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FRANKLIN PRESS IS THANKED

A. A. Wood, Supervisor of Nantahala National Forest Writes Letter Thanking Press for Co-operation.

Government, state and county officials together with the citizens of the county generally observed American Forest Week here last week. Further plans for co-operation among the officials concerned were agreed upon. These plans include a constant campaign against burning the forests of the county. Due to the long education campaign along this line the citizenship of the county is almost a unit in opposing the old-time fashion of burning the forests each spring. The fallacy of such practice has been recognized and the people as a whole do all things possible to prevent fires and to suppress them when once started.

The school children of Franklin are now writing essays on forest conservation. The best of these essays will be printed in The Franklin Press. Along with the sentiment against fires is the one equally strong for game and fish protection. As a case in point only recently a game and fish warden of the Sealy section of the county reported his own brother for fishing without a license with the result that the brother and four companions augmented the school funds of Macon county to the extent of

In connection with American Forest Week, The Press has received the following letter from Mr. A. A. Wood, supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest:

Franklin, N. C., April 28, 1928.
Major S. A. Harris,
Editor, Franklin Press,
Franklin, North Carolina.

Dear Major Harris:
I wish to express my appreciation to you for the splendid co-operation given us during American Forest Week in which you gave the Week front page mention in both last week's and this week's issues of The Franklin Press.

Due to the fact that most of the schools in the county are closed at this time we were unable to do as much educational work along this line as we had hoped to do.

We feel that the help you have given us has been the means of reaching many people in Macon and adjoining counties, and we not only appreciate the publicity American Forest Week was given but are very grateful for the spirit of co-operation which you have given at all times in our efforts to further the interests of forestry in this section.

Very sincerely yours,
ARTHUR A. WOOD,
Forest Supervisor.

Asheville, April 30, 1928.
Major S. A. Harris,
Franklin Press,
Franklin, North Carolina.

Dear Major Harris:—I wish to extend the thanks of the North Carolina Forest Service for the hearty co-operation given by your paper in observing American Forest Week. No other county paper in this district was as helpful as yours in putting across the messages of the state and federal forest services. I feel that the observing of the week this year was more successful than in any previous year. We secured a great deal of publicity through the medium of the newspapers, the radio broadcasting stations, and the school authorities. Our wardens themselves were more active this year than ever before, and I believe that the conservation of the forest, fish and game resources is more than ever before the minds of the people of North Carolina today.

Again let me express thanks to you in behalf of the state forest service.
Very sincerely yours,
W. K. BEICHLER,
District Forester.

Idle Hour Theatre Makes Improvement

The Idle Hour theatre, under the active management of Mr. S. H. Lyle, Jr., is now one of the best equipped and cleanest theatres in the western part of the state. This week Mr. Lyle is having the entire interior painted. Only recently the theatre purchased the second Powers moving picture machine which enables the shows to continue without interruption from beginning to end. The management of the Idle Hour is expecting record crowds during the coming summer.

CONVICTED FOR CUTTING TIMBER

Rainey and Scott of Georgia Receive Sentence for Raid On Government Timber

Jordan Rainey and Fred Scott, of Lakemont, Ga., were convicted in last week's term of the Federal court in Gainesville of cutting government timber without permission. Each was given a two months' sentence by Judge Sibley, who warned the two that illegal use of national forest lands lays the trespasser open to indictment on several counts, any one of which carries a stiff sentence upon conviction.

Supervisor Wood of the Nantahala National Forest, on which the trespass was committed, states that the aim of all law enforcement on the forest is the protection of that forest that it may better serve the public good. Local forest officers will do their utmost to secure convictions in all cases of the above nature.

West a Veterinarian

Dr. R. D. West, who has a state license as veterinarian and who has had twenty years experience has decided to take up the active work of his profession in Macon county. For a number of years he practiced in both Buncombe and Haywood counties and occasionally now gets calls to attend ailing animals in those counties. Dr. West will make his headquarters at the office of the county agent where any one in need of his services

This decision on the part of Dr. West will relieve the county agent of work of this kind and thus give him more time to devote to farming interests.

