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NEW BUILDINGS EVERYWHERE

Tourist Accomodations
Business Buildings,
And Homes

Progress and increased prosperity in Franklin is in evidence on all sides in the new homes and business buildings constructed during the past ten year period.

Building reached the vanishing point following the closing of the bank and the following years of depression. The new postoffice building, the Macon Theatre, the Burrell building and the Ashar Building are among the largest additions to Franklin's occupied by block. The building occupied by Angel's Drug store, Arnold's Cafe and the Franklin Press, was built in 1932. Since then the Pendergrass and Leach buildings have added to the substantial structures on Main street, besides the remodeling of practically all other buildings. The new Bank of Franklin and Bryant building under construction will be a notable addition.

Hotels And Inns

Resort facilities and accomodations have increased in number and have been modernized to cater to the most exacting tourist trade. To list the larger places, there is the newly built Panorama Courts, Franklin Terrace Hotel, Trimont Inn, Bryson Hotel and Kelly Tea Room and Tourist Home.

The Franklin Lodge and Golf Course, purchased a few years ago by Major and Mrs. Frank Carmack, has been developed at great expense, and many new cottages have been built. The golf course is one of the most beautiful in this whole section and is as a major attraction to tourists.

New Homes

A few of the many beautiful homes that have been built during the last ten years are pictured in this edition.

Besides these almost all of the better older houses have been remodelled and modernized. Loans from the Macon county building and loan and FHA loans have financed new homes and transfer of ownership of homes already built.

Plans For Revival Near Completion

Plans are going forward for the countywide revival to be held in Friendship Tabernacle, Franklin, which will begin June 15 and last through Sunday, June 29.

The Rev. E. E. Snow of Lowell will be the evangelist. The churches of the county will unite and work together to make this revival a power for good.

