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## NEWS OF WEEK OF HIGHLANDS

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

The Highlands Tea Room, which is being operated by Misses Agnes Medlock and Pearl Walker, of Honea Path, S. C., will have its formal opening on Saturday, June 12th. A chicken dinner will be the special attraction. This Tea Room is located over G. W. Marett's store. Those wishing dinner may register in G. W. Marett's store.

Mr. J. Q. Pierson and his son, William, left last week for a short visit to Charleston, S. C., and other points of interest.

Mr. I. L. Harris of Havana, Cuba, visited his sister, Miss Rebecca Harris, here a few days last week on his way home from N. Y. City.

Rev. Robb White, Jr., rector of St. Thomas church in Thomasville, Ga., conducted the services at the Episcopal church here Sunday.

Lindenwood Lake will open the tenth. Picnickers are always welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Ragland and son, Rucker, of Miami, Fla., are at Highlands Inn, and will spend the summer here.

Miss Sarah Gidder of Birmingham, Ala., has arrived and will have charge of a tea room in connection with Highlands Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Franklin Pugh, of New Orleans, La., are here and have the Harris cottage for the season.

Judge and Mrs. William Bell of New Orleans, will arrive Thursday. The Warren cottage will be their home for the summer.

Mrs. J. C. Lyons and daughter of New Orleans, will arrive Friday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sloan.

Mr. T. P. Anderson and family of Lakeland, Fla., are at their new home on Lindenwood Lake and will spend the summer months there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. DuBignon and daughter, of Miami, are here for the summer. They are making preparations to move into their new home on Raul road.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, of Miami, are here for the summer.

Dr. Mary E. Lapham, Mrs. Edith Dougall and daughter, have returned from St. Augustine, Fla., where they have been spending the winter and will be at their home here for the summer months.

Col. J. Lamb Perry of Charleston, S. C., arrived a few days ago and is greeting his many friends here.

Mrs. W. S. Davis and Miss Rachel Davis entertained quite a number of friends one afternoon last week at a tea party, honoring Mrs. Warner P. Davis, Mrs. A. D. Bolton, Mrs. W. W. Mitchell and Mrs. W. G. Steele.

Dr. O. O. Feaster and Mr. J. S. Allen with their families are here for the summer. Both are moving into their new homes.

Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, chairman of the Highlands chapter of the American Red Cross has returned from Atlantic City and Washington where she attended the American Health Congress and Pan-American Conference of Red Cross societies. Mrs. Gilbert says that thousands of health workers assembled in Atlantic City to the first American Health Congress, pledging allegiance to a common purpose, a common ideal, a common goal—the betterment of human well-being through health. For a week, six or more lectures were given daily on health and social work by members of the teaching staff of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other institutions of learning, while scores of health and social workers from over this country and Europe awaited their turn on the program to speak. Mrs. Gilbert refers to the Pan-American Conference of Red Cross Societies as being highly educational and inspirational. She says that it has as its purpose "the promotion of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world." This is the second Pan-American Red Cross Conference ever held. We are proud to have sent a representative from the Highlands Red Cross Chapter to these meetings.

### MR. FLETCHER BUYS

Mr. F. W. Fletcher of Durham, N. C., has purchased from Mr. Martin Jones, 27 acres on the Georgia road lying about two miles from town. Before coming here Mr. Fletcher visited several other small towns in the western part of the state, but says that Franklin pleases him much better than any place he has seen in the mountains. Mr. Fletcher left this week for Durham, with the intention of returning later in the summer.

## Meetings Held This Week To Discuss Dairy Industry

Franklin, N. C., June 3, 1926.

Dear Farmers:

The time has come in the agricultural development and the increasing land values when we should look well to the improvement of our livestock—especially our milk cows.

The manager of the Carolina Creamery told me yesterday that he was rushing the machinery and equipment here so that butter making could be started at Franklin in a short time—probably two weeks. This will give us a good market for all the cream that we can produce in this section.

The shipping of cheaply produced frozen beef from South America and the constantly increasing demand for ice cream, cheese, milk and butter has caused keeping of dairy cattle to be much more profitable on most farms in this section than the keeping of beef cattle. In order that we may learn more about the possibilities for making money by keeping dairy cattle and make some plans for getting a good purebred bull for your community, I want to ask you to come to one of the meetings listed below:

Younce's store at 10 a. m., June 7.  
C. T. Ray's store at 2 p. m., June 7.  
Tellico school house at 10 a. m., June 8.

