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THIS WEEK IS AMERICAN FOREST WEEK GROW TIMBER -- PREVENT FIRES

WALKER COUNTY IS PROPOSAL

Nantahala and Valletown Townships Want New County of Walker With Andrews as County Seat.

A new county in Western North Carolina is the ambitious scheme now being sponsored by Nantahala township of Macon county and Valletown township of Cherokee. The new county would include the two townships mentioned, a slice of Swain county so as to include Nantahala Station, a small corner of Graham and the Clear Creek section of Clay. Such is the proposal outlined here Sunday by a prominent citizen of Nantahala township. Walker will be the name of the new county if, and when, the legislature authorizes its establishment. The boundaries of "Walker" will include approximately 160 square miles of territory.

According to a statement made here county the citizenship of Nantahala township is practically unanimous in favor of the change. This township is almost solidly Republican with only a stray Democrat here and yonder within its confines. Such being the case "a self satisfied democratic administration" at Franklin treats Nantahala as though it were a stepchild. At least such is the opinion expressed here Sunday by a citizen of that township who has lived there "long enough to know." He also said that there is no brotherly love between Andrews and Murphy such as should exist in any nice well regulated county. According to this man Andrews is of the opinion that "the powers that be" in Cherokee are constantly pulling for Murphy and leave Andrews to take care of itself, with the result that Andrews and most of Valletown township are likewise solidly behind the proposition of creating the new county of Walker with Andrews as the county seat.

CO. FIRE WARDEN MAKES APPEAL

J. J. Mann Cites Value of Cooperation in Fire Protection—Appeals to Public to Aid Authorities in Preventing Fires and in Protecting Game and Fish.

(By J. J. Mann, County Warden)
In the spring of each year, the President of the United States designates one week to be known and observed throughout the country as American Forest Week. It is a time during which the various state forest services, the federal forest service, and all other forestry organizations put forth the greatest possible effort to bring to the public attention the problems of forest conservation. This year the dates for American Forest Week are April 22-28.

Public Asked to Refresh Memory on Forest Fire Hazards

All people of the United States are called upon to refresh their memories during American Forest Week, April 22-28, as to the importance of forest fire prevention.

Fire, says the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, is the chief enemy of trees and forests. Sweeping through a timberland, the red flames of a forest fire which has got beyond control may wreak untold havoc, damaging valuable mature trees, destroying young growth, laying waste grazing lands, injuring protective watersheds, and converting to a blackened waste what were cool, inviting woodlands beckoning to the nature-lover and outdoor recreationist.

DEATH OF THOMAS LUCIOUS CABE

On April 5, 1928 God entered the home of Uncle Lucious Cabe and took with Him our dear Uncle Lucious.

that flows through healthy forest land with one that comes from brush-covered or denuded lands. The first is cold, almost always clear, and quite steady in volume. The second is much warmer, seldom clear, and is subject to great variations in volume

SMOKY MOUNTAIN AIRPORT, INC.

Local Citizens Incorporate Under Name of Smoky Mountain Airport—T. W. Porter, Lyles Harris and G. A. Jones Receive Charter.

T. W. Porter, G. A. Jones and Lyles Harris are named as stockholders in a new corporation, The Smoky Mountain Airport, the charter of which was received here the latter part of last week. The charter grants permission to do anything necessary in connection with the operation of an airport, the field in question being located in the city limits of Franklin near the iron bridge across the Little Tennessee.

The local airport is now ready for daylight landings and an effort is underway with the end in view of providing lights for the field. Specifications and a bill of costs have been

POULTRY SALE BIG SUCCESS

11,763 Pounds Sold Monday For \$2,610.96—4-H Club Will Increase Amount of Such Sales.

