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Highway Celebration Here September 15th

Committee Met at Sylva on August 5th—Preliminary Arrangements Made For Highway Celebration

The Chambers of Commerce from Franklin, Sylva, Waynesville and Canton met in Sylva on the night of August 5th and held a very enthusiastic meeting for the purpose of cooperating with Franklin in carrying out an extensive advertising campaign to acquaint tourists and other travelers with the new highway connecting Sylva and Franklin.

This new highway shortens the distance between Asheville and Atlanta thirty-two miles, and, in the opinion of the writer, the exquisite scenery along this route is second to none in Western North Carolina.

The result of the meeting was the formulation of plans to hold a celebration in the town of Franklin on September 15, 1926, with all the towns along the line having part in the celebration. Franklin proposes to meet the Georgia delegation, composed of representatives from various cities in Georgia, especially interested in this highway, at the Georgia line, and after a ceremony of welcome, all delegations will repair to Franklin where a picnic dinner will be served. From Franklin the delegation will go to Asheville, stopping for an appropriate function in each town along the way. The entertainment program for Asheville is still tentative, but it is known that there will be an elaborate one.

It is hoped that the committee will be able to secure the services of Thomas M. Dixon as the principal speaker along with other notables.

A pleasant spirit prevailed over the meeting and it was decided to invite Murphy, Andrews and Bryson City as guests of Franklin. The object of the meeting was not to deflect tourists from these latter cities, but to impress upon the tourists the greater advantage of scenery by either entering via Murphy and exiting via Franklin, or vice versa.

A very descriptive name was suggested by Mr. Ernest Withers, and after a vote the name of "Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta Highway" was unanimously adopted.

J. H. Wilson of Sylva was elected chairman and C. C. Poindexter of Franklin was elected secretary of the celebration committee. The following committees were appointed to represent the various towns along the highway in staging the celebration:

Asheville, Holmes Bryson and Roger Miller; Canton, D. J. Kerr, R. A. Osborne and W. E. Jones; Waynesville, C. M. Dicus, Ernest Withers and Frank Miller; Sylva and Dillsboro, J. H. Wilson, D. C. Bryson and J. F. Freez; Franklin, John S. Trotter, T. W. Porter and C. C. Poindexter; Clayton, Dr. Dover and Claude Derrick; Cornelius, R. C. Brooks and Henry Stovall; Gainesville, H. H. Estes and W. C. Mealer; Atlanta, to be selected.

Bishop Horner to Be at Episcopal Church Sunday

The Right Rev. Junius M. Horner, D. D., will be the preacher at the 11:00 o'clock service at St. Agnes Episcopal church Sunday morning. Bishop Horner is well known in Franklin and it is expected that a good congregation will welcome him. On the following Sunday the Rev. Mr. New of Waynesville will be the preacher at the eleven o'clock service. We always welcome you.

Gordon Brothers Sale

Since Gordon Brothers' mid-summer sale opened one week ago today, they have had a remarkable number of sales to their credit. The store has been over-run with buyers who have come to take advantage of the many bargains offered.

In the circulars mailed out by Gordon Brothers, two work shirts were advertised for 50 cents. This was a mistake on the part of the Press printer, as only one shirt was indicated on the copy.

This sale will continue for one week more to include Saturday, August 15.

High Praise for Macon's Farms and Farmers From State College Official

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 11—"Macon was the only one of the 100 counties in the state I had not visited, and I was delighted with it," F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, said today. Mr. Jeter recently returned from Franklin where he took part in the program at the opening of the Carolina Creamery Company's plant there.

He was agreeably surprised with the splendid farms he saw in Macon county, with the agricultural progress, and he found Franklin "a wonderfully beautiful little town," he declared. The scenery of the town and county came in for unstinted praise from the State College official.

But he saved his words of highest commendation for the farmers of the county: "I have rarely had the privilege of talking to as interested and intelligent a group of farmers, and I have talked to them all over North Carolina," he said.

