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WILL BUILD BIG ELECTRIC PLANT

Town of Franklin To Issue Bonds for Construction of a Big Dam and Electric Power Plant Here.

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Franklin, at a special meeting held Thursday morning, passed an ordinance for the issuance of \$300,000 of combined water, electric light and power systems bonds. In line with several other towns in this section, this is the first step toward municipal ownership of a hydro-electric power plant large enough to take care of increasing demands. The people desire additional industries here, and it is felt that the only way to get them is to provide sufficient power, at a reasonable rate.

The proposal that is now being given serious consideration is the harnessing of the Little Tennessee river about a mile below town, though other sites are also being considered.

For several months the question of the construction of a dam and power plant has been agitated here. The original proposition was to form a stock company to build a dam and power plant, and construct a cotton mill, or at least furnish part of the capital for the latter enterprise. Considerable progress was made in this direction, and it looked for a while as though the project would be successful. But, for various reasons, the scheme failed to work out, and the plan was dropped.

Still, forward-looking business men of our town desired more power and additional industries here, and so now the town itself has decided to undertake the construction of the plant. This will be good news to the citizens of our town and county, for it means that Franklin will at last take her rightful place among the towns of this section.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Press will be found the ordinance for the issuance of the bonds.

Tellico Locals.

Most every one in this section has just taken in the singing convention, the young folks especially. Every one reports a nice time.

Misses Elizabeth, Helen and Mary Jane Smith, from Franklin, were visiting Mrs. Robt. Ramsey and family for the past two weeks.

Mr. Sanford Smith, who is teaching at Holly Springs, was visiting home folks here this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Ramsey and little daughter, Helen, were visiting relatives here last week.

Miss Mona Dewese, of Briartown, was the guest of Misses Gracie and Bonnie DeHart Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ramsey have gone to Cornelia, Ga., on business.

We are very sorry that Mr. Pat Justice, who is staying at his brother's at Holly Springs now, is having to stay sick so long with his leg. We all wish him a very speedy recovery, and hope he will soon be back in our Sunday School again.

We are very sorry to report the death of Mrs. Emory Justice, who died July 24th. We all hated to give her up, but God knew best and we must all submit to His will and try to prepare to meet her when we die. We extend our greatest sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

THE PALS.

Ellijay News.

Dr. Angel was called Monday to the bedside of Aunt Kate Henry, who is very sick. Hope she will speedily recover.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan and took their little infant son Sunday afternoon. He was one month old. They loved the little darling and wanted him to stay, but God needed him more and He took him away to dwell with the angels till the Judgment day.

Mr. R. L. Ammons visited Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jennings, at Sylva, N. C., recently.

Mrs. Sarah Price has got so she can walk around now. We are glad to see her out again.

Mr. Tolvin Jennings' eyes are doing nicely since he had an operation.

Our school is doing nicely with Miss Norton as teacher. Hope she will do as well for us as Mr. J. P. Moore. Mr. Moore certainly was a good teacher, and he understood the children. Hope he will help teach yet, as I feel we can hardly do without him.

B. A.

Bryson City Is Now Building New Dam

Town Is Erecting 34-foot Dam on Ocona Luffy—Will Develop 600 Horse Power.

Bryson City, N. C., Aug. 6.—Work has been begun here on Bryson City's municipally owned dam and hydro-electric power plant near the mouth of the Ocona Luffy. It is proposed to spend approximately \$100,000, bonds to that amount having recently been sold by the town of Bryson City.

The new electric plant, it is anticipated, will develop about 600 horsepower. The present needs of the town are for only about 200 horsepower, hence the town expects to have about 400 horsepower for sale. That, in fact, is one reason for building the plant; it is desired to provide power to attract new business and manufacturing enterprises to Bryson City, and already a number of new enterprises are seriously considering locating here, according to J. E. Coburn, chairman of the local Board of Aldermen.

The dam and power plant will be located near the mouth of the Ocona Luffy river, about five miles northeast of Bryson City. A transmission line will be built from the plant to the town.

The dam will be 34 feet high and about 400 feet long. It will create a lake approximately two miles in length.

The contract for the work has been taken by Berry-Fortune company, of Hickory, and Mr. Fortune is here in active management of the work. Mr. Coburn believes the work will be completed by January 1, 1925.

At present some 50 men are at work getting machinery in shape clearing the right-of-way, and doing other preliminary work.

C. E. Waddell, of Asheville, is engineer in charge of the work, representing the city.

Scroll News.

The continued drought in this section of the county is causing great damage to corn and all farm crops. I do not know what will be the result.

Mr. F. M. Alley, of Cullowhee, passed through this section Monday en route for his work in Transylvania County.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, a fine boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Southards are also rejoicing over the arrival of "J. T., Jr."

Mrs. Jim Keener was very sick a while, but was improving the last the correspondent heard.

"Aunt Ann" Jones has gone to the singing convention. There she expects to meet her brother, Gomery Peek, of Central, S. C., and go back home with him.

Mr. F. E. Mashburn recently killed two rattlesnakes. The larger one had twelve rattles.

