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## HIGHLANDS ASKS PERMIT FOR DAM

### Congressman Weaver Takes Matter up With Power Commission—Government Now Owns Property.

Representative Weaver has taken up with the federal power commission at the request of the citizens of Highlands, the matter of securing a permit for the location of a power dam and site on the Cullasaja river. The purpose of this development is to furnish light and power in various forms to Highlands.

The power dam would be situated on property now owned by the Federal government as a part of the national forests, and jurisdiction of power plants located on government owned lands, is of course, vested in the power commission in cooperation with the forestry service.

Highlands is situated in Macon county about 18 miles from Franklin, and is one of the most beautiful towns in Western North Carolina. It was developed a good many years ago as a resort and its location on the very summit of the Blue Ridge, surrounded by some of the most splendid mountain scenery of Western North Carolina, and adjacent to a magnificent forest and streams make it an ideal place to visit. This development will add a great deal to its attractiveness.—Asheville Citizen.

## Boy Scout News

The court house was pretty chilly last meeting night, but the scouts were on the job just the same. Some of them must have had to thaw out themselves on the way to the meeting, for the scouts came straggling in all during the meeting.

Pretty bad news this week, but a scout must be honest and give all the news both good and bad. We are going to eliminate the bad things, as being tardy, absent, indifferent, etc. While we are on the subject of bad things it might be well to recall the fact that good money must be paid out for tardiness and absences. A fine of five cents must be collected when a scout is tardy, and a fine of ten cents must be collected when he is absent without a good excuse. Also, it is well for us to remember that four consecutive absences without good reasons is an assurance to the scoutmasters that a scout is not interested in the Scout Troop so the scout in question automatically severs his connection with the troop. There are many privileges to be enjoyed by belonging to the Franklin Troop of Boy Scouts, but there is also certain work to be done, and the ones who do not feel capable of doing the work will also find that the Troop as a whole do not think they are capable of enjoying the privileges.

We had the privilege and pleasure of having a visit from Major Harris last meeting night. He came promptly at the hour of meeting expecting to see all the scouts assembled. He had to sit around and wait for the scouts to come in to the great mortification of the scoutmasters. But the Major knew that Rome was not built in a day, so he tried to soothe our feelings by assuring us that it took time to instill the virtue of promptness in a bunch of men or boys.

The Major then gave the boys an excellent talk on their value as future citizens of the community and of the nation. He stressed the value of the scout motto, "Be prepared," telling them that we did not want another war but if one came we must be ready to meet it. He reminded the scouts that they were to be the future citizens of the town and the country and that now was the time to determine what kind of citizens they would become.

Major Harris did not preach at the boys but just told them simply and plainly what their duty was as scouts and he assured them that the town of Franklin was behind them in their efforts to make of themselves real citizens. Many thanks, Major, for your excellent and timely talk.

Several of the scouts are still out with the disfiguring thing known as "mumps." Parlay Kanady, John Hauser, Bobby Sloan, Geo. Slagle, Chess Bobby must believe in the virtue of prayer.

## SIGNAL SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED

### Town Board Decides to Install Siren as Fire Alarm System—Will Join Firemen's Association.

At the regular monthly meeting last Monday night the town board, at the request of Mr. Jos. Ashear, volunteer fire chief, decided to install a fire alarm system in Franklin. This system will consist of an electric siren to be operated by a button at the central telephone exchange. The town will be divided into five or six fire zones, each zone to have its distinctive signal—a certain number of blasts on the siren. An alarm system of some kind has been long needed in Franklin and the authorization of such a system is meeting with unanimous approval among the citizens of the town.

The board also decided to join the Firemen's Association, a state-wide organization with an insurance feature in connection with membership. This membership will insure the lives of the volunteer firemen and also that of the superintendent of the city water system against accident or loss of life while going to or from a fire or while engaged in fighting fire.

## Work on Highway Between Clarksville and Tallulah Falls

The squad of engineers and helpers is busy locating the new highway to be built and paved between Clarksville and Tallulah Falls. Work began on this some two weeks ago and good progress is being made. The people along the route are rendering every assistance possible in getting this highway properly located. There will be no lack of cooperation among the people in this section and the county and highway authorities will have no trouble whatever getting the necessary right-of-way. This is the kind of spirit that should manifest itself in all public improvements.

More public improvements and business developments have been killed, or held back, by contentions and lawsuits than by any other cause.—Tri-County Advertiser.

## Egg Marketing

County Agent Arrendale while at Raleigh heard the county agent of Scotland county tell of the plan of marketing eggs in that county. They shipped to New York City and received a yearly average of over 44 cents per dozen for the best grade after all expenses were paid. The eggs are graded, weighed, packed and shipped twice each week. The Atlantic Coast Poultry Producers—a cooperative association, sells the eggs for one cent per dozen.

The highest grade must weigh 23 ounces per dozen or more; must have chalk white shells; must be infertile and have light lemon colored yolks.