Republicans Meet and Make Nominations

The Republican convention of Macon county was held in the court house last Saturday afternoon. State Chairman Brownlow Jackson was present and made a good speech. During the course of his remarks Mr. Jackson urged that the absentee voting law be repealed. Under the Democratic election machinery, he stated that this law is worth 75,000 votes to the Democratic party in the State.

Captain Kenneth Smathers, republican nominee for congress in this district, and his campaign manager, Hon. George Pritchard, also made rousing speeches in the interest of the party. All speakers urged that the Republicans organize and turn out for the election and see that the election is conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

Previous to the meeting the Republican leaders had met in the Odd Fellows hall, and selected a ticket to represent the party in the November elections. The names in this ticket were read in the assembled convention at the court house and unanimously approved by the delegates.

The nominations are as follows: County Commissioners, Chas. McClure, John Rickman and Davis Dean; Clerk of Court, Miss Hattie Peek; Surveyor, Jesse Sanders; Representative, Rev. A. S. Solesbee; Sheriff, George Bulgin. The Republican party made many friends by its refusal to nominate an opponent to H. J. Hurst for register of deeds.

Colored Camp Meeting

Preparations are being made by the local colored citizens for a big camp meeting to be held for one week at the A. M. E. Zion church on Cowee, beginning the third Sunday in August. Arrangements have been made to run a truck between Franklin and the church to carry local colored citizens who will wish to attend. The services of a number of preachers have been secured among whom are: Revs. W. L. Young, Sylva Circuit; F. R. Robinson, Old Town, Tenn.; J. B. Meekins, J. R. Scott and J. B. Watkins of Franklin, and Rev. W. W. Slade, presiding elder of the Asheville district. This meeting has been extensively advertised in adjoining counties and those in charge are expecting immense crowds at all services. The Press hopes that much good will result from this camp meeting.

Threshing 3000 Bushels Rye

Rye threshing is now in progress in Macon county. At least three thousand bushels will be threshed, V. V. Arrendale, the county agent estimates. It is very fine, he says. Mr. Arrendale hopes that this rye can be shipped co-operatively and sold to seed companies. Selling thus it will bring a higher price than otherwise, he says. He believes it will bring \$1.50 per bushel.

This is mountain rye, and is not as easily disposed of as the Abruzzi rye. If it were the Abruzzi rye which is gaining wide popularity, it would be more easily disposed of and would probably bring 50 cents more per bushel, he states.

NO SHORTAGE WATER HERE

One of Pumps Not Pumping Expected Supply of Water—Discontinue Washing of Streets—Plan Remedy

There is no shortage of water in Franklin. But as a precautionary measure, the washing of the streets will have to be postponed until some arrangement can be made to secure a bigger flow of water from the municipal well on the east side of town. This is the opinion of H. W. Cabe, member of the water committee of the town board.

The pump at the newer of the town's two wells is supposed to handle 100 gallons of water a minute. As a matter of fact, it is now pumping about 40 gallons, Mr. Cabe states.

The trouble is due to a shortage of water, caused by the drought this summer, Mr. Cabe believes. Some step toward remedying the situation will probably be taken at the next meeting of the board, the first Monday in September.

When the pump was put in, Mr. Cabe said, it was found that it would pump 100 gallons per minute, at a depth of 100 feet. It was accordingly put in at that depth. The water now has dropped, as a result of the long drought and it will probably be necessary to lower the piping, Mr. Cabe believes.

The older well on the west side of town furnishes about 35 gallons of water per minute, which, added to the 40 gallons produced by the new well, gives the town 75 gallons.

This is enough for the town's needs exclusive of street washing, Mr. Cabe said, and with the present supply it is possible to keep the water tanks full with no danger of shortage.

Apply This Tonic To Local Taxation

When a corporation balances its books at the end of the fiscal year, and shows a balance on the right side of the ledger, there is general rejoicing among shareholders. The United States Government, the largest corporation of all, has just finished one of its greatest years with a surplus of \$377,000,000. And this with lowered taxes!

