

SAYS TOURIST TOWN MUST BE ONE OF BEAUTY

Florida Man Declares Franklin Should Plan, Beautify

Declaring that Franklin and Macon County are "ideally situated for tourists", C. R. Wedding, of St. Petersburg, Fla., stressed the importance of making the community as attractive as possible, while here recently on a vacation.

This community has "vast possibilities", he said, and added that it is one of the most accessible tourist points for the people of Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.

As to natural beauty, he continued, it has three times as much to offer as the famed

Shenandoah valley.

But "people are attracted by appearances", and it is important "to make the community and individual homes in it as attractive as possible. You should plan your town so that it will be interesting to everybody.

"A little planning, the expenditure of a little money" can make all the difference, he said, and he suggested that Franklin might do well to obtain the services of a city planner, provided it is willing to spend enough to get a "really good one". Planning and beauty "pay off in dollars", he emphasized.

Mr. Wedding, a landscape architect, came up for a visit to E. S. Purdom, of Franklin Route 1. The St. Petersburg man explained that he has spent many vacations in Franklin.

October, 1947, traffic on N. C. highways set a record for that month.



HOW YOUR CAR WILL BE INSPECTED—This is a safety inspection lane, typical of the one your car will pass through when the new mechanical inspection program goes into effect in January. According to statistics of the National Safety Council, 17 per cent of all motor vehicle accidents are caused by automobiles with faulty equipment. The mechanical inspection program was passed by the 1947 general assembly—"for your safety"—to reduce North Carolina's high accident and fatality rates. The new law requires inspection of all vehicles once during 1948, and twice a year thereafter. Three principal points that will be stressed in the inspection program are seeing, steering, and stopping, which will take care of lights, brakes, steering assembly, mirrors, horn, windshield wiper, wheel alignment, and tires.

Legionnaires Take Part In Younce Rites

Twenty-one members of the Franklin American Legion post participated in a ceremony, attended by a large group of friends and relatives paying their respects to Pvt. Gay G. Younce, last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The body of Pvt. Younce, who

was killed January 8, 1945, in Belgium, was carried to its final resting place by six service veterans and a final salute of three volleys was fired by other soldier comrades as the body was laid to rest in the Aquone Baptist church cemetery.

Prior to the interment, the Rev. T. D. Dendy, the Rev. Floyd Sitton, and the Rev. Weldon West conducted service in the church.

Serving as pallbearers were Erwin Patton, Horace Noland, Lon Dalton, Harry Kinsland, Bob Porter, and Marshall Fouts. Honorary pallbearers were Adolph Zoelner, Charles Waldroop, Harold Enloe, Tom Moss, Boyce Hall, and Jess Thomas.

The firing squad was composed of the following: Weaver Hurst, Robert Parker, Siler Slagle, Don Allison, Arvel Parker, Joe Bradley, Frank Reece, and Calvin Henson.

W. H. Finley was in charge of the graveside ceremony conducted by the local legion post. The body was brought to Franklin Tuesday from an overseas cemetery and remained at

the Bryant funeral home until Thursday noon. It was then escorted by the servicemen who served as pallbearers to the Aquone Baptist church.

Garrett Serving Aboard Destroyer USS Fitch

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The Ford company has provided an illustrated text, showing the proper way to drive an automobile, and the Duncan firm has assigned Maurice Burch to serve as instructor in the actual operation. Mr. Burch will work with an advanced student in the front seat of the automobile, while two learners will watch from the rear seat.

Approximately 100 students are expected to take the training, which will be given during vacant class periods. Daily lessons over a period of about two weeks are expected to be required for each student. The program here will last about two months, it was said.

ASKS FOR HELP

To my friends in Macon County who know I haven't been able to work for two years:

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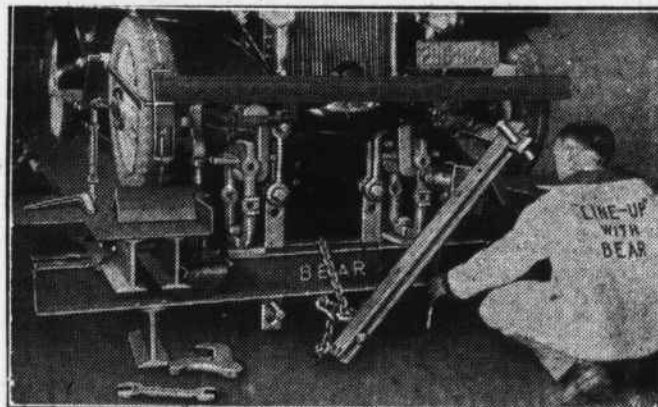
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