Morgan's store at 1 p. m., June 8.  
Carey Hall's store at 4 p. m., June 8.  
Newman's store at 10 a. m., June 11.  
Otto Depot at 1 p. m., June 11.

Some dairy specialists have promised to be present to talk to you at these meetings.

B. W. Bleckley and J. D. Kelly, from the Southern Railway agricultural department, are assisting in holding these meetings.

With best wishes, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
JOHN V. ARRENDALE,  
County Agent.

### Poultry Sale

The next cooperative car of poultry is to be loaded at Franklin on June 23, and at Otto, Dillard, and Clayton on June 24.

For the convenience of those who will have fryers that will be too large at the sale on June 23, arrangements will be made to make an express shipment on June 9, provided County Agent Arrendale is notified of the number of fryers to be shipped in time to order coops.

Owing to the heavy shipments of mature poultry early in the year and the scarcity of fryers, it was found to be unwise and impractical to try to ship a car on June 9, as had been planned before the Habersham County agent ceased to cooperate in selling poultry.

There probably will be more than enough poultry to load one car of poultry on June 23.

Be sure to list your poultry with County Agent Arrendale, before Thursday night, June 17th, so that he can order the second car if too many are listed for one car. If you neglect to do this you may have to carry your poultry back home. List your poultry and a card will be given or mailed you.

### Pleasant Home Inn Opened

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tritt, owners and managers of Pleasant Home Inn, formerly the Morrison school property, opened their establishment for the season by inviting a few guests out for dinner. Among those who attended the dinner were Miss Hattie Peek, Mr. Roy Carpenter, Mr. F. Y. McCracken and others. All greatly enjoyed the repast and are high in their praises of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Tritt. It is reported that Mr. McCracken in particular did justice to the food having disposed of 10 pieces of chicken, an even dozen biscuits and other good things in proportion.

Mr. and Mrs. Tritt have completely remodeled the main building, are now installing a Delco lighting system and contemplate other improvements. The Press joins the citizens of the entire county in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Tritt a successful season.

### SERVICES AT ST. AGNES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. E. J. Pipes, rector. Services as follows:  
Holy Communion (except first Sunday of month), 8:00 a. m.  
Church school, (R. D. Sisk, superintendent), 10 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Vespers, 5 p. m.  
First Sunday of month Holy Communion, 11 a. m.  
Holy days, 10 a. m.

The St. Agnes Guild meets at the rectory the first Thursday of each month.

The tennis court and playground is for the use of the whole community. We want you to make this church your home.

## TAX-FREE CITY IS DREAMED IN WESTERN N. C.

Franklin Promises to Pay Expenses From Light Plant—But Can it be Done?—"Public Service" Claims Such a Plan Unjust to Some.

(From Public Service.)

Lord bless these dreamers of dreams! The world needs them for dreams are often the auguries of wonderful realities. But sometimes dreams are mere fantasies and the reality is an awful jolt.

Over in Macon county, North Carolina, somebody is dreaming the rosiest of dreams. They are about to have a "tax-free town."

A staff correspondent of the Asheville Citizen has visited the town of Franklin in Macon county and here in part is what he has to say:

"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."

"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."

No taxes to pay! Sounds almost like heaven. But can it be done?"

Let's suppose the town of Franklin goes at this matter in a very careful, business-like way, budgeting the town's expenses and charging just enough for its electric power to create a profit fund to pay all those expenses. The town, admittedly, has government expenses to meet; taxes are usually levied to sufficient amount to meet those expenses. But Franklin decides to levy no tax; it pays government expenses from the electric power profit fund. Analyzed, does not that profit fund constitute a tax levy just as if it had been raised by the usual methods?

City government expenses are paid by somebody; when those funds are raised by the usual methods every citizen is taxed. But Franklin proposes to tax only a part of her people. How?

It is not to be assumed that every citizen in Franklin is a user of electricity. John Jones, for instance, uses \$10 worth of electricity a month; his neighbor, Sam Smith, uses none. What is the result? John Jones is paying into the electric light profit fund and Sam Smith is paying nothing. John Jones is paying his own part of the city government expense and Sam Smith is paying nothing.

