.

The public program arranged by the Scouts has been arranged under the direction of the Rev. Frank Bloxham, Scoutmaster, James Hauser and J. D. Franks, assistant Scoutmasters. Merchants, business and professional men of the town have contributed generously toward defraying the expenses of the entertainment.

Concession rights on public property have been granted to the Scouts, who will conduct refreshment booths.

#### Colored Program

The colored churches of Franklin will sponsor a July Fourth program, featured by a baseball game between Franklin negroes and a team from the Buck Creek colored CCC camp, at the negro school near Franklin.

## Many Singers Expected Here Sunday

Hundreds of singers from Macon and adjoining counties and also from South Carolina and Georgia are expected to attend the fifth Sunday singing convention to be held in the courthouse here Sunday, June 30.