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ELLIJAY SCHOOL BUILDING WORK IS POSTPONED

School Board Given \$3,000 By County To Buy Bus

The county board of education Monday decided to defer starting building operations at the proposed new Ellijay school, and asked—and received an appropriation from the board of county commissioners to buy an additional school bus.

Postponement of construction at Ellijay was recommended by Supt. Guy L. Houk, who told the school board the approximately \$50,000 it has in its capital outlay fund would pay for the classrooms at Ellijay, but is not enough to build the auditorium and lunchroom. He also cited the difficulty of obtaining cement at this time and the fact that winter weather will set in soon.

After some discussion, Chairman C. Gordon Moore, with other members in agreement, suggested that the excavation work be done, some unused school building in the county be wrecked to obtain lumber with which to build a materials warehouse at the site (later to be used as a lunchroom), a water supply be provided, and material be assembled as it becomes available during the winter months.

Mr. Houk, earlier in the meeting, had reported to the board that he had bought as a site for the school the Alice Thompson property.

Mr. Houk discussed the problem of a water supply for the Ellijay school, remarking that he feared the supply from a spring it had been proposed to pipe to a reservoir for the school might prove inadequate. Board Member Walter Gibson urged use of the spring, even though it might have to be supplemented with a well, as a much more economical source of supply.

In a joint session with the board of county commissioners, Mr. Houk voiced the education board's request for \$3,000 from general fund surplus (beer tax money) of the county to buy an additional bus. He told the commissioners that the present bus situation is "critical". He explained that they had provided funds last spring for two new buses, which have arrived, but that one of the buses the state has ordered retired as worn out has not yet been replaced.

Commissioner John Roane remarked to the superintendent that "it is easier for you to talk (about buses) than it is for us to pay for them."

Board of Education Member W. E. Baldwin commented that it is a "dangerous situation" when 108 children are put on one bus, as recently occurred, he said. Mr. Houk explained that now the bus is doubling back, but as a result is late arriving at the school with its second load.

At this point, Commissioner Roane precipitated a discussion of children's non-attendance at school when he remarked to Mr. Houk:

"I know a lot of children are not in school. I have no authority to put them there, and I wonder if you can't." Mr. Houk said the county welfare department has a case worker for that purpose. W. E. Baldwin, chairman of the board of commissioners, said he knew of a family of seven children "who have never seen the inside of a school house", adding that there are children in every township in the county who are out of school.

Later the commissioners agreed to provide the funds for the bus.

Mr. Sloan reminded the commissioners that "we all agreed last spring it would be a good idea to have the money from the bonds (\$400,000 in county school building bonds voted in 1945) available when the legislature provides supplemental funds, if any, for a building program"; pointed out that it usually takes about three months to issue and sell bonds; and suggested the commissioners now issue the school bonds.

Mr. Baldwin remarked that construction could hardly get started before March or April, but said the commissioners would consider the matter further at their meeting two weeks from Monday.

Nanatahala Power Plans \$6,652,000 Expansion Program

The Nantahala Power and Light company plans a \$6,652,000 expansion program.

Three additional generators, totaling 35,000 horsepower, are proposed, it was revealed in Raleigh Monday when the State Utilities commission announced it had authorized the expenditures.

No announcement has been made at the company's headquarters here, and the firm's officials said they could not comment on details of the projects until the program has been approved by the Federal Power commission and the TVA.

The program calls for: A 20,000-horsepower generator on the Nantahala river, near Wesser, to cost \$2,850,000.

An 11,000-horsepower generator on Wolf Creek, to cost \$1,900,000.

A 4,000-horsepower generator on the Tuckasegee river, to cost \$762,000.

And improvements to the firm's Bryson City plant, to cost, \$140,000.

COST FIGURE ESTIMATED FOR HOSPITAL UNIT

The board of trustees of the Highlands Community Hospital, Inc., has announced that the estimated cost of the first unit of the new hospital will be in the neighborhood of \$45,000.00, and that this first unit is to be known as the Mabel E. Hays Clinic. This unit is to be approximately forty-five by eighty feet, designed to furnish complete emergency hospital facilities for a minimum number of patients, as well as facilities for a minimum of eight beds, with perhaps four bedrooms.

