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## Golf Course, Lodge, Pool Sold As Unit

### TWO PROJECTS OF POWER FIRM GET APPROVAL

#### Construction Designed To Boost Output At Nantahala

Two hydro-electric projects of the Nantahala Power and Light company have been approved by the Federal Power commission. The projects, designed to increase electric energy output of the company's power plant at Nantahala, were planned at the time the Nantahala dam and power house were constructed, but had to be deferred because steel became unobtainable, it was explained by J. E. S. Thorpe, president of the company. The planned construction will add about two per cent to the Nantahala output he said.

The first project calls for an earth-faced rock-filled diversion dam 18 feet high and 110 feet long on Dick's Creek, creating a pond with an area of one-tenth of an acre, and a 3,890 foot-line of steel pipe, with a diameter of 24 inches, from the dam to Dick's Creek crossing of the conduit of the existing Nantahala project.

The company's second project is a concrete dam 25 feet high and 120 feet long on White Oak Creek, creating a pond with an area of seven-tenths of an acre, and a conduit consisting of a seven-foot diameter tunnel 2,100 feet long connected to a 52-inch diameter steel pipe line 9,670 feet long from the dam to Dick's Creek crossing of the conduit of the existing Nantahala project.

Since the streams affected are tributaries of the Little Tennessee river, which the TVA Fontana project dams, approval also is necessary from the TVA. As soon as that is obtained, Mr. Thorpe said, work on the two projects will be started.

### Catches Brown Trout Measuring 22 Inches

A 22-inch brown trout, weighing three and one-fourth pounds, was exhibited in Franklin Wednesday by Arthur Stanfield, of Cullasaja. Mr. Stanfield, who caught the fish in the Chatuge river, used a live cricket as bait, on a small hook.

### Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

**50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
 We learn that Mr. J. L. Gibson's son, aged about 8 years, was bitten about dark Sunday evening by a rattlesnake. He was given about a pint of whiskey and is in a fair way to recovery.

Mr. W. H. Greenwood and family removed from Rabun county, Georgia, to our town last Friday and are occupying the Presbyterian Manse.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
 Mr. J. J. Kiser gave a plot of ground on the corner of his farm next to Henry Slagle's line for a new cemetery in connection with the Mt. Hope church. Archie Siler was the first person buried in it.

What is probably the first rain insurance ever written for Macon county was taken out this week by the Sylva Land and Auction Company covering the weather here during the auction sale July 22. The policy insures the company in the sum of \$1,000 against rainfall.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
 It has been announced that the offices of the Nantahala Power and Light Company, located in Bryson City since 1929, will be moved to Franklin as soon as offices now being built are completed. Included in the families who will move to Franklin are: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Church and son, Edmond; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Penn and son, James; Mrs. Julia Williams, Miss Calla Clement, S. L. Coulter, and Claude Bolton.

### 6 Macon Boys Win \$550, Many Honors At Meeting Of State F. F. A. Group

Cash prizes totaling \$550 and many honors were collected by six Macon county boys, who accompanied by E. J. Whitmire, vocational agriculture teacher, spent last week in Raleigh attending the state convention of the Future Farmers of America. All the boys were students at Franklin high school last year and members of the Franklin chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Hayes Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Gregory, of Franklin, Route 4, received the outstanding award when he was named by the State FFA executive board star farmer for the 5th district. This award was made in recognition of young Gregory's outstanding four year record in vocational agriculture work.

Young Gregory has realized a gross income of \$4,300 from his projects during this period and at present has a net saving of approximately \$2,000 in the bank. For this record, he received a \$100 cash prize from the Future Farmers Foundation and a \$100 college scholarship from the Sears Roebuck foundation. He plans to enter North Carolina State college this fall, where he will study vocational agriculture.

James Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Patterson, of Tesenta, received a cash award of \$125 for having the best balanced farm program for the past year in the 5th district. The district covers all counties west of Statesville and contains 94 schools. The award was made by the Chilean Nitrate Company. During the past year, while making this record, young Patterson had complete charge of the management of

his father's farm. He plans to start the study of Vocational agriculture at N. C. State this fall.

