

WATERSHED AID COMING ON PRIORITY

Macon Soil Chairman Hears From Federal Official On Project

Planning assistance by the federal government for the 90,000-acre watershed control and conservation project for the Little Tennessee River drainage area will be granted on the basis of watershed priorities.

That's the word from the office of the Secretary of Agriculture, where application for assistance was made in January under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

In a letter to J. S. Gray, chairman of the Macon County Soil Conservation District, a department administrator, D. A. Williams, acknowledged receipt of the application and explained:

"As rapidly as technical facilities are available, planning assistance will be authorized on the basis of watershed priorities recommended by the Georgia State Soil Conservation Committee and the North Carolina Soil Conservation Committee . . ."

Both Georgia and North Carolina officials and citizens have been pushing for the detailed watershed study in order to develop a comprehensive plan for Little Tennessee drainage.

Long-range plans call for the project to straighten and clean the river channel and establish a system of terracing and drainage for the area to benefit all landowners and to conserve water and soil.

Under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, the federal government covers 50 to 90 per cent of the cost of channel correcting and construction costs of such a watershed program, it was explained.

Korte Is Elected Lions President

Robert J. Korte, of Wayah Valley, Monday night was elected president of the Franklin Lions Club for '56-57.

He succeeds Jack Angel.

Named to serve with the new president were Verlon Swafford, 1st vice-president; G. Wayne Faulkner, 2nd vice-president; Harry C. Corbin, 3rd vice-president; B. B. Scott, secretary; J. C. Crisp, treasurer; Vance Rucker, Lion Tamer; J. Ward Long, Tail Twister; and R. Roy Cunningham and John Crawford, two-year directors.

In addition to the election of officers, the Lions' meeting featured talks on Cub Scouting by R. E. McKelvey and Ernest Hyde, and the club was presented the charter of the pack it is sponsoring.

County P. T. A. Study Course Is Scheduled

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Guffey, study course chairman for the Franklin P. T. A., has announced that a county-wide study course will be held at East Franklin School next Wednesday (March 21) from 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

Dr. Koopp-Baker, director of special education, Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, will be guest speaker. Mrs. John Crawford, of Raleigh, state P. T. A. president, and Mrs. Olin Dillard, of Candler, district director, will also take part on the program.

A nursery will be provided for small children.

Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria.

All members of Macon County P. T. A.'s are invited to attend.

TO GIVE COMEDY

A comedy, "Old Maids Convention", will be presented by the Cartoogechaye P. T. A., Saturday, March 24, at 8 p. m., at the Iotla School.

GOING TO CLINIC

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Furr plan to leave Saturday morning for Atlanta, Ga., where Dr. Furr will attend the Thomas P. Hinman mid-winter clinic next week.



WILLARD SMITH (13) leaves the floor and lofts the ball for two points in Friday night's first basketball game in the new gymnasium. Clyde Erwin High beat the locals. At right is Franklin's Mitchell Houston (17).

Broken Water Pipe Gives Short Vacation

A broken water pipe at Franklin High late Monday morning gave school children an unexpected vacation.

Supt. Holland McSwain turned off all schools out for the remainder of the day so the system's bus connections could be made.

Short Cage Season Ending With Murphy Games Friday

What will probably go down in sports annals as Franklin High's shortest basketball season on the home court (three nights) ends tomorrow (Friday) night.

After encounters in the new

gymnasium with Clyde Erwin teams Friday night and Cullowhee teams Tuesday night, the lads and lassies throw open the doors tomorrow to Murphy High. The girls will lead off at 7:30 and the boys will clash at 8:30.

This is the final game slated for the new building this year, according to Coach Howard Barnwell.

Tuesday night, the locals split wins with Cullowhee in games that had fans on the edge of their seats.

In overtime, the boys lost a heart-breaker by one point, 58 to 57. Franklin held a good lead in the first quarter, but Cullowhee started gnawing at it and by the half the locals were behind one point, 24 to 23. For Franklin, Bill Mendenhall was high at the hoop with 14 points.

