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NEGROES ASK FOR OUSTER OF PRINCIPAL

Sorrells Tells Board Sutton Will Not Resign Post

A delegation of eight Negro men appeared before the county board of education Monday night to ask the dismissal of G. L. Hines, principal of the Chapel (Negro) School.

County School Supt. Holland McSwain previously had been handed a petition asking the principal's dismissal, which reportedly contains the signatures of 48 patrons of the Negro school.

Neither the group appearing before the board, nor the petition, made specific charges against the principal.

Bill Lenoir, spokesman for the group, said the principal "worked against the building of the new school," and declared the children of the school "have no respect for him."

The board authorized Supt. McSwain to investigate the matter and gave him full power to take any action necessary.

Just prior to adjournment, Board Chairman J. C. Sorrells said R. G. Sutton, whose contract as district principal was terminated by the board last week, has said he will not resign as principal and is ready to take the matter to court.

Members of the board indicated they were willing to let the court decide the issue.

Supt. McSwain was authorized to pay the amount due the contractor building the Negro school as funds are available.

Board Member John M. Archer was in Wake Forest attending his daughter's graduation and was unable to return in time for the meeting.

D. L. Owenby and Arthur Morgan were named to the Nantahala district school committee, succeeding Luther Jacobs and John Wishon, resigned.

Tenn. Pastor Accepts Call To Highlands

The Rev. John Buell, of Hixson, Tenn., has accepted a call as pastor of the Highlands Baptist Church and is expected to arrive June 8 with his wife and family.

In February, the Rev. John C. Corbitt, pastor of the Highlands church for 19 months, resigned, effective March 19, to accept a call to the First Baptist Church in Andrews.

Members of the congregation said this week the church parsonage has been remodeled and redecorated by the men of the church in preparation for the coming of the new pastor and his family.

Yearbook Dedicated To Memory Of Mann

The 1953 Cullasajan, yearbook of the Cullasaja Elementary School, has been dedicated to the memory of J. J. Mann, a school teacher for 40 years in this county.

A copy of the yearbook was presented to his widow at the school's commencement exercises on May 25 by Andy Berry, one of Mr. Mann's former students. The well-known teacher died in October of last year.

The dedication was "for his untiring interest in education, his ability to get along with others, his interest in children, and for a life of untiring devotion."

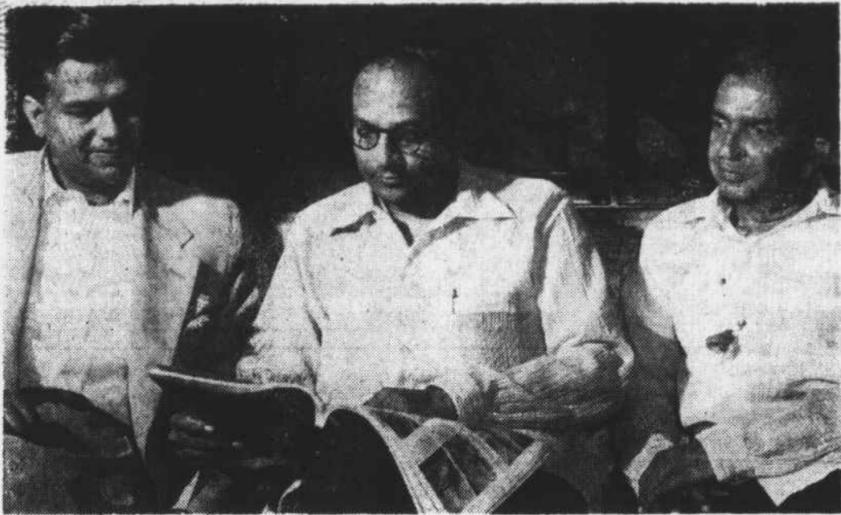
REAPPOINTED TO BOARD

E. J. Whitmire, of Franklin, has been reappointed to the 12-member board of trustees for Western Carolina College by Gov. Umstead. Mr. Whitmire, the outgoing chairman of the board, was appointed for a six-year term and was the only hold-over member.

BISHOP WILL PREACH

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, of Asheville, bishop of the W. N. C. diocese, will preach at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it has been announced.

