

FONTANA DAM NOT TO BE BUILT

Power Co. Notifies Com. Intention To Abandon Project

The Nantahala Power and Light company notified the Federal Power Commission on Wednesday that the Aluminum Company of America subsidiary had abandoned its intention to construct a \$35,000,000 hydro-electric project at Fontana, on the Little Tennessee river. The notice was signed by J. E. S. Thorpe, president.

In asking for its withdrawal of declaration of intention to construct this development in Swain and Graham counties, the company asked the commission to discontinue the proceedings "without prejudice."

The commission had scheduled arguments to begin next Monday on the company's motion for a re-hearing following a ruling of the commission concerning the navigability of the stream which would require a federal license for the construction.

The Fontana hearing was expected to revolve around a recent ruling of the supreme court that required a license if the stream could be made navigable within "reasonable costs."

The Fontana dam was proposed as an addition to the Nantahala and Glenville dams now under construction. The commission ruled that these projects did not require a federal license.

Random Poll

Reveals Almost 100 Pr. Ct. For Aid To Britain

A random poll taken this week of Macon citizens, verbally in answer to the question, "Are you in favor of the lend-lease bill?" revealed that all who expressed a positive conviction, one way or the other, declared themselves in favor of immediate aid to Britain.

Both men and women—but a large proportion of men—representing a variety of professions and groups were questioned. Approximately ten per cent of these said they had not read or thought enough about the subject to express an opinion. One farmer said he had been working too hard on the farm to think about anything else. Several were vague about the lend-lease bill itself, but wanted to send prompt aid to Britain. One favored immediate aid with a definite amount stipulated. Among those polled were doctors, merchants, lawyers, farmers, mechanics, clerks, business men and women and housewives, Democrats and Republicans.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

WAR WEEK

Tension mounts on all fronts today as: A great Balkan war is expected to break out any moment as German troops concentrate on Bulgarian Black Sea ports and Greek frontiers, where 150,000 men are collected and more coming with 1700 aircraft photographing Greek and Turkish frontiers.

Greeks reject mounting German pressure for a separate peace with Italy, declaring she stands with Britain as Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden leaves Athens.

Great Britain breaks off relations with Bulgaria.

Stalin moving to counter Hitler's move into Bulgaria.

Weygand arrives from Africa to report to Petain in Vichy.

Tension mounts in far east as French fail to reply to Japan's demand for French Indo China-Thailand peace conference.

Ethiopians route Italian garrison of 20,000 near Addis Ababa in revolt "spreading like wildfire."

British prepare for "the Battle of the Atlantic" which Hitler is about to launch with swarms of the new "suicide submarines" to break the backbone of Britain's sea power and open way for knock-out invasion.

PANAMA BASES

Panama has given permission to the U. S. to establish air bases and air defense stations on Panama territory to strengthen the bulwarks of the Panama Canal.

HITLER IN SOUTH AMERICA
Chairman Dies has reported that the house committee on un-American

American Legion

To Send Home Paper To Men In Service

The local post of the American Legion has undertaken to see that as many as possible of the men in military and naval service of the United States receive news from home through their weekly county newspaper.

The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian is cooperating with members of the Legion in this work by making a special rate for subscriptions to soldiers and sailors of 90 cents a year. Beginning this week, this rate will be allowed to anyone sending the paper to a boy in service.

In June of this year there will be 228 men from Macon county in the service, and in order to send The Press to each of these the Legion is asking all who are interested in keeping the boys at home to help in this work. Families and friends of men in the service are asked to supplement the efforts of the Legion and The Press to see that every man receives the paper.

Subscriptions may be left with the post adjutant, A. R. Higdon, post officer, C. Tom Bryson, post commander, Gilmer A. Jones or at the Press office. The boy may be designated by the donor, or the Legion will furnish his name.

Crop And Feed Loans For Flood Victims

Macon county farmers who suffered from the flood last summer, along with others, can now arrange to secure Emergency Crop Loans at the office of S. R. Griffin, Jr., supervisor, in the court house.

Mr. Griffin's office is in position to make loans up to \$400 for seed, feed and fertilizer and the interest rate is only four per cent. The only extra fee charged is \$1.50 to take care of notary fee, acknowledgment by the clerk and registration of the papers. The loan is not due until October 31.

Mr. Griffin says that the loan program has been liberalized to take care of farmers suffering from the flood, and that more money is being loaned per acre in this section than last year. He says that a lien is taken on the growing crop, and that there is absolutely no mortgage executed on land, livestock or equipment. Those desiring loans should file their applications at once, he stated.

