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COMPANY SEEKS RATE INCREASE FOR TELEPHONES

Hearing By Utilities Group Slated For December

A rental rate increase of \$1.25 per month for all classes of service is being sought by the Western Carolina Telephone company, which serves Franklin and Highlands.

The company's application for the boost will be studied by the N. C. Utilities commission at a hearing in Asheville on December 2.

According to R. E. McKelvey, manager of the company, the increase, if approved, will apply not only to the Franklin and Highlands exchanges, but to other exchanges throughout its system.

He explained that the rate hike will bring in a gross annual revenue of \$117,218, of which the company will net \$52,397 after state and federal taxes.

The application also requests permission to increase connection fee for telephone service from \$4 to \$6.

Mr. McKelvey said the increase is "essential and necessary" to adequately and reasonably furnish telephone facilities to the public because of the increase in labor, materials, and supplies, the growth and demand for service, and to carry on and complete the company's improvement and expansion program.

A new rate schedule was put into effect by the company in December, 1951, which was designed to bring in a gross increase in revenue of \$40,189.44.

Present rates are (residential rates apply to both Franklin and Highlands):

In Franklin: business (one party), \$7.25; business (two party), \$6; business (four party), \$5; business (rural), \$5.

Residential (one party), \$4.25; residential (two party), \$3.50; residential (four party), \$3; residential (rural) \$3.

In Highlands: business (one party), \$7.25; business (two party), \$6; business (four party), \$5; business (rural), \$5.

Approval of the application rests with the utilities commission, which also sets the effective dates of changes.

In addition to Franklin and Highlands, the company serves Bakersville, Bryson City, Burnsville, Cashiers, Cherokee, Cullowhee, Hayesville, Hot Springs, Marion, Marshall, Mars Hill, Sylva, and Weaverville.

Neely Named Registrar For Highlands Precinct

Harry Neely has been appointed registrar for Highlands precinct for the general election November 4, it has been announced by Siler Slagle, chairman of the Macon County board of elections. Mr. Neely succeeds Louis Edwards.

PROTECTOR RESIGNS

Claude Penland this week announced his resignation as Wildlife Protector in Macon County and expressed his appreciation to the public for its cooperation during his four years' service. His successor has not been named.

OLD MILL BURNS

The old roller mill—a well-known Macon landmark on the old Georgia highway—was almost totally destroyed by fire about 3:30 a. m. Tuesday. Firemen kept the blaze away from the nearby ice plant. The old mill, built about 1906, was owned by Burch Monteith, and was in the process of being torn down and moved to another location.

CIRCUIT CONFERENCE SET

The first quarterly conference of the Highlands-Cashiers circuit of the Methodist church will be held at the Cashiers Methodist church Sunday at noon following the 11 o'clock worship service. The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, district superintendent, of Waynesville, will conduct the service and preach before convening the conference.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brad-

A dirty, tired, and hungry Herbert McKelvey, missing for more than 35 hours in jungle-like Blue Valley, near Highlands, wolfed down a plate of bacon and eggs under the watchful eye of his father, R. E. McKelvey, and the three men who found him camped on a sand bar in the middle of a creek about 3 a. m. Monday. The 16-year-old Eagle Scout had been missing since Saturday afternoon after going squirrel hunting clad only in a T-shirt and dungarees. (L to R) Clyde Bingham and Romulus Carpenter, two of the three who found the scout, Herbert, his father, and Odell Owens, of Satolah, Ga., the third member of the search party. More than 100 men and two airplanes combed the forest for the missing boy.

Local Squad Plays 'The Game' Friday

The Franklin High Panthers, who climbed aboard the comeback train last Thursday night by polishing off Robbinsville 25 to 0, play "THE" game of the season here tomorrow (Friday) night.

Bryson City's Swain High Maroons—the high-flying grid machine that has jerked the Smoky Mountain conference crown out of the hands of the Panthers for the past two seasons—will invade the Franklin stadium for a game that should make history.

Gametime is 8 o'clock and sports are urged to turn out early if they expect to find a seat. More than 2,000 are expected to overflow the stadium.

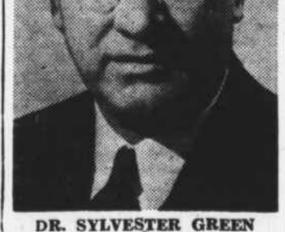
In Thursday's game in Robbinsville (scheduled for Friday, but set back because of a N.C. E.A. meeting in Asheville, which closed schools here Friday so teachers could attend, the Panthers, still smarting from their 14 to 0 defeat in Sylva the previous Friday, operated with clock-like precision. The local squad used its "Paydirt Pals", Henderson and Keener, to shove over touchdowns in each of the four quarters. Henderson, a hard-driving fullback, mowed over for three of the scores and kicked an extra. Keener, a mainstay in the Panther offense, racked up an extra.

