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Work Starts on Big Swimming Pool

GOLF COURSE DEEDED TOWN

Concrete Pool Being Built Under Civil Works Program

TO DRAW TOURISTS

Golf Course To Be Improved With Four New Fairways

Franklin is going to have a municipal golf course and swimming pool second to none for a town its size.

The golf course and Camp Nikwasi, comprising a tract of 90 acres of beautiful rolling land, partly wooded, was deeded to the town last week by Miss Laura Jones and 20 men employed under the Civil Works program were set to work Thanksgiving day excavating for a large swimming pool.

Recreational Company Formed

Although the deed reposes in the Town of Franklin, the property did not cost the town a cent. The transaction was similar to one that has been consummated at Hendersonville and in other communities. A corporation, entitled the Franklin Recreational Company, Inc., was organized by a group of local business men and golf enthusiasts with J. E. Perry as president and J. S. Porter as secretary and treasurer. This company agreed to underwrite an indebtedness against the property and to operate it under lease from the town, with an option to buy it from the town at the end of 10 years. The town council leased the property to the recreational company at a dollar a year and the corporation agreed to devote all earnings above current expenses to maintenance and improvements.

Twenty more Civil Works employees are scheduled to go to work on the swimming pool and golf course Friday.

To Build Big Pool

The swimming pool will occupy the same site as the old pond in a small woodland dale near Camp Nikwasi lodge. It will be a concrete pool 75 by 120 feet with the depth graduated from three to 10 feet. There also will be a children's pool, 15 by 75 feet, with a depth ranging from 18 inches to three feet. Both pools will have a steady stream of water flowing into them through underground pipes from two springs on the hillside above.

To Improve Course

Four new fairways are to be constructed for the golf course, substituting for the present No. 2, 3, 4 and 6 links. This will abolish the fairways on the high ridge along the south of the course, where it has been found difficult to grow a good turf, and also the short link with a water hazard, which has proved unpopular with many golfers.

Gilmer A. Jones is supervising the improvement work for the recreational association, and W. A. (Continued on page four)

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Postmaster General James A. Farley and his family sailing for a month's holiday in Europe. 2—Legislative palace in Montevideo, Uruguay, where the Pan-American conference is in session. 3—Crowd gathering outside the jail in San Jose, Calif., from which later they took Thurmond and Holmes, confessed kidnapers and murderers, and hanged them in the city park, despite the desperate resistance of the police.

Many Public Improvements Planned in C. W. A. Program

Examination Announced For Auto Mechanic

The United States Civil Service commission announces open competitive examination for the position of automotive mechanic.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than December 21, 1933.

The examination is being held to fill vacancies in the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, in the Nantahala National Forest, George Washington National Forest, Pisgah National Forest, and Monongahola National Forest, and vacancies which may occur in positions requiring similar qualifications at approximately the same rate of pay.

The entrance salary for this position is \$1.10 per hour.

Fishermen Return From Crystal River, Fla.

W. T. Moore, W. T. McConnell and Wade Arvey returned to Franklin early last Friday morning from a ten days' fishing trip to Crystal River, Fla., bringing with them a string of fishes weighing 110 pounds. This, however, was just a mere fraction of their total catch. Bill Moore said they landed more than a thousand pounds of fish in all. One of them, a sea bass weighing 11 pounds, gave Bill a royal fight. According to Wade Arvey's watch, it took Bill 42 minutes to land the fish, which towed their boat for nearly a mile.

Weekly Payroll To Range From \$2,500-\$3,000; 260 Employed

Macon county's full quota of 260 Civil Works employees will be on the job tomorrow.

About half of the number, those who were taken from the county's relief roll, were set to work last Thursday and Friday. The rest, those recruited through the local Reemployment office, are scheduled to pick up their shovels and pick-axes tomorrow.

