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NEWS FROM TOWN OF HIGHLANDS

Interesting Items From Macon's Beautiful Mountain City.

The editor of The Press was right, when several weeks ago, he remarked that interesting things must be happening in Highlands. Nothing startling or sensational, however; only wide-awake activity in churches, school and civic organizations.

At the golf course the fairways and greens for nine holes are ready for seeding and the building of the clubhouse is also going forward as scheduled.

In the town there is likewise some building in progress and ground being broken for more. An addition to the public library has just been completed. Also a wing added to King's Inn, which will about double the capacity of this popular summer hostelry.

The Macon County League of Women Voters met at the home of Mrs. H. P. P. Thompson on Wednesday, January 25, with sixteen members present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Miss Albertina Staub, our president, gave a most interesting account of the League convention which met in Greensboro on January 12 and 13. One really has to attend one of these conventions to fully realize how many fine women there are in the elague; and our own women are not behind when it comes to real interest in the questions of the day and their willingness to

conditions in general. After a discussion of the different legislative bills to be taken up by the league, Mrs. Thompson served us with delicious refreshments and we came away feeling we had not only learned a lot of interesting things, but had also had a very enjoyable social afternoon.

WILL PAVE TO SCHOOL HOUSE

Professor G. L. Houk, principal of Franklin schools announced here Tuesday that he has secured sufficient appropriations to pave the school house street from Porter street to the top of the hill. At its meeting Monday night the town board appropriated for this purpose the sum of \$125.00. The remainder of the necessary funds came from other sources. The fact that this street is to be paved will be good news to every parent in Franklin, and to the parents of children coming from the country in school busses. The unpaved condition of the main artery to the school building has long been a source of danger to the school children.

It is stated that the work of paving the street in question will begin in the near future and that it will be completed within a period of 30 days from the date of this issue of The Press.

Cowee News

There seems to be some indication of improvement in the method of farming in this section; Mr. Weaver Carter is plowing with a tractor, which is an improvement over the old-time method, viz: an ox and a boy.

A number of the farmers have engaged Mr. Carter to do their plowing when the weather admits. The sound of the machine can be heard from early dawn until midnight. It is thought that when spring makes its advent he will plow all night.

A few weeks previous, there was an article in The Press with such an inference, that if the good gentlemen would prepare some flower beds for the old lady and girls the farm homes would be more attractive. That is a splendid idea, if I can get dad to make those flower beds.

Mr. Robert Terrell Bryson of Detroit Michigan, is greeting friends in Macon county. He seems to be so enthused that he forgets and tells his friends that it is a "boy," Betty Bernice, born January 28.

Mr. T. M. Rickman made a business trip to Gastonia, recently. Miss Zula Bryson, of Winston-Salem, is visiting at the home of Mr. J. P. Bryson at West's Mill.

Mrs. Grady Reno and two sons, Eugene and Junior, are visiting Mrs. Reno's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sheffield.

The Franklin Mineral Products company is producing quite a lot of nice scrap mica.

A great number of the folks in this community are attacked with colds, gripe, flu, and pneumonia.

Mr. W. J. Jenkins is reported as being ill.

Mountain School Flourishes Through Atlantan's Efforts

DEATH CALLS FORMER CITIZEN

George W. Hogsed, Who Left Macon County 37 Years Ago Died at Belgrade, Montana.

George W. Hogsed, who was a former citizen of Macon county, leaving here for the west 37 years ago, died at his home at Belgrade, Montana, January 16. The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. John Thomas of Franklin and was highly respected and honored in his adopted state. In its issue of January 19th the Belgrade Journal has the following to say:

After a long and lingering illness of more than a month, George W. Hogsed, one of the most cherished citizens of Belgrade, passed over the dark river Monday morning, January 16 at 9:20. Mr. Hogsed had been a resident of Belgrade for 28 years. He was born in Franklin, N. C., April 3, 1853, and was past 74 years at the time of his death. He had been a member of the Southern Methodist church at Three Forks, and later with the same church at Belgrade, and for many years was teacher in the Sunday school, until the property of the church here passed to other owners.

