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FRANKLIN LETS CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Asheville Paving Firm
Bid Of \$105,568
Accepted

Contract for Franklin's street, water, and sewer improvement program was awarded to the Asheville Paving company, of Asheville, for \$105,567.75, when the bids were opened by the board of aldermen August 22.

Only two bids were submitted. The bid of the E. H. Hines Construction company, of Greenwood, S. C., the other bidder, was \$114,976.50.

The construction work will be begun as soon as materials become available, officials of the Asheville Paving company said, but they added that it will be impossible to start the paving and water extension work before next spring. No steel pipe is available now, they said.

It is hoped that the project to extend the sewer system can be begun this fall, but even terra cotta pipe is difficult to obtain, it was said.

The funds for the work will come from a town bond issue authorized by a vote of the people in an election held June 25.

At that time, a total bond issue of \$120,000 was voted. The program calls for expenditures not to exceed \$70,000 for extending the water mains and installing additional fire hydrants; \$30,000 for street paving; and \$20,000 for extending the sewer lines.

Slagle

Starts Work On Scout
Memorial Building

A B. Slagle this week began work on the Charlie Slagle memorial—a Boy Scout-Community building of native stone, to be constructed on the wooded hill just back of the Nantahala creamery.

Grading for the drive, which will circle the hill, has been finished, and excavation for the building is about completed, Mr. Slagle said.

Stockton Family Will
Hold Reunion Sunday

Total Stockton family reunion will be held at the old Stockton home place on North Skeenah next Sunday. This is the first meeting since the outbreak of the war, and all members of this family are urged to be present and bring a basket lunch.

Do You
Remember...?
(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

John Trotter has just received a new bicycle. It's the first dogon'd thing to get the editor of the Press down and get on top.

Mr. Wm. Penland, a highly respected citizen of Macon county, died at his home a few miles out of town, at 9:30 o'clock Monday night, at the age of 81 years. It is a singular coincidence that he and his wife were both born in the same month, January, and both died in the same month, August.

25 YEARS AGO

Tellico: We are having a good school. Miss Evie certainly knows how to use the "hickory tea."

FLATS: The stork unloaded a fine girl with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Boone on the 16th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Conley announce the birth of a daughter, on Friday, August 19, 1921.

10 YEARS AGO

A Macon County lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose will be organized Friday night at 8 o'clock at a meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall. Twenty-five or more applications have been received, while an original quota of 50 had been set.

A large wooden tabernacle on Wayah street is being pushed to completion this week under the direction of the Rev. A. A. Angel, Methodist minister and tombstone manufacturer, and will be formally opened at a service to be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

14,307 Volumes Lent By Franklin Public Library During Year

A total of 14,307 volumes went into Macon County homes from the Franklin Public library during the fiscal year ended June 30, the report of Mrs. Frank I. Murray, the librarian, shows.

The total number of volumes in the library at the end of the year was 8,019, of which 494 were added during the 12-month period.

Nearly half of the volumes circulated are children's books. The report shows that the total of 14,307 was made up of 1,310 adult non-fiction; 6,370 adult fiction; and 6,627 children's books.

The books in stock are: 4,308 for adults, and 3,648 for children. The library also subscribes to two newspapers and eight magazines.

The library is open daily from 1 to 5 p. m., except Saturdays and Sundays.

Mrs. Murray also pointed out the service of the bookmobile, sponsored by the Fontana Regional Library board, and serving Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties. The bookmobile, during the year ended June 30, covered a distance of 10,524 miles, carrying books to all sections of the three counties, and made a total of 1,204 book-lending stops.

The following books have been shelved by the Franklin library recently:

Portrait of a Marriage, Buck; America Is In the Heart, Bulosan; My Lady of Cloves, Barnes; Woman as Force in History, Beard; Blood of the Lamb, Baker; This is Goodbye, Bauer; The Unreasoning Heart, Beresford-Howe; Lady in the Tower, Burt; The Life Line, Bottom; Washington Tapestry, Clapper; A House in the Up-

lands, Caldwell.

