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HIGHLANDS BUYS MORE GROUND

Town Adds Four Acres To School Property—Additional Rooms Also Provided And Grounds Beautified.

At Highlands one of the best schools in that progressive town's history is being conducted this year, declared M. D. Billings, county superintendent of public instruction, on his return last week from a trip to Highlands on official business.

And the Highlands school, with its already beautiful school grounds, and the four additional acres recently added, will soon have one of the most beautiful locations and grounds in this county, Mr. Billings added.

The school census shows 199 school children in the district; and there is an enrollment of 179, 49 of which are in the high school, and 130 in the grades. Yet for this number of children there is a modern school plant, steam heated, and taught by six teachers.

The school recently has added two new recitation rooms to the school building, giving a total of six rooms. In addition, there is a large auditorium, comfortably furnished and lighted by electricity.

On the school grounds the people of Highlands recently planted over 1800 evergreens, hemlock, arborvitae, rhododendron, white pine, etc. Most of the money for this, as well as for other school improvements, was secured through a community motion picture theatre operated in the school auditorium, the profits going to the school.

The additional four acres, which adjoin the school ground, and lie north of the school building, were acquired largely through the efforts of H. M. Bascom, who donated part of the funds with which to make the purchase. Mr. Bascom is now in the Bermudas with Mrs. Bascom.

This property is to be used for playgrounds, and at a future date it is probable that a dormitory will be constructed on it, the proposed building to be used for school dormitory purposes in winter and as a rooming house in summer, when Highlands is packed with visitors.

Another recent improvement in the Highlands school is new plumbing.

The Highlands school, which covers an eight-months period, is taught by T. L. Toler, principal, a graduate of Wake Forest College; Mrs. Annie W. Pierson, Joe E. Hayes, and Miss Elizabeth Rice, all of Highlands; Miss Keener, of Georgia; and Miss Holbrook, who makes her home in Mississippi. Mrs. Pierson, who is assistant in the high school, has been connected with the Highlands school for a number of years, and has come to be considered by Highlands people as almost necessary to a good high school in Highlands. Other teachers in the school are also popular.

ANGEL HOSPITAL TO BE ENLARGED

Materials Now Being Assembled—Work To Start In The Spring—Laboratory And X-Ray Installed.

Work on the \$50,000 annex to the Angel Hospital, will be begun about March 1, according to Dr. Furman Angel. Materials are already being assembled for the new structure.

In the new building, to be connected with the present main building, will be laboratory and X-ray room; 10 private rooms for patients; and an examination room, or receiving ward, in which incoming patients will be examined and, where necessary, given first aid treatment.

Complete and modern laboratory and X-ray equipment is to be installed, Dr. Angel stated.

A local contractor, Zeb Conley, has the contract to construct the additional buildings.

City Market Change

The City Market and Grocery has moved its pressing club further west on Main street and removed the partition in the old Trotter building, thus giving them more room for their market and grocery.

REECE BROS. IN HOTEL FRANKLIN

Lease Entire Building—Run Hotel On European Plan—Franklin Press Will Move To Franks Building.

With the move of Reece's Restaurant this week, the Franklin Hotel, long identified with Franklin, becomes a European hostelry.

Reece's Restaurant, which for nearly five years has been doing business in the Franks building, on the lower end of the south side of Main street, moved this week into the hotel building, and Wednesday was open for business at the new location.

The new arrangement provides for cafe service in the old lobby of the hotel, and for the renting of rooms. In its new location, the restaurant will be open at all hours of the day and night, seven days in the week.

The soda fountain and restaurant occupy the room formerly used as a lobby and the kitchen is where the hotel dining room formerly was. The same person will handle the soda fountain, and act as cashier of the restaurant and hotel clerk.

In its new location, Reece's Restaurant will be able to serve about 40 people simultaneously. The building will have about 18 bedrooms.