High India Officials Visitors Here



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Three high officials from the State of West Bengal, India, spent several days here last week studying soil and water conservation measures at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory and the Nantahala National Forest. They are in this country under the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations and plan to turn the results of their U. S. tour into practical use when they return to India. They are (L to R) E. A. R. Banerji, joint director of agriculture, S. Dutta, executive adjutant, and V. S. Rao, deputy conservator of forests. Mr. Rao spoke at last Wednesday night's meeting of the Rotary Club. The three left Sunday for further study in Spartanburg, S. C.

Tourist Time Again; Here's Inside Story Of What To See

Come June and it's tourist time again — and what more could the tourist ask for than Macon County and its vast treasure of scenic splendor.

Local folk know, and make no bones about letting others in on it, that Macon County fairly bristles with unsurpassed scenery in an atmosphere conducive to rest and relaxation.

Therefore, this story is primarily for the tourist and in essence is the confidential low-down on what to see in Macon County; and every feature is a "MUST".

In presenting this county in a nutshell, rather pertinent things about it must be omitted; like the cool and refreshing "blanket nights", the congenial and friendly outlook of the natives, the number of out-of-staters who have become entranced by it all and have moved here to stay, and, of course, the colorful and educational events woven into the county's history.

Nor can one go into great length about the excellent tourist accommodations, par-excellent fishing and hunting, and ideal climate.

All of this comes in time, anyway.

No, this story is a tip of the hat to Dame Nature, who used her ambidextrous skill and nimble brain to fashion the spectacular scenic "breath-takers" within the borders of this small mountain county.

First off, these "breath-takers" come to the county through the compliments of the Nantahala National Forest. About 44 per cent of the forests' 414,123 acres lie within Macon, making the forest a "must" for tourists who really want to see first-hand the end products of Mother Nature's gifted hand.

A 60-foot cascade on US 64 between Franklin and Highlands is the top drawer attraction as far as the county's water spectacles go. This thundering "must" is Dry Falls, which annually plays to an audience of more than 100,000. It receives its name "dry" from the fact that sightseers may walk a trail behind the falls to the other side of the gorge. Remember, it's just 16 miles southeast of Franklin and four miles west of Highlands on US 64—and don't forget to take a camera. There is ample parking place and a concession stand is operated for the convenience of the thirsty traveler; and who wouldn't get thirsty after watching tons of water splatter on the rocks below.

Two more water attractions of the Franklin-Highlands highway add wear and tear to auto brake linings, but both are well worth it. Bridal Veil Falls — nature's answer to the automatic car washer—hurts its tons of water over the highway into a deep

gorge below. This is definitely a "must" for the camera fan and the winding highway leading into the falls lends many different angle shots.

(Editor's Note: Who could ask for a better opportunity to call attention to the frantic lady tourist, who hurried into Highlands after passing under Bridal Veil Falls to report that "a water main must have broken over the highway.")

The almost perpendicular cliffs of Cullasaja Gorge glare down on the playful and swift-flowing Cullasaja Falls, apparently envious at the amount of camera film used to record the beauty of the falls. Cullasaja is an Indian word meaning "pouring sugar" and there are several "pull-off" areas along the highway for those wanting a closer and longer look at the tumbling cascade.

All of this and an abundance of other notable scenic wonders come complete in the "packaged" trip from Franklin to Highlands. The drive takes little more than 45 minutes, if you're new to the mountains, and is worth every minute of it.

A large portion of the highway up the Cullasaja Gorge is carved out of the sheer cliffs.

If you're the nosey type and want to see what's going on in other states, or if you're just wanting to see some of the most wonderful panoramic views of surrounding mountains, don't miss trips up Wayah Bald, Satulah Mountain, and Whiteside Mountain.

A stone observatory atop mile-high Wayah Bald gives a sweeping view of the Appalachians and four adjoining states. The Byrne Tower is in the memory of John B. Byrne, a veteran of World War I and a former forest supervisor. Wayah Bald is 19 miles west of Franklin on the Nantahala road.

Satulah Mountain, a half-mile by trail from the heart of Highlands, stands 4,560 feet in the blue and hikers may peek into three states from its crest.

