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WARRANT IS SERVED ON PRINCIPAL

Sutton Charged With Failure To Post Health Sign

Franklin District Principal R. G. Sutton has been served with a warrant charging him with failure to display a health department sanitation grade card for the Franklin school cafeteria.

Sanitarian H. T. Collins issued the warrant Wednesday of last week, soon after it was reported that the principal had torn down the Grade-C rating card for the cafeteria.

Mr. Sutton denies the charge and Tuesday said he would present his side of the case at a preliminary hearing March 18.

The sanitarian gave the cafeteria the C rating following an inspection of facilities. He explained that the cafeteria was given a 77 rating (a C is 70 to 80, under the department's grading system) for several reasons:

(1) the dish washing machine, which is supposed to rinse dishes for one minute at 170 degrees, was functioning for 35 seconds at a water temperature of only 148 degrees. He said a vat sink also was being used to sterilize dishes but that it was not getting them clean.

(2) food was uncovered.

(3) garbage disposal was inadequate.

(4) sinks and stoves were dirty.

Mr. Collins said the rating was the first one given the present cafeteria since it went into operation in the fall of 1951. He explained that he has been making inspections of the cafeteria since its opening and has been offering recommendations and suggestions to school officials to bring the standard of the cafeteria up. No official grade was given during this time because his inspections were of a preliminary and advisory nature, he said.

A preliminary inspection in November, 1951, gave the cafeteria a rating of 52, the sanitarian said. Changes and improvements have brought the cafeteria's grade up since that time, he explained.

At the time of his inspection, Mr. Collins said a teacher was being served in the kitchen, a violation under health department rules. However, he said he did not mark off on the grade because of this, but warned that it was in violation.

Mr. Sutton identified the teacher as S. F. Beck, band director. He explained that Mr. Beck teaches a class during the regular lunch hour and eats when he has time. The principal said the cook saves the band director a plate.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas served the warrant the day it was issued. The hearing will be before Justice of the Peace Sam J. Murray.

School Bus Drivers Ask Pay Increase

Twenty-four of Macon County's 38 school bus drivers—reportedly irked over a newspaper story stating that teen-age school bus drivers are safer drivers than adults—have petitioned for an increase in salary.

The petition was placed in the hands of County School

Referred To Situation State-Wide, Angel Says

Carroll Angel, field representative of the state's highway safety division, referring to his talk before the Franklin Rotary Club February 4, yesterday issued the following explanatory statement:

"I certainly did not intend to, give offence to Macon County school bus drivers, or to criticize the drivers of this county."

"As a matter of fact, the adult bus drivers in Macon County have an excellent record."

"What I was trying to do was to give a picture of the situation, state-wide; based on the facts and figures, state-wide. I did that because I thought the public and particularly the parents of school children were entitled to know the situation."

Supt. Holland McSwain Friday. While the petition failed to say how much increase the men want, Mr. McSwain said they indicated \$80 per month. Drivers here presently receive \$60.

Although no mention was made in the petition, it reportedly was prompted by a news story appearing in the February 12 issue of *The Press*, which quoted Carroll Angel, field representative with the state's highway safety division, as saying that, statistically, teen-age school bus drivers have proved to be safer than adults.

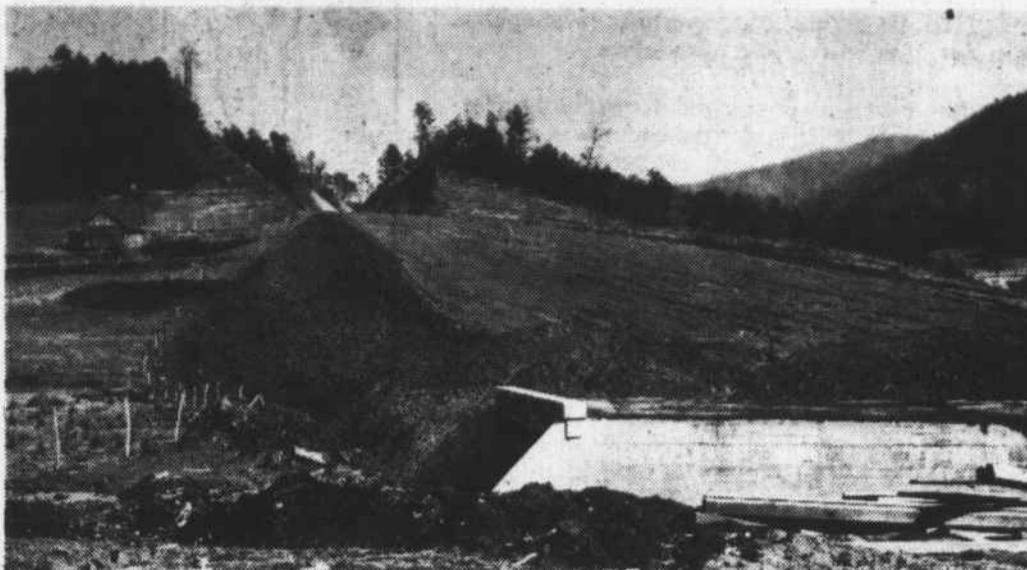
Mr. Angel, who addressed the Rotary Club here, cited two factors as explaining the better teen-age safety record: (1) the salary of the adult school bus driver is too low to attract the most capable adults, and (2) the adult does not respond so readily to supervision and direction by the school principal as the student driver.

