

PARKING METER VIOLATORS TO BE PROSECUTED

Aldermen Discuss Pool Room, Disposal Of Sewage

The Town of Franklin plans to clamp down on parking meter violators, resorting to legal action if necessary. At Monday night's session of the board of aldermen, Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey reported that in the past seven months only \$66 had been collected from motorists given tickets for parking overtime in the downtown area. W. Homer Cochran, acting police chief, estimated that 100 citations were handed out by the police force each month.

Ignoring citations is in "direct defiance of the law", aldermen agreed, and ordered the town clerk to take out warrants for violators who fail to appear at the town office within 48 hours after receiving a citation.

Citizen complaints of gambling and drinking at the Franklin Amusement parlor, a combination pool-refreshment business, were called to the attention of the parlor operator, Fred D. Cabe, who appeared before the board for a hearing.

Mr. Cabe said he would not deny that drunks hang around his establishment, and he told aldermen that police were welcome to arrest them any time. "They (drunks) are a bother to me, too", he added.

He pointed out that drunks also stay around other Franklin business houses.

As for gambling, Mr. Cabe said he closed down pool tables if he thought players were betting, and said he was trying his best to run the "right kind of a place".

Alderman Erwin Patton said most of the gambling complaints were coming from families of teen-age school boys.

Referring to this, Mr. Cabe said he checked draft registration cards to see if customers were over 18 years old, but:

"The compulsory school age is 16, and there are a lot of 18-year-olds going to school", he pointed out, repeating that, to his knowledge, there was no gambling going on.

Before coming before the board, Mr. Cabe said he did not know what the board had in mind, since his first knowledge of the board's motion in January to have him appear Monday night was a story appearing in The Franklin Press.

Alderman J. C. Jacobs said he felt The Press account of the board's action was "too strong", but added that the board was negligent in not informing Mr. Cabe of the action before The Press was published.

"I want to do the right thing", Mr. Cabe said, "and with your support I believe I can do it."

Aldermen suggested that "No Drinking" signs be put in the

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V. F. W.

District Meeting Held In Franklin

Representatives of Veterans of Foreign Wars' post in the 17th V. F. W. district gathered here Sunday afternoon for the first district meeting to be held with the local post since its organization soon after the end of World War II.

W. W. Reeves, commander of the local post, said more than 50 attended the session, including representatives from the Canton, Hendersonville, Asheville, Brevard, Black Mountain, and Fletcher posts.

Highlights of the meeting were brief addresses by State Senior Vice-Commander Charles T. Myers and past State Commander Ledbetter, both of Charlotte.

District meetings have not been held here in the past, Mr. Reeves explained, because the local post did not have accommodations. However, last year the local post purchased a building on Palmer street for a meeting place.

The post auxiliary held a district meeting at Slagle Memorial building the same afternoon.

Seeks Congress Seat



L. DALE THRASH

THRASH ENTERS CONGRESS RACE

Highway Commissioner Formally Announces His Candidacy

L. Dale Thrash, one-time Buncombe county farm agent and a state highway commissioner since 1949, yesterday announced his candidacy for the congress seat now held by Monroe M. Redden.

Mr. Redden is not a candidate to succeed himself as representative from this, the twelfth congressional district.

Mr. Thrash was the fourth Buncombe county man to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for congress.

Citing the "steady development of this section from a rural community to an important industrial, agricultural, and recreational section", Mr. Thrash said he was announcing for congress "with a feeling of co-operation and a sincere desire to assist in the advancement of this program throughout the whole district".

In his statement, he promised

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OWNERSHIP OF 2 BUSINESSES HERE CHANGES

Jacobs Buys Frances' Shop—Sloan Sells S & L Interest

Deals in which the ownership of two Franklin business houses changed were announced this week.

J. C. Jacobs, young Franklin business man, Tuesday purchased Frances' shop from Mrs. Frances Higdon, and it was announced that last Thursday Lester Henderson, partner in the S and L 5 and 10c store, bought Harold T. Sloan's half interest in that business, making Mr. Henderson the sole owner.

Frances' shop, dress and gift business, was established by Mrs. Higdon about 20 years ago, and has been operated by her since.

Mr. Jacobs announced that the Twins' shop, now managed by his sister, Miss Kate Jacobs, will be combined with Frances' shop, and that Miss Jacobs will be the new manager of the consolidated business.

The S & L store was opened about 25 years ago by Sloan Eros, and J. C. Ledbetter. Mr. Henderson became a half owner in 1955, and has been the active head of the business since, with Mr. Sloan the inactive partner.

Richard Sloan, who has been associated with the business for several years as assistant manager, will no longer be connected with the S & L store, but has not announced his plans for the future.

Cartoogechaye PTA To Hold Founders' Day Meet Tuesday

A Founders' Day program will highlight a meeting of the Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher association next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the school, it was announced this week.

Both students and P. T. A. members will take part in the program, it was said.

Survey Shows \$201,000 Needed For Schools Of Macon County

Report 12 More Busses Needed; Urgent Call For 6 At Once

A detailed study of the Macon County school bus system, made in December, was behind the request for 12 new school busses—a feature of the \$201,890 school need survey made by the Macon County Citizens Committee for Education.

