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DID MACON CO. DONATE \$325,000?

Stikeleather Claims Such is the Case—Macon County Officials Disagree—Excitement Caused by Receipt of Letter From District Commissioner.

No little excitement has been created in official circles at Franklin by receipt of a letter from James G. Stikeleather, district highway commissioner, concerning the sum of \$325,000 advanced by the county to the state for road purposes. The chairman of the board of commissioners is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Stikeleather which states in effect that the county has no claim on the state for the amount advanced. This letter was written in reply to one from Mr. Harrison making inquiries about the fund in question. Mr. Stikeleather's letter follows:

Board of County Commissioners, Mr. J. O. Harrison, Franklin, N. C. Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th asking about the loan of \$325,000 which Macon county made to the State Highway Commission some years ago. You gentlemen can easily find out in Macon county that this money was turned over to the State Highway Commission to spend on Route 28 and they asked that the

B. & L. DOES MUCH FOR FRANKLIN

Has Aided in Building 27 Homes—Loans Amount to \$98,825—Directors and Officers Elected.

The annual stock holders' meeting of the Macon County Building and Loan Association was held in the Building and Loan office on January 17th, at 8 p. m. Dr. S. H. Lyle was elected chairman of the meeting and G. A. Jones, secretary. After hearing the report of the directors, directors for the ensuing year were elected. The entire old board was re-elected, consisting of H. W. Cabe, Gus Leach, Dr. S. H. Lyle, G. A. Jones, J. S. Conley, S. L. Franks, R. D. Sisk, Alvah Pearce, George Dean, and Harold T. Sloan. After the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting the directors met, at which time H. W. Cabe was reelected president; Gus Leach, vice-president; G. A. Jones, secretary-treasurer; and R. S. Jones was elected assistant secretary-treasurer and attorney. At the directors' meeting it was shown that the association had since its formation, loaned on first mortgage loans over \$93,000 more than \$43,000 of which had been loaned for the purpose of assisting in building twenty-seven homes in Franklin and other parts of Macon county. \$31,000 in round figures, had been loaned for the purpose of purchasing homes, and the remainder for repairs and dis-

NEW WELL ON HARRISON AVE.

Representative of Virginia Well Co. Here to Begin Work—Town Buys Lot From M. D. Billings.

A representative of the Virginia Machinery & Well company reached Franklin Thursday last week to begin boring a new well on the west side of Harrison avenue where the road to the camp ground leaves the street. A lot fifty by seventy-five feet was purchased from Prof. M. D. Billings as a well site. Since the main now, runs as far as the home of Horner Stockton this location will necessitate only a short section of pipe to connect with the city water system. Mr. Lee Barnard offered to give the town a lot between Harrison avenue and the camp ground. A member of the town board stated that this proposal, due to the necessity for a longer main, would have made the proposition more costly than the one decided upon. For the past several years the town has needed a more abundant water supply. Many citizens were in favor of a bond issue for a gravity system, but the city fathers decided that the town is not financially able to install a system of this kind. It is pointed out by those opposing the boring of another well that it is a mere gamble whether or not water will be found.

BLACK MOUNTAIN WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Marcus L. Burnette Dies On North Fork After Long Life

Black Mountain, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Allison Burnette, 85, wife of Marcus Lafayette Burnette, died at the family home on North Fork Tuesday night. Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday, at noon, followed by interment in the North Fork burying ground. Mrs. Burnette was a member of two of the real, pioneer families of Buncombe county, the Allisons and Burnettes. She was born September 12, 1843, and was married to Mr. Burnette on May 10, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Burnette celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last May. Six of eight children, with the husband, survive their mother. They are: Launa, Will, Bart, Mrs. Ada Burnette Trotter, Mrs. Della Burnette Hurst, and Fred McL. Burnette. Throughout her active and long life, Mrs. Burnette enjoyed the friendship and love of many, both inside and outside the community. The following tribute has been paid to her by a friend: "Mrs. Burnette's life has meant much to this community in every way. She, since her early girlhood, has been a devout member of the Baptist church. Her passing means the falling of another landmark to which more than one generation has looked for guidance and assistance."

HARRIS RESIGNS, SLOAN EMPLOYED

Appropriation For Agent Increased From \$800 to \$1,200—Harris Requested Release Several Weeks Ago.

That former county agent, Lyles Harris, asked to be relieved of his duties several weeks ago is the announcement of John W. Goodman, district agent, made here Thursday last week. Mr. Goodman said that Mr. Harris, having received offers for his services from commercial firms at an increase of salary, was anxious to be relieved of his duties as county agent, but had agreed to remain in Macon county until his successor could be appointed. The district agent came to Franklin last week to consult with the commissioners and to adjust the matter of a county agent. The commissioners agreed to revoke their order appropriating only \$800 for support of the agent and entered an order appropriating the sum of \$1,200. This being satisfactory to the state authorities the commissioners and Mr. Goodman tacitly accepted the resignation of Lyles Harris as county agent and employed Frederick Sloan of Franklin in that capacity. As soon as Mr. Sloan can get his personal affairs in shape he will enter upon his duties as an employee of the county and

it on No. 28 and that we also expect any money that would have been paid on this loan on Route 28. This is being done. In other words what the officials of Macon county did was to make a donation of this \$325,000 to be spent on Route 28.

