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## Democrats Get Majority County Officers

### To Lay Rock Base for Georgia Road Next Year, Holder States

### To Be Macadam of High Type, Says Engineer Neal

### Large Franklin Delegation Attended Road Meeting At Clayton Friday Night—Let Contract Soon

The road from Clarksville, Ga., to the North Carolina line will be of a high type of penetration macadam, and the base will be laid in the course of 1927, with the contract on that section from Clayton to Tiger to be let November 24, it was indicated by John N. Holder, chairman of the Georgia Highway Board, and W. S. Neal, chief highway engineer, at a road meeting held at Clayton last Friday night. The meeting was attended by interested citizens from Habersham and Rabun counties, in Georgia, and Macon county, in North Carolina.

The meeting, called by R. E. A. Hamby, of Clayton, was held at the Hamby Hotel, with Dr. Dover presiding. Fifty or sixty interested citizens from the three counties were in attendance.

Dr. Dover called the meeting to order, pointed out that last summer the tourists "went the other way" because the road wasn't surfaced, and asserted that it was very important that it be completed at the earliest possible date. He then called on North Carolinians for remarks.

Henry G. Robertson, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Major S. A. Harris, publisher of the Franklin Press, R. D. Sisk, mayor, John Smith, resident highway engineer, and W. N. Sloan, civil engineer and member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, each emphasized some angle of the importance, both to Rabun and Habersham counties and to Macon, of the road.

Messrs Holder and Neal talked at some length of what the State of Georgia is doing in road building, and assured the meeting that it was their desire to build the best type of road practicable at the earliest possible date. To build a concrete road, they said, would mean waiting a longer time for the road bed to settle after grading; whereas, if a macadam were used, the base could be laid in the course of next year, and probably the contract let for the surfacing prior to January 1, 1928. The laying of the base, they explained would get Rabun and Habersham "out of the mud." It was their argument that the roads could be made passable more quickly if a macadam were chosen, apparently, which resulted in the meeting finally voting in favor of the high type penetration macadam. In this connection, Mr. Neal stated that Georgia's specifications for this particular type of road were considerably higher than those in other States. It was agreed at the meeting that the road should be 18 feet wide, rather than 16, with four-foot shoulders.

Following the talks of the two highway officials, the chairman called upon Colonel W. S. Ervin, of Clarksville, Colonel T. L. Bynum, of Clayton, Colonel Davis, of Clayton, the host of the evening, Colonel Hamby, and J. V. Arrendale, of Franklin for their comments.

The meeting was a distinct disappointment to many of those attending, in that it failed to secure from the highway officials a promise to put down a concrete pavement. The general feeling, however, was that the meeting was worth while in that it resulted in assurances of early construction which will mean both tourists to Rabun and Macon counties.

Franklin citizens attending the meeting included Henry G. Robertson, Major S. A. Harris, W. N. Sloan, R. D. Sisk, J. V. Arrendale, J. W. Street, R. C. Gabrels, John Smith, T. J. Johnston, T. W. Angel, Dr. F. T. Smith, E. S. Hunnicutt, Hugh Leach, W. T. Moore, and Weimar Jones.

### Franklin Coming Town of W.N.C. Visitor Asserts

W. L. Herendeen, Miami Beach Hotel Owner, Delighted With the Town—Beautiful and Entertaining Place, He Says.

Franklin is the coming town of Western North Carolina. W. L. Herendeen, of Miami Beach, Fla., declared here a few days ago, just prior to returning to Florida, after a six week's sojourn in Franklin, where he was a guest at Rogers Hall.

Mr. Herendeen, who is builder and owner of the Hotel Commoner, at Miami Beach, one of the big hotels of the resort town, volunteered the comment.

"When I came to Franklin six weeks ago," said Mr. Herendeen, "I was sick. Today I am completely restored to health.

"You may count upon my returning next summer, and recommending Franklin to my friends."

Franklin, Mr. Herendeen added, is not only beautiful, but is strategically located, enterprising, and is improving all the time.

Mr. Herendeen was particularly impressed, he said, with the fact that a town the size of Franklin should have an active chamber of commerce.

"At the time I decided to come to the mountains, I wrote four postmasters for information. The letter to the postmaster here was referred to your chamber of commerce, and a personal letter from your secretary sold me Franklin. And I might add that I wasn't disappointed when I got here."

While here, Mr. Herendeen manifested a decided interest in the town and section. He is interested, he said, not from the standpoint of an investor, but purely as an observer.

He believes that many farm homes in the near future will be converted into summer homes or boarding houses, and that this entire territory will become a playground for half the year, at least.

### Hunting, Fishing Club Here is Plan

R. C. McMahon, of New York, arrived in Franklin Wednesday of last week to begin preparations for the contemplated opening of the Onteora Rod and Gun Club, of which he expects to be manager.

