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## MANY FARMERS KEEP RECORDS

**Macon is Third County in State to Install Bookkeeping Records—State Man Here to Supervise System.**

Many farmers in this county have decided to find out the why and wherefore of farming. In other words they want to ascertain what they have made of lost in the year 1926. With this end in view the farmers mentioned below, with the advice and assistance of an expert from Raleigh, have installed a system of farm accounts. This system was fully described in the Press a few issues back. Every cent received and expended will be accounted for so that at the end of the year each farmer who has installed this system will know just how he stands as a result of the year's work.

Macon was the third county in the state to receive state aid in helping the farmers to a better understanding in keeping records of the farm. This result was brought about by the untiring efforts of County Agent Arrendale aided and assisted by Mr. James Gray, State representative. Lippard will be here for one year to help the farmers to properly keep their records.

The following named farmers have already installed the prescribed system of farm accounting:

J. H. McDowell and C. H. Norton, Tryphosa; Ed. Bradley, Otto; E. N. Keener, W. C. Ledbetter, J. S. Gray, J. S. Rogers, Arthur Kimzey, Sam Vanhook, Ben Vanhook, Otto McClure, C. C. Cabe, M. L. Angel and Alex Angel, Route two; E. V. Ammons and R. D. Brendle, Route four; Tom Tallent, John Keener and P. M. Bryson, Cullasaja; J. J. Corbin, Ellijay.

Several other farmers of the county have expressed their intentions to take up this system of accounting in the near future.

## ASHEVILLE FIRM INVESTS HERE

**Carolina Mountains Realty Corporation Buys Tract on Burningtown—Boys' Camp Planned.**

Mr. T. L. Gwyn, president of the Carolina Mountains Realty Corporation, was in Franklin last Friday and while here bought, through Mr. M. D. Billings, local real estate agent, between 200 and 250 acres of land at the mouth of Burningtown creek, 12 miles below Franklin. This tract fronts three-fourths of a mile on the Little Tennessee and one mile on the east bank of Burningtown creek.

The entire boundary is heavily wooded and well located for development purposes. While the plans of the new owners were not publicly announced, it is understood that they intend to build a boys' camp on the lands recently acquired by them. The Press knows of no location more desirable for this purpose. Burningtown creek is one of the few creeks in the county that rarely becomes muddy. The government owns most of the lands on the headwaters of this creek. The cleared lands along the Burningtown constitute a very small percentage of the whole. While the creek contains some rainbow and brook trout, the Carolina Mountains Realty Corporation have in mind stocking this stream with rainbow trout and bass.

## Onteora Estates Buys J. J. Kiser Lands

Mr. W. D. Almazov and Miss Sophie Albert, joint owners of the Onteora Estates, closed the deal last Saturday for the remaining portion, excepting three acres, of the J. J. Kiser farm, five miles west of Franklin on Highway No. 28. The purchase of this land practically rounds out the boundaries of the Onteora Estates, which now include about 2500 acres. This tract contained 43 acres and was for a consideration of \$8,650.

The holdings of Mr. Almazov and Miss Albert are located in a rugged section of the county. Work on this development is continuing day by day. Preparations are about completed for beginning work on the dam.

## PARK MEETING BRINGS RESULTS

**Mr. Stikeleather and Mr. Byrd Make Stirring Addresses—Total of \$3,550 Subscribed at Meeting.**

At the park meeting held at the court house last Friday afternoon, Col. H. G. Robertson, state senator from this district, presided. In introducing Mr. Stikeleather, the senator stated that Macon county owes a debt of gratitude to the commissioner for our excellent system of roads. In reply to the introduction Mr. Stikeleather gave most of the credit for Macon's highway system to the county itself, stating that in his official capacity he had only cooperated with a progressive county which had supplied more than half a million dollars for its highways.

