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## Dream Of Years To Be Realized In the Construction Of Big Commercial Hotel

**Local Company Composed of Messrs. J. A. Porter, W. L. Higdon, J. N. Jarrett and W. C. Cunningham to Build Commercial Hotel of Brick and Steel on Main Street—Work to Begin When Architect Finishes Plans.**

Announcement was made last Saturday that a local company composed of Messrs. J. A. Porter, W. L. Higdon, J. N. Jarrett and W. C. Cunningham will begin the construction of a commercial hotel of brick and steel on Main street just as soon as the architects can complete the plans.

This hotel will be built on the lot adjacent to the southeast corner of the public square, the lot being owned by Mr. Porter and Mr. Higdon. Mr. Jarrett left Saturday for Asheville carrying a general outline of the plans. These plans will be presented to the architects who will make the necessary drawings and specifications and estimate the cost.

As the final plans have not been determined, The Press is as yet unable to give its readers these plans in detail. However, the hotel will be three or four stories high and constructed of brick and steel. It will face 107 feet on Main street and have a depth of 85 feet. On the ground floor provision has been made for four stores and lobby all opening on Main street. The announcement that the building will be steam heated is of particular interest to the traveling man. A basement under the entire building will be utilized for the furnace room and for various other purposes. The location of the proposed hotel is in the center of the business district and the site is undoubtedly the most suitable in town for the purpose for which intended.

For years the need of a modern commercial hotel in Franklin has been apparent. At various times efforts have been made toward the construction of such a hotel, but for one reason or another these efforts have amounted to nothing except to emphasize the importance and need for a hotel. The demand for more and better hotel facilities at Franklin has become so acute they can no longer be ignored. Realizing the existence of this state of affairs and above all desiring to be of help to the town in its distress, Messrs. Porter, Higdon, Jarrett and Cunningham have boldly decided to erect a commercial hotel for Franklin that will be the finest of its kind in North Carolina west of Asheville.

### Stiles Locals

Mr. Harley Mason went to Burningtown Sunday.

Mr. J. Virgil Smith is skidding poles for the Sheep Knob Lumber company.

Mr. R. B. Street, secretary of the Carolina Real Estate company of Asheville, has closed the lumber deal on Tellico for the Woody lands. This may be a good development for this country.

The farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather working corn. Mr. Clyde Morgan has a right smart corn in his grass field. If you don't believe it, come down and we will show you.

Mr. Harry Morgan was the welcome guest of Mr. E. B. Byrd Sunday morning.

Mr. James Ramsey motored thru this section Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Marlowe passed through this section Saturday.

Mr. J. D. Cabe is hauling lumber for the Mill Ridge Lumber company.

Mr. Willie Owenby has gone off to hunt a job.

### PUREBRED BULLS TRAVEL AT HALF RATE

Common carriers of the Southeastern Tariff Association have granted a half-rate concession on the transportation of purebred bulls to be used for breeding purposes when their value does not exceed \$150.

This information received by the United States Department of Agriculture from the secretary of the Southern Cattlemen's Association is expected to aid in developing the cattle industry in the southeast portion of the country. The increased recognition which the breeding of good livestock is receiving from commercial sources is hastening progress in stock improvement, according to specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture.

### Sunday School Progress In North Carolina

(By D. W. Sims, General Superintendent, N. C. S. C. A.)

One thousand fifty-one interested Sunday school workers from 57 counties attended the two sections of the annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association held during the week from Monday, May 3, to Sunday, May 9, one section being held in Hickory on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the other in New Bern on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Practically half of those attending, or to be exact, 485, were pastors, superintendents, teachers and other officers. Besides those who registered from the different counties fully three hundred people attended as visitors.

The following items taken from the reports submitted for the past convention year, from April 1, 1925 to March 31, 1926, show the accomplishments for the year, and the growth of the work during the past five years:

1. All of the 100 counties in the state are now organized into County Sunday School Associations, and all held County Sunday School Conventions during the past convention year. Five years ago only 17 counties were organized and holding conventions.

2. In the 100 County Conventions held during the year a total of 1,541 Sunday schools were represented by 409 pastors, 769 superintendents, and 3,799 teachers. The estimated total attendance was 24,350 people, or an average of 243 at each meeting.

3. Four hundred seventy-four Township Sunday School conventions and institutes were reported held during the year. This is an increase of 109 over the number held in the previous convention year. Five years ago only 34 such meetings were held during the year.

4. The employed workers of the State Sunday School Association attended all of the 100 County Conventions and 82 of the township meetings, reaching in these 182 meetings 2,230 Sunday schools, 641 pastors, 1,128 superintendents, and 5,689 teachers, and an estimated total of 33,351 people.

5. Reports from the various County Sunday School Associations show that the organizations are rapidly increasing in efficiency. Twenty-four counties won places on the Efficiency Honor Roll for work done during the Convention year. At present there are 1,599 people serving as officers in the County and Township Sunday School Associations. The free service rendered by these people is equal to eight people employed on full time.

