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4 VERMICULITE MINES LEASED

Development of New Process Opens Wide Field For Mineral

The mining rights of four vermiculite deposits in Macon county have been leased by C. A. Crowl of the United States Vermiculite company, which plans soon to begin shipments of the mineral to its plant in Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Crowl, who with his father, John S. Crowl, of Newcastle, Pa., has made several trips to this section prospecting for vermiculite, recently perfected a new method of processing this mineral which he believes will widen its scope of usefulness and create for it an increasing demand as an insulation material.

Vermiculite is a decomposed mica with a gold or greenish gold color. Its name is derived from a Latin word meaning worm-like, and when heat is applied to the mineral it truly acts worm-like, expanding with a twisting, writhing movement. In its capacity for expansion rests to a large degree vermiculite's usefulness.

Develops New Process

Until recently, Mr. Crowl explained, vermiculite has had little value because processes for its expansion, or for exfoliating it (scaling), have not been practicable. It must not weigh when exfoliated, he said, more than 10 pounds to the cubic foot. Mr. Crowl said that after more than a year of experimental laboratory work he had perfected what he termed a "high velocity muffled kiln" in which he could achieve the desired results in processing vermiculite. He said he had applied for patents on the process.

Asked if he believed there was much of a future for vermiculite, Mr. Crowl replied:

"Of course I do, or we would not have spent so much time and money in experimenting with it and we would not now be investing a considerable amount of money in it."

Uses of Mineral

Possible uses for processed vermiculite, he said, were as an insulation material in open hearth furnaces and other high temperature furnaces used in various industries; for insulating houses and also as a sound-deadener. He explained that besides possessing insulation qualities, vermiculite also tends to absorb sound and, therefore, should be useful in solving problems in acoustics. He pointed out that when used in wall plastering vermiculite would serve the dual purpose of deadening sound and either retaining or excluding heat. With the greater development of air conditioning in homes and office buildings, he said, there should be an increasing demand for vermiculite.

Mr. Crowl and his father came to Franklin last Saturday and on Monday completed arrangements for leasing three vermiculite deposits in the Walnut Creek section and one in the lower part of the county near the Georgia line. They also leased another deposit in Jackson county and contracted for the shipment of a car load (approximately 40 tons) of the mineral from a mine in this county which they did not lease.

Plans Office Here

Mr. Crowl said that later he probably would establish an office in Franklin and appoint a local representative to supervise the mining of the vermiculite deposits which he has leased.

The Youngstown man said he obtained much of his information concerning vermiculite from treatises prepared by a German scientist who made a thorough study of this and certain other minerals in this country shortly before the World War. From these treatises,

Superlatives

Named by Seniors of Franklin High School

At a recent election seniors of the Franklin high school selected superlatives as follows:

Prettiest girl, Mary Will Higdon; most handsome boy, Ervin Norton; cutest girl, Christine Browning; cutest boy, George McClure; neatest girl, Alice Rickman; neatest boy, George Wurst; wittiest girl, Elizabeth Love; wittiest boy, Jim Patton; most original girl, Mary Eaton; most original boy, Jim Patton; most studious girl, Mary Eaton; most studious boy, Paul Gibson.

Most athletic girl, Elizabeth Love; most athletic boy, Joe Dowdle; class flirt (girl), Betty Leach; class flirt (boy), Bill Cunningham; best dressed girl, Christine Browning; best dressed boy, Paul Gibson; laziest girl, Maude Phillips; laziest boy, Bill Cunningham; class baby girl, Grace Conley; class baby boy, Matthew Poliakoff; most sophisticated girl, Betty Leach; most sophisticated boy, Edmund Dady.

Most popular girl, Mary Will Higdon; most popular boy, Jim Patton; most dependable girl, Sue Rickman; most dependable boy, George Wurst; best all around girl, Sue Rickman; best all around boy, Jim Patton; best natured girl, Lois Wells; best natured boy, George Wurst; most conceited girl, Grace Conley; most conceited boy, Bill Cunningham; most ambitious girl, Esther Seay; most ambitious boy, Paul Gibson; man hater, Jarvis Ledford; woman hater, Robert Hurst.

LOCAL SCOUTS ARE PROMOTED

Court of Honor Held at Cherokee Indian Reservation

BY REV. FRANK BLOXHAM
Franklin Scoutmaster

At the Court of Honor held by the Daniel Boone Council at the Indian reservation at Cherokee on Monday many local boys were promoted in scout rank.

