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HOLES BORED FOR PARKING METER PIPES

Firm Plans To Finish Installation In Two Weeks

Holes were drilled Tuesday on both sides of Main street, in preparation for the installation of parking meters, by representatives of M. H. Rhodes, Inc., which has the contract to install meters here.

Meters are to be installed on the south side of Main street from the west side of the post office building to the east side of the Duncan Motor company property.

From the post office building to the water fountain these meters will be 11 feet apart, and cars will be parked at an angle to the curb.

From the west side of Phillips street to the Duncan Motor company property, meters will be placed 22 feet apart and parking will be parallel.

On the north side of Main street, all parking will be at an angle and the meters will be installed from the west side of the Burrell Motor company to Dryman Feed and Grocery.

Meters for angle parking also will be installed on the west side of Phillips street from Main to Palmer. All meters will be 18 inches from curb.

All equipment necessary for the installation of the meters has arrived, except pipe on which the meters will be mounted.

William Syah, seervice engineer for the company, said that he hoped to have the meters installed within two weeks. Town officials said that all holes necessary for installing the meters have not yet been drilled.

Meters of this same type also are being installed in Bryson City, Sylva, and Waynesville by the Rhodes firm.

Broughton, Former N. C. Governor, Here Monday

Former Governor J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, was here for a short time Monday, chatting with friends. He was accompanied by E. Lyndon McKee, of Sylva.

Do You Remember ... ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
J. L. Barnard has bought out the stock of goods of J. C. Wright and for the present has two stores. Mr. Wright is out of business now.

W. T. Potts is removing his goods from his store here to Highlands.

The Tattler in The Asheville Citizen discourses Thursday about Collector Sam L. Rogers. "The record made by Sam L. Rogers in the office as collector of internal revenue is a record in which the Democracy of the Ninth district can feel proud. His conduct of the office has been notably clean and efficient and the records kept by the watchful eyes of Uncle Sam in Washington will bear testimony to the fact."

25 YEARS AGO
The Southern division of the Macon County Singing convention will meet with the Holly Springs Baptist church August 11. Eleven o'clock sermon by the pastor. Organization at one o'clock. Further arrangements will be made by the president. All singing classes and singers, come and let's make it the best we have ever had.

J. M. Raby, president.
O. C. Corbin, secretary.

10 YEARS AGO
Judge E. Yates Webb, of the U. S. district court in Asheville, has ordered the distribution of \$71,335 of Macon County funds having interest claims against the county. The money has been held in the Wachovia Bank and Trust company pending a settlement. The order was signed in suits brought by the Royall Neighbors of America, Inc., and the Sovereign camp, Woodmen of the World.

3 Women Drawn On Jury List For August Court

When the name of Mrs. Harry Higgins, of Franklin, was drawn by Olin Woods, five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Woods, to be placed on the Jury list for the August term of Superior court, it was the first time in the history of Macon county that a woman had been selected for jury duty. The names of two other women, Miss Sara Gilder, of Highlands, and Mrs. Nelle Katenbrink, of Franklin, were also drawn for the jury list for this coming term of court. The drawing was held Monday morning in the register of deeds office by the county commissioners.

The placing of women's names on the list of those eligible to serve on juries is in compliance with a state constitutional amendment, providing for women to serve on juries, adopted in last November's general election and with an act of the 1947 general assembly. From the names selected for jury duty, the grand jury and petit juries will be drawn.

Other names selected for jury duty for the August term of court are: Roy Cantrell, Franklin, Route 3; Fred Arnold, Franklin; Z. W. Taylor, Route 4; E. R. Higgins, Route 3; Herman

Childers, Franklin; George Dean, Franklin; Earl Blaine, Route 1; Cleo Holland, Gneiss; W. W. Neal, Aquone; F. B. Downs, Franklin; Lee Barnard, Jr., Franklin; Berlin Duvall, Route 3; W. A. Sellers, Route 4; E. C. Shook, Franklin; R. B. Wilson, Highlands; Clint May, Flats; James Crawford, Highlands; J. J. Gray, Route 2; J. C. Dowdle, Route 1; Tudor N. Hall, Highlands; Paul Morgan, Route 4; Thomas H. Fagg, Franklin; John L. Snyder, Route 4.