If the farmers who can furnish white shelled eggs wish to ship to New York they should tell Mr. Arrendale how many hens they have. Should there be enough to make a shipment twice each week he will call a meeting of interested farmers to organize a shipping association.

We believe that there are enough white eggs produced in Macon county to make a few trial shipments possible. Cooperation has made a creamery and car-load shipments of poultry possible. Cooperation will make egg shipping a success.

What Scotland county farmers can do we believe Macon county farmers can do.

## Farm Record Work

Mr. Seville and Mr. Lippard from State College at Raleigh arrived in Franklin Monday to begin work with the farmers of Macon county in helping them in keeping records of their farm crops and operations. Mr. Lippard is to be here for one year. Mr. Seville goes back to Raleigh in about two weeks, but will return in June to help with the work for several weeks. Thirty representative farms are to be selected and visited each week or ten days by Mr. Lippard, who will help the farmers keep their records.

This work has been done in two counties in the Eastern part of the state. Macon county farmers should consider that they are fortunate in that their county was selected as the first Western county to have this work done.

## TRIMONT-WAYAH BRIDLE TRAIL

### Will Connect With Road on Top of Trimont and With 50 Miles of Forest Trails in Nantahala Mountains.

Supervisor R. W. Shields of the Nantahala National Forest has just announced that work will start in the near future on a trail leading from the top of Trimont Mountain two and one-half miles from Franklin, to the top of Wayah Bald, 17 miles from town. This trail will be completed by July 1st.

Trimont Mountain is the end of a mountain range running east from the Nantahalas. The trail will follow the top of this range and connect at Wayah Bald mountain with 50 miles of government trail running along the skyline of the Nantahala range and penetrating all parts of the Nantahala National Forest.

The trail from Trimont to Wayah Bald will traverse a very rugged and beautiful country, overlooking the famous Iotla valley and the valley of the Burningtown. To those fond of riling the trail in connection with other trails on the government lands will offer a series of mountain views unexcelled in the Appalachian range. From many points on the skyline trail of the Nantahalas one may obtain views of four states. Broad vistas of surpassing beauty stretch into the dim distance where sky and mountains meet. The beholder stands entranced by the mighty handiwork of the Great Jehovah.

## SCOTCH LASSIES HERE FEB. 15

### Lockhart and His Scotch Lassies in Music, Song and Story Will Entertain Franklin Folks.

Who is there whose face does not brighten at the sight of the bonnie kilts and plaids, and whose heart does not stir to the lilting melodies of the stalwart Scot.

We may not all have had the privilege of hearing the famous John McCormack and Sir Harry Lauder, but the patrons of the local Lyceum course this season may see and hear some of their well known songs, for J. Coates Lockhart and His Scotch Lassies are splendid interpreters of the best in Scottish music, poetry and comedy.

Besides being a native of Scotland and one of the very best of Scotch entertainers, a friend of Sir Harry Lauder, and co-interpreter with him of the inimitable Scotch songs and stories, Mr. Lockhart is a concert tenor of real ability, reputation and experience. He has sung with the Henry W. Savage Grand Opera company, the Grau Savage company, at the Metropolitan, New York, and the Hogarth Opera company of London. He also toured the world as a soloist with the famous Kilties Band.

Mr. Lockhart is a complete program in himself, in his Scotch and Irish songs and ballads, his delicious jokes, yarns, quips and whimsicalities that keep the audience convulsed with laughter, but for greater variety he is accompanied by three charming young women who lend color and volume to the program by the introduction of piano, violin and saxophone music.

This company will appear in Franklin Monday February 15th at 7:30 p. m. at the courthouse.

## PREACHING SUNDAY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. F. Rauchenberg, superintendent of Home Missions. The public is cordially invited.

## LOCAL COMPANY SELLS TRACT

### Carolina Realty Company Disposes of 73 1/2 Acres on Lake Emory to Raleigh Citizens.

On February 2, the Carolina Realty company, a local organization, sold to Messrs. S. R. Horton, T. E. Browne and W. T. Joyner of Raleigh, 73 1-2 acres on the east shore of Lake Emory, one and a half miles below town.

This tract is well timbered and contains several knolls and swales and is an ideal location for development purposes, containing as it does, innumerable building sites overlooking the lake and magnificent mountain views. Much of the land is covered with mountain laurel and rhododendron. The widest part of Lake Emory lies adjacent to this property. The question of roads to this tract presents no difficulties.

While the plans of the new owners have not been announced it is evident that they have made a good bargain, whether they develop the property or hold it as an investment.

The price paid was \$22,050, or \$300 per acre.

## Here's Something New Under the Sun

Did you ever hear of a Sunday school class having a real, sure enough debate? Well, you are now about to be informed that on Thursday night, February 18, there will be a debate at the courthouse between two teams representing the Wesley Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school. The class had been divided under the colors of red and purple with E. S. Galloway captain of the reds and C. C. Poindexter captain of the purples. The subject for debate is: "Resolved, That the Church Should Provide More Amusements, Social Activities and Athletic Exercises for the Young People."