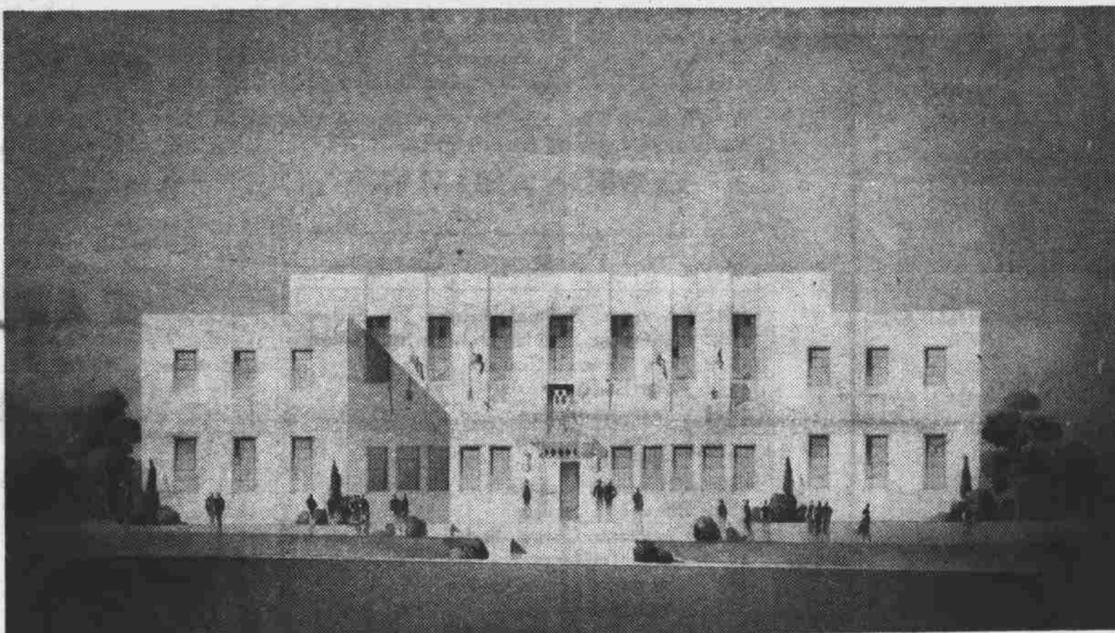
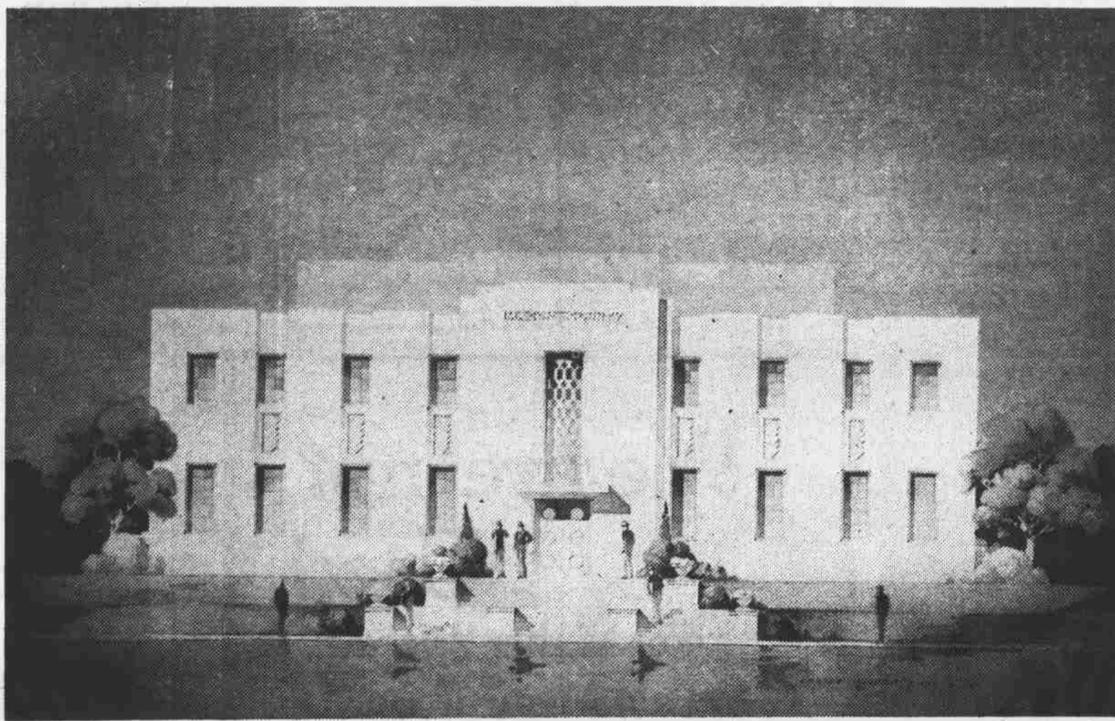
Spring Flowers Defy Drought

In spite of dry weather, this spring has been unusual for the heavy bloom of flowers on trees and shrubs, states Charles Melichar, forest supervisor, of the Nantahala National Forest. A luxuriant flowering and seed crop of the maples, both red and sugar maple, came first, then the silverbell and the service berry made white patches on the mountain sides. These were followed by the black locust, and dogwood which gave an unusually fine display this year.

The bees worked overtime on the sourwood, basswood, and tulip poplar, all of which bloomed at the same time. On the higher elevations, the slopes took on a flower-garden appearance with the trees loaded with their flowers and bees. In the early morning the fragrance of the black locust was very pronounced in driving along the forest roads. People brought to the Forest office branches of unusual blooming shrubs such as yellow wood (Cladrastis), and Cherokee Rose (Stewartia) for identification. During usual spring seasons, such plants bloom unnoticed, but the extra large flowers of this year catch the eye.