The board has also announced that the cash and cash pledges, material and equipment for the Hospital on the 25th of September totaled \$29,643.00, as follows: Cash on hand, \$13,766.00; pledges for cash, \$7,435.00; for material, \$3,970.00; and for free labor, \$4,472.00.

S. C. Russell, chairman of the board of trustees, advises that the summer residents referred to in a recent issue, are making an active campaign by personal contact or solicitation by mail, to those representing the summer colony, and that at the end of the week, the hospital board is mailing a circular letter to all local residents of Highlands and vicinity asking for additional pledges, particularly in the form of free labor, or for material and equipment at a discount. The returns from these pledges, Mr. Russell said, will determine when construction will be started, which is hoped will not be later than October 15th.

The board of trustees feels that work should not be started until sufficient funds and pledges are on file to insure the cost of construction. With this in view, it is believed that the local residents pledging their time may be available without inconvenience to themselves, before the usual rush starts on other activities next spring. Mr. Russell added that if proper response is received to the letter, tentative plans call for continuance of the work throughout the winter, weather permitting, in the hope that the building may be ready for occupancy by next summer.

According to the board, plans for the large building shown on posters and folders, have been cancelled in favor of the first unit to which additions can be made if and when warranted in future years. The board said also that as no one can anticipate the costs of operation, consideration is being given to the advisability of renting the building, as a trial measure for a limited period.

Organizational Meeting Held For Slagle PTA

A Slagle school parent-teacher association was organized at a meeting Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Ed McNish was elected president, Mrs. Cecil Crawford, vice-president, Mrs. Martha Shields secretary, and Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple treasurer.

Attending were 14 mothers and teachers.

Television Demonstration On Wayah Bald Successful

The first successful television demonstration in Macon County was conducted last week-end at "High Haven", camp of Mr. Gilmer A. Jones.

Good pictures were received from the W S B television station of Atlanta, Georgia. The estimated airline distance from the sending station to the point of reception is 118 miles.

A film of the Georgia-Carolina football game played the day before in Athens was being transmitted over the Atlanta station at the time the experiment occurred.

The demonstration was sponsored by Mr. T. T. Freck of Freck Radio and Supply Co. of Asheville and Frank Martin of Martin Electric Company, Franklin.

Engineers in charge of the experiment were Ralph W. Owens, of station WNCA, of Asheville, W. H. Hamrick, of

Station WWNC, Asheville, Harry Robinson of the Freck Radio Company, and Bob Lewis of Bob's Radio Service, of Highlands.

Other present for the demonstration were Gilmer A. Jones, Miss Lillian Jones, Mrs. T. T. Freck, Mrs. Frank Martin, Mrs. Ralph Owens, Mrs. W. H. Hamrick, and T. H. Callahan, Jr.

The experiment was first attempted Saturday, but complete success was not attained until Sunday and the engineers worked Saturday night making changes in their antenna and other equipment. A Motorola Television Receiver was used in the experiment.

Mr. Martin, one of the sponsors, said that every one was agreeable surprise with the high quality reception that was received and that more experiments were planned in the future.

Commissioners Defer Request For Needy Children's Aid

The County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting, Monday deferred action on a request made by Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, county superintendent of public welfare, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, that the Commissioners add sufficient funds to the General Relief fund to clothe school children who were not attending school because of lack of clothing.

The commissioners gave as their reason for deferring action on this matter that the tax levy was not sufficient to take care of the request.

Mr. Morgan was a member of the delegation as a representative of the Franklin Lion's club which had appointed a committee with Mr. Morgan as chairman to see what might be done for the needy children of the county.

Also placed before the commissioners at their Monday meeting was a request by the county board of education for \$3,000 with which to buy an additional school bus. The bus was requested on the grounds that there was not sufficient transportation at present to handle the increased school enrollment. The request was granted.

The Commissioners approved payment of a contract with the health department calling for the county to furnish \$4,000 for the coming year's operation of this department.

No other matters except the routine payment of bills were brought before the commissioners.

GUFFEY ILL

Lee Guffey was admitted to Angel hospital last Thursday seriously ill. His condition is reported to be unchanged.

Change Made In Methodist Assignments

There were three changes made in the pastoral assignments for the Methodist churches of Macon County at the annual conference held in High Point last week.

The Rev. J. H. Brendall, who has been pastor of the Franklin church for the past year was moved to Kings Mountain. Replacing him will be the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, who comes to this church from Leaksville. Mr. Gibbs filled his first charge at Highlands, about 28 years ago.

