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## GROUND BROKEN FOR HOSPITAL

**Dr. Furman Angel Began Excavation Work December 9th.—Mr. Zeb Conley Has Building Contract.**

On December 9th, Dr. Furman Angel began work on his new hospital to be located in the beautiful grove adjacent to his present hospital on Riverview street. The new building will cost approximately \$25,000 and will be four stories in height, including the basement.

The new structure will contain 22 rooms. Together with the old building Dr. Angel will be able to care for 30 patients.

Mr. W. L. Higdon is doing the excavation work while Mr. Zeb Conley has been awarded the contract for constructing the building. A central heating plant in the basement of the new hospital will heat both buildings. The two buildings will be connected by covered walks and a silent signal system will be installed throughout.

The new hospital will be a credit to Franklin and will result in much favorable publicity.

## Forest Service Road News

I wonder if the people in and around Franklin would like some news from the road camp? There are quite a few of the men and boys here from over there, and a jolly crowd they are, especially at meal time. I have often heard it said a good laugh was good for the soul. It must be good for the stomach also, from the way they clean up the many good things we have to eat. There has been so much news in the Press for the last few months of the great things being done in Macon, I wonder why there has not been more said about the fine road work Mr. N. C. Wright and his men are doing. The road from John Slagle's to the Wayah gas is the finest piece of road I ever traveled, considering the ground it covers. Those out for pleasure trips could not find a prettier road or grander scenery than to come to the Wayah Ball. But I hope those stopping for lunch at the many beautiful springs along the road side will not leave paper and lunch boxes lying around to mar the beauty for the next ones passing. (But be careful not to start a forest fire in disposing of them.) Mr. Wright is getting on fine with the road from Aquone to Kyle. Moved the camp to within one mile of Kyle last week, and have things fixed up very comfortable.

Comparing the old road with the new one, I know the Nantahala people must be glad of the road work going on. Now for a little news about the camp boys.

Messrs. Wright, Owens and Zellenor went to Highlands to spend Thanksgiving with the home folks. They were a little late in getting there, but I guess they were so thankful to get out of the mud, dinner tasted just as good Friday as it would have Thursday. Mr. John Cunningham also went home for Thanksgiving—well, we don't know for sure, anyway he left camp, but some say he went hog hunting.

Mr. Jim Conley spent Thanksgiving with home folks. He says his wife has a new son-in-law. Mr. Love Hansen spent the week-end in Franklin for the first time in quite a while. There are quite a few old maids on Nantahala. Wonder if that is the reason he goes home so seldom?

Mr. Willie Dalrymple motored over home Saturday to see his wife. Some think Mr. Wright is going to lose two road boys. Mr. Zellenor and Dewey Hopper. They are thinking of entering school at Aquone. They have two beautiful young ladies as teachers. Mr. George Wallace has made so many friends at Kyle that he seldom goes home but rides around in a car and eats good apples.

Will some of the good people of Franklin please tell Santa Claus he will find Willie Huscusson and Clyde Hopper on Fisty Branch?

The cook is getting along fine. He has a little sick one day last week, but the boys say the Nantahala tobacco is a little too strong for him.

## BIG POWER DAM HAS BEEN OPENED

**City-owned power dam at Franklin, N. C., noted Summer Resort. Much Real Estate Development Reported as Result of Opening of Lake.**

Activity in real estate in Franklin, N. C., as the result of the development of the municipal power dam there, is reported in Atlanta by W. R. Sheppard, O. L. Taylor and Alvan Pearce, as a result of a visit they recently paid to Major S. A. Harris, editor of The Franklin Press. The power plant was formally opened at exercises held there on November 27. Robert & Company, of Atlanta are the engineers.

Work on the dam started on April 13. At full capacity the dam will produce 2,250 horsepower. This dam forms a large and picturesque lake with seven miles of still water. This is a paradise for fishermen, the lake containing muskellunge and bass.