Mr. Griffin, who is also in charge of Jackson, Graham, Swain, Cherokee, and Clay counties, has appointed receiving agents at each county seat, for the convenience of farmers living in each of these counties.

can activities has information that Hitler already has German business men and others in South America organized into military units, and that there are "more than 1,000,000 Germans there upon which the Reich can absolutely depend."

U. S. AND MEXICO

The U. S. and Mexico governments have begun conversations on mutual defense against aggression.

LEND-LEASE AMENDMENTS

The Senate ended debate on the Lend-Lease bill, and voted to tighten congressional control over expenditures under the bill, and bitterly debated amendment opposing use of American troops outside the Western hemisphere. The administration opposed this proposal on the ground that it would be a blow to British morale and encourage Japan in aggression in Pacific.

HOLLY RIDGE STRIKE ENDED

Work was resumed Wednesday after a two-day strike of from 4,000 to 6,000 craftsmen walked off their jobs on the \$13,000,000 anti-aircraft firing center at Holly Ridge on the eastern seaboard of the state.

RECORD TRAVEL IN SMOKIES

A total of 18,394 persons traveling in 6,350 cars broke the record for winter travel in the Great Smokies during February, is reported by park officials. Winter sports are given credit for a large part of the increase.

SPENDING BILL WINS APPROVAL

Favorable Committee Report On Liquor Referendum Received

The general Assembly in Raleigh has started a big push towards final adjournment.

A favorable report on the compromise \$166,000,000 spending bill was given Wednesday by the joint appropriation committee by a rousing voice vote.

The bill calls for record-breaking expenditures for \$11,000,000 more than the current budget. However it is a million less than the original more than 167,000,000.

The compromise, endorsed without qualification by Governor Broughton, was effected by a subcommittee.

Broughton said he was convinced that the bill would result in a balanced budget, and that no highway funds would have to be diverted to the general fund. The bill provides for the diversion, if needed, of \$1,150,119.

A liquor referendum bill received a favorable committee report on Tuesday but indications are said to be against chances to pass because the state is counting on the taxes on liquor to furnish nearly \$5,000,000 towards next biennium's budget. It was referred to the house finance committee.

Many local bills have been passed.

FEDERAL FUNDS BENEFIT MACON

Social Security Payments Under Four Divisions Reported

Funds distributed in North Carolina through four divisions of the Social Security Act in three and one half years and unemployment compensation in three years totaled \$34,902,030.74, at the end of December 1940.

In Macon county, individuals have received benefits from these four main divisions totaling \$105,208.38 through December, 1940, divided as follows: old age assistance, \$61,331.10; unemployment compensation, \$23,504.28; aid to dependent children, \$18,308.00; aid to the blind, \$2,065.00.

These four major divisions, including unemployment compensation, old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind, account for about 82 per cent of the amount distributed through the 10 social security program divisions to the end of the year. The other six divisions are the five "services", including maternal and child health, crippled children, child welfare, vocational rehabilitation and public health services, and old age and survivors insurance, which is destined through the years to become one of the more important of the five major divisions.

Broken down by sources, this \$34,902,030.74 was furnished, \$16,792,820.20 or 48.11 per cent, by North Carolina employers; \$8,558,164.43, or 24.52 per cent, by the Federal Government; \$5,021,683.82, or 14.39 per cent, by the State of North Carolina; \$4,529,362.29, or 12.98 per cent, by the 100 counties of the State.

The unemployment figures do not include \$378,040.59 paid to former N. C. residents, with wage credits in the State, who received benefits while living in other states.

This information is supplied by the Public Assistance Divisions of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, the State Commission for the Blind and the Research and Statistics Division of the UCC, Mr. Powell said.

Macon Baptists Meet Next Thursday

The annual Macon County Baptist associational conference will be held at the Franklin Baptist church, Thursday, March 13, from 4 to 9:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Washburn of Nashville, Tenn., two of the southside workers, will be here, also Nane Starn of Raleigh, who will be speakers at the meetings.

All associational officers, pastors and Sunday school workers are especially urged to be present, as this is an important meeting. A large attendance is expected.

TOWN BOARD TO HOLD ELECTION

Mayor And Six Aldermen Will Be Elected On May 6

At the regular meeting last Monday the board of aldermen of the town of Franklin ordered an election to be called for the election of a mayor and board of aldermen on Monday, May 6.

No new registration was ordered, and notice was given that the registration book will be open in the town office in the Ashcar building on Saturdays, April 12, 18 and 26. Challenge day will be Saturday, May 3, 1941.

R. M. Ledford was appointed registrar and George A. Mashburn and Tom Leach judges to hold the election.

Mendenhall Addresses Farmers Federation

"The Farmer and National Defense" was the subject of an address delivered by S. W. Mendenhall, Macon county farm agent, at the annual meeting of the Macon county stockholders of the Farmers Federation in the warehouse on Palmer street last Saturday.