The Rev. D. P. Grant, who has been the pastor for the Franklin circuit for the past four years was transferred to the Albermarle circuit in Stanly county. In his place will be the Rev. R. L. Phillips, who will be serving his first year in the North Carolina conference.

The Rev. R. E. Early was assigned to fill the Highlands charge. This pastorate was supplied last year by the Rev. W. T. Medlin, who filled the pulpit from the Robbinsville charge.

The Rev. Isabell Hull and the Rev. L. C. Stevens were reassigned to the West Macon and Macon circuits respectively.

VAN RAALTE HEAD DIES

Operations at the Van Raalte plant here will stop, along with all other Van Raalte plants throughout the country, for one minute Thursday at 1:30 p. m., in memory of I. K. Hersberg, company president, who died Monday in New York City.

The regular monthly singing of the Young People's Convention will be held this coming Sunday, October 10, at Newman's Chapel Baptist church in the Mulberry section.

Vaughn Cannon Makes Bond After Being Arrested Here

Vaughn Cannon, alleged head of the Asheville gambling racket, was arrested here Monday evening by state highway patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr. under a warrant issued in September by T. D. Bryson, Solicitor, charging him with violation of the prohibition laws and the operation of illegal gambling devices.

Bond was set at \$500. Cannon waived preliminary hearing and was ordered to appear at the December term of the Superior court here.

WILL CURTAIL HEALTH WORK

Macon County's public health service will be drastically reduced immediately due to lack of funds, it was announced Monday by Dr. M. B. H. Michal, district health officer.

The reduction is necessitated, Dr. Michal said, by failure of the Macon County board of commissioners to increase its appropriation for health service. The board was asked for an appropriation of \$5,500, but decided Monday to keep the appropriation to last year's figure of \$4,000.

Due to increases in cost of operation and of salaries (the salary increases were ordered by the N. C. Merit council), it will be necessary, Dr. Michal said, to keep the county health office open only the first three days in the week hereafter, instead of six days a week as in the past, and the county health nurse is being placed on a nine months basis. She will work the first nine months of the fiscal year (which started July 1), but there will be no funds to pay her for the last three months—next April, May, and June. Just how the sanitarian's work will be affected has not been decided, Dr. Michal added.

Dr. Michal said she had understood that Macon County would appropriate \$5,500 this year, and had set up the department on that basis.

Both tourists and industries are interested in health conditions, Dr. Michal said, adding that they are likely to by-pass communities where they cannot find Grade A milk and Grade A eating places, "and how is Macon County to have Grade A milk and eating places if we haven't the funds to pay for inspections."

This county is a part of a health district which comprises Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties and the Cherokee Indian reservation, each contributing a share toward health work in the district.

Jackson was asked for \$6,000, she said, and appropriated \$3,500; Swain was asked for \$4,200, and appropriated \$3,200; and Haywood was asked for \$12,500, and appropriated \$12,200. The Indian service sets up \$5,100 for work at the Cherokee Reservation.

POLICEMAN TO BE STATIONED NEAR SCHOOL

Town Board Asks Police Dept. To Regulate School Traffic

The town board decided to station a member of the police force at the crossing in front of the school from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. and from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. This suggestion was made to the board by R. S. Jones, town attorney, who said that Pritchard Smith, Jr., state highway patrolman, had asked him to request the board for this cooperation.

C. N. (Joe) Dowdle appeared before the board to request that something be done to regulate traffic at the intersection of Porter and Wayah streets. The matter was referred to the street committee.

Mayor Angel informed the board that Frank Leach had offered to deed a 20-foot street to the town, running from Wayah street to the school house, along the west end of the present football field. This matter was also referred to the street committee.

Mrs. Mary Curtis

Dies At Home Of Son In Atlanta

Mrs. Mary Gaston Curtis, 72, a resident of Franklin for most of her life died late Thursday at the home of her son, Gaston Curtis, in Atlanta.

She was the widow of William F. Curtis, who for more than a quarter of a century was the owner and editor of the Franklin Press.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Methodist church, of which while a resident here she was a devoted member, at 3 p. m. Sunday, which the Rev. J. H. Brendall, assisted by Rev. J. Q. Wallace conducting the service.

