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FIRE FIGHTERS HOLD SCHOOL

Best Methods in Preventing, Detecting and Suppressing Forest Fires Discussed—Large Attendance.

With the object of becoming better acquainted and of exchanging ideas on methods of preventing, detecting, and suppressing forest fires, some 35 guards of the Nantahala National Forest, representatives of the State forestry department, and private citizens who have shown particular interest in preventing forest fires, gathered at Wilson Lick Ranger Station, on Wayah Bald, for the second annual guard training camp.

The camp lasted for three days, having been concluded on Saturday. The regular guards of the Nantahala Forest—the men who spend lonely hours on watch for fires—members of the regular personnel of the forest service office here, and a few private citizens who have proved exceptionally valuable as co-operators were present. Also present were students of forestry here during vacation for practical training.

State Forester McCormick, invited to attend, was unable to be present, but District Forester Beichler, of Asheville, and County Warden James Hauser represented him.

Thursday evening, after supper, A. A. Wood, supervisor of the Nantahala Forest, discussed the aim of the guard training camp, and Ranger Z. B. Byrd reviewed last year's camp's work and the accomplishments and improvements during the past two fire seasons.

Road Superintendent J. G. Siler, Friday morning opened the discussion by telling something of his experiences of 16 years on the Nantahala Forest, and Ranger R. C. Nicholson told of the year's law enforcement cases in the Clayton (Ga.) district. These two discussions were followed by the individual guards describing their areas of high risk, and the reasons and remedies. Just prior to lunch, some time was given to field work.

The need for correlation between State and Federal forestry agencies was one of the topics of discussion Friday afternoon, the discussion on this topic being led by Mr. Wood. Mr. Beichler discussed fire law enforcement in this state, and Mr. Hauser led a discussion of the question of co-operation between State wardens and Federal rangers and guards.

A hike to the top of Winespring Bald, 5,500 feet above sea level, was a feature of the Friday afternoon program, and Friday evening slides were shown, and there was general discussion around the camp fire.

Saturday morning, Mr. Wood discussed the warden system; the best methods of suppression practice was discussed by Rangers Byrd and Nicholson, followed by general discussion; and Junior Forester J. B. Byrne made his fire report.

The camp was highly successful from every standpoint, according to reports of those in attendance, and particularly from the standpoint of general discussion, every man adding his views and suggestions.

turning our attention to tumbling rabbits on our way back home. The next morning, January 24, we had the army of sportsmen and soon on our way to our sector the long line. The snow was well on and the north wind was whistling a tune in the key of zero, but cared for that? We were out some real fun and our nerves were ed and our heart action lively er stimulant of action and adventure. Soon we alighted from our cars were on the march. No dogs e used, a s no owner of wolf and will permit his dogs to participate in this kind of a wolf drive, as the dogs are in great danger of being shot.

As we marched on toward the given place where we were to finish the roundup we could here the guns on either side of us, for instructions were to shoot at anything, rabbits, hawks, crows, prairie owls, ect. This was to scare the wolves out of their hiding place and get them on the go ahead of the lines. As far as one could see to the right and left, men were moving forward with their guns glistening in the sun like an army deployed and in action. Man after man who was in the service during the World war remarked that it looked like old times.

We had advanced within about two miles of the pasture, where we were to finish the drive, when I heard shooting and to my left and soon

Bill Cunningham Buys Business of Franklin Furniture

Purchase by W. C. Cunningham, local business man, of the retail furniture business of the Franklin Furniture company, has been announced here, and Mr. Cunningham this week is taking charge of his new business.

E. S. Hunnicutt and F. Y. McCracken, active members of the Franklin Furniture company, have not as yet announced their plans for the future.

The company sold Mr. Cunningham only its furniture business, reserving its building supplies business, which has been under the direction of J. E. Lancaster. The company likewise reserved its retail paint business, and will handle that along with other building supplies.

