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Macon County Minerals

THERE are few areas of similar size in the world which contain as great variety of mineral products as Macon county. Many of these minerals have not been found in sufficient quantities to justify refining and shipment, but that does not mean that the quantity is not here, it only means that the field has not been thoroughly prospected.

Bulletin No. 74 of the United States Geological Survey, which was printed in 1891, 46 years ago, deals entirely with the minerals of North Carolina, and up to this day is probably the most comprehensive and authoritative work on the subject to be found.

This bulletin, prepared by Frederick Augustus Genth, lists the minerals and their location in Macon county as follows:

Houston's mine.—Muscovite; corundum; talc; tremolite; chlorite; tourmaline.

Lyle's mine.—Muscovite; biotite; kaolinite.

J. Moore's.—Chromite; corundum.

Thorn Mountain mine.—Muscovite; biotite; manganese garnet; albite; uranochre; zircon; beryl; pyrrhotite; chalcocopyrite.

Cullasaja or Corundum Hill.—Corundum in beautiful varieties crystallized and massive, and frequently in part altered into other minerals; chromite; spinel in crystals and granular; rutile, rare; diaspor, one specimen only known; drusy quartz and quartz crystals; chalcocopyrite; enstatite; tremolite; arfvedsonite; chrysolite; andesite; oligoclase; tourmaline; talc; serpentine; deweyite; cerolite; genthite; culsageite; lucasite; kerrite; maconite; penninite; prochlorite; willcoxite; margarite; anthophyllite; actinolite; magnetite.

Bryson's mines.—Muscovite; labradorite; almandite garnet; orthoclase; albite; biotite.

Near Franklin.—Sphalerite; chalcocopyrite; manaccanite; wad; garnet; epidote; fibrolite; cyanite; staurolite; kaolinite; rhodochrosite; corundum; pyrite; seven miles south, chromite, chlorite; nine miles south, chrysolite; 11½ miles south, prochlorite; 14 miles south, corundum and talc in chrysolite.

Highlands.—Bismutite; beryl.

Haskett's.—Limestone quarry; magnetite; corundum, in part altered into muscovite; tourmaline; calcite; garnet; molybdenite.

Jacob's mine.—Corundum; asbestos; tremolite; chrysolite.

Sugarfork River.—Chromite; tremolite; actinolite; asbestos; chrysolite; garnet; biotite; orthoclase; magnetite; hematite; eight miles from Franklin, prochlorite; talc; asbestos.

Nantahala River.—Asbestos; talc; compact limestone; nitre; at mouth of river, orthoclase.

Tennessee River, below Franklin.—Garnet; staurolite; cyanite; muscovite; columbite.

Tibbet's mine.—Pleonaste; zircon.

West's mine.—Ruby corundum with cyanite.

Gregory Hill.—Chrysolite; anthophyllite; bronzite; foliated talc; prochlorite; asbestos.

Hall mine.—Muscovite; biotite; granular quartz; orthoclase; garnet; albite.

Rocky Face.—Garnet; muscovite; biotite.

Jarret's.—Steatite; chalcocopyrite; fibrous talc.

Potato Knob mine.—Muscovite; biotite.

West's Mills.—Psilomeane.

Ellijay Creek.—Near Higdon's: corundum; chlorite; asbestos; chromite; magnetite; hematite; garnet; chrysolite. At Goshen, calcite, granular; coccolite; graphite; spessartite.

Highlands.—Gold; rose quartz.

Cartoogechaye Creek.—Magnetite, at Sloan's.

Elsewhere.—Graphite; garnet; chalcocopyrite; magnetite; hornblende, 23 miles below Franklin; beryl; rose quartz; magnetite; muscovite and biotite in numerous mica mines; gold and galenite in Cowee Mountains.

Mica and corundum mining is an old industry here, the mica business particularly, as it antedates the civil war period. Mica is still being mined and processed to a considerable extent, and there is more or less prospecting for paying quantities of other minerals going on all the time, but so far no company or individual with sufficient capital to give the field a thorough going over has appeared.

