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## Franklin, North Carolina, Aims To Be A Taxless Town

### SHARK, WHALE LEAGUE BRINGS OR SEA SERPENT? NATIONAL HONOR

**Mighty Marine Monster is Making Lake Emory Its Home—Half of Franklin Flocked to Lake Shore.**

Those who go boating on Lake Emory are hereby warned of a mighty sea monster that is lurking in the cool depths of this beautiful lake. According to reports of those who have seen this fish people should go prepared to battle for their lives when invading the realm of this king of muskies. It seems that Uncle Coon Cochran, who hails from the Nantahala where fish are no larger than they ought to be, started the excitement. Everybody in the county knows Uncle Coon. When he gets started on a turkey yarn his acquaintances make allowances, but heretofore he has always been considered truthful when telling a fish story. Court week brought Uncle Coon to Franklin—merely as a spectator, of course. While here last Sunday he wandered down to the lake "to see," as he expressed it, "what makes Franklin so consarnedly proud of Lake Emory." But listen to Uncle Coon orate: "When I got about 200 yards from the lake I heard something go splash, splash, splash and I saw the water just a-billin'. I sailed down to this commotion and seed the biggest fish in the world. When that fish blowed the water out of its mouth, it made a regular fountain five or six feet away. Its top fin was about the size of that elephant's ear that was in the circus over to Asheville. Knowing the people of Franklin consider me the biggest liar in the mountains, I wasn't going back to town to tell what I had seed. So I comes back to town and gets the sheriff and Chief Coffey to go back with me. They, too, seed the fish and the sheriff got so excited I had to keep him from shooting the varmint. By the time the sheriff and Chief Coffey arrived on the scene half the people of Franklin were riding lik mad to the lake. Bill Moore got up out of bed to make the trip but at that time failed to see the fish. However, he was down there at 5 o'clock Monday morning and saw the fish rise three times. Bill estimates its weight as 75 pounds. Sheriff Ingram, with the cares of an official position on his shoulders admits being very conservative when he states that the muskie will weigh between 30 and 40 pounds. More than fifty of Franklin's citizens who have hitherto borne fine reputations claim to have seen this monster of the deep.

Even Judge John M. Oglesby, who is holding court here got the fever and rushed to the lake to see this daddy of all muskies. He remained in the vicinity for quite a while but did not see anything unusual. Such being the case, the good people of Franklin are wondering just what happened Sunday afternoon to make so many, otherwise reliable citizens see a marine monster in the placid waters of Lake Emory.

### FOREST FIRES

Friday, April 23, a telephone call came to the Forest Service office at Franklin notifying the Forest Service of two raging fires in Smith Bridge township on the waters of Tesenta creek. One fire burned over a part of the land of Mann Norton and the federal government, amounting to about 30 acres. But by the active work of County Warden J. J. Mann and U. S. Forester Byrd, the fire was extinguished; guilty party prosecuted came into court and submitted. Severely lectured by Judge Carpenter paid his penalty, returned home a better man.

The other fire breaking out from the lands of Mr. B. Vinson and burned over about four hundred acres of timbered land, doing great damage to the same. The responsible party being likewise prosecuted, returning home somewhat a poorer and wiser man.

The citizens of Macon county will no longer stand for the carelessness and neglect of any one setting out fire and doing damage to property and spoiling the beauty of our forests.

J. J. MANN,  
County Warden.

### NEW YORK CITIZEN HERE

Mr. Blanchet, of Blanchet & Company, New York City, spent one day in Franklin latter part of last week on business connected with the Onteora Estates, Inc. Mr. Almazov, joint owner of these magnificent estates has also returned to Franklin after an extended visit in the cities of the north and east in the interest of the Onteora Estates, Inc.

**Macon County Receives First Prize in Campaign Conducted By League Of Women Voters of Nation.**

Mrs. Sam L. Franks of Franklin received a telegram last Tuesday notifying her that Macon county had won first prize, consisting of \$100, in the "Every Member an Earner" campaign conducted some weeks ago by the National League of Women Voters. Every member of the two leagues in Macon county earned an equal amount of money in the campaign—a percentage of which was sent to the National League. The Macon County League of Women Voters at Highlands and the Franklin League of Women Voters are both wide-awake organizations and stand high in the estimation of the state and national leagues. The winning of first prize in the campaign mentioned is a distinction of much importance and one of which the county feels justly proud.