Mr. Cunningham will handle nothing but furniture, he has announced. Mr. Cunningham, well known here, has for the past several months been an employee of J. S. Porter company.

The business will continue to be conducted in the McCoy building, where the company has had its show room. It recently gave up the old Stalleup building, formerly used as a warehouse, and that building, it is understood, is to be occupied by the Macon County Farmers Federation.

There are a number of members in the Franklin Furniture company firm, Alex Moore being president, Mr. McCracken general manager, and Mr. Hunnicutt, secretary and treasurer.

School News

This is a beginning of a new school year in Franklin High. Let's try to make it one of the best years that has ever been in the school. It can be done; all you, the students, have to do is, remember that this is your school and try to make it one of the very best. The teachers are here to instruct you; they cannot make this school, or any other one unless, the student body as a whole works together for the betterment of the school. Let us try and obey what few rules so far laid down, when you study them you will see that they are based on the principles of decent conduct and common sense.

We have a good school started now, the very best that has ever been here, and it will continue to grow better if the student body gets a little push and vim into itself and places a goal for Franklin of one of the very best high schools in Western North Carolina.

Football! **Football!** **Football!** Franklin High school has organized a football team, but unless some of the 150 pounders and over that are now attending Franklin High don't show up on the field and put out for dear old Franklin High, there is some serious doubt if we will have much of a team.

There is plenty of material in the school to put out one of the best football teams in Western North Carolina, if they would only come out. Why is it that you don't? Are you afraid? Or is it that you just have not enough school spirit or pride in the Franklin High school to try?

It is true that this is the first time that any serious effort has been made to get a football team for Franklin, but there always has to be a beginning and few of you know anything about the game, but you can learn, it is not so hard.

The people of Franklin had enough confidence in the boys that go to Franklin High that they would be encouraged to come out and play. Let us live up to this trust and show the people of Franklin what we can do. Show them how much we appreciate what they have done for us. Show them that the money they so kindly contributed for our use in the organizing of a football team has not been wasted.

Let's see some more of you on the field at the next practice. The first game to be played by Franklin is on October 1, with the Waynesville, at Franklin.

The Senior class held a meeting Monday afternoon and elected the following people for office:

Martha Pearl Cunningham, president; Philip Newman, vice-president; Mattie Wilkes, secretary; Mary Engle, treasurer.

We are glad to see that the road from the main highway up to the school house has been scraped and graded. We have Mr. Houk and Mr. Mann to thank for this.

Franklin High school, has more students this year than ever before, there being over 300 enrolled. Fifty-nine of these are Seniors.

The two Literary societies of Franklin High seemed to be dead last

W. ELECTRIC MOVE PLANT

Plant Established Here 12 Years Ago to Go to Chicago—Employees Who Wish to Be Transferred to Other Points.

The local mica plant of the Western Electric company, established here 12 years ago, is about to be moved from Franklin, it has been learned here. The plant, until recently, was employing about 35 persons.

Changes in requirements are assigned as the reason for moving the plant. Equipment, etc., is to be shipped to the company's plant at Hawthorne, Ill.

Mica, an important insulating item in electric equipment, has constantly played an important part in the manufacture and development of electrical machinery and equipment, and the local plant has done its share in the development of much of the important new equipment built by the Western Electric, it is understood here.

The company is making arrangements to transfer its employees at the local plant to other points, if they desire to continue with the concern, according to J. W. Roper, manager of the local plant. Mr. Roper himself will be here until about January 1, when the removal of the plant, equipment, stock, etc., is expected to have been completed. He does not know yet to just what point he will go from Franklin.

The mica plant here was established during the war, when it became very difficult to secure mica from India and other large mica producing companies.

Mrs. Roper and little daughter will leave in a few days for Bradenton, Fla., where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Roper's father, J. B. Rochester.

Abide With Us

Visitors to Franklin and Macon county who are about to return now to their homes in the lowlands will miss the finest part of the year. The fall months, it is true, are beautiful everywhere; but in the mountains they are magnificent.