Paul Ashe, Route 3; T. T. Henderson, Gneiss; Alvin Crow, Highlands; J. W. Burnett, Highlands; J. R. Holbrooks, Route 3; Earl English, Franklin, W. J. Blaine, Franklin; Norman Guffey, Prentiss; Algie Guyer, Route 3; Fred Dryman, Route 2; J. B. Brendle, Route 4; W. H. Cabe, Highlands; Will Talley, Route 4; Fred Henson, Gneiss; George R. Patton, Route 4; Andrew Gregory, Gneiss; Lex Angel, Cullasaja; W. M. Angel, Route 3; Harold Cabe, Route 4; Lon J. Dalton, Route 3; Pink Gregory, Route 2; Cecil Crawford, Route 1; J. Robert Parrish, Route 3; Wiley Brown, Route 2; Don Raby, Route 3; J. R. Bulgin, Franklin; and S. M. McCoy, Gneiss.

W. A. BOLICK DIES IN MISHAP

Funeral For Highlands Man Set For Friday At Buck Creek

Funeral services for William A. Bolick, 34, of Highlands, who was killed Wednesday morning when an automobile in which he was riding left the Deal's Gap-Fontana highway, overturned several times, and landed in Lake Cheoah, will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Buck Creek Baptist church.

The accident was discovered about 8:30 a. m. Wednesday when persons en route to work at Fontana found two guard rail posts on the road knocked down. Upon investigation, they found the almost completely submerged car in the lake.

Thomas E. Rogers, of Knoxville, Tenn., who also was killed was the only other occupant found in the car. A watch worn by one of the men had stopped at 12:45.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Wiley McCall, Buck Creek Baptist pastor, assisted by the Rev. L. P. Grant, of Franklin.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Edwards, David Edwards, John Edwards, Raleigh Gibson, Bill Gibson, and Terry Bolick, cousins.

Surviving are the widow; three children, Hattie Ruth, Carol Ann, and John Perry; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Michler, of Brevard, Mrs. Felmet Wilson, of Canton, and Mrs. Harold Cabe, of Franklin, Route 4; and one brother, Ben Bolick, of Highlands.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Bryant Funeral home.

Plan To Form Boys' Model Airplane Club

All boys, 12 years of age and older, who are interested in organizing a model airplane club are requested to meet at the home of John Archer, III, Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. According to young Archer, the purpose of the club is to interest boys in the building and flying of gas model airplanes. At Saturday's meeting officers will be elected and club rules established. After being formed, the organization will become a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt and J. L. West, lay delegate, will leave Saturday to attend the first National Methodist Rural Life conference, which will be held in Lincoln, Neb., July 29-31.

The prime purpose of this conference is to "propose a policy and develop a program for the rural churches of Methodism."

The Rev. D. P. Grant will conduct next Sunday morning's service at the Franklin Methodist church in the absence of Mr. Huneycutt.

Extension Service Workers Given Salary Increase

In keeping with the general salary scale increase for state employees, salaries of employees of the county farm agent's and home demonstration agent's offices here were increased 10 per cent by the board of county commissioners, at a meeting of the board Monday.

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the board, explained that the increase was granted at the request of R. W. Shoffner, western district agent, to match a 10 per cent increase granted by the state. (All state employees, other than teachers, are being given an increase of approximately 20 per cent. Extension service workers' salaries are paid in part by the county.)

The commissioners also received a petition signed by A. A. Drake, Delia Drake, Harold Swafford, Helen Swafford, Perry Swafford, and Pearl Swafford, requesting that the section of the old Bryson City road which extends from the end of Iotia street to a point on the new Bryson City highway, about 2½ miles north of Franklin, be taken over and maintained by the State Highway commission.

Red Cross Names Mrs. Sloan To Executive Post

At a called meeting of the executive committee, of Macon county chapter of the Red-Cross, Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan, who has served for the past three years as home service secretary, was given the position of executive secretary.

Mrs. Sloan also was granted a leave of absence, at her request, until September 1. Miss Barbara Stockton will fill her position until Mrs. Sloan returns.

Those present at the meeting were the Rev. C. E. Parker, chapter chairman, Miss Anna Jean Penland, James Davis, special field representative of the Red Cross, J. H. Stockton, finance chairman, Miss Gladys Kinsland, Junior Red Cross chairman, and John Archer, member of the executive committee.

Petition Seeks Macon Election On Beer Sale

A petition seeking an election on the question of the sale of beer and wine in Macon County is being circulated in the county.

The petition, addressed to the county board of commissioners, is sponsored by the Allied Church League, a state-wide organization.