This Side of Innocence, Caldwell; Deborah, Castle; The Long Year, Chidester; The Bitter Box, Clark; Religion in Russia, Casey; Volcanoes, New and Old, Coleman; Year One, Delehanty; Country Heart, Dick; Lawrence Vane, du Maurier; What Way My Journey Lies, Fenton; Lord Hornblower, Forester; The Popular Medical Enc. Fishben; No More a Stranger, Fisher.

Omit Flowers, Please, Gaines; Through the Storm, Gibbs; Yankee Storekeeper, Gould; Shadow on the Trail, Gray; Oh Dear, What Shall I Wear, Garnell; Robert Gordon, M. D.; Harris, Bright Arrows, Hill; Hawk's Flight, Hull; Iran, Haas; American, Hagedorn; Fester, Fester, Horn; The Innocent Mrs. Duff, Holding; The Great Promise, Houston.

The Cherokee Strip, James; Still to the West, Jones; Skiny Angel, Jones; Land of the Torreonos, Kelland; I Chose Freedom, Kravchenko; The Great Divorce, Lewis; Cousin from Fiji, Lindsay; Peace of Mind, Liebman; The Member of the Wedding, McCullers; A Treasury of Antiques, McBride; Our Own Kind, McSorley; Then and Now, Maughan; Spotlight Miller; Mink Coat, Norris.

Antioch, Actress, Perkins; Wake of the Red Witch, Roark; If You Ask Me, Roosevelt; Starling of the White House, Sugrue; Foretaste of Glory, Stewart; Burma Surgeon Returns, Seagrave; Old Doc, Seifert; A World to Win, Sinclair; The Idea of Christ in the Gospel, Santayana; Flags of All Nations, Smith; Aloha, Tempiski; Winter Meeting, Vance; General Wainwright's Story, Wainwright; and The Foxes of Harrow, Yearby.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	86	64	
Friday	87	60	
Saturday	81	61	2.27
Sunday	81	60	
Monday	78	60	
Tuesday	83	57	
Wednesday	82	57	

Total rainfall to date, this month, 2.74 inches. Total to date, this year, 42.98 inches.

Reunion Held By Sloan As 52 Gather

The eight children of Mrs. J. S. Sloan last week were at home together for the first time in 25 years.

To celebrate the occasion, Mrs. Sloan and her family entertained descendants of the late William and Timoxena Sloan at a picnic dinner family reunion at the Sloan home Friday. Fifty-two persons—representing four generations—enjoyed the family gathering.

Attending from out of town were W. N. Sloan and Miss T. Sloan, of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Dick) Sloan, of Pelham, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sloan, of Pelham, Ga., Carter S. Sloan and his son, Pat, of San Seba, Texas, Mrs. I. L. Easton and son, Dewey, of Lenoir City, Tenn., Miss Eleanor Sloan, of Lewiston, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tessier and son, Walter, of Baton Rouge, La., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Bill) Smith and children, Billy and Patricia, of Baton Rouge, Miss Harriette Kinnebrew, of Atlanta, Miss Calene Crawford, of Washington, D. C., and Miss L. M. Jones, of Raleigh.

All of the Sloan children have returned to their homes, except Miss Eleanor Sloan, who will be here until next week.

Cub Scouts To Have Picnic Meet Saturday

A Cub Scout pack meeting, picnic, and overnight camp will be held at Camp Lumpkin on Saturday night, it was announced this week by Cubmaster R. E. McKelvey.

All cubs and parents will meet at the Methodist church at 6 p. m. Saturday, bringing lunch for the picnic.

The earth is surrounded by a blanket of air 100 miles deep.

INDIAN MOUND DRIVE LAGGING: \$435 DONATED

Less Than Third Of Total
Sought Raised So Far;
Time Expiring

Twelve additional donations, received by Treasurer J. C. Jacobs during the past week, have brought the contributions to the Nikwasi Indian Mound fund to a total of \$435.