Charles Slagle was promoted to star rank; Charles Hunnicutt, Eugene Furr and Willie Bryant to first class rank, and Charles Palmer, Billy Wilkie and Verco Watkins to second class scouts.

A new recruit, Arthur Turpin, was made tenderfoot scout.

In addition to these promotions 11 boys were given a total of 43 merit badges for proficiency in specialized studies. These badges represent work done in many fields and by the gaining of these badges the boys become more useful citizens as well as being able to do many necessary things around the home. The boys are showing great interest in their work and it is the hope of those in charge that the training received in scouting will materially help in the building of character and usefulness among the boys.

Any boy 12 years of age, or nearly so, desiring to join the organization may do so any time by applying at the troop house on Friday night and any citizen who would like to see what is being done will be welcomed as a visitor at any meeting.

The troop celebrates its anniversary of organization next week. Many plans have been made for this. Watch for announcements and activities!

and other sources of information, some gained by his own studies, Mr. Crowl said he had learned that vermiculite deposits are found in about 60 different localities in the United States but the largest deposits are in Montana and in this section of North Carolina.

Double Liability To Be Removed from Bank Stock

In the interest of relieving the stockholders in the Bank of Franklin of double liability on their stock holdings in that institution, J. D. Murray from the examining staff of the state banking department was in Franklin Thursday.

The Legislature last Friday passed the Lindsay bill and it was immediately ratified. It makes the following provisions for relieving stockholders in state banking institutions of double liability:

- 1.—Publication by the bank in a newspaper having general circulation in the community where the bank is located, once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to May 1, 1935, of the bank's intent to seek such relief.
- 2.—Mailing written notice to each depositor and to each other creditor prior to May 1, 1935.
- 3.—Sworn affidavits from a bank officer that such notices have been mailed and sworn affidavits from the publisher on each insertion of the advertisement, that such publication has been made.

On the completion of these proceedings and the forwarding of such affidavits to the commissioner of banks, state banking institutions can accomplish this relief to their

stockholders by July 1, 1935.

When announcement was made Friday afternoon that the Lindsay bill would become a law, Mr. Hood, the commissioner of banks, immediately organized the state into twenty temporary districts, and planned to send twenty men from his staff into the field immediately to explain the measure and aid and assist the state banks in taking immediate advantage of its provisions. His forces worked far into the night on last Friday preparing forms, affidavits, advertisements, etc., and beginning with Monday of this week each and every bank, and each and every branch bank will be visited by these representatives.

It is Mr. Hood's earnest desire that every North Carolina banking institution be listed on July 1, 1935, free from double liability on their stock issue. We must re-establish a market for bank stock.

The Lindsay Bill provides that banks previously organized or relieved through the provisions of the Aycock bill, an enactment of the 1933 legislature, can take advantage of the same methods of procedure outlined above, and have released to them the North Carolina or United States bonds pledged in connection with that act, and at the same time obtain relief for their stockholders from all double liability.

113 Years Old

Franklin Baptist Church To Observe Anniversary

BY REV. E. R. ELLER

Pastor, First Baptist Church
The First Baptist church of Franklin will be 113 years old on the seventh day of May, 1935. The church in conference last week decided to set apart the first Sunday in May for the celebration of this anniversary. This will be the annual church membership day. The roll of the church will be called and all members are requested to be present.

A special feature of the day will be a birthday offering for the church. Each family is asked to prepare a special sacrificial offering of \$1.13, one penny for each year of the church, and to bring it on that day. This is to be apart from the regular offering and over and above the regular pledges of the church members. This offering will be taken at the close of the service by an "old time marching offering."

Letters will be sent to all non-resident members asking them to attend the anniversary service, or if they cannot come, to send a birthday offering for the church. A special program appropriate for the occasion is being planned. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cowee Basketball Team Defeats Dillard

The Cowee basketball team defeated the Dillard All Stars on the Cowee court last Saturday afternoon by the score of 32 to 18. Cowee was in the lead all the way, but it was a good fast game. Bryson and Raby starred for Cowee, while Shope and Darnell were the outstanding players for Dillard.

