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MUNICIPAL POWER DAM FOR FRANKLIN IS NOW AN ASSURED FACT

ENGINEERS NOW MAKING SURVEY

Everything Will Probably Be Ready to Begin Pouring the Concrete by Early Next Spring.

Mayor Dean Sisk of Franklin stated Tuesday that a municipal power dam across the Little Tennessee at Leppard's Bend, two miles below town, is now an assured fact beyond the probability of a doubt. The engineering firm of Robert & Company, of Atlanta, has been retained to make preliminary surveys and to draw up plans and specifications for the dam.

Messrs. J. L. Goldman and Guy Cruselle, engineers associated with Robert & Company, have already tested the foundation at the proposed site and pronounced it good. Blue prints are now being made, and will be in the hands of the town board within a short while.

The engineers are of the opinion that all necessary work of preparing the foundation for the dam can be completed this fall. When the weather permits next spring, no doubt the pouring of concrete will begin and the dam be rushed to completion.

Iotla News.

The weather being fine last week several attended the fair at Yellow Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mallonee spent last week in Winston-Salem visiting and attending the fair there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ashe, from Franklin, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Collins last Sunday.

Miss Inez Sloan spent last week end with Miss Ida Russell at Oak Grove.

Misses Verden and Eva Smith spent last week end with home folks at Tellico.

Miss Beulah Bryson, from Cowee, spent last Saturday night with Mrs. J. B. Collins.

Mr. C. G. Myers, from the State of Washington, accompanied by his family, is visiting his mother and brother, Mrs. S. A. Myers and J. E. Myers, of this place.

Misses Lillie Jacobs and Ruby Mason were visiting Miss Edwina Bryson at Cowee last Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Lowe, from Sylva, is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roper were seen going up the road last Monday with a fine load of turkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett, and family, Stewart Mason, Mrs. Lucy Jacobs and the visitors all took dinner on top of Trimont last Sunday. After getting to the top, Mr. W. A. Shields and Jim Cansler joined our party. Coffee was made and a good dinner spread. All had a nice time.

Mr. Dutch Mason gave a singing for some of the young folks last Saturday night.

Rev. G. A. Cloer started a revival at the Baptist church last Sunday. As we are in need of a great revival hope the meeting will be a success.

Miss Ruth Stillwell, from Franklin school, spent last week end with home folks.

L. V. J.

Our New Cemetery.

It is always our desire to extend commendation where such is due. Therefore we commend the Cemetery Association for the selection of the site for our Silent City. The last resting place of our dead is destined to be one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Western North Carolina. Gilmer Jones, especially, deserves the thanks of the community for the time and effort he has devoted toward the success of this movement.

Danger.

Some day there will be a serious automobile accident near the Court House. We suggest that the town board pass an ordinance requiring vehicles of all kinds to keep to the right in going around the Court House. Signs to that effect should be properly placed provided the ordinance is passed.

The unsanitary condition of the public toilets in the court house brings disgrace upon our town and county. Those in authority should give this matter their immediate attention.

Items From Leatherman.

Oct. 9.—Mr. John Smiley and daughter, Katie, from Bryson City, were visiting Mr. Smiley's uncle, Mr. G. H. Gibson, of this place, Sunday.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Wade Potts, who died Saturday morning at the hospital in Franklin. Wade, as he was most always called, was working at Watauga when a hammer struck him in the head. They carried him immediately to the hospital, where he died early Saturday morning. The accident occurred Thursday. His body was laid to rest at the Liberty cemetery Saturday afternoon before a large and mournful congregation. Rev. G. A. Cloer conducted the funeral services.

Mr. Floyd Carden and daughter Lenora, from Sylva, N. C., spent the week end with Mr. Carden's mother, Mrs. N. A. Carden at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepherd are spending this week with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Gibbs, of Cherokee.

Mr. Pratt Dalton, accompanied by Mr. Alex Holbrooks, left for Virginia a few days ago. They expect to work there a while.

