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F. Y. McCracken TO LOCATE HERE

Has Invested in Much Property Here, Including One-Third Interest in Franklin Furniture Company.

Mr. Franklin Y. McCracken of Knoxville, Tenn., son of the late Mark McCracken of Haywood county and brother of the Rev. R. R. McCracken, a resident of Macon county for 15 years, has decided to move with his family to Franklin. Mr. McCracken has been connected with the Southern Railway for 16 years and is still an employee of that company in good standing. In the near future, he will no doubt sever his connection with the Southern to devote his entire time to his large interests in Macon county. Mr. McCracken spent all of last week at Franklin, returning to Knoxville Sunday. It is the intention of Mr. McCracken to sell his property in Knoxville. He will return in a week or ten days to take up his abode here. His family, consisting of wife and two children will follow in May, when the Knoxville schools are dismissed for the year.

During the last few years, Mr. McCracken has amassed considerable property in Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina. In his dealings in real estate he has been uniformly successful. Only recently, he purchased 27 acres from Squire Franks on the Dillsboro road and sold it in few days to Mr. E. R. Nichols of Winterhaven, Fla. Mr. McCracken has also acquired some nice lots from Messrs. D. G. Stewart and T. W. Angel just outside the city limits on the Georgia road. Last week, Mr. McCracken and his brother, Dr. J. R. McCracken, of Waynesville, closed the deal with Mr. Lee Rogers for the noted M. L. Kelly farm containing 210 acres, four miles from town on the Cartoogechaye.

Last week also, Mr. McCracken purchased a third interest in the Franklin Furniture company, and will be actively engaged with this company after March 22, after which time the company will be incorporated for \$50,000.

The Franklin Furniture company will hereafter make a specialty of all kinds of paints, having recently received a full carload of this material. The company will also specialize in coffins and caskets of all kinds, robes and other things connected with the undertaking business. Mr. R. E. Dinder, of Knoxville, who is now taking a thorough course in the College of Embalming at Cincinnati will have charge of the undertaking department of the Franklin Furniture company. An embalmer has long been needed in Franklin and this announcement will be welcome news to all this section of the state.

While Mr. McCracken has not announced his intention relative to a home in Franklin, he will no doubt construct a handsome residence here. The Press, in conjunction with the entire citizenship of Franklin, extends a hearty welcome to Mr. McCracken and family.

The Cow, the Sow and the Hen.

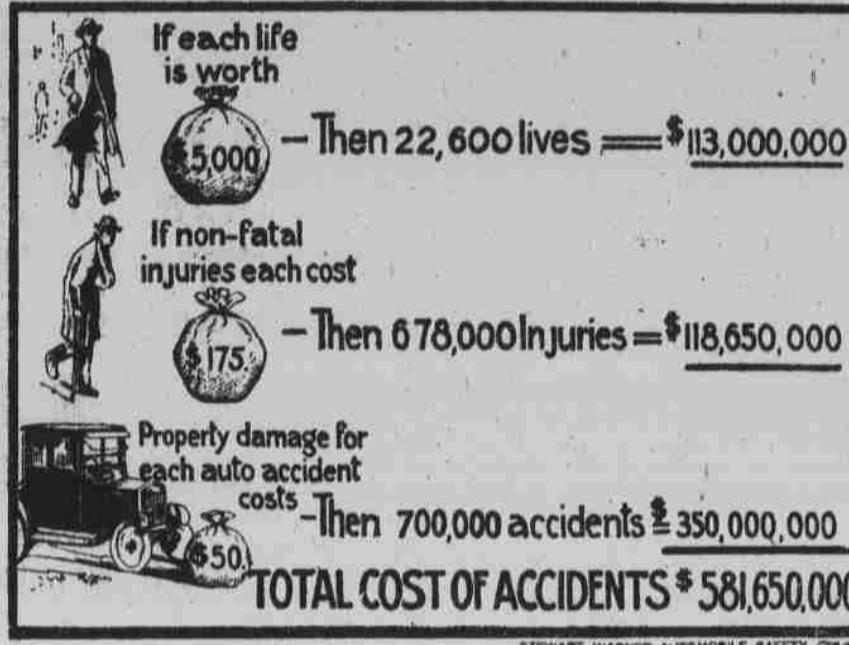
Eggs, Eggs, Eggs

Eggs, eggs, eggs, and very few for the big incubator that Mr. Spahr is setting up and starting this week. Some eggs have been brought in to him but not near enough to run full capacity.