The azalea at lower elevations is already out, and the white, fragrant azalea on Wayah Bald is now in bloom. The colored azalea on top of Wayah will be at its best on the weekend of June 14. Purple rhododendron on Standing Indian will be finest from June 7 to 14. The Pisgah National Forest reports that Craggy Gardens will be at their best around June 10 to 15. People are asked not to pick flowers within sight of the road so that all may drive by and enjoy the colorful scene.

Proposed Macon County Court House



Architectural drawing of front and side elevations of proposed new court house in Franklin, county seat. Above: Front elevation on Main street. Below: Side elevation on the new street connecting Main and Church Streets.

COURT HOUSE PLANS MADE

Old Building Inadequate
Some Figures Show
County Progress

The county commissioners have this week released the architectural drawings of the proposed new court house which are illustrated on this page.

The county has had under consideration for a number of years the building of a new court house to meet the demand for more space and modern business facilities. The old court house has long since been outgrown by the five million dollar business that it houses. The time has come when the old landmark of "horse-and-buggy" days must be abandoned and give way before the march of progress.

The lot on Main street upon which the curb market is located, which extends through to Church street was purchased by the county about seven years ago for a court house site.

Gus Leach, chairman of the county commissioners states that steps are being taken to obtain a WPA grant to assist the building, which, if successful, will finance the project with comparatively small expense.

The building proposed would be constructed of concrete with sufficient office space and court facilities; modern in every way. The new building would provide fire-proof vaults for the county records which are now exposed to fire hazards. The estimated cost would be about \$125,000.

County Progress

The assessed valuation of county property in 1940 was \$5,378,391, and the bonded indebtedness is \$872,000. The tax rate in 1930 was \$1.60, but is now \$1.30.

Macon population in 1939 according to the census was 13,672, which increased to 15,894 in 1940.

One indication of increased prosperity has been the payment of delinquent taxes on property. The income of the county has grown on account of increased property improvements and business development.

Franklin To Vote

Bonds For Improvement
Of Streets July 8

In accordance with the result of the referendum held May 6, the voters of the town of Franklin will vote on two bond issues on July 8. The issues are \$1,000,000 sidewalk improvement bonds and \$9,000,000 street improvement bonds. The bonds are necessary for the completion of the street and sidewalk improvements which the town began last year.

R. M. Ledford has been appointed registrar and George A. Mashburn and Tom Leach judges of the election. The registration books will be open from July 4, until Saturday night, July 5 in the Town Office.

No one except those who have registered will be allowed to vote.

W. O. W. To Sponsor Radio Singers

The Woodmen of the World Lodge will sponsor Smilin' Eddy and the Mountain Boys, heard over WNOX, at the courthouse on Wednesday evening, June 11. The public is invited to attend their first appearance in Franklin.

Franklin Gains In League Lead

Franklin won both ends of a double header from Andrews Sunday afternoon. McHarge and Newton were stars for local club while D. Parker played for the visitors. Batteries in first game were Franklin, English and McHarge and for Andrew, Ramey and Purefoy. The second game, Frank McCollum and Harge and Andrews, D. Parker and R. Parker. Franklin team will play Hiwassee at Hiwassee on Sunday-June 8.

Richard Johnson Sails For Egypt

Richard R. Johnson, son of Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, sailed on May 31 on the Steamship "Bienville" of the Mobile Oceanic Line. He wrote just before leaving "In two hours we leave for the Red Sea with war supplies for Great Britain's forces. . . will be back in six months."

Registrations Begin July 1

Mrs. G. A. Jones, secretary of the Macon county selective service, announced that registration will begin on July 1 for those who have reached 21 years of age since October 16, 1940.

Mrs. Jones stated that the registration will be conducted entirely by the local board without any outside aid.

Selective Service Warns Delinquent Registrants

Warning to all selective service registrants that they must respond to notices issued to them by local boards or become liable to severe penalties was given today by General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service.