This lacks \$65 of being one-third of the \$1,500 sought to buy the property on which the Indian Mound stands, just west of the Little Tennessee River bridge, so that the Mound may be preserved.

The latest donors are E. C. Rankin, Miss T. Sloan, W. N. Sloan, Mrs. J. S. Sloan, Mrs. Ellen Hurst, Mrs. Louise Sewell, L. B. Phillips, Miss Laura M. Jones, Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, G. Lyle Jones, B. C. Dendy, and Miss Freda Siler.

The campaign for contributions got under way several weeks ago, following organization of the Nikwasi Indian Mound association, which proposes to buy the property by public subscription and deed it to the Town of Franklin, with the town serving as a sort of trustee to insure the Mound's preservation. The association is headed by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

W. Roy Carpenter, the owner of the property, agreed to sell it for \$1,500, provided purchase is made by August 31.

Name Thorpe District Head For USODrive

Appointment of J. E. S. Thorpe, of Franklin, as district chairman of the 1946-47 U.S.O. campaign, has been announced by North Carolina's lieutenant governor, L. Y. Ballentine, who is state campaign chairman.

Seven counties are embraced in the district U.S.O. organization, which Mr. Thorpe will head. They are Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain. County chairmen will be named for each county in the district prior to opening of the actual drive, which is scheduled for October 1.

The 1946-47 drive will be the last U. S. O. campaign. It has been designated by President Truman and other national leaders as the "See-It-Through" campaign. As the U. S. O. directors have announced, USO will complete its wartime, demobilization and reconversion services December 31, 1947.

Last year funds for the operation of USO were raised as a part of the National War fund. This year the USO campaign is separate and distinct, as activities of the United War Fund will terminate at the end of December of this year.

In emphasizing the importance of the work to be done by the USO during 1947, Lt. Governor Ballentine pointed out that some 59,000 North Carolina men and women are still in service or in hospitals, "and they need the program carried on by the USO. We cannot let them down. Many of them are serving in foreign lands, thousands of miles from home and some are in lonely out-post hospitals. We, I am sure, will not let them down."

Fishermen Come Home With Bag Of Gray Fox

T. W. Porter and Cecil Pendergrass, both well known as fishermen, Tuesday had the unusual experience of going fishing and coming home with a fox.

They fished in the lake at Aquone, where they reported they had fair luck, and were driving home shortly after dark when they noted a gray fox in the road. Apparently blinded by the car lights, the fox failed to get out of the highway and was struck and killed by the automobile.

The fishermen—turned fox-hunters—stopped, picked him up, and brought him home.

The United States has shipped about 205,000,000 bushels of wheat abroad for famine relief in the last six months.

Baby Squirrels Are 'Adopted' By Mother Cat

John Houston, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Houston, of the Buck Creek section of this county, recently found three baby squirrels, when he cut a tree while getting out saw logs. The mother was nowhere to be seen, and the boy took the babies home with him.

The question of feeding the squirrels immediately arose, but the problem was quickly solved.

A mother cat of the Houstons came to the rescue, took over the squirrels as foster children, and feeds and carries them around just as she does her own. And the young squirrels are thriving.

COUNTY RICHER AS COURT ENDS

\$6,456 Paid In Fines,
Forfeited Bonds
And Fees

Macon County is \$6,456 richer as a result of last week's criminal superior court, figures compiled in the office of A. R. Higdon, clerk of superior court, show.

Of this total, \$6,319 goes to the county school fund, and \$137 to the county's general fund.

As a result of court orders, the county collected the following sums:

Forfeited bonds, \$3,125.
Fines, \$2,950.
Solicitor's fees, \$244.
Jury tax, \$137.
It is the last-named amount that goes to the general fund.

