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STEVE PORTER'S GREAT SALE

Sale Opened Thursday of Last Week and Since That Time Store Has Been Crowded.

What has been and still is undoubtedly "Macon County's Greatest Sale" as specified in the announcement, opened Thursday of last week at the store rooms of J. S. Porter & company. Even before the opening date visitors from Georgia and from adjoining counties journeyed to Franklin with the hopes of avoiding the rush and taking advantage of sale prices. Such visitors were disappointed and were told to return on the opening date. Before the opening hour on Thursday scores of people had assembled at the store waiting for the doors to open and since that time fifteen or twenty clerks have been busy waiting on the trade. Many became tired of waiting to be served and overflowed into other stores in town to purchase their necessities. J. C. Whitmore, who makes it a business of staging sales of this kind, says that he has never seen anything like this sale in a town the size of Franklin. The sale will close Monday of next week, when drawings will take place to determine the winner of the Hoosier cabinet, which is to be given away. When this sale closes Mr. Whitmore, in company with one of the leading merchants of Western North Carolina, will visit eastern markets to buy a large stock of goods for another sale to be held in a nearby town.

According to Mr. Jim Porter, who has presided at the cash register at the sale of his son, Steve, hundreds of people from Georgia and from adjacent counties in this state have brought hundreds of dollars into Macon county, having been drawn here by the sale of J. S. Porter & company. He states that other stores in town have done a thriving business during the continuance of Steve's sale and that the restaurants, garages, etc. have also profited.

Next Monday the management of the store of J. S. Porter & company expects to have a photographer on hand to take views of the immense crowd that will be present at the drawing of the kitchen cabinet. In conversation with Mr. J. C. Whitmore, Porter's sales manager, he informed a Press representative that he expects five thousand people here Monday afternoon at the drawing for the cabinet.

Broadway Locals

Messrs Zeb Bryson and Jerry Wilson have been cutting cord wood for the last few days.
Mr. B. Wilson and Miss Addie Wilson made a business try to Highlands Friday.
Mr. Tom Smith has been leaving his sled on the side of the road as he would go to town, and last Saturday something happened to it. We don't know whether it took wheels or legs and ran off, but when he came back for the sled it was not to be found.
Messrs Billie Brown and Tom Smith were on Broadway Friday.
Mr. William Justice is still peddling.
Mr. Bart Wilson was in this section Friday on business.
Mrs. Fannie Balleu made a business trip to Mr. Andy Wilson's home Tuesday morning.
Mr. Frank Caba was visiting Mr. Andy Wilson Wednesday.
Miss Jean Wilson, who has been staying at Highlands, is now spending a few days with home folks.
Miss Stella Wilson spent Thursday night with her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Balleu.
Mr. Andy Wilson made a business trip to Highlands Saturday.

Some Ingers

When it comes to raising onions Mrs. W. A. McGaha down on Cowee asks nobody odds. Neither does she take a back seat for the island of Bermuda. Mr. McGaha brought two onions to the Press office Saturday. One measures 15-1-2 inches in circumference and the other 14-1-2. He says that the onions are known as Multiplying and that Mrs. McGaha has several bushels of the buttons of this variety. According to "The Old Man" Mrs. McGaha grew the onions with little or no attention. Had she really devoted her time and care to her onion patch she estimates that she would now have a barnful of five-pound onions.

OLD STALLCUP BUILDING MOVED

Filling Station to Replace It—Lumber Warehouse to Be in Rear of Franklin Hardware Co.'s Store.

Under terms of an agreement between the Franklin Furniture company, Mrs. Maggie Cunningham and the Franklin Hardware company, the furniture concern this week is moving the old Stallcup building, which it occupies, from its location at the intersection of Phillips and Palmer streets to a point on the south side of Palmer street, where the Franklin Hardware company's lumber sheds, owned by Mrs. Cunningham, have been. The sheds are being torn down, and the furniture company has also built, under the agreement, a hollow-tile structure just back of the hardware company's store for storage of their lumber and other building materials.