In connection with the park campaign, Mr. Stikeleather stated that he is sure Macon county does not want the benefits of the park without helping to attain it. The park is to be located in the most beautiful section east of the Mississippi. Literally thousands of tourists, according to the speaker, will wend their way to the Smokies after the park is established. Mr. Stikeleather stressed the strategic position of Franklin and Macon county as the southern gateway to the park. In this connection he said that Franklin is far better located to attract visitors to the park than many towns situated nearer the park area.

"The acquisition of the park will automatically increase land values in Macon county," stated the commissioner "many fold over the amount that the county is asked to subscribe." The thousands of tourists who will make Franklin and Macon county headquarters while visiting the park will leave a golden stream of cash in their wake. The farmers will be provided with a market for all their farm produce.

Mr. Stikeleather referred to the acquisition of the park area as a spiritual and religious step that should not be neglected. To preserve a portion of God's eternal mountains for present and future generations to enjoy is, according to the speaker, a pressing and important duty devolving upon the citizens in this section of the state. The speaker placed contributions to the park on a par with contributions to the church.

Referring again to Macon county's roads Mr. Stikeleather said that we should put our excellent system of highways to the greatest possible use by making them the means by which thousands of tired and weary people may visit the park.

Mr. Byrd was then introduced and referred to the campaign in other counties. Most of the counties in the western part of the state have subscribed their quotas.

The subscription list was then passed and a total of \$3,550 was subscribed at the meeting.

A grand total of about \$6,000 is now subscribed in Macon county.

## ROAD TO BRYSON CITY TO BE OILED

**District Engineer Says That Bryson City Road Will be Reshaped and Oiled Between May and July.**

While in Franklin last Friday, Mr. J. G. Walker stated that the road between Franklin and Bryson City will be reshaped and oiled and that he intends to have this work done in May and June. It will be remembered that this area even before the park is established. Most of the tourists from the section of the country south of Franklin will come through here on their way to the site of the proposed park.

## BIG SYNDICATE INVESTS HERE

**Florida Men Buy Downs Property 2 1/2 Miles From Town. Improvements and Florida Colony Planned.**

Through the J. H. Stockton Realty company, Mr. Gene Johnson of Daytona, acting as trustee for a Florida syndicate, closed the deal on February 10 for the Wilfred Downs farm, consisting of 95 acres on Highway No. 28 about 2 1/2 miles from Franklin in the direction of Highlands. This farm has a good frontage on the highway and the terrain is such as to provide an ideal site for development purposes. Magnificent mountain views may be had from various locations on this farm.

While detailed plans of the syndicate have not been announced, it is understood that the new owners plan extensive improvements with the end in view of establishing a Florida colony on this beautiful tract. Mr. Johnson is no stranger to the citizens of Franklin and Macon county, having made several other investments in this county. He is a thorough believer in this section of North Carolina and great things are expected as a result of Mr. Johnson's activities here.

## WORK TO BEGIN ON NO. 28 APRIL 1

**Mr. Stikeleather and Mr. Walker in Franklin Last Friday, Bring Good News Concerning Highway 28.**

Both Mr. J. G. Stikeleather, highway commissioner for the ninth district, and his chief engineer, Mr. J. G. Walker, were in Franklin last Friday to attend the rally in connection with the national park campaign in Macon county.

In an interview with a Press representative, Mr. Stikeleather and Mr. Walker took occasion to assure the people of Macon county that work will begin on Highway No. 28 just as soon as weather conditions will permit—probably around April 1st. In explanation of why the convicts were taken from Macon and placed at work on a quarry in a nearby county, Mr. Walker stated, and correctly so, that any effort to work on No. 28 at this season of the year would have been a waste of money. However, plans are now ready for putting 100 convicts to work between Franklin and Highlands and a like number between Franklin and Hayesville around April 1st. The camp at the foot of the Nantahalas will be completed and another camp built in the vicinity of Gneiss. Consideration is also being given to the advisability of putting two steam shovels to work on No. 28 in Macon county.

