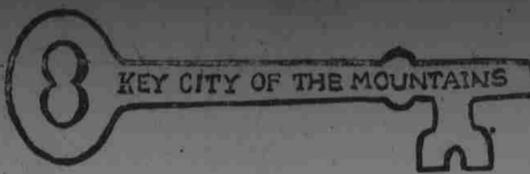


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Macon In Danger Of Losing 80 Square Miles

Cherokee Wants Nantahala Section Of the County

Quietly Working to Create Sentiment Favoring This Change—Offer of Hard-Surfaced Road Made.

According to reliable reports reaching here a movement is on foot in Cherokee county to annex a considerable portion of Macon county lying west of the Nantahala mountains. Should this movement succeed Macon county will lose approximately 80 square miles of territory, bounded roughly as follows: Beginning at a point on the Swain county line and running south along the crest of the Nantahala range to Nantahala Gap, thence west to Aquone where the Clay county line turns south and running west from that point to the Cherokee line.

For the past eighteen months it is understood that certain interests in Cherokee county have been quietly working to create sentiment in the Nantahala section of Macon county favoring this change. Among other things it is stated that these interests have offered to build a hard-surfaced road connecting with No. 10 at Andrews many of them naturally feel that they should take advantage of the offer.

Just what steps the citizens of Macon county will take to counteract the Cherokee propaganda is not known here. It is safe to predict, however, that when the matter is made public this county will have no stone unturned in its efforts to prevent the loss of any part of its territory. Perhaps no where in the Appalachian mountains can one find scenery to compare to that on the Nantahala river, and, according to one county official here, Macon county will not permit this beautiful section of the county to be annexed to another county without a fight that would make history in Western North Carolina.

\$125 Per Pound For a Hen

The following article issued by Agricultural Extension Department, Atlantic Steel company, Atlanta, Ga., should be of interest to readers of The Press:

Eggs—Actly \$500 For A Hen
That's what F. A. Sausome paid the University of British Columbia not long ago for one White Leghorn hen. She weighed four pounds and \$125 a pound is a pretty high price for a chicken, but she was worth it, all right. You see, she laid 230 eggs in 234 days.

Not to be outdone by her Canadian cousin, Pullet No. 211, owned by Eugene Brown, of Northampton county, N. C., cackled 323 times in 365 days, and she didn't lie a single time.

Consider also the case of Will Lay, of Marion county, Tenn., who made \$499.57 clear profit on a flock of 1,500 hens in three months. Evidently the hens owned by Will Lay will lay. Then there's A. R. Broadwater, of Edgefield county, South Carolina, whose 270 hens netted him a profit of \$625 from January 1 to July 1, 1927.

If you want figures that will make you dizzy just to think about them, take a nation-wide look at our poultry industry. Every year American hens lay enough eggs to pay the cost of two Panama Canals. Poultry raising is a billion dollar crop. It is our fifth biggest farm line and it is growing so rapidly its hard to keep up with its growth.

Here's another way of sizing it up. To eat all the eggs produced in this country last year eleven men would have had to start their meal twenty centuries B. C. and eat an egg a minute every day and night.

And now for the sad part of it.

GOOD PROGRAM FOR RALLY DAY

Seeds, Fertilizers, Cannery, 4-H Club and Other Subjects to Be Discussed—C. W. Teague on Program.

Under the direction of County Agent Lyles Harris the farmers of Macon county are preparing to get together on Monday, March 5, to discuss issue of vital importance to the rural population of this county. Now that the privately owned forests in Macon county are fast nearing exhaustion the farmers are seeking means and ways of obtaining ready money from the soil without reference to timber products. With this end in view a comprehensive program for the day has been announced by the county agent. The cannery at Franklin and the local creamery have solved

extent, says the county agent. However, the farmers have not availed themselves of the full advantage of these two industries.

All indications now point to a large attendance at the farmers rally next Monday. There are 330 members of the 4-H club in this county and from letters received by the county agent nearly all the boys and girls belonging to the club will journey to Franklin to take part in the discussions of the day. The meeting will open promptly at 10:00 o'clock with an address of welcome by Mayor George Patton of Franklin after which the county agent will announce the purpose of the meeting. Miss Elizabeth Kelly will then make a talk on the importance of the agricultural industry in the county. Miss Kelly has had a great deal of experience along this line and her talk will no doubt prove of much interest.

J. D. Kelly, extension horticulturist of the Southern Railway, will next address the audience on the subject of "Growing Produce for the Cannery". W. D. Bleckley, also connected with the Southern Railway will talk on "Seeds and Fertilizers". The next speaker of the day will be C. W. Teague, Macon County's Master Farmer and manager of the local cannery, who has chosen for his subject, "What a cannery means to us". Mr. Teague has made an outstanding success as a farmer and his message to other farmers will be well worth hearing, state those in charge of the meeting. The last thing before the dinner hour will be a general discussion of any subject brought up. This discussion will be led by the county agent.