Political wiseacres guffawed and party demagogues scoffed when the Mellon philosophy of lower taxes and increased revenue first was set forth as the wisest policy for the nation to pursue, says the Los Angeles Times. Alarming notices of inevitable deficits if not approximate bankruptcy, were broadcast by the pork barrel minority.

The cataclysm not only has failed to materialize, but an extremely fat surplus as appeared instead. Furthermore, an immense saving in interest charges will be effected, by application of these additional funds to the retirement of the public debt.

Going on the premise that alleviation of the federal tax burden would heighten public confidence, and stimulate trade through easier money, the Secretary of the Treasury has amply demonstrated the practical application of psychology to big business. Income taxes for the last year vastly exceeded those of the previous twelve months, as did customs receipts. Throughout the land, business both large and small, responded to the helpful attitude manifested by those in power, and proceeded to expand; benefiting both itself, and, as a consequence, the national coffers.

Mock Trial

The good people of Higdonville intend to have a barrel of fun on Friday the 13th, at Higdonville school when Mr. Isaac Keener will be brought to trial on the serious charges of stealing water melons from Mr. John Cunningham. This trial will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening and all the legal lights residing on Ellijay and Sugar Fork are delving into dusty tomes to find a punishment to fit the crime. Those who will defend Mr. Keener claim that the fruit of the vine must weigh at least three pounds before it can be considered a water-melon. Therefore they are hoping to clear Mr. Keener on these grounds.

On the other hand Mr. Cunningham, so it is understood, will have witnesses who will swear that some of his melons weighed as much as 72 pounds. The trial will be free and the friends of both parties to the litigation are expected to turn out in great numbers.

C.O.C. DINNER MONDAY NIGHT

Dr. W. C. Coker and Horace Kephart On Program At Chamber Commerce Dinner At Franklin Hotel.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner program at the Franklin Hotel at 7 o'clock Monday evening, it is announced.

Speakers on the program include Horace Kephart, of Bryson City, and Dr. W. C. Coker, of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. Mr. Kephart is well known as the author of "Our Southern Highlanders" and various stories and articles on the mountains, and as one of the original boosters for the Smoky Mountains National Park. Dr. Coker, for years head of the Botany department of this State's university is nationally known as an authority on his chosen line of study.

Music will be furnished by the Franklin orchestra. An "unknown" quartette will sing.

People of the town and community are cordially invited and urged to participate in this dinner, which is expected to be the occasion for a good time as well as one for the enthusiastic discussion of the future development of Franklin and this section.

Plates will be 75 cents each. Those who anticipate attending are being requested to indicate their desire for reservations as early as possible. Reservations should be made with the secretary of the chamber of commerce, C. T. Ketcham, at the chamber of commerce in the Franklin Press office.

Junior Order to Meet at Sanford

Sanford Juniors are making preparations for entertaining one of the biggest and best meetings of the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics held in several years. On Tuesday, August 17, Juniors from all sections of the Old North State, from the mountains to the seashore, and from the Virginia to the South Carolina line, will turn their faces towards the Lee county convention town. Practically every city and town in the state will be represented, for in practically every village and hamlet in the state a council of the order is established. More than four hundred men, all past councilors, are expected to attend.

A committee, headed by O. P. Makepeace, one of the order's most loyal and active members, and made up of J. W. Stout, E. L. Givin, and K. E. Seymour, also active Juniors, is at work making out their plans for entertaining the convention. The entertainment is as yet in the chrysalis stage, but they are far enough completed to indicate an excellent time for the delegates. The plans include one of two or three motor trips, one to the coal mountains of Lee county, another to the sandhill section, nationally known for its fine peaches, and to a tile making plant, and a supper for the national and state officers who will be in attendance at the meeting.

The convention will last through three days, during which time many things of interest to the order will be considered.

