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The Chamber of Commerce

THIS week a number of the leading business and professional men of Franklin are engaged in soliciting members for a chamber of commerce, and they report encouraging results.

As to the need for an active trade body in the town there can be no question. There will come to Western North Carolina during the coming summer the greatest number of tourists who have ever visited this section. Thousands of them will pass through Franklin, but many will stop for a day, a week or for the summer if they have been informed as to what the town and county have to offer. The only way they can get that information is through an organized body functioning solely for that purpose.

The people who come to the mountains for the summer have money to spend and when they spend it every citizen is benefitted, directly or indirectly.

It is to be hoped that the business men of Franklin will come through with a membership of one hundred per cent. Help to organize the new body and help in its work when the organization is complete.

The Debt Refunding Plan

IN other columns of this issue of The Press will be found the complete text of the plan for refunding the bonded indebtedness of Macon county and Franklin township.

While the interest rate of 4¾% is somewhat higher than it had been hoped to arrange, it must be borne in mind that interest rates, like most everything else at the present time, are going up. The bond statement on page two shows that all outstanding bonds draw either 5½ or 6%, so the new rate means a considerable saving in interest, and in addition, the plan provides that all interest claims accruing or payable on or before January 1, 1937, will be reduced to fifty per cent of their par value.

Provision is made in the plan for the retirement of bonds as the sinking fund accumulates, and also there is a contract with the state highway and public works commission under which the county will receive until May 1, 1943, in semi-annual installments, the sum of \$143,167.50, all of which is applicable to the debt service of the county.

Under the tax levy for 1936, 60c was provided for debt service out of a total of \$1.05 on the \$100 valuation. The plan proposed will call for only 72c for the county and 25c for Franklin township, a slight increase which will take care of the bonded obligations of both the county and the township.

It looks like a good plan and the county commissioners and county accountant are to be commended for their efforts to put it through. It has been approved by the holders of more than 50 per cent of the bonds and it is thought that there will be no difficulty in securing the consent of the remaining holders of the obligations of the county and township.

Mountains and People—Big and Little

THE season's guests are starting early in Franklin. A distinguished visitor last week was Carl B. Fritsche, of Michigan, director of the Farm Chemurgic Council and Chemical Foundation, Inc.

Once an engineer on the Tallulah Falls power dam construction, Mr. Fritsche recalled the days in 1912 when he used to come to Franklin, noting the progress in this section since that time.

Mr. Fritsche's interesting family tarried overnight with him, including a little daughter, seven

years old that day, who exhibited a keen and proprietary interest in the mountains. It developed that mountains were of particular significance to the family, in that a mountain in Little America had been named in honor of Mr. Fritsche by his friend, Sir Hubert Wilkins, explorer of South Pole fame. The little girl was keenly delighted when told that a nearby unnamed spur of Trimont mountain might like to bear the name of Margaret Fritsche, in honor of her birthday.

It was agreed that a mountain in the Nantahalas, even a little one, was much nicer than a big mountain of ice in the Antarctic.

It is hoped that appreciative guests like these, big and little, will come in ever increasing numbers to share our beautiful mountains.

Lake Emory

By LUTHER ANDERSON

Professor Austin Snyder, after many years of almost continuous service, has resigned as teacher of the adult class of Ridgecrest Sunday school. His successor has not been selected. It is seldom men are to be found who have such qualifications as has Mr. Snyder. His resignation is a distinct loss.

Mrs. George Buchanan, of Prentiss, was the guest Saturday night of Mrs. Buford Downs.

RABBIT CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCracken, Mrs. Laura McCracken and Messrs. Bunyan Justice and Charlie Elliott have returned from a visit to Rev. and Mrs. K. P. McCracken, of Crab Tree, Haywood county.

Miss Margaret Corbin, of Cullowhee, was called home last week on account of the serious illness of her small sister, Sarah Lee. The child is now much improved.

The Misses Beryl and Gwendolyn Morgan were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Justice and family.

Miss Bernice Pendergrass and Miss Lucile Kimsey have gone to Enka where they expect to be employed.

A birthday dinner, on April 11, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Seay was a very enjoyable occasion for the 67 relatives who were present. Mrs. Seay, who is 82 years old, received many beautiful presents. Among those present were: Mrs. Robert Harrell and Miss Pauline Harrell, of Waynesville; Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Long, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Arthur Long, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Henry, all of Greer, S. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bennett and daughter, Estelle, of Iotla. There were present six of Mr. Seay's children, 33 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, one niece and one nephew.