JUDGE AND MRS. AWTREY ON TRIP

Judge and Mrs. John Awtrey have returned from a ten days' trip to Charleston and other points. At Charleston they were the guests of their son, Lieutenant Commander Robert A. Awtrey who is secretary to Rear Admiral McCulley. On the return trip they visited the Magnolia Gardens. Mrs. Awtrey also stopped in Atlanta where she was met by another son, Prof. Hugh Awtrey of Mercer University. Prof. Awtrey and his mother attended one performance of grand opera in Atlanta.

Palmour Visits Franklin

Mr. Ernest Palmour of Gainesville, Ga., made his first visit to Franklin Thursday of last week. For ten years Mr. Palmour represented Hall county in the Georgia general assembly. While here he called upon the editor of The Press, his old friend of many years standing. Mr. Palmour was profuse in his complimentary remarks concerning Macon county and Franklin. He expressed the opinion that Franklin would be overflowing with visitors if they only knew of the beautiful country. If a man living within 75 miles of Franklin does not know of its beauties it is hardly probable, according to Mr. Palmour, that any considerable number of people living further away know of the delightful scenery that abounds in this section.

On his trip to Franklin Mr. Palmour was accompanied by Mr. Roper, of Gainesville.

Louisa Chapel News

The snow in this community Saturday was very much a surprise. Especially to the farmers, as some of them were planting corn.

Mr. Walter Frazier, of Nantahala, spent the week end with home folks. We are very glad to see Mrs. C. L. Camp out visiting again after being confined to her sick bed for so long.

Miss Rosilind Moore and Mr. Elbert Cabe were married Sunday. We extend congratulations to the happy couple.

Mr. Walker Camp, of Detroit, Mich., is spending a few days with his mother here.

Mrs. Henrietta Patton was visiting home folks Sunday. She has been staying with Mr. W. Horn at Franklin.

The report at Sunday school Sunday was real good, 77 being present. Folks, when you get a good thing started keep it going. So let's be faithful.

Mrs. Carl Angel of Nantahala was visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Mashburn, of this place Sunday.

Mr. Cecil Greene, of Wayah, was visiting his mother, Mrs. Will Greene, Sunday.

BELLS RING FOR DOUBLE WEDDING

Mayor Patton and Miss Kate Penland, Wade Reece and Miss Birdell Waldroop, Contracting Parties.

A double wedding of unusual interest to the people of Franklin and Macon county took place here Monday at 10:00 o'clock in the Franklin Methodist church, Rev. R. F. Mock, pastor of that church, officiating. The contracting parties were Mayor George Patton and Miss Kate Penland, of Franklin, and Mr. Wade Reece, of Franklin and Miss Birdell Waldroop, from Cartoogechay.

Mrs. Patton is the charming daughter of Mrs. Sallie Penland, of Franklin, and Mr. Patton is mayor of Franklin and a promising young lawyer, junior member of the law firm of Horn & Patton. The bride and groom have known each other since childhood.

Mrs. Reece is the daughter of Mrs. Josephine Waldroop and is widely known throughout the county as a young lady of charming manner and many accomplishments. Mr. Reece is president of the Reece Motor company at Franklin.

Both couples left immediately after the wedding on a honeymoon to the coast cities of North Carolina.

Aquone Road Now Under Construction

The road from Nantahala to Aquone is being graded by a force of hands under supervision of Grady Siler of the forest service. Approximately two and a half miles of this six-mile section have been completed and Mr. Siler reports that there are sufficient government funds available to complete the grading to Aquone. The completion of this work will make available one of the most scenic routes in Western North Carolina. The loop in question will be sixty or seventy miles long and will extend from Franklin through Nantahala Gap to Aquone, then down the Nantahala river to Nantahala Station and then back along No. 10 to Bryson City or Dillsboro and return to Franklin. This loop will include the Winding Stairway that clings to the south wall of the Nantahala gorge a thousand feet above the river.

