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## GIGANTIC DEAL CONSUMMATED IN PURCHASE OF 3085 ACRES IN MACON

### Tract on Top of Cowee Mountains Sold By Mr. Frank Moody to Florida Investment Company.

The Florida Investment Company a North Carolina corporation composed of citizens of both Florida and North Carolina, with Mr. J. T. Walker of Cocoa, Fla., as president, has purchased from Mr. Frank Moody, a prominent citizen of Macon, a tract of 3085 acres on top of the Cowee Mountain on the line between Macon and Jackson counties. All but 51 acres of this tract lies in Macon county from six to eight miles east of Franklin. This acreage consists entirely of mountain lands, heavily wooded, and between 4,000 and 5,000 feet in elevation. The tract contains innumerable springs and many mountain streams and is easily accessible from the concrete highway No. 285 which runs through the tract. It would be difficult to find a more suitable location for an ideal development.

While the consideration was not announced it is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The new owners have not publicly announced their plans concerning this tract.

Since last November, Mr. Moody has been busy getting this acreage together, so that it could be sold as a whole. It is understood that Mr. Moody bought the acreage outright from the various owners and that only recently was his work along this line completed.

The sale of this large tract is expected to have a stimulating effect on real estate sales in Macon county.

### Death of I. J. Ashe

Another of Franklin's old citizens has passed to the Great Beyond, leaving a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing. On this occasion the grim reaper selected Mr. I. J. Ashe. He died at his home on Harrison avenue at 11:30 a. m. May 1st after suffering with pancreatitis for barely a week. The deceased was born in Jackson county nearly 76 years ago, but had made Macon county his home for many years. He was married to Miss Fannie E. L. daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Bell, soon after coming to Macon county. The remains were interred with Masonic honors at the new cemetery west of Franklin Sunday afternoon. One of the largest funeral processions in the history of the county followed the remains to the grave thus paying a last tribute of respect to one of Franklin's most beloved citizens. The deceased was a man who attended to his own affairs and permitted others the same privilege. Loved and respected by all who knew him, the deceased was one of the few citizens of Franklin about whom no unkind word was ever spoken.

The wife of the deceased left for a visit to her children in Portland Ore., on Thursday before her husband was stricken on Sunday and was unable to make the long trip back for the funeral.

In addition to his widow, the deceased is survived by the following named children: Mrs. Charlie Blaine Mrs. Dr. Fouts, Miss Annie Ashe, Mr. Oscar Ashe and Mr. Derald Ashe, all of Franklin, and Mrs. Zeb Summer of Kelso, Wash., Mrs. Ed. Angel, Mrs. Harley Mashburn and Mrs. William Bohner, all of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Ashe is now at 184 E. Holland street, Portland, Oregon.

**DEATH OF JOSHUA SHEPARD**  
Mr. Joshua Shepard, 75, died at his home at Leatherman April 30th, after an illness of six weeks. Sometime ago Mr. Shepard was struck by an automobile and pretty severely injured. He had about recovered from his injuries when pneumonia set in causing his death. The deceased was born at Leatherman and was loved and honored by all who knew him. The remains were interred at the family burying grounds at Leatherman last Sunday, Rev. W. L. Bradley preaching the funeral oration.

He is survived by his widow and nine living children, six children having preceded him to the grave. The bereaved family have the sincerest sympathy of a host of friends of the deceased.

### INFORMATION WANTED

Information regarding the present address of Charles T. Fennell, or his wife, Mary E. Fennell, or their heirs, if communicated to the Aetna Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, will be to their advantage.

### Former Franklin Man Kills Self Over Loss of Savings

Denver, Colo., April 28.—All his life's savings swept away by the failure of two Denver banks and unable to provide for his family, although he was in the restaurant business here Tru Hedden, aged 51, sent a bullet crashing through his heart here today and died 40 minutes later, in a local hospital.

Hedden and his family came to Denver from a farm near Franklin N. C., twelve years ago, and he had saved enough from 11 years toil from local dairy, to enter the restaurant business. He had \$4,500 in the banks that went to the wall.