The first touch of frost in the late October nights puts a zipp into ones blood, like wine. The days are warm—just warm enough. No lazy feeling now, such as one experiences in the spring. No! Exuberant energy, instead, crying to be spent—on golf course, on long rides across the mountains, on hikes to new-found heights.

The days in autumn are clearer than at any other season of the year. A blue-gray haze, it is true sometimes drapes itself about the hills during the Indian Summer season; but, as a rule, the air was never so transparent. Far and distinctly one can see.

And the colors—what words could describe them, what artist's brush reproduce them? A veritable riot of color—red and gold, brown and bronze, green, pink, azure, and all the intermediate tints. A little while now, and they will be splashed across ones view; stretching from nearby pasture and cornfield, across the hills, to the farthest reach of the eye, at the distant horizon. Splashed without apparent plan or symmetry; striking in their contrasts, but perfect in their blending.

October in the mountains! What words can tell its charm, its beauty? Then, Nature, the artist, dips her brush in flaming color and paints with daring strokes, the eternal hills her canvas.

year. There was only one program each given by these societies, but there is some hope that this year they will wake up and get some pep, and put on some programs like they did two years ago.

Mr. Houk, realizing how hard it would be for the students to have to order the books they needed, installed a book store in the old library here.

We find Mr. Houk dealing out the required books at the vacant periods, for cash. No credit given. Lots of cash coming in. One little boy, who was very inquisitive asked, "What is that wad of torn paper doing over there in that shelf?" He was immediately informed by Mr. Houk that it was "HARD BONES."

Move On Foot To Build Museum At Highlands

We were pleasantly surprised to find in Highlands a splendid library with a wide collection of books ranging from the latest books of the modern youth down through the ages, folklore, ancient history, classics, froth and frivolity, all these, and more. Being literary to a certain degree, we consider this an outstanding testimony to the culture and progressiveness of this beautiful mountain resort.

An interesting project discussed at a recent meeting of the Hudson Library association and proposed by Clark Foreman, of Atlanta, was the adding to the library a building to be used as a museum of natural history. The nucleus of the collection will probably be started by the valued and celebrated collection of Indian relics owned by Mr. W. M. Cleveland. This collection consists of over twenty-five hundred pieces, including beautifully carved arrow heads, pottery, whereon is etched much of the history of the Cherokee tribe, tomahawks used by the primitive warriors, Indian peace pipes, a few of which have authentic history of the days when the pioneers puffed the pipe of peace with the Indian Chiefs.

In making the proposition Mr. Foreman spoke as follows:

"I do not know of a town that can claim relatively so much intellectual history as that possessed by Highlands. From the first people have been attracted to it by the beauty and grandeur of the natural environment. The pioneer settlers were willing to undergo the most arduous experiences in order to enjoy the pleasures of a visit.

Gradually the small settlement has grown into a prosperous town. Good roads have opened up the forests and mountains to those who are able to be away only for a few days. The facility of travel has had its effects upon the population. There are more transients and more people interested only in the cool climate. While there are no doubt many valuable additions to the intellectual community that once was almost isolated from the rest of the civilization, on the whole the standards are in danger of being lowered. The town at the moment is growing and changing.

It is with the idea of preserving as much as possible of the old intellectual spirit of Highlands that a few people have manifested an interest in a Highlands museum which will be a depository for what has already been collected and a stimulus for further research into the marvelous natural endowment of this section of the country. It is hoped that such a museum would not only be an educational factor for the people of Highlands, but that it would also attract to the town people of a kind that would appreciate the advantages which it would offer.

Through the generosity of Mr. Will M. Cleveland the town may now purchase his remarkable collection of Indian relics at a very reasonable sum. I hope very much that the Library association will see the value of such a museum and will realize the possibilities afforded by Mr. Cleveland's offer. With this collection as a nucleus, the museum could grow into all the fields of natural history and be a constant source of pride, entertainment and education to the people of Highlands."