He was Past Master.

It can truly be said of George Hogsed, that he practiced the principles of justice, loved mercy and walked uprightly before all men; and that no man has ever lived in Belgrade more universally esteemed and respected.

He conscientiously observed his duties, responsibilities and obligations to all men, rather than the rights and wrongs to himself.

He followed the practice of contractor and builder, and many monuments of his handiwork remain, both in the country and town. By his labor he accumulated some residence property in Belgrade, and a good home for himself and wife in their declining years. He never had taken ought from any one, that he did not earn by creative labor.

George Hogsed was a great lover of Montana, and was a real fisherman, and at each recurring season made his way to the mountain streams, where he enjoyed the sport of impaling the speckled trout on the hook and line. He was truly an apostle of Izaak Walton.

He is survived by his wife, one son, W. R. Hogsed, of Browning, Montana, and one daughter, Mrs. Fred Waterman, of Hardin, Montana, all of whom were with him during his illness and death.

The funeral was held yesterday at 10:30 a. m., in the Baptist church in Belgrade at which a host of friends were present, and many beautiful floral tributes were placed about the bier by friends.

Services were conducted by Rev. Wayne A. Dalton, both the discourse and scripture reading were very appropriate and comforting.

The pallbearers were Lee Frank, Geo. Aiken, Marvin Ferney, Jean Penwell, Ray Angel, Ed Stephenson.

The singers were Jess Robinson, A. L. Olson, Parker Stone and A. Lawrence Dean. Belgrade's male quartette, and Jess Robinson also sang the solo numbers.

He was laid to rest in the Bozeman cemetery by his Masonic brothers of Belgrade lodge No. 63 A. F. & A. M., using the beautiful ritualistic rites of the order.

Thus passes another grand old man, who nobly answered the last challenge of the Grand Master of all. Peace to his ashes.

P. T. A. Meeting

February meeting of Parent-Teacher association met February 3 at the home of Mrs. Tom Johnston with Mrs. Fred Slagle, Mrs. F. Y. McCracken and Mrs. Johnston join hostesses.

After the business meeting an interesting program, led by Mrs. W. B. McGuire on subject "Undernourished Children," was carried out. Several of the members participated in the program bringing out important facts about under-weight and tubercular children, proper nutrition, good diets, etc.

The attendance was unusually good and much interest was shown in the interesting and instructive program.

Next meeting will be held the first Friday in March at the school building.

Highland, N. C., Institution Made Possible By Local Contributions.

Largely through the efforts of the public schools of Atlanta and the contributions of the local Junior Red Cross chapter, a little school in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina has survived for more than six years, and today is making great strides along educational lines.

This is revealed in a letter just made public by Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of schools, from Miss Margaret Harry, of Highlands, N. C., to Miss Emily Harrison, of this city.

Miss Harrison visited the rural sections around Highlands in the autumn of 1921 and, with Miss Harry, observed the needs of the rural mountain children for school facilities. Miss Harrison was impressed and returned to Atlanta and placed the matter before Atlanta school teachers and officials of the Junior Red Cross.

"As a result of your efforts," Miss Harry writes Miss Harrison, "I may live to see my best dream realized. The Atlanta people have proven the backbone of my undertakings up here. I cannot begin to enumerate the wonderful things they do for us; and when I look back over the pathway of my labors I see the Atlanta teachers and the Atlanta Junior Red Cross building the foundation upon which I stand today."—Atlanta Constitution.

Ye shades of Webster! What's coming next? Just go to the court house at 8 P. M. on February 11th and find out. The whole gamut will be run from b-a-b-a to in-com-pre-hensi-bil-i-ty. Sure. It's an old time spelling bee and Webster's blue-back spelling book of generations past will be used. What? Didn't know there was a blue-back in existence? You're wrong. Mrs. Bill Moore has one, but whether she or her grandmother used it she refuses to say. At any rate the women of the Eastern Star are putting on this show to get money to finish paying for their piano. The admission charge will be only 10 cents.