But with industry constantly expanding and new uses being found for various minerals, and new inventions and formulas calling for minerals hitherto unused, it is only a question of a little time until the Macon county field will be fully developed.

Regulate the Barnstormers

AN investigation made by a Press representative since the fatal biplane crash Monday reveals the fact that no license fee is collected by the city or county from the barnstorming aviators who come here and carry passengers for hire, and that there is no statute or regulation permitting or requiring the officers of the law to inspect and pass upon the qualifications of the barnstorming pilots or the condition of the planes.

The plane which crashed Monday and killed a passenger and the pilot was said to be unlicensed and condemned and was piloted by a youth of 19 who it is said was not a licensed pilot.

It would seem that some measures should be taken which would prevent a repetition of this deplorable accident, and there are many opinions as to what those measures should be. A prohibitory license of something like five hundred dollars per day could be imposed on barnstorming fliers, which would keep them out of the county entirely, or a moderate license could be fixed with a provision that any pilot expecting to fly in the county be required to show a current license accompanied by photograph, and that a license for the plane as a passenger carrier, certified by the commerce department of the United States, be displayed.

Air crashes cannot be avoided altogether any more than automobile wrecks, but proper regulation will cut down the toll of death and injury caused by flying coffins and incompetent pilots.

Highlands Highlights

EDITED BY MRS. T. C. HARBISON

ROADSIDE TAVERN BEING BUILT ON LAKE SHORE

HIGHLANDS, May 19.—Construction of The Dugout, heralded by its owners, L. G. Appley and Dinty Dennis, as the super roadside tavern, was started with a large crew of laborers during the last week. The Dugout is located on the Highlands-Franklin federal highway, two miles from the center of Highlands and on the shore of Lake Sequoia. The building is under the supervision of Joe Webb, prominent Highlands contractor.

To be built of oak and hemlock lumber, the tavern will be 40 by 80 feet, an area 40 by 60 being used for a square dancing floor overlooking the lake. The remainder of the building will be a restaurant which its owners state will be built to grade A specifications. In this division will be featured a 30 foot rustic bar to match the general rustic and log siding plan of the building where wines and beer on draft will be featured. General confections with tourist supplies also will be offered while the restaurant with a short order menu, will headline fried chicken and steaks day and night. The materials and labor for this modern, and what promises to be the best recreation center of its kind in this area, are being provided by Macon county dealers.

Fronted by a spacious double driveway, The Dugout will include an up-to-minute filling station at the upper end of the property to make it a one-stop station. The station will feature American Oil company products with Amoco gasoline, D. B. Darby, prominent Walthalla distributor personally approving the new development and offering additional assurance the most modern and unique center of its kind would be offered resident and tourist trade.

The beautiful lake shore property, long a popular picnic and swimming center for residents and vacationists in the Highlands district, will be beautified with a large boat dock and swim landing. Bath houses, a springboard into 18 feet of water and neighboring rustic nooks and beauty centers among the extensive dogwood, hemlock and pine growth offered, will be a part of this program.

Present plans call for the formal opening of The Dugout early in June with a square dance schedule of three times each week or Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. For the opening, the owners are now completing plans for the visit of several national and district radio star musicians and entertainers.

Mr. Appley is widely known in Macon county, having established a residence in Highlands more than five years ago and in recent years, operating the Highlands Lodge for boys. Mr. Dennis, a summer resident of the Highlands and Cashiers

district for the last four years, is prominent as sports editor of The Miami Herald. The wide association and contacts of these two men promises to provide a background which will attract sports and business leaders on vacation from Miami to New York.

NEW TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED FRIDAY

W. P. Pierson was appointed town clerk and tax collector by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners at their meeting last Friday evening. Mr. Pierson succeeds Mr. J. E. Potts as clerk and tax collector. Other offices were filled as follows: C. E. Mitchell succeeded F. B. Cook as treasurer; W. A. Hays, electrician, succeeded Tudor N. Hall. Paul Seay was reappointed policeman. Mrs. T. C. Harbison is not working in the town office, but no one has been appointed to fill her place.