I have referred to this in numerous addresses I have made in your town and I am surprised you are not familiar with the situation. Very truly yours, J. G. STIKELEATHER, District Commissioner.

In connection with the subject matter of this letter the commissioners searched the records of Macon county and dug up the following contract:

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

North Carolina, Macon County. North Carolina State Highway Commission Board of Commissioners, Macon County.

This Agreement, made and entered into this 30th day of November, 1926, by and between the North Carolina State Highway Commission, party of the first part, and the County of Macon by and through its Board of Commissioners, party of the second part, WITNESSETH, THAT Whereas, the County of Macon has heretofore entered into three several contracts with the North Carolina State Highway Commission under the terms of which the County of Macon agreed to advance to the State Highway Commission certain sums of money to hasten the construction of State highway work within said county; the first of said contracts being dated July 8, 1925, providing for an advance of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars; the second of said contracts being dated October 9, 1925, and provided for an advance of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars; and the third of said contracts being dated the 31st, of July, 1926, providing for an advance of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars; all of said sums to be repaid out of the proceeds from bond issues hereafter authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly, or other road construction funds to the extent that the allocation to Macon County may be sufficient therefor; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Macon County find that further state highway work in Macon County, to wit: the construction of some durable and permanent type of hard surface road over that portion of state highway route 28 through the County of Macon, constitutes an urgent public necessity of the County of Macon and the delay in the construction of said road until the above named advances should be repaid by the State Highway Commission would work irreparable injury to Macon County;

Now Therefore, it is agreed that the County of Macon hereby gives its consent to the application by the State Highway Commission of the necessary state highway funds available for road construction in Macon County, to be applied to the cost of the improvement and construction with some form of durable hard surface

been loaned to stockholders against their stock. The total amount of outstanding loans as of January 1, 1929 was \$98,825.00.

The institution was founded in October, 1922. The directors announced at the stockholders' meeting that the First Series would be retired as of March 1st, one month earlier than had been contemplated. With its present earning rate, each series can be retired in the same length of time; that is 334 weeks, and leave a small surplus to take care of any loss which the association may from some unforeseen cause sustain. The record of the association unique, in that during the first six years of its existence, only one foreclosure has become necessary.

The growth of the association is shown by the amount of mortgage loans outstanding at the beginning of each year since its organization, as follows:

January 1, 1929	\$ 1,200.00
1924	7,400.00
1925	14,000.00
1926	30,000.00
1927	55,899.51
1928	81,199.51
1929	98,825.00

Apply For Fish Now

Supervisor A. A. Wood of the Nantahala National Forest states that those desiring federal fish should apply at the forest office this week as the applications must be sent in on the last day of this month. He suggests that those making applications should construct rearing pools though this is not absolutely necessary. Specifications for such pools may be obtained from Lesse Slagle, warden of the state game refuge on Wayah creek. Fish kept in rearing pools until three inches in length will survive to the extent of 90 per cent while 90 per cent those released in streams immediately on receipt will die or be eaten by larger fish. Applications of those who have rearing pools will be given precedence over all others. A number of rearing pools have been built in the county including the one at the state game refuge, two or three at Highlands and one is now under construction on Brush creek at the camp of W. R. C. Smith of Atlanta.

FRANKLIN TROUNCES RABUN GAP SCHOOL

Last Friday night the Franklin high basketball team took the Rabun school boys into camp by a score of 17 to 12. Saturday night the Franklin boys beat the Whittier aggregation by a score of 19 to 14. At the end of the regulation periods the score was tied at 15 all. The extra five minutes of play resulted in a victory for Franklin. Those who saw the Whittier game pronounced it one of the best of the season. Saturday night the Franklin girls lost to the girls from Whittier by the score of 12 to 15.

of priority that the County of Macon may have under the terms of the above referred to contract for

pumping water from three wells will amount to around \$6,000 per year, or the amount of interest on a bond issue of \$100,000. However, the opposition to boring a well is not very pronounced and many citizens believe that the town board has acted wisely in the matter.

HENDERSON BUYS INTEREST

Lester Henderson has bought an interest in the Sluder-Garrett Furniture company and assumed active charge of the business as manager Monday. It is understood that Mr. F. Y. McCracken who has been manager of this store since its opening will return with his family to Knoxville the latter part of the week. Miss Louise Henderson, sister of Lester, will take charge of the S & L 5 and 10 cent store, at least temporarily. Since entering business at Franklin as an employee of Sloan Bros. & company Mr. Henderson has made an excellent reputation as a business man and his many friends predict for him success in his new venture.

