

SCHOOL BIDS TO BE ADVERTISED SOON BY BOARD

Education Group O. K.'s Motion To Receive Bids For Construction

The county board of education, at its monthly meeting Monday, voted to advertise for bids on the construction of Macon County's proposed elementary schools, Iotia, Union, and Cartoogechaye.

Plans for the construction of a new Chapel school (Negro) depend on the state's decision to consolidate Negro schools in Swain, Jackson, and Macon County, board members pointed out.

The major portion of funds to construct the schools will come from the county school bond issue, which was passed by county voters in February, 1950.

Construction on new schools for Franklin, East Franklin, and Nantahala has been under way for some time and barring unforeseen circumstances they should be ready for occupancy by September, Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent, said.

A delegation of citizens, appearing in behalf of the town of Highlands, told board members that Highlands was interested in purchasing the old Highlands school property as soon as the new school there is completed.

In a discussion which followed, school board members agreed that the board should approve such a measure only if the sale of school property was conducted on a county-wide basis.

The board adopted the following resolution: "The Macon County Board of Education, by appropriate resolution duly enacted, favors the enactment of legislation empowering said board to sell any property no longer necessary for school purposes a private sale, for such price and upon such terms as it may deem proper, to any organized religious group or municipal corporation."

A number of citizens of the Burningtown community appeared before the board to request the re-routing of school

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MACON COUNTY EDUCATION UNIT HOLDS MEETING

Reports Are Presented By Group's Committee Spokesmen

The Macon County unit of the North Carolina Education association met at Kelly's Tea Room Friday night at 7 o'clock.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Pearl D. Hunter and the invocation was given by Miss Esther Wallace.

Reporting for Jack Angel, chairman of the International Relations committee, Russell McKeivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McKeivey, spoke on "World Peace." Mrs. Ned Teague, chairman of the Federal Aid committee sponsored a report through the Franklin High school Forensic club. Miss Barbara Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gribble, presented points for federal aid to the educational program, and Miss Ann Teague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Teague, argued against federal aid.

W. G. Crawford, principal of Cullasaja school, reported for the Legislative committee, reviewing educational needs from the parent and the child.

Sam F. Beck, music director at Franklin High school, discussed teachers' needs both in and out of school. E. G. Crawford, principal of Otto school, spoke briefly on school transportation problems.

Essential starting points for better schools were outlined by Frank Plyler, forest service employee. Mr. Plyler told the group the first step toward better schools is the affiliation of teachers with the United Forces for Education.

The county unit decided to hold its next meeting at Cullasaja school March 8, at which time an election for local and state officers will be held.



Shown above is all that was left of a four room farm house on Rabun Bald road, just over the Georgia line, which was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, taking the lives of eight of the 14 persons in the small structure.

SERVICES HELD FOR C. STOCKTON

Funeral services for Colonel B. Stockton, who died at his home in Clayton, Ga., Friday night were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Clayton Baptist church.

Burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Mr. Stockton resided in Macon County before moving to Clayton, Ga. some 15 years ago. He was born July 5, 1899, the son of D. C. Stockton and the late Norma Ledford Stockton.

In 1932 he was an unsuccessful candidate on the Republican ticket for the office of register of deeds of Macon County.

In Clayton he was associated with a son, Crosby C. Stockton, in the garage and service station business. He was a former tie and lumber inspector for the Taylor-Colquitt company, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Clayton, Ga.

Mr. Stockton was a member of the Clayton Baptist church. He was married to Miss Cora Wood, of Macon County, who survives.

Surviving, in addition to the widow, are two sons; Crosby C., of Clayton, Ga., and V. D. Stockton, of Washington, D. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Rose, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Also two sisters, Mrs. Claude Stiles, of Brevard, and Mrs. Deck Roberts, of Buffalo, S. C.; five brothers, J. Horner Stockton, of Franklin, W. R. Stockton, of Brevard, Roy Stockton, of Baltimore, Mr., D. J. Stockton, of Otto, and Wade Stockton, of Route 2, Franklin; and four grandchildren.

Cannon Funeral Home in Clayton, Ga., was in charge of arrangements.

