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REWARD FOR TALE TELLERS

Greatest Tale Of Mightiest Fisherman's Exploit To Draw Prize—Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Like all fish stories, bearing distinctly upon all its habiliments the earmarks of authenticity and accuracy—

That it the first requisite.

Personal experience—hearsay evidence will not be tolerated. All the rules of evidence will be strictly adhered to—

That's the second.

The story must be uncommon enough to be,—well not fishy, at all, of course, but a bigger story than any of those already or about to be told—

That's the third.

These are tips for the tellers of tales of adventures in the gentle art of taking the trout, the muskie, and the whale.

Tips given four days in advance of the grand contest to be staged Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce banquet, to be held at the Scott Griffin Hotel. It is at this contest that a prize will be awarded to the man telling the biggest fish story. There undoubtedly will be more than one "whale of a story."

The prize will be valuable. And although its identity is being kept closely guarded, chamber of commerce officials are authority for the statement that it is valuable enough even justify the tax put on their memories by the greatest of fishermen recounting their exploits.

Representatives from the Bryson City and Sylva chambers of commerce have been invited to attend the banquet, hence the local fishermen are on their mettle, determined that Franklin shall show up well as a fisherman's paradise, as well as a producer of fishermen not too bashful to admit perpetration of their mightiest exploits.

Other features of the evening's program will include discussion of two projects now being planned by the chamber of commerce; a round table discussion of the needs of Franklin, and how they can be filled; and—first but by no means least—a bountiful banquet.

Plates will be \$1 each, the charge made by the hotel management. Tickets will be on sale Friday and Saturday. All tickets must be sold in advance, in order to give the advance order for plates.

LOCAL LEAGUE WILL GIVE TEA THIS MONTH

The Franklin League of Women Voters, at the organization's last meeting, decided to hold a tea on the last Thursday in March.

The tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Kate Smith, with members who live east of the river, acting as hostesses. At that time, a health survey program is to be staged. Other social meetings will be held during the remainder of the year.

The league was forced, on account of the condition of the roads between Franklin and Highlands, to decline the invitation of the Macon County League of Women Voters, Highlands branch of the organization, to attend its birthday party on March 12.

At the same meeting, checks were ordered written to pay the local league's State dues, and for its quota to the State fund. Regret was expressed that no member of the local organization could attend the school of citizenship and annual convention of the League of Women Voters in Chapel Hill March, 10, 11, and 12.

Z. B. BYRD NAMED C. of C. DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their regular weekly meeting last Monday night elected Z. B. Byrd as a director, to fill out the unexpired term of A. R. Higdon, resigned. Mr. Higdon's resignation was tendered at the meeting 10 days ago, because, he said, his duties as adjutant of the American Legion left him insufficient time to devote to work as a director of the chamber of commerce.

At the same meeting, the question of co-operating with the Forest Service on two projects was discussed. One of the projects discussed was that of erecting road signs, advertising the Nantahala National Forest and Franklin, jointly; the other dealt with the subject of a proper observance of American Forestry Week, April 24 to 30.

ROBBINSVILLE SCHOOL RATED

Is Now Standard Elementary School—Only One West of Waynesville—School Buys Equipment.

The school at Robbinsville has just been placed on the State list of standard elementary schools, giving Robbinsville the only such school west of Waynesville, according to the Graham County News, copy of which has just been received here.

Two facts are given as making possible the higher rating for the Robbinsville school: the fact that no teacher in the school holds a certificate lower than an elementary A; and the material development of the county, which has made possible the expenditure of approximately \$1,000 on equipment required for a school to be given the standard rating.

County Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Moody has long been working to place the Robbinsville school on the standard elementary list, according to the paper, which adds that he was assisted in securing the higher rating for the school by Miss Susan Fulgham, State elementary school inspector.

The additional equipment purchased includes 60 supplementary readers for each grade, in addition to a 300-volume library, and maps, globes, and other required primary equipment.

