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## BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACCEPTS 1929 TAX LISTS

### Collection of Back Taxes Will Be Pushed

The Franklin Board of Aldermen in session Monday night voted to appoint three free holders to estimate damages done to corn crops by a sewer line below Palmer street. R. M. Coffey, over whose land the line had been run, had presented a bill for \$20 damages.

The board voted to accept the 1929 tax lists, and to turn these over to Mrs. Alyah Pearce for collection. A course of action to be taken to collect back taxes was discussed. It was decided to push the collection of the back taxes.

Walter McConnell asked the board to take action to dispose of sewage in the north section of the town. Mayor Patton was appointed to see Dr. H. T. Horsley, health officer, and have him inspect the section reported by Mr. McConnell. Dr. Horsley will also be asked to inspect the school house toilets.

Grover Jamison asked that repair work be done on holes in the pavement on Palmer street. He also asked the board to put another street light on this thoroughfare. The board ordered the street forces to attend to the repair work.

A motion was passed to ask the county commissioners to pay half the cost of paving the square east of the court house. The square west of the court house is being paved at the present time, and the county is aiding in this work.

The board considered costs and plans for a pamphlet, describing and picturing the section in and around Franklin. The discussion was carried over until the next meeting.

It was pointed out by Lyles Harris that some action to protect school children at the crossing near the school building is needed. No definite action was taken by the board, however.

## GURNSEY BULL SALE NOV. 11

### Breeders Association Brings Pure Bred Stock to County

The North Carolina Gurnsey Breeders' association has agreed to bring to Macon county on Saturday, November 16, some well bred Gurnsey bulls to be put on sale at public auction. These bulls are being consigned by H. A. Osborne, of Canton; Mann, of Canton; F. E. Lykes and L. B. Compton, of Asheville, and others. Two or three bulls will come from Rowan county.

Fred Sloan, Macon county farm agent, will go this week to look over the stock, and to bring descriptions of each back to Macon in advance of the sale. One bull, is an Advanced Register bull. Papers to show this, and a signed transfer will be here on the date of the sale.

F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist, will come to Franklin one week prior to the date of the sale to assist Mr. Sloan in showing the value of pure bred stock. Mr. Farnham will remain in the county from November 11 to 16.

"This sale," said Mr. Sloan, "will give the farmers of the county a chance to get excellent bulls in their communities. Bids can be made by individuals or by a community. The people will make their own prices."

"Pure bred sires are the only possible means by which the county can hope to improve its livestock. The maintenance of a pure bred bull costs no more than for a scrub, but the value of the calf, if a heifer, is greater than from scrub sires. Only a few pure bred calves will more than

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## COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING ON MONDAY

### Commissioners Vote to Pay Cost of Paving Public Square

The board of county commissioners in session on Monday voted to pay the cost of paving the squares on each side of the court house, provided the Franklin board of aldermen would agree to let this sum come from money due the town from the road fund.

The aldermen contend that the square is used as much by the county as by the town and that the county should pay a part of the paving expenses from its own funds. It was pointed out that two-thirds of the

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## PROGRESS MADE ON NANTAHALA PROJECT

### EIGHT THOUSAND FOR INTEREST

#### Check Received From State Will Not Be Used On County Roads

J. O. Harrison chairman of the board of county commissioners, asks The Press to state that the check for \$8,000 received from the State by the county will not be used for road improvements in the county, or for any other improvement. This sum, Mr. Harrison stated, will be applied on the semi-annual interest due on \$325,000 in road bonds voted by the county.

The check received by the county

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### Commissary, Doctor's Office and Dispensary Completed

Reports from the construction camp of the Nantahala Power company, subsidiary of the Aluminum company, of America, state that the commissary, is practically completed. The doctor's office and dispensary is completed. Trestle timber is being shaped for use in the railroad to be built to the grounds.

Some difficulty or delay has been experienced in getting the charter for the railroad. That is over now, it is understood, and the power company, will begin construction of the railroad from Nantahala station up the river to Lookout, just below Aquone. The distance is approximately ten miles as the railway runs.

The power interests will build 30 or 40 houses for laborers at Beecher. Lumber for this purpose is being laid down now.

There is talk of bringing the power from the Sateelah dam in Graham county to the Nantahala dam and connecting these two sources of power. The plant at Andrews has already been purchased, and negotiations are under way for acquiring the plant at Robbinsville.

On Queen's creek, where one of the chain of dams is to be located, the survey is under way. The point for the mouth of the tunnel in connection with this project has been located. The road from Morgan cut to the dam, by way of Aquone, has been widened to get provisions into camp below Aquone until the railroad is built.

## When the Sound of the Grinding is Low

What is the matter with our farmers? Have they given up and quit? Time was when we would hear farming talked on every hand. Now there seems to be everything else under the sun to consider except farming. It will truly be a fatal day for Macon county when her farmers let go the plow handles. It evens borders on disaster to let go temporarily.

Last summer, during the political upheaval, we heard many great things that were going to be done after the election. We heard that money was going to be saved the tax-payers by all kinds of great reforms and that we would be living in a second garden of Eden within a very short time. Is it possible that we believed this and cannot recover from the realization that 99 per cent of all such talk is mainly hot air, and that what is got will be got from the sweat of the brow only?