Mr. Arthur Shepherd, from East La Porte, is spending a few days with home folks.

Mr. Glenn Gibson, from Winston-Salem, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ben R. Gibson, of this place.

Mr. Albert Hurst left recently for Sylva, N. C., where he will work a while.

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. John Allen, who died October 5th. Mr. Allen lived only a few hours after he became sick. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

MAMA'S GIRL.

Upper Tesenta News.

Mrs. Vent Nicholson, Mrs. Wm. Brown and Miss Bertha Brown were the guests of Miss Pearl Smith last Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Ballew is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Messrs. Ben and Horace Justice and Mr. and Mrs. Will Keener were the guests of Mrs. Tom Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Justice has returned to her home at Prentiss, after spending a while here with friends and relatives.

Miss Helen Smith was the guest of Mrs. Will Keener Sunday night.

Mr. John Brown gave an old time bean shelling Friday night. A large crowd was present, and all reported a nice time.

Messrs. Earl Cabe and Lyman Ballew were the guests of Mr. Dave Smith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Helen Smith was the guest of Mrs. Andy Wilson Friday afternoon.

Mr. Dave Smith was the guest of Messrs. Tom and Lyman Ballew Sunday morning.

Messrs. John Brown and Fate Garland started to market last Monday morning. We wish them good luck.

Mr. Vent Nicholson left Thursday for the south.

Mrs. Vent Nicholson and Miss Meggie Brown made a business trip to Otto Saturday.

Mrs. Horace Justice and her children were the guests of Mrs. Tom Smith Thursday night.

BLACK-EYED SUSIE.

Cowee Locals.

Several of the people from here attended the Cherokee Indian Fair.

Miss Lucille Morgan, who is attending school at Bryson City, spent the week end with home folks here.

Mr. Glenn Gibson returned to Winston-Salem, after a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Ben R. Gibson.

Mrs. J. L. Bryson spent last week end with relatives at Iotla.

Mr. John Matlock has gone to Winston-Salem for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Conley and little daughter Audrey, of Franklin were visiting Mrs. Conley's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGaha, of this place, Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Potts is very sick at this writing. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Beulah Bryson was visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. B. Collins, at Iotla, recently.

Miss Ella Queen has been spending several days with Mrs. Lester Conley at Franklin.

A wave of sadness swept over our community Saturday, October 4th when we received the news that Wade Potts was dead. He was working on the highway three miles from Franklin. On October 2nd he was accidentally hurt. He was rushed to the hospital, where he died two days later. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cloer. PATSY.

WORK TO START ON GEORGIA ROAD

Contractor Here To Look over the Ground and Make Arrangements To Begin Work at an Early Date.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, of the Wilson Construction Company, of Rutherfordton, was in town Tuesday. This company has purchased from Mr. C. M. Dicus the contract to construct the road from here to the Georgia line. The object of Mr. Wilson's visit was to look the situation over and plan his work. Asked when he expected to begin the actual pouring of concrete, Mr. Wilson replied that his firm will be busy for the next few months in getting in supplies and equipment. It is therefore unlikely that actual work on the road will begin before next spring. At that time Mr. Wilson expects to put two outfits to work on different parts of the road and rush the job through to completion.

The Wilson Construction Company is unable to state definitely where the crushed stone will be obtained. Provided suitable stone can be found in the vicinity of the project it is probable that a contract will be let to local parties for crushing the necessary amount of stone. Those who believe they have suitable quarries should get in touch with the proper authorities.

Franklin Going Ahead.

The town of Franklin again takes a long step forward. The Little Tennessee River, a picturesque, swift-flowing stream, is to be harnessed to serve Franklin and the surrounding territory with hydro-electric power.

Bonds in the sum of \$300,000 have been issued for the construction of a concrete dam two miles below Franklin, where a power plant of 1,500 horsepower will be erected, with provision for its enlargement as the needs of the community may demand.