GUY PAUL WINS CASH AWARD AS SPEAKER

Guy Warren Paul, Jr., won the cash award presented at the graduation exercises at Highlands high school last week as the best speaker on the program. The subject of his talk was "The Assets of Highlands." The other two speakers were Marion Day Garris, and Sarah Bridges Thompson.

HONOR ROLL EIGHTH MONTH

First grade—Edna Norton, Dollie Wilson, Dorylas Picklesimer, Thelma Webb, Catherine Webb, Doris Speed, Mary Gibson, Ann Anderson, Herbert Johnson, Sam Joe Fulton.

Second grade—Doris Hedden, Mack Neely, Evelyn Phillips, William Henry, Jessie Dendy.

Third grade—Maxine Evitt, Dora Hedden, Angela Anderson, Elizabeth Talley, Johnny Gibson.

Fourth grade—Nancy Potts, Freda Lee Mincy, Maxie Lee Wright.

Fifth grade—Edna Phillips, Marie Houston, Helena Speed.

Sixth grade—Jessie Potts, Margaret Rogers, Blanche Wilson, Malcolm Zoellnor.

Seventh grade—Felicia Mae Edwards, Mildred Littleton, Victor Smith.

High school—Peggy Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Marian Day, Margie Waller, Jessie Keener.

REMOVAL NOTICE

Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland
DENTIST

Highlands, N. C.

Second floor, Anderson's Drug Store
Formerly located in Raleigh, N. C.

Good Cream Brings Farmer More Money

The price a creamery can pay a farmer for his cream is determined to a large extent by the condition of the cream at the time it is delivered.

The condition of the cream determines the quality of butter which can be made, and the better the butter, the higher a price it will bring.

John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist at State college, has pointed out some of the things a farmer can do to make sure the cream will reach the creamery in good condition:

Clean the udder and hands thoroughly before milking. Milk in a clean place, and keep all utensils scrupulously clean.

Immediately after milking, take the milk to the barn and run it through the separator with the cream screw adjusted to deliver cream testing 35 to 40 per cent in summer.

Cream containing this percentage of fat will keep in good condition longer than if the fat content is lower.

As soon as it is separated, place the cream in a cooling tank filled with cold water and keep it cool until it leaves the farm. Use two cans, one for fresh cream and one for cold cream of previous separations.

Immediately after using the separator and other milk vessels, wash them in warm water containing an alkali washing powder. Then scald them in boiling water and set them in the sunshine to dry.

In summer cream should be delivered to the creamery at least twice a week. Wet bags wrapped around the cream cans will help keep them cool until they reach the creamery.

Don't store cream in a place where it will absorb unpleasant odors.

Pisgah Forest Sportsmen Having Good Sport

Sportsmen who fish in the streams in the Pisgah national forest of North Carolina this spring are finding that scientific "fish management" pays. These streams on the Pisgah opened on May 7, and have yielded a fine catch to each angler.

H. E. Oschner, forest supervisor of the Pisgah national forest, announced that out of 19 fishermen who came to try their luck in the Sherwood forest area, more than half had their limit of 15 fish, and practically all had a nice string.

The successful fishing is the result of an agreement between the U. S. forest service and wildlife officials of the state of North Carolina whereby these streams were closed all last year and heavily stocked with fingerling trout.

In addition to regular state license, a special permit is necessary for fishing in these streams. These permits, and full information concerning open dates and streams, may be secured from supervisor Oschner at Asheville, or state game and fish commissioner, John D. Chalk, at Raleigh.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF SALE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Patton School Property, consisting of two acres of land and a three room building will be offered for sale at public auction at the Courthouse door in Franklin, N. C., at 12 o'clock, noon, Saturday, June 19, 1937, by a representative of the County Board of Education. The terms of the sale will be one half cash down and the balance payable in two equal installments, due in six and twelve months secured by deed of trust on the property. The County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

This May 18, 1937.

M. D. BILLINGS, Secy.
The County Board of Education
for Macon County
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