Macon Dairymen Will Be Honored By Association

A. B. Slagle, of Slagle Dairy Farm and Nantahala Creamery, is to be honored tonight (Thursday) by the Henderson County Milk Producers Association as having made "an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the dairy industry in North Carolina".

The widely known dairymen, a former Macon sheriff, will be presented a certificate of appreciation by the association as a feature of its annual dinner meeting in Hendersonville.

Assistant County Agent T. H. Fagg will accompany Mr. Slagle.



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

With grading on the Franklin-Cowee Gap (US 23) highway about 25 per cent complete, W. M. Corkill, 10th division engineer, said this week that a survey is now under way on the Jackson County side of US 23. The engineer said every effort will be made to begin construction on the Jackson link as soon as possible. Pictured above is a deep cut and fill at the foot of Cowee Mountain, behind the Cowee Mountain Motor Court. The large double-barreled 7 x 8 foot culvert bridges Coon Creek.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT SLATED

Unit Coming March 6 To Presbyterian Church; Goal, 100 Pints

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be shooting for a goal of 100 pints of blood when it comes to Franklin next Friday, March 6, on its first visit of the year here.

As in the past, the unit's visit is being sponsored by the

FUND DRIVE TO OPEN The annual American Red Cross fund drive will open here Sunday, with the county quota set at \$3,575.

C. Banks Finger, Franklin attorney, is heading this year's campaign. He will be assisted by a number of volunteer workers throughout the county.

Campaign supplies were distributed this week by Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, chapter secretary.

Veterans of Foreign War post, and it will operate at the Presbyterian church. Hours will be 1 to 7 p.m.

Both the home front and the fighting front will profit by the blood collected here, according to Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, Red Cross chapter secretary.

All of the blood is earmarked for wounded servicemen in the form of blood plasma as always, she emphasized, but a biologic product of the blood—Gamma Globulin—is being made available by the Red Cross for the prevention of poliomyelitis (polio). The removal of the Gamma Globulin component from whole blood in no way affects the amount of plasma obtained, she said, for shipment to the fighting front.

Donors will be served refreshments by members of the V.F.W. auxiliary.

Local Teams Knocked Out Of Cage Tilt

Macon County was bowled completely out of the All-Boys' Smoky Mountain Conference Basketball Tournament.

Both Franklin and Nantahala fell under the sting of the Cullowhee Stingarees, who tucked away the title Saturday night against Bryson City.

Nantahala went down first under the press of the Cullowhee sharpshooters on Thursday night by a score of 61 to 47. In the semi-finals Friday night, Franklin, playing without the services of high-scoring Ray Henry, who was out with mumps, followed suit, but not without a fight.

The two teams jockeyed along for most of the game in a dead heat, matching point for point. Center Dolph Fouts bucketed 18 points to pace the lads along. Cullowhee's star player, Eddie Sutton, fouled out of the game in the closing minutes and the local boys bore down and pulled the score up to 37 to 37; but Sutton's substitute, Emil Hooper, split the hoop for five of six free throws and iced the Franklin heart-breaker—42 to 41.

Bryson City played host to the tournament this year.

Roland Resigns Jailer Position; Garrett Gets Job

Arthur V. Garrett, of the Oak Grove community, has been named jailer for this county, succeeding Calvin Roland, who has resigned.

Mr. Roland, who has served as jailer since December, 1950,

plans to farm in the Oak Grove section.

P. T. A. TO MEET

The East Franklin Parent-Teacher Association will hold its March meeting Monday night at 7:30.

COUNTY FIRE BILL OFFERED

Rep. Dean Introduces Act For Fire Protection

A bill designated to provide rural fire protection in this county was introduced in the house of representatives Monday by Rep. Walter Dean and was referred to the committee on counties, cities and towns.

Prepared by J. Horner Stockton, Highlands town attorney, on order of that municipality, the act would authorize the governing authority of this county to appropriate and expend funds for fire protection and would permit municipal fire departments to answer calls outside the city limits, thus letting towns and communities with fire departments provide protection for the rural areas.

Town officials of both Franklin and Highlands have been unsuccessful in getting the county to allocate funds for the protection of rural residents, who now are dependent upon the Franklin volunteer fire department. Although it is illegal for a municipal fire department to operate outside the city limits, the department here continues to help rural residents.

The Highlands Board of Aldermen recently authorized the purchase of a new \$12,500 fire truck in a move to streamline its inadequate and antiquated fire equipment—a hand-drawn hose cart. Officials in Franklin also are considering the purchase of a new truck to supplement present equipment.

Under the bill drawn by Mr. Stockton, the board of county commissioners would be given authority to earmark funds to Franklin and Highlands and any other communities setting up fire departments for the purchase and maintenance of fire trucks and fire fighting equipment.