In its new location, considerable additional and more modern equipment will be installed in the kitchen, and it is the kitchen that will have the very close attention of the management, it is announced. It is planned, it is stated, to keep the kitchen equally as clean as the room in which it is located has always been kept as a dining room.

In its new quarters, the concern will continue to be known as Reece's Restaurant. The management, which has taken a lease on the entire Hotel Franklin building, is composed of two young men born and reared in Macon county—Wade and George Reece.

The Franklin Press, which has occupied the Higgins Building, adjoining the postoffice, for many years, will shortly occupy the Franks building just vacated by Reece's Restaurant, it is announced.

THIRD NUMBER OF LYCEUM DUE FEB. 23

February 22—Washington's birthday—is the date set for the third number of Franklin's winter Lyceum courts. The Parkinson Ensemble Trio, which will present a musical program at 8 o'clock in the evening at the courthouse here that date, is believed by the local lyceum committee to be excellent, and a pleasing program is anticipated.

The company's repertoire will include selections from the classics, folk songs, ballads, and popular numbers of the day. The program is both instrumental and vocal.

Previous numbers of the course here have been well attended, and the committee from the 1915 MacDowell club, sponsoring the course, anticipates a large attendance.

The company is headed and managed by Miss Frances Parkinson, who is assisted by two young ladies said to be able and well-qualified.

The instruments include the violin, cello, and piano. Dutch and Scotch groups, given in costume, are picturesque and entertaining features.

The Parkinson Trio has received complimentary press comment wherever it has appeared, and is expected to delight its Franklin audience.

Couple Surprise Friends

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends was the wedding here last Thursday evening of Roy F. Cunningham and Miss Eva Emma Baird.

They were quietly married by the Rev. E. J. Pipes at his home at 8:30 o'clock, the only witnesses being Mrs. Pipes and Henry West.

Mrs. Cunningham is the charming and popular daughter of the late Dr. C. D. Baird and Mrs. Baird. During the present season she has been teaching at the Union school, where she made an enviable reputation.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Cunningham, and is a promising young business man of Franklin. He is now employed in the store of E. K. Cunningham and Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have taken apartment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Curits, where they are at home to their friends.

Another Wreck Victim

Don Merritt, former baggage master on the T. F. Ry., injured in the recent wreck in that line, contracted double pneumonia, according to reports reaching Franklin, and died at his home in Cornelia Friday of last week.

CITY BARBER SHOP MOVES

Now Located In Scott Griffin Hotel—New And Attractive Equipment—Lester Conley Is Manager.

The first of this week the City Barber Shop moved into one of the most attractive, modern shops in this section of North Carolina.

Following his own suggestion—that "the only way to improve the town is for every man to improve his own place of business"—L. S. Conley, the manager, first leased a desirable, attractive location, and now has installed new and up-to-date fixtures throughout.

The shop has been moved from the Franks building into the Scott Griffin Hotel building, the barber shop having the eastern room, just east of the hotel entrance and lobby.

With its tiled floor, sanitary glass compartments for tools, and mirrored walls, the new shop is most attractive.

The shop is equipped with four barber chairs, all new. Only three barbers will be employed for the present, but it is anticipated that an additional one will be needed, with the arrival of the summer visitors.

At the rear of the shop are shower baths.

Those who have seen this barber shop say that it is the best equipped, and most attractive one in Western North Carolina.

COUNTY AGENT COMES MONDAY

Lyles Harris Chosen as County Agent—Native of S. C.—Has Had Wide Experience.

Lyles Harris, a native of Spartanburg county, South Carolina, has been chosen as County Agent for Macon county and will assume his duties Monday, District Agent Goodman announced here Tuesday. Mr. Harris came over with Mr. Goodman to make a preliminary survey of the work in this county.

The new county agent has had a wide experience in the profession of farming and is well known to officials of the extension service at Raleigh, these officials having recommended Mr. Harris for the position of County Agent of Macon county.