Whiteside, which boasts of having the highest cliffs in Eastern America, used to challenge the energies of enthusiastic hikers. Today, however, a toll road, blasted for more than half a mile out of the side of the mountain, affords safe and pleasant passage to the top. The mountain, believed to be one of the oldest in the world, has its unique contributions to history along with being a "botanist's heaven". It is near Highlands on the Cashiers highway—just follow the signs, you can't miss it.

Like to swing the old golf clubs a little? There's a beautiful 18-hole at the Highlands Country Club, and incidentally, it's one of the finest in the

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H. GREGORY INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP

Fox, Driver, Charged By Patrolman For Recklessness

Hayes Gregory, of Walnut Creek, was injured about 8 o'clock Monday night when the automobile in which he was a passenger overturned three times down a 200-foot embankment on the Walnut Creek road.

He is under treatment at Angel Clinic for a concussion and injuries of the face.

State Highway Patrolman V. E. Bryson, who investigated the accident, identified the driver of the automobile as James Fox, 22, of Walnut Creek and Pontiac, Mich. He was jailed following the accident and charged with reckless driving, the patrolman said.

Power Goes Rural Here

Electricity "went rural" in 1952, with sharp increases in customers and kilowatt hour consumption.

Figures from the Nantahala Power and Light Company show that rural Macon County added 740 new customers during the year, increasing the average kilowatt hour consumption per customer 190.1.

No main power lines were run in the county during 1952, company officials said, and the high number of new customers came from extensions of existing lines. A 9.6-mile extension in the Ellijay section constituted the only major job they said. Smaller extensions totaled approximately 4.9 miles.

Figures for 1951 and 1952 were:

1951: Rural customers, 1,934; total kilowatt hour consumption, 2,807,888.

1952: Rural customers, 2,674; total kilowatt hour consumption, 4,390,475.

School Record Players Taken; Reward Offered

The theft of two portable record players from the Franklin Elementary School was reported this week by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas.

Sheriff Thomas set the value of the two articles at \$100 and he said a reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons, taking them. All information received will be kept confidential, he added.

The players were taken between May 22 and 25, the sheriff said. One is a reddish-brown leatherette Silvertone, the other a maroon Chicago-Webster.

KILL BIG RATTLER

A big rattlesnake, measuring four feet two inches, was killed on Nickajack Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Conley Owens.

Jaycee Pool Opening Set On Saturday

The Jaycee-operated swimming pool at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course is scheduled to open Saturday.

Hours will be 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., daily. H. T. Collins, pool chairman, said a life-guard will be on duty full-time.

Individual charges have been set as follows: adults, 40 cents; high school students, 25 cents; children 10 years and under, 15 cents.

Season passes will cost \$7.50 for high school students; \$10, adult; and \$12.50, family.

The entire pool has been painted with a water-proofing compound.

ACCOUNTANTS GATHER HERE

Georgia Society Holds Annual Convention In Highlands

Some 200 accountants and their families attended the four-day annual convention of the Georgia Certified Public Accountants Society in Highlands this week.

The convention, held at the Highlands County Club, opened Sunday and closed yesterday (Wednesday).

U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue T. Coleman Andrews, an Eisenhower appointee, was the principal speaker at Monday's session.

Panel discussions featured the convention. Officers were elected the closing day of the meeting, and the accountants also heard an address by John L. Carey, executive director of the American Institute of Accountants.

YOUTH RALLY ON SATURDAY

County - Wide Gathering Of Baptist At Franklin

A county-wide youth rally is scheduled at the First Baptist Church Saturday evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

While the rally primarily is for young people, adults are invited to attend.

The evening's program will be in the form of a radio program, with the Rev. M. T. Giles, pastor of the Cowee church, as guest speaker.

Miss Eveline Giedinghagen and Wayne Sorrells are in charge of the rally.

OFFICERS ATTEND SCHOOL

Macon Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendergrass were among sheriffs and deputies from 35 counties in the state attending a sheriffs' school and law refresher course in Chapel Hill last Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The school was sponsored by the Institute of Government.