In the olden days when children got "as far as baker" they were going some and the beginners looked up to them with much respect, but when a student learned to spell such words as incomprehensibly, he or she was a little tin god. Dr. Lyle who will "give out" the words is well versed in the old blue-back. Big, little, old and young are invited to take part in this spelling bee. Logan Allen and Theodore Munday have been trying to borrow Mrs. Moore's blue-back. They claim she is REVIEWING the book herself and refuses to lend it. Sam Franks who knows the old book from kiver to kiver is expected to win the prize. He will auction off six cakes each cake made by a fairy queen of Franklin. Gaston Curtis and Roy Cunningham are bemoaning the fact that their wives refuse to permit them to bid on these cakes. Gilmer Crawford is also on pins and needles while young Emory Hunicutt states that he will not even be permitted to go. Regardless of these absences the house will be full to see and take part in the show of the ages.

Maxwell School News

Mr. H. A. Osborne, of Canton, and Mrs. Quinlan, of Waynesville, visited the school last week. They remarked that some decided improvements had been made. We are planning to build a new, large study hall before another year. Many other improvements are in sight.

Mrs. Quinlan said that she was going to send her subscription to The Press since we have started writing the news of the school for the paper. Miss Zela Nix has returned from her vacation.

Saturday County Agent Harris was present at the monthly meeting of the 4-H club. He had dinner with us then helped us to get better organized in the club. We are getting interested in a baseball team in connection with the club. The work in the club is progressing nicely. Some of the plots are already plowed; the pigs are bought and are under the care of the boys taking this work; the hot-bed is almost completed. Every boy is planning for a garden.

The production of eggs is steadily increasing.

The boys have almost finished a machine shed for the machinery on the place. This work is under the supervision of Mr. Watkins. All machinery on a farm should be well cared for during the idle period by being under shelter.

STOP RAIDS ON BIG ROBIN ROOST

Conservation Work of Local Sportsmen and Business Men in N. C. Aided by U. S. Game Warden.

"Your prompt action in assisting United States Game Warden Birsch to stop the illegal killing of robins at the roost near Asheboro, N. C., has probably saved the lives of many thousands of the valuable birds."

Letters to this effect, recently written by W. C. Henderson, associate chief of the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, to a number of sportsmen and business men of Randolph County, North Carolina, recorded what is to be hoped will be the end of robin killing in that section.

For many years that part of the State had had its tales of vast hordes of robins that in former days used cedar thickets in the vicinity for a temporary roosting place. But the visitations apparently had ceased long ago with the breaking of the roost by night raiders, who had indulged in wholesale killing of the birds. In January of this year, however, for reasons satisfactory to the birds but unknown to man, robins again sought the former attractions of these thickets and began to re-establish the roost in the shubbery for a distance of 3 or 4 miles along both sides of a stream flowing between mountain ridges. So dense was the flight of the birds that

January automobiles were jammed with women, and children to the part of the main highway at the southern end of the roost to view the spectacle.

About a quarter to five the robins would begin to arrive, and in five minutes the air would be filled with them. As far as the eye could see, robins seemed to be dropping out of the heavens, to be lost in the cedar thickets, and it would be more than half an hour before any lessening could be noted in the arrivals. The flight cloud was described by witness as being apparently more than 15 square miles in extent, a mile wide, moving for half an hour, at 30 miles an hour. The numbers of the robins at the roost must have run well into seven figures.

Not all the people attracted by the spectacle were curious sight-seers, coming merely to gaze and wonder. Some thoughtlessly, and others probably answering the age-old call to hunt and kill, repeated the raids of former years, beginning anew the destruction of the famous roost, and in two nights want only slaughtered hundreds of the birds. When the earlier roost was broken up the robins were not protected by Federal law and international treaty. Today the robins are receiving rigid protection in both the United States and Canada in accordance with the terms of the treaty protecting migratory birds. Possibly many of the raiders were ignorant of the changed legal status of the birds, and others did not know that they were killing actual friends of man. At any rate, the raids continued until local sportsmen and other friends of the birds brought the wholesale killings to the attention of the county game warden and of a member of the State game commission. These officials called in United States Game Warden W. L. Birsch, of the Biological Survey, and several sportsmen and business men of Asheboro who had been active in trying to break up the roost and who one night had stopped 40 or more men from molesting the birds.