Fifth district winner for the best balanced livestock and crop program was Bob Tippet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tippet, of Franklin, Route 3. Included in this Future Farmer's program was the raising of one registered heifer, fattening of one baby beef for the fall market, and the raising of a flock of 200 New Hampshire pullets.

Both young Tippet and Mr. Whitmire, his teacher, received awards of \$125 each from the Sears Roebuck Foundation for carrying out this project.

The parliamentary team, composed of Hayes Gregory, Lewis Penland, Hoyt Bryson, Bobby Tippet, and George Crawford, won third place and a \$100 cash prize in a state-wide parliamentary procedure contest.

In addition to these honors and cash prizes, young Gregory, Hoyt Bryson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bryson, of West's Mill, and George Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford, of Franklin, Route 1, received the honor of being named Carolina Farmers by the State Future Farmers executive committee. To receive this recognition a club member must have been in the upper two-fifths of his class, held an office in his local club, and cleared a minimum of \$20 on his agriculture projects.

One other award received by the Franklin group was a bronze tab, which was awarded to only four other clubs in the state. The tab was given for outstanding all-around club work.

### Highlands' Tax Rate For Year Fixed At \$2.25

The tax rate for the Town of Highlands for the 1947-48 fiscal year was fixed at \$2.25 on the \$100 valuation by the board of commissioners at its meeting Monday night. The board also adopted the budget for the year.

The tax rate last year was \$1.50.

Of the \$2.25 total, 75 cents is for debt service, and \$1.50 for operation and maintenance.

The increase was said to have been necessitated by the general increase in operating costs, plus a rather low rate of valuation.

### Cancer Fund Campaign Here Headed By Sloan

Bob S. Sloan has been appointed chairman of the Macon County cancer fund drive by the North Carolina division of the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Sloan said that direct solicitations will not be made this year, but urged that all who are able and who wish to contribute to this worthy cause to please mail their donations to Bob Sloan, Box 364, Franklin, N. C.

"I feel sure that the people of Macon County will do more than their part in ridding the nation of one of its most deadly killers and that direct solicitations of funds will not be necessary," Mr. Sloan said.

### 44th Annual Meet Of Baptist Body Set For Aug. 7-8

The Macon County Baptist Association will hold its 44th annual session at the Cowee Baptist church Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8, it was announced this week by J. H. Stockton, moderator.

Mr. Stockton urged that all churches have their duly elected representatives present with their associational letters.

### 17 ARE TAKING WATER COURSE

#### Red Cross Conducting Class For Swimming Instructors

Seventeen persons attended the first swimming instructors' class, held by James Davis, special field representative for the Red Cross, at the Franklin Lodge and Golf course swimming pool Monday afternoon.

Those enrolled for the course are Ruth Angel, Roy M. Biddle,

### MOVE TO CLIFFSIDE

Red Cross life saving and swimming classes Wednesday were moved from the Franklin Lodge swimming pool to Cliffside lake in order to make these courses available for Highlands applicants also. Rev. Charles M. Parker, Macon County Red Cross chapter chairman, announced. Classes will be held there daily beginning at 2 p. m.

### Charles E. Baldwin, Merrily Brooks, Anne Cabe, Floyd

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### Tellico Church Triples S. S. Attendance By Use Of Bus To Haul Folk In

Through the use of a recently purchased bus, the Tellico Baptist church has more than tripled its Sunday school attendance in less than a month.

Prior to the purchase of the new bus, the "walking attendance" at this Sunday school was 35 members.

Last Sunday, three weeks after the first bus run, 112 were present.

The bus, equipped with a 1942 Chevrolet engine with a Wayne steel body, was purchased from Morristown Baptist tabernacle, Morristown, Tenn., for the specific purpose of "hauling the folks to and from church."

By using the Lord's Acre Plan, the church has been able to raise \$950 to apply on the purchase. Donations are being sought to help decrease the remaining debt of \$700.