ROTARY HAS PUSHED MANY PROJECTS IN PAST 25 YEARS

The Franklin Rotary club, which last (Wednesday) night celebrated its silver anniversary, has engaged in a wide variety of community activities during its quarter-century existence, minutes of the organization reveal.

The celebration, a ladies' night-dinner, was highlighted by an address by Dr. C. Sylvester Green, of Chapel Hill, executive vice-president of the Medical Foundation of North Carolina.

Minutes of the club's early years throw interesting side-lights on the times. For example, in the late 20's, the club entered into a contract with Mrs. Laura Watkins, now of River Rock inn, to provide luncheons (the club then met at noon) for 40 cents per plate. And in 1934, when the club was host, its first and only time, to a district assembly, the directors, after much deliberation, finally approved a fee of \$2 for serving each of the visitors three meals—two



DR. SYLVESTER GREEN

VOTE PROJECT IS UNDER WAY

Local N.C.E.A. Sending Questionnaires To Eligible Voters

A project to determine the percentage of eligible voters who cast ballots in the last election and who are registered to vote in the November general election has been launched by the local N. C. Education association.

Questionnaires have been sent into homes by school children and the results will be tabulated by the civics classes at Franklin High school, according to Mrs. Frank Martin, chairman of the local N.C.E.A. citizenship committee.

The project is one phase of the organization's citizenship education program and is being undertaken in an effort to stimulate interest in the election and to bring eligible voters to the polls.

Results of the project will be made public later, the chairman said.

FEED MILL SOLD

The Franklin Feed mill was sold this week by Bruce Palmer to L. E. Kilday, of Greeneville, Tenn. The mill will be operated for the new owner by his brother, A. K. Kilday. No other changes in the plant personnel are contemplated, it was said.

Masonic Lodge Plans Program

A special program celebrating the 200th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington in the Masons is planned by the local Masonic lodge Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the East Franklin school. C. H. Bolton, chairman of publicity, has announced.

The public is invited to attend the special program, which is being held state-wide by Masonic lodges.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain is the scheduled speaker.

Saturday Is Night For Halloween Carnival At Cowee, Love Announces

A Halloween carnival, under the sponsorship of the school and its parent-teacher association, is planned Saturday night at Cowee school, Principal T. T. Love has announced.

Festivities, including a box supper, cake walks, Bingo, and the usual spooks and goblins, will get under way at 7:30 o'clock. Proceeds from the carnival will go to the school. Everyone is invited to attend and get in on the fun.



Dr. R. E. McArdle, of Washington, D. C., chief of the U. S. Forest service, (left) was an "unofficial" visitor on the Nantahala Forest here Tuesday of last week, dropping over from Asheville where a joint convention of the American Forestry association and the N. C. Forestry association was in progress. In the center is C. A. Connaughton, of Atlanta, regional forester (Region 8), who accompanied Dr. McArdle here, and at right, Nantahala Supervisor E. W. Renshaw.

Eagle Scout Lost 35 Hours In Blue Valley Found Safe, Just Tired, Dirty, Hungry

YOUTH DIES AT DRY FALLS

Waynesville Sights Drowns In Pool At Base Of Cascade

Dry Falls, one of Macon County's top scenic water attractions on the Franklin-Highlands highway, claimed its second victim of the year Sunday afternoon.

Ronald Lanning, a 19-year-old Waynesville sightseer, slipped on wet rocks about 2:30 o'clock while climbing along the edge of the small pool at the base of the cascade and drowned before companions could reach him.

Young Lanning's half brother and two cousins made an attempt to pull him out with a makeshift rope of shirts, but were unsuccessful, according to investigating officers.

Artificial respiration administered by Dr. Sherman Pace, of Highlands, failed to revive the youth, whose body was recovered about 5 o'clock—nearly two and a half hours after he slipped and plunged into the pool.

A coroner's jury empaneled at the scene ruled accidental death after hearing the testimony of eye witnesses.

The Waynesville youth's body was located with grappling hooks in about 15 feet of water by State Highway Patrolman V. E. Bryson and Jim Blakley, of Highlands.

Early in August a young sightseer from Augusta, Ga., slipped while walking across the top of the falls, which annually draws thousands of visitors, and plunged 125 feet to his death.

Cartoogechaye School Plans Halloween Fete

A Halloween carnival, with the proceeds earmarked for the school, will go into full swing Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Cartoogechaye school, it has been announced.

