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TOLAR CORRECTS NEWS ARTICLE

Principal Corrects Report as Published in Atlanta Constitution and Reprinted in The Press.

"Mountain School Flourishes Through Atlantans' Efforts," was the headline given to a short newspaper story recently printed in The Franklin Press, the latter newspaper having reprinted the story in paraphrase from The Atlanta Constitution.

The content of the story stated that W. A. Sutton, superintendent of schools, Atlanta, was given a letter written by Miss Margaret Harry, Highlands Red Cross nurse, to Miss Emily Harrison, Atlanta, to the effect that Miss Harry was acknowledging the receipt of money and other commodities from certain benevolent Atlantans in behalf of the Highlands Public school. Then, The Franklin Press, in all propriety, reprinted the story from the Atlanta paper.

The writer's purpose, as principal of the Highlands Public school, is to correct this mistake through The Press, as made by the Atlanta Constitution in a recent issue of its paper, and, as reprinted in error by The Franklin Press.

Benevolent Atlantans have responded nobly and generously to the needs

Franklin to Have Landing Field in Heart of Town

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM HIGHLANDS

Interesting Locals and Other News from Macon County's Popular Mountain City.

On Tuesday, February 7, the P. T. A. Held its Monthly meeting in the auditorium of the school house. The subject under discussion was the consolidation of the smaller schools around Highlands with the Highlands school, but owing to the inclemency of the weather not much was accomplished.

On Wednesday, February 8, the Community Club met in the directors room of the Highlands bank. There was quite a large attendance and plans were discussed as to the ways and means of raising the rest of the required amount towards a Womans Club House in Highlands. It was decided to begin work toward a bazaar to be held next summer.

The friends of Mrs. Irvin Rice were all sorry to learn of her death which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bennett, in Hendersonville on Wednesday, February 8.

have been expended in promoting the work, fulfilling the needs, of the Red Cross chapter of the town. The money has not been used to promote, or assist directly the work of the public school of Highlands. Miss Margaret Harry has and is using some of the donated money to assist worthy students through college, who otherwise would be unable to finance their way through college. This could possibly be interpreted as helping the work of the Highlands Public school, in that it makes it possible for more of its graduates to attend college. In a spirit of prudence, the Red Cross chapter in Highlands wants it clearly understood to the public that the public school here is not supported by benevolence of private donations, but by the State of North Carolina, and District number two, Highlands township.

The Highlands Graded school is modern in every respect. It is surprisingly well equipped for a town the size of Highlands. Visitors' first remarks concerning the school are usually inquiries as to where the students are obtained to support a school the size in question. Last year a large two-story wing was added to the main building, and, if the surrounding small schools are consolidated with the Highlands school, it will be necessary to build another large two-story wing in the southwest side of the main building, leaving a court space between the two wings, thereby well proportioning the appearance of the building in whole. Then, last year several hundred dollars were expended in buying and equipping the school with even more modern conveniences.

The large campus has been beautified under the personal supervision of Mr. H. W. Sloan, landscape gardener by hobby. Mr. Sloan has thus far planted eighteen hundred plants on the campus. A mountain variety of foliage decks the campus in its esoteric mountain beauty. This gentleman is further contemplating the building of a concrete or stone wall around the large campus to further protect the foliage and campus from further washing and deterioration by excessive rains. On a pretty moon light night while one is walking up the stone steps from the campus entrance to the front building entrance, a distance approximating two hundred feet, the foliage verdure makes a pretty exhibit in the light shining from the several light standards, capped with frosted large globes, ornamental standards lighted by the municipal lighting plant.

Every year the school receives approximately five hundred dollars in royalties for the summer use of its auditorium, tentatively used until the community house is completed. The school library is now endowed. Miss Kaoul, once a residence of Atlanta, shortly before her death made an endowment to the school library. Then, this year, a gift of twenty-five hundred books was given to the Highlands school. Mr. H. W. Sloan has assured the principal here that he is going to try to have a gift of twenty-five thousands of dollars made to the school, in order for it to be possible for a large dormitory to be built on the campus to accommodate

T. W. Porter and Chas. Morgan Back Proposition—Aerodrome to Be Erected For Three Planes.

Realizing that the day of the aeroplane has arrived and that every town, no matter how small, should have a landing field two public spirited men of Franklin, T. W. Porter and Chas. Morgan, have decided to prepare a place for planes to land in Franklin and to build an aerodrome of sufficient size to accomodate three planes, it was announced here Saturday. The field decided upon is owned by T. W. Porter and is located in the bottom lands on the west bank of the Little Tennessee river adjacent to highway No. 285 and about three blocks from the business section of town. The field is bounded on the east by the river, and on the west by the hill on which rests Franklin, North and south of the field along the course of the river there are no obstructions to interfere with taking off and landing. The field in question is 600 feet wide and 1,200 feet long, level as a floor and well sodded. Such slight uneven places as exist will be leveled. The site is of suf-

ficient size excepting the largest.

