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BIDS ASKED FOR SCHOOL ADDITIONS

Board Plans To Build Lunchrooms At Cowee And Otto In Summer

Bids for construction of school cafeterias at Cowee and Otto are being asked this week by the Macon County Board of Education.

Plans and specifications were made available Tuesday at the office of Lindsey M. Gudger, Asheville architect, according to School Supt. Holland McSwain. A set also is in the superintendent's office.

The superintendent also revealed that the board hopes to be ready to ask for bids on two classrooms at Cullasaja School and vocational shops at Highlands and Nantahala. Plans and specifications for these are now being prepared by the architect, he said.

Bids for the cafeterias will be opened in the school superintendent's office May 16 at 2 p. m.

The cafeterias are expected to cost from \$25-\$30,000 each. On orders of the board last month, the original plans were revised to cut costs, which ran about \$10,000 more for each.



MORE SLIDING has occurred on the US 23-411 fill near Cowee Gap since more than 75,000 yards of dirt and some 200 yards of the highway dropped into the valley on April 16. This photo shows how the entire roadbed has fallen away. Traffic is skirting the danger over a one-way road (see truck and car) roughed out by a bulldozer. The highway will be closed May 1-15 while repairs are made.

Late News and Briefs

BOOKS OPENING

Registration books will open Saturday in the county's 12 precincts for the May 26 Democratic primary.

They also will be open May 5 and 12.

J. Lee Barnard, elections board chairman, has announced one change in registration location. Registering in Nantahala No. 1 will be at the home of George Lambert, on Piesty Branch.

FILING CORRECTION

A story in last week's issue stating that C. Banks Finger filed for the house of representatives after incumbent G. L. Houk was in error.

Mr. Finger filed on Friday, April 20, the day before Mr. Houk announced.

MISS ROBBINS DIES

Miss Kansas Robbins, 79, a native of this county, died Monday at a rest home in Haywood County.

Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday afternoon.

SANDERS INJURED

Clyde Sanders, Franklin automobile dealer, was injured about 4 a. m. Tuesday in Atlanta, Ga., in an automobile wreck. He was en route home from Alabama.

He received fractures of both knees and a slight chest injury and is hospitalized in St. Joseph's in Atlanta.

VACCINE RELEASED

The Macon County Health Department today (Thursday) plans to give approximately 1,000 first shots of the Salk anti-polio vaccine to pupils in eight elementary schools. A new shipment of vaccine has just arrived, according to the public health nurse, Mrs. Frank Shope. Vaccine will be administered to pupils from the first through the eighth grades who have parental consent. The schools are East Franklin, Cartoogechaye, Cowee, Otto, Cullasaja, Iotla, Union, and Franklin.

MRS. WALDROOP HURT

Mrs. Hattie Waldroop fell Monday near her home on Harrison Avenue and fractured her right arm and hip. Angel Hospital yesterday (Wednesday) reported her condition as "fair."

COURT IS OVER

The April term of Superior Court unofficially ended Friday at noon and Judge J. Will Pless returned to his home in Marion. Officially, however, the term is not over until Saturday midnight, in the event a pressing issue arises.

Dispositions may be found on the front page of the second section in this issue.

CAPT. DAVIS HERE

Capt. Allen Davis, Jr., a native of this county, is here for a visit with relatives, including his grandfather, John C. Dills. The captain has been in Germany for the past two years. He has been in service 15 years. Monday he will report for duty at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

2nd Story For Clinic Planned

Dr. Edgar Angel, director of Angel Hospital, Inc., Monday announced another step in the hospital's expansion that ups the cost of the program to an estimated \$140,000.

As machinery was breaking ground for the new \$100,000 out-patient clinic wing, the doctor disclosed that a second story will be built at an additional cost of about \$40,000.

Dr. Angel said the upper story will contain major and minor operating rooms and the hospital's obstetrical facilities.

A large waiting room in the new wing will connect with the waiting room of the old hospital building on the southwest side. Also on the main floor will be four doctor offices, six examining rooms, two treatment rooms, a laboratory, fluoroscope and X-ray room, nurses' station, and medical records room. A new heating plant for the entire hospital, a conference and record room, and storage facilities will be in the basement of the wing.

