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CONCERT NEXT WEEK HERE

The McKinley-Root Concert Company to Appear at the Court House Next Tues- day Evening.

The trio of young lady entertainers known as The McKinley-Root Concert Company, is a very capable and versatile organization. Their professional experience extends over a period of several years on both the lyceum and chautauqua platforms of the Middle West and have been headliners as entertainers wherever they have appeared.

The company includes Miss Dorothy McKinley, dramatic soprano and pianist. Miss McKinley has a beautiful soprano voice and features costumed Indian songs.

Miss Eugenia Root is a superb violinist who also plays the banjo most acceptably. Miss Root is the accompanist for most of the vocal numbers and at the piano is very gracious indeed. But Miss Root's specialty is in her violin work.

Miss Edna Bell is a regular comedian and a most remarkable entertainer with her Scotch song impersonations. She has a very low alto voice whose tones are perfect and musical to hear. Miss Bell is also a captivating reader and it is said of her that she can make any audience laugh without effort. This is because she is natural in her work.

The Piedmont Bureau considers itself fortunate in securing this trio of splendid entertainers and most heartily recommends them to all Piedmont patrons.

These entertainers will appear at the court house, at 7:30 p. m. January 12th.

Ford Specials

Wire wheels, windshield wings, gypsy curtains, top boot, double bar bumper and automatic windshield wiper are being added to the items of special equipment supplied by the Ford Motor company. The first public display of this equipment will be during the Ford national show week, January 9 to 16.

These specialties are not "extras" but have been so designed by Ford engineers as to become actually part of the car. The equipment has the identity of genuine Ford parts and is held to the same standard of quality as the car itself. Behind them lies extensive experiment to determine the type and construction best adapted to Ford cars; experiment which was unhampered by any compromise necessary to permit adaptation to some other kind of car.

The introduction of these specialties conflicts in no way with the company's policy of refraining from dictating to the purchaser the amount of equipment he must buy with his principal consideration will in future be that of economy. Those to whom economy is the aim in the past, be able to purchase Ford cars in which the standard equipment will include only those features essential to satisfactory operation. On the other hand, to those who are interested in the completely appointed car will be available specialties produced according to the same standards of quality which are incorporated in the car itself.

Dr. Williams Locates Here

Dr. Grady Williams, son of Mr. Bob Williams, has located in Franklin with offices in the McCoy building and will do a general practice in the county. Dr. Williams was reared in Macon and returns to his native county well recommended as a physician. The Press and the citizens of the county extend to him a hearty welcome.

MR. FERGUSON TRANSFERRED

Mr. W. B. Ferguson who has been resident engineer with the state highway department at Franklin for more than a year has been transferred to duty at Asheville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have endeared themselves to the people of Franklin who regret to see them leave.

THE KNOCKER

(With Apologies to Poe).

And the knocker, always spitting, still is sitting, still is sitting
On the wobbly box of crackers, just behind the entrance door;
And his tongue is running smoothly, like a liar's—
and as loosely,
And he champs his Brown's Mule slowly as he spits
upon the floor;
And his soul from out that spittle, that lies floating
on the floor
Shall be lifted—nevermore.

Work on Balsam Road to be Pushed

Advices from the state highway commission are to the effect that the contract for the surfacing of Highway No. 10, from Balsam to Sylva has been awarded to Overstreet and Nance, the low bidders, with the understanding that four miles of the surfacing is to be leased, and that two outfits are to be put on there—remaining eight miles, the whole to be rushed to completion.

A letter from Chairman Frank Page, to Commissioner Stickelther, sets forth these facts, as follows:

"Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Dear Mr. Stickelther: Overstreet and Nance, low bidders on Project No. 955, have been in the office, and I have discussed with them the practicability of putting two outfits on this project and they agree with me that they will put on two outfits, and lease at least four miles of it to some other contractor. They also agree to cut the working days not to exceed 100 to 140.

"Upon the above conditions I have awarded the contract, I assure you that I will keep right after them and see that they do rush this work to an early completion.

"With best wishes, and compliments of the season, I am,

"Very truly yours,
Frank Page, Chairman State Highway Commission."

The state is making preparations for the grading work necessary to eliminate a number of the dangerous curves on the mountain. The camp have been built. Two steam shovels and other grading machinery are on the ground, and the grading work has actually begun.

It is hoped that the entire road will be completed before the beginning of the tourist season, giving the people a concrete road from the Georgia line, via Franklin and Sylva to Asheville and opening No. 10 through from Asheville to Murphy.—Jackson County Journal.