Mrs. Henson Taken By Death At Her Home Near Franklin

Mrs. Lucille Henson, 68, wife of James D. Henson, died at their home, Franklin, Route 3, Tuesday morning at 11:45 o'clock, following an illness of two months, the funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Tellico Baptist church. The Rev. Judson Smith, pastor, officiated, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Henson, the former Miss Lucille Cragg, had lived in Rabun county, Georgia, until 1939 when she moved to this county. She was a member of the First Baptist church in Atlanta, Ga. The pallbearers were Dutch Dills, Jim Stewart, R. L. Hall, John Gribble, Jim Tallent and Alfred Tallent.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Joseph and Luther Henson, of Turtle-town, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. Pearl Justice, of Franklin; Route 3; and 11 grandchildren.

The arrangements were under the direction of the Bryant funeral home.

Mrs. Pendergrass Dies At Her Home In Kyle Section

Mrs. Sarah Cope Pendergrass, 63, wife of George Pendergrass, of the Kyle section, died at her home Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock, following an illness of one week.

Mrs. Pendergrass, a native of Jackson county, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andy Cope. Following her marriage to George Pendergrass about 35 years ago, she has resided in Macon County. She was a member of the Flats Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Aquone Baptist church on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, with the Rev. T. D. Dendy, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Joe Wright, Thurman Carter, Grady Ray, Carl Bateman, Fred Pendergrass, Willie Pendergrass.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Miss Mary Pendergrass; one son, Claude Pendergrass, both of whom live at the home; two brothers, John Cope, of Aquone, and Ange Cope, of Jackson county; and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Haney, of Franklin, Route 3, and Mrs. Tiny Webber, of Gastonia.

Bryant funeral directors were in charge of the arrangements.

AWARDS \$1,000 TO MRS. SLOAN IN POWER CASE

Another Jury Returns
\$3,500 Verdict For
Fractured Leg

In the suit of Mrs. J. S. Sloan against the Nantahala Power and Light company for alleged water damage, a jury late Wednesday awarded a verdict of \$1,000 to Mrs. Sloan. Counsel for the plaintiff filed notice of appeal to the state supreme court.

Completion of that case concluded the August term of Macon superior court—the first in several years that the court session have continued into the second week.

In another damage suit, a jury this week returned a verdict of \$3,500 in favor of Barry Hawkins of Horse Cove, against the Smoky Mountain Trailways. The suit grew out of a motor vehicle accident in which Mr. Hawkins suffered a broken leg. The injury was received in the collision of a Trailways bus, on which the plaintiff was a passenger, with a motor vehicle of the Carr Lumber company, and both were named as defendants, but at the conclusion of the evidence, Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding, dismissed the action as to the Carr Lumber company.

The Sloan-power company case grew out of the raising of the water level of the power lake here by one foot in 1943. The company, when it increased the height of the dam, condemned such of Mrs. Sloan's land as was damaged by the resulting higher water level.

The case first went to a jury of view, which awarded Mrs. Sloan \$2,500 in damages. Both the plaintiff and the defendant appealed from that verdict, and the case then came up for trial in superior court.

The plaintiff alleged that the value of 15 acres of bottom land was destroyed when the water was backed up another foot. The defendants alleged there was no damage.

Three divorces were granted at this term of civil court: James L. Brown from Vivian Brown; Ora Lee Deryberry from William Deryberry; and William Grady Crawford, Jr., from Mary Ruth Crawford.

This State Gains 1,460 Industrial, Commercial Firms

North Carolina had a net gain of 1,460 industrial and commercial firms and 14,746 workers during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946, roughly the first reconversion year, as measured by the net increase of firms covered by the Unemployment Compensation law, it is revealed by Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation commission.

During that year 1,216 firms with 53,090 covered workers retired from UC law coverage, while 2,676 new firms with 67,836 covered workers were brought under coverage. S. F. Campbell, director of research and statistics, pointed out that retirement may mean that firms consolidated, and that new coverage may be old or consolidated firms, or firms with fewer than eight workers which may have come under coverage, voluntarily or involuntarily, due to relationship with other firms.

These figures, however, bear out the known condition that many small firms have started business or industry in the state since the war ended.

Smokey Says:



Trees are a crop that need no cultivation, only fire protection. Repeated harvests over the years can be taken from woodlands given just reasonable care.