When asked about No. 10 across the Balsams, Mr. Walker stated that the old road will be placed in excellent condition for use as a detour while concrete work goes forward between Sylva and Waynesville.

The road between Franklin and Dillsboro is expected to be completed by the first of July. News from Georgia indicates that a good detour will be available through Rabun and Habersham counties in that state. Consequently the entire Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville highway will be available to tourists during the coming season.

## Franklin to be Tax-Free Town is Plan

Did you ever hear of a tax-free town?

What a remarkable selling talk a salesman could put into his kit that as a starter!

Yet the fact remains that this is not an idle dream, but really an objective. And this is just what Franklin, in Macon county proposes to be—a tax-free town.

How will they ever do it? Well, the answer lies in their natural resources. Principally, in their vast water power recently harnessed by construction of a municipal dam. While much of this power has already been sold, the supply is so abundant that they are still able to offer more for commercial purposes. It is hoped thereby to secure revenues sufficient for all municipal needs.—Asheville Times.

## FRANKLIN ANOTHER OF THE MANY CHARMING RESORT TOWNS IN STATE

**New Hydro-Electric Plant, Forming the Center of the Beautiful Lake Emory Development Furnishes Sufficient Water Power for Extensive Manufacturing and Development Projects—Great Fruit Growing Center.**

Western North Carolina contains, perhaps, the grandest scenic effects in the entire Appalachian Range. Here rise peaks to a height of 6,500 feet, from the summits of which one sees flung before his eyes a panorama of serried mountain ranges leaping waterfalls, sombre valleys rushing rivers, which, for sheer beauty, is equalled nowhere else in the south.

Franklin, on the headwaters of the Little Tennessee river, the terminal point of the Tallulah Falls railway just 136 miles northeast of Atlanta is situated in the very heart of this natural grandeur.

Franklin is on the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway, one of the scenic highways of the south, lying thru the picturesque mountains of north Georgia and western North Carolina. Not only is this highway the most beautiful from a scenic standpoint but it is the shortest possible motor route from Atlanta to Asheville, and the only route through the incomparable mountains of North Georgia and Western North Carolina that will be open for motor travel for a period of several years.

Franklin has a summer climate that is unsurpassed in the south; every night is cool and there are no mosquitoes.

Franklin has 800 population; paved streets; 4 1/4 miles of concrete sidewalks; electric light and power plant municipally owned waterworks; modern steam laundry; bakery; ice manufacturing plant.

To the tourist Franklin offers:

Five tourist hotels; two commercial hotels; numerous boarding houses.

Sports nine-hole golf course; tennis; swimming; horseback riding; motoring.

Muskellunge, bass, rainbow and brook trout fishing.

Up to date moving picture theater with radio receiving set.

Mountain climbing and camping. Cullasaja Falls, Burningtown Falls; Wayah Bald (5,400 feet altitude). Cherokee Indian reservation. Nantahala National Forest (with many miles of scenic trails for horseback riders), are all within short distances and may be reached by auto. These drives offer many superb and inspiring views.

### Macon County Resources

The principal resources of Macon county, developed and undeveloped are agriculture, trucking, horticulture stock raising, lumbering, mining and tourists.

The tourist business in Franklin for the past few years has overtaxed the accommodations. Preparations are now under way to materially increase our hotel capacity for another season, and the Franklin Lakes Development is pushing a project for the building of a hotel and golf links and cottages on the shores of Lake Emory. Couple this with the fact that the Asheville-Atlanta highway and the Detroit-Miami highway each pass through Franklin and Macon county, and consider also that Macon county contains some of the grandest and most inspiring scenic effects in the entire Appalachian range, and it is easily seen that Franklin is destined to become one of the foremost all-year-round resorts of the south.

The most valuable asset of this county, and of all western North Carolina, is its wholesome healthfulness, affording the greatest degree of all-year human comfort.

