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## FUNERAL HELD FOR W.W. JONES

### Body of Former Franklin Man Brought Home For Burial

Funeral services for W. W. Jones, 52, formerly of Franklin, who died unexpectedly Sunday night in Boston, Mass., were held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Franklin Methodist church. Burial was in the family plot in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Jones had been in poor health for several years and in recent weeks his condition had grown more serious. Last week he was taken from his home at Plainfield, N. J., to a Boston hospital for treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, Dr. J. P. Jones, of Wakefield, R. I. His condition, however, did not permit of an operation, and he died Sunday night.

The body was brought to Franklin for burial.

### Served as Postmaster

Mr. Jones, known to his friends here as "Will," was born in Franklin on June 20, 1883, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jones. In 1907 he was graduated in electrical engineering from A. & M. (now N. C. State) College, at Raleigh. Returning to Franklin, he lived here for several years and built Franklin's first telephone system and first hydro-electric power plant. For four years during the Wilson administration he served as postmaster.

Eighteen years ago he went to Chicago as an employe of the Western Electric company. He was transferred to New York several years ago and since then had made his home at Plainfield, N. J.

A kind, genial man, possessing a rare sense of humor, Mr. Jones made many friends.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Irene Ford, of Memphis, Tenn., and one son, William, Jr., a student at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville; his stepmother, Mrs. George A. Jones, of Franklin; a sister, Miss Laura R. Jones, of Raleigh; and five brothers, G. Lyle Jones, of Asheville; Dr. J. P. Jones, of Wakefield, R. I.; Gilmer A. and R. S. Jones, of Franklin, and Weimer Jones, of Asheville.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Pallbearers were A. B. Slagle, Carl S. Slagle, Larry Waldroop, Harold T. Sloan, T. W. Porter, Sr., and Hayne Arthur.

## Snow Reported To Be Heaviest Since 1926

The heavy snow which fell Saturday and Sunday night was reported to range in depth from eight to 12 inches in various sections of the county. Those who make a hobby of observing the weather said it was the heaviest snow fall here since 1926. Several minor traffic accidents occurred but no serious injuries were reported as a result. A boy, however, broke his nose while sliding down a hill on a sheet of roofing.

Despite the heavy snow, the Tallulah Falls railway train ran every day and was late only once—45 minutes on Sunday.

Lake Emory was frozen solid Monday and Tuesday and a number of ice skaters went out to try their skill at falling gracefully.

With the thermometer dropping a few degrees below zero, the lowest temperature of the season reported Monday.

With moderating temperature Wednesday, the snow began melting rapidly, making rural roads even more impassable than when the snow was fresh. Even though rain was falling today, plenty of snow was still left.

## His Hat in Ring



WASHINGTON . . . Sen. Wm. E. Borah's hat is very positively in the Presidential ring for the Republican nomination in 1936. The Idaho senator has consented to let the Young Republicans use his name in the Wisconsin primaries next April and promises to stand by the party liberals in any effort to defeat the old-line Republican bloc.

## BIG PROBLEMS FACE CONGRESS

### Bonus, Old Age Pensions Expected To Bring on More Talk

(Special to The Press Maconian)

Washington, Jan. 2—Without trying to predict what the final outcome will be, this is a good time to take note of the major issues with which the second session of the 74th Congress, convening on Friday, January 3, will occupy its time.

1. Immediate payment of the Veterans' Bonus. The only apparent open question about this is whether or not the bill as passed will provide for full cash payment or for special issue of bonds.

2. The Townsend old-age pension proposal. This will stimulate a lot of oratory in both Houses. The Labor lobby will oppose it. The best guess is that the Townsend plan will not be adopted but that the agitation will result in liberalization of old-age benefits under the Social Security Act, which has got to be amended in many respects, anyway.

3. Lots of talk and some pretty hot debate on the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage greenback bill. Little chance, however, of its passage.

4. Government ownership of railroads. Again a lot of talk, backed by a well organized campaign of the railroad unions in favor of it. Action of Interstate Commerce Commission in ordering reduction of railroad passenger rates to two cents a mile, where they are now higher than that—which is all over the East. This will be a demonstration of the Government's present power over railroads, and may have a strong influence in bringing holders of railroad bonds into line for Government ownership.

### Neutrality, Navy, Army

5. The neutrality question will come up early in the session. The present temper of Congress is to strengthen the neutrality law. The strong belief prevails that a great war is rapidly approaching, and Congress will not be inclined to trust the State Department alone to keep us out of it. One outcome of the war talk is likely to be liberal appropriations for a bigger navy.

6. Proposal for increasing the army strength will be backed by reports that Mexico is planning an

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## TVA TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS

### Applications Open for Work on 3 Proposed New Dams

Franklin has been named one of 82 cities and towns where examinations will be held during February and March to select labor for the construction by the Tennessee Valley Authority of the Chickamauga, Guntersville and Hiwassee dams, according to information received this week from TVA headquarters in Knoxville, Tenn.

The examinations will be similar to those given in 1933, it was stated. Applications to take the examinations must be mailed to the Tennessee Valley Authority, Workmen's Examination Unit, Knoxville, Tenn., postmarked not later than January 25, 1936. Application Form No. 20, which has been specified by the TVA, may be obtained from local civil service secretaries or postmasters.

### Simple Tests Available

The examination will be for skilled workers, helpers and laborers, and will consist of tests of mechanical skill and ability to follow oral instructions. Samples of the tests will be found in the official announcement of the examinations.

In 1933 many residents of Macon county took the TVA exams and a number of the applicants later were employed.

"Persons desiring work on these projects," the TVA announcement said, "must file applications and compete in this examination, even though they have civil service status, or have taken previous TVA examinations, or are now employed by the Authority. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age on the date of the close of receipt of applications."