The Rearing Pool

There seems to have been some misunderstanding as to the ones who built the rearing pool for trout on the Wayah Bald Game Refuge. Jesse Slagle, caretaker of the refuge, states that the money for the material was donated by people in Franklin and that the following named men donated labor in the construction: Wood, Byrd, Flint and Byrne, all of the forest service; Bob and John Southards, Charles Nolen, Fred and Hal Slagle, Wade Cunningham and Zeb and Fred Shope. The authorities extend thanks to those concerned for both labor and money.

FUNERAL OF EDGAR C. McCONNELL

Edgar C. McConnell, who died at the Protestant hospital here yesterday, was born February 12, 1874, in Franklin, N. C.

He was married to Ida E. Sellers, March 12, 1902. They came to Baker where they have since lived. Their first child, Harold, died in infancy. Mr. McConnell is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. N. Cole of McPhee, Colo., and Ethel McConnell, two sons, Edgar and Donald, all of Baker; besides two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Rankin, of Weatherby, and Mrs. C. W. Sipp, of Baker; two brothers, L. P. McConnell, of Baker, and Walter McConnell, of Franklin, N. C. There are also two grandchildren.

The deceased was well known here, having lived in Baker and vicinity 26 years. He became a member of the Methodist church at an early age and of the local church several years ago. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Funeral services will be held at the West chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday, with interment in the Mount Hope cemetery. Rev. R. C. Lee, of Union, will officiate.—Baker (Ore.) Herald.

STOP! LOOK! AND LISTEN!

We are going to give a big entertainment at Sugarford (colored) school house Saturday night before the first Sunday, May 5th. Come one, come all or you will miss something. Remember the time and place.

AUTO NOMADS BEGIN TREKS

Good Roads Now Stimulate Travel — California Park Visitors Increase 52 Per Cent.

(By E. E. Duffy)

Nomadic Americans, probably more than 40,000,000 of them, will spin over the highways and byways this summer under the classification of "automobile tourists."

Before the summer is over this touring horde will doubtless have spent \$3,500,000,000 for sardines and crackers, baked beans, automobile tires, gasoline, broken radius rods and other requisites of the rambling life.

The volume of travel to national parks and monuments, forest preserves, national forests and to Canada definitely proves that road building is no longer chiefly a local problem but a state and national. Government records show that park visitors are increasing by leaps and bounds. Four California parks registered a gain of 52 per cent in attendance last year. Canada reports that 11,000,000 Yankees visited the various provinces in 1927, and incidentally, spent \$100,000,000 in doing it.

Possessed of a motor car pulled by the power of 20 or more horses the motorist's only handicap is that of poor roads, of which there is still an all too plentiful supply. The tremendous tourist travel that now exists is due to the roads that have been

will place the great outdoors closer to the city. The worker with but two short weeks vacation may be enabled to visit his aunt 2,000 miles away with comfort.

There are 3,000,000 miles of roads in the United States, but not all of them need be paved for a considerable mileage is infrequently traveled. Of this mileage but 518,000 miles are ministered to by road workers. Only 69,000 miles may be called really first class roads. It is plain, then, that a great deal still remains to be done. This is not discounting the accomplishments to date, for the progress of the last quarter century, during the automobile's life time, has been noteworthy.

Since this is now a nation of people whose education is largely received through contacts with others and through observation of how others live and do things, road building assumes a greater importance than ever before. State road programs should be speeded up so that more low cost roads may be placed in service for the use of those living today. Where circumstances demand, local communities such as counties, should co-operate with the state as closely as possible so that the greatest mileage of first class highways can be obtained.

Road building is second to education in total expenditures. This is proper for nothing is of greater importance than education and roads themselves are of great importance in education.

Dalton Home Burns

The home of Grady Dalton who lives on Cowee, burned Wednesday night of last week. Nothing was saved from the burning building excepting a sewing machine. It is believed that the fire caught from the kitchen flue.

