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COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING

Local Men Investigate Proposal of Mr. Wilde to Build a Cotton Mill at Franklin.

A committee of Franklin citizens is busy investigating the proposal of A. T. Wilde, of Acworth, Ga., that a cotton mill be built here.

The committee is composed of Lee Crawford and Sam L. Franks, presidents of the two local banks, M. L. Dowdle and S. R. Joines, members of the board of aldermen, and M. D. Billings, county superintendent of public instruction.

They were named at an informal meeting of Franklin business men, who met with Mr. Wilde to discuss his proposal.

Mr. Wilde's proposition, in brief, is that he and his associates will put up \$50,000 if Franklin people will match it with a similar amount. The total sum, he believes, will build a mill to employ between 100 and 150 people.

The Georgian, who for 11 years, according to his statement, was superintendent of a textile mill in Massachusetts, frankly said that he had not worked out details of the proposition, and did not care to until he was given some assurance that the \$50,000 could be raised in Franklin. The consensus of opinion at the meeting, attended by some 15 or 20 local business men, was that the money could be raised if the committee named should put its okey on the proposition.

Mr. Wilde has returned to Atlanta to work out details, and the committee is making its investigation.

RADIO ADDRESS BRINGS INQUIRIES

Indicative of the fact that the Franklin radio program, broadcast over WWNC last Thursday, was well received are the letters that have been received here since that time.

One of the letters commending the program came from an Asheville resident. The letter, addressed to Henry G. Robertson, president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, follows, in part:

"I very much enjoyed your splendid program over the radio, especially your wonderful address about Franklin and Macon county. For sometime I have wanted to get up there—now, after hearing you, I am coming!

"Can you locate me a five-room, furnished cottage, for rent, for August? After which, I'll look around and perhaps buy something."

The letter also makes other inquiries, and refers in the highest terms to a native of Franklin, Charles K. Robinson, editor of the Asheville Times, whom the writer characterizes as "our prince of editors."

W. O. W. Camp Here

Mr. W. H. Grogan, of Brevard, during a stay of several days in Franklin has succeeded in organizing a local camp of the Woodmen of the World. According to a statement of Mr. Grogan last Saturday approximately forty local citizens will become charter members of the camp. Twenty-eight have already been examined physically in order to obtain the benefits of the insurance feature of the organization.

It is understood that the formal installation ceremonies will take place in the local Odd Fellows hall in about ten days.

Miss Drake Called

Miss Elvira Drake, 77, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham on May 31. The deceased was born and reared in Macon county and was a member of the Iola Methodist church since early girlhood. The remains were interred at her church last Tuesday. Revs. Strickland and Flanigan having charge of the funeral services. She is survived by her sister and several nieces and nephews.

A woman of high ideals, highly honored and respected, her passing is a source of grief and regret to hundreds who had learned to love her for her many admirable qualities. Prior to her death the deceased had made her home with her sister for 44 years.

RADIO PROGRAM PLEASURES PUBLIC

Local Musical Club Members Received Telephone Calls and Telegrams From Listening Radio Fans.

Spasm over so that good men and true may get down to business—and fortunately, again, this kind of man is in a vast majority. Were it not so there would be no encouragement to strive on toward the worthwhile things. These last named men have their hearts set on a cannery. They are far seeing men who know that to meet the ever increasing costs of living that we demand in this day and time that we must prepare for it. They know that there is enough stuff going to waste in this county every year to more than pay every obligation of running the county. They know that there are hundreds of good hard working men and women in this county to make three, even ten, times the amount of stuff that they now make, and that they will make it as soon as they get an outlet. They know that it is the small amount of money coming at short intervals that gets the wife a new dress when she needs it or the kids a pair of water-proof shoes to keep them comfortable and well that counts in the long run. And above all they have faith in their fellow-man and want to see things made easier so that the good woman of the house will not have to keep the finger nails of her worn to the quick on the scrubbing board or that the big local radio fans had difficulty on Thursday in "getting" Asheville, but those who did expressed keen appreciation of the program.