Also the Tellico church will sponsor Burke Barbour and the Blue Mountain boys in a program to be presented at the Macon county court house next Monday night at 8 o'clock. Their program is heard daily on the midway merry-go-round over station WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn. Proceeds will be used to reduce the church debt on the bus, according to Carl D. Morgan, chairman of the project.

### AUTO DRIVERS' LICENSE TESTS STARTED HERE

#### Persons Whose Surnames Start With A And B Being Examined

Drivers' license examinations, required by a new state law, got under way here Wednesday, and will continue, on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week, for an indefinite period, it was announced by R. V. Hooper, license examiner with the safety division of the State Highway and Public Works commission. Mr. Hooper's Franklin headquarters are the clerk of court's office in the courthouse.

Under the law, all drivers, including those who now hold licenses, must be reexamined.

From now through December 31, persons whose surnames begin with the letters "A" and "B" will be examined. The present drivers' licenses of persons whose surnames begin with those letters will be invalid after December 31, so they must take the new examination in order to drive motor vehicles after the last day of this year, Mr. Hooper explained.

Only persons whose surnames —Continued on Page Ten

### Lions Install Gaines, Other Club Officers

Robert R. Gaines was installed as president of the Franklin Lions club by W. L. Roberts, of Sarasota, Fla., former Lions district governor for the state of Florida and at present councilman for Lions International, at the regular meeting Monday night.

Other officers installed were first vice-president, W. V. Swan; second vice-president, Johnnie Kusterer; third vice-president, G. B. Woodward; secretary, E. L. Hyde; treasurer, Grover Jamison, Jr.; tail twister, Pritchard Smith, Jr.; Lion tamer, D. A. Stewart; and directors, C. H. Bolton, J. Ward Long, and C. N. Dowdle.

President Gaines, immediately following his inauguration, announced the selection of the following committee chairmen to serve for the year 1947-48: Safety, Pritchard Smith, health and welfare, G. B. Woodward; education, William Crawford; community betterment, Prelo Dryman; civic improvement, Alf Higdon, citizenship and patriotism, John Crawford; boys and girls, Paul Nave; blind work, Clyde Gailey; publicity, Bob Sloan; program and entertainment, Frank Duncan; membership, John Kusterer; lions' education, D. A. Stewart; finance, Grover Jamison; constitution and by-laws, C. H. Bolton; and attendance, J. L. West.

All members of the board of directors and committee chairmen for the coming year were urged to attend a board of directors meeting to be held Monday night in the recently completed Burrell Motor company building.

### Freezer Locker Plant To Start Operation Oct. 1

Franklin Frozen Foods, Inc. plans to open its new locker plant about October 1, according to E. J. Whitmire, president of the corporation.

At present, workmen from the Charlotte office of the Armstrong Cork company are installing the cork insulation for the plant. This phase of the work is expected to be completed by August 1.

Mr. Whitmire said that Oscar Ledford, who will be in charge of the operation of the plant, is at North Carolina State college Raleigh, taking a course in freezer locker plant management.

He added that he had just received word that the last shipment of equipment necessary to complete the plant would be shipped by July 21.

### R. O'MOHUNDRO DIES SUDDENLY

#### Funeral For Franklin Merchant Conducted In Virginia

Richard Sinclair O'Mohundro, 52, owner of the Franklin Variety store, and prominent as a member of the Masonic lodge and as a civic leader, died unexpectedly at his home Monday night about 10:30 o'clock. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. O'Mohundro had spent the day at work in his store and had gone home in apparent good health. He was alone except for his two small children, Richard Sinclair, III, who called a doctor, and Mary Randolph. Mrs. O'Mohundro was attending a meeting of a church organization at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. B. O'Mohundro. She was summoned immediately.

Mr. O'Mohundro came to Franklin from Richmond in 1939. He was a member of the Blue Lodge of Franklin and a Knight Templar in the York Rite and a Shriner. At the time of his death he was junior warden in the Junaluskee lodge at Franklin. He was a member of St. James Episcopal church of Richmond, Va.

