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## EARLY PAPERS GIVEN LIBRARY

File of The Highlands Star Presented to Hudson Free Library

Special to the Press-Maconian) HIGHLANDS, Sept. 23.—Much interesting information concerning the early history of Highlands is contained in a file of The Highlands Star which has just been presented to the Hudson free library by Captain Charles H. Coe, of Washington, D. C., who with another published the weekly newspaper here in 1890 and 1891.

Under its masthead the paper carried the slogan: "Home First—The World Afterward." This epitomized its policy, for it sought first and foremost to encourage the development of the struggling little mountain community, whose citizenship was fighting for such things as good roads, public schools, good hotels and a telephone system to connect it with the outer world.

Early editions of The Star carried a series of articles under the heading, "Highlands, N. C.—The Gem of the Mountains in the Land of the Sky." The part of this series most interesting today concerned the founding and early history of Highlands. It gives full credit for the establishment of the town to the late Captain S. T. Kelsey and C. Hutchinson; but it does not mention, however, the story more generally accepted as true of how this mountain plateau was selected as the town site because it was situated at or near the intersection of lines drawn on the map from Chicago to Savannah and from New York to New Orleans.

**How Town Was Founded**

"To Captain S. T. Kelsey and C. Hutchinson," The Star stated, is due the honor of discovering the magnificent site of Highlands, and founding the town. These gentlemen left their homes and families in the State of Kansas and came to Western North Carolina in a prospecting trip. After traveling over 600 miles on mule back through Rabun County, Ga., and different parts of this region, they arrived at this elevated mountain plateau . . . in February 1875. Recognizing its great advantages and attractions for a town site they terminated their explorations at once. The land for miles around was owned by one Capt. J. W. Dobson and others, and from them several thousand acres located on the plateau were purchased, and improvements were begun on the future town site."

Capt. Kelsey was a native of New York and later a resident of Kansas, and was known as a "builder of towns," having built the town of Pomona, Kansas, and having established several experimental stations for the Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co. Mr. Hutchinson was a native of Vermont and founded the towns of Ottwa and Hutchinson, Kansas.

**The First Settlers**  
Soon after the site of Highlands  
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## Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.  
Chickens, heavy breed hend 12c  
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . 10c  
Fryers, heavy weight, lb. . . 12c  
Fryers, light weight, lb. . . 10c  
Eggs, doz. . . . . 25c  
Corn, bu. . . . . 95c  
Wheat, bu. . . . . \$1.00  
Rye, bu. . . . . \$1.10  
Potatoes, No. 1 . . . . \$1.10

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. . . . . 31c

## Ed Kinsland

### Fatally Hurt in Accident At Vail, Washington

The body of Ed Kinsland, 29, fatally injured Thursday of last week at Vail, Wash., is expected to arrive in Franklin Friday afternoon. The funeral, friends announced today, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Holly Springs Baptist church with the Rev. Paul Morgan officiating.

Kinsland's sister, Mrs. Mary Lou York, of Franklin, was notified of his death in a telegram from the Weyerhaeuser Timber company. It stated that he was "fatally injured" on September 17 and gave no details of how he met death.

Kinsland left Franklin in June, a short time after the death of his father, E. C. Kinsland, and went to the state of Washington to work for the lumber company.

## SCOUTS HOLD HONOR COURT

### Outstanding Awards Given 4 Members of Local Scout Troop

Eagle Scout badges were presented to two members of the Franklin troop of Boy Scouts at a district court of honor held Monday night in the basement of the Methodist church. Bronze eagle palms were awarded to two other local Scouts.

The Eagle badges were awarded to Eugene Furr and Charles Hunnicutt and the Eagle palms to Andrew Jones and Charles Slagle, who previously had won their rank as Eagle scouts.

Awards signifying promotions were also made to 15 other Scouts representing various troops in the Smoky Mountains district of the Daniel Boone council.

H. P. Crowell, of Sylva, presided at the court of honor, which was attended by a number of parents and friends as well as by Scouts themselves. Mr. Crowell was assisted in presenting the various awards by Dr. W. E. Furr, of Franklin, the Rev. Frank Bloxham, of Highlands, and A. W. Allen, of Asheville, Scout executive of the Daniel Boone council.

After the court of honor members of the district committee met and decided to organize 12 home patrols in small communities of the district before January 1.

