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DISCUSS PLANS FOR CIVIC BODY

Chamber of Commerce To Be Organized at Highlands

(Special to The Press-Maconian)
HIGHLANDS, March 4.—Considerable interest was expressed by local business men and women and others by their presence at a meeting held in the town office on Thursday night, February 27, for the purpose of re-establishing of a chamber of commerce in Highlands. Of the 33 citizens present a number expressed their opinions as to the aims of the proposed chamber of commerce and made suggestions relative to the ways and means of attaining these aims. After being introduced by Mrs. C. Harbison, the Rev. Frank Bloxham addressed the group, setting forth some excellent ideas which he hopes will be carried out after the organization is completed. Prof. O. F. Summer made a brief but very interesting talk, showing how through this organization the town could be greatly improved in appearance, stressing the point that civic beautification is an important factor in the progress of the town. Several minutes were devoted to discussion by various other citizens.

Committee Named

Upon motion, the following men were appointed to serve as a committee to draw up definite plans for organization, and were asked to present these plans for approval at a meeting to be held in the town office on Thursday evening, March 5: Frank Bloxham, C. J. Anderson, F. H. Potts, G. W. Matt and E. R. Gilbert. Numerous ideas relative to attractions for tourists, as well as means for entertainment programs especially designed to bring people here, were discussed.

Cooperation Urged

All of these ideas and plans are a course primarily designed in order that the town, and the people who live here may benefit by them. It is hoped that all business will show a marked improvement through the efforts of this organized trade body, and that the beauty and personality of the town may be developed to a higher degree through the development of a higher form of civic pride. Undoubtedly the people of Highlands, since their enthusiasm and patriotism are aroused, can put things things over almost unanimously—this has been proven again and again in small ways—and it is time to use this interest and this patriotism to prove the fact in a big way. It is recognized that a chamber of commerce is as a rule an organization of business men and women, but there are self-evident reasons why citizens who are not business here should become active members of the organization. There are in Highlands well over a hundred business or professional men, and some 30 to 35 business or professional women, who should combine their efforts in order to attain the goal which the chamber of commerce is expected to set. It has become firmly established. It is urgently requested that every one of these men and women attend the meetings of the body, and give all possible assistance in trying to better business and civic conditions. It is also suggested that various clubs and other organizations of the town be represented at the meeting and work in cooperation with the chamber of commerce for general growth and improvement. Those present at the first meeting, included representatives of individual business, a few representatives of civic organizations and other interested citizens.

Churches Unite

In Observing Friday as Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer was observed Friday at the Methodist church, with four Franklin churches uniting in the service.

Mrs. W. J. Zachary, president of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church, presided and conducted the opening devotionals.

Mrs. J. A. Flanagan opened the program, the subject of which was "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," with a scripture reading and speaking on "The Promises of Peace." Other subjects were: responsive reading, "Visions of the Earth at Peace," by the ladies of the Baptist church, led by Mrs. Paul Carpenter; "The Ways of Peace;" "The Christ of the Andes," a reading by Mrs. Gordon Moore; "The Great Commandment," a responsive reading by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, led by Mrs. J. E. Lancaster.

Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, of St. Agnes Episcopal church, spoke on "Christian Cooperation for Peace," reading poems by Amada Nervo, the Mexican poet, and G. A. Studert-Kennedy.

Mrs. Zachary presented the missionary projects and announced the object of the offering.

A number of hymns were sung, and prayers were offered by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan and the Rev. W. M. Burns.

STORE MOVES TO NEW SITE

Farmers Supply Company Now in Billings Building

The Farmers Supply Company, which for a number of years has occupied the old Munday building on west Main street, moved Wednesday into the storeroom formerly occupied by the A & P store in the Billings building on the public square.

J. M. Moore, proprietor of the store, said he felt he would be able to display his goods to better advantage and to render better service to his customers in the new location.

The new store is equipped with modern shelving and counters, and it has been thoroughly renovated for the new tenant.

Mr. Moore purchased the business and stock of the Farmers Supply company several years ago from the estate of the late Sam Franks. The concern deals in staple and fancy groceries and feed stuffs. For years Mr. Moore has made a specialty of selling home ground coffee by the pound and the peck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCall, of Asheville, spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. McCall's mother, Mrs. Frank Curtis. Mrs. McCall before marriage was Miss Sue Curtis. They were accompanied on their return by June Parrish, young daughter of Mrs. Wiley Waldrop, who will spend several weeks in Asheville.

Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed hens and fryers; lb. 14½c
Chickens, light weight; lb. ... 12½c
Eggs, doz. 15c
Irish potatoes, No. 1; bu. ... 75c
Corn, bu. 65c
Wheat, bu. 90c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 32c

OFFICER SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Patrolman Jones Wounded Slightly in Clash At Whiteside

E. W. Jones, state highway patrolman stationed in Franklin, is nursing a slightly wounded arm this week and thanking his stars that he escaped more serious injury, or possibly death, when he was ambushed about 9 o'clock Saturday night on highway No. 28, six miles east of Highlands.

While cruising on his motorcycle along the highway near Highlands the patrolman gave chase to a sedan automobile he suspected of being a rum-runner. The car, it was reported, was headed toward Cashiers Valley and was traveling at speeds ranging from 60 to 75 miles an hour, although that section of No. 28 has a number of dangerous curves. Two men and two women were reported to have been occupants of the car.

At a point not far beyond Whiteside View the automobile turned into a side road and halted, one of its male occupants, a gun in his hand, getting out and hiding behind a tree. As the motorcycle officer whizzed past, unable to make the turn into the side road, the man behind the tree began firing. The rifle he used was believed to be a .22-calibre repeater and the bullets were thought to have been steel-jacketed.

One of the bullets grazed the officer's forearm, while others smashed his headlight and struck his motorcycle two or three times. The officer sped on a short distance, then returned to Highlands. Recruiting assistance he returned to the spot of the ambush but the ambushers and their car had vanished. Patrolman Jones said he was unable to read the license on the car, but said he thought he would be able to identify the man who fired the rifle at him.

Delinquent Town Taxpayers Warned to Pay

Meeting in regular session Monday night, the town board directed George Dean, clerk, to notify property owners whose taxes for 1931 and 1932 have not been paid to arrange settlement before April 1 if they wish to avoid foreclosure. Those paying cash for 1931 and 1932 taxes before April 1 will be given a 10 per cent discount. Those who cannot or do not desire to pay cash are given the privilege of financing their delinquencies by five-year installment notes. Notes and discounts will not be allowed after April 1.

Correction

In reporting last week the decision of the supreme court dismissing a petition for a new trial for Ernest Stamey and Clyde Woods, this newspaper stated: "Stamey and Woods were members of the Coweta gang which was blamed for a series of robberies in this section in 1932 and 1933." Friends of the two men, who are now serving long sentences in connection with the fatal shooting and attempted robbery of George Dryman, pointed out this week that neither of them had been involved in any of the various other crimes attributed to the Coweta gang. The Press-Maconian did not intend to leave the impression that these men were guilty of any other violations than those of which they were convicted, attempted burglary and second degree murder, and we are glad to clarify the matter with this statement lest someone be misinformed.

Mountain Range Not Mapped

Less than 100 miles from the Canal Zone an explorer found a whole mountain range that was on no existing map.

Work Started

On Rectory for Highlands Episcopal Church

(Special to The Press-Maconian)
HIGHLANDS, March 4.—Work was started Monday on an attractive seven-room house to be used as a rectory for the Church of the Incarnation, Episcopal. J. M. Hall, local contractor, is in charge of the work.

The rectory will occupy a site at Church and Fifth streets, near the Kelsey Memorial and just across the street from the church. It is to be a single story frame dwelling, including, besides the living rooms, a study for the rector. The outside walls will be covered with gray asbestos shingles and the chimney will be of native stone.

Funds for the rectory, mostly donated by resident and visiting members of the church, have been accumulating for the past 15 years; but construction of the house was delayed until the fund had reached sufficient size and until the church had a resident minister in charge. Last fall the Rev. Frank Bloxham, pastor of the Episcopal churches in Franklin and Highlands, moved his home to Highlands.

Mr. Hall expects to have the rectory ready for occupancy by June 1, when Mr. Bloxham and his family plan to move into it from the Huger cottage they are now occupying on Satulah mountain.

Plans for the rectory were selected by a building committee composed of Miss Charlotte B. Elliott, Mrs. W. S. Davis and Tudor N. Hall, with the assistance of officers of the church, J. M. Hall, treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Harbison, clerk, and T. N. Hall, warden.

SUPERVISOR OF NYA APPOINTED

Mrs. J. A. Ordway To Have Charge of Work for Young People

Mrs. J. A. Ordway has been appointed supervisor of the National Youth administration, New Deal organization for aiding the unemployed youth of the country.

Entering upon her duties in this capacity Monday, Mrs. Ordway explained the requirements for eligibility for NYA assistance and outlined plans for her work. Only young men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 whose parents were on relief rolls in 1935 can be considered for NYA employment, she said. And all applicants, she added, must be certified to her by the county WPA office.