Pallbearers were John Bulgin, Charles Nolen, Roy Cunningham, Ham, Horace Nolen, Brad S. Moore, and J. R. Ray.

Surviving in addition to the son, are one sister, Mrs. George H. Crowell, of Archdale, two nieces and one nephew.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Doyle Holland

Funeral Services Held At Franklin Church

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Baptist church last Thursday for T/3 Doyle A. Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex A. Holland of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Holland formerly lived in Franklin.

Young Holland was killed in a plane crash over Germany on January 4, 1946.

The Rev. Charles E. Parker, assisted by the pastor of the Andrews Baptist church and the Rev. George Cloer conducted the service. Burial followed in the Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were Glenn Matherson, Niel Matherson, Merrill Rayburn, Willard M. Hawk, Ray Hogsed, Edwin Williams, Wayne Curtis, and Jack Garner, all of Andrews.

Full military honors were accorded the body by the American Legion.

T/3 Holland was born January 29, 1923. He graduated from the Andrews high school and was a member of the First Baptist church in Andrews. Before entering service on March 25, 1943, he had been employed as a mechanic by Burrell Motor Company of Franklin, Allison Motor Company, of Sylva, and Reece Motor Company, of Andrews.

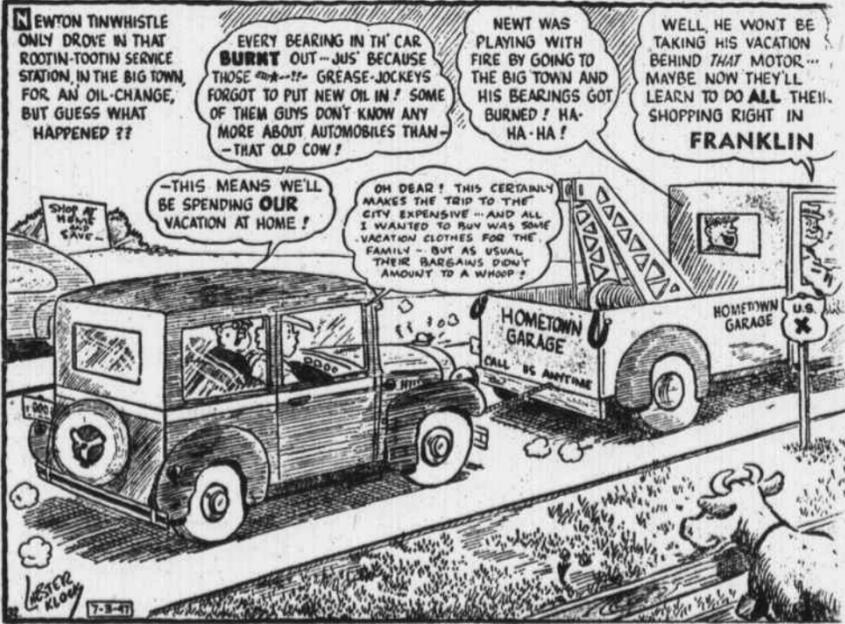
Surviving in addition to the parents are two brothers, Edgar and Hoyt, and one sister, Patricia Ann, all of Andrews, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holland of Gneiss, and the great-grandfather, Billy McCoy, of Goldmine.

Local Eleven Plays Last Home Game Friday Night

The Franklin Panthers will play the strong Jefferson City, Tenn., eleven on the local field tomorrow (Friday) night. Kick-off time will be 8 o'clock. This will be the second and perhaps the last home game of the season for the local team.

IT'S TRUE AIN'T IT?

By HAL



This is the first of a series of cartoons that will appear weekly in The Press. The series is sponsored by the following 26 Franklin business firms: Baldwin market, Belk's Department store, Blumenthal's, Bower's store, Brown and Carson, Burrell Motor company, Bryant Furniture company, Dillard Builders supply company, Dixie-Home store, Duncan Motor company, Frances shop, Franklin Hardware company, Franklin Laundry and Cleaners, Franks' Radio and Electric company, Hall's Feed store, Grover Jamison, Macon County Supply company, Martin Electric company, Nolen and Harrison, Pearl's Beauty shop, J. B. Pendergrass, the Quality shop, Ray Grocery and Feed company, Reeves Hardware company, S. and L. store, and Sessamen Furniture company.