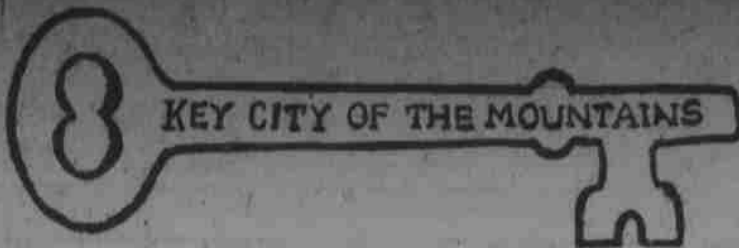


FRANKLIN HAS—
Elevation of 2,250 feet.
Municipal power dam.
Water supply from a well
750 feet deep.
NO MOSQUITOES



MACON COUNTY HAS—
Seventeen peaks over 5,000
feet high.
Twenty-seven peaks be-
tween 4,000 and 5,000 feet in
elevation.

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W. J. TRITT BUYS MORRISON PLANT

Former Presbyterian School Property Sold By Jos. Ashear to Florida Citizen—Summer Hotel Planned.

Mr. J. W. Tritt of Daytona Beach, Fla., has purchased from Mr. Jos. Ashear the Morrison school property six miles south of Franklin on the concrete highway No. 286. This property consists of several buildings and 27 acres of land. The property, in question was formerly used as a school and orphanage under the ownership and control of the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. Q. Wallace had charge of the school until the exigencies of the world war caused its abandonment. Some months ago the church sold the ground and buildings to Mr. Jos. Ashear of Franklin, in order to obtain funds needed at the Maxwell school on the Cartoogchaye.

Mr. Tritt will make extensive improvements and some alterations on the buildings and utilize them during the coming season as a summer hotel. This will be quite a bit of help as all available housing facilities will be badly needed within a few short weeks.

Mr. Tritt is an experienced dairyman and has been engaged in this line of work for the past five or six years at Daytona Beach. He plans to keep a sufficient number of cows on the farm to supply his guests with milk and butter. Mr. Tritt will also raise all truck necessary for table use at his hotel.

The water supply comes from a bold mountain spring located near the Punch Bowl, more than 100 feet above the hotel.

At the suggestion of Mr. Gene Johnston of Daytona Beach, who is an extensive property owner in the county, Mr. and Mrs. Tritt came to Franklin last week to look over the situation here. So delighted were they with conditions they immediately bought the property mentioned above and will hereafter become permanent citizens of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Tritt left Franklin last Friday for Daytona Beach to close out certain business affairs there. They expect to return to Franklin by the last of this month. Before leaving Mr. Tritt made arrangements to have the lawn at the Morrison school planted to grass. It is expected that carpenters and plumbers will also be busy there during his absence.

This deal was made through Mr. E. C. Kingsbery and Mr. W. Roy Carpenter, local real estate agents.

Franklin and Macon county extend a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Tritt.

Mountain City Hotel Bid Off At \$15,001.00

Sheriff L. F. Rickman, receiver for the Mountain City hotel property, at Mountain City, sold that property last Tuesday for \$15,001.00 to Mr. W. L. McCoy of Franklin.

The Mountain City hotel is one of the most valuable pieces of property in Mountain City, and judging from the spirited bidding at the sale, there was a good demand for the property.

Col. J. T. Davis, bidding for himself and Mr. V. A. Green had gone their limit, \$15,000, when the bid was raised one dollar and Mr. McCoy became the owner.—Clayton Tribune.