6. The officers in charge of the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association are as follows: President, J. B. Ivey, Charlotte; president eastern region, T. W. Coston, Gatesville; president central region, Dr. John B. Wright, Raleigh; president west central region, Dr. C. M. Van Poole, Salisbury; president western region, Thos. P. Pruitt, Hickory; treasurer, E. B. Crow, Raleigh; chairman executive committee, L. W. Clark, Spray.

The employed workers of the Association are D. W. Sims, general superintendent; Miss Flora Davis, associate superintendent; Miss Daisy Magee, children's division superintendent; Miss Ruby Holland, office secretary; Miss Daisy Atkinson, office assistant.

### First Brick Laid

Mr. Russell Painter of Sylva has been awarded the contract for all brick work on the commercial block being constructed by Messrs. Sam Franks, W. C. Cunningham and Henry Cabe. Last Monday afternoon Mr. Sam Franks with great eclat and under strict supervision of Mr. Painter laid the first brick of this, the first three story building in Franklin. Mr. Painter estimates that the brick work on the new building will be completed in three weeks. Another story is to be added to the building now occupied by Sloan Brothers & Company and a new front installed so as to make a complete block of both structures.

### MOUNTAIN CITY GOES OVER TOP

**Sylvan Lake Falls, Inc., One of Biggest Developments in North Georgia Mountains, Well Under Way.**

Last Tuesday Dr. Frank Smith, Mr. Roy Carpenter, Mr. J. T. Killen, and the editor of The Press were guests of the sales force of Sylvan Lake Falls, Inc., one of the most pretentious developments in the mountainous region of Georgia. After an excellent luncheon, served at the York House, just across the North Carolina-Georgia line from Franklin, Mr. S. F. Rogers of Primrose & Rogers, sales agents for the corporation, ordered his 20 passenger bus made ready. Soon the Franklin party, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ethridge and several members of the sales organization were en their way to Sylvan Lake Falls. This development is located about one and a half miles northwest of Mountain City, overlooking the beautiful Wolfork valley and in its entirety, consists of 376 acres, one unit of which is now under development. A force of hands within the past three weeks has graded several miles of roadway. Rabun county is also widening the county road leading from the Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville highway to the entrance to the property.

The big bus winding about newly graded, though excellent roads, soon landed the party at the site of the proposed lake. Here Mr. Rogers went into details concerning the development. A concrete dam, crescent in shape and 152 feet long, work on which will begin next week, will be located at the top of Sylvan Falls which here drops in a series of cascades a vertical distance of 125 feet. The lake to be formed by the dam will cover 26 acres. Heavily wooded mountains surround the lake site on all sides. Just below the dam a rustic bridge will span the gorge high above the tumbling cascades. Space has been reserved near the site of the dam for the administration building. The ground floor of this building will contain the kitchen and offices for the sales force while the second story will be utilized as executive offices and dining room. Just across the drive from the administration building three lots have been set aside for the hotel to be erected on the property. From the site of the hotel one looks down on Sylvan Falls whose musical waters sing an eternal lullaby to tired bodies and weary minds. In the immediate foreground lies the enchanted valley of Wolfork against a background of majestic mountains. Seven or eight miles away Pickens' Nose, over 5000 feet in elevation, looks down upon his lesser brothers. Gazing still further into North Carolina, one sees range after range of mighty mountains rising in series heights until earth and sky meet in the distance more than 50 miles away.

The average elevation of the Sylvan Falls development is 3500 feet above the sea. Blue prints have been made of the first unit which contains 467 lots. A second unit will be developed later containing over 1000 lots and located on the same stream above the first unit. The second unit will have in places an elevation of 4000 feet.

A driveway has been completed around the site of the proposed lake. All roads on the development are to be hard-surfaced. A whiteway will be installed completely around the lake. A bathing beach is also planned.

Arrangements have been made for stocking the lake with bass and trout. The water supply for the development will be obtained from springs on the mountains above, two-inch mains carrying the water from a 2500 gallon tank to all parts of the development.

The owners of the development are Dr. Holmes Mason, of Macon, Ga.; Mr. B. R. Flemister of Millidgeville, Ga.; and Attorney L. C. Dotson of Mountain City, Ga.

While the formal sale of lots has not yet begun, Mr. Rogers reports

### Federated Chambers of Commerce Met Friday

Last Friday, Mr. E. C. Kingsbery, Miss Lassie Kelley and the editor attended the second meeting of the Federated Chambers of Commerce at the Battery Park Hotel, in Asheville. About 35 delegates were present representing many chambers of commerce in the western part of the state. At this meeting many constructive measures were adopted. The federation decided to get out a booklet showing the loops or circles to be made from each town joining the federation. The expense of printing this booklet will be borne by the federation and each town may purchase as many booklets as it desires. Amusements features to be offered the tourists were discussed. But the best phase of the whole meeting was the expressed desire on the part of all towns participating to cooperate for the benefit of the entire western section of the state. Local jealousies were discouraged and each town promised to work for the good of all towns. In this connection it is pertinent to call attention to the fact that Franklin has no chamber of commerce. If the citizens want one, some steps toward this end should be taken immediately.

