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TREMONT MOUNTAIN TO BE CROWNED WITH BIG HOTEL

Gal-Zak Hotel Corporation to Build \$250,000 Hotel on Tremont Mountain Two Miles North of Franklin—Work to Start at Once—Tremont Park Corporation Will Develop 1500 Acres.

HIS DREAM COMES TRUE.



E. S. Galloway
Originator of
Tremont Park
and Gal-Zak Ho-
tel.

THE GAL-ZAK HOTEL CORPORATION, composed of local and New York men, will begin the immediate construction of a \$250,000 hotel on Tremont mountain overlooking Franklin and with an elevation of 4,000 feet above sea level. The hotel is to be built on the peak nearest town. The Tremont Park Corporation has donated 80 acres of land to the hotel corporation which tract includes all three peaks of Tremont mountain.

The site of the proposed hotel commands, beyond doubt, one of the most magnificent views in all Western North Carolina. From this site one can see five mountain ranges and parts of four states, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. The five mountain ranges to be seen from the top of Tremont are: The Blue Ridge, Nantahala, Cowee, Balsam and the Great Smoky mountains, the latter the site of the proposed national park, 40 miles to the north. From Tremont one also obtains a complete view of Franklin in the immediate foreground. The five state highways leading into Franklin may also be seen for miles in each direction. At night the lights of Franklin and the head lights from automobiles on these five highways, together with the dim outlines of mighty mountain ranges in the distance, remind the beholder of stories of wonderful fairylands.

The Gal-Zak hotel will consist of three stories and basement and will contain 100 rooms each with bath. Fire-proof construction will obtain throughout. The plans call for steam heat, hot and cold water and circulating ice water in each room. The water supply for the hotel and the Tremont Park development will be obtained from nine springs on the mountain which have a combined flow of 400 gallons per minute. Linthicum & Linthicum, prominent architects of Raleigh, drew the plans for the hotel. This firm also drew the plans for all public buildings to be erected on Wildacres, the big development of Thomas Dixon in Western North Carolina.

Coincident with and in connection with the building of the Gal-Zak hotel the Tremont Park Corporation will develop 1500 acres surrounding the hotel site. This corporation was chartered free and clear from any debt. Work on the roads and bridle paths will begin in the near future. Water mains, electric light and telephone lines will also be installed. To meet the growing demands for small summer estates the Tremont Park Corporation has decided to sub-divide its holdings into tracts consisting of from one to five acres each. Very few, if any, small building lots are included in the plans.

The following named men have been announced as directors in both the Gal-Zak Hotel Corporation and the Tremont Park Corporation: Messrs. E. S. Galloway, W. J. Zachary, Major S. A. Harris, U. S. Army, retired, S. R. Joines, J. S. Conley all of Franklin; Mr. J. N. Jarrett of Raleigh, and Mr. Rufus R. Wilson of New York. Mr. Wilson is the author of that well known work, "Florida, Old and New," and during the World War President Wilson recognized his immense capacity for organization by appointing him to be in complete control of cotton production and marketing in those times of great stress. The directors of the two corporations will meet at Franklin early next week and elect officers for both corporations.

A CANE WITH A HISTORY

Last week Mr. E. S. Galloway brought to The Press office a cane used as a gavel by Mr. William H. Harrison, president of the Atlantic Life Insurance company of Richmond at the organization of the Optimists International at Louisville, Ky., in 1919. Mr. Galloway was temporary chairman at the convention which

organized the Optimists. When Mr. Harrison was elected permanent chairman and called for a gavel none was available. Mr. Galloway handed his cane to Mr. Harrison who used it as a gavel during the remainder of the convention. This cane has been autographed by Mr. Harrison and has been presented to the Optimists Club at Asheville by Mr. Galloway.



ONE HUNDRED ROOM GAL-ZAK HOTEL TO BE ERECTED ON TREMONT MOUNTAIN NEAR FRANKLIN. THIS BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF ROCK VENEER AND OTHER FIREPROOF MATERIAL.

WORK TO START ON HIGHWAY 28

Engineer Here—Convicts to Grade Road Across Nantahalas; To Use Steam Shovel.

A week ago The Press wrote Mr. J. G. Stikeleather requesting information as to when work would begin on Highway No. 28. In reply to this letter Mr. Stikeleather sent his associate engineer, Mr. P. L. Threlkeld, to Franklin last Tuesday and asked him to step into the Press office and give the editor the desired information. As a result of the visit of Mr. Threlkeld The Press has good news for the citizens of Macon.

Mr. Threlkeld was accompanied to Macon by Superintendent C. L. McDowell, who immediately proceeded to the partly constructed convict camp at the head of Cartoogechaye and put a force of hands to work making the camp ready for 85 convicts who will arrive next week to begin grading No. 28 across the Nantahalas in the direction of Hayesville.

A steam shovel has been shipped to Franklin and should arrive early next week. This shovel with about 30 free labor hands will begin grading the road leading up the Cullasaja to Highlands.

Mr. Threlkeld, while here, expressed regret that conditions have been such as to prevent an earlier beginning on the work of grading No. 28. It is needless here to state what all citizens of the county know—that Mr. Stikeleather is intensely interested in the rapid grading of this highway. He and his engineers have been doing everything possible to get work started on this road, without sacrificing too much on other highway projects.

No. 28 has already been graded for about 20 miles in Macon, this section of the road lying between the Nantahalas and Cowees.