Major Harris is enthusiastic over the real estate situation in Franklin. He says that 1,200 acres around the lake are now under development. The Lake Emory Company has 500 acres under development, and the Mountain Lakes Estate is developing 650 acres. The Carolina Realty Company will soon develop 75 acres. The land, according to Major Harris, is well situated for development, and has fine mountain scenery.

A concrete road now extends southward from Franklin to the Georgia line, and Rabun and Habersham counties have voted bonds to hard-surface the Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville highway. The road from Franklin to Dillsboro has been opened.

Major Harris reported also that all of Western North Carolina was on a great boom. Naturally he referred to Franklin as the key city to the mountain section. He said North Carolina was to summer tourists what Florida was to winter visitors.—Sunday Atlanta American.

## ESSAY ON PREVENTION OF FOREST FIRES

(By Miss Katy Jones.)

The woods should not be burned off for it kills all the undergrowth and then we shall have an ugly forest, and besides, we shall not have any good timber and the beauty of our forests will be spoiled. We should be careful not to let the fire out in the woods. People should not set the woods on fire for we are breaking the law. When the woods are burned it will not improve the cattle range, it will not make the country healthier or drive off poisonous snakes or kill the boll weevil, bean weevil, cattle ticks or other pests. Burning the woods does destroy the young trees, kills the timber of the future and injures mature trees, exposes the soil to washing by heavy rains. The forests are good for the making of cross ties, pulpwood, acid wood, lumber, firewood, poles, fence posts, turpentine and for the making of furniture. We can be careful not to leave matches where there will be any danger of getting anything on fire. When we have camp fires we can put all the fire out and not let little children have matches that do not know how to use them. We should keep all the dead timber out of our forests so when the fire gets in the woods we can put it out better. We should all try to prevent fire from getting in the woods for it does a lot of damage to our forest. We all had rather have a pretty than an old scrubby one. We should not burn off our ground without notifying our closest neighbors so if the fire gets away they can help us put it out. Any wagoner, hunter, camper or other persons who shall kindle a fire should rake all the material away for the space of ten feet or more where you start the fire. I think many fires are caused by careless smokers. A smoker should not throw down a burning match, a cigarette stub or empty his pipe in the forest or in the yard where there are leaves. A smoker should never go in his or anybody else's barn with a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe or throw down a match until he is sure it is out. Carelessness is one of the greatest causes of fire. We should be careful in every way we use fire. Help to prevent forest fire and make the value and beauty of our country greater.—Katy Jones, seventh grade Walnut creek school.

## WURST TO START BUILDING HOTEL

**Mr. George Wurst of Orlando Plans to Arrive Here in January—Intends to Erect Hotel on Main St.**

A recent letter from Mr. George Wurst of Orlando, Fla., states that he is exceedingly busy trying to finish an apartment house in that city by the first of the year. It seems that housing facilities all over Florida, and especially in Orlando, are entirely inadequate. Hence Mr. Wurst's haste to complete his apartment house at the earliest possible time. According to him the freight embargo into Florida is a serious handicap to those who are building houses. However, Mr. Wurst hopes to finish his apartment house by January 1.

Mr. Wurst's letter contains some good news for Franklin. Sometime ago the editor of the Press wrote Mr. Wurst requesting some definite information relative to his proposed hotel in Franklin. We quote from his reply: "I hope to finish this month then take a rest and early in 1926 start in Franklin. We have preliminary plans ready for the hotel on the Franks lot. It is my full intention to come to Franklin as soon as possible to arrange for final plans, mechanics and financing the hotel."

Mr. Wurst is evidently thoroughly sold on the possibilities of Franklin and is quite willing to back his judgment with his money on the future prosperity of this town. Not only is Mr. Wurst willing to invest his money here but he is constantly trying to help Franklin dispose of her surplus power generated by the municipal plant. In speaking of a wood-working industry for Franklin, Mr. Wurst is quoted as follows: "Mr. George B. Abele, who was with us at that little meeting in the furniture store, has bought a home here. He will probably come to Franklin in the early summer. We were unable to bring the furniture man to Franklin, but I am still working on the planing mill man. He will be here this winter for a vacation and I am going to bring him to Franklin if I can."