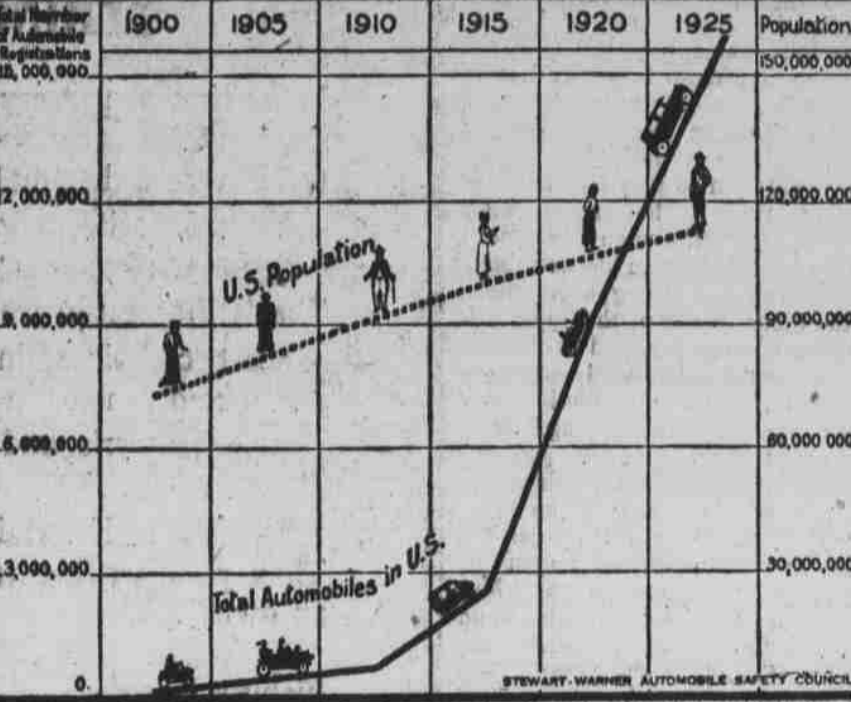
Another Big Realty Deal

Last week Mr. John Davenport sold the Gold Mine property on the upper Cullasaja to Mr. W. D. Bayley of Springfield, Ohio. This tract, consisting of 260 acres has been in the Davenport family for many years. Mr. Bayley did not even take the trouble to go to see the land, but purchased it on oral description and from photographic views. Neither did he haggle over the price and accepted the first offer made.

Mr. Bayley is a brother-in-law of Mr. Joseph Hyde Pratt of Asheville. He intends to develop the Gold Mine tract and make it into a magnificent summer estate. It would be difficult to find a more suitable place for a summer estate than the site on the upper Cullasaja.

Auto Hosts One-Sixth as Great as U. S. Population

Comparison of Automobile and Human Population



IT'S a far cry from the full skirts, wasp waists and leg o' mutton sleeves of twenty-five years ago, but we have traveled also a long way from the two-cylinder gas wagon of 1900 to the high-powered motors speeding over our highways today, declares the Stewart-Warner Safety Council.

A quarter of a century ago there was one automobile for every 9,500 people in the United States. Ten years ago there was one automobile for every 83 people, while today the motor population is one-sixth as large as the human population, or one car to every six people. This rapid growth has put the automobile as foremost among American industries, but it has also produced a fearful menace to the public, points out the Safety Council which has for its purpose the prevention of automobile accidents. A vigorous campaign of public education must be pushed if annual rate of automobile fatalities is to be reduced from 22,000.

T. W. ALEXANDER RESIGNS OFFICE

Thomas W. Alexander, district forester, tendered his resignation to the state department of conservation and development yesterday afternoon by wire. Mr. Alexander has been in charge of this district for about one year and his resignation is to take effect in 30 days. He has been very active in the prevention of forest fires and in the work of his department. Several organizations have been perfected in the service of forest fire control since he has been district forester, one of them being a cooperative association at Andrews, one of the first of its kind to be organized.

Mr. Alexander will become connected with the Chimney Rock corporation in the capacity of forester and general supervisor of the 8,400 acres of forests that belong to the Chimney Rock corporation. He will be stationed at Chimney Rock and will have control of all preservation methods in connection with this valuable forest. This forest that Mr. Alexander is to have under his care is valued at \$1,000 an acre and extensive preparations are being made for its care. Mr. Alexander will assume his duties at Chimney Rock about May 10.—Asheville Citizen.

Confederate Veteran Passes

Mr. Z. P. Cabe, 88 died at his home at Otto, March 29, after a long and useful life. The deceased was a staunch defender of the Lost Cause having served four years at the front in defense of his beloved Southland Born and reared in Macon county, he had innumerable friends who will regret to hear of his passing. His beloved wife passed to her reward 12 years ago. The deceased is survived by the following named sons and daughters: Mrs. William Howard Tryphosa, Mrs. A. B. Bradley and Messrs. D. P. Cabe, C. R. Cabe and J. E. Cabe, all of Otto. The remains were interred at Asbury cemetery March 29, where an immense throng assembled to pay a tribute of deserved respect to the departed one. Rev. Rotan officiated at the funeral.