All of which will mean many public improvements throughout the county, ranging from stopping the leaks in school roofs to the construction of a municipal swimming pool for the town of Franklin—all at the expense of beneficent Uncle Sam, whose payroll in the county for the next three months will range from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a week.

4 Road Projects

Four major road projects are being undertaken, including grading and surfacing with gravel of the following roads:

From the Franklin depot to Clarke's chapel and from Otto to Clarke's Chapel; the Ellijay road; the road from highway No. 286 to Leatherman, and the Horse Cove road.

Crews of workers also have been assigned to the towns of Franklin and Highlands for street work and other improvements.

Fixing Athletic Field

Another crew is already at work completing the Franklin high school athletic field and building a fence around it. Plans are also being considered for the construction of a frame building at the school to serve as a gymnasium.

Yet another group of Civil Works employees has been set to work improving the Franklin cemetery, while others, under the direction of M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools, are making necessary repairs to county school buildings.

Records in the County Relief Office, under the direction of J. E. Lancaster, and the County Reemployment Office, under the direction of John W. Edwards, show that the men employed on the Civil Works projects have been recruited from all parts of the county. Wages for those on C. W. A. projects range from 30 cents to 45 cents an hour for common labor and 60 cents to 90 cents an hour for foremen and some of the skilled laborers. Each employe is limited to 30 hours work a week.

Camp News

Recreation Hall Finished At N. C. No. 9

A large frame recreation hall has been completed at Civilian Conservation Camp N. C. 9, situated just south of Franklin, and the young woodsmen are looking forward to warm evenings of fun and enlightenment during the winter.

The recreation hall will serve as a school room as well as an amusement center, for plans are now under way to start classes in mathematics, advanced grammar, literature and other subjects. Lieutenant H. M. Pickell will be in charge of the educational activities and will be assisted by several Franklin teachers who have volunteered their services. Although the classes are entirely optional, many of the C. C. boys are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to make their idle hours profitable by increasing their learning.

The recreation hall, about 40 by 90 feet, will be equipped with reading material, a piano and pool tables, much the same as the canteen huts and recreation halls of wartime days.

Camp N. C. 9's quota of 200 was completed last week with the arrival Wednesday from Camp McPherson, Georgia, of 76 new recruits, most of them from Guilford county, North Carolina.

Many of the boys at the camp had their first taste of fire fighting last week, many of them being employed in extinguishing a blaze on Whitesides mountain. As yet, however, there have been few fires on the lands of the Nantahala National Forest in Macon county.

Richard B. Mellon, ranking with his more famous brother, Andrew, as one of the world's richest men, died at his Pittsburgh home on Friday.

New Methodist Ministers Assume Franklin Charges

The Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., newly appointed pastor of the First Methodist church, and Mrs. Herbert, have arrived in Franklin and are occupying the parsonage.

Rev. Mr. Herbert comes to the Franklin church from the Wesley Heights Methodist church, Charlotte, where he and Mrs. Herbert endeared themselves to the congregation. A young man with four years experience in the ministry, Mr. Herbert comes to his work with a strong background of preparation, having received his B. A. degree from Wofford college and his M. A. from Duke university; also receiving his bachelor of divinity degree from the Duke The-

Byrne Takes Rest Forest Supervisor on Leave For 2 Months

John B. Byrne, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, has obtained a two months leave of absence on account of his health. Mr. Byrne is now taking a much needed rest at his home on Harrison avenue and plans later to spend some time in Florida.

J. H. Stone, formerly technical assistant to Mr. Byrne, who several months ago was made assistant supervisor of the Cherokee National Forest, with headquarters at Athens, Tenn., returned to Franklin last week to serve as acting supervisor of the Nantahala Forest during Mr. Byrne's absence.

