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## PARKING METER DEPOSITS TOTAL \$85 FOR 3 DAYS

### Town Officials Pleased At Cooperation Shown By Motorists

Deposits in Franklin's 115 parking meters from Friday noon of last week, when they went into use, until Wednesday noon totaled \$85.02, an average of about 74 cents per meter, town officials announced.

Since the meters are not in use on Sundays, under provisions of the parking regulations adopted when they were installed, and since Monday was a holiday, when business houses here were closed, the collections actually cover only about three full days.

On a basis of three full days, the collections averaged nearly 25 cents per day per meter.

The parking meter ordinance applies only on week days from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

During the first five minutes after the ordinance went into effect last Friday at noon, 31 cents was deposited in those meters situated between the courthouse and the post office, a survey showed. Many motorists, in fact, seemed to seek a parking space in front of a meter, so they could try out the new devices.

Town officials Wednesday expressed satisfaction with the cooperative spirit generally shown by the public. Only a few police summonses for violations of the new parking ordinance have been issued, it was said.

At Monday night's meeting of the board of aldermen, Town Clerk E. W. Long was authorized to hear cases where motorists are given tickets for overtime parking. In cases where a warrant is issued, however, the case must be tried before the mayor.

Under terms of the town's contract with the meter manufacturers, all money collected goes to the manufacturers until the fee of \$5 per meter for installation is paid. After that, one-half the collections go to the town, and one-half to the manufacturers, until the purchase price of \$62.50 per meter is paid. Thereafter, all the collections will go into the town treasury.

## Do You Remember...?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Mr. C. C. Daniels left last Friday morning for Wilson after spending two weeks with his family here. His wife and children will join him when the weather grows cooler.

A subscription is being raised to build a good wagon road from Nantahala gap to the top of Wayah Bald, and W. B. McGuire is the contractor. This is a good move and we wish it success.

J. L. Barnard bought the stock and merchandise of Dr. W. H. Higgins Wednesday and moved into his store.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Community club of Higdonville proposes to have a community fair this fall, and asks all the schools and good citizens of the township to cooperate with them in making it a success. In addition, they ask the Mountain Grove school of Millsboro township to cooperate with them. Mr. T. R. Gray asks us to announce that they would like some representative from each school to meet them at Higdonville school house on Friday, Sept. 15th, at 4 p. m. to assist in working out the details and fixing a time.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Franklin will play host to hundreds of visitors attending the dedication exercises of the John B. Byrne Memorial Tower on Labor Day, Monday, September 8. Knitted to the rock mass of Wayah Bald, the new Byrne Memorial Tower rises 53 feet above the summit and seems to stand guard over the vast stretch of timberland cherished by the late John B. Byrne, a former supervisor of the Nantahala National forest.

## 10 Macon Taxpayers Own 44 Per Cent Of Listed Wealth Here

Ten corporations and individuals pay 44 per cent of the taxes collected by Macon County, records in the office of Lake V. Shope, county tax supervisor, reveal.

Put another way, these 10 firms and persons own nearly half of the tax-assessed wealth in the county.

The county's total property valuation is \$10,767,645, and \$4,730,070 of this is listed by these 10 taxpayers.

The largest taxpayer, of course, is the Nantahala Power and Light company, which owns 38 per cent of all the property listed for taxes. Nine other taxpayers own the next six per cent.

The power company's assessed valuation is \$4,121,027.

### 'Paws' Blistered, Lions Emerge From 'Jungle' 'Roaring'

Some 15 members of the Franklin Lions club moved "labor day" three days ahead of the calendar when they gathered on the county's Main street vacant lot late last Friday afternoon.

They were there to clean off the lot, which was covered with a dense growth of weeds and bushes, so that they could see just how the land lays and thus plan the best way to turn the space into a community playground and park.

While much of the labor expended definitely would have had to be classed as "unskilled", the Lions—by virtue of much brawn, considerable sweat, and a good many nicks in axes and brush hooks—got the lot cleared. As darkness fell, the Lions were "roaring" over the fact that it looked like the lot, with the "jungle" removed, would make a fine playground.