### Alaskan Radio Stations to Use Delco-Light Plants

For the assistance of Polar explorers and for military use, the U. S. air service is establishing six radio stations at Alaskan army posts. The stations will be capable of getting a message to any explorer within the Arctic circle. Six Delco-Light plants will be used to provide the necessary current.

The Delco-Light company did a record breaking business in April, shipping \$7,500,000 worth of its products. More than 500 freight cars were required to handle the light plants and electric refrigerators turned out in that period. Before the end of 1926, the company expects to reach easily the \$80,000,000 mark set for it by E. G. Biechler, president and general manager.

Great interest has been aroused in farming circles by the new automatic plant announced last month. One dealer reported the sale of seven in a single day. Total sales of farm lighting plants for April were 70 per cent higher than for the same month a year ago.

### Chevrolet Agency

Mr. C. H. Perry and Mr. C. R. Jones, formerly of Balsam, have bought out the Key City Motor company and have established a Chevrolet agency in Franklin with a franchise for Macon county. This agency will operate under the name of Perry-Jones Chevrolet company. The new firm expects the arrival within ten days of a carload of new Chevrolets. An expert will install all necessary machinery and equipment for a first-class service station. A large number of parts for the Chevrolet car will be carried at all times.

In conversation with a Press representative, Mr. Perry stated that several other towns in the western part of the state had endeavored to induce his company to locate with them. However, one visit to Franklin persuaded him to locate here. Mr. Perry says that Franklin is the most progressive town of its size in North Carolina. His company has come here to locate permanently and to become a part of the business life of the community. Since his arrival, Mr. Perry has been delighted with the hospitality accorded him. Macon county extends a warm welcome to the Perry-Jones Chevrolet company.

that he is daily receiving enquiries and that one or two sections containing several lots have been purchased through telegrams.

When the Franklin party was ready to return home, Mr. Rogers expressed the desire to cooperate with Franklin in every way possible. "What help one town in this section," said he, "will help all other towns in the vicinity." Mr. Rogers was assured that Franklin is anxious to see Sylvan Lake Falls succeed and that he might expect all the cooperation it is possible for Franklin to give.

### NEWS OF WEEK OF HIGHLANDS

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

On Tuesday of last week, Miss Charlotte B. Elliott and Mr. J. A. Hines, representing the Church of the Incarnation here, attended the Diocesan convention at All Souls church, Biltmore, N. C. They with all other delegates were invited to be the guests of Mr. F. L. Seelye at the Grove Park Inn. It is needless to say that the delegates enjoyed to the fullest extent the quiet, peaceful and luxurious atmosphere of that justly famous resort hotel. On Wednesday afternoon all the delegates were invited to an informal reception at the Biltmore estate by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil. Refreshments were served in the flower gardens, where Mrs. Cecil most graciously received her guests.

Miss Bernice Durgin delightfully entertained a group of her friends, at a "Crab apple blossom party" a few evenings ago.

Miss Rebecca Harris of Havana, Cuba, is here and will be at her summer home for the next few months.

Miss Harriett Stewart of Greensboro, N. C., is assisting Pierson and Staub in their office work.

Colonel and Mrs. John Stephen Sewell of Birmingham, Ala., are here for the summer. They are building a summer home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Marett are moving into their nice new home in Lindenwood drive.

J. Q. Pierson and family are spending a few days at Chattooga camp.

B. D. Frierson of Charlotte, N. C., spent last week at the Central House and hopes to be back again before the summer is gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hager, Jr., of Oklawaha, Fla., will occupy Linden Lodge for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Douglas of Palm Beach, Fla., have arrived and will spend the summer at their summer home near here.

The picture show has started, and all seem to appreciate it very much, judging from the large attendance Saturday night. They will show on Tuesday and Saturday at present.

Mr. W. S. Davis is having a family reunion. Those attending are: Rev. Warner P. Davis and family of Lynch, Ky.; Mr. A. D. Bolton and family of Converse, Ga.; Mr. W. G. Steele and family of Baker Hill, Ala.; and Mr. W. W. Mitchell and family of East Point, Ga.

The Key City Decorating Company of Franklin, have resumed work on the Pierson House which is being renovated, and refurnished.

Miss Helen Wallace of Atlanta, who has been spending several weeks here, left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Franklin.

Messrs. J. M. Bruner, J. R. Sullivan, W. A. Singleton and L. A. Haley of Westminster, were here a short time on their way to Pierson's camp on a fishing trip last week. Dr. Gilbert joined them.

Miss Evelyn Cleveland, who has been attending school at Cullowhee, is at home for the summer.

### Development on Whiteoak

Mr. John H. Dalton has been surveying a 200 acre tract near the mouth of Whiteoak creek on the government road leading from Aquone to Nantahala station. This tract is known as the S. G. Wishon property. It is understood that the parties buying this land will build a dam across Whiteoak creek and make other extensive developments. Full details of the plan were unknown to our informant. There is no more beautiful section of the county than that lying west of the Nantahalas.

### STEAM SHOVEL AT WORK

The steam shovel began work on highway No. 28 seven miles from Franklin on the Highlands road on May 21st. Work is also moving along rapidly on the camp near Gneiss.