## BIG BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

**Macon County Progressive Club to Enjoy Annual Banquet Friday Night at Hotel Franklin.**

President R. A. Patton of the Macon County Progressive club has announced a big banquet at the Hotel Franklin for Friday night of this week to which all who contributed to the celebration of the opening of the Georgia road some weeks ago are invited. The banquet will be free and it is expected that a large number of Macon county citizens will be present.

Raising funds for the proposed national park in the Smokies, advertising Macon county and the building of a hotel will be some of the subjects discussed at the meeting. All of these subjects are of vital importance to the county and this meeting of the club is therefore timely.

Macon county cannot afford to let her sister counties contribute all the funds for the national park. Neither can the county afford not to advertise the many advantages it possesses, sites for development purposes, etc.

The importance of one or more hotels for Franklin is obvious. Even last summer 15 carloads of visitors were turned away in one day for lack of hotel accommodations. All indications now point to the fact that next summer thousands of tourists will wish to pay visits to Franklin. Unless the town can furnish housing facilities these tourists will go elsewhere. Not only will the tourists come to enjoy vacations in Macon county's unexcelled climate, but many very many of them will come to invest in sites for summer homes. If Franklin seriously wants these visitors sufficient preparations must be made in the way of accommodations. The banquet will be served at 7:30 o'clock. There will be special music

## Grand Old Man Passes to the Great Beyond

Franklin and the entire county were inexpressibly grieved by the announcement of the death of Judge Zebulon Baird at the home of his son, Dr. C. D. Baird, last Sunday morning. Judge Baird was a native of Buncombe county, but moved to Franklin in the eighties where he married the daughter of the late C. D. Smith, a distinguished Methodist preacher. The deceased was a nephew of the late governor and U. S. Senator, Zebulon Vance, of North Carolina and a brother-in-law of the late Governor and U. S. Senator, Bob Taylor, of Tennessee.

Judge Baird had been in ill health for several weeks and the end was not unexpected. He is survived by three sons, Dr. C. D. Baird of Franklin, A. E. Baird of Chittanooga, N. Y. and Hugh Baird of Houston, Texas, two daughters, Mrs. E. K. Campbell of Atlanta and Mrs. F. E. Curtis of Franklin; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Weaver of Weaverville and Mrs. Gaston W. Ware of Asheville, and one brother, Col. A. H. Baird of Springdale, Ark.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Methodist church Monday afternoon, Rev. B. C. Reavis, assisted by the pastors of all the other churches, being in charge. The remains were buried at the new cemetery with Masonic honors.

## CLINIC TO BE LOCATED AT WAYNESVILLE FOR CRIPPLES

The State Rehabilitation Department, which has been established to assist disabled civilians in securing needed treatment and training to the end that their earning capacity may be increased, has recently begun the organization of orthopedic clinics at central points all over the state, making available expert orthopedic service for every cripple in need of such attention.

One of these clinics is being located at Waynesville to serve a group of counties including Macon, Jackson, Swain and Haywood. This clinic will be held at the new Methodist church on Saturday, December 19, and monthly thereafter. It is being sponsored by the Waynesville Rotary club and will be in charge of an expert orthopedic surgeon. This clinic will be equipped so as to provide thorough examinations and also treatments such as can be administered outside the hospital. The examinations will be absolutely free for everybody and for those who need treatment and are not able to pay, provisions have been made to take care of their needs, without cost, at the clinic and in hospitals. All cases that can be treated without hospitalization will have the advantage of this clinic every thirty days. Those cases, requiring hospital care, if under sixteen years of age, will be referred to the State Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia, if over sixteen years of age, will be placed in free beds arranged for at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