The state director pointed out that Section 11 of the selective training and service act of 1940 provides that any registrant who fails to conform to the law or regulations shall be liable to punishment "by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by fine and imprisonment."

"Most of the cases of delinquency so far reported," State Director Metts said, "have been found to be due to ignorance or carelessness on the part of registrants." He pointed out that here, before it has been the policy of the selective service system to be lenient in cases where it is apparent there has been no wilful intent to avoid service. "But registrants had better not count on an indefinite continuance of this policy of leniency."

MANY FISH ARE CAUGHT SUNDAY

Cliffside Lake Opened
For First Time To
Fishermen

Cliffside Lake on Highway 64 between Franklin and Highlands was opened for trout fishing for the first time this season on Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1. Sixty-four fishermen came Saturday and 46 came Sunday. No especially large trout were caught but the 110 fishermen carried off 158 pounds of trout meat in 1085 fish, an average catch of 10 fish per man. It is felt that this mass fishing is a treat that can not be duplicated anywhere else in the Appalachian mountains. It means a lot to the tourist business.

This large number of fish is a tribute to the stocking and protection work done by the U. S. Forest Service and the N. C. State Fish and Game Commission and the Bureau of Fisheries. Most of the fish came from the hatchery at Walhalla, S. C. To appreciate the large amount of fish caught, if placed end to end they would make a triple line of fish around the Macon County courthouse.

Ninety dead fish of legal size were picked up from the lake shore Sunday night. These were fish that had been caught and thrown back by poor sports who were hoping for larger fish. Each fisherman is urged to keep all fish he catches of legal size, for it is seldom that a bait-hooked fish survives. The good fishing at Cliffside will last for several months if the fish are not wasted.

Macon Boys Enlist In Navy

Clarence Richards Rogers, Iotla, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy on April 2, 1941, is spending nine days leave with his parents. Rogers has been selected for a course in the Machine Mate's School in the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Va., which he will enter upon his return from leave, according to Chief Rhinehardt, who is in charge of the Naval Recruiting Station here.

This will be held in Franklin for a period of three days each month beginning with the first Monday of each month and continuing through the following Wednesday.

The following men have been accepted for enlistment in the U. S. Navy this week: Grover Ray McCall, Gneiss and Morise Edison Gibson, Leatherman. These men will be enlisted at an early date and sent to the Naval training school, Norfolk, Va., for a course of instruction of recruit training.

Bobby Sloan Joins Press Staff

The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian is pleased to announce that Bobby Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Sloan of Atlanta, has accepted a position on its staff.

Mr. Sloan has lived in Franklin practically all his life except when attending Christ School and four years at the University of North Carolina. Knowledge of his home town and a thorough education give him unusual equipment for the work.

His friends are happy to welcome him back home.

Power Company Asks Further Cooperation

The Nantahala Power and Light Company express their appreciation for the cooperation given in the economizing of electricity.

They state that "During the present national emergency, we are asking all consumers of electricity to economize in their use of electric power, which is so essential for National Defense. Every kilowatt hour we can save will be used for vital defense requirements."

Rotarians And Lions Sponsored Much Progress

Leadership for much of Franklin's progress has been contributed by the two civic groups, the Rotary and the Lion's Clubs. Besides their individual activities the two clubs have cooperated in many of their projects.

The Lion's club features work in creating better eyesight. They have also sponsored the information booth on Main street, built shelves in the library to hold 700 books donated by Mrs. Angie Cox, purchased athletics equipment for the high school and arranged for the stop light to be placed at the junction of highways 64 and 23. The club plans to sponsor another Boy Scout troop in Franklin.

The Rotarians sponsor of troop 1 of the Boy Scouts and contribute largely to work among crippled children. The new athletic field of the high school will be the result of their sponsorship. Two projects the Franklin club originated have spread over the United States. One of them, the Farm Tours has been introduced in China. During the last year the Lions cooperated with Rotary in this project. The other nationally famous project is the Pig Chain.