H. H. Plemmons, county chairman for the league, said the chief purpose of requesting the election is to "allow the will of the people" to be expressed at an election. At present, beer is

Work Resumed On Van Raalte Textile Plant

Work on the Van Raalte company plant in East Franklin was resumed Wednesday, following completion of the outside work on the firm's Bryson City plant.

The Merchant Construction company, which has the contract, plans to complete the \$150,000 Franklin plant by January 1, assuming sufficient materials and labor are available. A section of the plant here was finished, and operations begun, several months ago, but work on the remainder was then suspended. The Bryson City plant is expected to be finished by August 15.

Because machinery is received on a quota basis, Van Raalte officials could not predict when the machinery in the completed Franklin plant will be installed, but hope to start installation about February 1. Sixty-two women are now employed at glove making in the plant. When it is completed, hosiery or some other Van Raalte product may be manufactured here.

SWIM CLASSES START MONDAY

New Instructors Will Teach; Plan Life Saving Course

Swimming classes for beginners and intermediates and a junior life saving course, under the auspices of the local Red Cross chapter, will be available to the public, free of charge, from July 28 through August 15.

All classes will be taught by instructors who have just finished a two weeks course in life saving and swimming instruction, taught by James Davis, special field representative for the Red Cross.

Mr. Davis said that all those who completed the course will be certified by him as qualified life savers and competent instructors.

He added that the demonstration to be given Friday, upon the completion of the two week course, will be held at the Franklin golf course pool at 3 p. m. instead of Cliffside lake.

Parents who have children that desire to take any of these courses are requested to give the name of the child and course desired to the local Red Cross office. Parents will be responsible for getting children to and from classes.

Schedules and instructors for the classes to be held is as follows:

Beginners (for those who can't swim at all or very little, aged six years and over); classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, At Cliffside. Instructor, Neil —Continued On Page Eight

Baptists To Hold S. S. Convention At Flats Church

The quarterly Sunday school convention of the Macon County Baptist association will meet at the White Oak Flats church Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Theme of the afternoon program, for which the Rev. J. M. Woodward will deliver the sermon, will be "Reaching the Multitudes".

After the devotional, to be given by the Rev. Carl Denny, and the business session, there will be a report on Sunday school training by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, and a report on the vacation Bible schools by E. R. White.

200 Make Annual Macon Farm Tour

1,500 Attend Federation's Annual Picnic

Approximately 1,500 men, women, and children attended the Farmers Federation annual picnic for Macon County, held at the Franklin school last Saturday.

Speakers included James G. K. McClure, Federation president, the Rev. Dumont Clarke head of the religious department of the organization, and S. W. Mendenhall, Macon County farm agent, who spoke briefly.

Mr. McClure made his annual report on the Federation's activities, and discussed three new departments — the bulb industry; Skyline Dairy, which he said will be in operation in about two weeks; an artificial cattle breeding service the Federation plans to inaugurate.

Mr. Clarke reported on the Lord's Acre movement, and explained a new Christian recreation program being launched by a number of churches in this area. Pamphlets on this projects will be available soon, he said.

The program of entertainment featured the Federation string band, consisting of Johnny Rhymer, Gay Sluder and Eugene Boone. Gaither Robinson, an old-timer with the band, was unable to attend due to a broken arm suffered in a fall recently. Mrs. Johnny Rhymer sang with the group.

Others appearing on the program were Mrs. C. C. Smart and her three children, Dolores, Shirley and Janice, of Bryson City; A. V. Carroll, Gar Mosteler, and Jess Matheson, all of Andrews; Buel Dalton of Franklin; Sebren Colt of Jackson county; Maxine Tallent, of Bryson City; Bobby McPee, of Asheville; the Happy Ramblers, of Macon county, consisting of Rudolph Carter, Howard Cabe, Bryant Hurst, and John Hurst; Alex Houston, young ventriloquist, of Hendersonville; Herman Jones, of Whittier; Hayward Shelton of Argura, Jackson county; and "Rusty" Waldroop, of Andrews.

Another feature was the Federation hen, which waddled onto the stage to the tune of "Cackling Hen" and calmly laid an egg.