JAMES MALLONEE APPOINTED TO NAVAL ACADEMY

Another boy of Macon county has been signally honored by his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

James Elbert Mallonee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mallonee, of Iotla has been instructed by the Secretary of the Navy to report for physical examination at Annapolis on June 16. Should he pass this examination he will be immediately sworn in as a mid-shipman.

Young Mallonee was reared at the home of his parents in the Iotla valley four miles from Franklin. Last year he attended school at the State Normal, Cullowhee. He went from there to the University of North Carolina where he spent one year in preparation for entrance to one of the academies.

At both Cullowhee and at the University James made an enviable record in his studies. His many friends are predicting for him a high standing in his class at the Naval Academy.

Mr. Mallonee was appointed by Congressman Zebulon Weaver.

Good Attendance Record

An extraordinary record for school attendance was revealed here Saturday by J. E. Lancaster, superintendent of the Maxwell School Home.

Charlotte Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, had not missed a single day from school for seven years, until illness compelled her to miss some time during the past winter. She walked four miles to school, and four miles back home, during the seven-year period.

And the time missed from school this year was at the command of school authorities, Mr. Lancaster stated. The Cartoogechaye Miss came to school one day, evidently suffering from roseola. She was sent home. The following day she returned, and again was sent home, with instructions to remain until she had recovered.

Miss Johnson has made a good student, Mr. Lancaster stated. She has completed the ninth grade.

Chicken and Wool Sale

Macon county farmers are more than \$2,000 richer than they were last Wednesday morning, as a result of a co-operative sale of chickens and wool on Wednesday.

The sale, held under the direction of County Agent Lyles Harris, netted slightly more than \$2,000. A car of approximately 4,500 pounds of chickens was shipped. The wool sold weighed a little more than a ton.

All this produce came out of the poultry yards of Macon county farmers, and off the backs of Macon county sheep.

About 130 farmers co-operated in the sale, the cash receipts averaging about \$16 per co-operating farmer.

TWO DAILY MAILS FOR FRANKLIN

Double Daily Mail Service Between Franklin and Dillsboro to Take Effect July 1st—Schedule as Given to Be Revised.

Additional mail service for Franklin, via Dillsboro, beginning July 1, appears to be assured.

Sealed proposals for carrying 13 mails weekly, between Dillsboro and Franklin, and Franklin and Dillsboro, will be received by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General up to June 21, the service to begin July 1. Notice to this effect has been posted in the local postoffice.

Franklin, until recently, had a single mail each way, six days each week. A short time ago, a Sunday mail was added. The proposed additional service would give Franklin two mails, each way six days in the week.

The bids for carrying mail will be for a period of one year, July 1, 1927 to June, 30, 1928, the notice says.

The notice posted here indicates the following schedule of mails:

Leave Franklin daily at 8:15 a. m. daily except Sunday at 4:45 p. m.

Arrive Dillsboro daily by 9:45 a. m. daily except Sunday at 6:15 p. m.

Leave Dillsboro daily at 11 a. m. daily except Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

Arrive at Franklin daily by 12:30 p. m. daily except Sunday by 8 p. m.

This schedule will be revised somewhat, according to Postmaster Sam L. Franks, due to the fact that the train schedules on the Murphy branch has been speeded up.

The additional service, which has been sought for sometime, will give Franklin a much quicker mail service to Asheville and points between Dillsboro and Asheville, as well as to points on the Murphy branch west of Dillsboro.

The need for the additional service was called to the attention of the postoffice department by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and the Asheville Times, and was recommended by Postmaster Sam L. Franks and other postmasters on the route. The matter was first raised by the chamber of commerce.

TAX REPORT SOON READY

The report of the board of tax assessors in this county is awaited here with considerable interest. There is not a little speculation as to how much additional wealth for the county will be shown by the present assessment of property, and as to whether or not a tax rate cut will be possible, as a result.