The corner being left vacant as a result of moving the old Stallcup building has been leased for a period of 10 years to Enloe and Malone, representatives of the Gulf Refining company, and Enloe and Malone will erect a filling station at this point.

The work is proceeding somewhat slowly, but is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

The change means the removal of one of the older buildings in the business section of the town, to make way for a newer and more attractive one.

FRANKLIN CIRCUIT M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

The meeting that was called off on account of the illness of the pastor of the Iotla Methodist church will begin Sunday evening, September 11. Rev. G. A. Stamper, of Asheville, will come on Monday, September 12, and assist in the meeting. Mr. Stamper is an able preacher and a successful evangelist.

All are most cordially invited to attend these services.

J. H. STRICKLAND, P. C.

Shookville News

Rev. Frank Baumgarner has been running a revival meeting here for the past week. Rev. Oscar Nix has been helping him.
Mrs. Edward Schine and daughters, Doris and Beatrice, of Staten Island, New York, and Miss Beatrice Crundleton, of Highlands, spent Saturday night with their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Rogers.
Miss Ethel Watson, of Dayton, Ohio, has been visiting her cousins, Misses Geneva and Marie Rogers.
Mrs. W. A. Taylor, of Bessie, spent Saturday night with Mrs. John Morgan.
Mr. and Mrs. Jene Henderson and family, of Pine Creek, spent Sunday with Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shook.
Mr. Lawrence Howard and Mr. Lawrence Crunkleton, of Highlands, spent Saturday night at Mr. D. M. Rogers.
Mr. B. M. Keener, of Gold Mines, has been visiting friends and relatives of this place for several days.
Mrs. Mattie Stanfield is on the sick list this week.
Miss Dora Dillard, of Bessie, spent Saturday night with Miss Geneva Rogers.
Mrs. Johnnie Peek and little son, of Walnut Creek, have recently been visiting Mrs. W. H. Rogers.
Mr. and Mrs. John Woodall have recently moved from here to Cold Springs, Tenn.

Upper Cartoogechaye News

The farmers are getting behind with their fodder pulling on account of so much rain.
Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter has been ill for a few days.
Mr. Ed Ramey, of Rayle, Ga., spent the week end with his family here.
Misses Elizabeth and Irene Sweatman are able to be out again, after being confined to their home with flu.
There will be an Old-Folks day at the Cartoogechaye Baptist church the third Sunday in September. Every body is cordially invited to come and bring their baskets. Let's give the old folks an enjoyable day.

Another Printer Arrives

Mr. W. A. Allgary, of Atlanta, has accepted a position in the job department of the Franklin Press. He is staying at the Penland House on Palmer street.

ANOTHER JAIL DELIVERY HERE

Chas. Smith Digs Through Wall With Round of Chair—Second Delivery in Four Weeks.

The second jail delivery in four weeks occurred here Monday when Charlie Smith, alias Jake Sanford, broke a round out of a chair, sharpened it with a pocket knife into the shape of a chisel, and dug his way through the brick wall of the Macon county jail.

Late Tuesday officers had clues they said, as to his whereabouts, but he was still at large.

The man was arrested in Nantahala township Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Charles Oliver on a charge of having a number of wives at various points over the southeast, the charge having been preferred by a Gastonia woman. He was also wanted at Chatworth, Ga., where he was serving an eight-year term at the State prison camp. It was unofficially reported here that he was serving the term in Georgia for murder. He is said to be a native of Georgia.

The chisel-shaped chair round, the bricks carefully removed, and a rope improvised from sheets hanging through the hole in the wall were mute evidence of the method by which the man escaped. Harley Reynolds, the other prisoner in the jail, gave the alarm about 7:30 Monday night. The prisoner had been gone then about 20 minutes, he said.

A blood hound was brought here that night from Waynesville, but failed to follow the man's trail for more than a short distance.