TIME EXTENDED FOR ROLL CALL

124 Members Signed Thus Far; County's Goal Is 300

BY REV. J. A. FLANAGAN (County Chairman, Red Cross Roll Call)

Reports have been coming in slowly from the Red cross roll call now in progress in the county. Prof. O. F. Summer, chairman of the Highlands district, has reported to headquarters that 43 memberships have been secured in the district, giving Highlands the distinction of having more nearly completed its campaign than any other part of the county. Memberships totaling 124 in full have been reported to the chairman of the roll call; some workers have not reported. The amount of money thus far raised is \$148. The goal for the county is 300 members.

Plans are under way to carry the campaign to all parts of the county and to complete the campaign in Franklin within the next ten days. It is the hope of the workers to give everyone with an income or employment an opportunity of becoming a member of the American Red Cross. One never knows when Red Cross help will be needed in some part of the county; during this campaign the American Red Cross needs the help of every individual who is able to help.

It is the feeling of the executive committee of the Macon county chapter that with the employment of a larger number of the unemployed in the county in the projects of the C. W. A. and the release of a corresponding amount of money in wages, that there will be a more generous response to the canvass for memberships.

List of Members

A list of the members who have thus far enrolled for 1934 is given below. Additional members secured during the week will be added to the list in next week's issue of (Continued on page four)

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WORK ON PLANT IS UNDER WAY

To Have Daily Capacity Of 25,000 to 30,000 Board Feet

IN MARKET FOR LOGS

Mill To Employ about 25 Men When Running At Capacity

Construction of a band saw mill, which when completed will have a capacity output of 25,000 to 30,000 board feet of lumber a day, was started in Franklin last week by the Zickgraf-Warren Lumber company, which formerly operated a large saw mill at Denmark, S. C. The field above the plant of the Franklin Mineral Products company has been selected as the site for the mill.

W. C. Zickgraf, senior partner of the firm, is superintending construction of the saw mill and will be in charge of its operations when it is completed. He said he selected Franklin as the site for the mill after making a thorough study of numerous other possible locations in southern timber areas. Associated with Mr. Zickgraf in the business is Frank Warren, of Perry, Fla., who is expected to bring his family to Franklin in about a month. Mr. Zickgraf moved his family here Tuesday and they are occupying the house in east Franklin formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bowles.

Has Modern Equipment

The machinery to be installed in the new mill here will be of the most modern band mill type, Mr. Zickgraf said. A steam derrick is to be erected for loading and unloading logs and lumber.

When operating at full capacity, he added, the mill will furnish employment for about 25 men. Mr. Zickgraf is bringing with him several experienced employees, but others will be engaged locally. He said the mill would operate under the fair practice code for the lumber industry and would pay wages required under this code.

In Market for Logs

The mill will specialize in the manufacture of high grade oak, poplar and ash lumber for the eastern furniture trade and also for automobile manufacturers. Mr. Zickgraf said he would be in the market immediately for oak, poplar and ash logs, for which he would pay cash on delivery at the plant. He requested that all persons interested inquire first as to specifications before undertaking to deliver logs.

As the mill will buy logs locally, it will furnish employment for many more men than those engaged in the operation of the mill itself. It also will furnish a much needed market for farm land timber and open an opportunity for those desiring to buy stumpage from the Nantahala National forest.

Mr. Zickgraf said he hoped he would be able in the future to induce some furniture factory or other wood-using industry to locate here. He is highly pleased with the field here and thinks Franklin is an ideal location for certain manufacturers of wood products.

Sloan Rickman Busy Man These Days

Sloan Rickman has been a busy man recently. Last week he was busy moving his family to Sylva, where he has accepted a position with the Mulford Furniture company. And now he's busy selling furniture and receiving congratulations, for Mrs. Rickman presented him Thursday morning with a bouncing baby daughter.

