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NEW BUILDING IS CONTRACTED

Franks & Curtis Get Contract For New School Building—3 Bus Lines to Operate.

Macon county's educational system made another step toward perfection this week when contracts were let for the erection of a new eight-room school building and the operation of busses to and from the Franklin graded school.

The new building will be located directly north of the present building of the Franklin graded school. It will be 130x55 feet, of brick construction and along the same general lines of architecture as the main building.

The contract for the new building was awarded to Messrs. S. L. Franks and Henry Curtis, with $14,890 being named as the cost of the building. The contract specifies that the building is to be built at once and it is hoped that it will be completed soon after the school term opens next fall.

With the consolidation of the high schools of the county last year it was found that the present plant was much too small to adequately take care of the large number of students that enrolled. The new building will house the elementary grades of the Franklin school, leaving the old building for the consolidated high school.

This step in educational circles is only a part of the great system that is planned for Macon county. Last year it was found that it would be much more practicable to combine the high schools of the county in one place and give the advanced students of the county the same advantage in regard to teachers and equipment. This system was tried out during the past year and was found to be lacking in only one phase and that was room.

With the erection of this new building there will be room for two sections of each grade in the high school to be cared for. This system will make it possible for the individual student to get more attention from the instructor that was not possible under the old conditions.

There were three contracts awarded for bus lines in the county. Each of the operators are to furnish their own busses and the vehicles are to have a carrying capacity of 25 children.

J. L. Sanders was awarded the contract from Franklin to the Georgia line at $80 per month. Ralph West will operate the bus from Franklin to the Iotla school with $80 per month also named as the figure of cost. J. H. Dalton got the contract from Franklin to Morgan's store on Burningtown at $82.50 a month.

The contract states that in case of rainy weather the bus to Iotla will only go as far as Ray's store and the bus to Burningtown will only go to the home of Mr. Davis Dean.

Each of the operators were required to put up a $200 bond and have stated that the utmost care will be taken in the selection of drivers for the busses to insure the safety of the children under their care.

The busses that carried the negro children from Cowee into Franklin last year will be continued next year, making four bus lines in operation within Macon county.

LOCAL MERCHANTS TO CLOSE AT 7:30 P. M. THROUGH WEEK

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to close our stores promptly at 7:30 p. m. on all week days except Saturdays.

This agreement to be in effect Monday, June 14, 1926, after having been signed by all the merchants of Franklin, and to continue in effect so long as agreeable to all the signers:

Sloan Brothers & Co., John S. Trotter, J. T. Moore & Co., Gordon Brothers, H. O. Essig, J. S. Porter & Co., E. K. Cunningham, J. R. Pendergrass, Jos. Ashear.

CAR WRECKED

Mr. Jake Addington left his car standing on a slight incline Sunday on the road, while he was taking in some mountain scenery. While waiting for him Mrs. Addington got out of the car and took one of two children out. She later placed the child back in the car and slammed the door. The jar started the car to rolling. Mrs. Addington snatched the two children from the car while the machine was in motion. The car ran off the road and was pretty badly damaged, but no one was hurt.

Fire Situation Improving On Nantahala Forest

Local officers of the Nantahala National Forest report a very dangerous fire season during the past few months, and due to extremely dry weather, fire conditions will continue to exist throughout the spring and summer until rains afford relief.

In spite of dry weather and high winds the fire records show a great improvement over the same period in 1925. During the period January 1 to June 10, 1926, 52 fires have occurred on the Forest which burned in all, 1094 acres of National Forest land and 2195 acres of privately owned land. During the same period in 1925 the loss in area was 2496 acres of National Forest land and 3725 acres of private land.

The Forest Service is making a special attempt to interest private timber land owners in protecting their lands from fire and will cooperate with such owners on an actual cost per acre basis, using the trained Forest organization for the protection of adjoining private lands.

M. L. Angel Lands Big One

Mr. M. L. Angel claims there is no further use to seek the marine monster in Lake Emory. He regrets very much to disappoint Bill Moore, Alvah Pearce and other would-be local fishermen. The truth of the matter is, according to Mr. Angel, the big fish, seen sometime ago in Lake Emory by Mr. Coon Cochran has been served to the greater portion of the inhabitants of Smith's Bridge township.

Last Saturday it seems that Mr. Angel became very restless. He puttered around the barn for a while and then went to his garden. Not having had any rain in that section for several weeks, Mr. Angel found his garden nice and clean. In fact, neither grass nor vegetables were in evidence. This good citizen became more restless and decided to come to town to see a doctor. Before he could hitch old Dobbin to the shay, a small boy came by with a fish pole on his shoulder. "A grand and glorious feeling" suddenly took possession of Mr. Angel. He quarreled with his women folks considerably until they finally found his fishing tackle that had not been used in five years. Catching a few half-starved grasshoppers, Mr. Angel made his way to the Little Tennessee between Otto and Riverside. He soon had a few suckers and horneyheads in a bucket. But let Mr. Angel tell his own story:

"I baited my shark tackle with a ten-inch sucker, cast it into the river and then lay down in the shade of a sycamore and repeated Riley's poem entitled, "Knee Deep in June." Suddenly I was awakened by a mighty splashing while waves a foot high came rolling shoreward. Before I could get to my pole, peace and quietude reigned supreme. I then put a hornyhead on the hook and cast him into the water. Pretty soon hornyhead and line disappeared. I heaved mightily and broke my pole. I then grabbed the line and started toward the hills, but was jerked up short. Taking a turn or two around a sapling, I finally managed to drag out on a sand bar the biggest muskie I ever saw. Being too large to carry, I dragged the fish home and when placed on the scales, he tipped the beam at 18 pounds and was forty inches long."

