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WORK STARTED ON WIDENING OF 2 STREETS

Approximately 40 Men
Employed on Improve-
ment Project

Under the supervision of the state highway and public works commission, work was started Tuesday on widening and improvement of approximately half a mile of state highway No. 285 in Franklin.

The paving on Main street, from Harrison avenue to Porter street, and on Porter street to the Esso Service station near the Franklin school will be increased in width from 16 to 20 feet. Eighteen-inch gutters and six inch curbs will be constructed on each side of the streets and a new sidewalk will be laid on the west side of Porter street. This improvement is expected greatly to reduce the hazard of traffic accidents to children going to and from school.

About 40 men are employed on the project.

Reed and Abee, Asheville contractors, were recently awarded a contract for the work. Labor is being recruited through the local office of the national reemployment service, of which Quince Hauser is acting manager.

At its meeting Monday night the Franklin board of aldermen voted to send a petition to the highway commission requesting it to take over, improve and maintain what is known as "the old Georgia road," from the residence of W. B. McGuire on state highway No. 285 to state highway No. 28, this link to be used as an alternate route traffic on highway 285. It was pointed out that this would reduce traffic on Porter street and therefore make it more safe for school children. The county commissioners, it was stated, was ready to concur in the petition.

\$60 IS RAISED AT KENO PARTY

Over 150 Persons Attend
Benefit Event for
Library

Sixty dollars was raised for the Franklin Library at a benefit keno party held Tuesday night under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the Eastern Star at Kelly's Tea Room. More than 150 people attended and a score or more were turned away for lack of seats and keno boards.

Seventy prizes were awarded at the party, including seven yards of beautiful Biltmore homespun cloth for a lady's suit, which was won by Mrs. Emory Hunnicutt at a drawing which climaxed the evening's entertainment.

Given by Seely

The homespun was donated by Fred L. Seely, of Asheville, president of the famed Biltmore Industries.

The guests at the keno party overflowed the spacious porch of the tea room and jammed the living room.

Success of the party was due to the efforts of Mrs. Lizzie Kelly Cunningham, president of the library, who offered the use of Kelly's Tea Room; Mrs. J. C. Barrington, of the Eastern Star; Miss Olivia Patton and the Franklin troop of Girl Scouts. The latter, under the direction of Miss Patton and Mrs. Barrington, solicited prizes and sold tickets for the party. Merchants, business and professional men of Franklin responded liberally in making donations for prizes and the general public showed much interest in the party.

At the conclusion of the keno
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Installed

F. S. Sloan Made President
Of Rotary Club

Fred S. Sloan, Macon county farm demonstration agent, was installed as president of the Franklin Rotary club, succeeding Harold T. Sloan, at a joint meeting and ladies' night celebration of the Franklin and Sylva Rotarians at High Hampton Inn in Cashiers Valley Tuesday night. G. J. Johnston was made secretary and treasurer of the club, succeeding J. E. Lancaster. Harold Sloan was made vice president.

During the afternoon the two clubs held a golf tournament on the High Hampton course. The Franklin team was the winner.

HIKERS COMING HERE JULY 13

Standing Indian Is Objective
of Four Hiking
Clubs

Approximately a hundred hikers from Knoxville, Tenn., Asheville, N. C., Almond, N. C., and Decatur, Ga., are expected to gather in Franklin the week-end of July 13 and 14 for a get-together meeting and a hike to Standing Indian, one of the most majestic peaks in the Southern Appalachians.

Arrangements have been made to care for the hikers at Franklin hotels and inns and at Camp Nikwasi on the golf course. Howard Valentine, manager, of Camp Nikwasi, has offered the hikers the use of the grounds for those who wish to camp out and the use of the large central building of the camp for meeting purposes.

E. Guy Frizzell, of the Smoky Mountains Hiking club of Knoxville, Tenn., is in charge of arrangements for the hike. Mr. Frizzell came here about 10 days ago to arrange accommodations for the visitors. He said representatives were expected from the Smoky Mountains club, the Georgia Hiking club, and the Nantahala Hiking club.