It was just four weeks ago Monday that the entire population of the local jail—six prisoners—saved their way out. None of these have been apprehended.

The two prisoners, the officers said, were in the front room of the jail. Shortly after supper each night, the prisoners are locked in their cells, and Smith made his getaway, according to Reynolds, just before the supper hour.

Reynolds, asked why he didn't also leave, is said to have told the officers that he "came in at the door, and expected to go out the same way."

The point at which Smith dug the hole in the wall is the west wall of the jail, near the front. On this side the old Pendergrass building stands, there being just a narrow alley between the jail and this building. The man was tracked down this alley, and into the cornfield behind the jail.

MYERS BROS. SELL STORE

Sale by William and Tobe Myers, trading as Myers Brothers, of their grocery and meat business to Crate McCall, of Cashiers Valley, has been announced here. Mr. McCall has already taken charge of the business.

William Myers for the present will assist Mr. McCall with the business, and later he and his brother expect to be engaged in work at Fontana, in Swain county.

The Myers brothers have had the business for the past year, and report a most successful year's business.

The new proprietor is a young man, and is married. Mrs. McCall accompanied him to Franklin, and is assisting him in the store.

Six Fine Boys

Mr. W. A. Keener who, when at home, hails from up Scrogg way, complained about a year ago that the groundhogs ate five acres of his choice beans. At that time he was in a quandary as to how to get rid of these pests. It seemed that he had tried everything from elm clubs to poison, but still the appetite of the groundhogs was insatiable. Mr. Keener's neighbors are of the opinion that he overlooked one method of exterminating these Second-of-February pests. Be it remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Keener have six fine boys who are now scattered to the four quarters of the globe. The idea advanced by his neighbors is to have a family reunion of the immediate Keener family and turn the boys loose in the bean patch. At present this idea is impracticable, since only Howard Keener remains at home. J. L. Keener is at Tapoco; Roy, Harley and Randolph are at Boston, Mass., while W. P. Keener is with the U. S. Marines at Port Au Prince, Haiti.

LISTEN, LADY COMING HERE

P. T. A. To Sponsor Musical Comedy—Local Talent in Various Roles.

Franklin people have in store a rare treat, according to officials of the local Parent Teacher association, in "Listen, Lady," a musical comedy, filled with hearty laughs, clever songs, and attractive little group dances, to be given here under the auspices of the P. T. A. on September 16.

"Listen, Lady" is said to have made a distinct "hit" wherever it has been presented.

The cast, of course, will be composed of local talent, mainly Franklin children. A professional coach will arrive shortly to give the musical comedy the final touches.

The profits from the performance, after paying expenses, will, of course, go to the Parent-Teacher association, for furtherance of their work for the local school.

Announcement of the hour and place of the performance, and of admission charges, will be made in the Press next week.

Still Captured

A 35-gallon copper still was the capture made by officers of this county on Saturday. The still apparently had not been in use at the point at which it was found, but appeared to have been hidden there.

There was no evidence, officers said, of liquor-making in the immediate vicinity, and no persons were seen nearby.

The still was captured and brought to Franklin by Deputy Sheriff Peck. It was found on Walnut creek.

Long To Accompany North Carolina Party

Lieutenant Governor J. E. Long will be one of a distinguished party of one hundred and twenty-five North Carolinians who will visit the Middle West during the Fourth Goodwill Tour, sponsored by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Word was received here recently from Raleigh to the effect that the Lieutenant Governor would represent North Carolina on this Tour, which will extend the good will of the Land of the Sky to middle western cities. The 125 tourists on board the special train will include in their number representative business men from every city of Western North Carolina.

Announcement that the Lieutenant Governor would be a member of the party was received with enthusiasm by the tourists who have registered for the fourth expedition. The list of 125 tourists is nearing completion, according to Charles S. Walters, general chairman of the tour.