For two years Mr. Harris was superintendent of an agricultural experiment station at Angleton, Texas. He was also instructor in Farm Crops at Texas Agricultural College at College Station, Texas, for two years. Mr. Harris spent 10 years in British East Africa as Farm Manager and one year in Europe studying and farming. He also spent three years in practical farming in Spartanburg county South Carolina, where his father is known as one of the most progressive farmers in that state.

Mr. Harris' family consists of a wife and two children, two and three years of age. Mrs. Harris is a native of England and married Mr. Harris in East Africa. She is a graduate of Midland Dairying and Farm Institute, of Derby, England.

Mr. Harris is a veteran of the World War, having served with the British Army.

MR. SCHINABLE MAKES INSPECTION

Mr. G. L. Schinable, Chief Process Inspector of the Western Electric Company, with headquarters at Chicago, arrived at Franklin Tuesday of last week to make an inspection of his company's plant here. On leaving Saturday Mr. Schinable announced that he was well pleased with the result of the inspection.

This was Mr. Schinable's first visit to Franklin and he was delighted with the country and said that he hopes to return in the near future for a vacation. He and Mr. J. W. Roper, superintendent of the local plant, had planned to visit points of interest in Macon county. The weather, however, prevented their doing so. Neither Mr. Schinable nor Mr. Roper had any announcement to make concerning an enlargement of the Western Electric Company's branch at Franklin.

WOMEN SUGGEST HEALTH OFFICER

Commissioners Want Views Of County—State Will Pay Half The Salary Of Full-Time Health Officer.

Employment by Macon county of a full-time county health officer is a project of which the county commissioners have given considerable thought in recent months, and one which they would like very much to put into effect, they told a representative of the Franklin League of Women Voters last week.

The representative appeared before the body at the regular monthly meeting, to discuss the proposal with the commissioners. The League suggested a full-time health officer for the county sometime ago, and other women's organizations have endorsed the suggestion.

While the commissioners have considered the step, and would like to provide for the full-time health officer, they feel that they would not be justified in taking the step without a very definite demand from the citizenry of the county, the commissioners intimated.

The League representative made it plain that the suggestion was based entirely upon the conviction that the time has come for the county to employ a health officer for his full time; that there was no dissatisfaction whatever with reference to the present health officer, but that the organization felt there should be additional machinery for health work provided—in other words that a health officer should be employed for his full time.

A full time health officer's salary, it was pointed out, would be paid, one-half by the county, one-half by the State.

LEDBETTER BUYS INTEREST IN SLOAN BROS. & CO.

Announcement that J. C. Ledbetter has become a member of the firm of Sloan Bros. & Co., was made by the company the latter part of last week. The firm name, "Sloan Bros. & Co.," will remain unchanged, it was said. The firm is now composed of W. W. Sloan, H. T. Sloan and J. C. Ledbetter.

The new member of the concern, who has just entered the business, has been with Sloan Bros. & Co., in the capacity of an employe, for the past year.

Mr. Ledbetter purchased the interest of Mrs. J. S. Sloan, widow of the late senior member of the firm.

Stone Mountain Memorial

Mrs. F. L. Siler has been appointed county chairman by Mrs. Congressman Gudger, 10th District Chairman of the Children's Founders Roll of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial.

The children of Macon county, not over eighteen are going to have an opportunity to help build the Stone Mountain Memorial. Their names and the names of any relative who was a Confederate veteran will be written in the book of memories on everlasting parchment in indelible ink. This great book of remembrance will be kept in the hall, which will be cut into the granite sides of Stone Mountain, the largest rock in the World.

Each child sending in its name and the name of the Confederate relative will receive a coin with the figures of Lee, Jackson and Davis, engraved upon it. One dollar for the child's name is asked for this memorial. A million Southern children will build this memorial, and North Carolina and Macon county will do their part. Macon's quota is seven hundred and thirty nine children.

Mrs. Gudger called Mrs. Siler, over long distance and told her that Macon county made the best record of any for Western counties, during the five years Mrs. Siler was chairman for the county for the Near East Relief, and they were not expecting anything else but that Macon would make its quota.