### Personal Mention.

Mr. Robert Ramsey, his two daughters, Misses Lola and Jessie and Miss Lillie Burns of Tellico, spent the day in Franklin last Friday.

Logansville and Petersburg seem to have buried the hatchet. It is understood that both claim the other is beneath notice.

Dr. W. H. Higgins is another old subscriber to The Press, having been taking the paper for 37 years.

Mr. T. W. Alexander, district state forester, was here a day or two last week. He was on his way to Asheville from the Smoky mountains where a forest fire had been burning for four days. The fire started on Monday and was not under control until Thursday. There were also several fires in Macon county last week until the rain of Thursday night put them out.

Mr. Alexander has resigned from the state service effective May 1, and has accepted a position with the Chimney Rock Mountains, Inc., as forester. He will have charge of 8000 acres belonging to the company.

The tract of land purchased sometime ago from Mr. Norman Barnard by Mr. T. W. Porter consists of 18 1-2 acres instead of 15 acres as announced in The Press at the time of the deal. The price paid was \$500 per acre.

The Joines Motor & Tractor company has leased the building now occupied by the City Garage and will take possession when Mr. Chas. Morgan moves his garage into the building now being erected by Mr. W. L. McCoy on Palmer street.

Mr. Harry Ray has returned from Winterhaven, Fla., and is now at his home on Route Three.

Mr. George Addington, a native of Macon county, but who has been living elsewhere for 42 years, has returned and will probably remain here during the summer at the home of his brother, Mr. Jake Addington, on the Georgia road. The people of the county are glad to have this extended visit from Mr. Addington.

Mr. Lawson Rogers of Route two visited town Friday and while here was busy shaking hands with his many friends.

Mr. J. D. McCoy, one of the most successful merchants on the Cullasaja, was a pleasant visitor to town Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Curtis is again after a spell of sickness lasting about three weeks.

Mr. Rummy Ray, has returned to Akron, Ohio, where he has accepted a good position.

The excitement of the seniors at the Franklin high school is growing apace as the date for the publication of the annual grows near. This annual is going to be a credit to the senior class and will set a mark that future classes will have to work hard to equal.

Mr. David Campbell of Abingdon Va., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. F. Culbertson, who has suffered a relapse from a recent illness and is again rather seriously ill. Mr. Campbell is a very pleasant gentleman and one to whom the people of Franklin have taken much pleasure in extending a hearty welcome.

Mr. Sam Angel who has been living at Gastonia for some time was in Franklin last week making arrangements to move back to his native county. He expects to be here permanently within a month or two. Macon county is glad to welcome the return of this native son.

### DAM WILL GIVE ENOUGH POWER FOR THIS PLAN

**Sale Of Excess Electricity Will Pay Off Entire Bond Issue**

**IN THREE YEARS WILL RUN TOWN**  
**Big Developments Are Going On At Lake Emory**

Under the above headlines in its issue of Sunday, April 25, The Asheville Citizen printed the following article concerning Franklin. For the benefit of our readers who do not take The Citizen, the article is reprinted in The Press. The Citizen is deeply interested in the development of all Western North Carolina and is ever ready to use space liberally in the advancement of this section.

The article in The Citizen was illustrated with eight photographic views of Franklin and vicinity.

FRANKLIN, N. C., April 4—How would you like to live in a town with all modern conveniences, health giving climate and scenic wonders, with no tax to pay?

Such a town is within the borders of Western North Carolina and when the present program is consummated not more than four years from now a tax free town will be a reality.

This year will see a cutting down of taxes and as the calendar is turned taxes will be further trimmed.

The town of Franklin, county seat of Macon county, has gone into the power business as a municipal enterprise, and herein lies the reason for the tax advertisement.

With the cutting down and ultimate cessation of taxation for current expenses, the town also offers an abundance of hydro-electric power at reasonable rates. It has labor a plenty—of the best kind, pure Anglo-Saxon, a railroad and paved highways. It has needed a press agent for some time and now that Major S. A. Harris has taken up the pen and is ably supported by others and North Carolina's publicity in general, is considered certain to receive many industries and hundreds of new citizens in the immediate future.