Mendenhall emphasized the need for soil conservation during the present period of raising farm prices in order to prepare for slumps later on. He said that all Macon farm families ought to raise plenty of good food at home in order to build the health of their children in this critical year.

Jerry Franklin was renominated by the stockholders as a director of the Farmers Federation from Macon county, and Ed Byrd was renominated as director-at-large. Carl Slagle is also a director of the Federation from Macon, but his term carries over for another year.

Election of an advisory committee was part of the program. The ten members chosen to this board were: Carl Slagle, chairman; Elias Ammons, Ed Byrd, J. R. Holbrook, James Young, J. I. Vinson, J. S. Conley, Jerry Franklin, Robert Bennett and Lawrence Ramsey. Robert Bennett was the only new member, the others being reelected.

Speeches were also made by James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation; Horace Nolen, Federation manager at Franklin; and Max M. Roberts, educational director of the cooperative. McClure emphasized the Federation's program of quality seeds, quality poultry, and quality livestock for Western North Carolina farms.

"And the greatest thing we want," he said, "is quality in our own lives. Christian character in the lives of fathers and mothers will carry, by contagion into the lives of their children. And they are our finest crop of all."

In a stockholders' drawing Charley Elliott won 30 baby chicks, G. R. Henson 20 and J. I. Vinson ten.

Music was supplied by the Farmers Federation string band of Pender Rector, Gaither Robinson and H. A. Parrish.

Mrs. Watkins Passes Saturday At Home

Mrs. Sarah Angeline Watkins, 82, died at her home at Cullasaja last Saturday afternoon, following an illness of four years. She developed pneumonia Wednesday which caused her death.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church. The Rev. George W. Davis, pastor, and the Rev. Edward Parks officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins, widow of P. T. Watkins, was the former Miss Sarah Burnette. She was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist church.

Pallbearers were John Bryson, R. L. Holland, Elbert Holland, Lester Reed, Oran Holland and Furman Holland.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Frank Holland and Miss Hattie Watkins, of Cullasaja; four sons, G. G. Watkins, of Franklin, and Walter, Arthur, and P. O. Watkins, of Cullasaja; one brother, Henry Burnette, of Oak Grove; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Otto P. T. A. To Meet March 13

The Otto P.-T. A. will meet at Otto school building Thursday, March 13, at 3 o'clock.

City Garage

To Build On Junaluska Property On Main St.

The City Garage, operated by Roy Mashburn and Earl English has purchased a Main street frontage of the old Junaluska hotel property and are beginning construction on a modern garage and filling station.

The lot has been cleared this week, and already work has begun under Walter Angel and Jim Swafford, foremen, on a one-story building, 40 feet by 70 feet, of tile and brick construction. The owners state that they hope to complete the building in 60 days. They recently purchased the lot from M. L. Dowdle, Jim Perry and the Bank of Franklin, joint owners. The entire investment is estimated to amount to \$10,000 when the building is completed.

A Shell service station will be operated by the firm, which handles Plymouth and Chrysler cars and operates an up-to-date garage. Their present location is in the old Log Cabin garage at the turn on lower Main street.

Tourist Season Already Beginning

Early beginning of the 1941 tourist season is shown by opening of Gatlinburg hotels. The chamber of commerce of that place reports inquiries from prospective visitors up 115 per cent over this time last year.

T. D. Bryson, Jr.

Becomes Lions' President At Last Meeting

T. D. Bryson, Jr., vice-president, became president of the Lions Club at the last meeting, succeeding the late Fred Montony. Vice-presidents of the club are J. A. Sutton, 1st vice-president; Claude Bolton, 2nd vice-president; Frank Duncan, 3rd vice-president.

Home Defence Organized At Court House Tuesday

Macon Farm and Home Demonstration Clubs Launch Program

More than a hundred members of farm organizations and home demonstration clubs of Macon county met on Tuesday at the court house to take first steps toward cooperating for local participation in the national defense program. Morning and afternoon sessions were held.

Home Defense Committee

A farm and home demonstration committee for national defense was elected as follows: Harley Stewart, chairman; John Roane, Carr Bryson, Mrs. Prelo Dryman and Mrs. Jim Gray.

The duties of the county committee and of community committees were defined broadly as the responsibility for the growth and development of the farm and home demonstration programs to assist in every way to carry the program to others.

Four points were outlined by Mr. Fagg for community committees as follows: (1) Give the man that needs help some assistance; (2) See that all record books are filled out and reports turned in on time; (3) attend meetings; (4) see that each farmer is meeting his responsibility in the proper manner by keeping records of community farming.