Cream Deliveries Increase

The Carolina Creamery plant here is now receiving cream from Macon, Clay and Jackson counties in this state, and from Stevens and Rabun counties in Georgia, officials of the plant state. The amount of cream being delivered is growing daily, they say. Macon county farmers have delivered cream valued at \$754.21 during the past two weeks. On last Friday alone, farmers in this county delivered 120 gallons of cream. Clay county last week sent in 270 gallons.

Farmers' Meetings Held

J. M. Gray and A. G. Oliver of the extension department of State College at Raleigh, and County Agent J. V. Arrendale held eleven farmers' meetings at various points in the county last week. The total attendance was 734, Mr. Arrendale reported.

On Friday the farmers of the western section of the county held a picnic at the mouth of Windspring creek, near Kyle, at which Messrs. Gray, Oliver and Arrendale were present.

60 DAYS TO SEE NEW HOTEL HERE

Town's Tallest and Newest Building Will Be Ready Soon—Thirty Bed Rooms Macon's Only Roof Garden

Within sixty days Franklin will have a new hotel. Likewise, the town will see its newest and tallest building completed. And Macon county will have its first and only roof garden.

These three will be combined in the building being constructed by Sam L. Franks, W. C. Cunningham and H. W. Cabe, on what is commonly known as the Higdon property on Main street just west of the Bank of Franklin Building. Mr. Franks believes it will be completed within two months.

A name for the hotel has not yet been chosen, nor has there been any announcement as yet as to who will operate it.

On the first floor will be three store rooms, approximately 22 by 80 feet each. It is planned to make these stores not only roomy, but well lighted and convenient, with attractive plate glass fronts. The hotel will occupy the second and third floors with the office, dining room and kitchen on the second floor. On top of the building, commanding a magnificent view of town and surrounding mountains, will be the roof garden.

The latter will be about 50 by 50 feet. It will be arranged for all kinds of amusements including dancing.

The store room now occupied by Sloan Brothers and Company will be a part of the building. This firm however, will move into one of the new rooms—what will be the central store room in the building. The other two store rooms will be occupied by local firms it is understood.

The hotel will have all modern conveniences. The building will be heated by the modulating vapor system, said to be one of the most modern and satisfactory methods of heating. Each of the thirty bed rooms will have double windows. There will be no inside rooms. The hotel office, on the second floor, will open upon a broad veranda.

The new hotel, which it is expected will cater to the transient visitor to Franklin, will fill a long felt need for more adequate hotel accommodations here. It with the other hotels here, will enable Franklin—with its pleasant climate, scenic beauty, and hospitable atmosphere—to make a strong bid for small conventions, Mr. Franks pointed out. This will give Franklin a type of publicity such as Asheville, on a much larger scale, has been profiting from for years, he suggested.

Onto Estates to Stage Big Sale

The Onto Estates, a 2400 acre development located five miles west of Franklin, fronting on Highway No. 28, will stage a big auction sale of part of their holdings on Wednesday, August 18th. The Home Realty and Auction Company, a local organization, with Mr. R. A. Patton as manager will have charge of the sale.

The Onto Estates is one of the best known developments in the vicinity of Franklin and consists of 2400 acres of beautiful mountain lands well wooded and watered. Present plans call for the building of a dam across Mill Creek, construction of roads and installation of water and light lines. It is understood that those who invest in lots at this sale will receive a guarantee that 25 percent of the money invested will be spent in improvements on the property.

Free bus lines will run from Franklin to the property on the day of the sale and for several days previous.

Load of Sourwood Honey Brings Sum of \$450

The sourwood and the honey bee make a wonderful combination, connoisseurs of honey will pretty generally testify. They make an excellent commercial combination, too, as at least two Macon county farmers have found.

Logan and Bob Clark of Ellijay brought a truck load of sourwood honey to town last Wednesday and disposed of it for the neat sum of \$450, according to County Agent J. V. Arrendale. The honey was "white as paper" Mr. Arrendale said and he characterized it as "the prettiest honey I ever saw."

Part of the honey was sold on the street at 25 cents per pound, the remainder being sold in bulk to a man who took it to Waynesville. The latter sale was for 23 cents per pound.