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SALES TAX LOOMING FOR STATE

Contracts Awarded For Franklin Bridge

EXPECT WORK TO BEGIN SOON

Asheville Firm Is Low Bidder on Bridge Structure

LOCATION OPPOSED

No. 28 West of Franklin Being Surveyed; May Be Paved

Work is expected to be started soon on the new bridge over the Little Tennessee river on Highway No. 285, contracts having been let for the work Saturday by the State Highway Commission. W. A. MacNeill, resident engineer for the state road body said last night, however, that he had not yet received instructions concerning the work.

Surveying No. 28
Mr. MacNeill now is engaged in making a survey for regrading of Route No. 28 west of Franklin to Double Churches, six miles out. He said, however, he did not know when work would be started on this road, but considerable hope has developed here that the survey will lead to early action looking to a hardsurfaced highway to the west.

A gang of about 40 men is at work quarrying stone for the surfacing of No. 28 from Gneiss to Highlands, but the rock crusher recently shipped here still awaits removal to the quarry and the actual laying of stone cannot be started until this has been accomplished. When paving begins, it is expected that a much larger road crew will be employed.

Low Bidders
The low bidders on the bridge project were:

Bridge: L. Riddle and Company, Asheville, \$27,033.50.

Approaches: C. Y. Thomason, Greenwood, S. C., \$14,650.

The board of county commissioners already has approved the plans for the new bridge, calling for location about 50 feet upstream from the present structure, with the topside approach running on the opposite side of the Indian mound from the present road. It is reported that certain persons have strongly protested this relocation, but the county commissioners have stuck by their guns. Chairman Barnard said that the board was informed that if it did not approve the plans as submitted the money allocated for the bridge would be used elsewhere.

FORMER MACON WOMAN PASSES AT LYMAN, WASH.

News of the death of Mrs. Thenia Gray at Lyman, Wash., Wednesday, March 25, was received here last week. Mrs. Gray, before her marriage, was Miss Thenia Brown of this county. She was reported to have suffered from heart trouble for some time.

Mrs. Gray was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown of this county. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Grover Jamison and Mrs. Florence Ownby, of Franklin; a half brother, George Brown, also of Franklin; and two brothers, Garland and Will Brown, both of Lyman, Wash.

Restaurant Reopened By Arnold Brothers

Lev and Fred Arnold have leased the building and equipment formerly known as the Key City Bakery and Restaurant, on the Square, and have reopened the establishment under the name of Arnold's Cafe.

The restaurant is furnished with modern equipment throughout and has spacious quarters and a well appointed kitchen. It was leased from J. A. Porter and Frank Norton.

The Arnolds plan several improvements.

Prof. from onions, a new crop in Avery county last season, has led to plantings this spring.

Red Cross To Supply Garden Seed to Needy

R. D. Sisk, chairman Macon County Red Cross, announces that he has received 100 packets of garden seed from the National Red Cross for distribution to those unable to buy. The seeds may be had at the office of the chairman upon application by persons recommended by the township committees. Each of the packets is sufficient to plant a good size garden, Mr. Sisk said.

DEATH CALLS

MRS. BRYANT

Funeral for Franklin Woman Held at Iotla Church

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Iotla Methodist church for Mrs. Harve Bryant, 33, who died at her home in East Franklin Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the Iotla Methodist church, had charge of the services. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery.

Mrs. Bryant, who was Miss Ohiatta Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnard, of Iotla, had been in failing health for the past twenty-nine months.

She joined the Iotla Methodist church in early childhood and lived a faithful and consecrated life till her death.

Mrs. Bryant is survived by her husband and one son, Bruce, six years old; father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Ell Welch, of Iotla, and Mrs. Robert L. Poindexter, of Iotla, and one brother, Billy Barnard, of Iotla.

MISS ELLIOTT NAMED HEAD OF WOMEN VOTERS

Miss Charlotte B. Elliott, of Highlands, was reelected president of the Macon County League of Women Voters at a meeting of the league Wednesday of last week at the Central House in Highlands.

Mrs. J. E. Root was reelected vice president; Miss Bernice Durgin, secretary, and Mrs. Minnie Edwards, treasurer.