Tellico Locals

Mrs. Dick Cochran, of Briartown, is in this section visiting her mother, Mrs. Jeff Cabe, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. John Hurst, of Cowee, is in this section building Mr. Robert Ramsey a new mill wheel.

Mr. Wood, U. S. fire supervisor, was in this section Thursday.

Dr. Williams and Dr. Horsley were in this section on professional business Thursday.

There were two births in this settlement on Thursday 26. One to Mrs. Erwin Smith and one to Mrs. Brian DeHart. Both babies are dead and were buried on Friday 27. Both mothers are slowly improving.

Mr. R. L. Porter went to Franklin on business Thursday.

Miss Beulah Smith was the guest of Miss Gladys Ramsey Sunday afternoon.

The Porter & Moody Lumber company, from all reports is nearing completion of their contract.

There is no man by the name of Tecumseh DeHart in this country, as has been wrote up for The Press in some of the locals. This was done as a joke, but still it isn't business.

MISS M'GUIRE WINS 1ST PLACE

In Writing Essay On Forest Conservation — James Hames Is Second—Winning Essay Printed Below.

The first prize won in the essay contest in the Franklin graded school was won by Elizabeth McGuire, second prize, James Hames. All who entered the contest did splendid work. The following is the paper winning first prize:

MAN'S FRIEND—THE TREE

"The groves were God's first temples. Ere man learned to hew the shaft, and lay the architrave, and spread the roof above them—ere he framed the lofty vault together and rolled back the sound of anthems; in the darkling wood, amidst the cool and silence, he knelt down, and offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks and supplication."

The forest is one of the most faithful friends of man. We get our material to build our homes from the tree. It supplies us with fuel. It helps us in agriculture by preventing floods. The tree supplies the foundation for all our railroads. It gives millions' employment.

When America was first settled we had large and extensive forests. These forests have been abused in many ways. One of the worst enemies of the forest has been, and still is, fire. Few of us stop to consider the damage done each year by fire. Here

fires. Forest fires kill many trees outright, and they lead to other damage often serious enough to turn timber-growing profit into loss. By weakening the trees, fires make them more susceptible to attack by insects which often cause their death. When the logger comes along he passes by the defective, dead, and down timber as valueless. Forest fires destroy seeds and kill the young trees, causing blank spaces in the woods or idle land on which there is little or no tree growth. Thus the land is either rendered absolutely barren or made unproductive in spots. Forest fires reduce the rate of growth of the trees. Forest fires reduce the fertility of the soil; they lead to rapid run-off of water; they dry up the springs; they reduce land values and increase tax rates by reducing taxable values. Forest fires drive out fish and game and destroy the beauty and attractiveness of the forest. Millions of dollars worth of timber is wasted every year by forest fires. You can see how important it is that we do everything in our power to stop this useless waste.

The tree beautifies the homes, gives the birds a nesting place and gives us friendly shade from the sun. Let us love and protect these good friends of ours.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as helpless; forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish, and with them their benefits. When you help to preserve our forests or plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens."

ELIZABETH M'GUIRE,
Seventh Grade.

Fishing License Requirement

Under the 1927 Angler's Act and Order of the Department of Conservation and Development, a fishing license for all methods of hook and line or rod and reel fishing is required for fishing in trout streams of the following counties: Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Clay, Caldwell, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Polk, Swain, Surry, Transylvania, Watauga and Wilkes. Wardens and deputies will be expected to see that this provision of the law is strictly enforced.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Division of Inland Fisheries
By J. K. DIXON, Asst. Director.
April 6, 1928, Raleigh, N. C.

The bag limit for brook trout is not over 25 in any one day, and they must be not under six inches in length.

Rainbow trout, 25 in any one day, and must not be under eight inches in length.

This law is going to be enforced hereafter. All wardens will please see to this.

J. J. MANN, Macon County Warden for Fish and Game.