Franklin, for many years cut off from easy communication with the rest of North Carolina, is gradually making for itself a larger place on the map. Because of its strategic location, the town is on a trunk line highway from Atlanta to Asheville, a road that is nearing completion. Situated on one of the most beautiful plateaus in the Western North Carolina mountains, Franklin each summer is entertaining a large number of tourists. Twenty-five years ago Franklin, then a very small village, had an excellent public library; it has always had good schools, both public and private. Macon County is fertile in soil, still well timbered, its grass lands make cattle raising profitable, its sheltered valleys and hillsides are favorable to the production of fruits. And the tourist must not forget that Franklin has a golf course. In the years immediately ahead Franklin ought to go far in that progress which natural conditions for several decades made for the town impracticable.—Asheville Citizen.

Beautify the School Grounds.

It is a shame that our magnificent school building should be bordered on all sides by the biggest mud hole in town. The building was completed more than a year ago but the grounds remain just as the contractor left them. We do not know who is responsible for this state of affairs. We do know, however, that a driveway around the building should be constructed and that the grounds should be beautified under the supervision of an expert.

The Gainesville (Ga.) Mill Band consisting of E. S. Peck, Director, Clarence Elliott, Hoyt McGee, cornets, Louis Spencer, trombone, Will Morrison, baritone, Albert McGee tuba, J. W. Gillespie, bass drum and William Sorrels, snare drum, dispensed some of the best band music heard in Franklin in years at the sale of the Bob Davis farm on last Monday. Four of these young men also played at the Methodist Church on Sunday night. Franklin was delighted with both the conduct and music of these young gentlemen. Our city will again welcome this band on the Fourth of next July.

Animal Swimmers.

Nearly all large animals are better swimmers than man. With our flat palms, we can outstrip many of the small-footed running quadrupeds, but the web-footed creatures and most of the big animals have us beaten when it comes to swimming. Anthropoid apes, because of their build, are commonly believed to swim as well as man, but the fact is that they cannot swim at all unless taught by trainers. And that reminds me of another interesting fact along the same line: fur seals cannot swim when first born; they are actually afraid of the water, and have to learn. But once they have mastered the art, they soon forget to walk.

The rhinoceros and hippopotamus are both good swimmers, and the latter is one of the very best divers. The reindeer is at home in the water, as shown by his method of deep submersion—he keeps his head but a little above the surface. The elk carries his head well out of the water and avoids turning; he likes to go directly from bank to bank and get it over quickly.

The Indian elephant must be a powerful swimmer, to judge by the surprising burdens he carries across great rivers. It takes both strength and skill to swim when heavily loaded.

The polar bear is a marvel in the water. He is not the swiftest of swimmers, but considering the icy temperature of the water and remembering that cold is a great deterrent in swimming, this animal must surely be the hardest and most enduring of "water dogs," for he can swim twenty or twenty-five miles with but moderate effort.

The squirrel is another surprise, when it comes to swimming. I read of a sportsman who experimented to learn whether these little animals swim naturally. He selected one that had been born and raised in captivity, and took it in a boat to the center of a lake. The instant the squirrel was liberated it made for the shore, and it swam so rapidly that the man had much difficulty to recapture it.—E. L. Eubanks, in Our Dumb Animals.

In Memory of Wade Potts.

Mr. Wade Potts departed this life October 4th, 1924, being a few months over 22 years of age. He was always smiling and had a pleasant word for all with whom he came in contact.

Wade was a devout Christian, a member of the Cowee Baptist Church, a faithful Sunday School worker. Our beloved friend will be sadly missed in the community as well as in the home. A FRIEND.