C. of C. Campaign Supper Meeting

A supper meeting of volunteer workers Monday night officially opened the '56 membership drive of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Over the meal, 18 men, with Vic Perry as their chairman, organized the campaign to bring in chamber members and reach the drive quota of \$3,000.

A budget of \$3,240 has been set up for the year, an increase of \$296.32 over '55 expenditures. The chamber entered the new year (Jan. 1) with a cash on hand balance of \$409.82.

In signaling the start of the campaign, Mr. Perry said the chamber is shooting for a much larger membership this year, since a campaign was not conducted last year. Because businessmen rallied to raising about \$30,000 to purchase the site for the new Burlington Industries plant here, the '55 campaign was termed unnecessary.

Pointing to the new program outlined by President Verlon Swafford and his board, Mr. Perry said it is doubly important the quota be reached this year, and as soon as possible.

'Uncle Billy' McCoy Says Things Have Changed Here

Macon County's oldest male citizen allows as how things have changed around here like "daylight and dark" in his 97 years.

From an easy chair in the living room of his home in the Goldmine section this week, "Uncle Billy" McCoy talked of the many things time has altered in his lifetime.

He talked of an era when the two things that distinguished Franklin most were mud streets and "Dixie Hall".

He talked of times when folks plowed with steers and wooden plows. "You don't see any of them now," he declared.

And "Uncle Billy" talked of the days when they used to mine and pan for gold in the Goldmine section (that's how it got its name), and of the nugget he once found that was the size of a corn kernel. And he still believes that somewhere back in the mountains surrounding the valley of his home a "big vein" of gold is waiting to be found. Even today, small quantities of gold particles (not enough though, for profitable commercial mining) can be panned in the many swift streams pouring out of the mountains into the valley.

"There's a vein somewhere back up there," he said with a sweep of his hand, "that's feeding these places. . . I had 30 particles in one pan at one time when the Davenport worked in here."

Carries Years Lightly
"Uncle Billy" carries his 97 years lightly and although a little "hard of hearing" he has a twinkle of contentment in his eyes and a spring in his step. He's been "just a little puny" in his life and has been bedridden only once because of sickness.

Three times during the day he was interviewed, he had walked up the side of the mountain to "test the fruit" to see if the cold snap had damaged it.

Helped Build Walls
A rock mason by trade, "Uncle Billy" figures he built more than 100 chimneys over the county in his day. He also spent 10 years mining at Cornumund Hill back in the old days.

And at the tender age of 75, this agile member of the McCoy family was helping build the rock walls along Cullasaja Gorge on US 64 to Highlands. SEE NO. 1, PAGE 5

Local Auxiliary Playing Host To District Meeting

Mrs. John W. Hearn, N. C. department president of the American Legion Auxiliary, will be the featured speaker here tomorrow (Friday) when the local auxiliary plays host to a meeting of the 20th district.

Set to begin at 10 a. m., the meeting will be in the educational building of the First Baptist Church in Franklin.

Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, of Franklin, district committee-woman, will preside. Mrs. Weimar Jones will have charge of music for the meeting.

In addition to the speaker, Mrs. Hearn, whose home is in Monroe, other guests will include Mrs. Mary Brooks Hoy, of Raleigh, state department secretary, Mrs. Paul J. Johnston, of Hendersonville, and Mrs. Fred Ribet, of Valdese.

A luncheon is planned following the business session with Mrs. A. R. Higdon as chairman in charge.

A welcome from the host club will be given by Mrs. Reid Womack, local president.

The district is composed of units from Franklin, Fontana, Murphy, and Robbinsville.

MRS. MURRAY IS ELECTED

Franklin Club Woman Named Chairman Of 2nd H.D. Federation

A Franklin club woman, Mrs. Frank I. Murray, Tuesday was elected chairman of the three-county 2nd District Federation of home demonstration clubs.

Election of district officers featured the 20th anniversary celebration of home demonstration work in the area. Drawing more than 350, the celebration was held at the First Methodist Church with Macon County club women as hostesses.