Other awards made Monday night, besides the Eagle Scout badges and palms, were:

Tenderfoot, Ray Jones and Winfred Ramsey, of Sylva. First Class, Bobby Allison and Ray Clark, of Sylva, and Henry Cabe, Jr., of Franklin. Merit badges were awarded to Andrew Jones, Franklin, Bert Hall, Franklin, Alex Moore, Jr., Franklin, Eugene Furr, Franklin, Charles Slagle, Franklin, Sanders Allred, Bryson City, Phillip Allred, Bryson City, Allen Ordway, Franklin, William Harris, Cherokee, Ray Clark, Sylva, Bobby Allison, Sylva, Roy Hall, Sylva and Glen Grady, Sylva.

## Calvin L. Sawyer, 56, Dies of Blood Poisoning

Calvin L. Sawyer, 56, died at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning of blood poisoning at the home of H. A. Picklesimer in the Cartoogechaye community. The funeral was conducted at 4:30 o'clock the same afternoon at Mt. Zion church by the Rev. A. A. Angel, of Franklin, with burial in the church grave yard. Mr. Sawyer, a native of Graham county, is survived by his widow and several children.

## REVIVAL HELD AT TABERNACLE

### Rev. M. T. Hinshaw Preaching Each Night At New Tabernacle

Evangelistic services which started Sunday afternoon are being conducted each night in the tabernacle on Wayah street with the Rev. M. T. Hinshaw, of Rutherford College, Burke county, doing the preaching. The Rev. A. A. Angel, under whose supervision the tabernacle was recently completed, is assisting in conducting the services.

Attendance at the services thus far has averaged about 200. The tabernacle will accommodate a congregation of 1,000 in addition to a choir of 100.

Vocal and instrumental music is furnished at the meetings with Mrs. Harley Mashburn at the piano and Jess Keener directing the singing. Rev. Mr. Angel has extended an invitation to individual singers and to choirs and quartets in the county to attend the services and join in the singing.

"We also extend a hearty invitation to the ministers of the various churches and their membership to join us in our evangelistic efforts for the spiritual interest of us all," Mr. Angel said. He explained that the tabernacle is interdenominational in its aims and encourages individuals to join or become more active in churches of their own choice.

Services are held each week night, starting at 7:30 o'clock with music and singing, followed at 8 o'clock with preaching by the Rev. Mr. Hinshaw. Sunday services start at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Angel announced that services planned for 10:30 o'clock each morning had been cancelled on account of light attendance.

Rev. Mr. Hinshaw, the revival preacher, is a former president of Rutherford college.

## Mose Cochran, 65, Of Hiwassee, Dies Here

Mose Cochran, 65, died at 10:45 o'clock Monday night at Angel hospital and his body was taken Wednesday to Hiwassee, Ga., for burial. Mr. Cochran was born in this county and lived here for a number of years, but for the past 25 years had been a resident of Hiwassee. He is survived by three daughters.

## Local Jewry To Observe Yom Kippur Saturday

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, will be observed by Franklin Jews starting at sundown Friday and continuing until sundown Saturday. As there is no synagogue here, Franklin Jews will go to Asheville to attend Yom Kippur services.

Poliakoff's and Blumenthal's stores, it was announced by their proprietors, will be closed Saturday until about 6:30 o'clock. Sanders' store and Schulman's Department store will remain open, but the proprietors and their families will be absent attending Yom Kippur services.

## Army Enlistments Now Open at Asheville

ASHEVILLE, Sept. 23.—Enlistments are now open at the United States army recruiting office in the postoffice building here for service at Panama and Fort Bragg, N. C. Applicants to be accepted must be between the ages of 18 and 35 years, of good character, single, in good health, able to pass the required mental test.

The recruiting office is open from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. every day except Sundays.

## Cattle Sale

### To Be Held Wednesday at Local Stockyards

The second of a series of cattle sales at the Franklin stockyards is scheduled to be held Wednesday of next week, according to an announcement by Bob Patton and Bob Davis, who conduct the auctions.

Weighing of the cattle is to start at 11 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Patton said a number of buyers had assured him they would be present for the sale.

At the first sale, held Wednesday of last week, 200 head of cattle were sold. Farmers generally were pleased with the prices they received and few cattle were driven back home.

Mr. Patton said he expected a large number of cattle to be offered at the sale next week.

## FARMERS URGED TO SAVE SEED

### Methods for Harvesting Lespedeza Seed Explained

With indications pointing to the increased use of lespedeza as a soil-improvement and erosion control crop, A. H. Veazey, agronomist of the soil conservation service, advised farmers to harvest all abundant supply of lespedeza seed for next spring planting.