Money is going out of the county almost every week for baby chicks. Why not furnish eggs to this incubator and keep the money here? Space in the incubator costs \$3.00 for 75 eggs, or Mr. Spahr will buy eggs from purebred flocks at the market price and will allow one cent extra for each egg that hatches. Will you help the poultry business by furnishing eggs?

Early pullets for high priced eggs.

\$600,000,000 a Year Loss Caused by Auto Accidents



STEWART-WARNER AUTOMOBILE SAFETY COUNCIL

CLOSE to \$600,000,000 a year is the annual economic loss due to automobile accidents, both fatal and non-fatal. This appalling sum is only an estimate, as no complete figures on the number of automobile accidents in the United States are available, but it has been conservatively estimated that 22,600 lose their lives each year by automobiles, and \$5,000 a human life is the lowest value put on it by economists.

Of non-fatal accidents 678,000 occur annually, causing average cost of \$175. Then, each accident averages \$50 property damage, insurance records show. This makes the staggering total of \$581,650,000 a year.

No account is taken here, points out the Stewart-Warner Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, of the economic value of time lost by the injured due to delays caused by accidents or to minor property values, such as bent fenders, expense incurred while motor vehicles, particularly the commercial ones, are out of service, due to accidents. Were all these taken into the reckoning, the total figure would surely be doubled, or around \$1,113,750,000.

Some idea of the enormity of this economic loss, most of which is avoidable, can be gained by such relationships as these: It is twice the cash income of the 1923 wheat crop; it is equal to about one-third of the much-discussed French debt to this country; and, finally, this loss would buy the entire city of Chicago at its present realty assessment valuation.

BILLINGS SELLS RESIDENCE HERE MOORE SELLS MAIN ST. HOME

Raleigh Company Buys W.
Main St. Property of Mr.
M. D. Billings—Good Busi-
ness Block.

Last week Mr. M. D. Billings, through Mr. James M. Gray of Raleigh, closed the trade for the sale of his residence and lot on West Main street to a company composed of Raleigh citizens. The Press was unable to learn the names of the purchasers.

This property is located close in on West Main street and consists of a handsome residence and a lot fronting 82 1-2 feet on Main street and extending back several hundred feet to Town Branch. In all probability the business section of town will grow toward the west. Hence the lot in question is considered a very desirable one for business purposes.

Republican Convention

The Republicans of Macon county are hereby called to a convention to meet in the town of Franklin, Macon county, at the court house, on the 27th day of March, 1926, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purposes of selecting delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held in the city of Durham, on the 8th-day of April, and to select delegates to the Republican Congressional Convention, Judicial Conventions and Senatorial Conventions yet to be called, and said convention will also attend to such other business as may properly come before it.

All the precincts will hold their precinct or township conventions on Saturday the 20th day of March, 1926 and the precinct chairmen are requested immediately to call such conventions and, therein shall select delegates to the County Convention called herein.

This the 8th day of March, 1926.

WM. L. MCCOY,
Chairman, Macon County Republican Executive Committee. 2t-M19

DOUBLE DAILY MAIL

Efforts are now underway to have a double daily mail service to Dillsboro, to take effect when the highway between the two towns is completed. Such a service would be of much benefit to Franklin and the citizens here seem to be enthusiastic over the proposed schedule. Among other advantages a double schedule would enable Franklin to receive the afternoon Asheville paper on the day on which printed.