Broadway

By EFFIE WILSON

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keener spent Friday night of last week at Andy Wilson's.

N. H. McKinney spent last week with relatives in this community.

Tom Wilson made a business trip to Dallard, Ga., Saturday.

Prileau Vinson spent the week-end in this section.

Misses Blanche and Edna Wilson spent the week-end visiting relatives at Clear Creek.

Mrs. Fannie Holt was visiting at Andy Wilson's Sunday.

Frank Cabe made a business trip to Franklin Saturday.

Mrs. Z. V. McKinney is still on the sick list.

Miss Agnes McKinney was a business visitor in Highlands Saturday.

Forest Fires Are Costly in Many Ways

If you saw a man throw a basket of good dollar bills in a bonfire,

you would try to stop him and save some of that money, not only for him but for his wife and children. Yet, every spring thousands of dollars go up in smoke as farmers start to clear up new land for plowing and burn over the woods for no reason at all, except to see them burn.

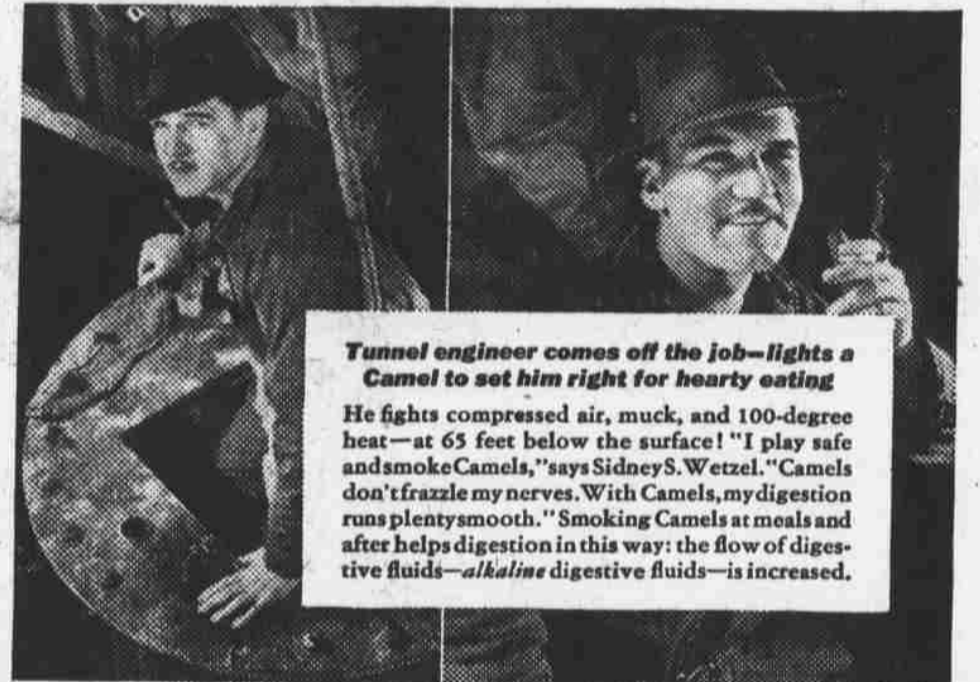
Here is how you lose money when you burn the forest litter: First of all, you are burning good fertilizer—forest litter contains nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, all made and deposited on your land free of charge by mother Nature. Burning the forest litter exposes the soil to erosion and you can't grow crops in sterile, gullied land. The value of your timber crop is reduced every time the butt of the young trees is scarred by fire to open the way for rot and defect. Sound timber sells best on the market. Fish and game can't thrive on burned over land because fire destroys their food, shelter and poisons the streams. Game needs food and shelter to exist.

Think it over! Are you burning up dollars every year or are you wisely using the gifts nature is giving you freely and bountifully?

More than 40 per cent of the forest fires suppressed by the United States forest service in this district of the Nantahala national forest was caused by farmers burning debris in the form of brush piles and straw fields according to R. V. Miles, Jr., district ranger.

There is enormous contrast between man and the insects. Man can, by extensive adaption, live anywhere on earth and yet remain a single species. Insects, in new climates and conditions, evolve into a new species.

WORKS UNDER HUDSON RIVER



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