The organization meeting of the trustees of the museum was held at the residence of Miss Marguerite Ravenel. Those chosen trustees are Mr. Clark Foreman, Mrs. J. Lay Smith, Miss Marguerite Ravenel, Miss Albertina Staub, Miss Charlotte B. Elliott, S. N. Evans, esquire; Prof. T. G. Harbison and Mr. W. M. Cleveland.

Highlands has had such a large number of interesting visitors and tourists it is not possible to enumerate them these days.

Tellico Locals

We now have a good Sunday school at Tellico.

Mrs. Timie McMahan made a trip to Briartown the week end visiting relatives.

Mr. Hary Morgan made a trip to Briartown Sunday.

Mr. Furman Anderson, who has been at Rich Mountain for some time, returned home the latter part of the week.

Mr. Carl Morgan returned home last week from his job.

Mr. Lon Cook has been working for the Harley Ramsey Feed company recently.

CIVIL ENGINEER SUES HIGHLAND

Alleges Town Owes Him \$2300—Attorney J. D. Mallonee of Murphy Referee—Sessions Held at Franklin.

Suit in which Warren H. Booker, Charlotte civil engineer, seeks to recover approximately \$2,300 from the Town of Highlands, was begun here Monday. It is being heard before J. D. Mallonee, of Murphy, referee in the case. Mr. Mallonee was named referee by Judge Hoyle Sink at the special term of court here last July.

The \$2,300 is due as a part of his commission on work done at Highlands within recent months in connection with the construction there of a municipal hydro-electric dam and power plant and sewerage system, Booker contends.

Highlands has put in a counterclaim, and alleges that Booker, employed to have general supervision of the work on a commission basis, was incompetent, and that, as a result, the work cost the town more than it should have.

As a substantiation of its claim that Booker was incompetent, the Town of Highlands alleges that all estimates made by him of the cost of work proved much lower than the actual cost.

The Charlotte engineer is represented by Frank Kennedy, of the Charlotte law firm of Tillett, Tillett, and Kennedy, and by Jones and Jones, of Franklin. Highlands is represented by Horn and Patton, of Franklin.

The hearing was expected to require several days.

North Skeenah News

Fodder seems to be the chief industry in this community now.

Mr. Frank Gibson was in this community Sunday.

Mr. Paul Kinsland was in this section Sunday.

There was a revival meeting started at Pleasant Hill Sunday. It is not known how long it will be conducted. Miss Minnie Sanders was visiting her parents Saturday and Sunday. She returned to her school Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Stockton and family were visiting Mr. Stockton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stockton the week end.

Several of this community went to the old folks day Sunday at Cartoogechave old Baptist church.

Miss Lola Ledford spent Tuesday night with Misses Cora and Beulah Cheeks.

Miss Mae Shope was the guest of Miss Annie Byrd on last Friday night.

Three Filling Stations

The Standard Oil company now has a force of hands at work building two filling stations, one on the square and the other just across the street from the railroad station. At the latter point a bulk plant to care for the needs of this entire section will be built in connection with the filling station.

The Gulf company also began grading for a filling station this week on the corner formerly occupied by the Stalleup Furniture company, and more recently by the Franklin Furniture company, in rear of the Joines Motor & Tractor company, Inc.

Teague Ranks Third

Scoring the master farmers of the 20 western counties has evidently been completed with the result as announced by Hollowell's Mountain Farmer that Chas. Teague ranks third. O. J. Holler, of Rutherford county, is first while C. B. Wells, of Buncombe county, stands second.

Cannery in Operation

The cannery has been in operation for some time and has canned quite a bit of corn, tomatoes, etc. Prospects for a successful year next season appear to be exceedingly bright, it is stated.

County Fair News

County Agent Harris states that the date of making entries for the county fair has been extended from September 28th to September 29th, the first day of the fair. Mr. Harris urges that farmers and others bring entries and plenty of them.