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HIGHLANDS LETS WATER CONTRACT

Our Mountain City Takes Steps Toward Municipal Improvements—Six Inch Main Will Be Used

On January 28th Macon County's beautiful little town of Highlands let the contract for a municipal water supply system, the Conrad Construction Company of Florence, S. C. being the successful bidder.

The source of the water supply is Houston's Branch 2 3/4 miles from Highlands and 200 feet above the main part of town. The intake is on government lands. In fact the entire water shed is under control of the Forest Service, thus assuring Highlands water free from contamination of any kind. The water is pure and comes from clear mountain springs. A six inch main will convey the water to the main section of town from where it will be distributed in two inch pipes.

Sufficient funds are not available to install a sewage system. However, the progressive and wide awake citizens of Highlands expect to install a system of this kind within two or three years.

It will be remembered that Highlands issued \$30,000 worth of municipal bonds some time ago to install a water supply system. The money so expended will increase the value of city property and will bring hundreds of summer visitors who would not otherwise come. It is expected also that the water supply system when completed will considerably reduce the insurance rates.

The contractor has promised to have the system completed by June 1st.

Franklin extends congratulations to her sister city of the mountains and wishes her all the success that her progressive citizenship deserves.

Mrs. Johnston Hostess

On Thursday afternoon, St Agnes Guild enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. J. T. Johnston at her delightful home on Main St.

The Guild is at work for the annual bazaar to be held in the summer and a pleasant afternoon was spent over future work and plans. Mrs. Johnston served delicious cocoa and cake, and the meeting adjourned until February 13th. Mrs. Johnston is a charming hostess and everyone present enjoyed the meeting thoroughly. The meeting will meet next at the Rectory on February 13th. Come and bring your thimble.

BUSINESS MEETING OF LEAGUE

The League of Women Voters held their regular business meeting Jan. 30th, in the Clerk of Court's office. Mr. Murray very kindly offered the use of his office on account of the room.

After the regular business was transacted a letter was read from the state chairman, Miss Gertrude Weil, in regard to the state meeting in Raleigh, to be held soon. Miss Elizabeth Kelly was asked to represent Franklin League at this meeting, with Miss Laura Jones as alternate delegate.

The League chairman, Mrs. S. L. Franks, called attention to the proposed program of work for the National League of Women Voters. After the meeting Mr. Sam L. Rogers gave a most able and interesting talk on the proposed program of work of the State Legislature.

Mr. Rogers said, in brief, of the proposed bill before the legislature there has been actually accomplished up to date, the repeal of Dog Tax law the repeal of the act providing for the exploration of the Lost Colonies, and several local bills. Of the state wide program the three most important issues are according to the Governor:

1. Education.
2. Welfare (Public Health)
3. Transportation.

There will be sharp fights before the Legislature on the following subjects: The Budget System, Equalization Fund and Additional Appropriation of funds for road program.

Other proposed bills touched upon were: The effort to make the Australian Ballot System State Wide, Motor transportation, Bill for publication of marriage bans, Pardon Commission appointment and colored Juvenile Legislation.

A gratifying interest was displayed in the meeting and a number of new members were present all joined in thanking Mr. Rogers for his clear concise summary of the Legislative work.

ROAD WORK DONE BY FOREST SERVICE

More than 1,800 miles of roads and nearly 5,000 miles of trails were constructed within or adjacent to the 147 national forest during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, according to the annual report made by Chief of the Forest Service to the Secretary of Agriculture. In addition, maintenance work was performed on 7,423 completed within the last year the miles of roads and 32,105 of trails.

Including the construction work total mileage of national forest roads constructed by June 30 of this year stood at 8,707 and the total mileage of trails at 15,855.

The sum of \$9,351,442 was expended on the road and trail work of the Forest Service during the last fiscal year, the report says. This sum was augmented by funds from co-operative agencies such as States, counties and local organizations.

Thirty-one States and Alaska share in the pro rata distribution of funds made each year by the Forest Service to those States and Territories containing National Forest lands.

The King is Talking—Bunk

When the King telephones let all other instruments be dumb! That's the rule in Mecca, where King Hussein of Hedjaz has had a telephone system installed says a recent article in the New Zealand Herald.

As long as King Hussein's telephone is in use, no other telephone can be used in Mecca, save only the one with which the king is talking.

It's a good thing for King Hussein that he does not live in the United States for neither our government nor our telephone system stands for such official interference with the private rights of other citizens.

ROBINSON CRUSO GOT RESULTS

Had Very Small Circulation But He was a Persistent "Cuss"—Found That Advertising Does Pay

One of the most persistent advertisers in the history of success was Robinson Crusoe. He knew what he wanted—a ship—and he put up an ad for one. He flung a shirt on a pole, at the top of his island; that, in the language of his sea, was plain to every sea-faring man.