Mrs. Sherrill pointed out that national defense is not only a man's job, and answered the question as to what is national defense as being, within women's scope, the raising of the standard of living, of food production and preservation, of working toward better homes, better prepared meals for nourishment, and the duty of home demonstration club women to become leaders in their communities. She referred to Miss Harriet Elliott of North Carolina as being on the National Defense commission and directing the problems of consumers.

Mr. Mendenhall reminded the large gathering assembled from every part of the county, "The people who live in the countries at war can't hold a meeting like this without the police, nor can a group get together on the street without police interfering. We are still living under the Bill of Rights with freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of the press."

He told the farmers that their

SPRING TERM JURORS DRAWN

List Of Those Who Will Serve At April Term Superior Court

The following is the list of jurors for the April term of Superior Court as drawn by the county commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday, which will convene Monday, April 14:

First Week

Don L. Henry, Franklin; Paul Morgan, Route 4; I. T. Justice, Route 2; M. A. Hicks, Kyle; J. Ned Teague, Prentiss; Jim Hyatt, Franklin; D. W. Love, Route 1; Clyde Downs, Route 4; T. M. Rickman, West's Mill; Ed McCoy, Ema; W. H. Cabe, Route 2; C. B. Kinsland, Route 4; T. M. Moss, Franklin; M. L. Dowdle, Franklin; Earl English, Franklin; T. E. Breedlove, Ema; Fritz Henderson, Route 2; Frank C. Brown, Route 2; H. H. Cole, Stiles; Fred L. Crisp, Route 3; Floyd McCall, Highlands; J. F. Wilson, Flats; J. L. Bryson, Highlands; W. R. Watkins, Cullasaja; Floyd Jacobs, Franklin; W. L. Ramsey, Route 3; Joel L. Dalton, West's Mill; D. A. Ledford, Route 3; Floyd Houston, Gneiss; R. D. Wells, Route 1; G. R. Henson, Route 2; James E. Taylor, Ellijay; J. H. Swafford, Route 3; Harvey Carnes, Stiles; J. E. Bradley, Ema; D. C. Rogers, Route 2.

Second Week

J. D. Burnette, Sealy; Robert L. Carpenter, Prentiss; Fred S. Moore, Route 1; J. R. Parrish, West's Mill; Lorenz Moses, Ellijay; Eli Talant, Franklin; A. R. Higdon, Franklin; Walter Dean, Franklin; Robert L. Ledbetter, Route 2; Claude Roper, Route 3; Wiley Clarke, Cullasaja; Zeb McClure, Prentiss; Sam Sweatman, Route 3; Sanford Mann, Route 2; J. M. Emory, Route 1; L. B. Limer, Franklin; E. B. Picklesimer, Route 3; E. B. Byrd, Stiles.

work for national defense could not be expressed in better terms than to make this country a better place to live by improving their land. "Your children can pay no better tribute to any one of you than to be able to say, "My father was a soil builder."

Rev. J. L. Stokes II addressed the meeting on the need for spiritual as well as physical preparedness—for diversion and relaxation from the daily routine if there are to be strong minds in strong bodies.

WPA Hot Lunch

Miss Ethel Hurst, director of WPA lunches in the schools cited the marked improvement of undernourished children after the hot lunches were put in schools shown from charts of weight kept by her. She also noted the effect of home demonstration clubs on canning and gardening, appealing to women to plan gardens that will furnish all the needs of the family for fresh and canned vegetables.

Fred Sloan Outlines Needs

Fred Sloan, district farm agent, made a strong appeal for a better agricultural program for home consumption. He stressed the first need as milk and the second, eggs, in the child's diet and the necessity for strengthening our people to take care of their needs from their farms. Mr. Sloan referred to the alarmingly high percentage of men turned down by army and navy because of bad health, bad teeth and diseases of malnutrition. He stated that Germany is today applying 15 times as much phosphate to land as U. S. farms.

Health And Sanitation

Dr. E. N. Haller, health officer, gave practical directions to improve sanitary conditions on the farm and in the rural schools, towards removing the menace of polluted water supply, flies, disease breeding spots and the dangers from tuberculosis in man and cows. He urged a higher standard of cleanliness in and outside the house. He stated that Walter Hart, county sanitary officer is glad to advise families about their water supply and better sanitation.

Among others speaking were Charlie W. Henderson, chairman county AAA committee; Gus Leach, chairman county commissioners; Mr. Threlkeld, representing WPA; Mrs. Margaret Ordway, supervisor NYA; E. J. Whitmire, teacher of agriculture at Franklin high school, Albert Ramsey, farm security supervisor.