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Work to Begin Soon On Georgia Road

Arrangements Made for 16-Foot Concrete Pavement—Work To Be Started in a Few Days.

It is now practically assured that work will begin in the next few days on the paving of the Georgia road from Franklin to the State line with a 16-foot concrete roadway. Last Monday it was learned that the contract had been let for a 10-foot pavement by the State Highway Commission, and our county commissioners, realizing that quick action was necessary if we were to secure a wider pavement, decided to go to Asheville immediately to take the matter up with Commissioner Stikeleather. The three commissioners, accompanied by County Attorney T. J. Johnston, left Franklin about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and had a conference with Mr. Stikeleather at his home that night. As a result, it was agreed that the pavement will be made 16 feet wide instead of 10, and the county will pay one-fourth of the cost, provided the arrangements can be made with the contractor to change the contract to call for 16 feet. It is hoped that there will be no further delay in getting started, and as part of the contractor's equipment has already arrived here, it is expected that work will begin in the next few days.

To Use Radio in "National Defense Test" Program

General Pershing, General Shanks, General Johnston and General Cartwright will broadcast talks on "National Defense Test Day" from the stations and at the time indicated below. Major General David C. Shanks, Commanding General 4th Corps Area, headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., will broadcast from station WSB, the Atlanta Journal, at 8:00 P. M., Central Time, September 2, 1924. He will be assisted by the 22nd Infantry Band. On September 10, 1924, at 12:00 o'clock noon, Brigadier General William H. Johnston, commanding the 4th Coast Artillery District, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., will broadcast from station WSB, the Atlanta Journal. He will be assisted by the 22nd Infantry Band. At 8:15 on the evening of September 12th, station WSB, the Atlanta Journal, will broadcast, through direct connections with Washington, speeches by the Secretary of War, General Pershing and General Cartwright. Each of the officers who will broadcast these talks on "National Defense Test Day" are well known as excellent speakers and for the services they rendered during the World War and previous wars. The nature of their talks will be to explain the reason for and the purpose of the "National Defense Test" day. Colonel R. O. Ragsdale, Chief of Staff of the 81st Division, requests that all persons wherever possible to listen in on these talks as they will be both interesting and instructive. On the night of September 12th the War Department is planning to give out to the press a brief summary of the results of the "Defense Test," based on the telegraphic reports from the Corps Area Commanders and from such other information as may be available at the time.

Tugalo News.

Tugalo, Ga., Sept. 1.—We are having some hot, dry weather at this writing. Mrs. Frazee Taylor and little daughter spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. W. M. Officer. Misses Geneve and Nellie Taylor returned home Wednesday from Atlanta, Ga., where they have been visiting for several weeks. Mr. Allen Wilson was the guest of Mr. Frazee Taylor Sunday night. Mrs. Frazee Taylor and little daughter returned home Wednesday from Demorest, Ga., where they have been visiting Mrs. Taylor's mother-in-law, Mrs. F. F. Taylor. We are glad to know that Miss Margaret Edwards is getting some better from a fall that she got last Friday. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Horace Dryman is sick with the mumps. Miss Hattie May Fry spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Geneve and Nellie Taylor.

A COUNTRY GIRL.

Conference To Be Held At Bryson City Soon

A Sunday School Superintendents' Conference is to be held in Bryson City September 7th and 8th, it is announced, under the direction of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention. The conference, which has as its slogan, "Save the lost and train the saved," will have, among others on the program, Harry L. Strickland, of Nashville, Tenn., one of the big Sunday school men of the South, and Secretary E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, who will conduct the conference. About 15 superintendents and pastors will be assigned places on the program, and it is hoped that at least 100 other superintendents will be present to make reports and ask questions about their problems. The people of Bryson City will furnish what is termed "Harvard entertainment," that is, room and breakfast—the other two meals will be taken at the local hotels and cafes. In this instance, Bryson City is expected to live up to its enviable reputation, already established, for hospitality. Those expecting to attend are requested to write George H. Tabor, at Bryson City, stating just when they will arrive.

