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Shriners, Franklin Bids You Welcome

HIGHLANDS FUTURE NOW ASSURED BY CONSTRUCTION OF GOLF COURSE

Directors Named—Stockholders to Meet June 20—Four Hundred Acres Acquired—Bobby Jones' Father One of Directors—Four States Represented On Directorate.

The proposed \$200,000 golf course development at Highlands came a step nearer Saturday, when a board of eight directors was named at the first stockholders meeting, held in Highlands. The date for the first meeting of the directors was fixed for June 20.

The announcement was made here by Henry G. Robertson, an attorney for the corporation.

Directors chosen were: Scott Hudson, Robert P. Jones, Sr., Carleton Smith, Charles E. Shepard, and Samuel Nesbitt Ewins, all of Atlanta; Rogers Smith, of Lexington, Ky.; A. Franklin Pugh, of Dallas, Texas; and Henry G. Robertson, of Franklin.

Although his father is a director, and his name was mentioned in connection with the organization in earlier news dispatches from Highlands the name of "Bobby" Jones does not appear on the records of the corporation, it was said.

The directors will hold their first meeting in Atlanta and definite plans for the development will be mapped out then, it was expected.

About \$150,000 of the \$200,000 subscribed, has been paid in, Mr. Robertson announced Saturday.

The company has acquired about 400 acres near Highlands, for ap-

proximately \$50,000, it was stated. On this is to be developed a model golf course and club house, with other developments later a possibility.

Highlands, asked to subscribe \$15,000 toward getting the development, raised more than that sum in half a day's time.

The articles of incorporation, back from the office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court here.

They show the incorporators to be J. Q. Pierson, of Highlands, Henry G. Robertson, of Franklin, and Miss Albertina Staub, of Highlands, each of whom are listed as having subscribed for one share each. The authorized capital stock is \$200,000, in 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The papers provide that Highlands shall be the seat of the concern's principal office, and name Mr. Robertson as the company's agent in this county.

Highlands Estates, Incorporated, is empowered under its charter to acquire, develop, rent, or sell real estate; to erect, equip, maintain, and operate a club house or houses for the convenience and pleasure of its stockholders, members, guests, or visitors; to lay off, construct and equip golf courses, tennis courts, basket, foot, or base ball grounds, race tracks, athletic fields, swimming pools, fishing or hunting grounds, trap shooting grounds, etc.; and to erect, maintain, equip, operate, and regulate hotels, club houses, cottages, or other structures it may desire to build.

The period of existence of the corporation is unlimited, and the management is vested solely in its board of directors.

Local Shrine Club to Entertain Visiting Brothers Tonight at Scott Griffin—Banquet to Be Served Followed by Dance—Town in Gay Attire For Occasion.

The Franklin Shrine Club, said to be one of the smallest clubs in the country, tonight will be host to visiting shriners and their wives and sweethearts. The local club is prepared to entertain 100 guests from Asheville and other points at a banquet and dance at the Scott Griffin Hotel.

The Asheville Shrine Club is invited and special invitations were sent shriners in Bryson City, Sylva, Canton, Waynesville, Clayton, and Gainesville.

While it was not possible as this went to press to tell just how many visitors would be here tonight, it was believed the close to 100 guests would be entertained. A large number are coming from Asheville.

The town by tonight will be gaily decorated with special shrine bann flags, etc., and in other ways will indicate a welcome to the visitors. A special place on the public square—the southeast corner has been set aside for visiting shriners' cars.

The elaborate four-course banquet is to be served at 8:15 o'clock at the hotel, to be followed by dancing on the roof garden.

The local club, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, organized about three months ago, has been planning tonight's fete for sometime. In arranging for the banquet and dance, they found shriners in Asheville more than ready to co-operate, they say. "Those fellows are 100 per cent for Franklin," a local shriner remarked, after a visit to Asheville to confer with members of the order there with reference to tonight's affair.

The club here is the only one west of Asheville, and is the smallest club known to local shriners. A club of 100 members is ordinarily rated a small club, it was said.

The Franklin club of 15 members is headed by Dr. S. H. Lyle, president, Sam L. Franks is vice-president, and Alvah Pearce secretary and treasurer. Other members are F. H. Higdon, M. L. Dowdle, L. E. Lentz, J. S. Porter, O. E. Kimsy, Frank I. Murray, E. W. Long, D. D. Rice, W. B. Webber, J. S. Conley, Dr. W. A. Rogers, and W. T. Moore.

W. O. W. Camp Organized Here

Wayah Camp No. 885 Woodmen of the World was organized at Franklin June 17, 1927 by District Manager W. H. Grogan, Jr., of Brevard.

The following officers were elected and installed: consul commander, J. Homer Stockton; advisor lieutenant, Tracy M. Barnard; banker, Bill G. Hall; clerk, John W. Edwards; escort, W. Robert Davis; watchman, Zeb M. Clouse; secretary Jerry R. Franklin; physician, Dr. N. G. Williams; auditors, 1 year, Cecil L. Pendergrass, 2 years, Wiley C. Kinney, 3 years, Oscar C. Bryant.