Bonnie Lee split the strings for 24 points to lead the girls to a 57 to 49 victory over Cullowhee. At the half, Franklin led 31 to 25.

In the first game to be played in the gymnasium, an estimated 1,200 fans saw Clyde Erwin take triple wins back to Buncombe County.

In the lead-off game, the junior varsities of the two high schools met, the visitors winning 43 to 25.

Next on the bill was a close-foughted scrap between the girls. Final score: 36 to 33. For the locals, Bonnie Lee was high scorer with 16 points.

Fans caught plenty of fast action in the boys' tilt as fast break flurries went from goal to goal. The locals, game but out-classed by the championship Clyde Erwin team, took the short end of the 73 to 52 score.

College Official Brands Scholarship 'Free Ride'

To a former college football coach, today's athletic scholarship is "a free ride".

Dr. Quinn Constantz, chief speaker at last Thursday night's annual Rotary Club banquet for the Franklin High School football squad, added that "amateurs (in sports) play for the fun of it."

The real purpose of a scholarship, he explained, is to make it possible for a student to do more work.

Dr. Constantz, himself a college letterman, now associate professor of health and physical education at Western Carolina College, listed for Franklin footballers some of the objectives of an athletic program, and some of the responsibilities that go with it.

Among the objectives, he said, are physical development; learning to get along with others; learning there are more important things than winning; recreation; and learning safety—how to handle one's body and the development of quick reflexes.

An athlete, he continued, has these responsibilities: "To give all you've got; to learn to put



Dr. Constantz

first things first; to play for the fun of it; to learn the sport itself; to learn its rules; and to learn to pace yourself."

Mrs. Slagle Is Reelected President Of Auxiliary



Mrs. Slagle

It's another year's term as president of the local V. F. W. Auxiliary for Mrs. Richard H. Slagle.

Also reelected Monday night for another year were Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr., senior vice-president; Mrs. Winton Perry, junior vice-president; and Mrs. R. E. Welch, treasurer.

Elected to new jobs were Mrs. Fred Salain, chaplain; Mrs. Lucille Angel, conductress; Mrs. Lucinda Crowover, guard; and Mrs. Neal Johnston, three-year trustee.

Mrs. Lasca E. Horsley, who has one more year to serve, and Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, who has two, are trustees with Mrs. Johnston.

The auxiliary officers will be installed in April.

Red Cross Drive Moves Slowly Here

Now moving into its third week, the county's annual American Red Cross fund drive has just scratched at its quota of \$3,730.

The executive secretary of the chapter, Mrs. Elizabeth McCollum, Tuesday afternoon reported only \$320 had been turned in.

However, she said this figure represents the reports of about a half dozen solicitors and some mail donations.

The drive is scheduled for the entire month.

Expected To Pour First Concrete On Georgia Highway

Weather permitting, the first concrete will be poured on the US 23-441 (south) highway project the last of this week, according to the resident highway engineer, S. T. Usry.

It will go into forms prepared for two culverts in the Prentiss section. One is triple-barreled and the other single.

Work on the highway structures got under way toward the last of February.

A total of 10 structures — a bridge and nine culverts — are dotted along the 12.46-mile relocation project.

Hospital Given Tax Releases

Because it is a non-profit organization, Angel Hospital, Inc., has been released from payment of '54 and '55 taxes by the county and town and the money will be rebated.

The hospital will be exempt from future taxes, also.

For the two years, on the basis of a \$25,000 valuation, the county released the hospital for \$700 and the town \$550.

Both the county and town plan to make the rebates next year, since neither has budget provisions to cover this amount this fiscal year.

AFTER PUBLICITY — Ruby Mine Fan Mail Flows

Fan mail has started pouring into the Cowee Ruby Mines, the county's unique attraction which has been revealed to the rest of the world in the March issue of Woman's Day, national A & P publication.

Carroll Gibson, one of the mine owners, already has received more than 50 letters from all over the country. And the mails bring more daily.