Death of Mr. A. L. Welch

Mr. A. L. Welch, 59, a prominent and respected citizen of the county died at his home April 2, 1926. Mr. Welch was of a sunny disposition and leaves a host of friends throughout the county to mourn his passing. The deceased is survived by his widow and nine children. The family wish to return thanks to all who were so kind and thoughtful during the sickness and death of this good man.

Improvements Started On Balsam-Sylva Part Of Highway to Atlanta

The work of sub-grading and concreting the Balsam-Sylva section of highway No. 10, which runs from Asheville to Atlanta via Murphy, has begun it was learned here last night.

Nance and Overstreet, contractors, of Roanoke, Va., who have charge of the work, began pouring concrete at the east border of Sylva, last Tuesday morning, and another firm to which the contractors sub-let the four miles from Balsam to Willits, has begun work on this part of the highway, and the contract provides 140 working days in which to complete work, it is stated. W. M. Brown, of Sylva, who has the contract for building the bridges and culverts, has nearly completed his part of the work it is reported, and a large force has been put on the sub-grading and concreting projects, with a view of rushing the work through will all possible speed.

The detours, where the workmen have the road blocked, are reported to be in excellent shape in spite of the recent rains, and trips over this road may be made with comfort, it was said by one who drove to Asheville from Bryson City today.

With the completion of this section of the road there will be a continuous hard surface from Asheville to Bryson City, with the exception of about five miles in Haywood county, between Candler and Canton.

The short route to Atlanta which branches from route No. 10 at Dillsboro and runs by Franklin and Cornelia, Ga., will be hard-surfaced from Dillsboro through to the Georgia line in about twelve weeks, when the contract for the section on this side of Cowee Mountain, which is now under rapid construction, is completed, it is announced.—Asheville Times.

Young Buys Tract

Through Mr. M. D. Billings, Mr. E. J. Young of Chapel Hill has purchased from Judge John Autrey a three-acre tract on Highway No. 286 just north of the residence of Mrs. J. E. Hurst near the city limits. This tract fronts about 800 feet on the highway and within the past few months has been sold three times, the price at each sale being approximately double that of the preceding one. The consideration in the last sale was announced as \$3,500.

It will be remembered that Mr. Young and Prof. Weaver sometime ago purchased the W. W. McConnell farm on the lake a mile below town. Quite a number of citizens of the central and eastern parts of the state are investing in Franklin real estate. Franklin extends a welcome to one and all.

CLEAN UP WEEK FOR OUR TOWN

Town Board Designates Week Beginning April 19 As Clean-Up Week—Citizens Asked to Co-operate.

Franklin is seeing strange and unusual sights this week. Hardware stores are doing a rushing business selling rakes. Old ragged overalls have been dug up out of long forgotten chests. Doctors have been kept busy perforating blisters. Drug stores have had an unusual run on adhesive tape. The junk man is oiling up his bell preparatory to a continued din next week. Arthur Pannel has put two gills of oil and a pint of gasoline in his truck and is rarin' to go. Men who haven't done a lick of manual labor in 25 years have been seen in their back yards with rake and broom. Good church members have been heard cussing growing piles of tin cans. Children have had picnics in huge piles of leaves. An Indian passing through town read strange smoke signals from fires on a hundred premises. Bill Cunningham and E. S. Hunnicutt lost 10 pounds each—and that's going some.

All of which is just getting a good start toward cleaning up the town next week. Hundreds of investors are coming to Franklin this spring. These men—and women too—will inspect many a back yard with a view to buying. The cleaner the premises the more likely the sale. If you want a good price clean up your lot. Get the rubbish out where the truck can get it.

Stiles Locals

We have been enjoying the nice weather and have been taking advantage of same by plowing and planting. Monday, the 5th, was potato day, as most of the farmers planted their potatoes that day.

Mr. Harley Mashburn has a large smile on his face—it's a boy.

Messrs. Austin Byrd and Clyde Morgan have received appointments to the following offices: Austin is road trustee and Clyde is overseer. We are looking for good times!

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rose Monday, April 5, a fine girl.

Mr. Harry Morgan went back to his job at Wesser after being out at home a week farming.

Some folks from this place spent Easter at Olive Hill and enjoyed the good singing.