The bi-monthly co-operative poultry sale under the supervision of Lyles Harris, the county agent, was held here Monday of this week and proved to be one of the largest of such sales in some weeks. These sales are held regularly every two weeks. At the sale Monday the farmers and their wives of Macon county disposed of 11,763 pounds of poultry for which they received in cash \$2,610.96. The total sales in Macon county within the past five and a half months exceed \$65,000 pounds. The 4-H club of Macon county now has 450 members. Of this number 186 are engaged in raising poultry. Consequently, beginning next fall, it is expected that the poultry sales in Macon county will far exceed in amount any previous sales.

R. J. Roane, Former State Senator, Is Dead At Whittier

Whittier, N. C., April 22.—R. J. Roane, former State Senator, died at his home here at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. L. Croel, of Bryson City, will preach at the local Baptist church next Sunday, April 29, at 11:00 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

South Has Great Forestry Possibilities

Elimination of the huge losses from fire, which annually sweeps over a greater acreage in the South than in any other section of the country, is the biggest forestry problem now confronting the Southern States, says the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

This problem, involving the checking of deliberate woods-burning and the extension of organized fire protection, will be given special consideration in the South this week, in connection with the nation-wide observance of American Forest Week.

With conditions favoring the rapid growth of trees, and large woodland areas available, the South has great forestry possibilities, and the development of its forest resources is closely linked with the future prosperity of the Southern region, in the opinion of the Forest Service. Considerable advances already have been made in the development of organized fire protection, and the owners of large timberland as well as the small

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM HIGHLANDS

Highlands, N. C., April 23.—The graduation class of the Highlands school, sent out some very attractive invitations to the graduating exercises to be held on Friday evening, April 27. The class colors are yellow and white; the class flower, the jonquil. Those graduating are: Miss Mary McKinney, class president; Miss Caroline Hall, secretary; Misses Eloise Rice, Margaret Gilbert, Alice Hudson, Edna Baumgarner and Taft Henry. The class motto is, "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

NEW METHOD OF CATCHING FAWNS

Wayah Bald Game Refuge To Be Supplied—Does To Be Trapped

Asheville, N. C., April 17, 1928. Forest Ranger, Franklin, N. C. Dear Byrd: Your letter of April 15 is received. Mr. Smith has just spent a month with us on this forest, and we have gone into the question of catching fawns for planting on other forests. After considerable thought and study, it has been decided that the proper method to be used is to trap the does a short time before the fawns are dropped. The does and fawns will then be retained in a corral unit such time as it is decided expedient to remove the fawns when they will be captured and placed in corrals on this forest for feeding or shipped to

It has been definitely decided that trying to catch the fawns before they are large enough to escape is not the best and most efficient method, and it is hoped that the plan which we expect to institute during this spring will work out much more satisfactorily, and that we will succeed in capturing a goodly number of fawns which will be more evenly proportioned between bucks and does.

We are going ahead with the plan for the construction of a trap and corral, and expect to have it ready in time to catch this spring's crop of fawns. As soon as we are able to determine the number of fawns we have captured, arrangements will be made to allot them to the different forests, and it is hoped that we will succeed in capturing a sufficient number to supply the demand.

Tea Room for Franklin

Misses Elizabeth and Lizzie Kelly are converting a portion of their home on Main street into a tea room. The broad veranda, both front and side, has been newly painted and screened and will be used for this purpose. The two large front rooms will also be used as tea rooms in inclement weather or when additional room is needed. For many years Franklin has needed a tea room where tourists could get something to eat at any time of the day. The Misses Kelly are expecting a rushing business during the summer months.

Emmett Davis and Mr. Frank Cook, of Greenwood, S. C., are in Highlands again. We understand Mr. and Mrs. Davis have come to the purpose of getting Highlands Inn ready for the summer. Miss Albertina Staub, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is much improved and will soon be out. Mr. J. A. Hines is also improving rapidly. Work on the new club house is going right along and the last nine holes of the golf course are almost completed. Highlands is looking forward to a prosperous summer, better than ever, and we are sure with all the added attractions it will come. Mr. Jones, of Greenwood, S. C., one of the stockholders in the Bearpen Mountain Development was in town Friday. Mr. Tom Porter, of Franklin, paid Highlands a visit last week.