Detailed plans for developing the recreational area will be discussed at an early meeting of the club.

## Lynch Case Defendant Reared Here

Joe Cunningham, who this week was ordered held for action by the Warren county grand jury September 15 in connection with the alleged attempted lynching of a Northampton county Negro, formerly lived here.

Mr. Cunningham, who is an assistant theater manager at Rich Square, Northampton county, is the son of the former Miss Hattie Cunningham, of Franklin. Her father is Robert Cunningham, of Bryson City. The parents now make their home at Rich Square.

Mr. Cunningham is one of seven men originally charged with the attempted lynching, but Tuesday Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, sitting as a committing magistrate on a commission issued by Governor Cherry, dismissed the charges against the other six. At the same time Judge Frizzelle ordered the Northampton county jailer arrested, after he had testified that he made no attempt to prevent the removal of the Negro, Godwin Bush, from the jail.

In releasing the six men, Judge Frizzelle told them they were permitted to go free solely because a confession purportedly given an F. B. I. agent by Mr. Cunningham, was incompetent evidence as to them, due to a legal technicality.

Judge Frizzelle was ordered by Governor Cherry to sit as a committing magistrate, after the Northampton county grand jury last month failed to return a true bill against the seven men. The jurist bound Cunningham over to the grand jury of neighboring Warren county.

He is charged with conspiracy to break and enter a jail and with breaking and entering a jail with intent to kill or injure the Negro Bush—the same charges originally preferred against all seven defendants. Each of the two charges carries a maximum penalty, upon conviction, of 15 years. He and the

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The Southern Railway, for many years the county's largest single taxpayer, stands second with a valuation of \$60,918. Its Macon County property is a stretch of about two miles of the Murphy Branch which passes through the edge of this county.

The county's eight largest single taxpayers, in order, and the assessed valuations of their property, follow:

- English Lumber company, \$73,485.
- Charles V. Rainwater, \$67,450.
- A. B. Slagle, \$60,000.
- Zickgraf Hardwood company, \$56,270.
- Bank of Franklin, \$50,000.
- Dr. Edgar Angel, \$47,450.
- W. C. Burrell, \$47,320.
- O. C. Bryant estate, \$46,150.

## ONE IS KILLED, 7 HURT IN WRECKS

### Miami Woman Under Bond In Mishap Fatal To Highlands Youth

Automobile accidents in Macon county over the Labor Day week-end resulted in the death of one person and injuries to seven others.

Sheridan N. Reid, 17, received fatal injuries when the car which he was driving collided with a car driven by Mrs. Katherine Otto, of Miami, Fla., in the center of Highlands, about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Reid, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reid, of Highlands, died at the Angel hospital in Franklin early Monday morning as the result of injuries received in the accident.

Mrs. Otto, charged with involuntary manslaughter, was released on bond, pending the hearing which is expected to be held at an early date.

The car which young Reid was driving was owned by Odell McCoy, of Gneiss, who was riding in the car at the time and is now in Angel hospital suffering with serious injuries.

Funeral services for young Reid were held at the Gold Mine cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. A. T. Abbott and the Rev. Virgil Ramey officiating.

Mrs. Bertha Queen, 40, of Clayton, Ga., and Mrs. Will J. Smith, 44, also of Clayton, both received serious back injuries Sunday afternoon when a truck in which they were riding was sideswiped by an automobile attempting to pass on the Dillsboro highway, near the home of R. D. Brendle, at the foot of the Cowee mountain. The car was driven by the Rev. Robert

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### Highlands Board Discusses Town's Sewer Situation

Chief topic of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Highlands town commissioners last Monday night was the sewer problem.

Following a long discussion, it was decided to employ an engineer to furnish an estimate of the cost of sewer construction needed in the town.