Named to serve with Mrs. Murray were Mrs. Mack Hall, of Jackson County, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Cowan Wykle, of Swain County, secretary-treasurer, Macon, Jackson, and Swain now make up the district.

'Sunday Dinner' Set May 6 At Cowee School

"Sunday dinner" for the public will be served May 6 at Cowee School by the community development organization.

Serving will begin at 12:30, according to the President, Woodrow Gibson. Plates will be \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children.

Proceeds are earmarked for community projects.

No Details Yet On Plant Expansion

Further details on Burlington Industries' expansion plans at the Franklin plant were not available this week.

However, the plant superintendent, Stephen A. Bundy, is in Harriman, Tenn., today (Thursday) for a conference. Prior to leaving, he said he hoped to have additional information when he returns.

Here last week to address the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, a Burlington vice-president, John Harden, said construction on the addition probably will get under way during June and should be finished by early fall.

Contract specifications are being prepared now and bids will be let as soon as possible, he disclosed.

Other than to say the expansion will mean a "substantial increase in payroll and employment", Mr. Harden was unable to supply more specific information.

Built by Burlington in early 1955, the present plant has been in operation less than a year. It has reached approximately 60 per cent of its production capacity and is employing about 270 persons. It now represents an over-all investment in building, machinery, and equipment of approximately \$3,000,000.

Highway To Close For Slide Repairs

Essay Contest Deadline Set; Several Enter

With the May 1 deadline coming up Tuesday, a number of high school students have submitted papers in the essay contest, "Macon County—My Home, My Future".

The contest is being co-sponsored by The Franklin Jaycees and The Franklin Press.

Prizes, which will be awarded by a representative of the newspaper at commencement exercises, are:

First place, gold medal and \$25 in cash.

Second place, a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond.

Third place, \$10 in cash.

The idea behind the contest, according to the sponsors, is to override the complaint of most young people that Macon County offers little in the way of opportunity and show what opportunities are really here.

All entries must be in or postmarked not later than midnight, May 1. They should be delivered or mailed to Robert C. (Bob) Carpenter, of Franklin, the Jaycee representative.

Details of the contest, including the selection of the judges, are being handled by the Jaycees.

US 23-441 between Franklin and Dillsboro is going to be closed 15 days while repairs are made to a large section of the highway ripped out by a landslide last week.

The highway will close May 1-15, according to Resident Engineer S. T. Usry.

A detour for through traffic is being set up from here on NC 28 through Bryson City, the route used by east-west traffic while the highway was under construction, he said.

Nearly 200 yards of the highway near Cowee Gap, on this side, fell out when a landslide occurred in a large fill on the 16th, sending about 75 thousand yards of dirt into the valley below during a heavy snow storm. One-way traffic was moving around the danger area soon after the slide.

Rather than undertake re-filling where the slide occurred, the engineer said plans call for relocating the section of damaged highway. The centerline will be moved about 70 feet closer to the mountain. This project, which will be handled by highway maintenance crews, will entail moving about 10,000 yards of dirt on the relocation, Mr. Usry explained. About 30,000 more yards will be dumped into the old fill to prevent future sliding, he added.

The Weather

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

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., April 18	60	29	—
Thursday	64	31	—
Friday	69	29	—
Saturday	69	22	—
Sunday	63	31	—
Monday	63	35	—
Tuesday	69	37	—

COWEETA

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., April 18	58	33	—
Thursday	64	31	—
Friday	58	34	—
Saturday	67	23	—
Sunday	63	30	—
Monday	67	33	—
Tuesday	68	36	—



HONOR STUDENTS for Franklin High's Class of 1956 have been selected. Miss Doris Teague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmon Teague, of Prentiss, and Tommy Gnuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gnuse, Jr., of Franklin, are co-valedictorians. Norman Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, of Franklin, is salutatorian. The valedictorians had all A's in their work for four years, while the salutatorian made only one B during that time. Commencement exercises are set for May 21.



'Uncle Billy' McCoy Points To Gold