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NEWS Of the Week

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TVA IN CAROLINA

With the adoption of a bill by the senate providing \$1,000,000 to start work on the Hiwassee river dam, the entrance of TVA into western North Carolina is assured. The cost of completing the project is estimated at \$12,000,000, exclusive of the electrical power plant. Senators Bailey and Reynolds and Representative Weaver are confident the house will concur on the bill.

AAA PASSES

Passed in the senate by an overwhelming vote, the present AAA bill has two major purposes—that of providing Secretary Wallace with new means of raising farm prices to a parity with prices of other commodities, and to prepare for the time when the Supreme Court will pass on the validity of the program. Prices will be raised either by crop control agreements or by the processing tax.

LOBBY PROBERS ACTIVE

While public utility interests are urging congress not to be influenced by disclosures of the lobby probe, the Senate investigation committee continues to unearth new evidence. One company, after the records had been destroyed, estimated its lobbying expenses at \$700,000. There is no way of telling, said Senator Black, whether they spent \$700,000 or \$5,000,000. Telegraph companies have been ordered to submit complete information on all telegrams sent, and business was warned that its opposition to the administration tax bill would be investigated. "There's enough dirt to keep 20 committees busy," asserted Black.

UNCLE SAM'S REAL ESTATE

At the approximate rate of 40 per week, the Government is taking over the homes of those who, for one reason or another, have defaulted in their payments to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. At the present rate, many vacant homes will boast the following sign: "For sale or rent—apply to Uncle Sam."

ETHIOPIA AROUSED

Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie is determined to "fight to the last man" against Italy. Said the Emperor, "Ever since her crushing defeat by our army about 40 years ago, Italy has nourished the desire to attack us. Now, 2,000 years after the crucifixion, is peace to be drowned in the blood and tears of war?" The nation is backing her king of kings and conquering lion of Judah to the limit.

GATHERING OF THE CLAN

Republican leaders are trekking to the California home of former President Herbert Hoover. Leading the procession is Governor Nice of Maryland, closely followed by former Secretary of War Hurley, Chicago's publisher Frank Knox, and James M. Beck, former U. S. Solicitor General. All are potential presidential candidates for 1936.

LIE DETECTOR WORKS

After undergoing the lie detector tests for six and one-half hours, during which time the machine showed "unusual emotion" while he was giving his alibi, Mills Redmond, Chicago, confessed to killing a girl last December. He had clung adamantly to his story, but weakened when faced by the accusing detector.

ICKES VS LONG

Secretary Ickes has stopped all PWA work in Louisiana until Senator Huey Long discards some of his adverse laws. Says Ickes, "I'm not fooling this time." Long replied that if Roosevelt and Ickes were going to withhold the funds, they could both "go slap down to hell."

IS CRIME INCREASING?

Recent reports from Raleigh show
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Position Open

Deadline Set For Postal Clerk Applications

Open competitive examinations for substitute clerk of the Franklin post office will be held soon, according to Postmaster T. W. Porter, Sr. Applications for the examinations must be made not later than August 3.

The position is open to both men and women, with preference being given to local residents.

DEATH CLAIMS BELOVED WOMAN

Mrs. Thomas M. Slagle Dies Following Long Illness

Mrs. Thomas M. Slagle, one of Macon county's most beloved women, died Friday evening of last week at her home on highway No. 28 near the Twin Churches. The funeral was held at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon at St. Agnes Episcopal church, Franklin, and burial was in the Franklin cemetery.

Mrs. Slagle, who was 71 years old, had been in declining health for several years and for the past few months her condition had been growing steadily worse.

The Rev. Rufus Morgan, Episcopal minister of Columbia, S. C., nephew of Mrs. Slagle, conducted the funeral, assisted by the Rev. Frank Bloxham, rector of St. Agnes, and the Rev. S. R. Crockett, Presbyterian minister of Route 1. Pallbearers were: Alan Siler, Hayne Arthur, Siler Slagle, George M. Slagle, Joe Setser, nephews of Mrs. Slagle, and F. S. Sloan.