The following charter members were voted in the order: W. E. Sanders, Tracy M. Barnard, C. D. Baird, W. T. McCollum, Fred N. Parrish, Claude C. Belco, John M. Tallent, John W. Edwards, Edward L. Whittington, A. W. Reid, Zeb M. Clouse, Harve I. Bryant, James W. Guest, Colonel B. Stockton, Wiley C. Kinney, William H. Cochran, Thomas B. Justice, Fleet H. Scroggs, T. Ralph Parrish, J. Van Calloway, J. Horner Stockton, Oscar C. Bryant, Jerry R. Franklin, T. J. Higdon, C. E. Phillips, A. J. Welch, Cecil L. Pendergrass, W. L. Angel, Will G. Hall, Dr. N. G. Williams, L. M. Pritchett, Lester S. Conley, W. G. Cutris, W. D. Simpson, D. Robert Davis, Raleigh L. Shook, H. Sloan Riekman, A. A. Duval, Wiley Selers, J. D. Jacobs.

The Woodmen of the World is a benevolent order and has total assets amounting to \$130,919, 263. 34. Its funds are invested only in government, state, county, road, school and municipal bonds, and first lien mortgages. Its accounts are periodically audited by state insurance commissioners.

Among the bonds owned by this organization are Franklin graded school bonds to the amount of \$48,000 and Macon county road and bridge bonds amounting to \$57,000.

A WORD OF WEICOME

The Franklin Press believes strongly in the old adage—"a place for everything, and everything in its place." And the place for editorials, it thinks, is on the editorial page.

The rule—an almost inviolable one—is that opinion goes to page four. The rule today is being violated—violated for the first time in more than two years.

The reason is that the Press wishes to extend to Franklin's visitors of tonight a word of welcome. And it wishes to make sure that every visitor knows that the word has been voiced.

Franklin is proud of its Shrine Club. It believes that few towns of Franklin's size have Shrine Clubs. It is sure that few towns of Franklin's size have 15 members of the Shriners.

It is proud, too, that the local club should have seen fit, so soon after its organization, to entertain in honor of the shriners and their wives from 'furrin' parts." And it is most happy to have these visitors as Franklin's guests tonight.

In the mountains, the word of salutation is "Howdy." (And, after all, one may search far and wide without finding a better one). To a newcomer in the community, it is, "Howdy—stranger." To a neighbor or old friend, it's simply "Howdy"—but with a world of difference in the inflection.

And so, to the visiting Shriners, we say just "Howdy"—with that world of difference in the inflection.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND A NEW ERA DAWNS FOR WESTERN N. C.

Highways Into Mountain Fastnesses Bring New Conditions and Responsibilities—Tourist Trade Increases and Manufacturing Enterprises Come.

In Graham county, which adjoins Macon, occurred a hold up and pay roll robbery at short time ago.

It was simply another illustration of the wild and lawless character of the people who inhabit these strange, rough mountain fastnesses.

That, doubtless, was the reaction of hundreds—possibly thousands—of people who read the news dispatches, and whose main sources of information about the mountain region of North Carolina and its people have been the stories of romancers and the articles of two types of writers; the ill-informed; and those who deliberately twist facts in order to make a more interesting story.

The hold up, truly, was an apt illustration—but not of the lawlessness of the mountain people. There is lawlessness in the mountains, of course, just as there is in any inhabited portion of the world. But the people of this region are as law-abiding as any. That isn't good propaganda for solicitors for funds for mountain mission work; but, unfortunately for them, the records are the proof.

What the hold up and robbery did illustrate was the fact that the southern Appalachian region is passing through a period of change.

It is said to have been the first occurrence of its kind in the section's history. The reason is not that the folks have suddenly become lawless, to conform to the wild tales told of them; but that, until comparatively recent years, big pay rolls were rare in this section.

As in every other region, so in the mountains, there is and has always been a certain amount of crime. And with changing conditions, come new forms of crime.

The day of the pay roll has come to the mountains. The robbery served a very useful purpose in calling that fact to the attention of the world.

The region of which Macon county is a part is passing through a period of rapid transition.

The pioneer period, prolonged by isolation enforced by high mountain walls and wellnigh no roads, was the longest of the section's recorded history. That period, in most instances, ended in only comparatively recent years.

Then came the period of improved schools, improved methods of farming, and summer boarders. The latter brought with them from the lowlands, each season, a few dollars, to be scattered over a region where there abounded wealth of every sort,—except that made in the mint.

The tourist industry in the mountains was not simply a passing phase of the region's development. Rather, it has become a permanent and ever-increasing industry, bringing wealth in from the outside, and providing for the farmer a large home market for much that he grows.

Then, across the mountains, by de-

GOOD PROGRAM BY ORPHANS

According to reports reaching Franklin the program to be carried out at the courthouse next Monday night by the orphans from the Odd Fellows home at Goldsboro will be well worth seeing and hearing. Under the expert direction of Miss Jocelyn Cox, class manager, the little boys and girls from the orphan home have become excellent entertainers. The oldest child to take part Monday night is 16, while the youngest is only ten. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro. The entertainment will start at 8:30. Franklin is expected to give the little children a good sized audience.