UNUSUAL PROGRAM PLANNED BY P. T. A. FOR NEXT FRIDAY

Music of other years, rendered by the older folk of the community, will feature the program of the local Parent-Teacher Association at its meeting at the Franklin Graded School auditorium next Friday afternoon.

Among those who will appear on the program are Mrs. Geo. A. Jones, Mrs. Mary Lyle Waldrup, Mrs. S. H. Lyle, Mrs. Thos. Slagle, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford, and Mrs. J. S. Sloan.

Following the music, there will be a fashion parade, where the eyes of the present younger generation will gaze upon the styles that were popular 25, 50, and even 75 years ago.

The business meeting will be held in the grammar school building at 3 o'clock, and the program will begin at 3:30 in the school auditorium. At the latter, refreshments will be served.

All members and those interested, particularly the fathers, are especially invited to be present.

Following is the program: Orvetta Waltz—Mrs. Geo. A. Jones. Whispersings of Love—Mrs. Mary Lyle Waldrup.

The Wild Ashe Deer—Mrs. S. H. Lyle. My Mountain Home—Mrs. Thos. Slagle.

When Grandmamma Is Gone—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crawford. Home, Sweet Home—Mrs. J. S. Sloan. Fashion Parade.

Seed Exchange Day For Macon County

The county agent has fixed Saturday March 26 as Seed Exchange day for Macon county. The purpose of this day being a day set apart for all our farmers to come together and exchange one kind of seed of which they have an abundance with some one else for some kind of seed, of which they have none or not enough. There will also be some who are buying or selling direct. Each man will make his own trade.

Where there is a large lot of seed to be disposed of the owner will bring a representative sample and endeavor to sell as many as he can. These samples had best be brought in a bottle or quart jar. The county agent will take over any sample of seed that the owner cares to leave with him after the trading of the day is over and keep them in his office so that if at any time in the future there comes along any one wanting seed they may be able to see what there is offering in the county, and who has it, and the price. Any samples left with the county agent must be carefully marked with the name of the owner and the price that he is asking, and his name and post-office address. More detailed information on this will appear in this paper next week.

ANGEL BUYS DRUG STORE

Franklin Pharmacy Sold by O. E. Kimsey to T. W. Angel, Jr.—Improvements To be Made.

Sale of the Franklin Pharmacy, was announced here Monday, when the deal was consummated. The business was sold by O. E. Kimsey to T. W. Angel, Jr. The consideration involved was not disclosed.

Mr. Angel, who assumed active charge of the business, will resign shortly as town engineer, and devote his entire attention to the pharmacy, he said.

Mr. Kimsey has not yet definitely made his plans for the future, although it was intimated that he is considering propositions both here and elsewhere.

Under the new management, a considerable sum of money is to be spent on improvements, both of the building and the fixtures, Mr. Angel stated, with the idea of making it one of the most complete and attractive drug stores in this part of the State.

The business was begun four years ago by Oscar Ashe, who sold it a year ago to Mr. Kimsey. The latter came here from Helen, Ga.

Mr. Angel, native Frankliniter, returned to Franklin in July, 1925, and has been town engineer since that date.

Dr. R. M. Rimmer will continue with the Franklin Pharmacy as pharmacist, as will other employees, under the new ownership and management.

THE TOWN'S GREAT SHERLOCK

Not so many days ago he drifted into town, did this mighty Sherlock Holmes with the massive forehead, deep cavernous eyes, bushy brows and a chin like the knee joint of a mastodon. Getting the ear of the constituted city authorities, he announced in sepulchral whispers and behind closed doors that he was the world's greatest "detective." Temporarily removing his ear from the keyhole he further stated, with many gestures for silence, that his specialty was "catching bootleggers with the goods."