Mrs. Rice has been an invalid for several years and has borne her suffering with patience and cheerfulness. She leaves besides her family many friends who will miss her very much.

I am told that Highlands now owns a rock quarry of its own and with our up-to-date rock crusher we will have some real hard-surfaced roads soon.

Our mayor and town council are doing good work and we are all justly proud of them.

County Agent At Highlands

Mr. Lyles Harris, county agent, paid Highlands a visit on Friday of this week. He gave a talk at the school house on Saturday morning. There were a number of people present to hear him, but owing to the postponement of the meeting from Friday until Saturday it was not generally known.

Prof. T. G. Harbison acted as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Harris made a most interesting talk and after his address Mr. Harbison also spoke.

A vote was taken to start a boys and girls 4-H club. Mr. Harbison was given charge of the boys and Miss Durgin of the girls.

Mr. Harris is doing a wonderful work and it is hoped that the people of Highlands will co-operate with him.

Presiding Elder Tucker Preached Last Sunday

Presiding Elder W. T. Tucker had an interesting sermon at the local Methodist church last Sunday. A large congregation was present to hear him.

students unable to attend school otherwise. It would be possible and convenient for children who live outside of district number two then to attend school in Highlands rather than to have to attend boarding high schools far away from home.

Eleven grades are taught in the Highlands school. Sixteen units are required for graduation from high school. High school graduates have not had trouble thus far in entering college, when the Highlands High school diploma is presented. No student thus far has failed the state eleventh grade examination. Seven students are in line for graduation this year. Eight teachers are employed to teach these grades. Two sessions are held daily, morning and afternoon.

The writer of this notice does not believe that it was the purpose of the Atlanta newspaperman to convey the idea that Highlands is beyond redemption in census. The little town has had constructed recently a hydroelectric plant at a cost of about \$150,000 and, to date is recipient in the building by an Atlanta syndicate of a \$350,000 golf course. Three years will be required for the completion of this project. For years Highlands has had a modern system of municipal waterworks. The town road and street machinery facilities are most up-to-date. A large tractor and street scraper has been purchased. The sum total of public utility valuation is phenomenal for a town so small.

Signed,
MARGARET HARRY.

RANGER SOUNDS FIRE WARNING

Ranger Z. B. Byrd Makes Valuable Suggestions Concerning Methods of Preventing Forest Fires.

Shall we have a forest with plenty of game or fire charred mountains devoid of wild life?

There is an old saying "Prepare for war in time of peace," and right now is a good time for us to begin preparing for the spring fire season while the winter rains have dampened the leaves and before the spring comes with dry winds and the brush burning preparatory to spring plowing starts. Let's begin to think and plan ahead in order that we may again, regardless of dry weather, go through a spring without a fire in our forests. Fire in the woods is a public and a national menace. Every year millions of dollars worth of property in the United States goes up in smoke and no man profits thereby—millions of dollars lost and no country however rich, can afford the enormous losses that this country is annually undergoing. It just means that tax payers are going to have to go down in their pockets and dig up the extra money to pay the bills that might have been paid without any extra burden if every citizen had realized his responsibility.

Macon county and the North Carolina district of the Nantahala forest

very little loss from fire and we have attracted the attention of thinking people far and near. They are giving our section of country credit for the wonderful record.

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the United States Forest Service, and many other organizations in our state all working toward the same goal, the death of the red enemy, fire in our forests, have spent thousands of dollars in this section. The citizen tax payers have paid the bills and naturally should be proud of the results of the expenditures. But just a little carelessness could undo a great deal of the good work—a match carelessly thrown down in dry leaves, a camp fire left smoldering, a cigarette dropped without being put out, a brush pile burned on a dry windy day, could start a fire that would sweep our mountain sides and do untold damage, cost thousands of dollars and perhaps human life, and would mar our fair record that has been so laboriously established.

How can we be prepared to meet the emergency?

The best time to fight a fire is before it starts. Let's resolve to keep our mountains in all their beauty, free from charred snags and barren hillsides. Before the spring fire season let's get all those brush piles burned, let's warn our neighbors who are inclined to be careless about brush burning. Remember that a match in its place is one of the most useful things, and out of its place one of the most dangerous weapons of the expenditures. But just a little carelessness could undo a great deal of the good work—a match carelessly thrown down in dry leaves, a camp fire left smoldering, a cigarette dropped without being put out, a brush pile burned on a dry windy day, could start a fire that would sweep our mountain sides and do untold damage, cost thousands of dollars and perhaps human life, and would mar our fair record that has been so laboriously established.

