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WORK CONTINUES ON HIGHWAY 28

Work Proceeding in Both Directions From Franklin—Visitors Should See the Cullasaja Gorge.

Stories have been in local circulation to the effect that work on No. 28 in Macon county between Franklin and Hayesville had ceased.

For a few days these stories held true, but the steam shovel is now busy about a mile from the Wallace Gap on the west side of the Nantahala Mountains. The shovel will work to the gap and then proceed westward toward Black Gap. Mr. Champion, in charge of the convicts, states that he is now making preparations to move the convict camp from its present location to the west side of the Nantahalas, somewhere in the vicinity of the Littleton place.

There now appears to be little doubt but that the road will be graded at least to the Macon-Clay line. It is understood that a force of hands are at work in Clay county on this highway in the direction of Macon county line.

Work between Franklin and Highlands on Highway No. 28, is proceeding slowly through the Cullasaja Gorge and has now reached a point almost opposite the lower Cullasaja Falls and about three quarters of a mile from Brush Creek.

The trip to the shovel at work in the Cullasaja Gorge can be easily made in an automobile. Visitors to Franklin will find this one of the most stupendous engineering feats in highway construction ever undertaken anywhere in the country.

To Hold Schools of Instruction for Masons

Monday, July 25, from 7:30 to 10 p. m., in the Masonic Lodge at Andrews, there will be held the first meeting of the week of the school of instruction for Masons.

On Tuesday, July 26, from 2 to 6 in the afternoon, and 7:30 to 10 at night, there will be a similar meeting held in the Lodge at Hayesville.

On Wednesday and Thursday, July 27 and 28, from 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 these meetings will be held in the lodge at Murphy. The Thursday meetings are District meetings, and each lodge in the 43rd District is expected to be well represented at same.

On Friday, July 29, at 7:30 to 10 p. m., there will be the first of the meetings to be held in the 42nd District. This will be at Franklin.

Saturday, July 30, the meetings will be held in the lodge at East La Porte, from 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 p. m. also.

Monday, August 1, the meetings will be held in the lodge at Sylva, from 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 p. m.

Tuesday, August 2 there will be a District meeting of the 42nd District in the lodge at Bryson City, from 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 p. m. Each lodge in the 42nd District is urged to be well represented. A review of the secret work, instruction in Masonic Education, and the interpretation of symbolic and ritualistic work will be given by Dr. W. C. Wicker, of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at these sessions.

All Masons are invited to attend these meetings. Dr. Wicker is able to help you. Take advantage of the free service which he offers.

Prentiss Items (Last Week)

The farmers in this section are through stacking wheat and are ready for the thresher at any time.

Mr. Freeman Hasting was in this section Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cheeks were visiting Mr. Cheek's father Sunday.

Miss Ona Hasting is confined at her home on the account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dehart and children were the guests of Mr. J. W. Hastings Sunday afternoon.

There is going to be a children's day at Pleasant Hill July 24. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring a basket with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bell and family from Toccoa, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Stockton's parents.

Miss Nina Stockton has returned home from Middleton, Ga. Her eyes seem some better.

Mr. Alex Cheeks and daughter, Mrs. Beulah Howl, went to visit their parents last week end.

Mr. Ted Blaine passed through this section Friday.

BANK REPORTS SHOW PROSPERITY

Macon county's three banks have total assets of more than three-quarters of a million dollars, their current statements show. The exact figure is \$774,185.54.

The assets of the Bank of Franklin—the county's oldest banking institution—pass the half-million dollar mark, the figure being \$539,608.37. The Citizens Bank here comes next, with \$121,773.33. The youngest bank in the county, the Highlands Bank, has total assets of \$112,803.84.

The combined capital stock of the three institutions, \$80,000.00 is just slightly more than one-tenth of the total assets. The combined surplus is \$48,861.17. Deposits subject to individual check in the three institutions run to more than a quarter million dollars—\$283,112.53.

Court Adjourned Thursday—Important Case Compromised

The special term of Macon Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which was to have continued through next week, was adjourned Thursday afternoon, Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, having kept things moving so rapidly that the court's business was completed yesterday.

The most important case disposed of was that of Penland vs. Patton. After three days of trial, and just before the evidence was all in, the case was compromised.

Under terms of the compromise, Mrs. Hester Penland Wells pays Mrs. Patton \$1,000.00. Mrs. Patton, on the other hand, deeds the property over which the suit was fought, to Mrs. Wells, who is her niece.