The work of actual assessment is practically complete, according to C. R. Cabe, tax supervisor. Only about 200 taxpayers in Franklin township have not listed their property, Mr. Cabe states.

But while the actual assessment will be finished shortly, it is expected to be sometime before the figures can be tabulated and checked. And, in addition, it is expected that there will be some appeals to be settled by the board of county commissioners.

Off to See Al

Mr. Henderson Calloway, first assistant postmaster at Franklin, and Mr. Lawrence Limer, first assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank, left last Friday for Washington. New York and other parts of the country. Latest dispatches from Washington said nothing about an interview having been arranged with President Coolidge. However, it is understood that the city of New York is making great preparations to receive these distinguished guests. At least that is the gist of a conversation that a Press representative had with Mr. Hugh Leach, governor of Macon. Mr. Bill Moore, cashier of the Citizens Bank, wrote a letter of introduction for Mr. Limer to all the celebrities in several eastern cities. It is presumed that Mr. Sam Franks did the same for Mr. Calloway.

The many friends of these two young men will await with interest an account of their trip.

ALL MUST HAVE LICENSES

Whether Macon county fishermen use the old time "hook and sinker" method of pulling 'em out, or are equipped with the newest-fangled, most stylish type of fishing accessories, the law requiring a fishing license applies.

In other words, all those who fish in Macon county streams must be provided with a license to fish, regardless.

This has been pointed out by Fish Warden James Hauser and County Manager C. R. Cabe.

The new fishing law permits the State Board of Conservation and Development to apply the law to all kinds of fishing in counties where the board of county commissioners, by resolution, request such action. And the commissioners in this county, at the regular meeting on the first Monday in May, passed such a resolution. It was erroneously stated in last week's issue of the Press that the board probably would take such action; as a matter of fact the resolution had already been passed.

The State law requiring license is applicable to those using the old fashioned equipment only in those counties where the commissioners request that it be so made.

The commissioners in this county felt it would be necessary to require license of all fishermen, in order to make the law effective, and in fairness to all.

Seventh Grade Pupils Who Passed For High School At Franklin May 24

The different pupils were known to the ones who graded the papers by numbers. In this list both name and number are given:

1. Mildred Moore, 2. Virginia Calloway, 3. Mary Jacobs, 4. Helen Patton, 5. Marie Fish, 6. Florie Henson, 7. Lucile Kinsey, 8. Mary Strain, 9. Helen Gray, 10. Clara Allman, 11. Kate Donaldson, 12. Hattie Hodgkin, 13. Marie Limer, 14. Junior Howard, 15. Oran Cunningham, 22. R. L. Poindexter, 23. William Cabe, 24. Fred Hopper, 25. Ralph West, 26. Nick Hunter, 27. Wiley Waldrop, 28. Don Henderson, 29. Lee Keener, 31. Ira Keener, 32. Everette Mashburn, 33. Elbert Pendergrass, 35. Harvie Vanhook, 38. J. M. Roan, 39. Sam Reece, 43. Chas. Stewart, 51. Don Morrison, 59. Thomas Branch, 64. Birdie Clark, 65. Pattie Hixdon, 66. Dorothy Clark, 69. Gertrude Guffy, 71. Velma Peek, 72. Nell Penland, 73. Dorothea Hyatt, 74. Annie Moore, 75. Eva Angel, 76. Sue Curtis, 77. John Cunningham, 81. Elsie Sanders, 83. Bill Houser, 84. Richard Conley, 85. Nevil Sloan, 87. Hilton Calloway, 88. Nellie Cabe, 90. Marie Cabe, 92. Jessie Higdon, 100. Jeff Enloe, Jr., 101. Annie Mae Higdon, 102. Hiram Tallent, 105. Darrell Edwards, 106. James Myers, 107. Will Elmore, 110. Earl Gibson, 111. Carly Swafford, 118. Sophia Ray, 119. Lydia Gibson, 120. Neta Childers, 124. Queenie Ledford, 126. Ida Lee Hunter, 128. Nellie Dowdle, 132. Reed Womack, 133. Glen Dowdle, 136. Henry Wilkie, 137. Paul Brown, 138. Elmer Gray, 140. Pauline Fouts, 141. Eula Fouts, 142. Pauline McCoy, 143. Norman Angel, 144. Roy McCracken, 147. Stewart Mason, 152. Louise Bingham, 157. Mary Louise Slagle, 159. Mildred Harrison, 165. Wallace Peek, 125. Adeline Teague, 67. Edna Jamison, 68. Helen Hall.

