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## SEATS MOVED FROM STREETS

### Town Board Does Away With Old Benches; Bars Peddlers

No more will whittlers whet their knives  
And set to work on oak and pine;  
No more the juicy plug will pass  
From man to man on down the line.

No more will swappers congregate  
And fish liars strut their stuff,  
For there's no place now where  
they can park—

And life is getting mighty tough.  
Old timers gaze at an empty space,  
And sadness reigns where all was  
gay;

For heartless men in the dead of  
night  
Took the loafers' seats away.

But things are rarely wholly bad,  
Some gain shows for what we  
lose—

It saves the wear and tear on pants,  
But plays the deuce with shoes.

At the regular meeting of the Franklin board of aldermen Monday night it was decided to remove all the benches from Main street, and this was done early Tuesday morning, leaving all the regular occupants disconsolate.

It is said that many complaints have been made by citizens as to loud and profane language, spitting tobacco on the sidewalks and other objectionable conduct on the part of some who have been accustomed to making use of the seats, and that this was the cause of their removal.

It seems to be a matter of absolute necessity that seats be provided somewhere for the convenience of the people of the county whose business brings them to town. They are especially needed on Saturdays when the town is always crowded. It is thought that the mayor and aldermen will take some action in the matter within the next few days.

#### Medicine Peddlers Barred

An ordinance was passed at the meeting Monday night making it unlawful for patent medicines, drugs, articles assembled, books, periodicals or printed music to be sold in Franklin by any one except in an established place of business.

This ordinance will put a stop to the traveling peddlers who have been coming in increasing numbers during the past few weeks.

### J. M. Bryant Leases Franklin Terrace

J. M. Bryant and family have arrived in Franklin from Mount Dora, Fla., and have leased the Franklin Terrace for the summer. Mr. Bryant, is proprietor of two hotels in Florida and comes to Franklin highly recommended as a hotel manager, and already many reservations have been made at the Terrace for the summer.

### Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

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

Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.  
Chickens, heavy, breed, hens 12c  
Chickens, light weight, lb. 9c  
Fryers, lb. 20c  
Eggs, doz. 20c  
Corn, bu. \$1.25  
Wheat, bu. \$1.25  
Potatoes, No. 1, bu. \$1.25  
Field peas, bu. \$2.00  
Yellow Mammoth Soy  
Beans, bu. \$2.00  
Florida Beans, bu. \$2.50  
Virginia Brown Beans, bu. \$2.50

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. 27c

## Graduates From West Point



GEORGE BIDWELL SLOAN  
Macon County Boy Who Graduated from United States Military Academy This Week

## 152 GRADUATE AT CULLOWHEE

### Largest Group to Finish Since the Founding Of Institution

CULLOWHEE, June 9.—Sixty-six four-year seniors received the degree of bachelor of science and 86 seniors of the two-year normal group received diplomas at the graduating exercise of Western Carolina Teachers college Tuesday morning. J. M. Broughton, attorney, of Raleigh, delivered the literary address.

The Macon county students who received diplomas were as follows:

Two-year seniors—John Blanchard Brendell, Franklin; Walter Jackson Carpenter, Franklin; Pearl Higdon Corbin, Otto; Emma-Lee Carter Edwards, West's Mill; Evelyn Josephine Kinsland, Franklin; Nancy Rebecca Meadows, Franklin; Rex Gilmer Meadows, Etna; Esther Matilda Seay, Franklin; John Weaver Sloan, Franklin; Sanford Jordan Smith, Franklin; Alice Amanda Slagle, Franklin; Gay Bennett Teague, Prentiss; James Norman West, Franklin.

Four-year seniors—Osceola Everett, Highlands; Beatrice Mozeley, Otto; Gladys Lorene Pannell, Franklin; Mrs. Elizabeth Cabe Gaffey, Franklin.

Twenty-six counties of the state and three states besides North Carolina—Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina—were represented in the degree class; and 17 counties of the state were represented in the two-year normal class. The total number of graduates made this the largest group finishing at one time in the history of the college.

Mrs. Kenneth Hodges and young son, Kenneth, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., are spending several days here with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sutton.

Misses Florence and Blau Henson, who are nurses in Westbrook sanatorium, Richmond, Va., are spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Henson, of Franklin Route 2, and their sister, Mrs. Joel M. Dalton, of West's Mill.

## Meeting

### For Men of 34 Churches To Be Held Sunday

On Sunday, June 13, a meeting for men only is to be held at the Franklin Baptist church, announced J. Horner Stockton, who will preside.

There are 34 churches in the Macon association and a group of men from every church in the county are expected to attend, and make a report on the activities in their several different organizations.

It is planned that a meeting of this kind will be held once a year in each association in the state.

All the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Baptist training union directors and any others who wish to cooperate in this meeting are urged to attend.

### Singing Convention at Watauga June 13

R. D. West, president of the northern division singing convention has announced that there will be an all-day singing and memorial service held at the Watauga Baptist church, on Sunday, June 13, beginning at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. George A. Cloer, pastor, will deliver a sermon at 11 o'clock, followed by several short talks. After lunch, which will be served on the grounds at the noon hour, the remainder of the day will be devoted to singing.

Mr. West has received a letter from Charles E. Moody, of Calhoun, Ga., a well known composer and teacher of music, who plans to be present Sunday.

The public is cordially invited.