The special train which will carry the party on the tour will leave Asheville at 8:45 p. m., September 26 and return to Asheville on Saturday, October 8. Seventeen cities have been selected as stopover points. Final railway arrangements have been made under the supervision of J. H. Wood, chairman of the Traffic committee, the facilities of seven great railroads being placed at the disposal of the tourists. Final arrangements along this line were made in a conference of railroad representatives held recently at Washington, D. C.

Officials in charge of the tour and goodwill tourists who intend to make the trip are enthusiastic over the cordial invitation extended by the cities of the middle west. The hospitable welcome which is promised to the goodwill party in each of these cities will go far in contributing towards the enjoyment of the goodwill party.

Building Permits

A single building permit was issued here during the month of August, permit to the town of Franklin to build a \$100 structure on Iotla street to house the Austin Pup.

Building permits have been issued, and records kept, over a period of only a few months. Were records available, it is believed that the August record would be the lowest in many months.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

More Than 600 Pupils Enrolled—Students From All Sections Excepting Highlands Come to Franklin.

A casual visitor to the Franklin schools Monday morning saw hundreds of bright-eyed and eager pupils assembled on the grounds ready for the year's work. At the time of going to press the exact registration figures were not available. However, it was stated by Prof. G. L. Houk, principal, that considerably more than 600 pupils enrolled the first day. The class in the first year of high school has about 110 students, seventy five in the second year and fifty each in the third and fourth years.

All the pupils from the tots in the first grade to those in the graduating class appeared eager to begin the year's work. The teachers were in their respective rooms promptly at the hour of opening and Prof. Houk was here, there and everywhere, giving definite instructions as to the registration. Quite a few of the citizens of the town were present and all seemed to be well pleased with the manner of handling the large crowd of students. All indications now point to the most successful year and largest attendance in the history of the Franklin schools. The Press hopes to be able to publish the registration figures by class in its next issue.

TOWN BUYS STREET MACHINERY

Purchase by the Board of Aldermen of approximately \$2,000 worth of road machinery featured the regular meeting of that body Monday night. The meeting, as a matter of fact, was adjourned to Tuesday morning, when the actual purchase was made.

The successful bidder was Austin-Western Road Machinery company, of Aurora, Ill., represented by H. S. Kinnebrew, of Asheville.

The machinery bought, all of which is new, follows: Fordson full crawler type tractor; seven-foot road machine, with leaning wheel; two-blade, three-way drag; and road plow.

The exact price was \$2,004.80.

Eight or 10 concerns were represented here, to enter their bids. The purchase of this additional equipment was deemed necessary by the board to keep the present roads in repair, and to do the large amount of repair and improvement street work that is said to be necessary.

Other business of the board meeting included the order by the body that two street lights be erected, one on the east side of the north half of the public square; the other at the curve in Highway No. 28 at the Sloan branch.

Engineer Employed To Make Water Survey

Looking to providing an additional and more adequate supply of city water, the Board of Aldermen of Franklin Tuesday employed A. G. McConnell, of Mees and Mees, Charlotte engineers, to make a preliminary survey of the water situation here, make recommendations as to the most satisfactory method of securing additional water, and estimate the cost.

Mr. McConnell is to report here within 10 days, and to complete the preliminary survey within 30 days after he begins work on it.

The engineer is expected to consider the various methods of securing additional water—wells, gravity system, filter plant, etc.—and make his recommendations on a basis of first cost, upkeep cost, and general desirability of the method advocated.

The town water at present is secured from two wells, from which the water is pumped into the tanks at a high point on Harrison avenue.

Will Levy For Taxes

Property within the corporate limits of Franklin on which town taxes for the year 1926 and years prior thereto have not been paid by September 15 will be levied on, according to an order just passed by the Board of Aldermen, City Clerk Frank L. Bryson is instructed, he said Tuesday, to begin levying immediately after the fifteenth of this month on property on which taxes have not been paid.