It was announced by the mayor that he had sworn in the new clerk Varnol McCall, last Saturday. Mr. McCall has assumed the duties which have been filled by Robert Dupree, who resigned as clerk to take up his teaching duties in the Highlands school.

## Macon Readers To Get Press Hereafter Thursday Mornings

Starting with next week's issue, The Press will be "put to bed" each week 24 hours earlier than heretofore.

Hereafter it will be published late on Wednesday of each week, instead of on Thursday, and will reach most Macon County readers on Thursday. It will, however, continue to carry a Thursday dateline, the day it reaches most readers—like a morning daily. The papers will be put in

## 'NO TEACHER, NO SCHOOL', BOARD TOLD BY GROUP

### Flatly Refuse To Send Children On Bus To Higdonville

A delegation from the Gold Mine section Monday flatly told members of the county board of education and the county superintendent that, if the officials persist in consolidating the small Gold Mine school with that at Higdonville, Gold Mine parents will not send their children to school.

The ultimatum was issued only after members of the 15-man delegation had discussed the situation at length with the superintendent and board members at Monday morning's meeting.

When the group of patrons found they were making no progress, members of the delegation withdrew from the room for a few minutes, and then returned with their announcement, "no teacher, no school".

"You'll have to send us a teacher to Gold Mine", W. L. Harper, the delegation's spokesman declared, "if our children are to go to school. No reasonable man would expect parents to send six-year olds out at 6 o'clock in the morning, with a lantern, to walk two miles to catch a school bus. No reasonable man would even consider that in wintertime."

Earlier in the meeting, they had suggested that the school officials had voted to close the Gold Mine school and send the children by bus to Higdonville without knowing the true situation, and urged them to go study it. Supt. G. L. Houk and Chairman C. Gordon Moore both said they never had been to Crow Creek, the community worst hit by the move, and, at the conclusion of the meeting,

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## Queen's Creek Contract Let By Nantahala

Contract for the construction of the Nantahala Power and Light company's Queen's Creek hydro-electric project has been let to T. M. Strider and Company, of Andrews, it was announced this week by officials of the power company. Work is expected to get under way immediately.

The contract calls for the construction of a dam 65 feet high and 405 feet long, to be built of rock and earth, in the Winding Stairs section of Macon County; a one-unit power house at Beechertown; and a 6,500-foot line of 24" steel pipe to convey the water from the dam to the power house.

The dam will create one of the highest head units in Eastern America, it is said. The water in the reservoir will be 1,005 feet higher than the power house.

The dam across Queen's Creek, tributary of the Nantahala river, will create a lake about a mile long. The dam will be situated approximately 800 feet upstream from the Queen's Creek falls.

The output of power from this unit will supplement the electric energy generated at other plants of the Nantahala firm.

Construction workers on the project will be employed by the Strider company at Andrews or on the site, power company officials explained.



MISS ANNE RAY

Miss Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ray, of Franklin, has accepted the position of assistant home demonstration agent in Macon county, and assumed her duties Tuesday. The position has been vacant since the recent resignation of Miss Joyce Sutherland. Miss Ray, who is a graduate of the Swain county high school, received her B. S. degree in home economics from the University of Tennessee last Friday.

## VETERANS CASH \$41,000 BONDS

### 186 Macon Ex-Servicemen Swap Leave Paper For Cash At Bank Here

Macon county Veterans of World War 2 exchanged terminal leave pay bonds totaling \$41,000 for cash at the Bank of Franklin Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday morning the bank lobby was crowded, shortly after the opening hour, with veterans who had brought their bonds to the bank to get the cash on them, and when the banking day was over, 128 veterans had obtained \$28,000, Henry W. Cabe, cashier, said. Wednesday

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## Baseball Team Moves To Second Place With 3 Wins

The Franklin baseball team forged its way into second place in the Smoky Mountain league by winning three games in three days, over the Labor day week-end.

Saturday the local team defeated Hayesville, 9 to 8, in a hard-fought game. Lyle Raby was on the mound for the Franklin players.