And again, suppose Franklin's biggest drug store has an electric light bill every month amounting to \$50 and its next door neighbor, a mercantile establishment that never stays open after dark, has a bill amounting to \$2 a month. Mr. Drug Store man pays taxes in a ratio of 25 to 1 as compared with the merchant.

No! Franklin will not be a tax-free town; it may try the experiment of raising its taxes through electric light bills. It may delegate its power plant as the town tax collector and it may succeed thereby in raising all its taxes. But, if it does, it will establish an unfair and an inequitable system; it will deal unjustly with ALL its citizens, for taxes should be levied in justice and equality.

### John's Trial Approaches

At four o'clock next Saturday will take place one of the most important and noted trials in the history of the county, when Mr. John Thomas is brought to the bar of justice charged with keeping a scrub bull. This trial will take place at the new creamery and is expected to attract a large congregation who are interested in the improvement of the dairy cattle of the county. Of course there are many in the county who believe that John has committed no offense, that a cow is a cow and that all this talk of thoroughbred bulls is nothing but a lot of bunk. However, according to reports, a great majority of the citizens of the county have seen the light of a new and better day for the farmers of the county. Since the creamery is now a reality these citizens realize that the strain of cattle must be improved in order to reap the full benefits of the new creamery. Consequently these men and women will be on hand to see that justice is done to the man who is charged with the heinous offense of keeping a scrub bull. It is not known what defense Mr. Thomas plans, but all men know that he is quite ingenious and that his defense will be a masterpiece of wit, ridicule and scorn. Those who miss this trial will miss the best show ever held in the county.

## Things of Interest at The Methodist Church

The morning service on Sunday at the Methodist church was characterized by a spirit of unusual earnestness and power by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Reavis, as he discussed God's love and sympathy for his children as manifested through his son, Jesus Christ, and the sympathetic attention of the congregation was also very evident.

Jesus' friendship for humanity was stressed and it was shown that friendship is one of the most precious and beautiful things that ever blessed mortal man, even the imperfect and broken ties of earthly friendship, and by comparison how infinitely superior is the friendship of one infinite in love and sympathy, wisdom and goodness, though friend who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Mr. Reavis said "friendship is love in action," and according to that definition, Christ was indeed a true friend to man, ever busy with deeds of love and mercy to those about him; that his friendship was manifested by sacrifice and suffering and that we, too, must be willing to sacrifice and suffer here for the upbuilding of his kingdom of love and righteousness, if we would in the least be worthy of such priceless friendship.

He also said that Christ yearned for the sympathetic understanding love of man, that he might work out through him God's great and loving purpose for the world.

In his hours of weariness and loneliness he often turned his steps toward the home of Joseph and sought the gentle ministrations of Martha and Mary; that in the garden of Gethsemane he sought not the comfort and sympathy of angels, but of his disciples and realizing their lack of interest and sympathy, his disappointment burst forth in the heart-broken words: "Could ye not watch with me one hour?"

Mr. Reavis said God exhausted the church saying "he needs you; he depends on you for that sympathetic through our lives, of his friendship and understanding interpretation, that will draw all men into a loyal and lasting friendship with God the Father, and Christ the Son."

Mr. Reavis said God exhorted the great storehouse of glory in order to manifest His friendship and care for man, and that sin in the white light of the cross, becomes hateful, hideous and terrible, and that we should be constrained by such self-sacrificing love to put away sin, so displeasing to His dearest of all friends and give Him loving and loyal friendship.

The Lord's Supper was administered at the close of the service to a very large number of the congregation, who in this way testified their loyalty and friendship for Jesus.

At the evening hour, Mr. Reavis preached the first of a series of sermons on "Playing the Game of Life." He took for his first subject: "Using What You Have."

His sermon was based on the story of the healing of the lame man at the gate of the temple called Beautiful. Peter's words to the lame man, asking alms of him, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee," were used as the text.

Mr. Reavis said that while money had a very necessary place in the world, it was not the most valuable thing—that too often men's social position was fixed by what he was worth in dollars and cents, but that often a man with none of this world's goods was worth more to the world than many millionaires, who put money first in their lives.

Peter had no gold but he gave this afflicted man something far more valuable.