News of Nantahala.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Kilpatrick and children, of Gastonia, are visiting relatives here this week. Paul Kilpatrick, of Gastonia, is a Nantahala visitor this week. Harvey Grant was visiting at Briartown Thursday of last week. Sam H. Padgett left Saturday of last week for Black Mountain for a visit with home folks. Several of the young folks enjoyed a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Grant, Saturday of last week. Mrs. John Ball is visiting her daughter at Ecola this week. Fred Day was a Briartown visitor Monday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cline Day have been attending the revival services at Briartown for several days. J. W. Chamberlain of Hewitts, was a Nantahala visitor Saturday of last week. A. S. Queen and son, Lonnie, were visiting at Nantahala Saturday of last week. In the early morning of August 23rd the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Grant, and claimed as its victim their little infant, Nellie May. During its short stay here, the little one was the pride of their home. It is sad, indeed, to part with our loved ones, but we must submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Cowee Locals.

We are having some rain in this section, but it is most too late to help crops very much now. Misses Stella and Lucille Morgan have entered school at Bryson City. Miss Lena Raby left last week for Winterville, N. C., where she expects to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Roy Smith. Mrs. J. L. Bryson was visiting on lot 1 Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Owen and little son have returned to their home in Asheville after visiting Mrs. Owen's mother, Mrs. J. L. West, of this place. Miss Edwina Bryson has entered school at lot 1. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Murray, of Franklin, were visiting Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Murray, Sunday. Mrs. Jud Potts, of Franklin, was visiting her brother, Mr. J. T. Raby, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cero Martin, of Bryson City, were visiting on Cowee Sunday. We are having a good Sunday School at Cowee now. Every one will find a hearty welcome to our Sunday School. PATSY.

BISHOP HORNER TO BE IN FRANKLIN SUNDAY

The Right Reverend Junius M. Horner, Bishop of Western North Carolina, will be at St. Agnes Episcopal Church Sunday, September 7th. The Bishop will administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. Bishop Horner is well known in Franklin, and it is hoped that a good congregation will come out to hear him. Mr. W. A. Norton, of Otto, was in town on business Wednesday.

Favors Bond Issue For Electric Plant

J. Weimar Jones Corrects Impression That He Is Opposed to Power Plant at Andrews.

Editor Franklin Press: I am informed that an editorial appearing in the August 22 issue of the Tri-County News, published at Andrews, is being used here in Franklin as an argument against the issuance of bonds by the Town of Franklin for the purpose of constructing a municipally owned dam and hydro-electric power plant. The editorial in question dealt with the matter of the interest on bonds of the Town of Andrews, and the possible increase in taxation there.

From what I can learn the editorial to which reference is made has been entirely misunderstood here, and as I happen to have written it, I want to say emphatically that those who are using it as an argument against the proposed bond issue in Franklin are intentionally or unintentionally misconstruing what I had to say. In order to make myself entirely clear, let me give just a bit of history relative to the Andrews' bond issue.

The business men of Andrews have felt for a long while that the future of the town depended upon the location of new industries there. But when a new industry considered coming to Andrews, it invariably found that the supply of hydro-electric power available was insufficient for the industries already there. It was realized, therefore, that the future of the town turned upon the development of additional power; and with this in mind, bonds in the sum of \$350,000 were issued to build the dam and power plant on the Hiwassee River. In other words, the sole aim of the bond issue was to make it possible, through the development of additional power, to bring new industries to Andrews. The bonds were issued and sold, the contract was let, and work was begun. And now the additional power will be ready in a few months.

But no definite steps have been taken to attract new industries, the main difficulty lying in the absence of a live board of trade such as you have in Franklin.

The writer undertook to point out to the people of Andrews just two things: that the proper way to go after new industries is through a board of trade or chamber of commerce; and that, if new industries are not brought to Andrews to buy the power, the interest on the bonds will have to be paid by taxation. That was the gist of the whole editorial.