Athletic contests were held on —Continued on Page Eight

Pick Lions' Committees For 1947-48

Committees were named to serve for the year 1947-48 by President Robert R. Gaines at a called meeting of the board of directors of the Franklin Lions club Monday night. The first named in each case will serve as chairmen. The committees follow:

Attendance, J. L. West, Ernest Hyde, Wayne Faulkner; constitution and by laws, Claude Bolton, T. W. Angel, Jr., J. W. Long; finance, Grover Jamison, Jr., Mac Whitaker, Ernest Hyde, A. R. Higdon; lions education, D. A. Stewart, J. W. Long, C. N. Dowdle; membership, John Kusterer, Paul Nave, G. B. Woodward; program and entertainment, Frank Duncan, Mac Whitaker, C. H. Bolton; publicity, Bob Sloan, Frank Martin, C. S. Brown, Eb Bulloch; blind work, George Cook, Roy Berrong, W. V. Swan; boys and girls, Paul Nave, William Crawford L. Simmons, B. L. McGlamery, citizenship and patriotism, John Crawford, Bob Sloan, Prelo Dryman, Frank Henry; civic improvement and community betterment, A. R. Higdon, T. W. Angel, Jr., Charles Conley, Dr. O. H. Burnside, Frank Duncan, C. G. Burrell, Bob Sloan, Prelo Dryman; education, William Crawford; Don Allison, W. A. Shuford, Wiley Brown; health and welfare, G. B. Woodward, R. E. Welch, B. L. Sherrill, Furman Corbin; safety, Pritchard Smith, Frank Henry, A. G. Cagle, Willard Pendergrass, Harry Thomas; and convention, B. L. McGlamery.

Representative Group Sees Eye-Opening Demonstrations

Some 200 persons, making the annual Macon County farm tour, Wednesday visited farms that proved eye-openers in more ways than one.

They not only saw surprising exhibits of what can be done — and is being done — in Macon County in the realm of soil, crops, and livestock. They also were impressed with the demonstrations of human resourcefulness, energy, and independence, proof of which was found in the transformation of farming that is taking place here.

The motorcade that wound out of Franklin shortly after 9 a. m. was made up of some 40 automobiles, trucks, and jeeps, and riding in those vehicles was a cross-section of Macon County citizenship — farmers, business and professional men, farm youth, and a number of farm women.

The party first drove through the Rabbit Creek valley, where a patchwork of green greeted the eye. Against a background of near mountains and hills the light green of pasture and hay crops stood out, with the darker green of the bordering cornfields in contrast, and cutting the valley in two was a ribbon of still darker green, created by the trees and shrubs along the creek banks.

The first stop was at the adjoining farms of Bob Taylor and Owen Ammons. On the latter, Mr. Mendenhall, pointing to the eight-foot Hawkins Prolific corn, told the crowd that, "with a little help from the Lord, in the way of some rain", the crop will make 100 bushels to the acre. The county average 10 years ago was 19 bushels.

Alfalfa seen at this stop was being cut for the third time, and the county agent said it would yield still another crop this season. He pointed out to the farmers that it was being cut at exactly the right stage — just as the first purple blossoms began to appear.

Mr. Ammons, the agent told the group, during the past year has had an average of 336 laying hens; each has laid an average of 219 eggs; and the net profit, per bird, after paying for feed, was \$5.30.

A demonstration of the value of lime and phosphate on pastures was another interesting feature here, and, while the group was in Mr. Ammons' pasture, Gaylord Hancock, of Lexington, production manager of the Coble Dairy Products, a guest on the tour, pointed out the good points of a beautiful two-year old heifer. Mr. Mendenhall said an offer of \$300 for the animal has been refused.

Driving past the fine alfalfa fields of Mr. Taylor, the party circled through the Cat Creek valley and drove back to town, and up the Little Tennessee river to the farm of Herman Talley, between Clark's Chapel and Prentiss. This is a demonstration farm, under a program of the extension service and the TVA, and Mr. Talley is a GI taking on-the-job farm training under the direction of E. J. Whitmire.

He moved to the farm, grown up in sassafras sprouts, just 10 months ago. Since that time, he and his father, Jack Talley, have built a cement-block six-room home, on a hill commanding a fine view of the mountains; installed an electric pump that carries water from the spring to the house; built and equipped a workshop, where a number of devices are operated by a single motor; made a start on a flock of Barred Rock chickens, for which they have built a range shelter; and put 20 acres in cultivation, most of it in a crop of corn that looked good to the visitors.

The two Talleys have done all the work themselves.

At the Talley farm, Don Allison, assistant county agent, explained to the crowd what a demonstration farm is, and how every detail is carefully planned for a five-year program.

A feature of the stop at the Jim Gray farm, near Riverside, was the "payment" by young Tom Cabe for his registered

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