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WOULD WIDEN TOWN LIMITS OF HIGHLANDS

Board Announces Plan To Push Boundary Out Half Mile

The Highlands town board moved this week to extend the corporate limits of Highlands.

Under the proposal, the limits would be pushed an average of about one-half mile beyond the present town boundaries, and would bring into the incorporation such points as the Highlands Country club and the dam and lake of the municipality's hydro-electric plant.

The town at present is a square, each side of which is three-fourths of a mile from the intersection of Fourth and Main streets. Under the extension plan, the outline would be irregular.

The plan adopted for extending the limits is for the board of commissioners to give public notice by legal advertisement, which appears in this issue of The Press, that new limits will be fixed by ordinance to be adopted by the board at its meeting at 7 p. m. Monday, March 7.

Under the law, if the board at that meeting receives a petition signed by 15 per cent of the qualified voters residing in the area to be annexed, it must submit the question of annexation to the voters within the area affected. Or, should 15 per cent of the qualified voters residing within the present town limits so petition, the board must call an election within the town to vote on the issue.

Unless one or both such petitions should be received, the legal advertisement states, the board of commissioners will adopt an ordinance extending the town limits.

The board of commissioners voted at Monday night's meeting to start the extension movement.

PLAN FOOD SALE

The Auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal church will hold a benefit food sale at the Nantahala Power and Light company office tomorrow (Friday), starting at 10 a. m.

Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through
the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Advertisement on the front page: Allman House, W. R. Stallcup, Prop'r. Franklin, N. C. This popular house is open for the summer, and the accommodations will be as pleasant and satisfactory as heretofore.

In the Legislature: A bill to abolish the necessity of kissing the Bible in taking oaths.

Up to the time of going to press (Wednesday) we have had no mails from the railroad since last Friday, no news from the rest of the world, and have been compelled to fill up this week with such matter as we could find around home.

25 YEARS AGO

The Freeman Hammond Company, coming as the final number of the year's Lyceum course, will appear at the Courthouse, Franklin, N. C., the night of February 18th.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3—Former President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Alex Moore, Sheriff of Macon County, made a business trip to Highlands February 1.

10 YEARS AGO

Representative George B. Patton's bill to extend the term of the register of deeds of Macon County to four years was passed by the lower house of the General Assembly Tuesday.

The Franklin street and sidewalk improvement project is getting well under way this week with 191 men at work on Iotia, West Main, Riverview, and Oak streets.

Highlands Man Is Fined For Failure To Send His Five Children To School

A fine for violation of the compulsory school attendance law was imposed on J. W. Beck, of Highlands, here Saturday.

It was the first time in years that a compulsory school law case has been taken into court, and was said to be one of the few times—possibly the first time—a court in Macon County has imposed punishment for violation of this law.

Mr. Beck, operator of a shoe repair shop in Highlands, entered a plea of guilty, and J. J. Mann, justice of the peace, imposed a fine of \$5 and the costs, a total of \$10.75. Mr. Beck paid this sum into the court at the conclusion of the hearing, held in the office of the clerk of superior court.

In passing sentence, Mr. Mann pointed out that the law permits a fine of as much as \$25, and that five such fines, one for each of Mr. Beck's five

school-age children, could have been imposed.

The justice of the peace, added, however: "We don't want to unduly punish anybody, but children must be sent to school. They are our future citizens, and they themselves will not have a fair chance unless they take advantage of the educational opportunity the state provides for them."

Mr. Mann requested O. F. Summer, principal of Highlands school, to notify Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, county superintendent of welfare, and Mrs. Potts to notify him, should the Beck children fail to attend school regularly in future, without a legitimate excuse. He explained that each day's absence can be made a separate offense. The only legitimate excuse for a child to be

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School Here Has 109 On Honor Roll

One hundred nine pupils of the Franklin school are on the honor roll for the second quarter of this school year.

The total compares with 67 who won places on the honor roll during the first quarter.

To be on the honor roll, a pupil must make grades averaging 93 or higher.

Since first grade pupils are graded simply "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory," first graders are not listed on the honor roll.

The list announced by Principal Robert Guy Sutton, follows:

Second grade: Jean Burrell, Beverly Bryson, Jacqueline Clark, Jackie Corbin, Katrina Elmore, Harold Elliott, Roberta McCracken, Clayton Richardson, Dickie McWilliams, Sara Jean Maloney, Dwan Horsley, Frances Whittington, Bobby Hunter, Richard Love, Willard Hedden, Shirley Dills, Ann Sutton.

Third grade: Sue Bailey, Frances Guest, Judy Sue Houston, Judy Hooker, Betty Russell, Frances Tallent, Jo Ann Burrell, Janet Green, Shirley Ann Henson, Mary Louise Long, Susie Mashburn.