Because most of them inquire about accommodations, he is having to answer personally, furnishing motel and inn prices and other information.

"This is turning into work," he says laconically.

The majority of those making inquiries indicate they plan to stay here a week or more in their search for rubies at the strip mines.

Last Thursday brought a letter

Filing By Sorrells Points To Primary



Mr. Sorrells

Local Businessman Seeks Nomination As Representative

First official hint of the Democratic primary on May 26 came Friday when J. C. Sorrells, Franklin businessman, filed for nomination as representative to the General Assembly from here.

He's the first to toss his hat into the "off-year" election ring. He paid his \$13.50 filing fee to Lee Barnard, chairman of the elections board.

Now associated with Macon Willys Company, Mr. Sorrells is a former member and chairman of the board of education.

In the primary, Democrats here will nominate a representative, surveyor, and a school board.

Macon Scouts Get Awards

Eleven Macon County Boy Scouts went before the court of honor of the Smoky Mountain District at Webster last Thursday night.

Nine of the boys received rank advancements and two got merit badges.

Jack Wilson, Woodrow Wilson, and John Wayne Rogers, all of Highlands, Troop 7, were presented Star Rank. These awards were made by the Rev. S. B. Moss, of Franklin.

First Class rank went to Bobby Joe Talley, of Troop 7.

Those receiving Tenderfoot rank included William C. Newton, of Troop 7, and Lyman C. Bryant, Donald E. Burnside, Paul W. Cabe, and John C. Stamey, all of Franklin, Troop 1.

William Love and Bobby Norton, both of Troop 7, got Firemanship merit badges.

MOVIE ON CHILDREN

A movie on understanding children will feature a meeting of the Franklin P. T. A. Monday night at 7:30 in the school cafeteria, it has been announced.

Late News and Briefs

AGAINST 'STRIKE'

An overwhelming majority of Macon teachers are in favor of the Canton N. C. E. A. unit's resolution calling for salary increases, but are opposed to its now hotly-controversial "strike" amendment.

Principals of all but two schools reported yesterday (Wednesday) morning to Supt. Holland McSwain that their teachers, by large majorities, disapprove of the amendment which declares:

"If a raise is not granted, teachers will stay out of school in September."

The Canton organization is seeking passage of its resolution and amendment at the North Carolina Education Association's annual meeting in Asheville next week.

The main resolution, which the teachers here favor, asks:

"That the salary of all school personnel be raised 25%, or \$3,000-\$4,000, at the beginning of the school year 1956-57. We insist that this request be given the most serious consideration if and when the legislature meets this summer."

What's Doing?

(From Thursday to Thursday) Tonight (Thursday): O. E. S. installation, Nequassa Chapter 43, 8 o'clock, Masonic Temple.

Friday: Garden school, Agricultural Building, 9:45 a. m.

Friday: Franklin High vs Murphy, 7:30 p. m.; Franklin gym.

Saturday: 4-H parade through downtown Franklin, 10:30 a. m.

Saturday: Covered dish supper, East Franklin School, 7:30 p. m., for patrons and citizens.

Sunday-Saturday: Methodist revival, Franklin church, 7:30 nightly.

Sunday: Carolina Quartet, Cullasaja School, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday: Little League planning meeting, Slagle Memorial, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday: P. T. A. study course, 9:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., East Franklin School.

The Weather

The week's temperature and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Mason Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory.

	FRANKLIN		
	Temperatures	High	Low
Wed., Mar. 7	75	60	...
Thursday	67	31	.63
Friday	62	20	...
Saturday	60	20	...
Sunday	61	40	.06
Monday	62	39	...
Tuesday	61	48	.33

	COWEETA		
	Temperatures	High	Low
Wed., Mar. 7	73	58	.06
Thursday	43	33	.50
Friday	61	19	...
Saturday	59	21	.05
Sunday	59	40	...
Monday	68	34	.24
Tuesday	62	49	1.16



Mr. Gibson And Fan Mail