It should be noted that all cripples, regardless of age, or race, are eligible to this clinic. Besides the orthopedic services, the Rehabilitation Department offers special training, without cost, to cripples over sixteen years of age whose disability amounts to a vocational handicap. A representative of this department will be present at each clinic to interview all cases in this class who may wish to educate themselves for some suitable occupation. If you know of any cripples in need of these services, you could do them a favor by calling their attention to those provisions being made for their benefit, or by reporting their names to the Department of Rehabilitation, Raleigh, N. C. It is hoped that no cripples in this territory will fail to take advantage of the clinic, as they have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

## MACON COUNTY BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS REPORT

During the month of November, Drs. Castberry and Evans tested 845 cattle, eight of which were reactors, which makes a total of 56 tubercular animals found in 4973 tests applied in Macon county.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. C. S. Evans was transferred to Buffalo, N. Y., last week, but Dr. Castberry is expecting to get another assistant veterinarian about the first of the year.

W. B. CASTLEBERRY.

## ANOTHER FIRM FOR FRANKLIN

**Mr. E. S. Galloway and Mr. W. J. Zachary Organize Real Estate Firm. To Lend Money on Real Estate.**

Under the firm name of Galloway-Zachary Company, Messrs. E. S. Galloway and W. J. Zachary have gone into partnership for the purpose of operating a real estate business. This firm will also be in a position to loan money on real estate.

The business of the new firm seems to be well underway. Mr. Zachary left Monday for Florida on an important mission connected with certain tracts of land now owned by the Galloway-Zachary Company.

It is understood that the new firm will not be interested in taking options on real estate. Their business will be conducted on a straight buying and selling basis. Such being the case, it is believed that the Galloway-Zachary Company is destined to do much business in Macon county.

While Mr. Galloway is comparatively a new comer to Macon, nevertheless his business acumen, pleasant personality and energy will be great assets to the new firm. Mr. Zachary is well known to the people of Macon county. He also has an extensive knowledge of the topography of Macon county and is thus in a position to choose desirable locations for development purposes.

The Galloway-Zachary Company are interested heart and soul in the development and advancement of Macon county and are planning an extensive advertising campaign to place the advantages of this section before the public of the entire south.

## Convicts Religious

Rev. E. J. Pipes, rector of the Episcopal church at Franklin, has been making frequent trips to the convict camp for the purpose of holding services. On a recent trip, Rev. Pipes forgot his Bible and asked for one among the convicts. No less than 20 Bibles were immediately produced, all of them showing evidences of much use. Many of the convicts join in sentence prayers. The singing at these meetings is excellent. Rev. Pipes also keeps the convicts supplied with magazines which they seem to read and appreciate.

## Juniors Plan to Erect Home

Greensboro, Dec.—The erection of a home for aged and dependent Juniors at Lexington, to be operated in connection with the orphanage now being erected there, was proposed at a meeting held recently by district No. 13 in Greensboro. The plan, proposed by one of the Juniors of the district, met with the endorsement of the members attending the meeting and resulted in the appointment of a committee to work out the plans. The plans will be presented to the next State Council meeting to be held in August in Sanford.

## Louisa Chapel News

We are having quite a bit of rain for a few days. Everybody seems to be full of Christmas cheer. Hope Santa won't forget us. Mr. Blaine Greene gave the young folks a singing Sunday night. There was a large crowd present. We sure had a good singing. Rev. J. O. Fyge filled his appointment at Louisa Chapel Sunday. Miss Lula Greene is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. David Blaine at Franklin. Mrs. Van Frazier spent last week on upper Cartoogechay visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. T. M. Greene spent Sunday night with Mrs. T. B. Greene. There will be a singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Frazier Sunday night, December 20. Hope to have a good crowd and good singing. Mr. J. F. Cunningham spent Saturday night with home folks. Our Sunday school is on a boom now, let's everybody come while we have a good thing going. Let's keep it up.