Brief services were held at the Bryant funeral home chapel Tuesday, at 12:30 p. m., after which the body was sent to Wilmington, Va., where funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, with Masons in charge of the graveside rites.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Mohundro, brother and sister-in-law of the deceased, accompanied by Mrs. R. S. O'Mohundro, left Franklin Tuesday to attend the funeral in Wilmington.

Other survivors are two brothers, R. B., of Salt Lick, Ky., and F. B., of Richmond, Va.; and two sisters, Mrs. Ida O. Thomas, of Richmond, and Miss Eleanor O'Mohundro, of Washington, D. C.

### Bad Checks Being Passed, Sheriff Warns Merchants

A warning to Macon County business men to be careful about cashing checks for strangers was issued this week by Sheriff J. P. Bradley.

There is a wave of forgeries and bad check passing, and a number of concerns here have been victims, the sheriff said, adding the suggestion:

"Be sure you know the person who presents the check to be cashed."

### Henrys Return To W.N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry, after 23 years' residence in Hazel Park, Mich., have sold their home there and have returned to their native Western North Carolina. They are now living at the home they recently purchased in the Cullasaja community. Mr. and Mrs. Henry, who have five children married and living in Michigan, are natives, respectively, of Macon and Jackson counties.

### OTHER 41 ACRES TO BE DIVIDED INTO HOMESITES

#### Franklin Tourist Place To Be Operated By Florida Couple

The golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, and lodge and cottages of the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course have been bought by George K. Bowden, of Chicago, and will be operated as a unit, it was announced this week.

The property, embracing 50 acres, was purchased from Major and Mrs. J. F. Carmack, who have operated the tourist resort for the past 12 years.

The remaining 41 acres of the Carmacks' holding will be subdivided into tracts and lots and sold, under restrictions, as homesites.

The deal, one of the largest here in several years, was handled by R. A. Patton, Franklin real estate man, who also will handle the sale of lots. Pending for weeks, the transaction was closed Tuesday. It involves all of the furnishings.

The purchase price was not revealed.

Mr. Bowden, prominent attorney who maintains offices both in Chicago and Washington, D. C., plans to double the tourist capacity of the lodge by constructing 16 additional cottages. There are now 15.

Major and Mrs. Carmack, under terms of the deal, will continue to operate the place until September 1, when it will be taken over by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGill, who own and operate a hotel at Cassadaga, Fla. Mrs. McGill is Mr. Bowden's sister.

The McGills, Mr. Patton said, will operate the lodge and golf course through October, and then will close it until the spring, leaving in November to open their Florida hotel.

The golf course, swimming pool, and tennis courts will continue to be open to the public, as in the past.

The nine-hole golf course, laid off by W. N. Sloan, was opened in the early 1930's. The —Continued on Page Ten

### Budgets Of County, Town Of Franklin On Pages 4 and 5

As a matter of public information, The Press this week is publishing the budgets of Macon County and the Town of Franklin for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1947, and ending June 30, 1948.

These budgets show what the county and town propose to spend during the 12-month period, and for what it will be spent, and how the money will be raised.

The budget of the Town of Franklin appears on Page 4, and that of the county on Page 5.

The budget of the Town of Highlands was not available, but will be published when it has been approved by the Local Government commission and is made public by officials of Highlands.

### Franklin SOFTBALL LEAGUE

**Results**  
 Friday, July 11:—  
 Burrell 15; Zickgraf 13.  
 N. P. & L. Co. 18; Veterans 3.  
 Monday, July 14:—  
 (All games rained out.)  
**Coming Games**  
 Friday, July 18:—  
 Rotary vs. Burrell.  
 Ollers vs. Legion.  
 Monday, July 21:—  
 Veterans vs. Zickgraf.  
 N. P. & L. Co. vs. Burrell.  
**League Standings**

Rotary	W	L	Pct.
N. P. & L. Co.	7	1	.875
Burrell	6	3	.666
Veterans	5	5	.500
Zickgraf	2	6	.250
Ollers	1	8	.125