The affirmative will be upheld by the purples, with C. C. Poindexter, Geo. B. Patton and John Thomas presenting the argument. The negative will be upheld by the reds, with E. S. Galloway, J. Frank Ray, Jr. and Dick Jones presenting the argument. Announcement as to who is on the red and purple teams will be made at the class Sunday. Also a detailed announcement concerning the debate will be made in a later issue of the Press. Reserve Thursday night, February 18, for the big debate at the courthouse. Be there and support your team.

## SERVICES AT FRANKLIN METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. T. J. Johnston, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Subject: "The World's Challenge to the Church." At this time the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. It is desired that every member of the church be present, as this is a very sacred and holy service.

At 7:30 p. m. the Men's Wesley Bible Class will have charge with special exercises. A very interesting program is being prepared. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

## Westerner Wants The Press

Great Falls, Montana, Major S. A. Harris.

Dear Sir: I am enclosing \$1.50 for the renewal of our subscription for the coming year, as we feel that we could hardly get along without the Press. It has been for almost three years now, making its weekly pilgrimages of more than 3,000 miles to the Northwest, into our home, bring to us the great tidings of the great progress toward prosperity in our old home State. Although this is a wonderful country up here, yet the question naturally comes into my mind after reading the pages of the Franklin Press, will it ever again be necessary for the young people of Franklin and the surrounding country to come and build up homes in the Northwest because of greater prosperity here. The only reasonable answer is, "Well, hardly."

Very Respectfully, MRS. ROBERT BLAINE.

## DAILY PAPERS PRAISE PRESS

### Charlotte Observer, Asheville Times, Take Note of Press Issued Jan. 29th—Praise Macon County.

Our issue of January 29th consisting of 36 pages has attracted considerable attention among the readers of the Press. The issue in question was exhausted within a few hours after it appeared. Countless requests for extra copies have been received. While we printed 2250 copies—600 more than our subscription list—we could easily have disposed of several hundred more copies.

Both the Asheville Times and Charlotte Observer have been very complimentary in their remarks concerning our developments and high in their praises of Macon county and Franklin.

Reprints of the editorials from the two papers appear below.

## MACON COUNTY PROGRESS

The Franklin Press, in its issue of January 29, is entitled to be called a concise and interesting history of Macon county. Not often has the task of the local historian been carried out so fully and yet at the same time well within the requirements of good journalistic enterprise.

In the past 20 years Franklin and the rest of Macon have made great progress. Franklin has paved its streets, installed water, sewerage and electric light systems. From Franklin good roads tap a countryside rich in soil for farming, well stocked in timber, and containing rich deposits of valuable clays and minerals. A dam constructed across the little Tennessee river near the town provides electric power as well as a beautiful lake. When the state of Georgia completes a few more links of highway, Franklin will be on one of the finest scenic highways in the South—the Asheville-Atlanta highway by way of Franklin and Rabun Gap.

Franklin and Highlands are becoming popular with summer visitors and in both places just now purchasers from Florida and elsewhere are bidding at a lively clip for real estate. Highlands, for many years known as a picturesque mountain town situated 4,000 feet above the sea, has lately been made more accessible by three highways—from Dillard, Ga., Walhalla, S. C., and Brevard, N. C. A water system has been installed and early in January the citizens of Highlands voted \$75,000 in bonds to erect a power dam and install sewerage lines.

As an agricultural county, as a county where good schools have long been one of the people's chief interests, as a land of fertile and beautiful river valleys with a background of lofty mountain peaks, Macon county has always impressed the visitor as a region destined for big developments. Now the prophecies of this character seem to be on the eve of fulfillment.—Asheville Times.

## VISUALIZING GREAT THINGS

If there is any one who may think that the western North Carolina counties do not know how to advertise themselves, he has only to get hold of a copy of the development edition of The Franklin Press. Franklin is the county seat of Macon and its newspaper has printed an edition that gives an illustrated history of the things that county has to sell. Good roads and artificial lakes prove one of the assets of Macon, and its National forests and mountain ranges are the most imposing in the State. Furthermore, there seem to be real estate agents up that way who are giving Florida pointers in talking sales. They are "visualizing great happenings," and when it comes to showing the goods, they are "right there."—Charlotte Observer.

## Men's Bible Class

The Men's Bible class of the Franklin Baptist Sunday school will hold a meeting in the class room Friday night, February 5, at 7 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and general class interests discussed.

These monthly social gatherings are delightful occasions and those who do not attend are missing a great opportunity. All men of the community who are or have been members of the class, and all those who feel they should be affiliated with us, are cordially invited to attend.

JOHN S. TROTTER, Class Pres. JOHN AWTRY, Teacher.