The league went on record in opposition to legalized betting on horse races in North Carolina.

Miss Elliott announced that a telegram to this effect had been sent to Dr. W. A. Rogers, Macon county representative in the legislature, when the bill to permit pari-mutuel horse racing in Buncombe county was before the General Assembly.

P-T. A. Meeting Set For Friday Deferred
The Franklin Parent-Teacher Association's scheduled meeting for Friday afternoon has been postponed on account of the Good Friday service to be held at the Methodist church. The date of the deferred meeting is to be announced later.

Over 15,000 pounds of lespedeza seed have been purchased by Moore county farmers this spring to be used for soil improvement and pasturage.

Junior-Senior Banquet Is Held at High School

The Junior class of the Franklin High School gave a banquet Friday night in the High School building in honor of the Senior class. Entertainment was furnished at the beginning by giving Irish names to all present, and in ingenious plan of seating the guests in "family groups." Roger Dalton, president of the junior class, acted as toast master. Irish jokes were the order of the evening, being furnished by Professor Hook, Miss Rentz, Mr. Mecham, Mr. Franks,

Big Corporations To Send Men Here To Investigate Advisability of Cannery

Representatives of two large concerns interested in green and canned farm produce—one of them the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company—are expected to visit Macon county in the near future to look into the advisability of establishing a large cannery or cold storage plant here, Mayor George A. Patton has announced.

Mayor Patton returned last week from a trip to New York where he and Lyles Harris went to lay the farm produce advantages of this county before the A. & P. and other large corporations which they hope to interest in establishing a cannery in this section.

The mayor reported that the A. & P. seemed to be more interested in the cold storage phase. They were especially

interested in the fact that Macon county grows beans prolifically and this crop comes between the Georgia season and that of points farther to the north. They also manifested considerable interest in the local berry possibilities, the mayor said.

The exact date when investigators will be sent here to look into the situation has not been learned, but meanwhile Mr. Patton is endeavoring to collect information to present to them when they arrive. He asks that farmers wishing to cooperate come to see him, or send word to him as to how much acreage they are planning to put in beans and other vegetables this year. He said that the decision of the investigators to be sent here would depend largely on the attitude taken by local people.

Doubts that Indian Mound Contains Valuable Relics

FUNERAL HELD FOR MR. SLAGLE

Masonic Honors Accorded At Burial of Well Known Citizen

Funeral services for C. W. Slagle, 83, retired farmer and surveyor, and one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Macon county, who died at the home of his son, Carl Slagle, last Wednesday morning after an illness of about five days, was held at the Mt. Zion Methodist church at 11 o'clock last Thursday. The Rev. John L. Teague, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Franklin, officiated. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Mr. Slagle was a surveyor for years and was familiar with the early history of this section. He was one of the largest land owners in Macon county, was one of the oldest and most prominent families in Macon county.

He was a member of the Junaluske Masonic lodge of Franklin and had been a Mason for more than 60 years and was buried with Masonic honors. He had been a member of the Mt. Zion Methodist church for years.

The active pallbearers were Messrs. Jim Dryman, Dock Barnard, J. A. Porter, Ralph West, John O. Harrison and Jerry Love.

Mr. Slagle is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert Patton, of Cartoogechaye; and two sons, Mr. Carl Slagle, of Cartoogechaye, and A. B. Slagle, of Franklin, sheriff of Macon county, several grandchildren besides many other relatives and friends.

EASTER HOLIDAYS
CULLOWHEE, April 1.—Easter holidays begin at Western Carolina Teachers college Friday, April 3, and end the following Tuesday, April 7.

Doubts that Indian Mound Contains Valuable Relics

The old mound on the Little Tennessee river, near the Tallulah Falls Play station probably was an Indian ceremonial mound, and not a burial ground, in the opinion of Captain William B. Colburn, of Detroit and Asheville, who spent Friday and Saturday here collecting relics of the Cherokee.

Captain Colburn cast considerable doubt on the theory that the mound contained valuable Indian relics. He pointed out that the old Indian burial mounds were not so high as the one located here and were shaped somewhat differently. Usually, he said, they have a depression at the top, as a result of the caving in of graves. The mound here has no such depression.

