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## J. E. S. Thorpe Answers Power Commission Ruling

### Nantahala Co. Balks At Federal License To Build Fontana

J. E. S. Thorpe of Franklin, president of the Nantahala Power and Light company, issued a statement last Monday answering charges made by the Federal Power commission that were reported from Washington in a dispatch to the Sunday papers.

Mr. Thorpe characterized as unfair the charges of the commission that his company was impeding national defense by withdrawing declaration of intention to build the Fontana dam.

**Power Commission's Statement**  
According to the dispatch the Federal Power commission had issued an order refusing to discontinue "without prejudice" proceedings arising out of an original declaration of the Nantahala Power company, Aluminum Company of America subsidiary, of intention to build a \$35,000,000 hydro-electric project at Fontana on the Little Tennessee river.

The company sought discontinuance after the commission ruled the project would affect interstate commerce, and hence would require a federal license.

The commission said that while the company was not required to build the project after this order, it would have to secure a federal power license if "it later decides to go ahead with the project."

However, it was explained, that discontinuance of the hearings without prejudice would, in effect, eradicate the finding of the commission that a federal license must be obtained, enabling the Aluminum company to seek "a finding at some later time which in their opinion would better suit their own purpose."

The commission's order stated further, "The refusal of Alcoa's (Aluminum Company of America's) subsidiary to construct the Fontana project, when required to obtain a license, indicates that not even the urgent demands of national defense can alter its apparent determination never willingly to submit any of its hydro projects to the duly enacted requirements of federal law... and the company's defense effort did not extend to the point of accepting reasonable limitations on unearned increment."

"In our opinion, Alcoa and the company have not dealt frankly in this matter, but have in the past undertaken, and are now attempting to evade the plain provisions of the law."

The petition to dismiss was forwarded to the commission on February 21, Mr. Thorpe said, and it was not until 3 p. m. last Saturday that counsel for the company was advised by the commission that the petition to withdraw was denied and that the hearing Monday, March 10, would proceed as scheduled.

Oscar R. Ewing of New York, attorney for the company, at the hearing Monday, cited a 1934 supreme court decision upholding the company's right to discontinue the proceedings.

**Mr. Thorpe's Comment**  
Commenting on the commission's ruling, Mr. Thorpe said:

"It is regrettable that the federal power commission found it necessary to cast doubt on the sincerity of the efforts of the Aluminum Company of America on behalf of national defense, in the commission's attempt to defend its own unreasonable and arbitrary action in refusing to dismiss the petition."

**Alcoa's Defense Expansion**  
Mr. Thorpe cited the record of the Aluminum company in increasing its capacity for defense purposes and, in the midst of unprecedented demand, reducing the price of aluminum ingot 15 per cent.

Besides the two hydroelectric projects at Nantahala and Glensville, the company is taking all the excess power available from TVA and all the power permitted for Alcoa's plant at Vancouver, Wash., from the Bonneville and Coulee dams, he said.

Later Mr. Thorpe issued a statement saying the company was willing to cooperate with federal agencies in building the project but could not "risk" its own money if a federal license were required.

He explained a federal license would permit the government to take over the project after 50 years at a price which might be grossly unfair."

## Dean Byrd To Speak At Teachers' Banquet March 28

Dean W. E. Byrd, of Western Carolina Teachers' college, will be the principal speaker at the Teachers' Banquet on the evening of March 28 at the Panorama Courts.

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field secretary of the North Carolina Educational Association, will also be one of the speakers of the evening.

Others taking part in the program will be announced later.

All principals and teachers are requested by the social committee to turn in their names at once to complete the invitation list.

## G. A. Jones, Jr., Accepted In Naval Aviation Reserve

Gilmer Andrew Jones, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones of Franklin, has volunteered and has been accepted in the Naval Reserve Aviation Training corps. He will leave on Thursday, March 13, for Raleigh, proceeding from there to Miami, Fla., for a month's preliminary training. From there, applicants are sent to the Pensacola training school for a year's training.

## Final Rites For Mrs. McCall

Mrs. Elizabeth McCall, 69, died at her home on Franklin Route 4 Thursday morning at 2 o'clock. She was the widow of Thomas McCall.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church. The Rev. J. C. Swain and Rev. Mr. Burrell will officiate. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. McCall was the daughter of the late Jasper and Mary Gillian Webb, of Tennessee. She was a member of the Clear Creek Baptist church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Herman Russell and Mrs. Thurman Moses, of Franklin, and Mrs. Prince Curtis and Mrs. Charles Curtis of Dillard, Route 1; four sons, Andrew and Jasper McCall, of Franklin, and George and Henry McCall, of West's Mill, and 32 grandchildren.