Sunday's game, with Hiawasse, Ga., also was a close game, with Franklin coming from behind to win 7 to 6. "Britches" Poindexter, after seeming to weaken in the seventh inning, rallied and pitched fine ball through the final innings. The Franklin club showed power at the plate by clubbing four home runs in the contest.

On Monday, behind the excellent pitching of young Harley Stewart, Franklin defeated Marietta, Ga., 11 to 2. This last win placed Franklin in second position in the league, with a record of 9 wins and 6 losses for the season.

Next Sunday Franklin will play Sylva in a double header on the Franklin school diamond. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

### Grants One Beer License, Defers Action On Second

Requests for two beer licenses were the only matters, other than routine business, to come before the county commissioners at their monthly meeting Tuesday, at which all members were present.

A beer license was granted to Mrs. Clara Morgan, authorizing her to sell beer in Morgan's cafe, which is situated near the depot.

An application was presented by George Henry requesting that he be allowed to sell beer in the establishment formerly operated by Warren Guest on the Cowee mountain. Guest received a suspended sentence at the August term of superior court for violating the prohibition law.

The board held their decision on this matter in abeyance.

## TOWN TO PAVE DEPOT STREET; SEEKING BIDS

### Aldermen Discuss Water Problems, Will Have Pumps Checked

The Franklin board of aldermen, at its meeting Monday evening, voted to advertise for bids for the paving of Depot street and a section of Wayah street, decided to have the town's three water pumps checked to determine if they are delivering maximum output, and made minor alterations in the business district parking regulations.

Decision to go ahead with the paving of Depot street, without waiting further for the State highway commission to do the job, was taken upon motion of alderman L. B. Phillips, seconded by Alderman E. J. Whitmire, Jr. The town has been negotiating with the State Highway commission for the paving of this street for the past year and a half, and repeatedly has been given to understand that the state would do the work.

The sections to be paved are Depot street from East Main to Wayah, and Wayah street from its intersection with Depot east to the railroad.

Most of the meeting was devoted to hearing delegations and to discussion of the water situation and parking problems.

After George Reece, E. A. Stiles, and John Bulgin had complained about the taste and odor of town water since installation of the temporary filtering and chlorinating plant on a creek just west of the town limits, the board members opened a discussion of the water problem.

Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., told the delegation and the board that samples of the water are sent weekly to the State Board of Health. He added that the water meets the state's health specifications, and that the state board has reported that, except for the first sample received, no odor has been detected.

Alderman W. C. Burrell suggested that perhaps the cause of the trouble in West Franklin is the fact that, when the new water main in that section was installed, a heavy chlorinating solution was used to disinfect the pipe. He suggested that the fire hydrants be opened and water pumped through the main at high speed, to thoroughly flush the main and remove the remaining solution. Other board members expressed doubt of the feasibility of this plan, due to the relatively small amount of water available.

At this point Mayor Angel announced that a new pump and motor have been installed at the emergency pumping station, thus relieving the fire truck, which has been used for that purpose. He added that, at present, water is being pumped from the creek only about two days a week, and that it was hoped that it would not be necessary to use this temporary water supply for more than one more month.

Mr. Phillips suggested that, if people were stopped from washing cars and watering lawns, the temporary water supply booster might not be necessary now. Alderman Russell Cabe commented that something should certainly be done.

Residents of the Murphy road section said, due to the odor and taste of the water coming through the main directly from the emergency plant to the spigot in their houses, several wells are being dug in West Franklin.

Mayor Angel pointed out again that it was hoped to be able to discontinue the temporary plant soon, but that he felt it is necessary to continue the present pumping to insure fire protection, and he added that filling station operators have a right to be able to wash cars and that it was a hardship on these business men to limit their water supply.

Following Mr. Angel's comment, Mr. Phillips suggested that the present system be continued until a surplus of water is accumulated, and then that the pumps and line be checked for defective machinery and for leaks in the line.

A letter was read from the McBurney Stoker and Equipment company, of Atlanta, Ga.,

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