Fourth grade: Jean Phillips, Randolph Bulgin, Frances Anderson.

Fifth grade: Monroe McClure, Jerry Bailey, Beverly Stockton, Margaret Allison, Tommy Gnuse, Judson Hall, Donald Henry, Bill Mendenhall.

Sixth grade: Caroline Reece, Virginia Swanson, Margaret Crawford, Nanette Garner, Helen Moore, Bobby Womack, Robert Siler, Oma Lee Hogsed, Hattie Mae Wiggins, Herbert McKelvey, Theima Tallent, Betty Hurst, Robbie Gay Tallent.

Seventh grade: Norma Jean Welch, Max Henderson, Adolph Conley, Raymond Ledford, Thad Dowdel, Robert Finley, Jimmy Sherrill, Viola Keener.

Eighth grade: Paul Killian, Jimmy Kinsland, Jack Love, Lee Poindexter, Jr., Mertis Angel, Julia Moody, Martha Ann Roten.

Ninth grade: Eugene Patton, Mary Ledford, Richard Jones, Leshar Green, Mary Ann Killian, Charlotte Love, George McDonald, Martha Rogers, Meda Angel, Lucille Edwards, Martha Ann Stockton.

Tenth grade: Dudley Conley, Barbara Gribble, Mary Ellen Stoudemire, Ann Teague, Carolyn Bryson, Una Crawford, Luanne Gibson, Barbara Sue Holland, Mariann Sherrill, Connaee Nolen.

Eleventh grade: Sarah Dalrymple, Patricia Landrum, Nell Waldrop, Donald Brown, Josephine Anderson, Pauline Anderson, Kate Green, Barbara Guffie, Jo Ann Hopkins, Edith Hurst.

Twelfth grade: Iris Cabe, Doris Dalrymple, Hazel Moses, Doris Phillips, Elizabeth Ann Phillips, Margaret Setzer, Mary Alice Archer, Julia Ann Higdon, Bergen Hall, Betty Jane Tippen, Ethel Rogers.

ROADSIDE TO BE GRAVELED

Town Board Moves To Aid Walkers From East Franklin

The Franklin board of aldermen, at Monday night's meeting, decided to place gravel along the roadside from Lee Poindexter's filling station, near the railway station, to the intersection of the Highlands and Sylva highways, east of the river.

This step was suggested by Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., with a view to improving walking conditions, and as a preliminary to placing a sidewalk along this stretch when funds are available. The town has exhausted its street improvement funds, it was brought out.

A suggestion from Town Clerk E. W. Long that the board ask Rep. Carl S. Slagle to introduce a bill to the general assembly exempting the Town of Franklin from a state law providing for a 2 per cent discount on all pre-paid taxes was approved. Members of the board expressed the view that the discount would be a proportionately very small part of the town's tax revenue.

The board heard a delegation headed by John Vinson request help in improving the road which turns off the Murphy highway and goes past Mr. Vinson's home. The purchase of a culvert, which will greatly improve this road, was voted by the board and the matter was referred to the street committee.

Members present at the meeting were Mayor Angel, L. B. Phillips, W. C. Burrell, Erwin Patton, and E. J. Whitmire.

Lions Will Repeat 'Sing For A Dollar' Program On Sunday

The Franklin Lions club will repeat its performance of last Sunday this Sunday at 1 p. m. at the Macon theatre, it was announced this week.

Under the set-up for the unusual program, any member of the audience, by paying \$1, can require any of a long list of Lions to sing any number requested. If the vocalizing proves too terrible, someone else, by paying \$1, can get the singer to stop singing. There is no admission charge.

Should a Lion refuse to sing, he is fined \$10.

The proceeds from both performances will go to the club's blind and charity work. Last Sunday's program netted just under \$100.

VISIT CRASH SCENE

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bradley, Mrs. Clyde Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Greene, and Grady Green, all of Franklin, drove to Allendale, S. C., Sunday, where they were met by Homer L. Greene and Jimmy White, of Atlanta, Ga. All were guests at Allendale of Mrs. W. Z. Bryson. It was on Mrs. Bryson's farm that Max Greene and Harold Bradley lost their lives when their plane crashed December 19, 1932.

E. G. CRAWFORD TO HEAD DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

1949 Quota Is \$1,796; Mrs. Sloan Resigns As Secretary

E. G. Crawford, principal of the Otto school, Monday night was named to head the 1949 Red Cross fund drive in Macon County.

The appointment was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Macon County chapter, held in the Red Cross office in the Bank of Franklin building. The committee also decided to hold a "kick-off" dinner for campaign workers the evening of Tuesday, March 1, and to launch the campaign the morning of March 2.

This year's quota is \$1,796, about 20 per cent less than the \$2,230 quota assigned this county in 1948. The lower quota is made possible, it was explained, by the chapter's drawing on reserve funds accumulated during the war.