Oh, Yes! he had had lots of experience. He was thoroughly familiar with disguises and their many various uses. He could make a friend of any bootlegger that ever put a cork in a tin can or knocked an official car off the highway. Prisons from Maine to California and from Oregon to Florida were filled with bootleggers put there by his efficient method of "detecting." In his varied and checkered career he had separated many bootleg kings from their happy families. His presence in town or city immediately struck terror to thugs, thieves, hijackers and all other denizens of the underworld.

Now if the town was the happy abode of any particularly bright bootleggers—nifty ones, cautious and cute—that no one else was able to catch the town could do no better than place him on the payroll for a few days. No sooner said than done. This graduate of the Rising Sun Correspondence School for Detectives remained in town about a week, drew \$13.00 of the town funds as an "honorarium," sold chief of police a pint of liquor as "evidence," pocketed a dollar and left for other climes. So far the source from whence came the pint remains unknown. Is it possible that Sherlock had a supply of hooch hidden on the "outskirts" of town and remained "in office" long enough to dispose of his assets?

Mann's House Burns

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mann, on the Georgia road, was completely destroyed by fire Friday night of last week. The Manns lost practically everything they had in the house, Mr. Mann said.

The origin of the fire was undetermined, though Mr. Mann expressed the opinion that it may have started from the kitchen flue.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered early in the evening, and was, it was thought, extinguished, with little damage. The family retired, to awaken later and find the whole structure in flames.

POULTRY SALE ON MARCH 23

The Macon County Farmers Federation, with County Agent Lyles Harris co-operating, will stage a co-operative, competitive poultry sale at Franklin March 23, the Federation has announced. The farmers are being invited to bring their marketable poultry to Franklin on that date.

It is planned to ship a carlot, and the poultry will go to the highest bidder.

On March 2, at a sale held by a private company, approximately 600 pounds of poultry was shipped out of this county.

Neither the federation nor the county agent had anything whatever to do with the sale March 2, this sale having been held by the Tennessee Egg Company. Due to a confusion of dates, it was erroneously reported in the last issue of the Press that the sale last week was held by the Federation with the co-operation of the county agent. The federation sale will come on March 23.

NEW YORK EDITOR WEEK ENDS HERE

John Vassar Noel, of New York, of the editorial staff of The Spur, sportsmen's magazine, was a weekend visitor at the Onteora Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Noel, while here, took pictures of views in this section, which will appear shortly, he said, in The Spur. He is also writing a 10-page illustrated article on Asheville and vicinity for his publication.

Mr. Noel, who expressed delight with the beauties of southwestern North Carolina, Monday made a trip to within striking distance of the Smokies. He was accompanied by R. C. MacMahon, manager of the Onteora Rod and Gun Club, Horace Kephart, author, of Bryson City, and Roscoe Marvel, manager of the Kenilworth Inn, at Asheville.

Many Spring Events To be Given at Robbinsville School

Many interesting school events are to be given at Robbinsville in the immediate future, it has been learned here. During the remaining two months of the school term at Robbinsville, programs to be presented at the school auditorium include the primary commencement, the grammar grade commencement, the triangular debate, and the high school commencement, the triangular debate, and the high school commencement. All these events will precede the regular graduation exercises by the senior class.

The Robbinsville school has been handicapped during the present session by unpleasant weather, but despite this handicap, the entire school has made an attendance record of between 80 and 90 per cent, a better record than it has been possible to secure in previous sessions.

The school has taken considerable pride in the fact that the high school senior class recently was awarded a medal for the best essay written on Abraham Lincoln. The best essay was that submitted by Miss Edna Jones, Robbinsville senior. The medal was awarded by a watch company.

Miss Jones is the second Western North Carolina school girl to win recognition for essay work, a prize for the best essay on fire prevention, offered by an insurance company, having been awarded some time ago to a girl in the Highlands school.

Broadway Loals

Mr. Carl Morgan is back at Broadway to teach a ten-days singing school. We are glad to see him back again.

Mr. Nathan McKinney and Mr. Mack McKinney have returned from Pisgah Forest, where they have been at work for the last few months.

