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### 2 Stories

#### About Kirk Recalled By Mrs. Jones

Two stories about the infamous Col. George W. Kirk are recalled by Mrs. George A. Jones.

Kirk, at one time a Union officer, is generally considered to have become an independent raider, who continued his activities long after the Civil War was over, leading a band made up largely of deserters and renegades from both sides.

One story has a touch of pathos, the other of humor.

Mrs. Jones' father, William Sloan, highly prized a saddle that had belonged to a brother, killed in action. When a gang of Kirk's men came to the Sloan home, one of the first things they took was this fine saddle. Pleas that it had great sentimental value were in vain.

But a faithful slave followed the party, and when they were not looking, cut off a stirrup, as something his master could keep as a reminder of his dead brother.

On another occasion, one of Kirk's men demanded some chickens. Mrs. Sloan, always daring and mischievous, led him to the chicken house, bade him go in and help himself, and when he was inside, locked him in.

It was several hours before she freed him.

#### Franklin Called Itself 'Gem Of Mountains' In 1915

Here's the way Franklin described itself 40 years ago:

"In the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, charmingly located on the summit of a long, gently rising hill, lies Franklin, the 'Gem of the Mountains', which for picturesque scenery and delightful climate cannot be surpassed by any town in all this mountain section."

So read the first paragraph of a tourist folder issued by the Board of Trade in 1915.

#### More Graduate Here Now Than In State In 1905

More students were graduated from Franklin High School this year than completed high school in the entire state, 50 years ago, according to District Principal, Ralph Smith. In this year's graduating class at Franklin were approximately 140 students.



## Congratulations To Franklin On Its 100th Anniversary

Everyone of us in this organization is very proud of the progress that Franklin has made in the past years. We are also proud to be able to have a part in taking care of the modern transportation needs of Franklin and Macon County.

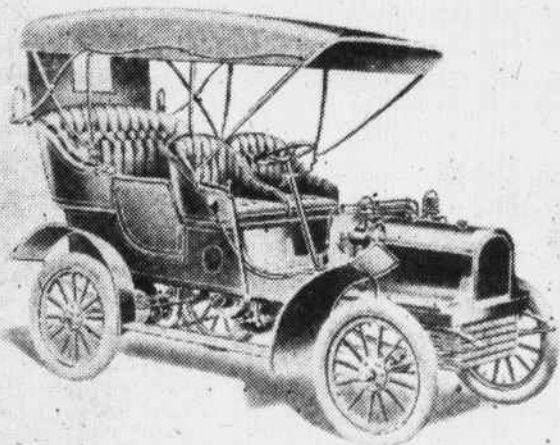
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