The committee also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Jo Sloan as executive secretary. Mrs. Sloan, who has held this position for five years, had planned to resign earlier this year but agreed to remain until March 31, in order to be available for the March fund campaign. No successor to Mrs. Sloan has been selected.

In accepting the fund campaign chairmanship, Mr. Crawford, who is a veteran of overseas service during World War 2, explained that he is extremely busy and that his health is not good.

"But," he said, "I am glad to do what I can, because it will give me an opportunity to show my appreciation of what the Red Cross did for me, especially when I was overseas."

S. C. Russell, of Highlands, will conduct the campaign in the Highlands area.

Chairman H. H. Gnuse, who presided at the meeting announced that this county will not participate in the Red Cross blood program, which is being set up in Asheville for Western North Carolina, and will get under way about April 1.

The Red Cross will not take the program into a county unless the local medical society requests it, he explained, and local physicians have said it is not needed here.

The program, designed to obtain blood from donors for use in hospitals over the area, will cost more to set up than all the counties in Western North Carolina will raise in this year's Red Cross fund drive, Mr. Gnuse said.

Of the \$1,796 to be sought in this county next month for the Red Cross, \$1,000 is to be retained by the local chapter, and \$796 will go to National headquarters.

Teen Agers Form Club, Plan Center

A Teen Age club, designed to provide recreational facilities for young people here from the ages of 13 to 19, has been organized, with approximately 84 paid members already enrolled. Membership cards were distributed at the Franklin school yesterday.

The group hopes to obtain a building and set up a teen age center, or center, where young people, under adult supervision, can meet to play games, dance, etc.

The club is headed by Burgen Hall, president. Mariann Sherrill is vice-president, Margaret Kinsland is secretary-treasurer, and members of the board of directors are Hall Callahan, Dean Henson, Norma Crawford, Elizabeth Jones, Freda Lee Tallent, Doris Sutton, and Kathryn Roten.

The officers and directors will meet with Mrs. Clinton Johnson, the club's adult adviser, and interested business men and women at Mrs. Johnson's home tonight to outline plans for setting up the canteen.

County's Polio Fund Is Within \$400 Of Quota

Macon County's polio fund, which stood at only \$2,200 a week ago, yesterday was reported to have climbed to \$2,600.

This is approximately \$400 below the quota of \$3,240. Pointing out that the goal is within sight, and that most rural communities have contributed generously, J. H. Stockton, the 1949 campaign director, announced that a canvass will be made in the Franklin business district today (Thursday), when it is hoped that the additional \$400 needed to reach the goal can be obtained.

PUSH CAMPAIGN FOR SYMPHONY

Hope To Get Required Membership Soon To Bring Orchestra

Plans for pushing the membership campaign to completion this month were discussed by members of the local committee of the N. C. Symphony society Tuesday night.

The memberships make possible appearances of the Little Symphony orchestra here for a free afternoon concert for school children, and an evening performance for members. About 150 additional members are needed, Miss Laura M. Jones, county chairman, told the group, and workers who have not seen all prospects in their territory were urged to do so at once.

The orchestra is scheduled to be in Franklin Tuesday, March 22, less than six weeks from now. The free concert for children from the schools of the county is set for 1 p. m. at the Friendship tabernacle, and the evening members' performance for 8 p. m. at the Franklin Methodist church.

Miss Jones reported at Tuesday night's meeting that she and Mrs. Weimar Jones last Friday night attended the meeting of the Clayton Music and Literary club to present the cause of the symphony, and were assured that a number of memberships would be obtained in Clayton. A trip to Bryson City for the same purpose is planned today.

Meanwhile, the program for the children's concert has been announced, and Miss Jones, pointing out that music is enjoyed and appreciated in proportion to how familiar it is, asked persons who have records of the various numbers on the program to lend them to one or more schools, through the principals, so that the records may be played for the school children before they hear the numbers of the concert.

The program for the children's concert follows:

Wolf-Ferrari—Intermezzo No. II from the Opera, "The Jewels of the Madonna."

Mozart—Excerpts from Symphony No. 40 in G Minor.

Original composition by a young North Carolinian.

Everybody Sing—"For The Beauty of the Earth"; Hall and McCreary—"Songs We Sing."

Musical Quiz—Based on familiar songs such as: America; Farmer In The Dell; Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush; Home on the Range; Jingle Bells; Pop! Goes The Weasel; She'll Be Comin' Round The Mountain; Skip to My Lou; Swanee River. Grofe—On The Trail, from the "Grand Canyon Suite".

Debussy—Children's Corner Suite, a. Golliwog's Cakewalk; b. The Little Shepherd.

Britten—Solres Musicales (March and Tarantella).

Jessell—Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.

Brahms—Hungarian Dance No. V.