The club is to be located on property adjoining the Onteora Estates, about five miles west of Franklin, Mr. McMahon stated. This property is owned by Henry Dale, Jr., of New York.

Temporarily a cabin already on the property will be remodeled and used, Mr. McMahon said. Later it is planned to construct an up-to-date camp building.

The club, Mr. McMahon declared, is expected to attract wealthy men from New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. He believes that this country has as much to offer for the sportsman as has Asheville, White Sulphur Springs, or other resort centers, and that, with the proper advertising it will attract them.

The club management plans an extensive advertising campaign, including magazine advertisements and road signs, Mr. McMahon stated; and this advertising will carry prominently the words, "Franklin, N. C."

Mr. McMahon has had experience in hotel and club management at Palm Beach, Miami, Bermuda, and on Long Island, he said.

### It Weighs 9 1/2 Pounds

No, it's not a baby, but a potato. Mrs. J. E. Calloway, of Route 3, has evidently become weary of seeing where someone has brought a few runty potatoes to the Press office weighing four or five pounds each. Consequently, last Saturday, Mrs. Calloway sent to the editor a Porto Rico potato that tips the scales at nine and one-half pounds. According to reports this potato was one of the smallest in the patch. Porto Rico in its palmiest days couldn't grow potatoes like those of Mrs. Calloway.

### C. OF C. SUPPER WELL ATTENDED; SCHAUB SPEAKS

Tells Hearers Macon County Is Canvas on Which May Be Painted Masterpiece—Work of Organization is Discussed

Telling the story of the man who, having sold his home and farm to seek the world over, for diamonds, returned at last in his old age to find that diamonds had been discovered in his absence on the very farm he had sold—that it was literally "acres of diamonds," Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, chief speaker at the Chamber of Commerce supper here on Tuesday evening of last week, declared that "you have 'acres of diamonds' right here in Macon county in your agricultural possibilities."

Mr. Schaub discussed the way business man, minister, and farmer can co-operate for the upbuilding of the county, particularly its agricultural interests. And he expressed regret that more farmers and preachers were not present.

About 75 people enjoyed the oyster supper, served by the Eastern Star. Changing his metaphor, Mr. Schaub declared that this county is a canvas on which a magnificent picture may be painted. The soil, crops and climate, he said, were the paints; and all that was lacking was the vision to see the picture that may be, and the skill to paint it.

The agriculture of Western North Carolina, Mr. Schaub said, was in a period of change. And he predicted that dairying and poultry raising would be large factors in the agriculture of tomorrow in this mountain section.

In the absence of Henry G. Robertson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, M. D. Billings, county superintendent of public instruction, called the meeting to order, and called upon Rev. J. W. Street to say grace.

Immediately following the supper, the gathering was delighted with selections from the Dalton Quintet, composed of John H. Crawford, Joe Rogers M., and Mrs. Nina Dalton, all of Cowee. The singers produced some fine harmony, and drew rounds of applause with every number. "My Cowee Home" and "The Widow Brown" seemed particularly to delight the audience.

Mr. Billings, calling the meeting to order, was the first speaker of the evening. He told the gathering something of what the Chamber of Commerce has accomplished thus far, and stressed the fact that its success is dependent upon the hearty co-operation.

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### DISCUSS ISSUES AT LEAGUE MEET

Democrats and Republicans Present Arguments to Women at League of Women Voters' Banquet

A Franklin man, speaking before a Franklin audience, at a banquet staged by a Franklin organization, is responsible for an argument that is new in tariff discussion; and, more credit to Franklin—he was speaking largely impromptu.

"Why, it don't cost a hen any more to lay an egg in the United States than it does in China."

It was Dr. W. A. Rogers who advanced the argument. He was speaking at the League of Women Voters banquet here last Thursday evening, and replying to Geo. M. Pritchard, of Asheville, who had, in arguing for a high tariff, asserted that American poultrymen could not compete with those of China.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver had been invited to address the League, but it was learned shortly before the banquet that he could not be present, and Dr. Rogers was drafted.

The banquet, held in the lobby of the Bank of Franklin Building, was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, and proved to be a delicious meal. At its conclusion, Mrs. Neville Sloan, chairman of the local League, which is the second largest in North Carolina, called the meeting to order and explained that the League sponsors issues, not men, and read the replies of candidates to the questionnaires issued by the women's organization. All candidates, with the exception of two or three county commissioners had replied.

Some 50 or 60 members of the League, interested men and women, and candidates were present. Included in the latter were the candidates for State senator, for representative, and those for sheriff. The two county chairmen were also present.

The first speaker was Mr. Pritchard, who was asked to confine his discussion to national issues. He held the close attention of his audience, while he gave a careful and logical discussion of the tariff question, likewise touching upon the Republican party's attitude toward the League of Nations. He was followed by Dr. Rogers, who presented the Democrat's argument on national affairs, and who, mixed with some of his characteristic drollery, offered some arguments that appeared to strike home.