Those on the program are as follows:

Mary Franklin, 13; Helen Cartwright, 11; Nellie Crisp, 16; Zola Wyatt, 11; Frances Jarrell, 11; Estelle Paynes, 10; Margie Tuttle, 11; Jarvis Keel, 16; Gordon Payne, 14; Jack Tuttle, 14; John McKimney, 13.

Fame Of Nantahala Spreads

Indicative of the advertising Franklin and the Nantahala National Forest are getting are the inquiries being received at the local forest service office.

A recent inquiry came from W. C. Spencer, district passenger agent of the Southern Railway at Philadelphia. Mr. Spencer is having many calls for information about the forest, its riding trails, and the availability of saddle horses, he said, and asked for complete information about the forest and this section.

CANNERY FOR MACON COUNTY

A cannery for Macon county appears to be practically assured, is the announcement by the Franklin Press, which is active in supporting progressive agricultural projects in that county.—Farmers Federation News.

vicious ways, came the highways. And a new day had dawned.

Asheville, a few years ago a distant city, today is less than three hours from Franklin, countyseat of Macon county. Other centers are proportionately nearer. And the different parts of the county are fast being linked up by main State highways—five of them traverse the county—and county secondary roads, easily travelable the year around.

What is the result? Farming, always the main industry in the mountains, doubtless will so remain. The tourist trade is an important feature of mountain prosperity, and with the roads is growing by tremendous leaps.

But the roads have opened the mountain fastnesses—and beauty—not only to the pleasure-seeking tourist, but to the manufacturer as well.

And the manufacturer and capitalist are coming to the mountains. They have, in fact, already started. Witness the Graham county incident. A payroll robbery is proof positive of pay rolls; pay rolls are convincing evidence of industry; and industry is

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FRANKLIN FACTS AND FIGURES

Franklin has 900 H. P. hydro-electric power for sale at a very low rate.

Accessible to Franklin is a perpetual, annual timber supply of 3,600,000 board feet.

Macon county has the largest natural deposits of corundum in the world.

Five highways traverse Macon county. Franklin is the hub.

Bark clearings in Franklin amount to more than \$5,000,000 a year.

Franklin merchants do a retail business of over a million dollars a year. The mercantile business done in the county as a whole tops the million and a half mark.

The tourist trade nets Macon county, in one way and another, a quarter of a million dollars a year.

Franklin is responsible for one-third the business done on the Tallulah Falls Railway. Franklin's express, alone, amounts to more than \$15,000 a year.

The pole, wood, and cross tie business is estimated to provide an average annual income of \$75 for every family in the county.

The single item of poultry brought over \$25,000 into Macon county last year. And that figure represented only that shipped out, co-operatively.

Macon county has one of the lowest farm tenancy percentages in the state.

It has one of the lowest percentages of foreign-born population of any county in the United States.

Macon was the first county in the state to have compulsory school attendance. It was the first county in the state to hold a summer school for teachers. It is still pioneering in education.

Franklin plays an important part in the manufacture of the world's telephones. The mica—highly important part of a telephone—for many of the telephones made by Western Electric company is refined in the company's plant here.

SLAPS DAUGHTER; BOND REQUIRED ON TWO CHARGES

How Ed Hughes, of Bryson City, came to the house of his father-in-law, S. R. Pickens, on Cowee, in this county, battered down the door, when he was refused admittance, entered with a pistol in his hand, dragged his 18-year old daughter out of bed, and took her to his car, in her night clothing slapping her face on the way to the car, was told by State's witnesses in the court here of Justice of the Peace George Carpenter.

As a result, Hughes faces two charges in Macon Superior court—those of forcible entry and of carrying a concealed weapon. He is at liberty on bond of \$300.

The hearing, held in the Macon county courthouse Saturday afternoon, drew a big crowd, eager to catch every word of the testimony.

Hughes was also charged with an assault, but this charge was dismissed on the ground that he had a right to administer corporal punishment to his own daughter.

Hughes, formerly a native of this county, with a companion, came to the Pickens home on the night of June 11, according to the testimony of witnesses for the state, and demanded that the door be opened. The young girl's grandfather, with whom she had been staying, refused, it was testified, stating that Hughes had previously been ordered to stay away from the house.

The door was then battered down, and Hughes, entering with a pistol in his hand, dragged his daughter from her bed, took her to the car without an opportunity to dress, and slapped her twice as they went, it was testified.

The defense offered no testimony.

\$40,000 For Macon

Under the equalization fund act the schools of Macon county will receive from the state \$40,143.53. This amount will help considerably with the education of the children of Macon county.

CREAM LOOP

The local creamery will soon start its truck on a loop by way of Dillsboro, Whittier, Bryson City, Needmore and back to Franklin. This will be quite a convenience to those living on the proposed route.