Peter was only a Galilean fisherman, with no social position; he was a man without educational advantages. Many in his position would have felt, "there is nothing that I can do," and been content with simply doing no harm, but not the bold, enthusiastic, aggressive Peter. He was a positive character, using the talents and opportunities God had given him to the very best advantage. His hand was always the open hand, the helping hand, and Mr. Reavis thought there could be nothing more beautiful than the open hand extended to help and bless.

Peter had the power to inspire hope and faith in this poor hopeless creature, and lift him out of the depths of despair into a life of active usefulness. Peter used what he had. We too, may accomplish God's purpose for us and be a blessing to those in need if we are only willing to use what we have. We may not be rich or highly educated, or unusual in any way, but we all possess some common blessings—time and opportunity, and some talent and ability, and none can escape the responsibility of possessing influence. If we use this great gift for the good of those we come in contact with, we will not have lived in vain.

## RAPID WORK ON TREMONT PARK

### Drive Completed to Foot of Mountain—Section 1 Being Platted—Office Furniture Arrives.

The past week has seen much progress made on the development of Tremont Park, Inc. The thirty-foot drive now extends from highway No. 28 to the foot of Tremont mountain with the exception of a short fill across the creek bottoms. Cars are daily driving over the new road. Tuesday at noon the men and teams began work on the south side of the mountain. The survey has been practically completed to the top of the mountain and the engineers report that the grade on the mountain will not exceed five percent at any place.

The engineers, under direction of Mr. John Grady Owens, are now engaged in making a map of Section 1. This section is located on highway No. 28 and on the new drive. A golf course and lake are planned for this section. It is expected that the blue prints will be ready by the end of this week.

The offices of Tremont Park, Inc., are located in the lobby and dining room of the Hotel Franklin, these two rooms being used exclusively for this purpose. Part of the office furniture has arrived.

### Breeders of Guernsey Cattle to Meet

All who are interested in growing grade or purebred Guernsey cattle are asked to meet at the creamery building at 4 p. m. on Saturday, June 12, for the purpose of organizing a Macon County Guernsey Breeders' Association.

Mr. W. W. Fitzpatrick, representative of the American Cattle Club, Mr. Wintermeyer from the N. S. Dairy Division, F. R. Farnham, Dairy Specialist for Western North Carolina, and Roland Turner from the Southern Railway Agricultural Development service are expected to be present.

An important part of the program will be a picnic supper. So please do not forget to bring a well filled basket.

### Summer Estates Surveyed

Mr. R. Cox, associated with Mr. J. G. Owens, is now engaged in completing the survey of the 30 foot drive to the top of Tremont mountain. This road is being constructed by the Tremont Park, Inc., and will be used as a means of reaching the site of the proposed Gal-Zak hotel on the summit of the peak nearest town. Mr. Cox is an engineer of experience and ability, having been engaged in this line of work for the past ten years. For the past few years of this time he has confined his efforts almost entirely to sub-division work and to park lay-outs. Officials of Tremont Park, Inc., are much gratified at being able to obtain the services of Mr. Cox. Beginning where the Tremont road leaves highway No. 28, Mr. Cox is plating the ground adjacent to the road and surrounding the proposed lake into estates consisting of from one to five acres. This work will be carried on all the way to the top of the mountain. No small building lots are planned on the holdings of Tremont Park, Inc.

### Farmers' Meetings

The county agent plans to hold ten farmers' meetings in the county next week with the help of dairy specialists. These meetings will be of much importance to the dairy industry of the county and all who are interested are urged to attend. The farmers will be notified later of the time and places of these meetings. As a sort of preliminary those interested in Guernsey breeding are urgently requested to be present at the meeting to be held at the creamery Saturday, June 12, at four o'clock. This will be an opportunity to learn much of the dairy industry and also to see the inimitable John Thomas in action.

### LIBRARY TO OPEN

The Franklin public library will be opened to the public all day Saturday, June 12, with Miss Nan Dawson as librarian. Thereafter the library will be open one hour in the mornings and one hour in the afternoons of Tuesdays and Saturdays of each week. The librarian will gladly furnish information concerning the conditions on which books may be obtained. The local chapter of the Eastern Star is sponsoring this movement and would gratefully appreciate the donations of all kinds of books.