The circulation was small—there was no other medium but Crusoe kept at it, despite the fact that he got no inquiries for a long time. He changed his copy—as one garment after another was frayed out—and in the end got what he wanted.

Suppose Crusoe had taken down that signal after a time and declared "Advertising doesn't pay." Where would he and his story be now?

Put up your signal and keep it there. Crusoe advertised under very discouraging circumstances. You've got a sure thing—it is only necessary to have the patience, persistence, and pluck of Robinson Crusoe—and the good ship "Better Business" will soon tie up "longside your pier."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Stiles announce the marriage of their daughter, Clara Belle to Dr. William Parker on Tuesday, January the twenty-seventh, Nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

FOREST ACTIVITIES SHOW PROGRESS

Eight regional Forest Experiment Stations and Forest Products Laboratories are now in operation according to the annual report made by the Chief of the Forest Service to the Secretary of Agriculture. In addition, a new Forest Experiment Station is being established in the Pacific Northwest. A station for California is urged by Chief Forester Greeley in his report.

The eight Experiment Stations now in operation are located at New Orleans, La., Missoula, Mont., Asheville, N. C., Amherst, Mass., St. Paul, Minn., Portland, Ore., Flagstaff, Ariz., Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Forest Products Laboratory, located at Madison, Wis., made the study of wood waste prevention one of its chief activities, the report states. This resulted in a national conference called by the late Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, which was attended by about 400 representatives of timber producing manufacturing, and consuming industries.

The laboratory also continued its study of the dimension-stock requirements of various industries with a view to reducing the number of different sizes needed in commerce, thus simplifying the problem of making and buying dimension stock.

Much progress was also made, according to the report, in important phases of the preservative treatment of timber, in paper and pulp research and in investigating kiln-drying and air-seasoning methods. This latter activity involved elaborate tests of airplane woods for the United States Navy and resulted in many practical advantages.

In referring to the work of the Forest Experiment Stations the report states:

"Already it has become evident that these stations are certain to be of prime importance in hastening the general practice of forestry within their several regions. Their influence is partly due to the fact that they become centres about which gather the interest and activities favorable to progress in forestry. Thus they perform a function for leadership. They are valuable sources of information and advice, both to public agencies and private owners interested in forestry, as well as instructive investigative undertakings along mentalities for correlating and directing the most fruitful lines. They will undoubtedly be of the utmost value in helping the States to formulate policies of forestry, as well as powerful influences making for its private practice."

Lake Supports Indian Tribe

The Red Lake Indians of Minnesota, the model Chippewa band, gathered the past summer seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds of fish from the Red Lake, it was recently announced by H. B. Dooley, superintendent of Red Lake Reservation. During the past seven years the Indians, under a contract with the State of Minnesota, have received more than five hundred thousand dollars for fish taken from the lake.

The fishing season only lasts for three summer months, but last summer four Indians with the help of their squaws, earned one thousand each, and one pair of fishermen a buck and a squaw earned fifteen hundred dollars. This work at fishing, in addition to the rich timber tracts on the reservation, enables the Indians to live comfortably and educate their children. When the subcommittee of the Senate Indian Affairs visited the Red Lake Reservation for one of a series of hearings among the Minnesota Chippewas, the members found a well-dressed, prosperous and contented band of Indians. Under their contract with the State the Red Lake Indians, comprising about seventeen thousand men, women and children, have exclusive fishing privileges on the lake but they must sell their catch to the State, (which has a packing plant at Red Lake Falls).

Wall-eyed pike, considered to be the best-selling fish on the market comprise about eighty-five per cent of the annual catch, the rest being a motly assortment of white fish pickerel, perch, sheepsheads, goldeyes carp, buffalo, and bullheads. —Western Story Magazine.

Very Simple

Little Girl (to grandfather)— "Grandpa, why don't you grow hair on your head?"
Grandpa—"Well why doesn't grass grow on a busy street?"
Little Girl—"Oh, I see; it can't get up through the concrete."—Contributed.

DAM FOUNDATION TO BE SOLID ROCK

Many Projects To Start In Macon County Soon—To Have Plans Finished By Last of This Month.

Three holes for testing the foundation of the site for the power dam been drilled to a depth of 50 feet each. Solid rock was found all the way down. In fact the further down the drill went the harder the rock was found to be. Two other holes will be drilled to make certain of the foundation. However, there now appears to be no doubt of the suitability of the site.

The engineers are hard at work on the plans for the dam. It is expected that these plans will be finished in time to let the contract for construction by the end of this month.

The city fathers intend to have work started at an early date on clearing the ground that the water will cover when the dam is filled. Work on the road to the dam site will also be started within a short time. At this writing it is not known whether these two projects will be done by contract or hired labor.

The time is fast approaching when many men will be employed on public work in Macon County. By the last of April or possibly before should weather conditions prove favorable not only should work on the dam be in full swing but the contractor for building the Georgia road should have many men engaged on that project.