Line-up and summary:
COWEE (32) Pos. DILLARD (18)
Dalton (2) ... F. ... Grist (4)
Sheffield (4) ... F. ... Darnell (10)
Bryson (16) ... C. ... Howard (2)
Raby (8) ... G. ... Reed (2)
Rickman ... G. ... Shope
Subs: Cowee—Moore (2); Dillard—Parker.

HERE ON BUSINESS

T. B. Higdon, Atlanta attorney, was here on business the first of this week.

FIRE DAMAGES THE TERRACE

Fire Department Handicapped by Low Water Pressure

The kitchen annex and a two-story servants' house and garage of the Franklin Terrace, well known summer hotel on Harrison avenue owned by Judge and Mrs. Willis, were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. Diligent work on the part of the volunteer fire department prevented spread of the fire to the main building.

The fire was discovered about 5 a. m. by Wade Moody, of Iotla, as he drove into town. Mr. Moody promptly turned in a fire alarm, which brought hundreds of spectators as well as the fire department to the scene.

The fire started in the servants' quarters in a corner of the yard near the kitchen annex and soon spread to the annex. Origin of the blaze was not definitely learned, but the Willises said it was quite possible it might have resulted from someone striking a match or dropping a lighted cigarette while trying to steal gasoline from their automobile, housed in a garage on the first floor of the servants' building.

New Auto Burned

The automobile, a new sedan, was burned along with the building, which was razed to the ground. Part of the kitchen annex was saved, but was damaged beyond repair and practically all of the furniture, equipment and utensils in the kitchen and an adjoining butler's pantry, including a considerable quantity of china, were ruined.

Although the fire was prevented from spreading to the main building, smoke caused considerable damage in the dining room and lobby.

The Willises knew nothing of the fire until they were awakened by the fire siren. Judge and Mrs. Willis and their two daughters were sleeping in the main building.

Fighters Handicapped

The fire-fighters were greatly handicapped in coping with the blaze by low water pressure. Fire Chief Derald Ashe said the pressure was so low that the stream of water from the hose nozzle was insufficient to break through the windows. The firefighters had to toss stones through the windows before they could direct a stream of water into the blazing structures.

Observing that the frame annex and servants' quarters were beyond saving, Chief Ashe directed the department's efforts toward saving the main building. This proved a difficult task, as the water hose could barely throw water into the eaves of the building. What prevented spread of the blaze was prompt action in closing and keeping closed all doors and windows on the kitchen side of the building, which prevented any drafts which might have sucked the fire into the main structure.

The Willises were high in their praise of the work of the fire-fighters.

The kitchen annex was insured and so was the Willis's automobile, but the servants' quarters were uninsured. Mrs. Willis said they planned to rebuild the kitchen annex. An estimate of the damage was withheld pending inspection by the fire underwriters.

After the fire Chief Ashe complained that his men were handicapped in their work not only by low water pressure, but also by interference and side-line comments of spectators. A warrant was issued for one motorist who drove his car over the fire hose.

POST ENDORSES BONUS PAYMENT

Macon Legionnaires Urge Senators To Back Vinson Bill

Both North Carolina senators were requested in telegrams sent to them Tuesday by the Macon county post of the American Legion to support the Vinson bill for immediate cash payment of the bonus.

The telegrams were dispatched by A. R. Higdon, adjutant of the local post, to Senator R. R. Reynolds and Senator J. W. Bailey, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the post at its regular meeting Monday night in the courthouse. A copy of the telegrams follows:

"Macon County Post No. 108 of the American Legion voted unanimously in favor of the Vinson bill (H. R. 3896) and urgently request your earnest support of this bill." The Vinson bill is slated to come up for action in the senate Friday.

At the Monday night meeting plans were discussed for holding a big banquet for all the ex-service men in the county on Saturday, April 13. The post voted to invite the band of Asheville's Kiffin Rockwell post to attend and supply music for the banquet and instructed Mr. Higdon to invite Herbert Olive, department commander, to deliver an address at a public meeting to be held after the banquet, or to assist the post in obtaining some other outstanding public speaker.

Deputies Destroy 800 Gallons of Beer

Eight hundred gallons of beer was "cut down" on Walnut Creek Monday morning by John Dills and Jack Moore, deputy sheriffs. No arrests were made. The deputies reported the still had been moved.

JOHN DAVENPORT VISITS FRANKLIN

John Davenport, president of the Franklin Mineral Products company, was in Franklin on business several days last week. Mr. Davenport formerly made Franklin his home, but moved to Brighton, Mass., the first of the year.