The Press is exceedingly gratified to announce the early resumption of work on No. 28 in both directions from Franklin.

The Study Club

The Study Club held a very pleasant meeting in April with Mrs. R. W. Shields. The first May meeting was with Mrs. Gilmer Jones. We have completed our course in Modern Dramatics. Elections of officers will take place at the next meeting, Monday, May 17, which will be with Mrs. C. W. Hames. A full attendance is desired.

FRANKLIN GIRL HONORED

The many friends of Miss Emily Kingsbery will be interested to learn that she has been elected assistant editor of the annual published by the girls of Agnes Scott college at Decatur. Miss Kingsbery is also a member of B. O. Z., an honorary writers club of that institution. There are only six or eight members of this club and only those who have high literary ability are considered for membership. The success Miss Kingsbery is making at Agnes Scott is a source of much gratification to her friends in Franklin.

NEWS OF WEEK OF HIGHLANDS

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

The Macon County League of Women Voters with headquarters at Highlands, recently closed the most successful year of its existence. In addition to having accomplished much constructive work at home, it sent a delegate to the state convention which met at Charlotte in March. To get a definite idea of the work in the state. After more than doubling its membership, it received a prize from the National League at the St. Louis convention, for making every member a money raiser. This prize money was returned to the state treasury for the purpose of aiding the legislative council in passing a law limiting the working day of children under 16 to eight hours a day in industrial and mercantile pursuits.

At the last meeting it was voted to invite the candidates for the 1927 legislature to come to Highlands and discuss our legislative problem with measure by measure before the June primary.

The officers elect for the ensuing year are:

- President, Mrs. S. T. Maret.
 - First vice president and chairman of legislation, Miss Albertine Staub.
 - Second vice president, Miss Bernice Durgin.
 - Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Gilbert.
 - Treasurer and chairman of finance, Miss R. C. Nall.
 - Chairman of high cost of living, Mrs. J. A. Hines.
 - Chairman of membership committee, Mrs. C. C. Potts.
 - Publicity, Mrs. J. E. Root.
- New members welcomed at the meeting in April were, Mrs. E. Potts, Miss Eleanore Raoul, Mrs. M. E. Staub, Mrs. Carl Zoellner, Mrs. Martha Day, and Mrs. J. E. Root.

The Highlands Red Cross chapter will send a representative to the biennial Red Cross conference meeting in Atlantic City, May 19 to 22, also to the Pan American congress of Red Cross Societies, meeting in Washington, D. C., May 25, to June 5.

Miss Cordele Kemper, a Red Cross field representative for Western N. C. visited the Highlands Red Cross chapter, her visit proved helpful, and was greatly appreciated.

A rummage sale will be held by the Highlands Red Cross chapter at the health center, Wednesday, the 12th at 2 p. m.

We are glad to see that about one half mile of the sewer work is finished which was started the 3rd of May.

Mr. A. J. Salinas and family accompanied by Mrs. Robt. Palmer, all of Augusta, are here for the summer and expect to get into their new home in a few days.

Mr. W. O. Jones and family of Elberton, Ga., with his two nieces, Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Hewlett, of Detroit are spending a few days at their summer home.

Mr. F. B. Cook spent several days

SCOUT CABIN TO BE READY JUNE 1

Beeco and Higdon Get Contract to Build Cabin in Rear of Masonic Hall—To Begin Work At Once.

The local lodge of the Masonic order recently granted permission to the Franklin Boy Scouts to erect an assembly room on the Masonic lot in rear of the temple. The Scout masters, Rev. E. J. Pipes and Mr. Gilmer Crawford, immediately started a campaign to raise the necessary funds. The local scout council assisted in this work by appointing several teams from among its members to solicit funds. This campaign resulted in raising approximately \$400. While this amount will be hardly sufficient to build the cabin other sources of revenue will supplement the funds on hand. The scout masters and the scouts themselves are highly elated at the success of their plans and through The Press desire to extend thanks to the Masons for the use of the lot and to the citizens of Franklin who so liberally contributed to the fund for building the cabin.

LAW FIRM DISSOLVES

The law partnership of Horn, Patton and Poindexter has been dissolved and is now succeeded by the firm of Horn & Poindexter, composed of A. W. Horn and C. C. Poindexter.

in Greenwood, S. C. He returned Sunday accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Davis of Greenwood and Miss Constance Haynes of Spartanburg.

Mr. T. C. Anderson and Sam Ear of Ninety-Six, were stopping at Highlands Inn last week.

We are glad to learn that the Highlands Inn is installing a Delco-Light plant to be in operation in a few days.

Miss Rachael Davis who has been teaching at Colrain, N. C., has returned to her home here, for the summer, accompanied by her friend, Miss Bertha Ward, from the eastern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Epp of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Cashiers N. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall. Mr. Van Epp is Mrs. Hall's brother.

Mrs. Kate Schapira drove to Southern Pines last Thursday to get her two children, Roy and Irene, who were there in school. She returned Saturday and will move into her new cottage in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beckett of Los Angeles, Calif., are stopping at the Central House. They spent the winter in Florida.

Mrs. J. Lamb Perry, and Mrs. Theodore Lamb who have their summer homes here have arrived and will be here for the summer.

Miss Nellie Cleveland with a party of friends drove to Cullowhee Sunday. They report a pleasant trip.

The Hall House and Kings Inn will be opening the 15th.