Immediately after the contract for the dam is let the Press will announce the name of the successful bidder so that former Macon County men who desire to return home to work on the dam may communicate with the contractor relative to employment.

Forest-Fire Season Critical

In sharp contrast with the forest fire season of 1923 the season just ended was one of the most critical in the experience of the Forest Service reports W. B. Greeley, Chief Forester, in his annual report to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Final figures for 1924 are not yet available but tabulations up to September 30 show that 7,279 fires inside of the 147 national forest swept 511,400 acres of Federal land. This is nearly double the acreage burned in an exceptionally favorable year, but is not so great an acreage as was burned in 1917 and 1919, both years of unusual fire hazards.

The 17 national forest in California suffered the most during 1924, conditions in the State having been made extremely critical by long continued drought. For months the Forest Service, aided by many state and local, and private agencies, fought forest fires with but few intermissions. Fires which burned more than 1,000 acres in a single day were not infrequent.

Outside of California, the report state, fire losses were little if any more than the average of the preceding years, and were surprisingly small in view of the hazardous character of the season.

Fires caused by human agencies continued to form about 60 per cent of the total Chief Forester Greeley points out the balance being attributed to lightning. In California the per centage of fires caused by smokers, principally cigarette smokers, ran high. In fact smoking was considered the most serious cause of fires started by human agencies in the forest lands of that state.

Particularly in California, and to some extent in other states, the exceptional conditions compelled the Forest Service to impose restrictions upon the use of the national forest for recreation and other public purposes. This course was taken only as an emergency measure and the restrictions were adjusted as closely as practicable to the requirements in each section in order to minimize the interference with the uses of the Federal lands.

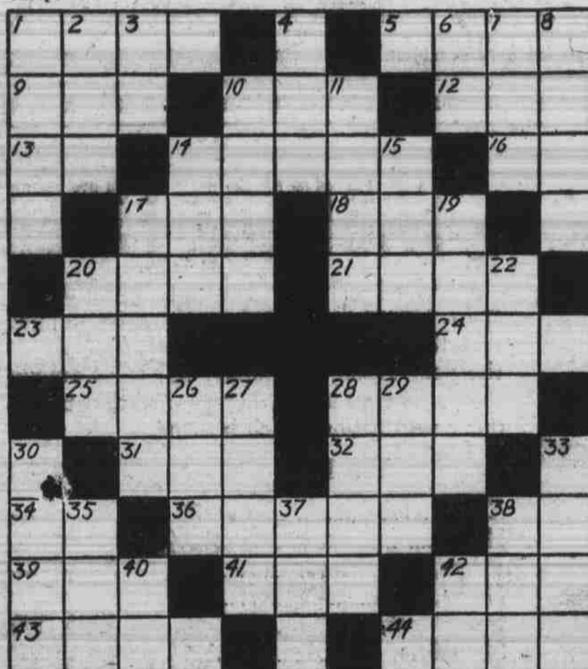
"It is clear," says the Forester in his report, "that more drastic Federal or State police regulations are needed to control the use of fire in the vicinity of forest areas. The need for special precautionary measures is widely recognized by lumber companies and other industrial interests, and the majority of them in the national forest regions operate with comparative safety to their own timberlands and those of their neighbor. The relatively small proportion which are out of step with the sentiment for forest protection should not be permitted to imperil the property of adjacent owners through continued negligence or indifference."

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper nouns. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1 "STEPPING STONES"

If you like them easy this one will suit you, for the interlock helps you over the stickers. If you're in the expert class you can find an unusual word or two. This puzzle contains every letter in the alphabet except "k".



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Horizontal.

- 1—Mohammedan call to prayer
- 5—Fatten
- 9—Large vehicle
- 10—By way of
- 12—South American reptile
- 13—Blast of burden
- 14—Boy's name
- 16—Initials of a famous President
- 17—Possesses
- 18—Elongated fish
- 20—To allot
- 21—At a distance
- 23—Body of water
- 24—To fix
- 25—Envelop
- 26—Luck
- 31—Crafty
- 32—Card Game
- 34—Impersonal pronoun
- 35—Sets of three
- 38—Note of scale
- 39—Notch
- 41—Unit of work
- 42—Human belongs
- 43—Metal
- 44—A landing place

Vertical

- 1—Acknowledge
- 2—Tool for trimming slates
- 3—Indefinite article
- 4—Species of pine
- 6—Hebrew month
- 7—Decay
- 8—Attempt
- 10—Receptacle
- 11—Region
- 14—Head covering
- 15—Coniferous tree
- 17—Listens
- 19—Cowboy's rope
- 20—Cat's cry
- 23—Affirmative
- 26—High in the seals
- 27—Funeral pile
- 28—Dancing shoe
- 29—Goddess of Dawn
- 30—Islands of the South Sea
- 33—Simpleton
- 35—A sailor
- 37—Anger
- 38—Meadow
- 40—Proceed
- 42—Greek letter

The solution will appear in next issue.