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Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.
Ecclesiastes 9:10
Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln

Our Game Refuges

THIS newspaper aims to present fairly both sides of any problem that arises affecting the progress and welfare of the people of Macon county.

The movement seeking the abandonment of Standing Indian game refuge, proposing the confinement of all game refuge activities to a somewhat enlarged Wayah refuge, expressed in a recent petition has prompted another petition addressed to the United States forest service and North Carolina department of conservation and development. This one asks that both Standing Indian and Wayah game refuges be retained. The latter petition is printed in the news section of this issue.

We have not seen the petition for abandoning the refuge, but reasons set forth in letters published in The Press are: that former grazing advantages have been curtailed, and that deer placed in the refuge by the government cross the Georgia line and are hunted to better advantage on that side. A third reason advanced is that unrestricted grazing land would keep some off relief. For these reasons it was suggested that a more suitable location be found.

It seems that the existence of the Standing Indian refuge does not change the grazing situation in any manner, since we learn that grazing continues as it did in the past year.

When the matter is considered in its broader aspects and all its phases we believe that even those seeking personal advantage will realize that their effort is a mistake.

The National Forests have been created at great expense by the government in the interest of all over a long period of time and not for the passing benefit to a few individuals. The government has not only paid for the forest areas but is bringing into the region material benefits to all citizens far outweighing any local limitations.

The Standing Indian game refuge represents a very considerable investment of taxpayers' money in trails, roads, telephone lines, dwellings, posting of boundaries and general upkeep besides the restocking with deer and turkeys; and the streams with 40,000 fish in two years. Add to this the destruction of predatory animals.

Now, friends, we cannot see how the moving of Standing Indian refuge to Wayah is either a practical or creditable request. Considering the waste involved and permanent values destroyed both for the present and the future, it would be just about as reasonable if our neighbors on the Georgia side suggested that the Wayah Bald refuge be removed to Standing Indian.

We must come to realize that these areas being developed at great expense cannot be moved from one place to another according to the whim or fancy of small groups. If the government has so little assurance of the cooperation of those enjoying advantages from its program, it may decide to transfer its interest elsewhere.

As taxpayers we are interested in seeing our money doing the most good, and we are averse to indiscriminate waste. Both federal and state funds are being spent generously in our county. In the instance of the refuges for the conservation and restocking of fish and game, the National Forest Service pays for the development and improvements while the state maintains game wardens.

Most of us are inclined sometimes to hark back

to "the good old times." But there is no turning back. And remember, friends, that the loss to the county if your appeal were answered would be vastly greater, even to those who covet Standing Indian, than the value of the pigs that might fatten thereon. It would be going backwards with a vengeance to "those good old days" when Washington and Raleigh were a long way off and didn't care whether we were on the map, and existence was on the basis of "root hog or die."



'HUMOR IN PUBLISHING' IS SUBJECT FOR JOURNALISM

In a meeting of the Journalism Club Tuesday, "Humor in Publishing" was the subject discussed. The cartoonist was portrayed as "the wise man who appraises the daily drama as it unfolds before him in the daily news." He was considered not only from the standpoint of fun maker, but as scientist, psychoanalyst, the shrewd observer, and the critic. It was brought out that cartoonists are a hard working group, and that their background includes years of study under capable instructors.

The difference in the humorous cartoon and the news cartoon was studied and the important place each takes in the modern newspaper.

The topical or political cartoon is considered editorial and was compared to the editorial in that it gives expression to edition opinion in pictures.

The power of the cartoon in forming public opinion was proved by citing examples from history.

The need of humor in publishing news was emphasized, and the members of the club agreed to make an effort to use the cartoon in the school paper.

DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS PLAY IN CHAPEL

A play, "Mr. Hippo," was given for chapel program on Monday of this week by the Dramatic Club under the direction of Mrs. Stewart.

Eugene Furr, in the leading role of Mr. Hippo, played his part exceptionally well. He portrayed a grouchy old man whose fits of temper brought him near death, but whose reform in the end was very amusing.

The part of Mr. Hippo's wife, an important part, was played by Dorothy Lee Morrison, who was good in the role of a quiet and peaceful mother.

Other minor characters contributed their share. Especially amusing were the three negroes portrayed by Trixie Lee Roland, Fred Dowdle, and Jack Tessier.

Mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was Miss Mary Jo Setser.

It is hoped that this play was enjoyed by the school as this was the aim of the producers.

FRANKLIN FUTURE FARMERS BEAT BRYSON CITY

Franklin netted a 25 to 13 verdict over the Bryson City Chapter of Future Farmers in a hard-fought battle on Tuesday night.

Passmore and Adams played an excellent game although the Franklin five took the victory.

The line-ups are as follows:
Franklin: F—Byrd (4)..... F—Passmore (2)
F—Culver (4)..... F—Reeves (5)
C—Leatherman (7)..... C—Adams (5)
G—Fouts (6)..... G—Eliot (1)
G—Bryson (4)..... G—Davis (0)
Sub: Franklin Crisp, guard.

The next game between the Future Farmers and those of Bryson City will be on February 21, at the Franklin high school gym.

There will be no charge for admission.

The Franklin Chapter of Future Farmers is to enter the Annual Federation Tournament this year in March.

THIRD GRADE

The third grade children in Mrs. Hunter's room had a Valentine box. They made many Valentines and bought some too. Ann Lyle and Katherine Furr made a lovely box for the Valentines. Mrs. Harley Lyle who is the grade mother for the room, presented the children

with peppermint sticks of candy which they enjoyed very much.
Ann Lyle.