Farm Power Line About Completed

The new electric line up the Iotla valley is about completed as far as the store of Mr. W. T. Fouts. The homes of Mr. Wade Moody and Mr. Walter Gibson are now ablaze with electric lights. Lights will soon be ready in several other farm homes on the new line. In addition to the two churches and Iotla high school, approximately 15 families in the valley will have electricity in their homes. The Press hopes to publish the exact cost of this line in the near future, so that other communities in the county may ascertain the cost of building lines.

Signal Distinction for Local Insurance Man

Mr. Chas. O. Ramsey, general agent for the Shenandoah Life Insurance company, of Roanoke, Va., with Franklin as his headquarters, according to weekly report of agents, sent out by the company, for the week ending December 18, stood at the head of the list.

Considering that the company operates in ten states and is represented by many older and more experienced men than Mr. Ramsey, this record is considered good.

JOHN SMITH PROMOTED

Mr. John Smith, who has been assistant resident engineer in Franklin has been promoted to the position vacated by the transfer of Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Allen Siler has also been promoted to instrument man and Mr. D. P. Sutton from axman to rodman.

BOARD VOTES TO ACCEPT DAM

All Money Due Constructors and Engineers Ordered Paid. Frank Bryson Town Clerk.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday night the town board after concluding the routine business elected Mr. Frank Bryson as town clerk. The recent increase in details of the town business necessitated the employment of a full time clerk. Hereafter, all water bills and electric light bills will be paid to the town clerk in his offices over the Bank of Franklin.

Mr. A. G. Stanford, representing Robert & Company, reported the complete cost of the dam, power house, power lines, lake area, etc., as \$286,229.79. The amount includes \$18,000 as interest on the bonds for one year. He also reported the dam finished. The board then voted to accept the dam from the engineers and contractors and ordered paid all money due them.

Mr. T. L. Harrison, president of the Electrical Constructors Company, contractors, who constructed the dam, then thanked the town board for its treatment of his company during the construction work and stated in all his experience he had never found more courteous consideration than had been extended him in Franklin.

Mr. Stanford stated that the remarks of Mr. Harrison were also applicable to Robert & Company. He then offered many valuable suggestions for increasing the use of electrical current in the homes of Franklin. He stated that jobbers who handle electrical appliances will send representatives to Franklin to demonstrate the many uses of electricity in the homes. The jobbers will also send to the town on consignment electrical appliances, such as ranges, toasters, irons, etc.

Mr. T. W. Porter with his attorney, Mr. George Patton, appeared before the board and requested a statement from the board regarding its intentions concerning the disposal of the sewage which empties into the creek near his residence. Mr. Porter also wanted to know what height the board intends to keep the water in the lake. It seems that Mr. Porter has been patiently waiting for weeks for the board to take some action regarding his property. The board again ignored Mr. Porter's request.

Admission to High School By Examination

Next year pupils will be admitted to the high school at Franklin only by examination. No 7th grade certificates will be issued until after pupils stand and pass the examination for high school. Those who have completed 7th grade work and who do not intend to enter high school will be required to take this examination before a certificate is given them. The reason for this change as stated by County Superintendent Billings is that it gives every pupil the same chance and requires all to meet the same requirements. It seems that heretofore some teachers have kept the standard up while others have been less careful, with the result that numbers of pupils attempting to do high school work have been unable to carry on.

Work Goes Forward on Oteora Estates

Mr. W. D. Almazov was in the Press office Tuesday and reports that work on the Oteora Estates, owned jointly by him and Miss Sophie Albert, is progressing nicely. Mr. Forster, the engineer in charge, has plans completed for the dam and is now engaged in work on the boulevards. More men will be employed in the near future so that the work may be carried on at a rapid speed. Mr. Almazov states that work on the dam will begin shortly. He has applied to the town for electricity with which to light his development. If the town cannot supply current, Mr. Almazov will install a plant at his dam which he estimates will produce 50 horse power. The Press is delighted to know that work on the Oteora Estates has begun in earnest. It is indeed refreshing to learn that at least, the owners of one development mean business.

Mr. Almazov has given instructions to his engineer to employ only local men on this work, thus giving Macon county citizens the advantage of the money spent in this county.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary (Slagle) Roane was born April 28, 1831, departed this life November 20, 1925, at the age of 94 years and six months.

She was married to John R. Roane January 30, 1855. To this union four children were born, three of whom are still living: J. T. Roane, Franklin with whom she lived; Mrs. W. R. Claer Young Harris, Ga., Mrs. James McConnell, Lyman, Wash.