#### Dam Cost \$300,000

At a cost of approximately \$300,000 the town recently completed a dam across the Little Tennessee River, three miles from the city, and erected a power plant which is now producing 1,500 horse power. Another power unit generating 750 horsepower is possible and will be installed when the demand for power makes such a step necessary.

Enough power, says The Franklin Press, has already been sold to practically pay the interest on the bonds and the town has a surplus of 800 horsepower for sale.

When all available power is disposed of the plant will pay the interest on the bonds, set aside a sinking fund to retire the bonds when due and pay all expenses so as to make Franklin a tax free town.

#### Additional Income

Not only that, but when all surplus power is sold the town will have an additional income of several thousand dollars annually for use in extending municipal improvements.

In addition to the financial element and the providing of adequate power for the town, the project has furnished seven miles of boating, the game of fish, and has made possible the development of over 2,000 acres, adjoining, into fine residential sites.

Shore land is owned by The Lake Emory company, the Mountain Lakes Estates, Inc., and a number of other concerns and individuals, and much real estate activity has been noted in the past few days.

#### LAKE EMORY POPULAR PLACE

The new 225 acre lake, just on the edge of Franklin, offering fishing boating, swimming, and ideal home sites, is receiving the attention of all visitors to Franklin and is the boast of old time citizens.

Lake Emory was formed when Franklin constructed a large dam across the Little Tennessee River and real estate operations, begun around the shore, have extended on all sides and given a great impetus to business in general for the county seat of Macon.

#### Dam at Full Head

The dam at full head eddies the waters of the Little Tennessee River for five miles above the dam. The waters of two tributaries, Rabbit

Creek and Cullasaja river, are eddied for some distance, and therefore seven miles of boating are offered.

The muskellunge, the gamest of all fresh water fish, is found in this lake, and nowhere else in the South is this game fish found in such quantities.

Franklin is a historical place and until today an Indian mound is the first peculiar sight to greet the visitor. This town has produced many great men, statesmen, educators, scientists, and figures conspicuously in the history of North Carolina. While the historical significance of the city is not forgotten the citizens are living in the present, for the present and future. They are proud of four fine churches with large memberships and it's public library. The town has the Masonic, Odd Fellows Pythians and Junior orders.

The schools are as good as are found anywhere and are constantly going forward.

#### Business Facts

Some facts and figures regarding the town are as follows:

The altitude ranges from 2,140 feet at the river, to 2,250 feet at the court house in the center of town.

Two banks have combined resources of \$673,001.

Three wholesale grocery houses. A Building and Loan Association. Farmers' Federation. Alert Board of Trade. Ice manufacturing plant.

Municipal water works and sewerage system.

Good weekly newspaper with modern job printing plant.

Volunteer fire department. Motor chemical truck, hose and ladder wagons.

Moving picture theatre.

Nine hole municipal golf course.

Improved public camp ground.

Locally owned, country-wide telephone system, connecting with Southern Bell long distance service.

Modern bakery. Four restaurants Dairy, making two deliveries daily.

Brick yard, modern machinery.

Bottling plant.

Highest class retail mercantile establishments, supply houses, garages and every kind of concern necessary to meet all needs of citizens.

The assessed valuation is \$1,165,070.

#### Court Proceedings

State vs. John Brittain, carrying concealed weapons. \$50 and cost.

State vs. Rose Henson and Nell Carpenter, statutory, 12 months in jail. Sentence suspended on condition that defendants leave the state and stay away.

State vs. Bessie Mashburn, affray pay cost.

State vs. Lawrence McCall, whiskey, 12 months in jail. Sentence suspended on condition of good behavior for two years and that defendant get job and support family.

State vs. Jim Guest, whiskey, \$15 fine and cost and six months in jail. Sentence suspended on two years good behavior.

State vs. Paul Cheek, whiskey, six months on road.

State vs. W. A. Houston, whiskey \$10 and cost. Road sentence suspended.

State vs. Jack Farley, whiskey, six month road sentence.

State vs. Jack Farley, carrying concealed weapons, four months on road making 10 months in all.

State vs. Burton Sutton, whiskey \$100 and cost. Road sentence of six months suspended.

State vs. Joe Bell, whiskey, 18 months on road.

State vs. Clarence Smith, whiskey 18 months on road.

Three cases against Allen Dills sentence not passed at time of going to press.

Carl Neal, whiskey, \$10 and cost. Six months suspended sentence on roads.