The Press desires to obtain the names and addresses of those who have left Macon County in the last few years to seek employment in other counties of this State or in adjacent states and who now wish to return to their native county provided employment can be furnished them in Macon. It is confidently believed that within a year or eighteen months employment can be found here for a large number of former Macon citizens who are now employed elsewhere. Should such prove to be the case we wish to be able to furnish employers with names of former citizens of our county who desire to return and who are qualified to do some particular thing well. In the cotton mill industry, for instance, the letter sent to the Press should state just what the person named is doing—spinner, weaver, etc. Merely to state that a certain man works in a cotton mill will not answer our purpose. In other lines of endeavor the same should apply. At the proper time we want these good people to return and the Press will do its part in getting them properly placed. Send in your name now or the names of your relatives and friends who desire to be listed. State name, address, age occupation.

Mr. S. R. Joines, of the Joines Motor & Tractor Company, returned last week from a meeting of the Ford dealers in Atlanta. A better qualified organization than the Ford Motor Company to judge economic conditions of the country probably cannot be found. Mr. Joines states that dealers from all parts of the country and high Ford officials reported that good times are here and are rapidly getting better. While in Atlanta Mr. Joines visited the Southeastern Fair. He claims to have seen a Fordson Tractor do everything but swim.

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY HERE

Western Carolina Telephone Company Is Organized in Franklin—Will Add New Equipment Soon.

The Western Carolina Telephone Company, with authorized capital stock of \$25,000, and \$6,000 paid in, was organized in Franklin on the first day of this month. The following officers were elected: President, Sam L. Rogers; Secretary, E. S. Hunnicutt; General Manager and Treasurer, D. G. Stewart; Board of Directors, Sam L. Rogers, W. B. McGuire, D. G. Stewart, Gas Leach, and Tom Johnston. At this meeting the deal to purchase the telephone property of W. L. McCoy was consummated. W. B. McGuire was appointed temporary manager until Mr. Stewart can wind up his business affairs and take charge in person.

A new switchboard and the necessary amount of cable to cover the business district have been purchased. This equipment is expected to arrive about November 1st, when Mr. Stewart will take charge and immediately install the new equipment. The new telephone company has leased for a period of ten years for its central office the upstairs space in the new brick building now being constructed by Dr. Higgins on Main street. We understand that Mr. Stewart's daughter will be one of the operators in the new exchange.

The public is asked to exercise patience until the new equipment can be installed and a general overhauling of the entire system can be accomplished. By the first of the year the new company expects to have its system in first-class shape and thus be able to give Franklin good service.

It is proposed that companies be organized to take over the country lines and to keep them in repair. These lines would then be required to pay the Western Carolina Telephone Company a small amount for connection with the central office in Franklin.

SWINGING BACK TO THE CARS.

Commenting on the hardships which the motor bus operating over a state highway paved at public expense, works upon interurban steam and electric railroads, B. C. Cobb, an authority on street railway and public utility operation, says:

"Some interurbans are going to fall by the wayside—in fact a number already have reached the scrap pile. There are others, however, and they are in the majority, that will continue to serve with credit to their management and to the benefit of their patrons and their shareholders.

"Interurbans have depended largely in the past upon the passenger business to keep them going, but many are now doing a thriving freight and express business."

Commenting upon competition of interurban motor bus and trucks, Mr. Cobb says:

"If the American people are mindful of their interests, this sort of competition cannot long continue unregulated and allowed to operate at its own sweet will. The highways are built for traffic—traffic of the individual, the farm owners, the pleasure drivers, and the pedestrian—as thoroughfares for those who in their private capacity would go from one place to another—not for use by incorporated companies as rights of way, for the conduct of a transportation business.

"It is manifestly unfair not only to the railways, who are forced to maintain their own rights of way and in addition are compelled to pay high taxes on their value as property belongings—but it is also unfair to the private individual, who foots the bill for paving whether or not he derives any benefit for so doing.

"With co-ordination and the doing away with ruthless competition, which in the end only means disaster for all, the electric railways will come back."—The Manufacturer.

The Haywood Journal states that the circumnavigation of the globe by aeroplanes was a great victory for the American navy. Wrong, brother. To the Army Air Service belongs that glory.