The afternoon session will be devoted to a business session, receiving orders for seeds and fertilizers, meeting of the 4-H club members and a moving picture of agricultural activities.

Ellijay Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Ivester and children, of Winston-Salem, have been visiting Mrs. John T. Henry, Mrs. Ivester's mother, who has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dills and baby intend moving at once to Winston-Salem, where Mr. Dills has a good job awaiting him.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miney left a few days ago for Santiago, Calif.

Here in the South, with every natural advantage, we don't even supply home needs, much less get our rightful share of the poultry business in the big consuming centers like New York. Why, right here in Atlanta, more than three million dollars are spent every year for eggs, the bulk of them coming from the West.

So far as we know, the old question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, has never been settled, but everybody knows that to handle poultry right you must have plenty of poultry fence. The more the better, for to get best results, poultry runs should be cross-fenced so that the birds can be grazing on crop of green feed while others are coming on.

AIRPORT HERE RECIEVES MUCH FREE PUBLICITY

Letters From Distant Places Reach Promoters—Manufacturers Record Interest—Asheville Paper Boost Proposition.

Since the announcement three weeks ago by T. W. Porter and Chas. Morgan, local citizens, of an airport for Franklin the news has spread rapidly to many sections of the United States. Letters from as far away as New Jersey and a few from other places have been received either by The Press or by the promoters. Such friends of the South as the Manufacturers Record are interested in the proposition and have offered free advertising in connection with the building of the aerodrome. Both daily papers of Asheville have been generous in their use of space, both in the news columns and in editorial expressions. As an indication of the

growing editorial from the Asheville Times of February 28 is reprinted:

FRANKLIN PREPARING TO FLY

In a letter to The Franklin Press, commending Thomas W. Porter and Charles Morgan on their announced plan to establish an airport in a broad river bottom near the town, James A. Crain points out a practical commercial advantage which will be made almost immediately available to Franklin.

The Piteairn Aviation company has an airmail contract for the New York-Atlanta route by way of Spartanburg. Spartanburg is about 75 miles from Franklin, or an hour's flight for the average plane. The opening of the Franklin airport will provide Franklin with 10-hour aerial connection with New York City.

Franklin may not be able at once to establish air connection with the main planes at Spartanburg after the opening in April, but the way will be prepared; and then some day another air-mail course may be surveyed right through Franklin. In the meantime, the town will have placed itself on the air map of the country and every airman who flies over this region will note with satisfaction that there is a good landing field at Franklin.

North Skeenah News

Mr. Quince Shope, who has been working in Virginia, spent a few days at home with Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Shope the past week.

Mr. Jesse Sanders has been putting down a saw mill the past week for the purpose of cutting lumber to improve his home buildings.

Mrs. Angine Sanders and daughter, Mattie Hasting, and daughter, of Franklin, spent Saturday in this section.

Mr. Lyles Harris was in this section the past week to see Mr. Oscar Ledford's cow, that got poisoned, but all in vain, she died. Now is the time to be a good samaritan; he is out of milk.

Mr. Keason Sanders is all smiles on the account of a recent girl.

Mr. Johnnie Farmer and wife moved to Nantahala the past week to his work.

Mr. Norman Stockton moved into this section the past week.

Mr. Jeff Blaine passed through this section last week going to Coweta to do some horse trading.

Mr. Vester Stockton spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Sanders and Emma Ledford, of near Dellico filling station, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Vester Stockton's home.

INVITATION

The Cowee church invites the mother church, Franklin, and all the daughter churches in whole or in part with their pastors, to meet with us in our centennial celebration March 24 and 25.

We will be glad to see any others that will come.

By order of the church February 25, 1928.

T. C. BRYSON, Clerk.

Brief Outline of Iotla's Progress in the Last 28 Years

Franklin, N. C.

Dear Editor: Since reading in your paper some facts about the growth of Skeenah, and the writer claiming that the other rural communities had better look out for their laurels, I would like to say a few words in the behalf of dear old IOTLA. I can't hardly remember back to 1900 as I am now only 24 years of age, but I have heard it all from the older people. Iotla was great when I can first remember hearing the singing of birds and the peep peeping of the frogs, but I have been told that Iotla had seen its greatest days before I was born. I can't dispute the facts or else say Amen, but I can say that the facts I am about to relate are all true.

1. Iotla has produced two U. S. postmasters.

2. Iotla has the largest farm in Western North Carolina.

3. I counted 30 school teachers, and only started, that came from Iotla.

4. Iotla has produced two lawyers, and fourscore and some merchants.

5. Iotla has produced three athletic coaches, who are at large high schools.

building, and the only girls dormitory in the entire county.