The hikers will come to Franklin Saturday, July 13, and that night after supper they will meet at Camp Nikwasi. No set program has been planned, but the various clubs are expected to put on stunts around a big campfire. At 7 o'clock Sunday morning they will meet at the courthouse for the trip to Standing Indian, which commands a sweeping view from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Georgia piedmont country. The hikers will go by automobile to Deep Gap or White Oak Bottoms and from either of these places proceed on foot to the top of Standing Indian.

Betterment Association Meets Friday Night

There will be a meeting of the North Macon Betterment Association at the Cowee school at 8 o'clock Friday night of this week, according to an announcement by A. L. McLean, president of the organization. Mr. McLean said J. E. Lancaster, emergency relief administrator in this district, Mayor George B. Patton of Franklin and F. S. Sloan, county farm agent, had been asked to attend the meeting and make short addresses. Ice cold lemonade will be served.

PROFIT BY PROOF

SPOKANE, Wash.—Accosted by two panhandlers for a "nickel for a cup of coffee," Walter Johnson pulled out a roll of \$35 in currency to prove he had no change.

The panhandlers took the \$35 instead, and ran away, Johnson told police.

Board Frowns on New Plan For Financing Water System

A proposal to submit a new application to the Public Works Administration for a loan and grant to construct a water supply system for Franklin was discussed at a meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night, but no official action was taken on the proposal. Sentiment of the members, however, was unfavorable to the proposal inasmuch as the new PWA loan-and-grant plan requires employment of relief labor.

When the PWA recently revised its plan of assisting local governmental units in the financing of approved public improvement projects, increasing from 30 to 45 per cent the amount of outright grants, the question of improving Franklin's water supply system was revived. Even some of those who opposed the water improvement bond issue defeated in a special election last January were inclined

to alter their attitude, not only on account of the new PWA provisions but also on account of legislation enacted by the last General Assembly enabling communities to borrow on self-liquidating projects without pledging their taxes.

It was brought out at Monday night's meeting, however, that should Franklin obtain a PWA loan and grant for a new waterworks system it would have to take 90 per cent of the necessary labor from relief rolls. This did not sit well with the aldermen.

The new state statute concerning bond issues on self-liquidating projects looked good at first, but not so attractive when it was learned that if Franklin took advantage of its provisions it very probably would be forced to increase its water rates sufficiently to pay off the interest and principal on any bonds sold.

Heads Legion

Gilmer A. Jones Chosen To
Succeed Karling

Gilmer A. Jones, Franklin attorney, was elected commander of the Macon County Post No. 108 of the American Legion at a meeting Monday night. He succeeds A. R. Karling, Forest Service accountant, who resigned on account of his transfer to Jackson, Miss.

The next regular meeting of the legion is scheduled to be held on Monday night, July 15, in the courthouse.

BLOOMER GIRLS TO PLAY HERE

Undefeated Champs To
Meet Cowee Nine
July 15

Ralph Bryson, manager of the Cowee baseball team, announced this week that he had completed arrangements for an exhibition game between the Cowee boys and the New York Bloomer Girls on the Franklin high school athletic field at 3 p. m. Monday, July 15.

The Bloomer Girls, who are now on a tour of North Carolina, are advertised as the "undefeated female baseball champions" of the country. The Cowee boys, however, believe that they can give the Amazonians a stiff fight. However the score turns out, it ought to prove a good entertainment.

Following is the Cowee team's line-up: Catcher, Harry Bryson; pitchers, W. Duvall and Frank Mingus; first base, C. Duvall; second base, D. Reynolds; third base, H. Marlowe; shortstop, Ralph Bryson; fielders, Sport Pangle, Jim Cunningham and Phil McCollum.

Admiral McCully Dismissed from Hospital

Admiral Newton Alexander McCully, U. S. Navy, retired, who underwent an operation at Angel hospital here several weeks ago, was recently dismissed and returned to Highlands, where with two adopted daughters he will spend the summer at the Highlands Inn.

Siam's Temples

Of the Buddhist temples of Siam which are usually guarded by grotesque images of giants, expected to scare off the Evil One, the most outstanding is the Emerald Buddha, in the royal palace enclosure.