C. M. Moore and granddaughter, Sally Lou, have returned from a three weeks' visit with Mr. Moore's son, Henley and Mrs. Moore, at Virginia Beach, Va. On their return they were accompanied by Henley Moore's daughter, who will spend several weeks here visiting her cousin, Sally Lou Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henson, and small daughter, Betty Jean, of Salem, Va., are spending two weeks with Mr. Henson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Henson, and his sister, Mrs. Joel M. Dalton.

## Conference

### Of Assistant Forest Supervisors To Be Held

Paul H. Gerrard, forest supervisor of the Nantahala national forest, has announced that the training conference of assistant forest supervisors of region eight, United States forest service, will be held in Franklin, June 14-26, inclusive, by J. R. Kiebold, regional training officer. The conference will deal with the problems and work on the national forests with special emphasis placed on the training methods which will be used on the various forests in the instruction and training of field personnel. Those in attendance will be:

George K. Stephenson, of the Alabama national forest, Thomas N. Bush, of the Ouachita national forest of Arkansas, James L. Averell, of the Ozark national forest, Arkansas, A. T. Howard, of the Florida national forest, Roswell Leavitt, of the Chattahoochee national forest, in Georgia, Hugh S. Redding, of the Kisatchie national forest, of Louisiana, Charles Melichar, of the Mississippi national forest, Charles H. Overbay, Pisgah national forest, Raymond N. McKimley, of South Carolina national forest, E. W. Renshaw, of the Cherokee national forest, Tennessee, Lewis V. Whipple, of Texas national forest, of Texas.

## 2 SLOAN BOYS FINISH SCHOOL

### One Graduates from UNC And One From West Point

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Sloan have the distinction of having two sons to graduate during one week.

Their oldest son, William Neville Sloan, was graduated on June 8 at the University of North Carolina with the degree of B. A., having majored in government and economics.

George Bidwell Sloan will graduate from the United States military academy at West Point and will receive his commission as second lieutenant. He will be given three months' leave and will then report for duty at Randolph field for training in aviation. When he completes his training he will be assigned either to the infantry or the army aviation corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan attended both commencements, and they and the two sons have taken a cottage at the Franklin Golf and Country club for the month of July.

### Azaleas Blooming On Wayah Bald

Visitors to Wayah Bald in the Nantahala national forest during the next week will find the vast azalea beds on top of this mountain in full bloom, forest service officials announced today.

Several varieties of azalea ranging from the fragrant white to the common flame and including a rare, fragrant scarlet are to be found in the colorful mass of shrubbery covering this mountain peak.

During the past spring months CCC boys have been engaged in planting laurel, rhododendron and azalea along the drive to enhance its scenic value. Colorful masses of laurel and azalea mingled with the tall green timber form a delightful fringe to the road.

Scaffolding about the new John Byrne memorial tower has been removed so that the visitors may inspect this "rustic" stone tower. From the observation level views of four different states, the Great Smoky mountains, Unakas, Nantahalas, and Blue Ridge mountains may be had.

## BACK TAXES TO BE COLLECTED

### County Commissioners Take Action Monday; Other Matters

Several important matters were taken up and disposed of by the county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

Probably first in importance was the matter of the collection of delinquent taxes. Proceedings for the collection of these taxes were begun last December, but when the general assembly convened in January a bill was passed postponing action for 90 days.

Some time later another bill was passed providing for the appointment of a delinquent tax officer to take over the collection of all back taxes and giving him authority to make settlements according to his own discretion. This act was declared unconstitutional when brought before Judge F. Donald Phillips last April and a restraining order was issued forbidding the appointment of such officer.

The matter of tax collections was thus left just where it was before the action of the general assembly, and there was nothing the commissioners could do but proceed according to the statutes providing for tax collections.

#### Attorney Appointed

The commissioners named R. S. Jones as attorney to proceed with foreclosures on all delinquent taxes, and he will start immediately to take all measures necessary under the law to clear the tax books of delinquents.

#### Allowance Made to Jailor

A committee of two appeared before the commissioners and requested an allowance of \$15.00 per month to provide for water, lights, fuel and telephone for the jail. After consideration of the matter, it was decided to grant an allowance of \$12.50 per month.

#### Mrs. Franks Reappointed

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks was reappointed welfare officer of the county for a term of two years.

#### Library Committee

The management of the Franklin library was taken over by the commissioners at a called meeting last week, and the following library committee was appointed at the meeting Monday: J. S. Robinson, M. D. Billings, Mrs. T. W. Porter, Miss Mildred Moore and Harley R. Cabe.

### Joe Duncan Wins Honors at Christ School

Joe Duncan, son of Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, former pastor of St. Agnes' Episcopal church in Franklin, graduated a few days ago from Christ school at Arden and won the highest honors in the school.

He was awarded the silver pin for outstanding work in music and choir and the silver cup for leadership and most well rounded and excellent student of class and school. He also received his letter as tennis manager.

H. Smith Richardson, president of Vick Chemical company, of New York City, and Paul W. Schenck, general agent for Provident Mutual Life Insurance company, of Greensboro, are spending a few days in Franklin the guests of R. A. Patton and sister, Miss Olivia Patton. They are being entertained by Dr. Edgar Angel at his fishing camp on Nantahala river.

Miss Elizabeth Dowdle, who has been teaching school at Kananapolis the past year, returned to her home here Friday.

Miss Ruth Higgins returned from Asheville Wednesday, where she had been for several weeks visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Porter and Mr. Porter. On her return she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Porter.