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**DELAY LIKELY  
TILL '49 ON  
NEW SCHOOLS**

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin called attention to the fact that the 1947 statute removed the need for speed in issuing the bonds, in order to prevent their expiring, and he suggested the possible advantage of waiting to see what the legislature does about state aid to counties for school building purposes.

Ed Byrd, board of education member, said the school board plans to build only two buildings now, explaining that a contractor can make a cheaper bid on two buildings than one.

Mr. Baldwin commented he could make a still cheaper bid on all the proposed buildings.

Commissioner W. W. Edwards suggested there would be ill feeling if construction were started and the money ran out before all the buildings proposed were built.

Education Board Chairman C. Gordon Moore said it was proposed to construct buildings without auditoriums, gymnasiums, or lunchrooms, in order to make the money go around, but it was brought out that, even so, an estimated \$600,000 would be required.

Bob Sloan, education board member, said it was impossible

to say how the legislative will provide state aid, but that this county would lose if it were on a matching basis and this county had spent part of its funds. In this connection, it was brought out that proposed federal aid, under a bill pending in congress, must be used for operation, not buildings.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Byrd said the board of education must do something soon.

Commissioner John Roane cited a current drop in the cost of building materials, and suggested the dollar might go farther a little later; that he doubted if this is a good time to sell the bonds.

Mr. Byrd, commenting that school houses are needed now, said he had pointed out to County Superintendent G. L. Houk six months ago that the crowded situation at the Franklin school was so critical that something would have to be done. Mr. Sloan commented that, at present, there is an average daily attendance of 47 in the two first grade rooms, and that, because of this year's large first grade, one extra teacher will be necessary next year to handle the first and second grades, but that there is no class room available. Turning to the program as a whole, he said that, if state aid amounts to as much as the county's \$400,000 bond fund, the entire original building program probably can be completed.

Mr. Byrd suggested the bonds should be sold and the Ellijay building and the Franklin an-

nex should be built.

Lake V. Shope, commissioners' secretary, pointed out that 90 days is required to advertise the bonds, and Mr. Byrd commented there was no need to start building immediately if the two buildings could not be finished by next fall.

In that case, Mr. Sloan said, the school board had better start looking for something it can rent, since an additional room for the first and second grades here will be imperative next year. In the course of the discussion, the possibility of one or more temporary structures to relieve the immediate overcrowding crisis was suggested.

It also was suggested that the school board probably has enough in its capital outlay fund to build an addition to the lotia school, especially if the county commissioners will turn over the beer tax revenue to the school board.

Mr. Byrd commented that the Lower Burningtown school building is about 100 years old, and Mr. Edwards remarked that the Highlands building probably is the worst in the county. Others disagreed, but admitted that the structure at Highlands is a fire hazard.

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Roane assured the board of education that the beer funds will be available when the school board has a specific use for them.

It was agreed by all that none of the bond money should be spent on temporary structures.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Byrd said they thought the bonds should be sold now.

Mr. Roane pointed out that, when they request sale of the bonds, the commissioners must tell the Local Government commission the county is ready to start work, and that the funds will be sufficient to complete the project for which the bonds were issued; also estimates of cost must be submitted to the Local Government commission, he said.

Mr. Baldwin remarked that the commissioners' only purpose in meeting with the school board was to "work out something to the best interest" of all concerned.

The Holly Springs delegation that called on the board was made up of John Ferguson, Frank Cabe, Jack Cabe, and Garland Shepherd. They suggested that a consolidated grammar school in the Holly Springs section would be centrally located for Mill Shoal township, and that primary students from Bethel, Mashburn Branch, and

East Franklin could be hauled there, and thus relieve the situation at the Franklin school. A site near the Holly Springs Baptist church that is for sale would be ideal for the school, they suggested. Chairman Moore thanked them for their interest and cooperation, and assured them no site would be selected until the one mentioned had been considered and until the people of that section of the county had been consulted.

School board members Frank Browning and Walter Gibson and Supt. Houk were absent.



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Mr. Reece, house painter, who lives on the Murphy road, was elected at the March 27 county convention. He succeeds John H. Dean, who announced the results of the meeting. Mr. Dean was unable to serve another term.

Herman Dean was named assistant chairman; Mrs. Jud Tallent, vice-chairman; and A. R. Higdon, secretary and treasurer.

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