Mr. S. W. Womack of Franklin was in this section Monday and repaired the organ at the Morgan school.

Mr. Willie Owenby went to Tellico Monday on business.

The good road movement has kindly breathed a few breaths as the road to Lost Bridge has been put in fairly good shape, but there is still more room for improvement.

Glad to state Mrs. W. E. Smith is recovering from a siege of pneumonia.

Mr. Floyd Ramsey, motored to Franklin Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Byrd was a visitor at Oak Grove Tuesday.

The editor of The Franklin Press motored over our roads a few Sundays ago and in the next week's issue of The Press published the following article: "The roads from Lost Bridge to the Burningtown falls are in bad condition and need attention at once." We have no right to dispute what the editor says and believe most of the people will agree with him. I think there are plenty of motorists thinks the same way our editor does.

Mr. T. J. Carnes has the flu at this writing.

Miss Leo Carnes is in bed with the mumps; several of our neighbors have been exposed to this epidemic and we are guessing the country will soon be polluted with them.

It seems that John Thomas has declined the idea of running for sheriff as his campaign manager, Uncle Bragg Higdon has been very quiet for the past few weeks.

There has been a cotton meal famine for a few days but Tuesday wagon loads began to come to this section.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Duvall, Tuesday, April 6, a girl.

THE EDITOR GOT A BIG SURPRISE

Dropped In To the Electric Range Demonstration—Had To Take Off His Hat Saw Plenty, Heard More.

Last Tuesday afternoon when passing the Nantahala Electric company's place of business, the editor was roughly seized by Mr. Frank Bryson, the genial town clerk, and dragged into the building. At first we thought the united, confederated and consolidated women's clubs, associations and societies were holding a grand convention with delegates from every state in the union. However, after the first shock of surprise had passed, we began to take notice and likewise to take off our cap. It suddenly dawned upon the editor that all the faces were familiar and that a lecture of some kind was in progress. Mrs. Clara Berry of Atlanta was doing the talking and while so doing was demonstrating the various uses of the Westinghouse automatic electric range. A great many of Franklin's fair sex were present and listened with close attention to the lecture. Mrs. L. McLaughlin of Atlanta followed Mrs. Berry and talked entertainingly of the many advantages of the electric stove over one that uses wood or coal. She also discussed other electrical appliances such as the toaster, percolator, iron, washing machine and vacuum cleaner. Those present were served with many good things to eat cooked on the electric range.

That Frank Bryson, Tommy Angel and Mr. Culbertson were on the job was amply proven by the many display cards tacked about the room. Some of these cards bore the following: "The Electric Way is the Modern Way," "Electric Cooking Means Freedom From Cooking Worries," "Easy Payments, \$20 Puts This Range in Your Home," "No More Dust, Soot, Muck, Smoke or Stain," "Better Cooking Electrically; Easy to Operate, Easy to Own."

Those present were evidently deeply interested in a better, easier and cleaner way of preparing meals. Those in charge of the demonstrations that took place Monday, Tuesday and Tuesday night, are highly optimistic over the results. Several housewives of the town have expressed their intentions to buy electric ranges immediately. It is believed that many others will do so within the next few weeks.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Wonder if any one missed the Scout News in last week's issue of The Press? The Easter festivities were responsible for their not being written up in time for the issue.

What was really one of the most interesting meetings we have had in some time. Nearly half a hundred scouts out and all ready to do the work assigned them.

Had you been there you would have seen different scouts demonstrate and explain how to revive a fainting person, how to bind up wounds, to set broken bones, etc. All worth while, you will agree. Phil McCullum very deftly and quickly set and bound up a broken bone, and John Hauser brought a fainting scout back to consciousness. Why don't you come see the boys do this important work?

About that cabin we have been talking about. The Masonic Lodge granted us permission to build a cabin in the rear of their hall, but before we can build we must know that the folks of Franklin want us. In other words we must be convinced that a Boy Scout troop will be worth while in Franklin. Some of Franklin's most influential and oldest citizens say it is worth while. The other day Dr. S. H. Lyle wanted to know how the cabin was coming and when he found out there was only a few dollars in the fund he pulled out his wallet again and made a second substantial contribution to the building fund. If all of us will do as well as Dr. Lyle we can pretty soon build a palace, but the scouts are not asking for a palace. How about it?