The suit was brought to set aside a deed made by Mrs. G. N. Penland's sister. The case was begun by Mrs. Penland and at her death, was taken up by her daughter. Tried at the last term of Superior court, a mistrial resulted.

Mrs. Penland deeded one-half her property to Mrs. Patton, the other half to her brother, Johns Phillips, during her lifetime, reserving a life-time interest. Later, she requested them to deed it back to her. Mrs. Patton declined, on the ground that Mrs. Penland's real desire was to keep the property out of the hands of her son-in-law, John Wells, and that her request was prompted by pressure brought by Wells.

The plaintiffs, seeking to set aside the deed, sought to prove that Mrs. Penland was of unsound mind at the time she executed the deed, and that undue influence was used by relatives to secure execution of the instrument.

According to Mrs. Patton, her sister told her that she was mistreated by Wells, and that she desired that he not receive any of her property. She, therefore, deeded one-half of it to her sister, and the other half to her brother, reserving the life-time interest.

When Mrs. Patton declined to deed the property back to her sister, the action was begun to set the deed aside.

The plaintiffs in the case were represented by T. J. Johnston and R. D. Sisk, of Franklin, McKinley Edwards, of Bryson City, and Newt. Moody, of Murphy; representing the defendants were Jones and Jones and H. G. Robertson, of Franklin, and T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City.

Another case, brought by T. B. Enloe, as administrator of the estate of Turner Enloe, deceased, seeking to collect \$1,500 insurance from the Beneficiary Degree of the Grand Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, was non-suited by the plaintiffs just before going to trial.

Excellent Camp Paper

The first issue of the "Taukeetah Tattler," official organ of Taukeetah camp for girls near here, appeared last week.

The "Tattler," a three-column four-page weekly newspaper about activities at Camp Taukeetah, is chock full of news and comment. The lead editorial is devoted to a discussion of "Camp Spirit." One of the contributors is a Franklin girl, Catherine Franks.

Maude Merriman, of Greensboro, is editor-in-chief; Elizabeth Paylor, Mathews, Va., is associate editor; the business manager is Loretta Sparrow, of Hawkinsville, Ga.; and Miriam Block, of Greensboro, is assistant business manager.

The "Tattler" is printed by the Franklin Press job department.



REV. P. W. TUCKER, PRESIDING ELDER OF THE WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH, WHO BEGINS A REVIVAL MEETING AT BETHEL NEXT SUNDAY.

PRESIDING ELDER TO HOLD MEETING

Rev. P. W. Tucker, Presiding Elder of Waynesville District, Coming to Bethel July 24—Song Evangelist to Accompany Him.

Beginning July 24 at 8:00 p. m., and continuing through August 5th Rev. P. W. Tucker, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, will hold a revival meeting at Bethel church three miles east of Franklin on Highway No. 28. Rev. Mr. Tucker will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. W. D. Holt, song evangelist, who is widely known as a choir leader. Services will be held daily at 10:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Rev. J. H. Strickland, local pastor of Bethel church, extends a cordial invitation to everybody to attend this meeting.

Clerks Invited Here Murray 2nd Vice-President

When the North Carolina clerks of the Superior court gathered for their annual convention two years hence, their meeting place may be Franklin. Frank I. Murray, Macon county clerk, who was chosen second vice-president of the association at its recent meeting at Waynesville, extended an invitation to the clerks to meet in Franklin in 1929.

The organization makes it a point to meet one summer in the mountains the next at the seashore. Next year's meeting, therefore, automatically went to the coast, but Mr. Murray will make every effort to bring the 1929 meeting to Franklin, he says.

LANDRUM BEATEN

Mr. Robert T. Bryson, who carries the mail down the river to various post offices evidently spends his spare moments raising corn. Reading in last week's Press where Mr. W. P. Landrum on Nickajack has grown corn to the roasting ear stage in 82 days, Robert, while admitting that that is a pretty good record, claims that he has Mr. Landrum beaten by ten days. Robert planted his corn late in the afternoon of April 25th and on July 6th ate his first corn from the patch planted 72 days before. Mr. Bryson failed to state whether he planted by the moon or with a planter.

"LAW ON THE BRIDGE," LIQUOR CAR ESCAPES

The task of coping with the interstate rum running industry grows increasingly difficult, as officers of this county will testify.

For the runners now apparently have adopted a system of advance guards, by which a liquor-laden car is given warning if the officers are ahead. It is a comparatively simple matter, then, for the car to do a hasty about-face, and speed back into Georgia, to await a more auspicious hour for the dash from there through Macon county and east toward Asheville.