Mrs. Mae Montgomery of
Waynesville, Buys the
Alex Moore Home Place
on East Main Street.

The latter part of last week a deal was closed between Mrs. Mae Montgomery of Waynesville and Mr. Alex Moore of Franklin, by which Mrs. Montgomery becomes owner of the Moore homeplace on East Main Street. The lot fronts 103 feet on Main street and extends through the block to Palmer street, a distance of 300 feet. The purchase price was announced at \$16,500.

Reports here indicate that Mrs. Montgomery will make improvements on her property in Franklin but no announcement was made as to what these improvements will be. This lot is well located for a business block or for a commercial hotel.

Lake Emory Work Pushed

Developments in the Lake Emory subdivision at Franklin, N. C., are being pushed rapidly, according to an announcement Saturday of W. R. Sheppard & Company, of Atlanta selling agents.

The officials of Habersham and Rabun counties, on the Georgia side, are working on the concrete road, which will connect up with the road leading to Franklin. They expect to have it ready by June 1.

The above announcement will be interesting to tourists. On the subdivision itself the locations of the country club and hotel are being laid out and work will soon be started. These will face the lake, upon which estates have been located and where fishing and boating will be afforded residents.

The hotels at Franklin and other near-by points are full and indications point to a prosperous summer tourist season.—Atlanta Georgian.

Fish Coming

Mr. Frank Curtis has received assurances from Congressman Weaver that a goodly supply of big mouth bass, bream and crappies will soon be shipped to stock the lake and tributary streams. Mr. Curtis is also going to get a supply of speckled trout from the Balsam hatchery to be placed in the headwaters of the Toccoa creek.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Had a splendid turnout last meeting night. Most of the time was given up to boxing bouts between the scouts. All are much interested in this sport, and there is no rough stuff at all. Gilmer is right on the floor coaching and refereeing every bout. None of the parents need be afraid of their boys forming any vicious habits from this sport, for it only encourages self-reliance, initiative and accuracy, to say nothing of its value in building up the body of the scouts.

The fact that the people of our community are still interested in the scouts, is shown by the offer of the former Athletic Association to turn over its equipment to the local troop. Also busy men take time to inquire about and to look on the activities of the scouts. Dr. Lyle made a money donation to the troop last week and said in his opinion such work was the very best thing for the boys of any country. He also said to call on him for help any time. Come see us.

Advertising Expert Here

Mr. W. T. Waters, of Atlanta friend of Mr. E. C. Kingsbury, spent a day or two in Franklin first part of the week. Mr. Waters spent the winter in Miami and is earnestly considering locating in Franklin in the near future in order to take part in the development of this section. For two years Mr. Waters was advertising manager for the Georgia Railway & Power Company. He has also had several years experience as a newspaper man, having served on the staffs of the Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta Journal and the Manila (P. I.) Times.

Eighteen years ago when the New York Herald and the Atlanta Journal jointly sponsored national highways, Mr. Waters was their chief lieutenant and attended to all the details, calling attention of the public to the importance of having automobile highways extending through several states. This pioneer road propaganda, no doubt had considerable influence in the later development of national and state highways.

Mr. Waters is no stranger to Franklin, having been here on several occasions to take advantage of the fine fishing in the Nantahala river. Since his first visit here, Mr. Waters has been interested in Franklin and Macon county. It is his present intention to bring his family to Franklin and locate here for a considerable portion of the year. He is expected to take part in more than one line of activity.

Mr. Kingsbury, who was here at the same time, stated that hereafter he will spend most of his time in Franklin and do all within his power to advance the interest of this section.

Sow more grass seed—NOW.