## New Books At Franklin Library

The following new books have been placed on the shelves at the Franklin Library—additional gifts received from Mrs. Angie W. Cox:

America, Its History and People, Faulkner and Kepner; Which Way America? Bryson; Napoleon by Ludwig; English Literature, Long; Nature Encyclopedia, Fisher; Practical Amateur Photography, Davis; Five Acres and Independence, Kains; Are You a Genius? Sireter; Letters to Strongheart, Boone; Story of the Thousand Year Pine, Mills; Trelawny, Armstrong; Dan Beard's Book of Camp Lore and Woodcraft; Best of American Humor, French; Fun for the Family, Meyer; They Sold Themselves, Stephenson and Keely.

## O. F. Phillips Killed By Falling Stone At Nantahala Dam

Olin F. Phillips, 33, of Robbinsville, Graham county, was fatally injured shortly before midnight Monday when struck by a stone while employed by the Utah Construction company on the dam project at Nantahala of the Nantahala Power and Light company. The stone that struck the workman fell for a distance of from 50 to 75 feet.

Phillips died while en route to a hospital in Franklin.

Clarence Wilson, another employee of the Utah Construction company, suffered minor injuries in the same accident.

At an inquest conducted Tuesday by Charles M. Moore, Macon county coroner, the verdict stated that the death of Phillips was unavoidable. Assisting at the inquest was Deputy Sheriff John Dills.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Robbinsville Baptist church, with burial in the Old Mother church cemetery at Robbinsville.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Phillips, of Robbinsville; seven sisters and three brothers.

## Franklin School Valedictorian, Salutatorian And Honor Roll

W. H. Finley, principal of the Franklin high school, has announced that Katherine Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Long, will be salutatorian of the graduating class, and John Wasilik, III will be valedictorian of the class.

The following is the honor roll of the Franklin school for the present quarter:

First grade, Meda Angel.  
Second grade, John Archer, III, Jack Reece, Bessie Belle Holland, Louise Leach, Charles Thomas, Grady Thompson, Elizabeth Newton, Freda Elliott, Jeanette Hall and Evelyn Roper.

Third grade, Howard Baldwin, Curley Gene Walker, Jo Ann Todd, Walter Clem, Mildred Ann McCollum, Cullen Bryant, Edith Plennmons and Marie Jennings.

Fourth grade, Janet Cochran, Mary Alice Archer, Bergen Hall, Marie Jennings, Elizabeth Ann Phillips.

Fifth grade, Howard Reece, Ann Lyle, Ruth Angel and Maxine Ruten.

Sixth grade, Ruth Bryson, Ruth Moore, Virginia Lee Porter, Hazel Robinson, Dickie Guy, Roy Lee Phillips, Freda Mae Arnold, Tommy Angel III.

Eighth grade, Myra Slagle, Marie Waters and Bill Gregory.

Ninth grade, Louise Williams, Mary Frances Page, Barbara Stockton and Clell Bryant.

Tenth grade, Virginia Bryant, Marion Carr, Dela Edwards, Helen Franks and Emogene Landrum.

Eleventh grade, Helen Potts and John Wasilik.  
Post graduates, Rosalie Kiser and June McCoy.

## P. T. A.

### Will Elect Officers At Monday Meeting

A full attendance is urged at the Parent-Teachers meeting next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium, for the election of officers for the coming year.

Guy L. Houk will be the speaker on the program, and the Rev. Philip L. Green will lead the devotions.

Other features of the program will be a solo by Miss Helen Moore, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Plonk, both members of the high school faculty; and a round table discussion on "The Problems of the Elementary Teachers," led by Mrs. Lola P. Barrington.

## Mrs. Henrietta Patton Passes Saturday

Mrs. Henrietta Boston Patton, 82, died at the home of her stepson, Carey Patton, Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock, following a lingering illness of four months. Death was caused from a heart attack.

A life-long resident of Macon county, Mrs. Patton was born on March 14, 1859. She was the daughter of the late Jess and Jane Wood Boston. On November 11, 1907, she was married to John Patton, who preceded her in death several years ago. She was a member of the Franklin Baptist church.

Funeral services were at the Franklin Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor, officiated.

The pallbearers were Fred Grant, Elijah Grant, Claybourne Patton, Marshall Cunningham, Carl P. Cabe and A. R. Higdon.

Surviving are eight step-children, Carey Patton of Franklin, Thomas Patton of Robbinsville, Harley Patton of Tellico Plains, Tenn., W. F. Patton of Roseland, Fla., Mrs. Zeb Ledford of Valdese, Mrs. Laura P. Smith of Gainesville, Ga., Mrs. Ethel Decosta of Dunn Ellen, N. J., and Mrs. Mary Dills of Long Island, N. Y.; two sisters, Miss Martha Boston and Mrs. Jess Grant of Franklin, and one brother, Lee Boston of Abeline, Tex.