To get through this county, it is necessary for the runners to negotiate the bridge here across the Little Tennessee River. It is there that the officers—apprised that a car is coming—post themselves, and prepare to block the bridge, if necessary. This bridge has been the undoing of many a runner.

The officers' latest experience was with a car said to have contained a tremendous load of whiskey. Incidentally, too, it contained a woman passenger.

The officers were on the bridge, waiting. They saw the car coming. But just around the bend, near the railroad station a man was stationed. As the car rushed past, he is said to have cried: "Law on the bridge!"

There was the grinding of brakes, the big car stopped suddenly, hastily turned, and had sped back in the direction from which it had come before the officers could realize that something unexpected had occurred. They did not learn who gave the warning.

John Forgot

When John Thomas left here recently on his trip to the west he was evidently greatly excited as he forgot his shoes, socks and a suit of clothes. For the first time in forty years, it is said, John had carried his best suit to the pressing club to be cleaned and pressed. On his way to Cornelia he remembered that his suit was still at the club, so he wired Mr. E. W. Long to send it to Cornelia by the engineer of the local train. Mr. Long did so and attached a note stating that the shoes and socks would follow.

Last Friday Mr. Long received a letter from John with instructions not to send the shoes and socks as he had found no need for them on the trip. The letter was written from San Antonio, Texas, out in the cactus country, and as John finds no needs for his shoes he is evidently not making the trip a-foot.

SYLVA OFFICERS ON THEIR JOB

Search Car of Franklin Citizen—Sheriff of Macon Not Even Immune From Search.

A mistake on the part of Jackson county officers Wednesday night cost W. T. Moore, cashier of the Citizens bank here, no little embarrassment, and brought profuse apologies from the officers. Information about the officers' error was received here last week.

Mr. Moore went to Sylva late Wednesday to meet Mrs. Moore, who had been away on business. Seeking a parking place, Mr. Moore was halted by four officers, he said, and told that he must submit to search of his car. Inquiry on his part developed the fact that "it was reported" he had a "load of liquor."

The car was searched carefully, in the midst of a considerable crowd that gathered to witness what they expected to be the capture of a liquor car and rum runner.

When the officers had satisfied themselves that they had stopped the wrong car, Mr. Moore introduced himself, and explained that he was cashier of the local bank. Profuse apologies on the part of the officers followed.

In the searching party were Sheriff Cannon, the Sylva chief of police, and two deputy sheriffs, Mr. Moore said. They told him that they had been notified from Franklin that a car similar to that driven by Moore was on its way to Sylva with a load of liquor. No such information went out of Sheriff C. L. Ingrah's office here, Mr. Ingarm said.

Mr. Moore's friends have taken his "arrest" as a huge joke, and he, too, has taken the matter good humoredly, though, it occasioned him considerable embarrassment at the time.

The incident recalled another mistake, some months ago, when Sheriff C. L. Ingram had his car and person subjected to search by a Jackson county deputy sheriff. At end of the search, the Macon county sheriff could restrain his mirth no longer, and when asked his name, replied—to the great chagrin of the Jackson deputy—"My name is Ingram; they call me "sheriff" in Macon."

Elijay Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Shook and children, of Gastonia, returned to their home Thursday, after spending 2 weeks with Mrs. Shook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mincey.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Clint Donaldson, who recently underwent an operation at Franklin, is able to be back in our midst again.

Miss Hattie Peek, who holds a position with Pickard and company at Asheville, has been spending a few days with her mother.

Mrs. Ida Alley and her sister, Miss Mamie Moses of Cullowhee, were recent visitors of their parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moses.

We must report the progress our Sunday school is making. The attendance seems to be increasing, the singing is fine and the lessons are interestingly taught. The Sunday schools are the life of the churches and we would like to take this means of appealing to the churches all over the county to strive harder than ever before to build-up bigger and better Sunday schools.

Mr. David Peek, who until recently held the position of superintendent of the Suncrest lumber company is spending a few weeks at his mother's home, Mrs. Grace Peek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Peek, of New York, have returned to their home after a brief visit with their parents, Mrs. Grace Peek and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mincey.

We are glad to note that our old friend and mailman, Mr. John Thomas, has found time at last to take his honeymoon. May it be as sweet to both, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas as it would have been thirty-two years ago. We are also pleased that after months of warfare with Uncle Bragg Higdon, Mr. Thomas was physically able to make the trip.