Miss Jean Wilson spent a few days with her sister Mrs. Ebbie Talley, on Turtle Pond.

Mr. Arthur Dillard was in this section Tuesday on business.

Miss Pearl Bryson and Mr. Hayes Bryson were the guests of their grandmother last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Z. V. McKinney was visiting Mr. Andy Wilson Friday.

Mr. Jerry Wilson Jr., and Mr. Tom Smith made a business trip to Highlands Tuesday.

Mr. David McCall made a business trip to Dillard, Ga.

Mr. Benson Neeley was in this section last week. He got Mr. R. B. Wilson to keep his pup this summer.

SUGGEST TREES ALONG HIGHWAYS

Forest Service Would Furnish Trees—Planting On Georgia Road Forestry Week Is Suggested.

Would it be worth while to line the sides of the highways leading out of Franklin with trees—the same species planted at uniform intervals for miles and miles?

Would it be worth the trouble? Would the planting provide sufficient of beauty, of advantage to Franklin, of increased value to property owners along the road to make the expense and labor worth while?

The question has occurred to Z. B. Byrd, forest ranger.

R. W. Shields, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest has placed Mr. Byrd in charge of the observance here of American Forestry Week, April 24 to 30, and it has occurred to Mr. Byrd to wonder if the finest observation of this week, set aside all over the nation by Presidential proclamation, would not be to make a start toward creating tree-lined avenues leading into Franklin.

Mr. Byrd has in mind the section of Highway No. 286 lying between Franklin and the Georgia line. This highway, he pointed out, leads directly into another State, and is bordered by less woods than other roads going out of town.

The Forest Service would provide the trees, Mr. Byrd says, if given the right sort of co-operation; he believes the co-operation of individuals in the town and county might be tendered, in order to make of the tree-planting a real event; and he is wondering if the property owners along the Georgia road—the ones whose property would be most enhanced in value by the tree-planting—would care to co-operate. Would they be willing, for example, to dig the holes for the trees?

Mr. Byrd and the Forest Service are ready to co-operate, he said, to make the suggestion an actuality, if the people want it done.

Mr. Byrd would be glad to hear from persons whose property fronts along the Georgia road.

GRAHAM BROTHERS' SALES INCREASE

Graham Brothers, a division of Dodge Brothers, Inc., made and sold more trucks and commercial cars in the month of January than during any previous January in the company's history. This is a definite answer to questions raised at the first of the year about what 1927 holds for the motor truck industry, according to officials.

Trucks and commercial cars shipped from all Graham Brothers plants for the first month of this year totaled 4,255, as against 3,765 in January, 1926, which in turn surpassed all preceding first months.

Now, production has been increased to 275 units a day, nearing the record peak established in May, 1926. Demand is still growing, the company reports.

Graham Brothers' factories in Detroit; Evansville, Indiana; Stockton, California; and Toronto, Ontario, are all working full time with a full force of men. This means substantially increased employment over the first part of last year, since the total plant size grew 41 per cent during 1926 to take care of the constantly expanding markets.

Profitable Hog Practices

Pour the old crank case oil on the hog, and around in the sleeping places and the lice will not be any trouble.

For intestinal worms get: Santonin two and one-half grains Calomel two and a half grains. Dissolve in warm water and mix with thin slop. See that every hog gets no more than his share.

The above is for a fifty-pound hog, give twice as much for a hundred-pound hog, and three times as much for a two hundred-pound hog.

Follow with physic and repeat in ten days to get the ones that might have missed on the first shot.

A mighty good, and a cheap thing to build bone in hogs and keep them well, is a tonic made up of:

Acid phosphate.....Ten pounds
Woodashes.....Ten pounds
Salt.....One pound

Put it in a dry place where the hogs may get it at any time. Also throw them in all the charcoal that they will eat. This is especially good in the spring, when hogs are starting on pasture and getting a lot of juicy food. It takes up the excess moisture and keeps the stomach working right. Makes more profit.