The descendants of the Confederate veterans, of this County will doubtless be glad to have a chance to take a part in this everlasting memorial, and to help Macon county to keep up its good reputation.

Mrs. Siler is to appoint three young women assistants, in different parts of the county.

Watch the Press for more information about this grand movement.

Do not wait for some one to ask you for your child's name for the Stone Mountain Memorial. Send the names and dollar to Mrs. F. L. Siler and get the badge as a receipt, as soon as the name and dollar is received at Raleigh, State Headquarters.

BOYS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

Car In Which 3 Boys Were Riding Fired Into—Officers Charged With Shot—Officers Deny Charge.

The warrant sworn out by Zeb Shope, charging Chief of Police R. M. Coffey with having shot into the car in which two of Mr. Shope's sons and another youth were riding last Thursday night, has been withdrawn, and the question of who fired into the car remains a mystery.

The warrant was sworn out by Shope last Saturday, but before it was served, Mr. Shope instructed the sheriff to hold it until Shope had had time to "cool off," and Tuesday he withdrew it.

The youths, all of this county, and each about 21 years of age, were returning from a party across the Georgia line, they stated, and their car was fired upon as they neared their homes in this county. They charged that a party of officers who, they said, had followed them, fired the shots. The officers emphatically deny having fired any shots.

The bullet pierced the rear of the car, went through the back seat, and entered the front seat, in which the three young men were seated. The bullet hole was seen by Mr. Coffey. The youths were Prince and Preleau Shope and Clyde Hopper, son of M. M. Hopper.

According to the story told by the youths the party of officers, composed of Mr. Coffey and Deputy Sheriffs Frank Norton and Harley McDowell, had followed them for some distance.

The car in which the youths were riding turned into a side road, the shot was fired, and about that time the car got stuck in the mud. Mr. Coffey came up and asked, "Is anybody hurt?" according to the youths' story. He denies asking the question, but says he asked, "What is the matter?"

The officers had been out on a liquor hunt, they stated. They deny the statement of the boys that they had twice previously searched the youths' car for liquor, and found none.

MACON COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY

The first report of the inter-club county health survey being made in Macon county is expected shortly. The survey is being made in a contest among women's clubs in the State, the contest being sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs.

The survey seeks to learn conditions of health, sanitation, and what preventive measures are being taken in the county. Accurate information is said to be quite difficult to secure, thus delaying the work, and the survey is said to constantly afford evidence of the need of a full-time county health officer in this county, a project endorsed by the several clubs.

As an example of this is cited the difficulty with which mortality statistics may be secured. For example, the only method by which the tuberculosis death rate in this county can be secured and compared with other counties, in order to see whether or not this county ranks high or low, is to go through the list of all deaths, officer, it is said, would have this by tuberculosis. A county health by townships, picking out those caused information, and if the figures were unsatisfactory, could take steps to lower the tuberculosis death rate.

Chairmen responsible for the survey are: Mrs. F. S. Johnston, general chairman for the 1915 MacDowell Club; Mrs. J. S. Sloan, chairman for the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church; Mrs. J. S. Conley, Franklin Study Club chairman; chairman for the League of Women Voters, Mrs. W. B. McGuire; and Mrs. Weimar Jones, chairman for the Parent-Teacher Association.

Aged Citizen Passes

Mrs. Jennie Jacobs, aged 91 years, died at her home in the Iotla community last Friday morning, following a long illness.

Mrs. Jacobs, who was the widow of William D. Jacobs, had made her home in the Iotla section for years, and was one of the oldest citizens of this county. She was not a native of Macon, however, having been born in Morganton, June 2, 1835.

The funeral services were conducted at the Iotla Methodist church, of which Mrs. Jacobs was a member, Saturday afternoon, the Rev. J. H. Strickland conducting the service. Interment was in the Iotla cemetery.