SECOND GRADE

The second grade children enjoyed a Valentine party Tuesday afternoon. They had a Valentine box, and the postman brought each child many pretty Valentines. A little program of stories and songs was given, telling why we celebrate February 14 as St. Valentine's birthday. Mrs. Calloway and Mrs. Wright, the grade mothers, served the children with Valentine candy.

MRS. RAMSEY'S FIFTH GRADE

We have just finished reading and studying "Great Heroes." We found many of our customs and ideas of today were handed down from the Greeks.

We have been learning songs, poems, and stories of Washington and Lincoln.

We had a large Valentine box. We enjoyed exchanging Valentines with our class mates and other grades.

Due to rainy weather our attendance has been low. We still have five boys and two girls who have not missed a day. They are Dick Angel, Jack Burrell, Max Green, W. J. Mason, Boyd Oliver, Catherine Meadows, and Margaret Ann Flanagan.

During the rainy weather, the nice vase of pussy willows and forsythia has given our room a cheerful note of spring. These were brought by Ann Flanagan.

We are planning to study birds, making posters, and booklets of them, and learning poems about them this month. Some of the boys are planning to make bird houses.
Ann Flanagan.

MRS. FRANKS' ROOM

Mrs. Alfred Higdon, our grade mother, gave us a party Friday afternoon in honor of Julia Ann's birthday. We played games and had contests. Julia Ann's cake was a pretty one covered with white icing and decorated in colors of pink and green. Eight pink candles were on the cake. Mrs. Higdon gave each of us a piece of cake and some heart candy. She also gave us a Valentine and a balloon.

We want to thank Mrs. Higdon for the many things she has done for us this year.
Betty Williams.

JUNIOR CLASS SPONSORS SHOW

The junior class sponsored a late show at the Macon Theatre last Friday night to help defray expenses for the coming junior-senior banquet.

The picture was "Going Places," a grand musical comedy starring Dick Powell and Anita Louise.

In spite of the disagreeable weather, about 200 were present. The juniors wish to express their appreciation to those who cooperated with them to make this undertaking a success.

LOWER

Average price for the entire flue-cured tobacco crop in 1936 has been estimated by the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics at 22.5 cents a pound, a small decrease from the 23 cent average of 1937. Production totaled 788,000,000 pounds.

Congress has passed a resolution authorizing the Will Rogers Memorial Association to temporarily place a monument to the late American humorist in the rotunda of the National Capital in Washington.

Franklin Divides With Sylva Teams

Sylva divided a twin cage attraction with Franklin at the Franklin high school gym Monday night, the visiting girls winning by 22-12 and the Franklin boys netting a 27-24 verdict.

Girls' line-up:
Sylva (22)..... Franklin (12)
F—Jones (5)..... Weaver (8)—F
F—Phillips (16)..... Sherrill (2)—F
F—Parrish (1)..... Smith (2)—F
G—Moss..... R. Slagle—G
G—T. Phillips..... M. Slagle—G
G—Coward..... Love—G

Boys' line-up:
Sylva (24)..... Franklin (27)
F—Bryson (8)..... Russell (13)—F
F—McMahan (3)..... Archer (1)—F
C—Hall (8)..... Manley (3)—C
G—L. Bryson..... Woodruff (2)—G
G—Sumner (2)..... Dowdle (4)—G
Subs: Sylva—Crisp (3); Franklin—Sutton (2); Henry (2).

RURAL POWER

The rural electrification administration, formed three years ago to lend money for establishment of rural electric lines, has announced that 70,000 miles of REA-financed lines were in service in 43 states at the end of 1935, with thousands of miles more under construction.

Macon Theatre

Matinees 3:30 P. M.
Night Show 7:00 and 9:00
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO 11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
EDITH FELLOWS IN
"THE LITTLE ADVENTRESS"

A picture full of thrills and heart breaks. Also the tinselly glamor of life behind the scenes.

Also:
"HAWK OF THE WILDERNESS"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM
"SUNSET TRAIL"

WILLIAM BOYD
Known as Hopalong Cassidy, in Another Thundering Thrill Picture

AND
She's Nobody's Kid...Everybody's Pal...and Favorite of Millions!

"LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE"

With: ANN GILLIS, ROBERT KENT, JUNE TRAVIS, J. FARRELL MacDONALD

MON.-TUES., FEBRUARY 20-21

Topper Steps Out in Paris
HAL ROACH PRESENTS
"TOPPER TAKES A TRIP"

Starring CONSTANCE BENNETT, ROLAND YOUNG

With BILLY BURKE
ALAN MOWBRAY
VERREE TEASDALE
FRANKLIN PANGBORN
ALEXANDER D'ARCY

MR. ATLAS "The Thin Man's Dog"

Hold your sides, everybody—here comes Topper again!... With his spook girl friend hounding him all the way from Park Avenue to the French Riviera. Even funnier than "Topper," the picture that rocked the world!

TUESDAY, MIDNIGHT, FEB. 21

ALSO

WED.-THURS., FEBRUARY 22-23

A Great Picture
"Jesse James"

In Technicolor

The spectacular drama of the nation's most famous outlaw and the turbulent events that gave him to the world! You can't afford to miss this great picture!

With TYRONE POWER, HENRY FONDA, NANCY KELLY,

RANDOLPH SCOTT and HENRY HULL, SLIM SUMMERVILLE, BRIAN DON-LEVY, JOHN RUSSELL and Many More

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