Mr. Angel says he does not know why the fish was so far from the lake unless it, to be in style, had started on a trip to Georgia.

From Ellijay

The Teachers' Singing Convention met at Higdonville and commenced singing before 10 o'clock. They sang several songs before the president, Mr. John Holt, arrived. Mr. Holt made just a few remarks and then continued the singing. The singing was grand. They had recess of one hour and fifteen minutes at 12 o'clock and a delicious dinner was served. After which they met and had more beautiful songs.

Mr. Jess Worley and Miss May Womack were married in the morning at Mrs. S. A. Higdon's spring. Rev. John Baty officiated. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

A collection was taken by the singing convention for the Higdonville school. The amount collected was $8.60.

We are sorry to report that Mr. T. R. Gray is dangerously ill. He is one of the best citizens of Ellijay.

LEAGUE LUNCHEON

The League of Women Voters will be served a luncheon at Rogers Hall at 1:00 p. m., Friday, at which time Mr. Cooper will discuss county government. For particulars telephone Mrs. Gilmer Jones.

Little Pen-o-grams

75 Regulars Attend Sunday School at Olive Hill Sunday

In addition to the several visitors there were in attendance seventy-five regular members at the Olive Hill Sunday school last Sunday and an even larger number is expected next Sunday. There is a hot contest on between the Blues and Whites to see which side can maintain the highest average for a period of eight weeks. The losers in this contest are to set the winners up to picnic.

Sunday school meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In addition to the regular lesson a special musical program is rendered, together with other interesting features which combine to make something new in the way of conducting a Sunday school.

There will be preaching next Sunday. "Put on your old gray bonnet wit a blue—or white ribbon on it" and meet us at Olive Hill each Sunday afternoon. We need you; you will enjoy being with us. Everybody is invited to come to everybody's Sunday school.

Otto News Items

Rev. Roten filled his usual appointment at Asbury church Sunday last.

A number of young folks gathered at the church Sunday evening last, to learn some new songs. We have Sebern's latest song books, entitled, "Cheerful Messages." If you want to hear some good singing, come to Asbury to Sunday school.

Otto was made more cheerful last week-end by the home-coming of Beatrice Mozeley. We always welcome Bea and her bright smiles.

Mr. Lonnie M. Henson is singing "Juk" bass. Yes, it's a boy.

Mr. George N. Cabe celebrated his seventieth birthday June 11, by giving a large dinner, so if the creeks run muddy don't think its rained, for those present have been standing in the branches.

Mr. Fred Vincent, who now occupies a position at Highlands, was a welcome visitor at Otto the past week end.

The newly born twins of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norton, who died June 10, were quietly laid to rest at Asbury cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Messrs. C. R. Cabe of this place, Porter Pierson of Highlands, and A. B. Slagle of Cartoogechaye made a business trip to Aquone last week to look after the interest of the county.

Hurrah for Mr. Davis! We are proud that one of our Otto boys is wide awake.

Boys; if the rest of you would observe more closely, as Ross has been doing, we think you could plainly see, it's a vain smile, and that they just want to take a ride. And especially when the "Smiling club" is lead by the "Old maids."

GALLOWAY RESIGNS

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Tremont Park, Inc., held in the office of the company at Franklin last Tuesday night, Mr. E. S. Galloway submitted his resignation as president of the corporation. This resignation was accepted by the board. Mr. Galloway will remain on the board of directors. Mr. S. R. Joines of Franklin was elected president of Tremont Park, Inc., vice Mr. Galloway, resigned.

John Thomas Convicted

The trial of Mr. John Thomas, charged with keeping a scrub bull in violation of the statutes and to the detriment of the dairy industry in Macon county took place at the court house last Saturday. Judge Bettah Stock in the person of Attorney Dean Sisk presided while Mr. Bob Patton represented the state. Mr. E. S. Galloway was attorney for the defendant.

Before beginning the trial the presiding judge announced that only crooks, thieves and vagabonds would be eligible for jury duty. Pursuant to these instructions the clerk selected the following named jury: Alex Moore, C. A. Setser, John H. Dalton, Burt Slagle, Horner Stockton, Charlie Henderson, Andy Angel, Hal Slagle, Wade Moody, Trude Meadows, Elish Ammons and Jess Robison.

The farmers' bible, the same being the catalog of Sores, Rareback & Co., was presented and the jury duly sworn to convict John Thomas, whether the evidence so warranted or not.