Mrs. Slagle, before her marriage, was Miss Laura Amanda Slagle, daughter of Albert Siler, one of the pioneer residents of Macon county. She was born, reared and spent her life in the Cartoogechay section. She was a friend to the Cherokee Indians and was regarded as an authority on their language and customs.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Slagle gave a large section of their farm in the Cartoogechay community as a site for the Maxwell school, a home for homeless boys under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. The gift was in memory of a son, Maxwell Slagle, who died in childhood. Operation of the school was discontinued several years ago.

Mrs. Slagle was a member of the Presbyterian church and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Miss Amanda Slagle, of Franklin; and Miss Lucy Slagle, of Wilmington, N. C.; a son, Richard Slagle, of Franklin, and a brother, Harry Siler, of Everett, Wash. She was a sister of the late Dr. F. L. Siler, of Franklin.

Florida Farmer Buys Land Near Highlands

J. N. McJunkin, prominent scientific farmer of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has bought a 100 acre farm on the Dillard-Highlands road, planning on experimental and scientific farming.

As a new angle of farming in this section, Mr. McJunkin plans to use irrigation in attempting to improve the usual crops of potatoes and cabbage, in addition to head lettuce, broccoli, and cauliflower.

John E. Rice Improving After Heart Attack

John E. Rice, vice president of the Southern Mica Company, who suffered a heart attack last week, was reported Wednesday afternoon to be improving. Mr. Rice is still confined to his home, but his condition was said to be much better.

Tobacco Baron Weds Former Secretary



LONDON . . . One of America's wealthiest men, George Washington Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company, is shown here with his new bride, the former Mary Barnes of N. Y., his former secretary, just after the marriage ceremony here.

Nantahala National Forest Scenic Beauty Unequaled; Developed By Government

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The Nantahala National Forest is located at a strategic point to the Southland. This forest forms the last holding in the mountains high above the Piedmont plateau which simmers at its feet in the glare of the hot summer sun. The forest lies on both sides of that backbone of our Southern ranges, the Blue Ridge Mountains. From the lowest elevation of 1,500 feet just north of Clarksville, Ga., to the highest elevations of over 6,000 feet encountered near Sylva, N. C., is a tract of 444,331 acres of United States government land, administered by the Forest Service, surrounded by twice this many acres of private lands which offer a cool refuge during the summer months.

From the tip of Florida through the coastal and piedmont plains of Georgia and South Carolina to the State of North Carolina a more delightful bit of country cannot be found.

For the person with one day to spend, or the more fortunate ones with an entire season of leisure, the Nantahala National Forest of-

fers the opportunity to be removed from worry, hurry, and care, and to relax under the soothing influence of peace and solitude.

A trip through this area should convince one of the exceptional advantages which this forest has to offer to the public of the Southeastern states and to its visitors. Beginning at the southern edge of the forest at a point 110 miles north of Atlanta one enters through a series of low rolling hills. Above these hills the mountain ranges of the forest extend to the north, and west and form a most inviting vista.

Lakes Cover Region

The first noticeable event in our travel is the gorge at Tallulah Falls. This steep walled valley offers a delightful view, and has been characterized by many visitors as a replica of the west. Picnickers enjoy this spot for its natural beauty. The gorge is a connecting link between a series of artificial lakes which cross the Georgia unit of the forest. These lakes begin at Tallulah Falls, Ga., and extend westward to the base of the Blue Ridge. The lakes, from the lower end of the chain to the head, are
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New Store

To Be Opened By Sanders About August 1

Jack Sanders, Franklin merchant, announced this week that his new store, featuring five and ten cent merchandise, would be ready for opening on or about August 1.

The new store occupies one of the store rooms in the Franks building on East Main street. The room has been redecorated and new fixtures installed.