Mrs. Roane is the last of a large family of children. She was left a widow with four small children to rear, her husband having died during the Civil War in Chicago on October 26, 1864.

She worked early and late and managed to raise her children and keep them together. She suffered a stroke of paralysis ten years ago, from which she never fully recovered. For a few years she got so she could walk about in the house with sticks. She often said she was glad to be able to do that, but for the last three years she has been unable to walk and gradually grew weaker until the end. Her going away was peaceful as a child going to sleep. She was a member of the Baptist church, had been a Christian since girlhood. She always attended as long as she was able. She often said to people on their way to church "I wish I could go with you."

It is hard to realize she is gone. She is missed in the community as well as in the home. She has been a useful neighbor in her day. She was always ready to visit the sick and help those that were in distress. We have no fears for her for we know she is at peace and it is possible for us to join her in the fullness of time. Her body was laid to rest at Maiden's Chapel cemetery, November 22. A large crowd attended the funeral and many brought flowers. The funeral service was conducted by Revs. Martin and Roten.

GALLOWAY-ZACHARY CO. GET OUT NICE PAMPHLET

The Galloway-Zachary company have gotten out a beautifully illustrated pamphlet containing many views of Macon county and containing, also, a description of the county—roads, climate, elevation, etc. Mr. Galloway states that his company will be glad to mail this pamphlet to anyone living away from Franklin who might be interested in the development of the county. Citizens of Franklin are requested to leave the names and addresses of any such persons at the Press office.

GROOM ELUDES KIDNAPPERS

Some friends of Mr. Gilmer Crawford, who was married to Miss May Hunnicutt at midnight New Year's eve, had planned to kidnap him after the ceremony and carry him across the Nantahala mountains. The groom and his best man, Captain H. R. Smith, both of whom have had military experience, evidently brought their knowledge of strategy into play. At any rate the groom eluded the kidnapers and left with his bride on their honeymoon.

MACON TO HAVE HOME AGENT

Will be Appointed by Extension Service of State College and Assume Duties in March.

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. J. M. Gray, a native of Macon county and now in charge of the county agents of the state, and County Agent Arrendale, Macon county is to have the services of a county home agent. This agent will be appointed by the extension service of the state college at Raleigh, and will assume her duties in March. The county will pay one-fourth of her salary.

This agent will do her work in community gatherings and in the rural schools of the county. She will assist with all home problems and home conveniences. Her work will also include instruction in the art of hat making and dress making, cooking, canning and in various other activities affecting the health, happiness, comfort and conveniences in rural homes.

In appointing home agents the state college selects only those who have had considerable experience and training along the lines outlined above. These agents are sent to various counties, not with the idea of showing how much they know, but with the end in view of being of real assistance to the women of the county in the betterment of home life in all its various phases. Macon county is indeed fortunate in obtaining the services of a home agent and the Press is quite sure that this agent will receive the hearty cooperation of the women of the county.

11th Grade Iotla Pupils to Enter Franklin High

Pupils now in the 11th grade of the Iotla high school will enter Franklin high school this spring so that on graduation they may have the advantages accorded graduates of a standard high school—advantages which are not given to graduates of schools not rated as standard. Among these advantages are entrance to college without examination and receipt of a higher certificate as teachers, thus commanding a better salary as teachers.

Franklin Has Direct Phone Connection With Asheville

All legal entanglements in connection with the right of way for the telephone line between Franklin and Dillsboro have been adjusted. The line was open for use last Friday. Franklin now has direct connection with Asheville and all points in Western North Carolina. Easy connections can also be had with Knoxville and points in Virginia and eastern North Carolina. Mr. D. G. Stevens, general manager of the Franklin telephone service, began an agitation for line between Franklin and Dillsboro more than a year ago. Mr. Stevens has worked constantly on the proposition, but the construction delayed several weeks because of a lawsuit over the right of way. The new line will be of great convenience to Franklin citizens and Stewart has done the town a service.

Mr. J. J. Moore Enters Business

Mr. J. J. Moore, a former of Macon county and more from Baltimore, has returned to old county and will be associated with Mr. Chas. Ramsey in the insurance and real estate business. Ramsey and Mr. Moore will operate under the firm name of the Insurance Agency. In addition the company already represents Ramsey the new firm of the Etna Company, which insures all kinds of insurance. Mr. Moore states that he will be back home. His presence all over the county has been a warm welcome.