A bread deliveryman was standing in front of Hedden's restaurant and heard the shot, and saw Hedden walk 40 feet before he fell. The restaurant business had dwindled to nothing and the older of Hedden's children had been trying to help keep up the family. There are six children and the widow surviving. The two oldest daughters were deserted by their husbands some months ago, and a child each by their marriages swells the family to nine. They were found to be destitute, after the father's suicide Mrs. Hedden, who was injured in a street car accident three years ago and never recovered, is said to be in a critical condition.—Asheville Citizen.

### Registrars and Judges For Macon County

The following is a list of registrars and judges of the primaries and general elections for the next two years. The first named in each precinct is the registrar and the next two judges:

- Franklin No. 2—F. W. Stiles, C. F. Oliver, Geo. Carpenter.
- Franklin No. 1—Geo. Mallonee, J. R. Morrison, R. D. Sisk.
- Millshoal—J. M. Raby, Jerry Franklin, John Henry.
- Elliway—Peter Moses, Bulen Bryson, W. R. Higdon.
- Sugarfork—Alex Shook, A. B. Potts, C. W. Henderson.
- Highlands—J. A. Hines, Frank Potts, Wm. Cleveland.
- Flatts—Ray Dryman, Oden Penland, John D. Burnett.
- Smith Bridge—D. P. Cabe, Chas. Norton, C. C. Vinson.
- Cartoogehaye—Bryan Setser, John Rhone, W. H. Gree.
- Nantahala No. 1—Lee Baldwin, Van Morgan, J. W. Gregory.
- Nantahala No. 2—J. R. Shields, J. S. Grant, J. R. Wilkie.
- Burningtown—Austin Byrd, Wm. Edwards, John Dean.
- Cowee—Clyde West, C. A. Bryson, H. D. Dean.

### Two More From County Accepted For C. M. T. C.

Mr. M. D. Billings, county representative for the Citizens' Military Training Camps, has been informed by the commanding general of the fourth corps area, of the receipt of acceptable applications from the following young men of this county to attend the 1926 camps:

Mr. Charles Edward Russell, Highlands; Mr. Leon Thomas Sloan, Jr. Iotla.

These young men are now undergoing the required treatment of immunization against typhoid fever and vaccination against smallpox, in order to be eligible for camp at the time set by the commanding general in charge of the training camps.

General Hagood also has asked the county representative to announce that of the 3,500 vacancies, approximately 3,000 had been taken up, on April 20th and a great many of these have already undergone their inoculation and vaccination. These will be accepted first.

He also wishes young men who are going to these camps to know that there are 18 splendid scholarships for military and non-military schools and colleges, being offered to cadets at the training camps this summer.

### MOTHERS' DAY SERVICE

There will be a special Mothers' Day service at the Franklin Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. B. C. Reavis, will preach a special sermon on the subject: "Mother and Home." There will be special music by the choir. A special program is being arranged by the young ladies for the reception of those who come.

Everybody is cordially invited. If you have no way to come, phone Mr. James Hauser, at Smith's drug store. He is chairman of a committee of young men who will use their cars to give free transportation to and from church.

## NEWS OF WEEK OF HIGHLANDS

### Brief Items of Interest from Macon's Pretty Mountain City as Told by Correspondent of The Press.

We noticed on our streets last week automobile tags from Florida New York, Ohio and Kansas.

Mrs. Emmons and daughter of Boston, Mass., are spending a few weeks here. Mrs. Emmons was here 30 years ago when it took her two days to come up from Walhalla in a hack. This time she made the trip from Charleston, S. C., by way of Asheville in less than two days. She thinks there is quite a change in this part of the country.

Rapid progress is being made toward clearing the lake site, which will be formed by the construction of the dam across the Cullasaja river, which the town is building to develop electrical power.

The survey has been completed and work started on the town sewer system.

We are glad to have Miss Ernestine Blackwell with us for the summer again. She has spent the winter in Lakeland, Fla., with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weir of Canton N. C., have returned and are making plans to take charge of Lindenwood lake again.

S. N. Evins, Esq., with Mrs. Evins accompanied by Mrs. J. K. Orr, all of Atlanta, spent a few days in Highlands recently at their summer home.

Mr. Clark Foreman of Atlanta with a party of friends spent the week end at Tanglewood, the Foreman summer home.

Mrs. Robt. N. Hughs, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sisson, all of Atlanta, spent the week-end at Mrs. Hughs' summer home here.

Mr. T. Peden Anderson of Lakeland, Fla., is here looking after the completion of a new home on Lindenwood Lake and other business interests.