### Not for Clerical Help

The examinations will be strictly for skilled and unskilled laborers, and will not qualify persons for clerical or professional positions.

The exact dates for the examinations are to be announced later and applicants will be notified when and where to appear for examination.

Wages on the TVA projects, it was stated, will be "not less than those prevailing in the region where the work of the Authority is carried on."

Among other communities in this section where examinations will be held are: Clayton, Ga.; Brevard, Bryson City, Murphy and Waynesville, N. C.

## LEAVE GRANTED FRED S. SLOAN

### Sam Mendenhall Named To Act as County Farm Agent

Meeting in called session Monday, the Macon county commissioners granted a request of Fred S. Sloan, county farm agent, for an indefinite leave of absence, and, on the recommendation of the state agricultural extension service, appointed Sam Mendenhall, of Brass-town, to fill the position.

Mr Sloan requested the leave to accept a position as assistant horticulturist with the extension service in the western counties. His official headquarters will be in Raleigh, but he will continue to live in Franklin, as this will be his field headquarters. His duties, he said, will be to work in cooperation with county agents and farmers in coordinating the work of cooperative canneries and marketing organizations.

Mr. Mendenhall has been connected with the extension service in Clay and Cherokee counties. He assumed his new duties Wednesday.

## Mystery Death



LOS ANGELES . . . One of the latest pictures of Thelma Todd, film actress (above), who was found dead at the wheel of her car in her garage. Investigation disclosed many mysterious circumstances which are still being investigated.

## BANK TELLER HELD IN JAIL

### Highlands Man Faces Embezzlement Charge

Norman Brown, 33, former teller in the Highlands depository of the Jackson County Bank, is in the Macon county jail charged with embezzlement of \$3,000 from the institution.

Brown was reported to have left Highlands on Nov. 28, disappearing after an official of the bank arrived to check over his books. Sheriff A. B. Slagle was notified and traced Brown to Seneca, S. C., where it was said he had purchased a railroad ticket to Washington. Later, he heard Brown was in Atlanta and notified police there to be on the lookout for him.

Sunday night, however, Brown walked into Atlanta police headquarters and surrendered. He was brought to Franklin Tuesday night by Deputy Sheriff John Dills and Special Deputy James Hauser. He waived preliminary examination and is being held for trial, probably at the April term of court. Bond was tentatively set at \$5,000, but Brown was unable to post it.

Mr. Dills reported that Brown had little to say other than that he had been unable to make his books balance.

Brown, who was said to have been reared near Greenville, S. C., had been employed by the bank at Highlands for about 18 months.

### MISS STAUB ILL

Dr. Furman Angel was in Highlands Sunday to visit Miss Albertina Staub, who is ill.

### INJURED THUMB

Mrs. Meta N. Hall fell on Christmas Eve and suffered a dislocated thumb. She was taken to Franklin for treatment.

The Milky Way or Galaxy is a tremendous group of stars containing probably 500 million suns.

The chief essentials in keeping trees growing fast—keep out fire and allow humus or woods litter, to collect on the ground.

More than 126,000,000 pounds of soil at a loss of more than \$200,000,000 is removed annually by erosion.

## DEBT REFUNDING HOPES BLASTED

### Bondholders Kick on Law Limiting Tax Levy To Dollar

J. Frank Ray's tax relief law, enacted by the last General Assembly to limit to one dollar Macon county's tax levy during the "economic emergency," has blasted all hope of successful negotiations for readjusting or refunding the county's bonded indebtedness of more than three-quarters of a million dollars, it was learned this week.

Meanwhile the county's bond defaults are increasing and bondholders are growing restless. Already two suits for the collection of matured bonds or coupons have been filed against the county, one in superior court and one in federal court.

### Board's Hands Tied

The county commissioners knew when they placed the countywide tax levy at one dollar that it would not raise sufficient revenue to meet the county's bond obligations as they matured; but under Mr. Ray's tax law, they felt their hands were tied. This law specifically directed them not to levy more than one dollar on the hundred dollars valuation in 1935 and 1936. It also directed that, if after 1936 the "economic emergency" should be declared still to exist, the limit should continue in effect as long as the emergency continued. This last provision, it was stated, however, would be subject to the court review.

For some months the county commissioners have been cooperating with the Local Government Commission, with headquarters at Raleigh, with view to obtaining consent of bondholders to a refunding plan which would cut down interest and principal payments on the county's bonded indebtedness and thereby make it possible for the county to hold its tax levy within reason.

### Bondholders Balk

It is understood that negotiations got under way in the autumn; but last week the county commissioners were advised by the Local Government Commission that no headway had been made and the bondholders were disinclined to consider any refunding plan as long as the county's tax levy is limited by statute to one dollar.

The total countywide bonded indebtedness, it was learned from C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds and clerk to the board of commissioners, is approximately \$522,000. In addition there are also special school and road bonds, payment of the principal of some of which has been assumed by the state, amounting to \$285,000. This makes a grand total, not including, however, about \$100,000 Franklin and Highlands township bonds, of \$807,000.

Mr. Bryson said the county's default to date amounted to \$34,500 on principal and \$69,860 on interest.

## Funeral Held for Louis Pendergrass, 11

Funeral services for Louis Pendergrass, 11, of Kyle, who died of acute appendicitis at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon of last week, were held Friday at Kyle school, with burial in the Kyle cemetery.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Pendergrass, had been ill about three days. He was brought to the local hospital Wednesday afternoon for an operation, but he died a few minutes after arriving.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Herbert, and a sister, Iva Jane.

Matter is either organic or inorganic. Organic matter is either alive or once formed a part of a living thing.