Gray

Promoted To District Ranger Post

Walter J. Gray, who has been a forester with the Nantahala Forest service here for the past 16 months, has been promoted to district ranger, replacing Johnny Olson, who has been district ranger since 1946.

Mr. Olson is being transferred to the Florida National forest, Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Gray will leave Franklin this week for Robbinsville to take over his duties as district ranger. He and Mrs. Gray will occupy the new ranger's home on Lake Santeetlah, near Robbinsville.

The new district ranger has been connected with the forest service for almost 18 years, in Georgia, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

He came to Franklin in October, 1949, from Pineville, La., where he was with the Kisatchie National forest.

While here, he was a member of the Franklin Lions club.

OTTO PTA DANCE

The Otto Parent-Teacher association will hold a dance Friday at 8 o'clock at the school. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Dimes Drive Fails To Hit Halfway Mark

Contributions in this county's March of Dimes campaign to date total less than half of the \$3,000 goal, J. Horner Stockton, county campaign director, announced this week.

Donations totaling \$1,227.26 have been received, leaving Macon County \$1,772.74 short of its goal in the polio fund drive.

A number of schools have not reported contributions, Mr. Stockton said, including Highlands, which usually gives an outstanding amount to the drive.

Following is a breakdown of contributions from schools, business firms and club benefits:

Van Raalte company, \$25, Van Raalte employees, \$25, Veterans of Foreign Wars benefit dance, \$79.25, Clark's Chapel, \$19.35, Union, \$26.30, Otter Creek, \$27.31, Slagle, \$78.52, Otto, \$93.21, Watauga school and community, \$100, Iotia, \$30.02, Cullasaja, \$112, Franklin, \$259.40.

Claude Bolton, who is in charge of collections from the 1,000 dime cards mailed to Macon citizens, reported that \$200.80 has been received. Collections at Macon theatre total \$150.

"The response thus far," Mr. Stockton said, "has been more than gratifying, but all of us are going to have to dig deeper and put this drive over the top. If everyone could see and talk with someone who has been a victim of polio, or is now stricken with the dread disease, we would have little trouble making the goal. The March of Dimes is winning the fight against polio, and our dimes are making it possible."

10 Inductees To Leave In The Morning

Ten Macon County men, the fourth group of inductees to leave from this county since the start of the Korean war, will board a special bus tomorrow (Friday) morning at 8:15, which will take them to Charlotte for induction into the army.

Tomorrow's contingent will bring to 50, the number of men who have actually been inducted from this county, the draft board announced. One group, numbering 30 men, reported for induction November 30, another, numbering five, left December 5, and five men were inducted January 16.

VALENTINE CARNIVAL

A Valentine carnival, under the sponsorship of the Cullasaja Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the school Saturday night at 8 o'clock, it has been announced.

Proceeds from the night's festivities will be used to help pay for a new refrigerator, purchased by the association for the school.

Turkish Tobacco Growers To Meet With Crouse Tomorrow

R. H. Crouse, in charge of growing Turkish tobacco, will be at the county agent's office in the Agricultural building tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to give first-hand information to farmers who plan to grow tobacco this year.

S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, said contracts also will be signed and seed issued to those who are going to raise the Turkish weed.

11 BITTEN BY PUPPY BELIEVED TO HAVE RABIES

Reports Show Number Of Mad Dogs Loose In County

Eleven persons, nine reported to be children, and 15 pigs in the Rabbit creek section of Macon County were bitten by a puppy, believed to have rabies, Saturday, a local veterinarian said this week.

The two-month-old puppy is being kept under constant surveillance at the veterinary establishment to determine whether or not it has rabies.

A number of similar cases have been reported to the local health department. A boy in the Sanderstown community was bitten by a dog, believed to be rabid, last week, and one positive case and five reported cases occurred in the Otto community. Another report was received from the Burningtown community, health officials said.

Franklin Chief of Police C. D. Baird warned local residents that all dogs that have not been vaccinated and are not wearing collars will be picked up by law enforcement officers.

