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## TOWN PURCHASES ELECTRIC LINES

### Closes Trade Last Friday Night—Also Buys Electric Stores of the Local Light Company.

Last Friday night at a call meeting of the town board the deal for the purchase of the electric lines of the Franklin Light & Power company was closed. The company accepted the offer of eleven thousand four hundred and some odd dollars, the sum fixed by the appraiser as just and reasonable. The purchase price includes all the fixtures now on hand in the store room of the local company, amounting to approximately \$1,400.

The purchase of these lines will expedite the use of current from the municipal dam as it will only be necessary to switch from one power source to another when the new dam is ready.

### Mayor Hay Here

Mr. Roy Hay, mayor of Thomasville, Ga., and Mr. P. C. Searcy, vice-president of the Bank of Thomasville, were visitors to Franklin last Wednesday. While here these gentlemen visited the site of the power dam and were greatly impressed with the fact that a town of Franklin's size had the courage to undertake a project of this magnitude. They were also delighted with Franklin's scenery and climate and expressed the opinion that the future prosperity of this section is assured.

### Farmers Federation, Robbed

On the night of September 2nd someone entered the store of the Farmers Federation in Franklin and relieved the cash drawer of ten or twelve dollars. The thief entered through a back window and left by means of the side door of the back room. This robbery occurred on the same night that the Iotla post office was robbed, the theory being that the same person or persons committed both offenses. It is not known whether the robbers took anything but money from the federation.

### Colored District Conference

The district conference of the colored Methodist church for the western district of North Carolina was held at the colored Methodist church of Franklin beginning on Tuesday of last week and ending last Sunday. Rev. Jule Love, the local pastor, was in charge of the arrangements. Presiding Elder Slade of Hickory preached some very fine sermons during the conference.

### COUNTY COOPERATES.

Last Monday the county commissioners appropriated \$400.00 to cooperate with the state and national governments in fighting fires on the lands privately owned in the county. Individual land owners are also cooperating by paying one cent per acre each year for protection of their private holdings. The appropriation of the county commissioners seems to have the almost unanimous approval of the citizens of the county.

The land owners of the county have reached the conclusion in nearly all instances that a forest fire is their greatest commercial enemy. The forest products of the county bring in to the land owners approximately \$200,000.00 per year. Within a few years good roads will penetrate every section of the county thus facilitating the marketing of forest products. If the timber is permitted to be burned each year these roads will lose some of their value.

Last Sunday Rev. E. J. Pipes preached to the convicts at their camp five miles below Franklin. Immediately after the preaching some of the convicts had quite a ruckus. One man was carried considerably by his fellow convicts. It is not known what caused the dispute. Probably some knotty question of the scriptures.

## GOOD PROGRESS ON BRYSON CITY AND DILLSBORO ROADS

Good progress is being made on the Bryson City road. Within a few days the macadam in Macon county will connect with that of Swain. The men now engaged in the lower end of the county will then move to Franklin and begin construction toward Iotla bridge. The macadam from Etna to Iotla bridge is going down fast, the convicts now working about a mile below the bridge.

The Wilson Construction Company is now concreting the highway from the foot of the Cowee mountains toward Franklin. The concrete is laid from the foot of the mountain to the point where the road from the dam site connects with the highway.

Mr. Wilson estimates that this road will be finished to Franklin by the middle of October. If wether conditions still remain favorable after this link is completed work will start on the mountain section of this highway.

## MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL PARK

### Three States to Cooperate on Plan—Meeting Featured By Choice of State Campaign Committee.

A movement which has for its purpose the establishment of a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee was auspiciously launched yesterday at the statewide meeting held by representatives of various civic organizations of the state at the Estery Park Hotel.

The meeting was featured by the perfection of a state campaign committee and the present of the Park Commissioner appointed by the last session of the State Legislature, was constituted a holding committee, the members of which will be the incorporators of an organization to be known as The Great Smoky Mountains, Inc.

A campaign committee was appointed to consist of Plato D. Ebbs, of Asheville; D. M. Buck, of Bald Mountain; Dan Tompkins, of Sylva; Charles A. Webb, of Asheville; Dr. D. R. Bryson, of Bryson City; T. S. Rollins, of Asheville, and Eugene Adams, of Asheville.

Decision was also reached to make F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, executive secretary of the campaign committee, with Horace Kephart, of Bryson City, field secretary. The local Chamber of Commerce will serve as campaign headquarters.