7. Iotla has the only brick church and the only cement block one.

8. Iotla has produced two Methodist ministers and several Holy Rollers. In fact this community was headquarters for the famous Charley Myers when he held his great tent meeting. Charley was a Holiness.

9. Iotla has the richest mica mine in the United States of America. Two large clay mines have been worked in the valley, in fact an extra large one is now in operation.

10. It is the only rural community that ever printed a weekly newspaper.

11. It has the only school in the county that ever had a hundred per cent enrollment of a graduating class in the University of North Carolina.

12. An Iotla boy grew 112 1-2 bushels of corn to an acre of land.

13. People of Iotla are not hard to please for it is hard to find an old man throughout this immense territory.

So after all Skeenah is not near ready to carry off the rural laurels. I only told a few great things that the community has done, for the half could never be told without filling another edition and then it would have to be an extra large one. Of course, Iotla has had three county commissioners, but not all at once. So it's come on Skeenah.

You'll have to ball the Jack. For Iotla can out run you in a croker sack.

IOTLA'S FRIEND.

Rotarians Entertain With Ladies' Night

Wednesday night was ladies' night at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Franklin. The entertainment began with a banquet at the Scott Griffin hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Porter received many compliments on the way in which the meal was served and also on the food itself. Rotarian Arthur Flanagan made the principal address of the evening taking as his subject the Rotary motto—"Service Above Self." Rotarian M. D. Billings also made a delightful and witty talk that kept those present laughing from start to end of the speech.

The committee on entertainment had provided unique favors and all kinds of noise making instruments which were freely used during the course of the banquet.

After the meal the party adjourned to the roof garden of the hotel and sang a number of Rotary songs. Mrs. Smith Harris and Mrs. Devereux Rice then sang a duet which was greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Gilmer Jones and Mrs. Smith Harris also played a piano duet after which the party dined for an hour or two.

Hunting Season Closes

County Game Warden announces that the hunting season closes today. Fishing licenses will be available in the near future, the exact date to be announced in a later issue of The Press.

AVIATION WEEK FOR FRANKLIN

Towns Along No. 28 Planning to Entertain Visitors Next Summer—Franklin to Have Aviation Week.

W. L. Reynolds, of Hendersonville, has submitted to T. W. Porter and other citizens of Franklin for their approval, a tentative program for the entertainment of visitors during the coming summer. The proposed program will cover a period of three or four weeks and is in the nature of an advertisement of the country traversed by Highway No. 28 from Hendersonville to Franklin. The people of Franklin are much interested in the tentative program and are cooperating with Mr. Reynolds to the fullest possible extent.

Plans call for a water carnival at Lake Lure, Florida Day and horse show at Hendersonville. Program for Brevard has not yet been decided upon. In view of the fact that nine holes of the golf course at Highlands will be ready by summer it is planned to have a week of golf in that town. The program calls for an aviation week at Franklin. Mr. T. W. Porter,

announced that the landing field is now ready for daylight operations. The town board at its monthly meeting next Monday night is expected to approve plans for lighting the airport so that landings may be made at night.

The completed program announcing dates for each town concerned will be ready for distribution in a few days, Mr. Porter states.

Uses Farm Machinery To Increase Profits

Raleigh, N. C., Feb.—The use of modern machinery will add to the profits of the average farm and give increased returns from the labor employed.

This is the opinion of W. T. Moss of Youngsville in Franklin county, who has increased the size of his farm, added to its profits and has found a solution of his labor problem by using such farm machinery as is adapted to the kind of farming he practices. Mr. Moss is a young man only 34 years of age at this time, but is already being heard through-out North Carolina as one of its leading farmers. Is a natural farmer because he first began to grow things when he was only eleven years old and his father gave him two acres of cotton. When he grew older, he came to state college and took a special one-year course in agriculture.

Following this course, he returned to his little farm and his father turned over 30 acres of land adjoining Youngsville that had been farmed by a tenant. Mr. Moss took charge of this in the winter of 1913 and to day he has a farm of 250 acres. Some 25 acres is in woodland and the remainder is in cultivation, pasture, orchards or lots. Cotton, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, rye, oats and other small crops are grown. Each acre is made to produce because some of it cost about \$200 to buy and some is now valued on the tax books at \$100 an acre.

Mr. Moss uses the best of farm machinery, having two and three-row riding implements included in his supply and farming all of this land with only five laborers. These laborers also have crops of their own but work in the owner's crops when he needs them. Ten heavy draft horses are used on the farm and all the horse power needed on the farm is grown at home. Last year, the gross profits from this small place amounted to about \$8,000 and were due in a large measure to good methods of cultivation, use of good seed, fertile soil built by a crop rotation, and intelligent business methods.

Application for Fish

Those desiring to apply for fish, with which to restock the streams of Macon county may now obtain applications at The Press office. These applications should be sent off at once as the time for approval for the present season is getting short. Those interested would do well to get their applications Monday at the farmers rally.