SCOUTS STAGE JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

Crowd of Several Thousands
Sees Parade and
Other Events

Despite a shower of rain which broke just as the grand parade was moving down Main street, Franklin had a glorious Fourth of July with all the trimmings. A crowd estimated at several thousand persons witnessed the parade and other events on the day's program.

The parade set a precedent by getting under way promptly at the scheduled hour of 2 o'clock. First came the Boy Scouts, all in uniform, with flag bearers in front carrying the Stars and Stripes and the Scout banner. Then followed the Girl Scouts, also in uniform and carrying the colors. Next in the procession were boys on decorated bicycles, boys and girls in costumes, a caliope which furnished loud if not tuneful music, and about a dozen automobile floats.

Scouts Win Prize

A float entered by the Boy Scouts—a camping scene, with Scouts ranged about a campfire in front of their dog tent—was adjudged the best float in the parade and awarded a prize of \$5. But the Scouts promptly did their good deed of the day by giving the prize to the Hallie Beauty Shop, whose entry in the parade was judged second best.

Sarah Conley won a prize of \$1 for the best costume in the parade and Roy Pendergrass won another dollar prize for having the best decorated bicycle.

A baby parade scheduled in the morning was called off on account of the prevalence of whooping cough in the county; but the remainder of the day's program went off as scheduled.

The shower of rain which marred the parade soon passed over, and games and contests for boys and girls got under way on a section of west Main street which had been roped off for the purpose.

Other Events

Other events on the day's program were a variety show at the courthouse at 8 p. m. under the sponsorship of the Boy Scouts, and a fireworks display from the school house hill at 10 p. m. Twenty-five dollars was donated for the fireworks by the Franklin Rotary club.

The entire public program was sponsored and staged by the Franklin Boy Scout troop under the direction of their Scoutmaster, the Rev. Frank Bloxham.

British Subject Directs July Fourth Program

Believe it or not, Franklin's Fourth of July celebration this year was promoted, organized and directed by a British subject.

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, who as Scoutmaster of the Franklin Boy Scout troop, was the moving spirit in arranging the program for observance of Independence Day, is a native of Birmingham, England, and is still a subject of the British Empire, not having resided in this country long enough to become a citizen. During the World War he served in the British army and was wounded in the hand and leg.

Since coming to Macon county in January, 1934, as rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin, and the Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, Rev. Mr. Bloxham has taken an active part in civic affairs. He has been especially interested in Scout work.

FRANKLIN BEAN MARKET OPENS

Offerings Light First Day;
\$1 a Bushel Paid for
Top Grade

The bean market opened in Franklin Monday with W. L. Richardson, of Macon, Ga., the principal buyer, paying a dollar a bushel for the top grade. Offerings the first day were rather light, amounting to about 100 bushels here and 150 bushels at Mountain City, Ga. The quantity, however, is expected to increase considerably in the next week or so. Mr. Richardson expressed the opinion that about the same acreage was planted to beans in Macon county this year as last; possibly the acreage is a little larger.

Mr. Richardson has requested all bean growers planning to sell to him to see him before picking their crops. He explained that it is necessary for him to know in advance as to how many bushels of beans to expect on a given day, as he must arrange for their shipment and sale.

Later in the season Mr. Richardson plans to buy tomatoes as well as beans.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Wife of Henry G. Robertson,
Dies in Louisville
Hospital

Mrs. Marcie Viglini Robertson, 52, wife of Henry G. Robertson, well known attorney of Franklin and Highlands, was found dead in bed at an infirmary in Louisville, Ky., at 7:35 o'clock Sunday night, according to information received here.

Mrs. Robertson had been visiting relatives in Louisville, her former home. On June 22 she was taken to the hospital for treatment of a nervous disorder.

Colonel and Mrs. Robertson lived in Franklin for some months, but they spent most of their time at their home near Highlands, where Colonel Robertson now lives.

Surviving Mrs. Robertson, besides her husband, are three brothers, George, Edward H. and Louis Viglini.

Mrs. Robertson was a daughter of the late Pierre Viglini, president of the old German Bank of Louisville.