J. R. Sullivan of Westminster was shaking hands with friends here a few days ago. He is building a home out near Lindenwood Lake.

Mrs. J. A. Hines represented Highlands at Grand Opera, in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis left on a motor trip Sunday morning to Colraine, N. C. Miss Rachel, their daughter, will return with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Root, who have spent the winter in the middle west have returned to make Highlands their home.

Mr. E. S. Douglas of West Palm Beach, Fla., who made an early visit to his home near here, returned to Florida a few days ago, and will soon be coming back with Mrs. Douglas to spend the summer.

Mr. R. L. Kennedy of Haines City Fla., is in town for a few days.

Mrs. Kate Schapira of West Palm Beach is here enjoying the scenery and will be here for the summer.

Mr. S. M. Hutchison and son of Chicago, spent the week-end seeing the views around our town and were greatly pleased.

A number of people from Westminster spent Sunday in town visiting the different points of interest.

Miss Margaret Gilbert and Miss Eloise Rice spent several days with friends in Westminster.

Several members of the Elliot family who have been spending the winter in New York, Savannah and Florida, have returned to their Highlands home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Itter have just returned from Mrs. Itter's former home in New York.

### Highlands Growing Rapidly

Mr. J. A. Hines, a prominent citizen of Highlands, was a visitor to Franklin last Monday. Mr. Hines does not indulge in wild statements and what he says can be taken at its face value. In speaking of the growth of his town, Mr. Hines became quite enthusiastic. He informs The Press that Florida people are arriving in unprecedented numbers for this time of the year. Quite a few of them are building rustic lodges. One lady is constructing a beautiful tea house on the outskirts of town.

Highlands has already begun work preparatory to building a municipal dam. The lake site is almost cleared and inquiries from other states concerning this dam are daily reaching Highlands. Real estate sales continue active and building along all lines has reached a feverish state. It's only a question of a very few years until Highlands will be a town of two or three thousand inhabitants.

### Wilson Brothers Finish Concreting Dillsboro Road

On the last day of April the Wilson Construction company who have the contract for Macon's link of the Dillsboro road, completed pouring concrete. After two weeks our citizens will be able to use this road to the foot of the mountains in Jackson county. It is presumed that detours along this road in the latter county will be available to the public, thus avoiding the necessity of going by way of Bryson City to Asheville. The contractor in Jackson will probably finish his part of the highway by July first.

The Wilson Construction company will move to other counties and continue their work with the state highway commission. Macon county regrets that this company has no further contracts in this county. They build roads quickly and well, having made a record for rapid construction of the Georgia road. Never at any time while engaged in Macon county has this company had the slightest dispute with the state highway authorities.

### Cowee Locals

After having continued cold weather for so long, all suddenly things appear so much changed, and we know spring has truly come. Whip-poor-will, hummingbird and yellowbreast display their freedom, while fields and forest are exhibiting a glow of verdure and looking as they appeared last year, reminding us of the continued "come and go" of the seasons.

That that is growing now is not the same that grew last year only similar.

Just so, the humble human—adorned with "His Likeness"—inhabits the number of days that constitute his season, and surrenders in the termination of his strength, to be succeeded by the successive generations—wisely made, numberless to our knowledge.

But who is he, that strange foe who with cold and silent breath doth chill for aye the throbbing heart and claim this mortal his part?

That grim reaper, Death.

"Uncle" Joshua Shepard, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens passed away Friday and was buried Sunday at the Shepard cemetery. It will be remembered he was accidentally hurt by an auto some time ago. He was a grandson of "Uncle" Tommy Shepard, the first settler of Cowee, so we are told.

Mrs. Emma Bradley, who was badly burned by her clothing catching on fire last winter, yielded to the struggle for existence Sunday evening and was buried at Oak Grove Monday. "Sleeping that last long dreamless sleep, from which none ever wake to weep."

"Emma was one of my pupils when I taught school, and her face still lingers in my heart. Alas, these friends are gone, and we'll see them no more 'till we see them in the judgement."

Most of our young people have been sick with mumps of late.

Mrs. Eula Bryson has measles. Rev. Alex Elmore and Rev. George Cloder visited home folks from Sylva the last of the week.

MRS. DORA ELMORE.