JUNE X-RAY SURVEY SET IN COUNTY

Service Free; Mobile Unit Plans Three Main Stops

All Maconites 15 years of age and over will have the opportunity to receive a free chest X-ray this month through an X-ray service made possible by the Macon-Jackson-Swain county health departments.

A mobile X-ray unit will be at Nantahala on June 16, at Highlands on June 24, and at Franklin on June 25, 26, and 27.

Hours at each stop will be 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Frank Shope, Macon public health nurse, this week urged everyone to take advantage of this free service, explaining that the entire purpose of the mass chest X-ray survey is to find early tuberculosis where it exists.

Certain other conditions may also be discovered by the X-ray, the nurse pointed out, including cyst, tumor, cancer of the lung, and enlarged heart.

Most people, Mrs. Shope said, will find they are perfectly all right. This knowledge alone is well worth the short time it will take to get an X-ray, she added.

It will only take about two minutes to receive an X-ray and it is not necessary to undress.

The nurse said each person X-rayed will receive a written report on the result after two or three weeks.

Certain expenses must be borne locally, including educational materials, clerical help and supplies, and postage for sending reports. Mrs. Shope said this money in the three-county district is being provided by the Jackson County Tuberculosis Association and the Macon and Swain tuberculosis committees through the sale of Christmas seals.

Explaining the 15 year age limit for the survey, the nurse said children under the age limit may be X-rayed by appointment with the local health department if they have had contacts with tuberculosis patients or their family physician recommends an X-ray.

55 Per Cent Of Grading Is Finished

Grading on the Franklin-Cowee Gap (US 23) highway project, which is now approximately 55 per cent complete, should be finished some time in October, according to S. T. Usry, resident state highway engineer.

Bridges and culverts are about 70 per cent completed, he said.

Once the grading is finished, the engineer said a macadam base will be put down and the highway allowed to settle during the winter. Then in the spring the regular surfacing will be put down, he said.

Work on the new \$618,000 link from Franklin to the Jackson County line got under way last fall.

A survey for a tie-in project from Cowee Gap to Dillsboro, near Sylva, was started by the highway department in December.

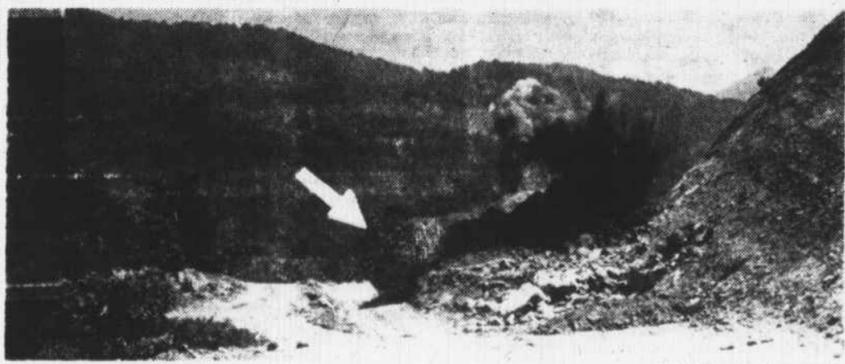
The Weather

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

FRANKLIN		
	Temperatures	
	High	Low
Wednesday	87	69
Thursday	86	50
Friday	84	53
Saturday	90	57
Sunday	90	57
Monday	86	60
Tuesday	82	47

COWEETA		
	Temperatures	
	High	Low
Wednesday	85	61
Thursday	83	45
Friday	85	46
Saturday	89	53
Sunday	89	54
Monday	85	58
Tuesday	77	46

No A-Bomb, But It Did Its Job



—Staff Photo by J. P. Brady

Several persons, in addition to highway and construction personnel, were on hand Sunday afternoon on the Franklin-Cowee Gap highway project to witness the touching off of nearly a ton of dynamite to clear a large layer of rock from the highway roadbed. To folks who have had a steady diet of exploding atomic bombs in recent months through movies and newspapers, Sunday's blast was hardly spectacular—but it served its purpose. The arrow in the picture points to a wall of rock and dirt pushing out across the roadbed by the force of the explosion. A bulldozer was brought into play to clear the path so those on the scene could get back down the mountain.