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COUNTY WARDEN MAKES REPORT

Macon County Had Fewer Fires Than Any Other County in District—15 Arrests Made.

At the close of the fiscal year, July 1, of the work of the county game and fire warden, J. J. Mann, reports showed that Macon county had fewer forest fires in the last 12 months than any other county in the western district. As the forests of the state are chiefly in the western counties, this probably means that Macon had fewer forest fires than any other North Carolina county. Only 10 fires occurred during the last year. Nine of these were insignificant blazes; one developed into a large fire.

Only 15 arrests have been made in the last year for violations of the state fire and game laws in Macon county. In every case the defendant pled guilty. These good records have been due to the splendid co-operation of the citizens of the county and to the vigilance of the deputy wardens, states Mr. Mann.

The people of the county have also showed a great amount of interest in restocking the streams with fish and the forests with game. Greater interest, perhaps, has been taken in this than in any other of the western counties. Three deer have been brought from the Pisgah and M. Mitchell game preserves to the Nantahala Game preserve in this county, by County Warden Mann and the preserve warden, Jesse Single. The

ago. Two fish nurseries, or rearing pools, have been constructed in the county through the efforts of Mr. Mann. One of these is at Highlands, and has a capacity of 100,000 fish. The other is in the Cartoogechaye section, and has a capacity of 25,000. At no place, states Mr. Mann, has he found more co-operative people than at Highlands. The people of the town gladly co-operated to construct a nursery with four times the capacity of the pool made in the western part of the county, to which Franklin citizens contributed.

Plans now are being formulated for the erection of other pools at various points in the county, says Mr. Mann. The first of these will be put on Ellijay near the home of Parker Moore. The Ellijay creek, well adapted for trout, but now containing very few, will be stocked from the Ellijay rearing pool.

There are now 10 quail in the county where there was one before the passage of the new state game laws, according to Mr. Mann. White cranes abound along Lake Emory where it would have been impossible for one of the birds to have remained previous to the passage of the laws and the awakening of interest in the preservation of wild life. According to the best check up it has been found possible to make, all the Mexican quail released here last spring are alive.

W. K. Bichler, district forester, with headquarters at Asheville was here Thursday of last week. He reported himself pleased with the progress of county warden's work. He furnished the county warden with new tools, including rakes and bush hooks, to be used in case of fires.

This week Mr. Mann is making a survey of timber conditions in the county in connection with the state forest service. In this report will be included the total timber area of the county, the area of waste timber, percentage of merchantable timber, percentage of timber types, forestry opinions, principal uses of the timber, the total annual number of feet cut, the number of sawmills in the county, etc. Mr. Mann is making a trip to the Ritter Lumber company's sawmill on Nantahala this week to get information for the report.

Information concerning hunting or game laws will be furnished anyone desiring to consult with the warden at Room 6 in the McCoy building.

NOTICE

Franklin, N. C., July 27, 1928. To the Chairman of the Township Democratic Executive Committee and the Registrar of Each Voting Precinct of Macon County:

Gentlemen: Please meet me at the Court House in Franklin, Saturday, August 4, 1928, at 2 o'clock p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to formulate and adopt rules to govern the Democratic Primary to be held at some future date, which date will be fixed and the call issued at this meeting.

W. A. ROGERS, County Chairman.
Yours very truly,

20,000,000 FEET IS ANNUAL CUT

Timber Survey Completed by Warden Mann—Better Roads Permit Utilization of Cull Products.

Completion of a survey of the timber resources of Macon county by J. J. Mann, county game and fire warden, shows that the total annual cut of timber in the county is 20,000,000 board feet. The report is for the bulletin of the North Carolina geological and economic survey.

Since 1911, the date of the last report, the area of the actual virgin forest has decreased about 40 per cent, leaving a stand of perhaps six to nine per cent of the forest area in virgin timber. Along with the operations on the virgin forest, report local forest officials, has gone the re-working of the old culled and so-called cut over areas by small mills. Increase in lumber prices and the extensive road building in the county has made it possible to take lower grade timber and products, such as acidwood, ties, poles and bark, to an extent previously impossible.

The report shows that 21 per cent of the total area is in growing forest. This is out of a total forest area which covers 85 per cent of the county. Poplar is forming the new growth in the coves. Oak, chestnut, white pines and hickory are found on the slopes and ridges. Forty per cent of the hard wood trees are found on the mountain slopes and 15 per cent in the coves. Eight per cent of the county's timber is composed of hemlock, 2 per cent is

to the classification by per cent types. The classification according to principal species shows the following percentages: poplar 15, oak 40, chestnut 20, pine 2, hemlock 10, maple 3, linn 2, birch 3, hickory 3, black walnut 2.

The greatest percentage of the county's output of timber products is for pulpwood, amounting to 32 per cent of the total. Thirty per cent of the cut put is lumber, 15 per cent ties, 10 per cent poles, 10 per cent fire wood, 2 per cent veneers.