### Poultry Sale

Owing to the scarcity of poultry in this section, we will not be able to load another car before May 26.

For the benefit of those who have fryers that will be too large on May 26, or those that have poultry that they cannot well hold until May 26, arrangements will be made to ship their poultry by express to market or to haul it to the poultry car at Bryson City on Wednesday afternoon, May 12, provided County Agent Arrendale is notified in time to make the necessary arrangements for coops, trucks etc. The poultry will be assembled at Franklin on Wednesday morning.

### LOUISA CHAPEL NEWS

We have been having some beautiful spring weather for a few days. The ladies of the community seem to be taking advantage of it, cleaning up and getting ready for Home-Coming Day, and the revival which is to follow soon afterward.

A few women of the community met at Mrs. W. H. Roane's, April 27, and helped her with her spring sewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Frazier spent Sunday on Skeenah.

We were glad to see Mrs. Hamilton Greene out at Sunday school again. She has been absent for some time. Messrs. Dave and Blaine Greene and W. H. Roane and W. H. Potts were visiting Mr. E. J. Frazier Sunday evening.

I think Claud Patton and Lash Frazier must be planning to catch the big fish in Lake Emory, as they are practicing most every day.

## SENIOR CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY

### Seniors Will Give Play Saturday Night, May 8th—Miss Batts From Chapel Hill, Director.

The Franklin High School Seniors will present "Seventeen," by Booth Tarkington Saturday night, May 8th. This play is one of the best ever given by high school students. Miss Batts, an excellent director, from Chapel Hill, has charge of the play. She has given this play with wonderful success at Greensboro and Durham. It has also been given at Athens, Ga., and is noted everywhere for its entertainment.

This will be one of the great events of the school year, and the time when the Senior Class will show you what they can do. It will also be the time when every citizen of the town parent and friend of the members of the Senior Class, will show his loyalty and interest in this graduating class by being present. And, too, it will be a time of enjoyment.

You must be there, do not miss this! Come!

At the High School Auditorium, Saturday night, May 8, at 8 o'clock. Admission, 35 and 50 cents. S. M. Y. '26.

### School News

Probably the grandest affair of the school year was given Thursday night, when the Junior class entertained the Seniors with the annual Junior-Senior banquet. It was given in the school dining room and about 75 people, including the faculty and the two classes were present. The color scheme was silver and rose and the room was most artistically decorated. It resembled a garden with a vine covered fence around it. Artificial sweet peas were climbing in profusion over it and Japanese lanterns softened the glare of the electric lights. The favors and place cards were also decorated with sweet peas, the Seniors' class flower. Thomas Johnston was master of ceremonies and all the notables present gave toasts.

The Franklin High School Minstrel was given Saturday night at the court house. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Athletic Association. A box-supper was had after the minstrel and all present had a good time.

Society was postponed last Friday on account of so many other interests. The next and last contest will be to see which society gives the better program. The S. S. S. program will be this Friday and the Laniers' the following. This contest decides which society wins the banquet.

Don't forget the Senior Class Play! They say it's to be the best ever.

The Annual will probably be ready and for sale by the middle of May. Much credit is due the Senior class and Mr. Bramlett for the things they have accomplished this year. Let's wish them the best success and do all in our power to help them get it.

The schedule for commencement exercises has been posted. This year we hope to have the best commencement the school has ever had and from all appearances it seems as though we are going to do it. The class play comes off soon and we believe it is destined to be a great success. Let's all come! If we don't we are sure to regret it. E. S. '27.

### SERVICES AT ST. AGNES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

E. J. Pipes, Rector. Services as follows:

Holy Communion each Sunday, (except first Sunday of month) at 8 a. m.

Sunday school, (R. D. Sisk, superintendent) at 10 a. m.

Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m.

Vespers at 5 p. m.

Holy Communion first Sunday of each month, 11 a. m.

The St. Agnes Guild meets first Thursday in each month at the Rectory at 3:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to worship with us at these services, and you are also invited to use the playground in rear of church.

### REV. MR. FLANIGAN WILL PREACH ON THIRD SUNDAY

Rev. J. A. Flanagan has accepted the call to the group of Presbyterian churches in Macon county and will arrive here to preach at 11 a. m. at the Franklin church on the third Sunday in May. Services to be held at the other churches will be announced after his arrival.