Less than one per cent of our fields are being winter plowed. The forage crop was very badly damaged but very little, if any, effort is being made to get in cover crops for winter grazing. It is even too late now for the best results to be had from these, though it is better to get them in now than not at all.

The boys and girls on the farm that are sending in news to the county paper never mention anything about what they are doing in the way of production. There is a large number of stock being taken into the winter in a very poor condition. If they survive the winter, it will take them all next summer to get their strength back. No one seems to be trying. Everyone seems to be waiting. Some of our very best citizens and farmers are moving out of the county. A good many have had their farms sold for taxes.

These are the things, good friends, that we are hearing on every side. We refuse to believe such a bad state of affairs exists, or to be cast down even if they did exist. We do think, however, that, for some reason, or for the lack of reason, there has been a marked let up in farming endeavor recently. And, as we said above, such a thing, if it continues even for a short time spells ruin.

Hence, we are taking this opportunity of inviting anyone who will to drop in and see us when they are in town and give us their idea of things. Or, if they prefer, write us a line stating their views. The columns of your paper are open to a friendly discussion along this line. The betting is that we will not get much cooperation in threshing this thing out, but we are hoping we are wrong.

The long winter evenings lend themselves to study and meditation. The editor will be glad to have some honest soul tell his friends thru the Press wherein he thinks he himself has or has not fell short in his endeavor to arrest a living for himself and his from the soil and air. The Press will give one Five Dollar bill to the man, woman or child, that sends in the best letter between now and the end of November.

Mr. John Harrison offered some prizes for certain things some time back. We have not heard anything of this for some time. Just what the prizes are for and how they are to be awarded is what we would like to find out. There should be a good many people in this contest. We would welcome more enlightenment on this.

## Franklin Water Survey Report Is Given Board of Aldermen

### Pumping System Found To Be Most Economical For Town

At a call meeting of the town board on the evening of October 30, the board received the report of The Harwood Beebe company on a larger water supply. This report covered all possible sites and finally settled on a pumping site to be situated on the Cartoogechaye creek.

Various gravity propositions and possibilities were surveyed, but when the costs were reduced to writing, summed up and compared it was found that the most economical water system for the town of Franklin is the pumping system. It is said that many do not realize the enormous cost of the gravity system, considering the long distance that the main line would have to cover.

Cost \$61,000

The total cost of the proposed water system is \$61,000. This will furnish water for the town for the next 30 years, unless Franklin has a most unexpected growth in population. The plant is capable of delivering the estimated requirements for a town of 5,000 population. The

site, said to be the best one that is anywhere near that could be used as a reservoir, has an elevation 50 feet higher than the present one.

To preclude the possibility of a shortage of water, the Beebe plans call for auxiliary engines, pumps and filters. The main one would be driven by electricity and the others by gasoline.

#### Complete Survey

The Harwood Beebe company made this survey and left it on file with the town clerk to be used in the future if and when the time comes to enlarge the water system of Franklin. There was no charge made on the town for these plans. They are very complete and show every thing necessary in detail.

At this call meeting, the board passed a resolution that Messers. Porter and Higdon might move the old Love house without any objection being raised, provided the state insurance commissioner made no objections on account of the fire risk.

Mr. Curtis, of the Craig P. Gilbert company, of Washington, D. C., met with the board a few minutes to go into the matter of the industrial survey that was made some weeks ago.

## Two Are Bound Over To Macon Superior Court

### Gordon Burton and Earl Jones Charged With Attempt To Rob

Gordon Burton and Earl Jones,

charged with an attempt to hold up and rob J. R. Norris, deputy sheriff, near Otto on October 31, were tried before Magistrate George Mallonee, Thursday. The two young men were

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## FRANKLIN TEAM BEATS BRYSON

### Local Eleven Scores 38 Points; Vistors Register None

Henry and Houser starred for Franklin's football eleven in a game with Bryson City here last Friday. Making six touch downs to none for Bryson, and securing 13 first downs to three for Bryson, Franklin took the game by the score of 38 to 0. Fouts and Stewart, the local team's other two backfield men each scored one touch down.

Bryson City put up a game fight. The Swain county boys came back in the second half to run up three touch-downs after they had been held to none in the opening half. The local eleven, however, had the edge over Bryson in skill and experience. This was the fifth game Franklin has played this season, the total points running 166 to 18 for opponents.

The play by play account of the game follows:

Franklin kicked off to Bryson. Bryson punted and Houser received. Franklin made two first downs in succession. Houser scored a touch down. Score 6 to 0.

Franklin kicked off to Bryson. Bryson punted on fourth down and Houser received. Franklin made two more first downs in succession. Henry scored a touchdown. Score 12-0. Franklin kicked to Bryson. Henry intercepted a forward pass by Bryson.

Second quarter: The ball lay on Bryson's 15 yard line. Houser made a first down for Franklin. Fouts carried the ball for Franklin's third touchdown. Score 19-0.

Bryson received. Bryson was penalized five yards for being offside. Bryson punted on the third down. Franklin made a first down. A Franklin pass was incomplete. Franklin made two first downs, then Houser

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