You Can Do the Same

The case of our chief of police, Mr. R. M. Coffey, presents an illustration of the work the Building and Loan is doing. After enough persuasion on the part of three of the Building and Loan directors, Mr. Coffey was finally induced to take ten shares of installment stock, which cost his \$10 every four weeks. He stated at the time that he was only doing this because the directors wanted him to. Time rolled along, and the monthly installments were met without Mr. Coffey's noticing any appreciable effect upon his income. After the 45 installments had been paid awhile, Mr. Coffey, who had filed an application for a loan at the time he took the stock, decided to borrow the \$1,000 that his ten shares of stock allowed him to borrow, and purchase a house and lot; that he had an opportunity to buy at \$1000. This did not look quite so good to Mr. Coffey, for in addition to his installment which had to be paid, the interest on the \$1,000 was \$4.62 every four weeks, which ran his total payment up to \$14.62. However, as the matter stands, the house is paying Mr. Coffey \$15.00 a month as rent. Of this he pays \$14.62 to the Building and Loan, and sticks the remaining thirty-eight cents in his pocket for Sunday school money.

At the end of approximately six and one-half years, the Building and Loan will have presented to Mr. Coffey outright, the house and lot, allowing the thirty-eight cents change which he gets to go toward the payment of taxes and upkeep.

IOTLA GIRLS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Iota Girls Basketball Team
Conquers Strong Teams
In Tournament at Cullowhee Last Week.

The girls basketball team representing the Iota high school won the championship of Western North Carolina at the basketball tournament held at Cullowhee, March 4, 5, and 6. It was easy to see from the opening whistle of the first game that the girls wearing the blue and white of Iota were there to win. The other teams played hard, but the Iota team played to win, and win they did. They not only won the basketball championship of Western North Carolina and the right to treasure for at least one year the trophy cup emblematic of that fact, but they also won their way into the hearts of the spectators who witnessed the clean, hard fought games they put up. From the very beginning the girls from Iota were the favorites with the spectators and became even more so as the tournament progressed.

In the first game Iota defeated Webster, 45-13; in the next game, which was the feature game of the tournament, Franklin was beaten 31-24; the final game was played between Iota and Sylva, with Iota coming out with the large end of a 40-24 score.

Miss Thelma Ray, captain and forward on the Iota team was easily the star of the whole tournament. She was high scorer of the tournament, scoring 56 points in three games, or an average of 18 2-3 points for each game. Blanche Fouts, Iota's other forward, was second in scoring honors, scoring a total of 49 points in three games. In fact, all the Iota girls starred and should be given a special write-up if time and space were not limited.

The victorious Iota team was composed of Thelma Ray, captain, Fanne Gibson, Blanche Fouts, Ethel Bryant, Ruby Mason and Hazel Higdon; Lillie Jacobs, Leo Bradley and Bertha Stillwell also made the trip as substitutes.

After having played two games on Saturday, the girls played an exhibition game with the Cullowhee girls team. However, the Iota girls had already won the cup and did not try their best against Cullowhee, with the expected result that Cullowhee won.

The Iota girls are to be congratulated for their feat in bringing back to Macon county for the first time in history, a basketball championship. Much of the success of the team is due to the coach, Miss Oliver. Girls of Iota, Macon county salutes you and assures you that it is proud of you. May the daughters of Macon county ever play the game of life with the same determination and clean sportsmanship that enabled you to bring back the championship from Cullowhee.

While Iota was winning the championship, both the boys and girls teams from the Franklin high school were making their presence in the tournament felt and feared. The Franklin girls defeated the Qualla girls in one of the fastest games of the whole tournament and it was generally agreed by all who saw the games that Franklin would have won the championship had Iota failed to do so. The Franklin boys went to the finals by defeating Waynesville and Bryson City. The Franklin-Waynesville game was the feature boys game of the series and the final outcome was in doubt until the final whistle. Franklin won this game by a one point margin. The Franklin boys lost the final game to the boys representing Sylva high school. The Sylva team had won the championship in the Mars Hill tournament the week before. Franklin has every reason to be proud of both its teams.

Renew your pasture this spring.