Mr. Sanders was busy this week receiving and arranging stock for the store. He said he would not open the establishment until everything was in readiness and all goods had been received and put on display.

Mr. Sanders will continue operating his general merchandise store on the opposite side of Main street, but the five and ten cent department will be moved to the new store, where space is available for a wider range of stock.

Watkins Family Gathers On August 4

Annual reunion of the Watkins family of Macon county will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stiles, near the Cozard roller mill, on Sunday, August 4. All members of the family are invited to attend.

SILER REUNION NEXT THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter Hosts at 84th Annual Clan Meeting

The 84th annual reunion of the Siler family will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter Thursday, August 1.

The first reunion was held New Year's day in 1853 at the home of Jacob Siler. The date was moved to October, and then to the first Thursday in August.

At the reunion last year, held with Miss Laura Jones at Camp Nikwasi, 179 members of the family were present.

George W. Truitt To Speak at Hayesville

Dr. George W. Truitt, pastor First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas, and president of the Baptist's World Alliance, will speak Friday, August 9, at 10:30 a. m. in the Hayesville High School auditorium.

Dr. Truitt is a native of Clay county, and is returning to his old home for the John O. Hicks reunion at Hayesville.

Clyde Hoey and Judge E. Y. Webb have also been invited to speak at the time.

FOREST ROADS BEING WORKED

195 Given Work Through Nantahala FERA Projects

Nantahala National Forest FERA road projects started Monday with 195 men employed, it was announced at the forest supervisor's office.

With 45 men under the supervision of Robert Scott, work is progressing on the Highlands-Dillard road. The route, an important tourist artery, is being widened from 16 to 22 feet, and the distance will be shortened. It is believed the road will be surfaced after the grading, though the plans have not been announced.

On the Wayah Bald road, between Kiser's store and Nantahala station, 30 men have started "fixation" work, improving the banks to prevent erosion. Honeysuckle, vines and grass will be planted, and down-spouts constructed.

The Leatherman road, leading eight miles from West's Mill to Watauga Gap and Highway No. 285, is being widened by CCC Camp F-20, as will the stretch from Leatherman post office to Leatherman Gap, a distance of seven miles. These links will be surfaced later.

In Clay county, 30 men are working on the Tuni Gap road, widening it to 16 feet and preventing erosion. Under the direction of Wilson Smart, many of the curves are being eliminated and about 30 more men will be put on the project August 1.

In Rabun county, Georgia, 30 men have started work on the 14 mile Clayton-Pine Mountain road. Fixation work on the Lake Rabun road will be started about August 1.

FRANKLIN GETS GOOD PUBLICITY

County Praised as Ideal Section for Summer Vacationists

In connection with a series of advertisements by Franklin and Highlands merchants in the Sunday edition of the Herald of Miami, Fla., a number of stories concerning Western North Carolina have been given prominent space.

The mountains circling Franklin were given prominent space last Sunday. In the article, the author brought out the fact that there were 17 peaks more than 5,000 feet above sea level in Macon county, and that Franklin had an altitude of 2,200 feet.

The advantages of Franklin as a summer resort were enumerated, the many hotels entertaining summer guests, the nine-hole golf course with unusual scenery visible from the tees, Camps Nikwasi and Taucetah, and the Little Tennessee river, claimed to be the only stream in the South possessing muskellunge. The fishing possibilities of Lake Emory, covering 225 acres, was mentioned as ideal for the fisherman not caring to wade the mountain streams. In the lake are muskellunge, lake trout, bass, red horse, and bream.

Boy Scout Troop Plans "Shower" Before Trip

Franklin's Boy Scout troop has planned a "shower" Saturday, 3 p. m., in their headquarters behind the Masonic Hall, in anticipation of their camping trip next week.

The troop is hoping for many useful camp articles, such as buckets, tin plates and cups, knives, forks, and spoons, frying pans, lanterns, and large cooking utensils. The boys will serve refreshments, and are inviting any friends of the troop to attend.