Frank Coward and Don Wilke, affray, \$10 and cost each.

Joe Shultz, whiskey, \$15 and cost six months road sentence suspended.

Ed Kinsland and John Cox, \$10 and cost for Kinsland, cost for Cox.

Rufus Bates, drunk, \$10 and cost.

John Burleson, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and cost.

Tom Carpenter, two cases simple assault, \$10 and cost.

Ella Angel, simple assault, \$10 and cost.

Bill Webb, damage to highway not guilty.

Koshoe Schleyer Co., vs. Hurst and Trotter, favor defendants.

Security Finance Co., vs. E. Mozeley, favor defendant.

Walraven Co. vs. General Mica & Clay Co. Favor defendant.

Farmers' Federation vs. Mica Products Co. Favor plaintiff.

J. N. Logan vs. County Commissioners, favor plaintiff for \$20.

Octa Quesenbury, Herman Dean Macon County Supply Co., G. N. Bulgin and Franklin Hardware Co., all against Costello Bros., favor plaintiffs in each case.

### GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

**Finds Conditions at the Jail Very Unsatisfactory—Various Improvements Recommended at Courthouse.**

April Term of Superior Court, 1926. Judge J. M. Oglesby, presiding.

The grand jury have visited and carefully inspected the public buildings and institutions of the county and report as follows:

We find that the jail is neither clean nor sanitary and that the size and construction of the building is such that it is not practical to keep it decent and healthful for a large number of prisoners. That the floor of the largest room was unswept and the towels very dirty, which may have been because of the large number of prisoners, nineteen that had occupied the jail the night before. Eleven men slept in one room, and during the night were shut off from toilet conveniences and were without chambers or any necessary conveniences.

According to the prisoners the men and women use the same toilets at present. Ventilation is very insufficient and the air is foul and oppressive. Long accumulation of film on the windows makes the light dim and the seeing unsatisfactory. Ventilation would be improved if the windows opened at the top as well as at the bottom. Coat racks should be placed on the walls.

The back wall of the prison has about a square foot of damage in the bricks and several inches deep and should be repaired at once. The brick wall over the back door is breaking down and needs immediate repair. The back porch is several feet above the ground and is without steps and the front porch is rotten. The kitchen floor is breaking through in several places.

The county needs and should, as soon as possible, build a new, better and more commodious courthouse and jail.

The accumulation of records and the necessary furniture, especially in the office of the Register of Deeds, is so great that few people can occupy it at once with any comfort.

We recommend that the seats in the gentlemen's toilet be inclosed and have hinged doors.

The ladies' rest room should be furnished with more chairs and the adjoining toilet should have more reliable supply of water, and a broken pipe should be repaired.

Our committee that inspected the county home report three male and six female inmates. They find the general conditions of the inmates good; also the food, clothes and beds good, and that the toilet conveniences sanitation and general treatment are good.

The house needs repainting, two rooms need reflooring and an eaves trough on upper side, and lower porch and upper side of house need repairs. The home needs a new barn and smoke house.

Respectfully submitted,  
B. M. ANGEL, Foreman.

### Home Coming and Mothers' Day Combined

Rev. J. O. Fry, pastor at Louisa Chapel announces a great home coming and mothers' day combined at Louisa Chapel on Sunday, May 9. Preparations are now under way to make this the greatest day in the history of that community. The editor is acquainted with many of the citizens of that section and knows their reputation for hospitality. Those who go may expect to be royally entertained. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets, as there will be dinner on the grounds.

Rev. W. C. Matney of Canton, district superintendent of the Asheville district, will preach the home coming sermon at 11 a. m. Rev. B. C. Reavis of Franklin will preach the Mothers' Day sermon at 3 p. m., while Rev. D. H. Dennis of Montezuma, N. C., will preach that Sunday night.

On Saturday before the second Sunday the quarterly conference convenes at the same church.

### FRANKLIN VISITED BY AUTO ROUTES REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Glenn W. Briggs, representing Automobile Blue Books, Inc., of New York, was a visitor to Franklin last Friday getting data on the automobile routes in this section. This firm publishes maps and logs of the various automobile roads in the country. Mr. Briggs had never heard of the short route from Asheville to Atlanta by way of Franklin. He will have this route noted on future maps.

Mr. Briggs was accompanied by his wife.