PROHIBITION ENDS; CELEBRATIONS ORDERLY

With ratification of the 21st amendment by Pennsylvania, Ohio and Utah at noon Tuesday, the 18th amendment passed into the limbo and liquor shops opened legally in 18 states. Half a dozen other states were planning early action to wipe out or modify state prohibition provisions; but the rest of the nation remained dry, that is, legally dry. Efforts of prohibition crusaders to block the issuance of a repeal proclamation failed in Washington when a District of Columbia supreme court judge rejected a petition submitted by an official of the International Reform Federation. Repeal celebrations got under way in many cities, but the conduct of the celebrants was generally reported as orderly. In proclaiming national prohibition at an end, President Roosevelt pled for restoration of respect for law and expressed the hope that no state would authorize return of the old open saloon.

LINDBERGH'S LAND SAFELY IN BRAZIL

Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh came to a safe landing in the harbor of Natal, Brazil, at 3:10 p. m. Wednesday after a flight of 1,875 miles from Bathurst, Gambia, Africa, in 16 hours and 10 minutes.

3,000,000 BACK TO WORK

Public Works Administrator Ickes announced Sunday that nearly 3,000,000 men had been put to work on funds supplied by the public works administration. More than 86 per cent of original \$3,300,000,000 fund had been allotted. Ickes figures included workers on regular public works contract, civil works projects, and the men in the civilian conservation camps. In North Carolina the end of the week found civil works projects approved to give employment to 43,000. The entire quota of 68,000 jobs will be filled in this state by December 15.

STATE'S REVENUE RISES

General fund tax receipts of the state in November were \$1,947,776 as compared with \$598,131 for November, 1932. The sales tax netted \$590,000. Highway fund collections totaled \$1,458,343 or \$205,776 over November, 1932.

N. C. FEDERAL COLLECTION IS UP

Collector Charles H. Robertson reports that federal collections in the state in November were nearly \$4,000,000 over the sum received in November, 1932.

FACES DEATH 3RD TIME

Heywood Patterson, Alabama negro, on Friday for the third time was convicted of criminal assault of a white woman and heard the sentence of death. His counsel will again take the fight for his life to the highest courts. The trial of Clarence Norris, second of eight defendants held on the same charge, was begun at once in the court at Decatur, Ala.

PROMISE INSULL'S RETURN

The premier of Greece, after conferring with American representatives, has promised to do all in his power to return Samuel Insull to this country for trial on charges of fraud in connection with the crash of his vast utility business.

DEATH VOIDS IMPEACHMENT

Federal Judge James Lowell, 64, died last week in Boston. His death ended impeachment proceedings started in congress because of his decision denying the extradition of a negro, George Crawford, to Virginia to face a trial for murder.

REBEL AGAINST HUEY LONG

Residents of the sixth Louisiana congressional district staged a rebellion Friday against the Huey Long political machine, burning ballots for the Tuesday election to fill a vacant congressional seat, destroying advertisements of the Long political machine, and securing court orders denying pay to any officials serving in the election. Senator Long had arranged for his candidate to be without opposition.

ALEXANDER LEGGE PASSES

Alexander Legge, 67, first chairman of the federal farm board as it was formed by President Hoover and president of the International Harvester company, died Sunday at his Chicago home.

Classes for Adults Planned Under Civil Works Program

CULLOWHEE, Dec. 6.—A one-week training course for those who will soon conduct adult schools throughout Western North Carolina under the auspices of the Civil Works Administration will begin at Western Carolina Teachers college on December 11.

The project that will follow the training school will give employment to approximately 50 unemployed teachers of the mountain section. The adult schools will last over a period of four months and will be organized in the home counties of the teachers. Adults will be taught in the academic subjects as well as in vocational and homemaking courses. The

teachers will be paid \$13.50 a week for their work.

Course of Training

The teachers will also be paid \$13.50 for the week that they are attending the training school at Western Carolina Teachers college. The training course here will be in methods of teaching home economics and vocational subjects. The college has agreed to furnish room and board to the students of the training school for \$1.00 per day.

President H. T. Hunter of Western Carolina Teachers college will be general director of the Cullowhee training school. Miss (Continued on page four)