On the day for the examination, 167 were present. Of that number, 84 passed. Another examination will be given just before the Franklin school opens next September. It might be possible for some who failed at this test, by the proper amount of study between now and then, to make the grade at that test. The examination to be given then will certainly not be any easier than the one given May 24.

As is well known by all school authorities, the large percent of the pupils who passed this test are from the schools having more than six-months terms.

For any information as to the High School work next year, see G. L. Houk, principal, or M. D. Billings, county superintendent.

Bessie Tift Graduates Here

Some 30 young women, attired in camping garb, were visitors in Franklin Saturday. They comprise the graduating class at Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Ga.

The young women, who are spending a week at Clayton, Ga., were en route to the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and stopped for a short while in Franklin.

PLAN UNDER WAY FOR CANNERY

To be Cooperative Organization and Eventually Owned by Members—Approximately Half of Needed \$3,000 Subscribed.

A cannery for Macon county, long agitated here, this week appeared to be practically assured. Approximately half the \$3,000 needed to start business had been subscribed, and County Agent Lyles Harris, one of the project's sponsors, expressed his belief that the raising of the remainder was simply a matter of time.

The plan under which the corporation would be organized is a purely co-operative one.

The application for charter, to be filed shortly, seeks incorporation under Chapter 87 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, which outlines the methods under which a co-operative, non-profit corporation may be organized and do business. Under provisions of this chapter, stockholders may not receive more than six per cent on their investment, and the corporation is free from taxation.

The concern would be known as the Macon Food Products company, with its principal office at Franklin, and C. W. Teague, prominent farmer of this county as its managing director. The authorized capital stock would be \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each, and the concern would begin business on a paid in capital of not less than 30 shares, or \$3,000.

The application for charter provides for a period of existence of 50 years, and for a governing body of five directors, one to be elected for two years, one for four, one for six, and one for eight. It also provides that the director of agricultural extension shall appoint the fifth director.

The plan, in brief, is for the individuals who put up the original \$3,000 to be paid six per cent on their investment, which will really be in the nature of a loan to the corporation. This \$3,000 will be refunded out of membership fees and profits.

Those selling produce to the concern will be charged a membership fee of \$10. The fee will be paid in produce, a farmer receiving cash for only three-fourths of the value of his produce until he has paid in \$10. He then becomes a member, and receives a patronage dividend on his business with the association.

Eventually, under this plan, the concern will be owned by its members; by those who deal with it, in other words.

The application for charter would give the concern authority to establish offices at other points in the county state or elsewhere.

While the primary purpose is establishment of a cannery to provide a market for the surplus produce, fruits, etc., of Macon county farmers, the concern would have wide powers to do other things connected with marketing, etc.

Agitation for a cannery has been under way here for some time. It was taken up by the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture some months ago, and that organization succeeded in bringing to Franklin a man interested in putting in a cannery. From his visit the present movement has grown—the proposition having been taken hold of and pushed by County Agent Harris, backed by citizens of the town and county.

The plant is to purchase a complete canning outfit and to employ an experienced man to run it.

Asheville Paper Sends Truck

The Asheville Citizen was delivered to the postoffice here Monday by the Citizen's own truck.

The Citizen is not beginning truck delivery to Franklin, as some citizens here first surmised. The paper did not go to press until 6 o'clock Monday morning, awaiting news from the Chamberlain plane, and when Franklin papers were placed in the Asheville postoffice they failed, for some reason, to catch the train. The Citizen then sent its own truck here with copies for subscribers in Franklin and environs.