## Asheville Airport Project Approved

Final approval of a \$339,527 WPA project to enlarge and improve the Asheville-Hendersonville airport at Fletcher has been given by State Administrator C. C. McGinnis, who said that 250 men will be employed.

The work is said to consist mainly in lengthening the present 1,600 foot runway to 4,000 feet, and providing two new 4,000 foot runways 500 feet wide and a 100 foot paved strip down the center.

## LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN

### Rogers Introduces Local Bill; Record Spending Measure Passed

The General Assembly is working fast in an effort toward adjournment Saturday night. Both houses passed the record-breaking appropriation bill of \$160,500,000 without a dissenting vote.

**Rogers Introduces Bill**  
Among the county bills introduced in the General Assembly during the past week was House Bill 727, introduced by Dr. W. A. Rogers, representative from Macon county, on March 6 as follows:

"To Compensate Clerks of the Superior Court and Inferior Courts for Making Statistical Reports in Civil and Criminal Cases." (For purpose indicated, would authorize Macon County clerks to add to bill of costs in all civil and criminal cases a charge of 20 cents, to be retained by clerks "in addition to any salary or other compensation now fixed by law.") Introduced by Rogers of Macon, March 6.

Provisions for holding a referendum in Swain county on the sale of wine and beer are contained in a bill introduced in the house today by Rep. Edwards of Swain.

The senate passed on second reading a bill to provide that only the 26 counties with liquor stores might sell fortified wines, after withdrawing an amendment which had threatened to forestall passage of the measure.

The house passed and sent to the senate bills to make the flame azalea the official state flower; to fix the powers of the state board of welfare; to permit county commissioners to postpone revaluation until 1943; and to set up a commission to study administrative agencies and report a basic code for them to the 1943 general assembly.

The senate ordered enacted bills to establish a 12th grade in the public school system; increase from \$60,000 to \$100,000 the amount the law enforcement officers retirement fund will receive annually from a \$1 fee added to costs in criminal actions; to authorize the governor to name a commission to study state educational institutions, and agencies; to provide a declaration for a federation of the world.

## Miss Bryson Heads Brevard College Fund In Macon

BREVARD, March 12. — Miss Mildred Bryson, of Franklin, an alumna of Brevard college, has been appointed district chairman in Macon county, to represent Brevard in an alumni campaign to raise money for a student loan fund. The active campaign begins in March.

Miss Bryson will contact the various Brevard alumni in her immediate territory to solicit donations for the fund.

## TVA To Reimburse Counties For Taxes

The Tennessee Valley authority, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, will pay Cherokee county \$3,449.59 in lieu of taxes, Gordon R. Clapp, TVA general manager, has announced.

The TVA will pay six states and 111 counties a total of \$1,499,417. This amount exceeds by \$495,630 the two-year average of state and local ad valorem taxes previously paid under private ownership on utility properties and on reservoir lands allocated to power, it was explained.

The sum to be paid Cherokee county includes taxes on reservoir properties.

## Dread Disease Fatal To Bobby Angel, 4

Bobby Angel, 4, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Angel, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock following an illness of eight weeks. Death was caused from infantile paralysis.

Funeral services were held at the Holly Springs church, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Green Galloway officiated. Burial was in the Holly Springs cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Franks, Charles Franks, Bud Collins, and James Harris.

Surviving are his parents; four sisters, Lois, Neal, Frankie and Maude; one brother, John Wiley; and his grandparents, Mrs. Addie Florence Angel, and Mr. and Mrs. James Franks.

## Another Quota Of Selectees Will Leave March 26

The local draft board announces the call for 11 more white selectees who are scheduled to leave Wednesday, March 26. This quota will be filled entirely with volunteers. The men who will answer this call are as follows:

Kenneth Ansel Dowdle, Route 1, Franklin; Woodrow Thomas Holland, Cullasaja; Gernell Lee Woods, Route 2, Franklin; William Conley, Route 2, Franklin; George Bobby Waldrup, Prentiss; Carl Green, Highlands; Thomas Louis Crunkleton, Highlands; Kenneth Tillman Cruse, Star Route, Prentiss; Patrick Theodore Rogers, Highlands; Charlie Fender, Marshall, N. C.; Belford Roy Proffitt, Marshall, N. C.

Chairman Long announces that the draft board welcomes additional volunteers.

## H. B. Moody Buys L. H. Enloe Estate

The L. H. Enloe estate, comprising 582 acres in the Cartoogechay section of Macon county, through C. D. Enloe has been purchased by H. B. Moody of Haywood county, it was learned Saturday. Mr. Enloe will operate the place for the remainder of 1941. This transaction represents the largest sale of farm land in the county for some time. The Enloe estate was represented by Guy L. Houk.