### Nantahala National Forest

Franklin is official headquarters for the Nantahala National Forest, 104,157 acres of which, valued at \$600,000 lie in Macon county.

All kinds of livestock may be ranged in this forest in season on payment of a nominal fee.

Mines and mineral interest may be leased by reputable parties on a gross output royalty basis of from 2 to 8 per cent.

Standing timber and timber products are sold in the Nantahala forest to the public at reasonable figures. However, all timber operations must be conducted under Forest Service regulations and supervision.

The Forest Service is steadily improving this forest. Roads, trails telephone lines, and permanent camps are being built, and recreational features developed. The Nantahala National Forest is open to the public the year round for recreational purposes.

### Agricultural Work

Along the numerous streams of Ma-

con county are thousands of acres of rich valleys and bottom lands. Than this there is no better soil in the world for growing corn, beans, potatoes, hay, peas, clover, and all truck crops. With intensive farming 100 bushels of corn per acre and over can be produced in all parts of the county. The average on good bottom land, properly cultivated, is 50 to 100 bushels per acre; the average on good upland, 40 to 75 bushels per acre.

Good meadow land averages 2 tons of hay to the acre.

The average yield in turnips is 500 bushels per acre. One man produced 1,100 bushels of turnips on one acre. Turnips make a fine winter food for livestock.

On good wheat land 30 bushels can be produced per acre.

### Trucking.

This is an industry in which Macon county offers an unusual and exceptional opportunity. On account of our climate and altitude truck crops such as snap beans, lettuce, tomatoes cucumbers, etc., come to their greatest production during the months of June, July and August—just at the season when the Florida, South Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana truck farms are parched by the extreme summer heat. This assures us a ready and convenient southern market a market where the prices are high and the demand for fresh, high-class truck remains steadily in excess of the supply.

### Cattle Raising

Macon county is ideally situated for stock raising. Because of the mild winters that permit grazing throughout the year, beef production is developing rapidly here, as well as in other counties of this section. The rich mountain coves and tablelands furnish luxuriant grazing the entire year, while the protection afforded by the coves is sufficient shelter for the animals during the winter months.

Beef-cattle raising is a fast-growing industry in Macon county. Each year thousands of dollars worth of beef-cattle are being shipped to the markets. Pure-bred strains are being introduced in all sections, and much interest is being manifested in the breeding of heavies, bigger-bodied stock.

### Sheep Industry

Sheep thrive in Macon county and all other counties of Western North Carolina. The high, well-drained elevations are well watered and produce abundant pastures, making ideal conditions for profitable sheep production. The climate is especially adapted to the production of the finest wool. The woolen industries of the state and south give preference to Western North Carolina wool because of its quality and freedom from foreign matter. The common sheep diseases of the more southern and western ranges are practically unknown in this locality.

The higher and rougher lands, too steep for profitable beef production, are largely used for sheep as they furnish grazing, and the higher altitudes are favorable to the sheep and high-grade wool.

### Hogs and Goats

Hogs and goats can be ranged in the mountains the entire year.

This section is ideal for hog raising. Pure bred Durocs, Berkshires, and other strains, are rapidly taking the place of the old-fashioned "razor-backs" throughout the county. The business is growing fast, and is rapidly becoming one of our most profitable industries.

Goat raising in the mountains of Western North Carolina is the only 10 per cent profit industry we know of. Goats turned on the range, are self-sustaining the entire year, require no attention, and under the provisions of the sheep and dog control law the county must pay the owner full price for all animals killed by marauding dogs.

### Poultry Raising

Poultry, labor and investment considered, is the most profitable of all farm livestock. The poultry farmer in Macon county has every advantage to be desired—gently sloping lands, pure water, splendid climate and a market unexcelled. The climate makes it possible to have green feed for the hens every day in the year, to house the flocks in inexpensive buildings, and to get the chicks and eggs on the