Rabies, sometimes called hydrophobia, is a disease which can attack all warm blooded animals, including man, health department officials pointed out. It is caused by a "virus," a very tiny germ

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Macon Soldier Ordered To Paris, Duty With General Ike's Army

Cpl. Edward J. Bryson, of Franklin, has been ordered to report for duty with General Eisenhower's European Defense army, with headquarters in Paris, France, it has been learned.

He will sail from New York City next week.

Corporal Bryson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Bryson, was a member of a reserve army component and recently was called back to active duty. He is a veteran of World War II.

Since his recall he has been stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., and is spending a short furlough with his parents here, prior to reporting for duty with General Ike's command.

The Brysons have another son, Cpl. Robert J. Bryson, serving with the army at Fort Benning, Ga.

Feb. 24 Last Day To Join Music Group

With many persons apparently waiting until the last minute to obtain their N. C. Symphony memberships, local Symphony officials this week pointed out:

1. Since the Methodist church where the adult concert is scheduled to be presented March 1, will seat a maximum of 350, the total number of memberships available is limited to 350.

2. The sale of memberships will close Saturday evening, February 24. After that date, tickets will be available, if seats still remain, but the tickets will require a federal tax of 40 cents. A membership is \$2, but an admission ticket (good only for one concert) thus will be \$2.40.

3. Since it is necessary for the local organization to know in advance that the \$750 required to bring the orchestra to Franklin will be on hand, the orchestra's performances here will be canceled, unless the \$750 is in sight by Saturday of next week—February 17.

Persons who are interested in bringing the orchestra here, therefore, were urged by local leaders to obtain their memberships immediately—to make sure that the concerts are presented.

Memberships, which finance the free children's concert as well as the evening performance for members, entitle the holders to attend other concerts presented by the Symphony orchestra without charge. Membership may be obtained at Perry's drug store here, and there are Symphony representatives in communities throughout the county.

It was announced this week that the hour for the free children's concert, to be presented at the Friendship Tabernacle, has been changed from 2:30 to 1 p. m.

This year, for the first time, the programs here will include vocal numbers. The program will be announced in full next week.

Plan Minstrel As Program Feature At PTA Supper

The program which will follow the Franklin Parent-Teacher association's "Family Night Supper" Saturday night of next week will include a minstrel show, a dance-chorus, and numbers by a "barber shop quartet"; it was announced this week.

The minstrel show will be presented by members of the school's Dramatics club, under the direction of Clayton Ramsey, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Jr., who is in charge of the program, said.

Eight high school girls will make up the dance-chorus. And members of the "barber shop quartet" will be S. W. Mendenhall, Phil McCollum, Dick Slagle, and S. F. (Sammy) Beck.

The supper, an annual P. T. A. benefit, will be served cafeteria style, and families from throughout the county are invited, it was emphasized.

6 Children, 2 Adults Die In Saturday Fire

METERS ARE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN

Title To 115 Parking Meters Turned Over To Franklin

The Town of Franklin now owns the parking meters lining both sides of Main street from the post office to Duncan's motor company.

E. W. Long, town clerk, informed the Franklin board of aldermen, at the board's monthly meeting Monday night, that the title for the meters had been received from the manufacturer and had been transferred to the town.

The 115 meters, which were installed in the latter part of July, 1947, have been earning a monthly revenue of approximately \$300, the clerk said.

Under the terms of the town's contract with the meter manufacturer, all of the money collected went to the manufacturer until a \$5 installation fee on each meter was paid.

After that amount was paid one-half of the collections went to the town and the other half to the manufacturer until the purchase price of each meter, \$62.50, was paid.

With the terms of the contract now fulfilled, and the title registered in the name of the town, all meter collections go to the town, Mr. Long said.

Collections for the next few months will be used to pay for a new police car for the Town of Franklin. The old cruiser was damaged to the extent of approximately \$250 in the latter part of December when Homer Cochran, night policeman fell asleep at the wheel and ran into a parking meter and a tree.

The board voted at Monday's meeting to use meter collections to buy a new car, since, within the limits of meter fund provisions, the vehicle is used for meter enforcement and collections.

Sealed bids, submitted by motor companies, were opened and the board accepted a bid of \$1,095 from the Kirk Davis Motor company in Sylva for a new police car. The bids took into consideration the trade-in value of the old car.