Mr. Tom Angel testified that John did keep such a bull and that a gas bill was hard to collect from the said Thomas. Mr. W. J. Zachary, a character witness, gave John a very bad reputation. Mr. Carl Waldroop testified that the bull in question at one time chased John around a haystack so fast that the whole scene become a blur on Waldroop's eyesight. Mr. Garner, the man who sold the bull to John, was the next witness. According to his testimony the bull was three years of age and weighed 250 pounds when he sold the animal to John for $10.00, which was considered an excellent price. Expert testimony was then introduced that a thoroughbred bull of that age should weigh around 1500 pounds and shuold sell from $250 to $5000.

Mr. Galloway made an earnest plea for his client, claiming that only jealousy on the part of the men in the county had prompted the prosecution

Mr. Patton then asked the jury to convict. He claimed that keeping a scrub bull is a great detriment to the county and is an offense deserving of severe punishment.

The jury was out only 42 seconds and brought in a verdict of guilty, with recommendation to mercy.

The judge then asked the accused to stand to receive sentence. Mr. Thomas was so weak his counsel had to assist him to rise. When asked by the judge whether he had anything to say, why sentence should not be passed, the accused replied that he had made a serious mistake in the selection of his lawyer. The judge then sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of $500, but suspended sentence on condition that Mr. Thomas never commit the same offense again, that he milk all scrub cows on the Thomas farm for 10 years, and that he never again require Mrs. Thomas to work in the field and that, when practicable, he assist her in the household chores.

COLORED TEACHERS FROM WILSON COUNTY

County Superintendent M. D. Billings has announced that he has procured the services of three excellent colored teachers from Wilson county to take charge of the Franklin colored school next year.

NEWS OF WEEK OF HIGHLANDS

Brief Items of Interest from Macon's Pretty Mountain City as Told by Correspondent of The Press.

Mr. W. W. Sullivan of Anderson, S. C., was in town a few days last week looking after his beautiful development on Mirror Lake. This development is known as Cullasaja Heights, and will be ready for the market July 1st.

Messrs. Hart and Austin, resident engineers for the state highway commission in the ninth district, have completed their relocation of a portion of state highway No. 28 near Highlands, and left for Nantahala last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wier with Mr. Fred Coffman spent a few days last week in Anderson and Ninty Six, S. C. on business.

Dr. Clinton Marett and family of Seneca, S. C., spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Jack Griffith of New Orleans, La., is spending the summer here and is at the Central House.

Mr. J. C. Henley and family of Birmingham, Ala., are at their summer home near here for a few days.

Major Colley of Fort McPherson, Atlanta, his wife and two children, with Mrs. Burgess of Burlington, Vt., are living in the Cleaveland cottage and will be here for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon Thornton of Daytona Beach, Fla., are making their home at the Hall House this summer.

Miss Elizabeth and Neill Turner Masterson, of Houston, Texas, are at the Martin House.

Horace Wood of Anderson, S. C., spent the week-end in town.

Antonia Bas of Asheville, is here for the summer.

Miss May Crosby and mother, with Mrs. John Crosby and children of San Mateo, Fla., are at their summer home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Foreman and son, Lauren, of Atlanta, are spending the summer at Tanglewood, their summer home on Lindenwood Lake.

Mr. Geo. Vickery, Misses Margaret Harry and Marguerite Richart, spent Sunday in Franklin.

Mr. Bert Price of Shelby, N. C., was here on business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beacham, of Honea Path, spent Sunday in town with friends.

The Potts Brothers' new brick store building is nearing completion and is quite an addition to Main street.

Mr. Wilbur and Master Grantland Barnes of Griffin, Ga., spent a few days here last week.

Mr. Harry Hunter of Anderson, S. C., entertained the cotton mill superintendents of Anderson county for the week-end at his home near here.

Mr. Huckleby, chief of fire department, and Mr. Cooper, of the Cooper Furniture company, of Greenwood, S. C., spent the day in town recently on business.

Mr. A. D. Rogers is just completing a Delco lighting system, which will provide lights for the business section of town. The Central House, and Highlands Inn until the electric power plant can be completed.

Carload Chevrolets Arrive

The Perry-Jones Chevrolet company received Tuesday a carload of new cars, two of which were sold on the day of arrival. The others have been contracted for. This company has also received a large assortment of Chevrolet parts, New electric equipment is being installed in the shop. Within a few days Franklin can boast of a complete Chevrolet service station. Messrs. Perry and Jones came to Franklin only recently and are enthusiastic over the prospects of a good business here.

Child Dies

Tuesday morning, June 8, at 9 o'clock, David, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Stockton, passed away, after an illness of only a few days, at the age of 11 months and 22 days.

He was buried at the Union cemetery Wednesday morning. The funeral services being conducted by Rev. T. Roten.

A large crowd was in attendance at the funeral. The grave was beautifully decorated with flowers brought by sorrowing relatives and friends.

"Little David" was a baby loved by the entire community, for his wonderfully sweet disposition. And we can but thing, that Heaven is sweeter, for Baby David's smile.

A NEIGHBOR.