

Location of Nantahala Dam



This picture was taken from a point on the Forest Service road between Kyle and the CCC camp near Aquone, looking down the Nantahala River. The left hand and right hand abutments of the dam may be seen.

Abutments for Dam



This shows both abutments of Nantahala Dam after they have been thoroughly cleaned, preparatory to actual construction of the dam. In the upper right of the picture can be seen the large power shovels and some of the shops of the Utah Construction Company.

Passengers On The Zamzam



Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Morrison and children, Lois and Kirkpatrick; passengers on the Zamzam, vessel torpedoed off the coast of France. Missionaries of the Presbyterian church in the Belgian Congo, they were returning to Africa after a furlough to the U. S. Mrs. Morrison is the daughter of C. A. Setser of Franklin. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bradley on Bidwell Street, built of Needmore stone quarried in Macon County.

Mica Supply In Macon Supports Large Industry

Scrap And Sheet Mica Are Important Products In Industry

The mica industry is of special importance to Macon county due to the scarcity of deposits elsewhere. We are fortunate in having both scrap and sheet mica deposits in our county. Charley Bradley is mining the largest scrap mica deposit in the United States. Mr. Bradley has been in the mining business here since 1935. Recently he has equipped his mines with modern machinery so that processes which were done for many years by hand are now all done by machinery. Over 75 per cent of the nation's supply of scrap mica is found in North Carolina, and in the past five years Macon county has produced approximately \$250,000 worth of this.

We are assured of a market for the scrap mica due to the development of a mica processing plant, The Franklin Mineral Products Company, Inc., here. This concern is one of six in the entire world which produces water ground mica products. L. H. Page, manager, states that several new products have been developed by his concern which are used in connection with the making of pigments for

oil paints. Over \$400,000 worth of mica products have been handled by this firm in the past ten years. At the present time the loss of foreign markets has decreased the demand for scrap mica, but this is not true of sheet mica.

Sheet Mica

The sheet mica phase of the mica industry is enjoying the highest prices since 1918, according to Phil S. Hoyt, local mining engineer, and is enabling Macon county to become a vital factor in the nation's defense program. Sheet mica is very necessary in the manufacturing of electrical appliances of all types. The present high prices are due to the large demand caused by the rearmament program and the removal of our chief competitor—India—from the market due to war conditions.

While no new mines have been opened recently, the rise in price has enabled local mining concerns to utilize expensive machinery in reclaiming several mines. Two of these are the Bowie and the Wayah mines.

North Carolina produces over one-half of the nation's supply of sheet mica and Macon county contributes a large amount of this mineral which is on the defense priority list.

Power Company Brings Progress To This Area

Boys In Macon Camps Have Plenty To Do

By MRS. CHARLES MELICHAIR

Do you happen to know a CCC boy? Then maybe he's already given you a pretty good picture of what his day in camp is like. If not, you've probably wondered just what sort of a life he does lead way off there in the woods.

Well, his day starts a 6 o'clock in the morning when a whistle blows. That is, it starts then unless he's a cook. In that case he's up by four or five in the morning. You'd be too, if you had as many hungry men to feed as he does! Fancy all sitting there at long tables—starving. None of your sissy appetites go with camp life. Breakfast means fruit, cereal, bacon, eggs, biscuits and "what have you." The cooks are good cooks, too. When they were assigned to their job they were sent to some place like Fort MacPherson where there is a good cooking school.

These CCC boys will make some girls swell husbands! And think of it,—they actually pick up their own clothes and make their own bunks! That's in the 15 or 20 minutes following breakfast.

The Day's Work

There is a roll call at 8 o'clock and jobs are assigned for the day. Trips to work are made in big tarpaulin covered trucks lined with benches. No standing up in a CCC truck,—that's against safety rules. And are the men in charge strict about those rules! They won't even allow tools or gasoline to be carried in the same truck as the fellows are. There are safety meetings held often, too, just to be sure that nobody forgets what's what about those rules. And every job is inspected once a week to be sure that none of those rules are being broken. If they are, and something happens it's just too bad for somebody.

A job lasts six hours, there's an hour for dinner, and in eight hours from the time of leaving camp in the morning the boys are back again. They clean and dress for supper and after a full day of work in the open you may be sure there had better be plenty to eat.

Twice a week after supper there are organized recreation trips, and that, girls, is where your date comes in. The boys are brought to town in special trucks—with a man in charge just to be sure no one has too good a time and gets left behind! While they're in town, though, the fellows can do as they please; the time is their own.

Other evenings in camp can be spent as they like in the recreation hall where there is a library, billiard tables, and once-a-week movies. Oh, there is plenty to do. In the evenings there are educational classes in reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetic and first aid, and now since National Defense is under way, if a boy is ambitious he can learn welding, machine work, etc.

Saturday afternoons and Sundays (church services on Sunday mornings) there are organized athletics, basket ball in the winter, baseball in the summer.

It's a full day, full of man's work and man's play. Lights blink out at 9:30.

Price - supporting measures for poultry, dairy products, pork products, and vegetables will be continued through June 30, 1943, according to a U. S. Department of Agriculture announcement.

Household Use Trebled And Rates Reduced 50 Per Cent

In the past ten years great progress has been made in the development and utilization of our almost unlimited resources for hydro-electric power. In 1933 the Nantahala Power company purchased the local power plant from the town of Franklin. Since that time there has been a steady growth of the use of electric power in Macon county. In 1934 a line was built from the plant at Franklin to reinforce the supply of electric power for the town of Highlands and vicinity. In 1937 the main office of the Nantahala Power company was transferred here from Bryson City, increasing the regular personnel from 14 to 21. This also enabled the company to give a more complete service and electric appliances.

Indicative of the service the Nantahala Power company has rendered to the community are the following facts. The number of residential customers has increased from 213 in 1933 to 684 in 1941, showing a 221 per cent increase in eight years. During the same period of years the rate per kilowatt hour has been reduced from seven cents to three and one-half cents. In addition seventy-five miles of rural electric power lines have been built in the county in the past eight years.

At the present time the company has a large dam under construction at Nantahala. Looking into the future, two great advantages which this will give Macon county are an assurance of an ample power supply for future industrial development and a 1600 acre lake at Aquone which will add greatly to our recreational and scenic attractions.

Potts, Father And Sons Are True Craftsmen

Among its industries Franklin can boast one that is both unique and far-famed. In the heart of town, in a long frame building filled with machines, sawdust and woodshavings, Mr. J. E. Potts spends his days with his two sons, Paul and Troy, making fine furniture.

The out-put of this shop is small as factories consider quantities, but the three men are kept busy with all the orders they can handle. The fame of their craftsmanship has spread far and wide and examples of their work are distributed throughout a number of states.

For fifty years Mr. Potts, the elder, has been making furniture for residents of Franklin and the surrounding countryside, and for twenty years he has been in his present shop. His wife is proud today of the furniture he made for her before their marriage.

The men are true artists in this woodcraft. Simplicity is the keynote of their design,—that simplicity which, through fine proportion, achieves elegance and grace. Their craftsmanship is as fine as their artistry and drawers of their cabinets slide in and out at a touch.

The men love the things they build; perhaps that is why each article has a beauty all its own. Their cabinets, chests, bookcases and bedroom furniture grace more and more homes of both Franklin and Highlands. The caskets they make for residents of the county that is their home are labors of love.

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