On his arrival Warden Birsch found the killing already under control through the prompt measures taken by local residents. He concurred in the recommendation made that no legal action be taken looking toward prosecution of the raiders. So thoroughly aroused have the people been by the wholesale killings that public sentiment is now strongly against any further molestation of the robins or disturbance of their roost. The action thus taken for the protection of the roost has served to better inform the public regarding the legal protection of the robins, and has made it very unlikely that there will be any repetition of the raids or any necessity to hale the offenders before the Federal Court.

Directors Trimont Park, Inc. Meet

The directors of Trimont Park, Inc., met at the office of Col. H. C. Robertson Monday of this week. The directors decided to call a meeting of the stockholders on February 25th at which time there will be important business to transact.

LINDBERGH FLEW TO MEXICO WITH "STANDARD" GAS

Aviation Fuel from Tank at Bolling Field Was Selected for Trip—Motor Ran Perfectly Despite Extreme Temperatures.

That America's ambassador of goodwill, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, chose "Standard" Aviation Gasoline for his non-stop flight from Washington, D. C., to Mexico City is in itself a tribute to the quality of the product. Then wasn't a time to take a chance.

For while this trip was perhaps not as spectacular nor as long as the historic flight across the Atlantic, it put a severe test on the quality of the motor fuel, because of the extreme range of temperature encountered during the 26 consecutive hours of flying.

When Colonel Lindbergh took off from Bolling Field, Washington the next morning he was flying through the balmy, tropical atmosphere of the Gulf Coast—a few hours later in the rarified cold over Mexico's high mountain ranges—and again in the tropical warmth that surrounds Mexico City. Obviously it was impossible during the flight to make any carburetor adjustments to meet these vary-

Whirlwind Motor during the entire trip is a matter of common knowledge.

Colonel Lindbergh started from Washington with 365 gallons of "Standard" Aviation Gasoline. When he landed at Valbuena Field in Mexico City, after covering approximately 2,000 miles, there were still more than 65 gallons in the tanks, or enough for six or seven hours in the air.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey is proud to have been entrusted with the responsibility of supplying the fuel for this internationally important flight; prouder still of the flawless performance of its product—"Standard" Aviation Gasoline.

The gasoline used by Colonel Lindbergh was not specially refined for this particular flight, but was taken directly from the fuel supply tanks at Bolling Field, Washington. Incidentally this airport, which is owned and operated by the U. S. Government, fuels its planes with the regular run of "Standard" Aviation Gasoline.

Tellico Locals

The farmers of this section are hoping for pretty weather so they can begin farming. It looks at the present time that most all the wheat crops are frozen out.

Mr. R. L. Porter and Mr. Frank Moody were in this section Monday on Business.

Mr. John Cook has been making several trips to Dr. Fields at Mount Airy, Ga for treatment of cancer on his face.

Mr. Floyd Ramsey was the guest of Mr. Joe Smith's Sunday.

Rev. Jud Smith filled his regular appointment at Tellico church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Willie Owenby who has been working at Fontana is visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rowland are visiting Mrs. Rowland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Anderson.

Mr. Jeff Cabe is having to let his big hoss set in the shed on the account of the bad roads.

The young people of this community are planning on starting up a B. Y. P. U. Let's all hope for a success. Miss Lola Ramsey who has been going to school at Franklin is at home with the measles.

The roads are so bad that there is not much lumber being hauled from the head of the creek to the last bridge.

Mr. Elbert Byrd who had an operation at Ansel's Hospital for blood poison left Monday for South Carolina.

The Sunday School at Tellico has getting along fine but as soon as spring opens up we think we will have more attendance.

New Automobile Agency

Mr. Jake Ledbetter has accepted the local agency for Whippet and Willys-Knight cars. Mr. Ledbetter states that he will have an announcement for the public in the near future.