In accepting the bid, board members included a provision that the car be delivered within 30 days.

The new vehicle, described in the motor company's bid, is a

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SERVICES FOR COLE S. BROOKS HELD MONDAY

Macon County Resident Dies Sunday At The Age Of 78

Funeral services for Cole S. Brooks, 78, who died Monday night at the home of a son, Sam Brooks, of East Franklin, after a lingering illness, were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Bethel Methodist church.

The Rev. C. E. Murray, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brooks had been a resident of Macon County for the past 40 years and was employed by the Taylor-Colville company here. He was a member of the Bethel Methodist church.

He was born August 6, 1872, in Jackson county, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Brooks. He was married to Miss Mariah Green who died in October, 1949.

Surviving are two sons, Sam Brooks, of Franklin, and Wiley Brooks, of Weatherford, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Earl Hyatt, of Darrington, Wash.; and three brothers, Samuel, of Green's Creek, Isaac and Swanson Brooks, of Dillsboro.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bryant Funeral Home.

Seven Others In Small House Narrowly Escape Death

Eight persons, six of them children, perished in a flash fire which raced through and totally destroyed a four room farm house on the Rabun Bald road, just inside the Georgia line, in a matter of minutes about 6 a. m. Saturday morning.

Seven other persons asleep in the dwelling barely escaped from the flaming structure as it collapsed.

Victims were identified as Edgar Teague, about 30, an employee of the Champion Paper and Fibre company in Canton, and his four children, Billy, 11, Carl, 9, Bobbie Joe, 5, and Lucille, 3; Bessie Talley, 12, Ruth Talley, 10, and Mrs. Jessie Fay Ballew, 17.

Mrs. Teague, sole survivor of the family which was visiting the Talleys, and another woman identified as Mrs. Margaret Chastain, jumped from a window to safety.

Mrs. John Talley barely managed to save four of her seven children, Hazel, 3, Barbara June, 5, Oscar, 14, and Gladys, 8, from the inferno. Her husband was in Florida at the time of the tragedy. Both he and Mr. Ballew, who was in Ohio, were notified immediately. Mrs. Ballew was a sister of the Talley children and an aunt of the four Teague children.

A wood heating stove, propped up on one side by bricks, was believed to have fallen or been knocked over, starting the fire. Investigating officials reported that a can of gasoline, either in the front room near the stove or on the front porch, became ignited and exploded, spraying the small one-story house, with flaming fluid.

According to Mrs. Talley, the Teague family arrived at her home for a visit about midnight Friday. Four of the children, Bessie and Ruth Talley, and Billy and Carl Teague, she said, stayed up playing. The rest went to bed.

"I don't know what happened," Mrs. Talley said, "but I remember one of the girls calling to me . . . I guess the stove fell over . . . because she said, 'momma, get up and help us fix the heater.'"

"I didn't wake up all the way and I went back to sleep again . . . then I woke up and the house was all afire. I managed to get to the kids and we ran out just as the whole house caved in . . . the stove must have fallen over."

The survivors huddled in their nightclothes for more than two hours in near-zero weather until help arrived.

Firemen from Clayton, Ga. recovered the bodies of the victims. Only Teague's body was recognizable. First reports from the fire said that the paper mill employee escaped from the house and then rushed back in the flaming structure in an attempt to rescue the children.

However, Mrs. Talley said that she and her children, Mrs. Chastain, and Mrs. Teague, were the only ones who made it to the outside.

Investigating officials said it was believed that Mr. Teague pushed his wife out the window and attempted to get the children out before being overcome by smoke. His body was found under a bed.

The tiny house was located at the base of Rabun Bald just over the North Carolina line in Georgia.

Following the fire, curiosity brought several hundred people from North Carolina, South

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The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	45	35	94
Thursday	52	42	148
Friday	30	5	...
Saturday	44	—	...
Sunday	46	15	...
Monday	56	14	...
Tuesday	50	23	...
Wednesday	...	36	123

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Station for TVA)
Wednesday, trace; Thursday, .38; Friday, .40; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, .76.