Cited in the special report were recommendations to relieve second, third, and fourth trips made by a number of school busses in the county, and to end the practice of overloading.

This study was made by a representative of the state board of education with the assistance of school principals and R. L. Blaine, chief mechanic of the Macon system.

Cites Reasons

According to the report, "there is an urgent need for expansion in bus units" because:

(1) Due to school consolidation and road improvement, it has been necessary to extend bus routes and add extra trips until practically every bus in the Franklin school district needs some relief.

(2) Busses must begin routes too early and deliver pupils too late after school hours for satisfactory school transportation.

(3) Several busses are carrying loads beyond the legal rated capacity.

In general, the report said, the bus fleet in this county is being operated in a manner which utilizes the capacity of each bus, but added that even though the most benefit is being realized from present facilities, there is urgent need for expansion.

One exception was made, however. The report pointed out that considerable mileage could be saved by obtaining drivers who live nearer the beginning of the routes.

Recommendations

In view of the needs, the state representative made the following recommendations to the county board of education, concerning the placement of additional equipment at Macon schools:

A—Franklin school: one bus to make the route from Franklin to Cullasaja and return to Franklin. This would relieve the third and fourth trips of bus 18.

B—Otto: one bus to take the second trip of bus 18, and one bus to take the second trip of bus 8.

C—Union: one bus to relieve the third trip of bus 19.

D—Cartoogechaye: one bus to relieve the Franklin bus 16 of route on Jones creek—Allison Watts loop, and bus 12 of its third trip.

E—East Franklin: one bus to make Rabbit creek—Cat creek route; one bus to make Clark's Chapel route. This would make it possible to take the Clark's Chapel children to Union school if necessary to relieve overcrowding at East Franklin. Note: The panel bus now at East Franklin can be moved to Betty's creek.

F—Cowe: one bus to take second trip of bus 5 and second trip of bus 14-E; one bus to take second trip of bus 2 so bus 2 can make trip to relieve overload on 14-A.

G—Cullasaja: one bus to take Walnut creek route; one bus to take the Mashburn branch and Higdonville routes.

H—Iotla: one bus to relieve

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Plan Merger Of C. Of C. Tourist Body

Proposed consolidation of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the Macon County Tourist association was slated for discussion at a director's meeting of the commerce body last (Wednesday) night at Duncan Motor company.

The Macon tourist organization is an affiliate of the Western North Carolina Tourist association.

Recommendations Given Approval By Full Committee

Endorsement of a \$201,890 school need survey of Macon County and a legislative program being advanced by a state education group highlighted a meeting of the local Citizens Committee for Education last Thursday night.

By-laws for the recently organized group, made up of representatives of more than 50 county organizations, were adopted at the session.

Listed in the school survey are facilities, and estimated cost, reported as needed to put all Macon County schools on an equal footing. The survey was compiled by a special three-man committee appointed from the membership of the organization by President Harve L. Bryant.

The survey report was endorsed by the county board of education Monday morning and a delegation from the citizen group the same morning placed the report in the hands of the board of county commissioners for consideration.

A special school legislative program being backed by the United Forces for Education, a state organization, was introduced at the session by County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

The five-point program advocates a reduction in teacher load, increased teacher salary, capital outlay funds by bond issue to complete school building programs, appropriations to meet increased expenses, and funds to employ enforcement personnel.

It was approved by the organization. The legislative committee of the local unit of the N. SEE NO. 4, PAGE 10

Dr. Kahn Is Heard By 125 At PTA Meet

Patrons and teachers of the East Franklin school heard a P. T. A. Founder's Day program and a talk by Dr. Amelia Kahn, at Monday night's meeting of the East Franklin Parent-Teacher association.

An estimated 125 persons were present.

Speaking on the topic, "The Emotional Development of Children", Dr. Kahn discussed the

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Now This Really Puts Advertiser In Predicament

There's a Franklin Press reader fighting in Korea who must be from Missouri—he has to be shown!

The soldier, identity unknown, clipped a want ad from The Press and mailed it back with the following note: "Drop in anytime from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. I live in hut, Taegu, Korea. Please knock."

The ad? "Watkins Products — J. W. Randall, Franklin, N. C., Route 1, dealer. A post card will bring me to your door."

GROUP'S REPORT PRESENTED TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A school-by-school survey has shown that \$201,890 is needed for Macon County schools, the board of county commissioners were told Monday.

The school need survey results were presented by a delegation from the local Citizens Committee for Education. The report said this sum is required to provide equal educational facilities for all Macon County children.

While the report said a reasonable tax increase to provide the money would be acceptable, it suggested that funds for the program be raised over a two- or three-year period.

A request for an estimated \$60,000 for "urgently" needed facilities for the coming school year (1952-53) was included in the figure.

W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, chairman of the commissioners, said

Vocational Home Ec Is Sought Here

The first step toward setting up a vocational home economics department at Franklin High school was taken by the county board of education at its meeting Monday morning.