It seems that opponents of the bond issue here have taken this attitude: "If they don't sell their power in Andrews, they are going to have to pay the interest on the bonds by taxation; if we don't sell our power we will have to do the same thing here." And they might have gone a little further and said: "If a merchant buys goods and puts them on his shelves, he will lose if he don't sell them!" So much for the editorial. It was a plea for a live, active chamber of commerce in Andrews; nothing more nor less. And nobody who read it impartially and intelligently can possibly find any argument against the bonds here in Franklin.

Now just a word as to the Franklin bond issue. While I no longer make my home here, I am interested in Franklin because I was born and raised here, and because I am deeply interested in the development of Western North Carolina as a whole.

Nature has placed many gifts within the reach of the people of this mountain section but none of them is so important to me as the water power. It is a gift, like all of nature's, which we must develop to enjoy.

By the expenditure of a little money, we can develop this water power into hydro-electric power and benefit thereby. If we fail to take advantage of this opportunity, somebody else will. One of two things will happen. We here in the mountains can develop our power ourselves, own it ourselves, and reap the benefits ourselves. If we own and develop the water power ourselves, we can use it as a means of controlling the development of Western North Carolina developing our other natural resources in such a way as to bring the greatest possible benefit to all the people of the section. If we fail to take advantage of this God-given opportunity, power corporations will buy up all this available water power. And when they get it, they will develop it when they wish, as they wish, and for whatever purpose they wish. If they so desire, they can develop our power and carry it into Georgia

or Tennessee for the upbuilding of those states. If they want to, they can put in industries here, and import foreign labor. If they wish, they can hold it 100 years and never use it.

Which alternative is preferable? As a matter of fact it seems to me there are just two questions to be asked relative to the development of the power on the Little Tennessee River. (1) Can the power be developed cheaply enough to make it saleable? (2) Are there enough live wires in Franklin to get busy and sell it when it is developed? The first question is one to be answered by engineers. The layman who attempts to say that the power can or cannot be developed cheaply enough to be saleable is a fool. He does not know and cannot know. And if the second question cannot be answered in the affirmative, Franklin might as well be wiped off the map! Once again, let me say that the man or woman who quotes me or anything I may have said as opposed to the development here in Western North Carolina of municipally owned hydro-electric power, has intentionally or unintentionally grossly misrepresented. J. WEIMAR JONES.

Scroll News.

Mrs. Pete Keener has returned from Central S. C., where she has been visiting her father, Mr. Gomery Peck. Mr. Randolph Keener, who has been away at work for several months, has entered school here. A wise choice. Messrs. C. N. Jones and W. A. Keener, who are at work in Jackson County, spent the week end with their families. Whooping cough is reported to be in our community. Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCoy have returned from a visit to Mrs. Richard Dills in Clay County. "Aunt Ann" Jones is again in our midst. We are always glad to have her with us. We have been having some rain lately, which is helping corn and other crops. F. M.

Scaly News.

Mr. J. N. Mason, who has been sick for some time, died last Saturday. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. Rev. Howell, from Highlands, preached an interesting sermon here last Sunday. School is progressing nicely under the leadership of Misses Helen and Mayme Moses. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burnett were visiting in Highlands last Sunday night. Mr. J. V. Arrendale, from Franklin, was in this section last Tuesday. Miss Maude Crain visited her sister in Highlands last week end.

Cullasaja News.

The farmers of this section certainly appreciate the showers we are having at this writing. We are sorry to report that Mr. T. R. Gray is still confined to his bed. Mr. Isaac Keener is at Dr. Angel's hospital. Hope to see him at home again soon. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Teem are keeping house now. Mr. Tom Tallent and family made a trip to lot 1 Sunday afternoon. We are glad to report that Aunt Annie Higdon is improving. BROWSY BILL.

LISTEN.

The eleventh annual session of the Swain County Singing Convention meets with the Almond Class on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1924. All singers are cordially invited to attend and help to make the day a feast of song. For further information address Harley W. Grant, Nantahala, N. C.