Porter-Higdon Building Nearing Completion

The Porter-Higdon building next door to the Citizens bank is nearing completion. Mr. Bill Tippett, in charge of construction, states that the building will be ready for occupancy by Saturday of this week. The Macon theatre will occupy the ground floor. Mr. S. H. Lyle, Jr. has announced that the new theatre will have a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty and that the seats in rear of the auditorium will be larger than those now in the Little Hour. It is understood that Attorney T. J. Johnston has leased the two front rooms on the second floor and that the forest service will occupy the two rooms in the rear on this floor. The two center rooms have not yet been leased.

Porter Introduces Bills

According to dispatches from Raleigh, Representative J. A. Porter of Macon county has introduced a bill increasing the county board of education from three to five members. He has also introduced a bill pertaining to the roads of the county. The dispatch did not mention details, but it is believed here that the road bill has to do with making the county instead of the township the road unit. Mr. Porter has been requested to pass a law making a five years' closed season on deer, turkeys and pheasants in this county. Lovers of wild game in Macon are hoping that Mr. Porter will have no difficulty in securing the passage of such a bill.

Arrendale Here

Mr. J. V. Arrendale of Hayesville, passed through Franklin Monday on his way to Athens, Ga. It is understood that he is on his way to

Nation-Wide Broadcast On Farm Outlook

Secretary Jardine, Senator McNary, Representative Haugen, Economists and Marine Band in Program

A nation-wide radio broadcast which will include talks by the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman of the agricultural committee of the two Houses of Congress, leading agricultural economists in the government service, and music by the United States Marine band, on Monday, January 28, will take to the million and a half American farms equipped with radio sets the Department of Agriculture's statement of the Agricultural Outlook for 1929.

The broadcast will be transmitted through a network of stations associated with the National Broadcasting company. This network will cover the nation from the Atlantic to Pacific coast and from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico. The program will open at one forty-five p. m., Eastern Standard Time and will continue for one hour.

Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, chairman of the committee on agriculture of the United States Senate, and Congressman Gilbert N. Haugen of Iowa, chairman of the like committee of the House of Representatives, will join with Secretary William M. Jardine of the Department of Agriculture in pointing out to listeners the aid given by authoritative outlook information to the adjustment of the nation's agricultural production to the demand of consumers in this country and in the world. Secretary Jardine will briefly state the main factors in the foreign and domestic situation which will influence the market for this year's outturn of American crops and livestock.

The chairmen of the department's outlook committees on wheat, corn, tobacco, potatoes, hogs, beef cattle, dairy products, and poultry will summarize the outlook for these main lines of farm production. Nils A. Olsen, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, will explain how the outlook information will be interpreted by specialists of the several states at state and county outlook meetings of farmers, and will conclude the broadcast in a brief statement of the agricultural situation in the United States. The United States Marine Band will provide music.

The hook-up for the Agricultural Outlook broadcast will be the largest ever linked for a radio program designed especially for the farm audience.

Lawrence Brendle

On January 4th the death angel visited the home of Lawrence Brendle and called him away to that home prepared above.

He was married to Miss Nell Richman on March 24. He leaves to mourn his passing a loving companion, father and two brothers and one sister. He joined the Baptist church in 1924.

his duties on March first. The order allows him to spend a part of his time for a few months in other counties under a county agent in order to get the necessary experience. It is understood here that he will go to Jackson county to serve under the county agent in that county.

Only two members of the board, Mr. Harrison and Mr. McClure, were present when the order employing Mr. Sloan was passed. The order follows:

The board of county commissioners met in call session with J. O. Harrison, chairman, and C. H. McClure, member, present and the following business was transacted:

ORDERED: That the county of Macon appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 per annum for the services of a county agent or farm demonstrator, and furnish a room in the court house of Macon county for said agent's office.

That one Frederick Sloan be and is hereby employed for a period of two years from July 1, 1929, as said agent, to be approved by the Director of Extension. It is understood and agreed that the said county of Macon or the said Sloan may withdraw from the terms of this employment by serving notice on the other of 30 days. It is further understood and agreed that said Sloan is to begin active work as said agent on March 1, 1929.

It is further understood and agreed that said Sloan is hereby authorized and allowed to spend a part of his time with agents of other counties until July 1, 1929, but on the condition that he, the said Sloan, look after the poultry sales and other current duties of an agent in said county of Macon.

A roll call vote was had on the foregoing order and the following members were present and voted in favor of said order:

Voting in favor of said order: J. O. Harrison, C. H. McClure.

Broadcasting the Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville Short Route

Robert Hoffman, city clerk, has written a letter to the broadcasting stations in the middle west, east and south inviting attention to the Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville Short Route. Mr. Hoffman has received a number of replies stating that the stations in question would be glad to broadcast the information about the highway mentioned. WVNC announces this route each day at noon.

Shookville News

Miss Dorothy Shook has returned to her school at Tamassee, S. C. Mrs. Kerma Holland of Pine Grove, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tilson. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moss and Misses Zona and Asea Woods were visiting Mrs. Moss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Wood, last Sunday. Misses Geneva and Marie Rogers were visiting at Yellow Mountain Sunday. Mr. George Barnes of Cashiers, spent the week end with his