

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES and COMINGS AND GOINGS

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### SMITH-GIBSON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Smith, of Franklin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Elizabeth, of Roanoke Rapids, to Mr. John Mendinghall Gibson, of Montgomery, Ala., son of Mrs. W. Z. Gibson and the late Mr. Gibson, of Gibson, N. C. The wedding will take place in the summer.

### BAPTIST T. E. L. CLASS TO MEET AT CHURCH TUESDAY

The T. E. L. class of the Franklin Baptist church will meet on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at 3 o'clock in the basement of the church for its regular monthly business and social meeting. Mrs. John M. Archer, Mrs. Henderson Calloway and Mrs. Ralph Parrish will be hostesses. All members are asked to be present.

### GARDEN CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. L. H. PAGE

The Franklin Garden Club will meet on Monday afternoon, April 1, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. H. Page on Rogers Hill, for the regular monthly business and social meeting. Mrs. Page will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Harve L. Bryant. All members are urged to be present.

### MR. AND MRS. BRYSON GIVE SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bryson entertained Saturday night with a miscellaneous shower in honor of their son, Dover Bryson, and Mrs. Bryson, the former Miss Madge Henson.

During the evening about 40 guests called leaving exquisite and useful gifts.

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## Highlands Busy Preparing For Summer People

By JAMES L. AVERELL  
Assistant Supervisor Nantahala Forest

A short visit to Highlands at this time of the year finds the majority of able bodied men employed in preparation for the coming of the summer residents. Trucks go racing by loaded with building stone for walks, retaining walls or houses; nurserymen's trucks are seen loaded with boxwood bushes and arborvitae for landscaping someone's summer home. Carpenters and rock masons are working with picked crews to put the finishing touches on smart looking summer homes clinging to some cliff where a beautiful view is assured. Real estate agents rattle around with clients from Cuba or the Canal Zone trying to help them select one of the many beautiful views they could build on. The tangle of telephone lines and power lines draped along the same right of way indicate the rapid rate at which Highlands has grown in the past few years; for each newcomer demands service as soon as the foundation of his house is laid.

**Hedges of Hemlock and Pine**  
One finds crews of men digging small hemlocks from where they have seeded on their pasture land. These are to be used for planting as hedges. Many beautiful examples can be seen in Highlands of hemlock and white pine used as living fences and kept nicely pruned.

Workmen have found that stone for building is much harder and more durable if collected from a cliff that faces north rather than rock that has fallen off a south-facing cliff. Apparently aging in the sun has caused the rock to soften, while that on the shady northside remains hard.

One of the big activities, of course, is fuel wood. The summer homes are all provided with open fire places and this means many hundreds of cords of wood will be in demand as soon as the first summer resident pulls in. So the wood cutters are busy getting a supply ready in advance.

**Vacationists Make Jobs**  
Summer residents mean people

on vacation that are expecting to have a good time and find pleasure in making plans for cottages and development of their grounds. All this means labor and skilled workers and it is apparent that Highlands is being pushed to meet the pre-season demand this year.

North Carolina ever put on. "Everywhere they were given a royal welcome and opportunity to advertise this section over radio and in the press. Florida outdid herself in "hospitality," said the Major. "The people—both residents and tourists—were interested in hearing about the smaller towns, since Asheville is already well known. I believe we will enjoy the best season we have ever had."

**Dry Falls Station Built**  
The Nantahala National Forest is busy reconstructing the pathway down to Dry Falls, using a low guard rail of 12 inch chestnut logs, supported by rock masonry piers. A modern rock comfort station is being constructed by the CCC boys from Otto camp alongside of the registry shelter. All this should increase the use made of this popular development that had over 30,000 people register there last year.

### Carmacks Return To Prepare For Big Season

Mayor and Mrs. Frank Carmack's automobile again parked on Main street is a welcome sight to those who have put through a long, hard winter without a trip to Florida. Their coming means that Spring is here, in spite of a snowy lapse over the week-end.

Major Carmack, who spent November and December in Arkansas and Louisiana before going to Florida for the remainder of the winter, and who has been a press agent for Franklin in three states, is enthusiastic over the prospects of a bumper crop of tourists for the coming season.

Mrs. Carmack has likewise advertised the beauty of the Nantahalas in New York, where she spent the fall. They are preparing to put the Franklin Lodge and Golf course in readiness for summer visitors.

Before and since their purchase of this property last Spring, the Carmacks have made this popular resort one of the beauty spots of this community and have enjoyed a large share of Franklin's tourist business. Each year they have added to the capacity and attractiveness of the lodge and golf course, and are now planning new cottages and additions to accommodate a larger registration than they have had in previous years.

Stating that this is the biggest season Florida has ever had, Major Carmack said that the Mayors' tour through Florida was the greatest publicity stunt that Western

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### Otto

By MISS JOSEPHINE BRADLEY

Miss Edith Cunningham entertained a group of her friends with a party Saturday night, March 23. Near the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Wilda Mae and Marie Sanders, Josephine, Hazel and Lotis Bradley, Nannie McDowell and Alberta Henson; Claude Burton, Lamar McCall, J. C. Grant, Dean Rogers, Eugene Riley, L. K. Moore, Watson Sanders, Roy Owens, Clarena Hensley, Abraham Morrow, Frank Blythe, Wiley Potts, Henry Fuller, Perry Henson, Don Cabe, Junior Henson and Joe Bradley.

Rev. J. C. Swaim has announced that there will be preaching service at the Asbury church Sunday, March 31, at 11 o'clock.

Miss Hazel Bradley, a student at Brevard college, visited her parents the past week-end.

Miss Dorothy Cunningham is ill with measles.

Estis Hannah, who is stationed with the United States navy at Macon, Ga., visited his parents this week-end.

Miss Kate Moffitt, who is a student at Western Carolina Teach-college, returned there on Wednesday, March 20, after having spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moffitt.

W. B. Noland, from Fines Creek, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradley last week.

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Although it has been a British possession for more than a century, Aden, on the Red Sea, is the youngest British colony, having been given that status in 1937.