An effort will be made to have the Town of Franklin light the field so that landings may be made at night. Mr. Porter states that the new field will be ready for use in the early spring, though small planes can easily land there now.

The citizens of the town are highly enthused over the prospects of accommodations for visitors who may come to Franklin by way of the air. Mr. Morgan has announced that he will soon purchase a plane and make use of it in a commercial way.

Explanation of "Mountain School Flourishing Thru Atlantans' Efforts"

I have been asked by a few citizens of Highlands, to correct an error published in an article appearing in last week's issue of The Press, entitled "Mountain School Flourishes Through Atlantans' Efforts."

After reading this article over, I find no error. But, I shall be glad to offer explanation to the few interested people.

A school which according to Webster, is any means of knowledge, has been established in the Blue Ridge Mountains. This school is not the Highlands school, Scaly, Broadway, Clear Creek, Horse Cove, Flat Mountain, Shookville, Short Off, or any of the others. It has no name, therefore, I shall refer to it as a school.

This institution was instituted through the efforts of Atlanta people. The word institution as used in this instance, according to Webster, means to establish. In other words, the Atlanta people have established an institution or ways and means for me to educate a number of rural boys and girls of the Blue Ridge. This "Mountain School Flourishing Through Atlantans' Efforts," does flourish to the extent that new pupils are frequently added to our list.

As a token of interest in the Highlands school, the Junior Red Cross of Atlanta, has given a complete set of the Child's Book of Knowledge, which, I am told, is used extensively by the Highlands school children.

My post office address is Highlands, N. C. This has been my HOME for a long time. I live within the town limits. But, this does not mean that the school referred to, is entirely within Highlands. If this explanation is not satisfactory to the few interested people demanding it, would that they would dig up Noah Webster and hang him instead of me!

Signed,

LOCAL DOCTOR IS HIGHLY HONORED

Gov. McLean Appoints Dr. W. A. Rogers as Delegate to The Annual Congress of Medical Education.

The Governor of North Carolina recently appointed Dr. W. A. Rogers, of Franklin, a delegate to The Annual Congress of Medical Education and Medical Licensure and Hospitals. This congress convened at Chicago on February 6 to 8. Epidemics of flu and measles which have recently been prevalent in Macon county prevented Dr. Rogers from attending the congress. The governor of each state annually appoints one or more of the leading doctors to attend this congress. The congress in question outlines plans and makes suggestions to be followed by medical institutions in the United States as to the courses of study and the number of years required for a diploma, etc.

The fact that Governor McLean appointed a physician from Franklin as one of the delegates is not only an honor to the doctor chosen but to the town and county as well. The many friends of Dr. Rogers are highly pleased that he has been so honored.

W. CAR. TEL. CO BUYS LINE

Sylva-Cashiers Line Added to Holdings of Local Co.—New Line Cashiers to Highlands.

D. G. Stewart, general manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, with headquarters at Franklin, announced here Tuesday that his company has acquired by purchase the lines of the Sylva-Cashiers Telephone company extending from Sylva to High Hampton, the deal having been consummated Monday of this week. A new line will be built from Cashiers to Highlands. Money for this purpose is already in hand and work will begin on the new line in the near future.

In keeping with its policy of giving the best telephone service possible in the area served by it the Western Carolina Telephone company has just established instantaneous service between Franklin and Sylva, the announcement said. To make this service possible the second complete metallic circuit between the two towns has been completed. In so far as telephone service is concerned, Mr. Stewart states that Franklin and Sylva are now one.

On and after April 21 Sylva will become a toll checking center rating in this respect with Asheville and other large telephone centers. Sixteen toll circuits will have their terminations in the Sylva board, a new switch board having been purchased to accommodate and expedite this service. Making Sylva a toll checking center will expedite service on all lines served by the local company to all parts of the country, it is said.

In the interest of better telephone service in this section of the state and in northern Georgia the Western Carolina Telephone company is now negotiating for the purchase of other telephone properties in this territory. The company owns the exchanges at Franklin, Sylva, Bryson City and Clayton, Ga., in addition to the Sylva-High Hampton line. This company also has under construction a line along highway No. 10 from Bryson City to Sylva to better accommodate the communities of Whitaker, Belmont and Barker's Creek. Another line from Dillsboro up Savannah creek is now practical, complete to better accommodate that populous section of Jackson county.

Former Citizen Here

Mr. H. W. Conley, of Andrews, a former citizen of Macon, but who had not been to Franklin for 22 years, was here last week, having brought his boy to a local hospital for an operation.

toll of human life is taken annually by the criminal fire bug. It is the duty of every citizen to help catch such criminals and put them where they belong—behind the bars.

Let's every citizen get behind our local state and federal organizations and do a citizen's part to destroy the Red Enemy.

Z. B. BYRD.