Other business included taking a stand on moving school children from one school to another to ease congestion, discussion of high school athletic programs, and endorsement of a \$201,890 school-need survey.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain was instructed to make application to the state for permission to establish a vocational economics department at Franklin High school. Mr. McSwain explained that the setting up of a department must be cleared with the state director of vocational education in Raleigh.

The only additional expense to the county school system would be one-third the cost of hiring an additional teacher, he said.

On the subject of moving school children, the board unanimously favored leaving children in their present schools for the remainder of this school year, provided such a plan is found to be practical in the transportation system.

The actual decision as to whether children will be moved this year was left to R. G. Sutton, principal of the Franklin school district, and Mr. McSwain. Since the two men are more familiar with the situation, board members said the decision should rest with them.

With the opening of the county's new consolidated schools, congestion at some schools and ample room at others posed a problem for school officials.

Several weeks ago Mr. McSwain said a number of children might have to be moved to other county schools to re-

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the report would be studied, but added that action will have to "wait until July", when the county budget is set up.

A stamp of approval was given the survey by the county board of education the same morning, prior to its being placed with the commissioners.

Outstanding items in the list of needs includes the purchase of 12 new school busses for an estimated \$37,200, the erection of a new Chapel (Negro) school for an estimated \$45,000, and the construction of lunchrooms at Cullasaja and Cowee schools for approximately \$30,000.

Urgent Needs Listed

Listed as urgently needed facilities, for the coming (1952-53) school year, estimated to cost about \$60,000, were:

(1) six new school busses, (2) a lunchroom at Cullasaja school, (3) \$10,000 to start construction of a new Chapel school, (4) one-half the listed pupil desk needs, (5) lunchroom equipment and janitorial supplies, and (6) drainage of school grounds.

The survey was made by a special committee from the education organization, composed of W. W. Reeves, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and E. W. Teague. The committee visited all county schools, listing the needs at each.

Tax Raise Acceptable

A passage in the proposal handed the commissioners read: "We are willing to accept a reasonable increase in taxes provided the commissioners find it necessary to make such an increase in order to secure those facilities which are urgently and immediately needed."

It continued:

"Members of this committee have personally visited all the schools in the county and personally inspected all the equipment therein, and know that this equipment is needed in order to provide all the children of our county with a decent educational opportunity."

Approved By Group

At a meeting of the citizen's committee last Thursday evening, representatives of some 30 county organizations unanimously approved the proposal after it was outlined at the session.

The survey committee recommended that the present Chapel school, a three-room frame structure on the Murphy road, be demolished or removed, and that a new school plant be built and equipped on an equality with other county schools.

Members of the delegation approved

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Peanut Removed From Boy's Lung; He's Doing Well

The peanut lodged in the lung of David Stiles, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stiles, of Franklin, was removed by a Charlotte doctor last Thursday and the child is reported to be improving, members of the family said this week.

He choked while eating peanuts January 19 and drew one into a lung. He was in a serious condition at St. Joseph's hospital, Asheville, for more than a week and a half before being taken to Charlotte for examination by a specialist there.

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Sorrells Says More Tax Money Needed By Schools

More tax money must be made available for the public schools of Macon County, if they are to do their job, J. C. Sorrells, member of the county board of education, told the Franklin Rotary club at its meeting last week.

School facilities in this county still are inadequate, he said, adding that now "we are just where we should have been 10 years ago".

He pointed out that the new schools are not yet properly equipped, and said that all the new buildings, with possibly one exception, "will be crowded next year".

Macon County, he continued, spends less for the cost of operating its schools than any county in this region. The operating cost in this county, he said, is about \$7 per child per year, as compared with from \$12 to \$19 in other nearby counties.

A tax levy that would give the school board an additional \$30,000 a year for the next several years is needed, he said, and he suggested that groups from the various communities present the need to the county board of commissioners, the county's tax levying authority.

Emphasizing the importance of education to a community, he asked: "Why can't we have a college here?"

Mr. Sorrells is a member of the Rotary club, and it was his turn, at last Wednesday evening's meeting, to present the program.

The Weather

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

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	59	05	---
Thursday	53	11	---
Friday	40	21	---
Saturday	48	30	---
Sunday	59	34	1.1
Monday	55	40	.78
Tuesday	50	36	.04
Wednesday	---	19	---

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Manson Stiles for TVM)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, none; Sunday, .43; Monday, .44; Tuesday, .30; Wednesday, none.



Franklin's center Henry shown above climbing invisible ladder to bucket two more points for the locals in a game with the Cullowhee boys Friday night here. The Franklin teams upset the highly-touted Stingeres and Stingeretts, the boys taking a 43 to 33 victory, the girls winning 36 to 26. The win put the Franklin and Cullowhee lads in a deadlock for the Smoky conference lead, and gave the local lasses a game and a half lead in girls' play.

In Bryson City Tuesday night the Franklin girls' team maintained their conference lead by defeating the Swain high girls 36 to 20, but the local boys were defeated by the Swain high lads 46 to 40.

Audrey Bryson paced the Franklin girls in both games, sinking 19 points Friday night and 11 Tuesday night.

Raby and Lewis tied for high score honors Friday night with 16 points each. Tuesday night Lewis bucketed 19 for honors.