It was recommended that the State Commission aid in promoting publicity. It was also decided to send Senator Mark Squires, of Lenoir, chairman of the State Park Commission, who presided at the meeting yesterday, Mr. Ebbs and Dr. E. C. Brooks, of Raleigh, president of the N. C. State College and a member of the Park Commission, as delegates to the national park meeting to be held at Richmond, Va., on September 9, with the authority to enter into any necessary financial arrangement with Virginia and Tennessee.—Asheville Citizen.

### MAJOR MCCLATCHEY HERE.

Major D. F. McClatchey, Secretary to the Georgia Senate and special agent to the First Vice-President of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, Mrs. McClatchey and child spent some time in Franklin last Wednesday. Major McClatchey had not been to Franklin for 10 years and was astounded at the great developments that have taken place since his former visit. He expressed a determination to return to Franklin in the near future with the view of looking over the real estate situation here.

## FARM ELECTRIC LINE BUILDING

### Iotla Community Gets Busy And Is Building Power Line—Families, Churches and School Interested.

The progressive citizens of Iotla valley have taken drugery by the horns and are giving this well known gentlemen the fight of his life.

Opportunity beckoned just once and the good folks of Iotla grabbed it. They are building an electric light line from the Mica mine at Iotla bridge up the valley as far as the home of Mr. W. T. Fouts.

The Press was unable to learn what method of persuasion the excellent ladies of Iotla used on their respective husbands. Suffice it to say that the method was exceedingly effective. Said husbands are now in the woods wielding axes of various sizes and kinds cutting poles for a light and power line which is destined to relieve their good wives of an immense amount of drugery. Perhaps kind wife painted for good husband a vision of the future wherein friend husband was shown touching a button and lo and behold a pile of stove wood appeared before his eyes. Or mayhap, the vision included a picture of Mr. Man sitting in the shade of a tree reading from the Franklin Press about the great prosperity of Macon county while an electric motor filled his silo, ground his corn and did many other odd jobs about the farm.

At any rate the line is now in course of construction and many Iotla farm houses will be lighted by October 15th. Mrs. Iotla is about through with smelly oil lamp. Leg power for the sewing machine will soon be out of fashion in this beautiful valley. In the near future daughter will be able to curl her hair to the queens taste and then the young gentry will no doubt join the association of Benedicts recently organized by Bynum Downes. Perhaps daughter will not mind pushing a vacuum cleaner where she now objects to wielding a broom.

Yes, folks, Iotla is on the right track. At least ten families are to be supplied with lights as are the two churches, High school and dormitory. Fire hazards about the farm houses will be greatly lessened.

The farmers themselves will furnish the poles and do all the work. Their cash outlay for wire, cross arms and insulators will not mount to more than \$250.00 per mile for a three line system. Of course the wiring and equipment in each house will be an additional charge. But altogether the cost will be relatively small.

The following named men will put lights in their houses and have power available for farm use: Messrs. Bennett, W. G. Gibson, W. L. Ramsey, Albert Ramsey, Wade Moody, Bynum Downes, W. T. Tippett, C. F. Moody, W. T. Fouts and perhaps others.

### Highlands and Sealy

Reports from Highlands and Sealy indicate that that section of the county is entering on one of the most extensive land booms in its history. Florida people and men from other states of the south are daily arriving at Highlands and investing heavily in that beautiful section of Macon county. A big development company has taken options of 800 acres of land between Sealy and Mud Creek falls and are planning extensive improvements. It is the intention of this company to develop power at the Mud Creek falls and also at the falls on Middle Creek and to supply Clayton, Mountain City, Rabun Gap and Dillard with electric power and also to furnish power for their own development.

### School Opens

The Franklin High and Graded schools opened last Monday with a record attendance. Rev. A. J. Smith read a lesson from the scripture and prayer was offered by Rev. J. Q. Wallace. Mr. Gus Leach, our own lovable Gus, though up in his thirties, made his first public speech when he introduced the new superintendent, Prof. A. L. Bramlett. In an admirable talk Prof. Bramlett then outlined his plans for the school for the coming year. According to those who were fortunate enough to hear him, Prof. Bramlett's policies and ideas appear sound and constructive.

Mrs. W. B. McGuire, in behalf of the Parent-Teachers association, then cordially invited the members of the association to meet all the new teachers at the auditorium, Friday at 3:30.

Mrs. Mahaffey then made one of her characteristically entertaining talks which all present seemed to enjoy.

After the exercises the remainder of the day was devoted principally to registration.

Since Monday the pupils and teachers have been hard at work and all indications point to a very successful year.