## Oran Cunningham Enlists As Film Technician

The following article appeared in the Charlotte Observer of March 4:

Yesterday morning the Charlotte army recruiting office received a quota calling for experienced film technicians. Yesterday afternoon they had enlisted Oran J. Cunningham, 29, of 1818 Merimon avenue, Charlotte, an experienced Hollywood film technician. Cunningham left last night for Maxwell Field, Ala. A native of Franklin, N. C., he went to Hollywood a few years back, tried acting, then got behind the camera, where he found work more to his liking.

## As The World Turns

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

### PRESIDENT ASKS FOR SEVEN BILLION

The President on Wednesday signed into law the historic lend-lease bill which transforms the United States into a vast arsenal and larder for Great Britain and other nations resisting axis aggression. The senate vote on final passage was 60 to 31. Congress plans swift action on the President's request for 7 billion dollars in airplanes, tanks, ships, armaments and food to fulfill this nation's policy of supplying every possible "gun, plane and munition of war" to democracies resisting aggression.

### BRITAIN INTENSIFIES BOMBING ATTACKS

Last night Great Britain unleashed the mightiest air raid of the war. Berlin reports many killed and wounded. RAF struck invasion ports across the channel with terrific force. London reports nine Nazi planes shot down, the greatest number reported for one night. A German destroyer was sunk in the Skagerrack south of Sweden.

### SPECIAL MISSIONS TO U. S. A.

The British prepare to rush two special missions to the United States to negotiate for urgently needed ships and food supplies under the lend-lease bill which Prime Minister Churchill applauded as "insuring the defeat of Nazism."

### BOMBS OVER BRITAIN

London and other British cities are sustaining heavy bombing from German planes. Incendiary bombs caused more damage at Buckingham palace. Heavy losses to British shipping are reported.

### YUGOSLAVIA BOWS TO AXIS DEMANDS

Under threat of Nazi "force" Yugoslavia has agreed "in principle" to bow to axis demands; involving the passage of Nazi troops and war materials through the country, demobilization of the army and formal signing of the axis pact. On account of strong pro-British feeling the government

## MACON SCHOOL BOARD NAMED

### Gen. Assembly Confirms Nominees Of County's Last Primary

The five members of Macon county's board of education nominated in the last primary were confirmed by the General Assembly in an omnibus bill passed Saturday, by an act naming the boards of education of 20 western counties.

These nominees were submitted by Dr. W. A. Rogers, member of the lower house from Macon county.

They are C. Gordon Moore, J. E. Cabe, J. Frank Browning, Eugene E. Crawford, J. Roy Phillips. They were appointed for two-year terms which will begin the first Monday in April.

The present board of education that has served for the past two years are C. Tom Bryson, chairman; James Hauser, Miss Lizzie Kelly, Mrs. Fred Slagle. The fifth member, W. E. Moseley, died in July, 1939.

## Lions Club Hears Rev. C. F. Rogers

The Lions Club, at the regular meeting Monday evening enjoyed an address by the Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church. Dr. Rogers spoke on prophecies contained in the Scriptures that tend to foretell happenings in history, including the present world conflict, which appears to be moving towards the "Armageddon" referred to in the Bible.

The following letter was read to the club from a nine-year-old boy who recently received glasses:

Dear Sirs: I am writing this letter to thank the Lions Club for my glasses. They are helping me in my school work. I hope that I can help the Lions Club sometime, or that I can help someone else as the Lions Club has helped me.

Sincerely yours,  
Jesse Holbrooks  
T. D. Bryson, Jr., new president,  
presided at the meeting.

## BERLIN PRESS ASSAILS BRITISH AID BILL

"Most flagrant North American meddling" and "it won't change things in the end" were among the comments of the Berlin press on the passage of the aid-to-Britain bill. Its enactment is said to have made a profound impression on all strata of German life.

## GREEK RESISTANCE STIFFENED

The Greeks have girded themselves for stiff resistance to any German aggression, in which they will be assisted by British troops reported landing in large numbers from Africa.

## BOMB OUTRAGE AT ISTANBUL

Explosion of bombs concealed in the luggage of British Minister to Bulgaria, George Rendel, in the lobby of a hotel in Istanbul, Turkey, killed six persons and injured 30, including British officials. Two unexploded bombs were discovered. British and Turkish authorities blamed Bulgarian terrorists and suspected the purpose to be destruction of official papers of the envoy who left Bulgaria when that country joined the axis.

## NEW GAINS IN ETHIOPIA

Cairo reports British troops that took Italian Somaliland have advanced 120 miles in Ethiopia. Other British and native forces are reported nearer to Addis Ababa, capital city.

## MUSSOLINI IN ALBANIA

Italian counter-attacks said to have been ordered by Premier Mussolini himself—the heaviest of the Albanian war — have been smashed with enormous Fascist losses.

## STRIKES ON DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

A CIO strike was called yesterday in Alcoa's Edgewater, N. J. plant, increasing to 29 the number of strikes affecting defense industries.