Public Speaking.

Hon. Jake F. Newell will speak at the Court House on September 10th, at noon, and all are invited and are promised an interesting discussion. WM. L. McCOY, Chairman. Cartoogehaye Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will give a picnic near their Council Hall on Cartoogehaye, Saturday, September 13th. All Juniors and their families are invited to be present. Good speaking and plenty of eats. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Plonk and children, of Gaffney, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Plonk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGuire.

How to Build an Attractive Lawn

In Order To Have a Good Lawn One Must Give It Careful and Constant Attention.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 1.—"How can I secure a good lawn?" and "What can I do to restore the fresh and velvety appearance of my lawn?" are two questions coming constantly to horticultural workers of the State College Extension Division.

"We have found" says C. D. Matthews, Chief of the Division of Horticulture, "that the most satisfactory way to renovate the old lawn is to make a new one; consequently directions for establishing a lawn will apply to those who ask both of the above questions. The time of year is approaching when work on establishing a satisfactory lawn can be done with advantage. Much work on the lawn, usually done under high pressure in the busy, crowded months of April and May, may be very successfully performed with comparative leisure in Autumn. At this time the soil is in admirable condition for working."

Mr. Matthews states that it is not easy to have a good lawn but if careful attention is given to the different factors involved one may be secured that will be a source of satisfaction to the home owner. It is impossible to get soil too good for making a lawn. The best soil is a rich loam containing a fair portion of clay with a tendency to be rather heavy and compact and fairly retentive of moisture. It should be deep and porous so that the roots can penetrate deeply. Wet soils should be properly drained, and sandy soils improved with humus. The soil around new buildings is generally unsuited as it consists mostly of unferile subsoil mixed with building debris. In such a case soil from a cultivated field should be hauled in to a depth of 12 inches.

A reasonable fertile soil should be plowed or spaded to a depth of 6 inches. An application of 1,000 lbs. of lime per acre should be spread over the surface. Since the lawn is a permanent proposition every means should be taken to bring the soil into a high state of fertility. One thousand pounds to the acre of equal parts of ground bone and cotton seed meal would be of value.

For eastern and central North Carolina," says Mr. Matthews, "the type of grasses to be grown will depend on whether or not the lawn can be watered regularly and given good attention. If the lawn can be given the best of attention 100 lbs. per acre of a mixture made of equal parts of Kentucky Blue grass, creeping Bent grass, Sheep fescue and Perennial rye grass is recommended. This mixture should be seeded in October or November after the ground has been properly prepared and the fertilizer added.

"If it is not possible to water the lawn regularly it will be necessary to use a combination of Bermuda and rye grass. Bermuda may be regarded as the permanent lawn grass in the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain of the South. It is a rapidly creeping grass, makes a substantial growth in warm weather but unfortunately suffers from cold and turns brown as soon as frost touches it. Though the roots are permanent and will survive the winters, the tops die and it is necessary to use a companion grass to give a green appearance in winter. By sowing in October a generous amount of perennial rye grass on the Bermuda sod and adding at the same time a good application of bone meal and cotton seed meal a green cover may be had throughout the winter. The Bermuda lawn may be secured by sowing the chopped runners in March or 6 lbs per acre of the Bermuda grass seed may be sown in early Spring."

Birthday Celebration.

Uncle Joab Crisp celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday, Sunday, August 13th, 1924. Uncle Joe is the father of twelve children. Only six were present at the birthday dinner. There were ninety-five persons for dinner under the big walnut tree, where a long table was filled with nice rations until it almost groaned with the weight. All ate until they were satisfied, and had a lot left over. Uncle Joe surely did enjoy himself, and seemed more like a man of 40 than 84. Several of his friends gave him nice birthday presents. Uncle Joe has 52 grand-children, and 21 great-grand-children. We certainly hope to see many more birthdays like this for Uncle Joe. A FRIEND.