Another Explanation

There is another possible explanation of the mound, Captain Colburn pointed out. He said that it was known the Cherokees had a form of sweat house, constructed of timbers covered over with dirt. In the middle of the chamber formed by the timbers they placed a large stone upon which to build a fire. Through the top was an outlet for the smoke. When a member of the tribe contracted a fever the sweat house was heated and the sick Indian was placed within on the stone slab near the fire, to sweat out the fever, just as modern people go to Hot Springs to take "the cure." It was a sort of Turkish bath of the fair.

Probably Ceremonial Mound

However, Captain Colburn leaned to the opinion that the mound near the station was a ceremonial mound. In support of this theory it is pointed out that the Indians, in comparatively recent times, used the river meadow as a ceremonial and athletic field. Here they played their games and had their dances. Among the relics brought by Captain Colburn on his trip here last week was a thick stone disc which he said he rolled along the ground and used by the boys as a target for their arrows. This stone was found near the mound by Frank Curtis.

Captain Colburn also obtained a number of relics from Dr. S. H. Lyle. He is collecting them for his brother, Barnham Stambel Colburn, Asheville capitalist, who has perhaps the finest individual collection of Indian relics and North Carolina minerals in the state.

Although expressing doubt as to whether the old Indian mound contains worthwhile relics, Captain Colburn said it should be excavated and explored, without damaging its structure. If there are any relics within, he added, they should be removed as soon as possible, for excavation of other Indian mounds has shown that the contents are fast falling into decay.

EASTER SERVICE PLANS OUTLINED

All Denominations Asked To Attend Service Good Friday

A union Good Friday service will be held at the Methodist church on Friday, April 3, from noon to 3 o'clock. During the service the following ministers will speak briefly upon each of the "seven last words" of Jesus from the Cross:

Rev. J. G. Murray, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church; Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church; Rev. J. E. Cowson, pastor of the Highlands Methodist church; Rev. J. O. Ervin, pastor of the Macon Methodist church; Rev. J. C. Umberger, Rev. H. C. Freeman, and Rev. G. Clifton Ervin.

A made quartet composed of Messrs. Dady, Dalton, Johnston, and Ervin sing during the service. Mrs. Boyer Munday will also sing a solo, and Mr. James Porter will render several special organ numbers.

Every person in the community is urged for once to forego the noon meal in the interests of his spirit and to attend a much of this service as possible," said Rev. G. Clifton Ervin in announcing the service. "Good Friday has always been theoretically a day of fasting and meditation upon the sufferings of our Lord and their meaning for us. Let us make this day a day of fasting in fact."

The Rev. J. O. Ervin, who has been preaching this week at the Methodist church, will preach his last sermon on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the community to attend these remaining services.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Ervin will preach on the theme, "Is Christ Risen?" A class of new members will also be received into the church at the hour. There will be no evening service because of the pageant, "The Dawning," to be presented in the Baptist church by the Baptist and Presbyterian young people.

PRESBYTERIAN

Special Easter services will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed. A special Easter message will be brought by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, and special Easter songs will be sung. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The pastor expects to leave Sunday afternoon to preach in the Canton Presbyterian church in a series of special services during the week of April 5-12.

BAPTIST

The Rev. John Staberry, of Sylva, will hold a service at the Franklin Baptist church, which has been without a pastor for the past month, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

An Easter pageant, "The Dawning," will be given at the church Sunday evening.

Eleven boys and eleven girls have been selected from the various U. H. clubs of Edgecombe county to compete for the county title of King and Queen of Health.

New Stone Church To Be Opened on Easter Sunday

The picturesque new stone church at Clark's Chapel will be opened Easter Sunday afternoon with services beginning at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the Franklin circuit, has extended an invitation to the general public to attend. The service will consist of the optional period, special music, Christmas of babies, brick talks and as the best rural church in Western North Carolina. When completed it will have cost twelve thousand dollars. There is much

Legislature Still At Work; Expected To Pass Bank Bill

Rogers Thinks Sales Tax Will Be Enacted

Dr. W. A. Rogers, Macon county representative in the General Assembly, returned from Raleigh Saturday in order to devote his attention more closely to the reopening of the Bank of Franklin, of which he is president. He said he did not intend to return to Raleigh, although the legislature is still in session, unless he received an urgent call from the leaders.