Farmers who are growing Kobe, Tennessee 76 and common varieties, said Veazey, may harvest their seed with a pan attached to the mower, such as are on sale at most hardware stores.

Korean seed can be harvested with the seed pan attachment also, but the best method for harvesting Korean seed is to cut the whole plant after it has thoroughly matured or reached the chocolate brown color and thresh it with a grain thresher.

Seed for the Kobe, Tennessee 76 and common should not be harvested until well matured, according to the State college extension service.

Lespedeza will not make good hay and seed at the same time. When cut at a stage for making good hay the seed are immature, and when cut after the seed have thoroughly matured the hay is practically worthless for feeding to livestock.

Veazey pointed out that certain fields or areas of good stand should be left for seed production. Where lespedeza is to remain in the same field two years, he said, it is a good plan to cut the crop for hay the first year and harvest the seed the second year.

Fields mowed for hay this year which are to remain in lespedeza next year should not be cut too close to the ground or too late in the season, as this will not allow sufficient seed for reseeding the next year's crop.

Cowpeas may be harvested by hand picking, Veazey said, and cleaned with a patent cleaning machine, or by cutting the whole plant and threshing, while soybeans should be harvested with the regular soybean harvester.

## TVA To Employ More Men On Hiwassee Dam

About 100 additional men are to be put to work immediately on construction forces, at the Hiwassee river dam near Murphy, according to an announcement by the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville. This will increase the force already employed, it was stated, to approximately 200 men, exclusive of road building crews.

A. L. McKinney, of Birmingham, Ala., recently visited relatives and friends at Highlands and Franklin.

## LARGE REALTY DEAL REPORTED

### Group of Business Men Buy 1,714-Acre Farm From Land Bank

One of the largest farm realty transactions made in this section in recent years was consummated this week in the purchase by Harve Bryant and Zeb Angel, of Franklin, and Lewis Angel, of Haines City, Fla., of three tracts of mountain land in Macon and Swain counties aggregating 1,714 acres. The consideration involved was not announced.

The land, formerly part of the Alex Moore farm, lies on both sides of Snowbird mountain, partly in the Hamburg section of Jackson county and partly in the Ellijay section of Macon county. About 500 acres is said to be in farm land, much of it ideally suited for raising cabbages, beans and other truck, and the balance is in timber and grazing land.

**Bought from Land Bank**

The land was bought from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. Although the deed had not been recorded today, Mr. Bryant said he and his associates had received confirmation of the deal from the land bank.

Two tracts of the land, one of 868 acres and another of 136 acres, lie in Macon county, while the third tract of 710 acres is in Jackson county. All of the tracts adjoin. Another tract of the old Moore farm, comprising about 1,100 acres, was sold last spring to a Mr. Kirk, an Atlanta truck and fruit dealer. At the time this deal was made the land had already been leased for the 1936 crop, but Mr. Kirk was given the right to farm one of the other tracts. He was reported to have planted 40 or 50 acres in beans and cabbages and to have made enough from these crops to pay for the 1,100 acre tract he had bought.

**Good for Truck**

Mr. Kirk, it is understood, plans next year to do large scale truck farming on his tract and it is expected that this operation will afford employment to a number of Macon county people.

Mr. Bryant said he and his associates intended to divide the tracts they had bought into small farms for resale.

## Junior Red Cross Chapters To Be Formed

Plans for organization again this year of Junior Red Cross chapters in the schools of Macon county were outlined this week by Mrs. Gordon Moore, county chairman of this phase of the Red Cross's activities.

Mrs. Moore said she was ready at all times to enroll the schools for this work and to assist teachers in organizing chapters. The enrollment fee is only 50 cents for each school room, she said, and this entitles the room to receive the necessary supplies, including Red Cross pamphlets and literature, and the Junior Red Cross News.

Mrs. Moore said she would be in town Saturday afternoon for the convenience of teachers who wish to enroll their schools.

Last year, under Mrs. Moore's leadership, 13 schools of the county enrolled in the Junior Red Cross. This represented the active interest of 40 teachers and 1,448 pupils in the cause of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Mary Plenz and family, of Casa Grande, Ariz., recently visited Mrs. Plenz's uncle, Frank Cunningham, and Mrs. Cunningham, at their home on Iotla. This was Mrs. Plenz's first visit to Macon county in 30 years.