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**MOVE TO START BUILDING NEW SCHOOL PLANTS**

Mr. Baldwin wanted to know what the board proposes to do for those communities in which it originally was planned to construct new buildings, but which will have to be left off the program at present costs.

Mr. Houk replied that that is a matter for the board of education.

Chairman Baldwin also wanted to know if the school board would need the beer funds prior to July 1. He explained that the county has had unanticipated expenses, and it might not be wise to transfer all of these funds until the end of the fiscal year.

This county's share of the beer taxes is estimated at about \$32,000 a year. Macon will share

in these taxes, under the law as long as beer is legally sold in this county, but not otherwise.

In opening the discussion of the need for new school buildings, Mr. Houk told the school board that he had a communication from the State Board of Education pointing out that the per pupil cost of education at five small Macon schools is in excess of the state average, and asking that a study be made looking to consolidation of these schools. The schools and the per pupil costs given are: Mountain Grove, \$121.50; Mashburns, \$108.45; Gold Mine, \$31.03; Allison-Watts, \$60; and Oak Dale, \$60.75. (The North Carolina average per pupil cost last year was \$63.)

Mr. Houk also remarked that there are going to have to be three first grade teachers to handle the situation at the Franklin school next year, but that every classroom in the plant is now in use solid time. His suggestion for remedying this situation is to take some of the load off the Franklin school

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**Cost Of Five Schools Estimated At \$630,000**

Mr. Gudger in response to questions:

Highlands building, complete, as originally planned, \$240,000. Ellijay, classrooms only, \$120,000.

Nantahala, classrooms only, \$120,000.

Franklin, complete, \$85,000. Cartoogechaye, classrooms only, \$85,000.

Total, \$630,000.

No figures were given on the other three schools—for the Prentiss community, for the Iotla-Burningtown section, and for the Negroes—listed as proposed when the bond issue was submitted to the people.

Mr. Gudger explained that his figures are estimates, but he said they were based upon careful study of bids recently submitted for school buildings elsewhere.

No bid whatever was made on a proposed building in Swain county at a letting he attended there Monday morning, he commented.

by sending some of the children now being transported there to a new consolidated school in the Ellijay community, at the same time consolidating some of the small schools with high per pupil costs there.

A delegation made up of J. R. Berry, J. B. Sanders, F. W. Hembree, Charlie Jones, Charlie B. Clouse, Noah Gibson, Joe Johnson, and Mrs. J. A. Mincey appeared to protest discontinuance of operation of a school bus over a loop extending from the store formerly operated by Herman Dean through Sanderstown and back to the highway.

It was explained to the group that it was discontinued because only two children, both in high school, on the loop, had to walk more than a mile to the highway, and that by eliminating this loop the bus, on an earlier run, can pick up primary children in the Patton settlement 15 minutes later.

Principal W. H. Finley, of the Franklin school, it was added, had called in the children involved and explained to them. Mrs. Mincey's daughter, it was said, told him she was not physically able to walk, whereupon Mr. Finley asked her to discuss it with her parents, and see him again. She did not return, it was said.

Mrs. Mincey, who is now sending the daughter to school in another county, emphatically said the daughter had returned to discuss the matter with Mr. Finley, had been "talked to like a dog", and told that he would see "that she was able to walk".

The group insisted that they pay taxes, and should be entitled to school bus service, regardless of the number of children involved; that taking the bus off affects the value of their property; and that this same bus is now "going way up Watauga and back, for one child". They also complained that the bus driver, going toward Watauga, refuses to pick up the children, even though they may be standing in the rain.

The school board told the group that it was a matter for Mr. Finley, and declined "to go over his head". Members of the group left declaring they were going to appeal to state authorities.

**Mrs. Roper Dies At Her Home In Burningtown Area**

Mrs. Mary Swafford Roper, 68, died at her home in the Burningtown community Sunday at 5:30 a. m., following a long illness.

Mrs. Swafford, who was known as "Aunt Mary" throughout the community, was a native of Macon county, having been born September 13, 1880, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Swafford.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Mt. Sinai Assembly of God church in the Burningtown section, with the Rev. Fred N. Sorrells, pastor, the Rev. William Sorrells, and the Rev. F. W. Holland conducting the service.

Pallbearers were the Rev. Arvil Swafford, Paul Swafford, Howard Swafford, Hubert Swafford, Marvin Roper, and Ruston Roper.

Survivors include her husband, A. F. Roper; six daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Vangie Roper, Miss Clyde Roper, and Mrs. Arlessa Roper, all of Franklin, Route 3, Mrs. Iva Lee Gregory, of Franklin, Route 1, Miss Virginia Slagle, of Raleigh; one son, Orpha Roper, of Franklin; and five brothers, Jim, Will, Harley, and Perry Swafford, all of Franklin, Route 3, and Jess Swafford, of Toccoa, Ga.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

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**Town Board Forbids Peddling On Streets**

of Woodrow Reeves and James McCullum that the town place some crushed stone on their street, near the Franklin school.