Fishing, Bingo, fortune telling, guess cake, picking the ugliest man and the prettiest girl present, and selection of a prince and princess and king and queen head the evening's fun.

Set U.N. Day Observance Here Friday

United Nations Day—a red letter date in the pursuit of world peace—won't be ignored in Macon County.

A county-wide observance is planned tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Franklin High stadium and a large turnout is anticipated.

(Editor's Note: Both Eisenhower and Stevenson will be on a United Nations program Friday night at 9:30 EST over the CBS network.)

C. J. Setzer, Jr., an official of Champion Paper and Fibre company in Canton, is the scheduled speaker. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Setzer was wounded twice while fighting in the Philippines. His appearance here was arranged by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. He will be introduced by Weaver Shope, principal of Cullasaja school.

The U. N. observance will get under way at 2 o'clock with a drilling exhibition by the Franklin band. A flag raising will be conducted by members of the local American Legion post.

Welmar Jones, editor-publisher of The Franklin Press, will extend the welcome, followed by a presentation of flags by Franklin Girl Scouts. A Swedish dance is planned by fourth grade pupils.

Robert (Bud) Siler, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Siler, will read the Declaration of Human Rights.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church, will give the invocation.

Parents throughout the county are urged to bring their children to the observance.

Mrs. S. F. Beck is in charge of the program.

Republicans Will Hear Nominee For Congress At Rally

Hugh Monteith, of Sylva, Republican nominee for congress from the 12th congressional district, is scheduled to be the principal speaker at a rally of Macon Republicans here Tuesday, according to George Reece, chairman of the county party.

McKelvey Object Of Big Search; Became Lost While Hunting

A 16-year-old Franklin Eagle scout, lost for more than 35 hours in jungle-like Blue Valley, near Highlands, was found by a three-man search party about 3 a. m. Monday camped on a sand bar in a Georgia creek in true scouting tradition.

Unaware that he was the object of a full-scale searching operation involving more than 100 men, a dirty, tired, and hungry Herbert McKelvey and the three who found him hiked into a rendezvous camp set up by search parties in the heavily wooded valley about 4:20 o'clock.

At that moment the scout's father, R. E. McKelvey, was at the opposite end of the camp helping organize a systematic search to be launched at day break.

"Here's your boy," announced Odell Owens, of Satolah, Ga., who along with Clyde Bingham and Romulus Carpenter, both Franklin taxi drivers, found the missing scout.

Owens' casual remark was electrifying—stunned silence—men huddled around the large camp fire stared at the scout who disappeared Saturday afternoon while squirrel hunting and who now stood smiling at the edge of the camp. His father vaulted the fire to reach him—John Edwards, who took Herbert and two other Franklin scouts into the valley Saturday for a week-end camping trip, hugged him roughly. Someone shoved a plate of bacon and eggs into his hands—searchers were preparing to eat breakfast and tackle the underbrush on a full stomach at dawn.

Herbert, who today is thanking his lucky stars for his scout training, failed to return Saturday night after telling his camping partners, Ben Edwards and Robert (Bud) Siler, he was going squirrel hunting for a little while. When he didn't show up at dark the two Scouts started searching for him in the dense underbrush and treacherous cliffs of the valley.

After scouring the area Sunday morning, the two sounded the alarm on the outside and an all-out search started.

Car loads of volunteers merged on the area, bloodhounds were brought in, and airplanes piloted by Grant Zichgraf and Bill Phillips, of Franklin, buzzed up and down the valley Sunday afternoon until after dark. Others in the Franklin-Highlands area and Georgia were preparing to join in the hunt when word went out that the missing boy was safe and sound.

On a "hunch," the three men who found Herbert, took to the woods after dark, yelling at intervals as they went along. It paid off—about two miles from the rendezvous camp (two miles in Blue Valley is about like 20 anywhere else) the Scout, camped for the night on a sand bar in Holcombe creek, answered back, leading the men with his voice.

"You sound a little hoarse, son," remarked the Scout's father at the rendezvous camp. "You'd be hoarse too," Herbert explained grinning, "if you had yelled like I did."

As he tackled his second plate of eggs and bacon, the Scout, who had braved two nights in the damp and chilly forest clad only in a T-shirt and dungarees, related how his Scout training pulled him through the rough spots and how he shot and roasted a small winter bird with his 22 and ate wild grapes.

"No, I wasn't very scared. I saw the planes circling and I knew they were hunting for me. I built a fire (a good Scout always carries matches) but I guess they thought the smoke was light fog hanging over the

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Are You Eligible To Vote? Saturday Is The Last Day To Register