Saturday Messrs. Jim and Wilburn McCall also killed an enormous rattlesnake near Jim's home.

Mr. Frank Rogers, of Georgia, an "old prospector" by profession, was in this section of the county not long ago looking for the precious metal.

During the past week two droves of sheep passed through our community. The buyers were Hamburg men. They were paying a better price per pound than the farmer usually gets for lambs. What pays better than just a good old eye in the mountainous section of our state? The wool pays for her keep and the lambs are your profit.

Last Saturday some of our people spent a very pleasant day at the Farmers' picnic at Tilson's store at Pine Grove. Ten farmers agreed to co-operate and buy a Jersey bull, and go into the dairying business in this section. When the highway and graded roads are completed we can market cream and all farm products more cheaply than we can with poor roads. The speakers at the picnic were a gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Jim Gray, and Mr. Arrendale. Those who failed to attend one of this series of picnics being held in the county were the losers, I am sure. Let's all stand by our County Agent in all these various progressive moves he is guiding the farmers in taking. As the song goes, "Don't bite the hand that is feeding you." The good work he has done can not be estimated. May it continue for many years.

F. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement E. Sutton, of Washington, Ga., arrived here Wednesday morning for a visit to Mrs. Sutton's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Lyle.

BUYING POWER OF CROPS RISES

Is Ten Per Cent Higher Than In July For Four Years, Says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—The agricultural situation promises farmers some increased economic leverage this year, the department of agriculture stated, in announcing that the index of purchasing power of farm products is slowly rising.

At the beginning of July the index of purchasing power of farm products was 79 as compared with the year 1913 representing 100. That is 10 per cent higher than ever at that time in the last four years. In its monthly review the department takes issue with those who have estimated a \$1,000,000,000 increase in the value of the wheat crop over last year's crop.

"It is possible that American wheat growers will get from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000 more for their wheat this year than last, assuming that they sell something over 500,000,000 bushels," the department says.

"This is considerably less than the \$1,000,000,000 increase estimated in some quarters, but bespeaks an increased ability to pay off debts and a general improvement in financial conditions in the wheat country.

"On the other hand, the corn situation is by no means good. Stands are extremely spotted, many fields being full of weeds, and much of the crop is so far behind that it will need something approaching a frostless fall to mature.

"The main significance of the corn situation lies in its effect on livestock production and prices during the coming year. Expensive corn this fall will presumably prolong the liquidation of breeding stock now in progress. Unless history is a faithless guide, hogs and high grade cattle will be good property before this time in 1925.

"A six per cent increase in dairy cows in the country over last year is reported, the increase being greatest in the west. The south is considered to be going through critical days now, but cotton bids fair to produce a larger and more evenly distributed income than last year."

Ellijay Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell and Mrs. Margaret Head, of Seven Springs, N. C., have just returned home from a visit with relatives here. Miss Bessie Young went away with her sister, Mrs. Harrell, and is planning to attend school somewhere in eastern North Carolina.

A number of persons from this neighborhood attended the singing convention at Newman's Chapel.

The death angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan and took away their baby last Sunday. The body was carried to Mountain Grove for burial Monday. We extend to the bereaved parents our sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Ruth Bryson, of Highlands, was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Young.

Mrs. Kate Henry is very sick again. Dr. Angel was called to see her Monday, and hopes are held out that she will be up again soon.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alley, and their fine baby, of Cullowhee, came to the home of Mrs. Alley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moses. Mrs. Alley plans to stay with us for about two weeks; Morris left early Monday morning for his work in the Lake Toxaway section.

The young people of the community are glad to have Miss Bertha Moore of Franklin with them for a few days.

Some farms in this community have needed more rain for the last little while. Monday afternoon our local DeVoe was so sure that the dry weather would continue that he left his almanac out of doors and the next morning the backs were soaked off. He made some remark about suspending publication of forecasts.

A protracted meeting is to begin at the Ellijay Baptist church Wednesday, conducted by Revs. Bumgarner and Nicholson. We hope that it will really mean a revival of spiritual life with those who need it in the community.

R. N. M.

Miss Clara Belle Stiles returned home last week from the Conservatory of Music, at Cincinnati, Ohio, where she has been studying for the past year.

To Build New Road Up the Nantahala

\$40,000 To Be Spent on Road From Nantahala Station Up the River to Aquone.

Expenditure of \$40,000 or more on the road between Aquone and Nantahala Station is forecast by a meeting held here recently between representatives of the National Forest Service, the county commissioners of Macon County, and road trustees and citizens of Nantahala Township.

This road goes through the Nantahala National Forest, and the government desires a good road through its property. The money, it is understood, that was to have been spent in Pisgah National Forest has, for some reason, been diverted to the Nantahala Forest; hence the proposition put up to Macon County—that the government would spend \$30,000 or more, if the county would put up as much as \$10,000.

The agreement finally reached was that the county would put up \$2,000 of the \$10,000, Aquone road district would put up \$3,000, and Briartown road district would put up \$5,000, both these districts being in Nantahala township, through which the road will go.

It has been learned that the agreements have been signed by the proper authorities in the county and the two road districts, and that the \$30,000 from the government for this road is now assured.