The board was told that the horn, which is to be sounded by the telephone operator when a call for the police comes in, has been ordered. The plan is for the policeman on duty, hearing the horn, to call the operator to learn where he is wanted.

**Plan Presbyterian Every-Member Count**

The every-member canvass of the Franklin Presbyterian church will be made Sunday, it has been announced. Sunday afternoon representatives of the church will visit each of the homes of all church members for the canvass.

Sunday evening's service at the church, set for 8 o'clock, will be devoted to stewardship, when an open forum discussion will be held, with members participating.

**Mrs. A. Kilpatrick Dies At Nantahala, Rites Wednesday**

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p. m. at the Union Hill Baptist church for Mrs. Amanda Mason Kilpatrick, 73, who died Monday at her home in the Nantahala community.

The Rev. C. D. Dendy conducted the service, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Surviving are her husband, Lee Kilpatrick; nine children, Mrs. L. H. Mashburn and Mrs. L. L. Grant, of Flats, Mrs. I. S. Mashburn, of Canton, Mrs. Dan Mack, of Murphy, Mrs. Kermit Dalrymple, of Ellijay, Ga., Arvil, of Candler, Route 2, Carl and Arnold, of Murphy, and Carmon, of Nantahala; 37 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Johnson Mason, of High Point; one half-sister, Mrs. Jim Haney, of Nantahala.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Bryant funeral home.

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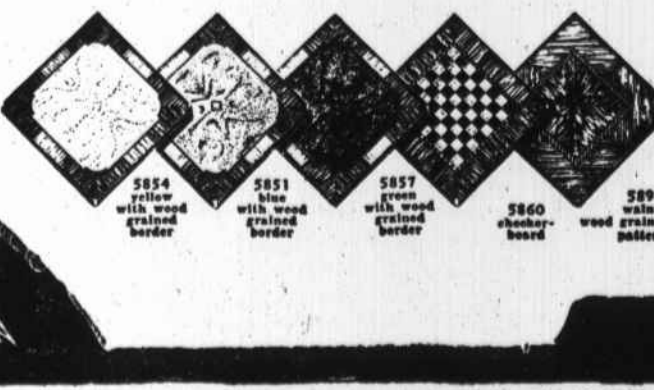
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**April Court Term Jury List Drawn**

Monday, April 12.

The jury list follows:

Raleigh Guffie, of Franklin, Route 1, Carey Angel, of Cullasaja, L. C. Higdon, Franklin, Clarence Eugene Paul, Highlands, L. A. Speed, Highlands, A. C. Holt, Highlands, Zeb Roane, Prentiss, Z. A. Shuler, Highlands, Tom Lambert, Flats, Freeman Hastings, Route 2, H. J. Baty, Highlands, Andy Lee Howard, Route 1, Dillard, Ga., Perry Shepherd, Route 3, R. C. Enloe, Route 1, Jess H. Norton, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.

Ray Dryman, Scaly, Ray Downs, Cullasaja, Harry S. Higgins, Franklin, J. P. Solesbee, Flats, Ralph Norton, Route 1, Dillard, Ga., Alex Garland, Route 2, A. B. Potts, Highlands, J. M. Brown, Route 2, Mrs. Joe Setser, Route 1, Lester Williams, Route 1, Claude Sanders, Route 4, D. A. Hall, Route 3, Wiley Stamey, Prentiss, Earl Dryman, Scaly, Lonnie Grant, Flats, C. B. Burrell, Franklin, John Guffie, Route 3, Clayton Bateman, Flats, Edd Henson, Otto, Woodrow Dowdle, Franklin.

Jim Justice, Route 2, W. P. Martin, Route 3, Mrs. Virginia Thomas, Franklin, Ralph Talent, Route 3, Ted Henry, Route 2, Van Frazier, Route 1, Herschel Cabe, Route 2, G. C. Woody, Route 3, W. R. Corpening, Route 1, Bill Shields, Route 1, Sam Hall, Franklin, Jerry Franklin, Route 4, Joel M. Dalton, Route 3, Jess A. Keener, Highlands, Burt Mashburn, Cullasaja, B. F. Waldrop, Route 1, Edd McCoy, Route 3, Butler Justice, Route 4, and D. C. Byrd, Route 3.

**Catholics Holding Study Club Meeting Series Here**

The first in a series of spring study club meetings was held Monday for Catholics of the Franklin area. The clubs, which are conducted each spring and fall in a number of the towns of Western North Carolina, are studying two of the sacraments in this term—penance and the holy eucharist. The Franklin club will meet each Monday night for the next eight weeks at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr. Anyone interested is invited to be present, it was said.

Shirley Cabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cabe, is ill at Angel clinic.

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