The Macon lawmaker expressed the opinion that the sales tax bill, to which he gave his approval when the measure was before the lower house, would be enacted. It is about the only means for supporting the state-wide six-months' school term, he said. He said he favored a general sales tax rather than a so-called "luxury tax."

Would Establish a New Body To Supervise State Banks

IS BITTERLY FOUGHT

Effort Made in Senate To Luxury Form of Sales Tax

RALEIGH, April 1.—A fourth month roller around Wednesday for the North Carolina general assembly and the tax question—more or less the sales tax question—was still very much an issue.

Although the house has passed the revenue bill with the general sales tax provision of one per cent of the gross receipts of all retail merchants, the measure still faces the senate's consideration.

The senate finance committee, which now has the bill, approved several uncontested sections Tuesday night and resumed its study Wednesday morning.

Considerable sentiment prevails among the senators for substitution of a "luxury" sales tax in the house bill. The house refused to do this, although a battle was made in behalf of the "luxury" tax.

The measure is estimated to raise \$28,202,000 annually, \$9,000,000 of which is estimated to come from the general sales tax. Proponents of the luxury sales tax estimate that plan also to raise \$9,000,000 a year. A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, estimates the money bill will gather some \$26,000,000 annually.

\$18,000,000 For Schools

Approximately \$18,000,000 of the bill's revenue would be used to support the six months' school term.

While the senate finance committee went into discussion of the finance bill Tuesday night the house, temporarily through with this important piece of legislation, held its annual "love feast." Speaker and Mrs. Willis Smith were presented a silver service by house members and gifts were presented the various employees.

Reorganization of the state system of bank supervision by the creation of a banking department directly under the control of the Governor was apparently assured Tuesday when the senate passed the Seavell bill.

The upper house, however, amended the House bill to require a \$50,000 bond of the supervisor of banking, who will be appointed by the Governor and the measure must go back for concurrence.

Bitterly Fought

Bitterly fought through both houses, the measure got favorable Senate action 29 to 20 on second reading and passed third reading without a roll call.

Throughout the debate on the measure both in the Senate and House, it has been supported as an act "to restore the confidence of the people in state bank supervision" with John Mitchell, chief bank examiner; E. M. Bailey, corporation counsel, and members of the state corporation commission being made the objects of personal attacks by legislators.

If the bill gets final House approval, as appears certain, it will divorce the banking department from the corporation commission. The act also gives the Governor power to conduct investigations of bank failures and tightens up general banking regulations.

DAVID CARPENTER DIES

David Carpenter, 83, died at his home near Otto, Saturday night, after an illness of several years. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis. Interment was in the Cowetta Baptist cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Carpenter's wife died about six weeks ago. He is survived by three children, Jess and Ulysses, of Otto, and Mrs. Bertha Mooney, of Toccoa, Ga.

PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

"The Dawn" To Be Presented at Baptist Church

The young people of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches are to have a pageant depicting the scenes immediately following the resurrection morn at the Baptist church Sunday evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

The players will be in Biblical costumes. In addition to the disciples and the noted Biblical women of the time of Christ, Rome will be represented by the soldiers who guarded the tomb of Jesus and the centurion who commanded the soldiers who crucified Jesus. Gradually the audience will see the truth of the resurrection of Jesus dawning upon the disciples and the women, and the centurion as is claimed by tradition, becomes a fervent believer. "The Dawning" is the title of the pageant, which has been given very effectively in other parts of the country. It is expected the church will be packed as all the churches of the town will be represented. The Methodist church members and friends have accepted an invitation to be present, and the committee and players are straining every effort to make the pageant real and effective.

ANNOUNCES DATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

A county-wide seventh grade test will be given at the graded school in Franklin, Saturday, April 18, beginning at 9 o'clock. M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools, announced Wednesday.

This test is to admit pupils to high school next fall. All pupils to qualify for the examination must have had not less than one full term in the seventh grade.