The forest officials for some time have been promising aid on this road, but this is the first time anything definite has been forthcoming. Forestry officials state that the next project that will be undertaken by the government in this immediate section will be a road from Franklin, via the Nantahala Gap, to Aquone.

MUSIC PROGRAM AT COURT HOUSE

There will be a concert given at the Court House on Friday night, August 22nd. This will be the final exercises of the three weeks' Normal Music School which is being conducted in Franklin by Mr. Geo. W. Sebren, of Asheville, and will consist of a great variety of music. There will be a number of choruses by the school, several quartets will sing, Mr. Sebren will sing some special solos, and other special features will be given. It is believed that this programme will be highly entertaining, helpful and well worth your while. Ask about it.

North Skeenah News.

The weather is still hot and sultry. Older folks say it is the hottest they have felt for many a year.

Several folks went from this community to the singing convention at Newman Chapel Saturday and Sunday. Pleasant Hill choir went also.

Rev. Judson Smith spent Saturday night with Raymond Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mann, and family, of Royston, Ga., are visiting their parents, Messrs. J. W. Mann and John A. T. Sanders, at this writing.

Little John Shope had the misfortune to get his arm cut the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Toccoa, Ga., are visiting Mr. Sam Stockton at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Surgeon Ledford, of Clayton, Ga., were visiting in this section the past week. His mother returned with him to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Pitts have returned from Jefferson, Ga., where they have been spending a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cabe spent the past Sunday with Mr. Cabe's sister, Mrs. Flora Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hasting, from Allison Creek, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Hasting's father, Mr. Wimer Hasting, of this section.

Mr. Mack Moffitt of Cartoogechaye passed through this section Monday.

Rev. Judson Smith filled his regular appointment at Prentiss Saturday and Sunday. His subject on Sunday was "The Beauty and Grandeur of Heaven."

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, Jr., took dinner with Mrs. Emma Ledford at Prentiss last Tuesday.

Messrs. W. C. Cunningham and S. L. Franks spent several days this week at Durham, N. C., visiting Mr. Cunningham's brother, Mr. Henry O. Cunningham, who has been, in poor health for some time.

KLAN MEMBERS GAIN STRENGTH

Membership in North Carolina Doubles in Past Ninety Days; Judge Grady Favors Abolishing Mask.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 6.—The membership of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina has more than doubled within the last 90 days, so that now in a state election the klansmen are strong enough numerically to name their own candidate, should they have one, Judge Henry A. Grady, of Raleigh, grand dragon of the North Carolina realm, told the Asheville Times today.

Klansmen of the North Carolina realm, Judge Grady said, are joining with others in the effort to abolish from the order the hood and the mask, except for use in initiation ceremonies.

Judge Grady declared that he knew for an absolute fact that the Associated Press is controlled by the Roman Catholic church, or rather by the Catholic organization, Knights of Columbus.

This organization, he declared, also controls to a large extent civil service appointments in the United States, so that of the vast numbers of government employees appointed under civil service, 70 per cent are Catholics, although there are 26 Protestants to every 15 Catholics in the country.

The Asheville klan is in favor of abolishing the hood and mask, Judge Grady said. He attended the meeting of the local klan in the klavern here Tuesday night, he said.

"The Ku Klux Klan does not instruct its members to vote for any certain man," he said. "However, where there are several candidates for an office and it is known that one or more of their number is not fit to serve the public, information is given all klansmen and they are then allowed to follow the dictates of their own conscience.

"It is not a party organization. In North Carolina one-fifth of the Ku Klux members are republicans and the balance democrats. The klan does not take an active interest in politics beyond fighting for the right and the public welfare."

Judge Grady said he is not allowed to divulge the actual number of klansmen in North Carolina, but it has been reported that the total is now 42,000.

Elbert Dester Nix Dies At Anderson Hospital

Anderson, S. C., Aug. 5.—Elbert Dester Nix, age 23, died at the University Hospital last night at 8:30, following an illness lasting over a period of five weeks. Mr. Nix, who had been employed in the mechanical department of the Anderson Oakland Company for the past year, was a native of Demorest, Ga. His parents and wife were at his bedside when he breathed his last.

The death of Mr. Nix was caused by a severe case of typhoid fever.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a wife and baby, and three brothers and sisters. The deceased was a nephew of Mr. Otis Nix of this city. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Ingram, Franklin, N. C.

Mr. Nix had scores of friends in this city, and they will regret very much to learn of his demise.

The body of the deceased will be taken to his home in Demorest, Ga., today. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the home of his parents.

Watauga Items.

We are having some pretty weather at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dean, Mr. Sam Sanders, Miss Bertha Smith, Mr. Charles Sanders, Miss Kate Henry and Miss Cleo Buchanan made a trip to Burningtown Sunday. They had some very good singing and all reported a nice time.

Miss Carrie Sanders has gone to Waynesville to visit her brother.

We are having some very good singing at Watauga.

A MOUNTAIN BOOMER.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lowry are leaving this week for a visit with relatives in Maryville and other points in East Tennessee. They expect to be away two weeks.