Work for each individual on NYA projects is limited to eight hours a day and 40 hours a month. Wages of 15 cents an hour are provided for ordinary labor, with slightly higher rates for foremen, forewomen and office workers.

Sponsors for the work have been named in the various counties. In Macon, M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, is serving in this capacity.

Mrs. Ordway said she planned to organize eligible young people of the county for work on beautifying school grounds, creating play grounds for children and other projects of a community improvement nature. She is enthusiastic over the possibilities for community betterment afforded by the NYA and anticipates the cooperation of the people of the county toward making the work effective.

Mrs. Ordway, who came to Franklin several years ago from Highlands, has made many friends here through her volunteer service without remuneration as librarian of the Franklin library.

JURORS DRAWN, LISTERS NAMED

Superior Court Convenes April 13; Oglesby To Preside

Meeting in regular monthly session Monday, the Macon county board of commissioners drew the jury list for the April term of court and selected tax listers for the 11 townships in the county. Other business considered by the board was mostly of a routine nature.

The April term of court, a two-weeks mixed session, is scheduled to convene Monday, April 13, with Judge J. M. Oglesby, of Concord, presiding. From the jury list drawn Monday will be selected a grand jury to serve for the year beginning April 1.

Jury List

The jury list follows:

For first week of court: J. W. Rickman, Leatherman; John Cunningham, Cullasaja; R. D. Vanhook, Route 2; Charles Waldrop, Route 1; Wiley McCall, Highlands; E. B. Beck, Route 1; W. T. Fouts, Route 3; S. L. Calloway, Highlands; Tom Russell, Cullasaja; W. H. Roane, Route 1; Roy Dills, Gneiss; E. O. Rickman, Leatherman; J. R. Holbrook, Leatherman; W. P. Landrum, Cullasaja; J. W. Guest, Route 4; W. W. McConnell, Franklin; Zeb Cansler, Franklin; W. H. Gray, Route 2; C. A. Williams, Route 3; E. N. Evans, Route 2; C. F. Moody, Route 3; Ed Guffee, Route 2; S. D. Frazier, Route 1; Claude Calloway, Franklin; Mark Burrell, Highlands; Z. W. Taylor, Route 4; Alex Deal, Route 4; J. F. Cunningham, Franklin; Lex Penland, Franklin; R. L. Poindexter, Route 3; Bill Henry, Ellijay; W. J. Carpenter, Franklin; C. W. Potts, Franklin; Matt Liner, Otto; Derald Ashe, Franklin; J. D. Keener, Route 2.

For second week of court: O. L. Buchanan, Route 2; R. L. Liner, Route 3; Alex Howard, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; D. C. McCoy, Etna; R. V. Neal, Route 3; Earl Dryman, Sealy; Marvin Howard, Route 1, Dillard, Ga.; George Dalrymple, Franklin; John Roane, Route 1; R. D. Brendle, Route 4; E. M. Ray, Route 3; Fred Conley, Route 1; E. P. Picklesimer, Highlands; Charlie Solesbee, Kyle; Sam Cunningham, Franklin; Alex Angel, Route 2; R. C. Rickman, West's Mills; O. C. Arnold, Cullasaja.

List Takers

The tax listers are to begin their work April 1. Those appointed are: Franklin, Mrs. Jack Sherrill; Mills, Wayne McCracken; Ellijay, S. A. Bryson; Sugar Fork, J. D. McCoy; Highlands, L. C. Rice; Flats, Earl Dryman; Smith's Bridge, T. W. Stiles; Cartoogechaye, Ben Lenoir; Nantahala, Clint May; Burningtown, Jud Wild; Cowee, John H. Dalton.

Mrs. M. D. Billings Reported To Be Improved

Mrs. M. D. Billings, who is ill at Daytona Beach, Fla., where she has been spending the winter, was reported this week to be somewhat improved. Notified in a telegram last Thursday that Mrs. Billings was seriously ill with a throat infection, Mr. Billings left Franklin immediately by automobile for Atlanta, where he boarded a train for Daytona Beach. He is expected to remain with Mrs. Billings until she has sufficiently recovered to return home.

60-Gallon Still Captured in Iotla Area

A 60-gallon still made out of an old oil barrel was captured about noon Sunday by Deputy Sheriff John Dills and Sam Hall, a special deputy, in the Iotla section. The officers destroyed the still and also 200 gallons of sweet mash ready to be run. No one was found at the still and no arrests were made.