## COMPLETION DAM EXPECTED SOON

### Begin Power House Superstructure 15th—To Set the Wheels and Generators Next Week.

Franklin's big municipal power dam is fast approaching completion. Based on the assumption of continued good weather the wheels and generators will be set in place sometime next week. Masons will start building the power house superstructure on Sept. 15th. Mr. Easton estimates that this superstructure will be completed by the end of the present month. Mr. Easton also states that he will begin filling the lake on September 23rd, and he estimates that even with the present low waters the lake will fill in six days.

Therefore by the end of September Franklin's great lake will have become a reality. It will require some two or three weeks to make all connections and to test the machinery. Consequently the citizens may expect power at any time on or after October 15th.

### J. J. MANN COUNTY WARDEN

J. J. Mann has been appointed County Fire Warden, a position recently created by the County Commissioners when they agreed to cooperate with the state and national governments in preventing and fighting fires on the privately owned lands of the county. When the fire prevention and fire fighting organization is completed there will be district fire wardens in each township. Mr. George Moffitt has been appointed district fire warden for Cartoogechaye and Mr. Jim Parrish for Burningtown. The county and district fire wardens will have authority to arrest persons violating the laws against forest fires.

Rev. P. W. Tucker, presiding elder of the Waynesville District, will hold the fourth quarterly conference for the local Methodist church tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Friday at 11 A. M. and Sunday at 11 A. M. he will preach at Ashby church near Otto. Saturday at 11 A. M. and Sunday at 3 P. M. he will preach at Bethel church. He will preach at the Franklin Methodist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend all these services.

The many friends of Mr. J. C. Wright in Western North Carolina will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill at his home in Franklin. The doctors hold slight hopes for his recovery.

## J. A. HOLLOMON COMING FRIDAY

### Macon County Progressive Club plans Big Banquet—Mr. Hollomon Will Speak On Highways.

Mr. James A. Hollomon, editorial writer of the Atlanta Constitution, will arrive at Franklin today as the guest of honor of the Macon County Progressive Club. Mr. Hollomon is widely known in the south as an advocate of good roads.

The entertainment will be in the form of a banquet to which all those who contributed to the fund on the occasion of the recent celebration at the place at which the banquet is to be held has not yet been announced. The tabernacle are cordially invited.

Mr. Hollomon will address those present on the Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville highway. He is much interested in this road as the shortest and most scenic route between Atlanta and Asheville. Several prominent men of Atlanta will accompany Mr. Hollomon to Franklin. A delegation of distinguished citizens of Asheville will also attend as well as prominent men from towns between the two cities.

It is expected that the impetus given the Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville Highway by this meeting will be far reaching in its effects. Franklin will indeed be fortunate and honored to have such distinguished men present on this auspicious occasion.

### Personal Mention.

The following have been bound over to Superior Court on charges of violating the prohibition law: Roy Keener, S. H. Lyle, Jr., and Ray Standfield. A woman who gave her name as Sanders was also bound over on charges of drunkenness. A case against B. C. Munday for violating the prohibition law was continued till September 15th.

Mr. Samuel T. C. Franks, a prominent citizen of Cartoogechaye, died at his home Tuesday night of heart failure. Mr. Franks had been seriously ill for two or three months and while his death was not unexpected yet it was a great shock to his neighbors and relatives.

Photographers of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will arrive here Saturday to take pictures of various agricultural scenes in the county. Put the ribbons on old bossy and have her ready.

Mr. J. W. Goodman, district agent, State College Extension Service, arrived at Franklin Tuesday and will accompany Mr. Arrendale on trips throughout the county to assist in organizing farmers clubs.

Rev. R. R. Harris, Head Master of Christ School at Arden, and Mrs. Harris visited Rev. and Mrs. Pipes first of the week. Rev. Harris has traveled extensively over the western part of the state and claims that there is no section so beautiful as Macon county.

Mr. Paul Carpenter left Monday for Jefferson City, Tenn., where he will again enter Carson & Newman college.

Mrs. J. R. Price and niece, Adelaide Crowell, left for their homes in Albemarle and High Point last week after spending six weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Curtis.

Mr. Furman Walker and family and Mr. John Rhodes returned to their home at Rutherfordton last Friday after spending a week visiting Mr. Walker's sister, Mrs. J. J. Kiser.

Mr. Ed Passmore, the sage of the Nantahala, has packed his hand bag and pulled out for Oregon. He will be sadly missed on the Nantahala.