FOOD SALE SATURDAY

The F. S. Johnston Bible class of the Franklin Methodist church will hold a food sale in the Nantahala Power and Light company building Saturday morning, starting at 9 a. m.

Prepare To Issue Bonds For Schools

Will Visit Nantahala To Seek Site For New Building

Members of the county board of education and the county superintendent of schools will visit the Nantahala section Saturday afternoon of next week to seek a site for a new school building to serve that area.

The trip was suggested by Chairman C. Gordon Moore at Monday's board meeting, and the suggestion met with hearty agreement from other members of the board.

There is a widespread feeling that probably no community in the county needs a new building worse than the region west of the Nantahala mountains, and the tenor of the discussion Monday indicated that the Nantahala building probably will be the next constructed although the board did not officially commit itself. A new building is now going up to serve the Ellijay section of the county.

While Mr. Moore's suggestion was that "we should go over to Otter Creek and locate a situation and build a building," he added that it was doubtful if a site actually could be chosen on this initial trip. He and other board members agreed, however, that an investigation of possible sites should be begun.

Commissioners Will Proceed With Sale Of School Bonds

The board of county commissioners, at its meeting Monday, decided to proceed with the preliminary steps toward issuing the county's \$400,000 school building bonds.

This was in compliance with a request of the county board of education, made in a resolution adopted the same morning.

The commissioners also deferred action on three road petitions and handled routine business.

Petitions were presented asking that the state take over a road leaving Highway 23 just south of Jess Norton's residence and extending westward for about half a mile; a road from Picklesimer branch, by way of Bob Picklesimer's residence, and continuing up the Ingram Conley cove; and a road turning left at Norris store.

None of the petitions was approved, the board holding that either they did not meet requirements to be taken over by the state, or sufficient information was not available.

2 Civic Clubs Will Meet In Basketball Benefit Tomorrow

Teams from the Franklin Lions and Rotary clubs will clash in a special event scheduled for 7:30 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) night at the Franklin school.

The affair is a benefit performance for the school athletic fund, which will receive the proceeds it was explained by Coach Milburn Atkins, in announcing the game.

The line-ups yesterday had not been announced, but it is said that both clubs have many one-time outstanding basketball players. Whether the years—and the pounds—they have taken on since they last played have seriously affected their skill the public can determine Friday night, it was added.

The admission charge will be 25 and 50 cents.

Enlistees May Request Navy Submarine Duty

Young men who are 18 years of age and enlist in the navy for one year now may request submarine duty, it was announced here this week by a representative of the navy recruiting service. Youths requesting it will be assigned to this type of duty, provided they are found qualified, it was said.

Would Sell \$400,000 Authorized In '45 Election

The county board of education Monday asked the board of county commissioners to issue \$400,000 in Macon County school building bonds "forthwith."

The request, made in the form of a resolution adopted at Monday's monthly meeting of the education board, refers to bonds authorized at a county-wide election held in December, 1945.

The board of commissioners, which was in session at the same time, agreed to take preliminary steps toward issuance of the bonds, and by 90 days is required to issue bonds issued and sold, Supt. Guy L. Houk told the education board members.

The board of education, at the suggestion of Bob S. Sloan, also decided to ask the Nantahala Power and Light company to make a survey of school buildings not to be replaced in the immediate future to determine their artificial lighting needs, and request the company to keep minutes of the board sessions.

Issuance of the school building bonds, voted more than three years ago, has been deferred from time to time. It was found that they require validation by the 1947 general assembly, and later the building program was postponed with a view to waiting to see what, if any, aid might be obtained from the state and what the requirements for obtaining that aid would be.

The bonds to be made by that resolution would be issued under

the authority that the bonds to be issued prior to January 1, 1949, or not at

It was subsequently learned that the time limit is June 1, 1949, and the commissioners and school board, at a joint meeting in April, apparently reached agreement to defer action on that meeting it was brought that, in the event the state provided aid for the counties, it might be on some makeshift basis, and that if this county had sold its bonds and spent the money, it might lose state aid.

The board of education made an oral request in October that the commissioners issue bonds, and the latter board said it would take the matter under advisement.

At Monday's meeting education board members agreed that, if possible, all buildings should be constructed with a view providing for growth in enrollment during the next four-five years. It also was agreed that one-story buildings were preferable.

In making his suggestion about school lighting, Mr. Sloan said he felt—and other members indicated agreement—that pertinent advice should be obtained and the money provided to the necessary lighting in buildings that are not to be replaced. The buildings to be affected are those of Franklin, Cowee, and Otter Creek. Class rooms in two of the

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The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station.

	High	Low
Wednesday	50	32
Thursday	49	18
Friday	63	34
Saturday	58	33
Sunday	56	32
Monday	59	43
Tuesday	60	33
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