Rev. Alvin Solesbee, the next speaker, outlined his attitude as Republican candidate for the legislature, and commented in detail upon the question of endorsing the consolidated school system by retaining the county

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### REPUBLICANS WIN REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Murray, Ingram, Hurst, Cabe, Pierson, Conley, Dalton, Relected—Solesbee Defeats Porter—McClure Goes In As Commissioner.

According to unofficial returns received by the Press at noon Wednesday, the Democrats, with the exception of the representative and one commissioner were successful in the election Tuesday. Rev. Alvin Solesbee defeated Mr. J. A. Porter by 156 majority, Solesbee's vote being 2389 and Porter's 2233.

Other unofficial tabulations follow: Clerk—Murray 2809; Ferguson 1955. Sheriff—Ingram 2618; Bulgin 2155. Coroner—Conley 2503; Shook 1925. Surveyor—Dalton 2486; Sanders 1893. Commissioner—Cabe 2301; Dean 2094; Garner 2146; McClure 2511; Pierson 2609; Rickman 2263.

The vote for coroner and surveyor does not include the returns from Sugarfork township, but the returns can in no way affect the result of the election.

The official returns tabulated by townships will appear in next week's Press.

No returns on the congressional race and the race for the State senate were available at the time of going to press.

### To Announce Essay Contest Winners In Next Week's Press

The winners of the Building and Loan Essay Contest, which closed at midnight, October 31, will be announced through the Franklin Press next week, it was announced by officials of the organization Wednesday.

The judges were at work grading the essays at that time, but the task was incomplete.

First announcement of the winners will be made exclusively through the Press.

The essays, as they were received, were numbered; the same number was placed on the sheet of paper bearing the name, age, grade, etc., of the contestant, and the names were then placed in the Building and Loan safe. Hence the judges, in passing on the papers, not only do not know the name of the contestant, but have no way of knowing even in what school the contestant is enrolled. Thus, the essays cannot be judged otherwise than on their merits.

### Henry T. Davis Here

Mr. Henry T. Davis, formerly of Macon county, but for 16 years a prominent citizen of Belgrade, Montana, has been visiting friends and relatives here for the past week. This is Mr. Davis' first visit to his native land in thirteen years, and he is astounded at the progress the county has made in that time, particularly in reference to road building. Mr. Davis states that trout fishing in his section of Montana is excellent. A stream running through his place is alive with trout. However, he is trying to keep this matter a secret from Bill Moore and Bob Davis, since Mr. Davis has a kindly feeling for his old home town and does not wish Franklin to lose two good citizens.

Mr. Davis will leave the latter part of the week for his home in Belgrade. His hundreds of friends in the county were delighted to have him visit them again.

### Cherokee's Chief City and Graham's Capital Are Fine W. N. C. Towns

Two of the beautiful towns in Western North Carolina are Andrews and Robbinsville. Closely linked, as they are, by interests, sympathies, and roads, one naturally thinks of the two towns together. And the village of Topton, southern gateway to Graham county and its capital, connects the two.

Topton is in Cherokee county—by the bare skin of its teeth! A few feet farther east, and it would have been a Macon county town; a few feet north would have put it in Graham. For, lying at the junction of No. 10 and 108, the latter leading to Robbinsville, it is also at the juncture of Macon, Cherokee, and Graham counties. It also is the point of departure for the lumber railroad, which goes to Robbinsville.

In such a strategic location, Topton may some day be one of the principal towns of the extreme southwest. Already, although it has few facilities for the tourist business, its "top" position is attracting visitors in summer.

Down the mountain from Topton, almost directly west, lies Andrews, principal town of Cherokee county, and the largest North Carolina town west of Waynesville. It is a manufacturing town, and the trade center for Marble, Topton, and Graham county (being a much larger town than Robbinsville).

Andrews has three major manu-

facturing concerns: The Andrews Hardwood Company (formerly Andrews Manufacturing Company); the Andrews Tanning Extract Company; and the Tannery. In addition there are smaller concerns.

On the Hiwassee River, a few miles from Andrews, is one of the most beautiful little power plants in Western North Carolina. It is municipally built and owned, and was constructed with a view to offering cheap power to incoming industries. Andrews was one of the pioneers in this section in the construction of its own power plant to attract industry.

Andrew's water supply comes off a nearby mountain, and the watershed and the manner in which it is protected has been declared by State authorities to be a credit to North Carolina. The town has excellent churches, a fine school, two banks, a thriving building and loan association, a live fire department, and other institutions.

But the town is perhaps most distinguished by the character of its citizenship. The friendliness of Andrews people and their extraordinary public spirit strike the stranger within an hour after he arrives in the little valley town on Valley River.

At Topton, one turns almost North from No. 10 to go to Robbinsville, Graham's county seat. And it is said

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