Survey Is Started On Jackson Link

Franklin Girls Will Play In Tourney; Game Tonight

The Franklin High basketball lassies will be playing tournament ball tonight in Andrews, thanks to the General Assembly.

A ruling by the state board of education, which cut girls out of regional tournament play, was erased by an act of the Legislature Friday.

So tonight (Thursday) the Franklin girls, who were undefeated in conference play this season, will play Hayesville at 9 o'clock in the first round of a girls' divisional tournament.

The Nantahala girls will meet Cullowhee at 7 o'clock. The tournament semi-finals will be held tomorrow night, the finals Saturday night.

Polio Fund Still Short Of Its Goal

Contributions to the March of Dimes this week totaled \$2,657.78 — \$842.22 short of the country's goal of \$3,500. County School Supt. Holland McSwain, drive chairman, has announced.

A complete report from the Highlands area still has not been received, he said, but the school there alone raised \$235.20, including \$52.65 from benefit basketball games.

Union School raised \$130.55 and the local American Legion post turned over \$25 to the drive this week.

Township totals for the week are:

Millshoal, \$192.07; Ellijay, \$66.68; Sugarfork, \$60.20; Flats, \$25.16; Smithbridge, \$292; Cartoogechaye, \$150.80; Nantahala, \$37.10; Burningtown, \$20.65; Cowee, \$246; and Franklin, \$1.41.

Highlands School conducted a polio drive of its own, according to Principal F. N. Shearouse, with goals apportioned to home rooms on the basis of the number of pupils. Amounts raised by the individual rooms were: Mrs. Mary Miller's, \$24.60; Mrs. Irene James', \$16.09; Miss Virginia Edwards', \$14.50; Mrs. F. N. Shearouse's, \$12.60; Mrs. Onnie Cabe's, \$13.27; Miss Ethel Calloway's, \$16.55; Mrs. Paul Grist's, \$16.60; Miss Nina Howard's, \$14.50; Miss Veva Howard's, \$11.38; Mrs. Katherine Lowndes', \$11.42; Mrs. Louise Miller's, \$10.40; Mr. Fisher's, \$10.65; Mr. Norton's, \$10; and American Legion and seventh and eighth grade basketball games, \$52.65.

ADDRESSES CLUB

Mrs. Eloise G. Potts, superintendent of welfare, addressed a meeting of the Highlands Rotary Club Tuesday, speaking on public welfare.

Engineer Says Job Will Be Started 'As Soon As Possible'

A preliminary survey is now under way on the Jackson County side of the proposed US 23 link from Franklin to Sylva and every effort will be made to begin construction on that phase of the project "as soon as possible", W. M. Corkill, 10th division highway engineer, said in a telephone interview this week.

The engineer said \$500,000 has been allocated for the Jackson link.

Since construction on the \$168,000 link from Franklin to Cowee Gap (at the Jackson county line) has been under way for several months, local people predict the Franklin-Cowee stretch will be almost completed before work begins on the Jackson side.

If this should develop, it is pointed out, US 23—the main artery through the county—will be closed for construction for several years, seriously biting into one of this area's chief money-makers, the tourist trade.

Highway maps already have the red-link detour symbol on the Franklin-Cowee stretch.

US 23 is now ready for a \$450,000 face-lifting from Franklin to the Georgia state line. Highway officials are expected here to approve the survey at an early date. However, this phase of the project will not be as time-consuming as the other two because the stretch from Franklin to the state line is fairly level.

The Franklin-Cowee Gap link is a mountain-mover, entailing the moving of approximately one million yards of dirt, most of which will be used for fills, engineers have said.

But new highway construction in recent months has become as much a part of everyday life in this county as top grade beef and dairy cattle—and there is still more to come.

All told, if highway department plans materialize, the next few years will see the ex-

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Essay Winners At High School Are Announced

Four winners in the National Employ The Physically Handicapped Essay Contest at Franklin High School were announced this week.

Winning entries, selected from papers submitted by juniors and seniors, were written by Misses Barbara Jean Pannell, and Patty Lou Phillips, and Jimmy Kinsland, of the senior class, and Richard Dryman, junior class.

Mrs. E. G. Crawford and Mrs. W. W. (Bill) Sloan selected the four winning essays, which have been sent to the governor's judging committee to compete in the state-wide elimination.

The essay theme this year was, "The Physically Handicapped—A National Asset".

One paper will be picked by the governor's committee as this state's entry in the national phase of the contest. All high school juniors and seniors in the state were eligible to enter.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory:

FRANKLIN

Temperatures

| | High | Low | Rain |
|-----------|------|-----|------|
| Wednesday | 55 | 44 | — |
| Thursday | 59 | 47 | — |
| Friday | 55 | 44 | .94 |
| Saturday | 63 | 49 | 1.71 |
| Sunday | 50 | 31 | — |
| Monday | 55 | 21 | — |
| Tuesday | 47 | 33 | .21 |

COWEETA

Temperatures

| | High | Low | Rain |
|-----------|------|-----|------|
| Wednesday | 52 | | |