About 40 per cent of the county, including the Nantahala National forest area, is owned in tracts of 1,000 acres or more. These are divided into seven tracts. The remainder of the county is comprised of smaller areas. The value of the forest lands is estimated at \$500 an acre. The value of the standing timber on these lands is estimated at \$1200 an acre. With the exception of the center of the county, the forest land is distributed over all other parts.

At present 10 sawmills are being operated in the county, the largest of which is the Ritter Lumber company at Rainbow Springs in the Nantahala section. At the present rate the Ritter mill is consuming timber, 80,000,000 feet of lumber will have been cut in 10 years. The per cent of the total amount of timber which is used in this county is 20. Forty per cent is used in the state, and 40 per cent outside the state.

Chestnut blight has spread through the forest in recent years, and it is estimated that within 10 or 15 years there will be no more chestnut trees here. An immense amount of acidwood is available from the diseased chestnuts, a steady increase in the market having been shown in the last seven or eight years. The blight renders the timber unfit for poles or saw timber. Forest officials are encouraging the removal of chestnut as rapidly as it can be absorbed by the market. What farmers want is not so much an increase in price as a steady market.

Birthday Dinner

Last Sunday Mrs. J. H. Higdon celebrated her 81st birthday at the old Higdon home on Ellijay. Approximately 100 members of the family and a few friends enjoyed the occasion to the fullest possible extent. As late as Monday afternoon Mr. W. L. Higdon of Franklin was still talking about the good things he had to eat at the celebration. It is reported that uncle Brag Higdon was there in all his glory and rejoicing that the occasion fell on Sunday so that there was no corn to hoe on that day. The many friends of Mrs. Higdon wish her many more birthdays.

West Passes Examination

Dr. J. W. West has been notified by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners that he has successfully passed the examination required for members of the dental profession.

BUYS HIGHLANDS TEL. EXCHANGE

Western Carolina Telephone Company Acquires Another Property — Owns Exchange in Five Towns.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Western Carolina Telephone company a committee consisting of D. G. Stewart, general manager, W. B. McGuire, president, and T. J. Johnston, attorney for the company, was appointed to negotiate the purchase of the Highlands exchange. This committee made a trip to Highlands last week and succeeded in purchasing the Highlands Telephone company. The town of Highlands also granted the purchasing company a franchise. The purchase price also included the rights of the Highlands company in the line from that town to Dillard, Ga., which line is principally owned by the forestry service.

The Western Carolina Telephone company will make extensive improvements in the system at Highlands. These improvements will include a toll line to Cashiers to connect with the line already owned by the local company and running from Cashiers to Sylva. The announcement of the purchase of the Highlands exchange states that both Franklin and Highlands will benefit by the transaction by reason of lower toll rates between the two towns. In addition to the recently acquired property at Highlands the local company now owns the exchanges at Clayton, Ga., Franklin, Bryson City,

Cashiers. It is also understood that the Western Carolina Telephone company is considering the advisability of building an exchange at Robbinsville.

Since this company purchased the Franklin exchange four years ago its growth has been rapid, especially at Franklin. For the past several days workmen have been busy here extending the cable system and stringing new lines of various parts of town.

Collision

An automobile driven by Elizabeth Cunningham collided last Sunday on Main street with the taxi driven by Theo Kiser. Mr. Kiser's automobile was struck broadside and knocked into a telephone pole, resulting in considerable damage to his machine. It was necessary to send the automobile to Asheville for repairs. The car driven by Miss Cunningham was not damaged. No one was hurt.

BREAK GROUND FOR BUILDING

W. L. Higdon and J. A. Porter Erecting New Business Structure on Main Street in Heart of Town.

Monday morning W. L. Higdon and J. A. Porter started grading work on a new business building to be erected on Main street just west of the Citizens Bank. The new structure will be 24x85 feet and two stories high. Concrete, tile and brick will be the materials used in the construction work. Under the building provision has been made for a basement the same size as the building itself. No announcement has been made as to the use of the structure after completion. However, Mr. Higdon states that he has already had several applications to rent both stories of the building and consequently anticipates no trouble from the rental viewpoint. As necessity for more buildings arises in Franklin Mr. Higdon and Mr. Porter contemplate the erection of another handsome building on the corner of the same lot adjacent to the square. Still later they plan to remove the residence now on the lot and put up two more buildings between the corner and the structure now under course of erection.

Aged Negress Dies

Caroline Hackett, aged Negro woman who remembered slavery days, died at the home of her son-in-law,

Old age was the cause to which her death was attributed. Her youngest daughter, Mrs. Matt Ray, is 66 years old, and states that her mother was between 95 and 100 years old, the probability being that she was 98.

Caroline had five children before the opening of the Civil War. Of the six children to whom she gave four are now living. They are Eliza Cleaveland of Cleveland, Ga., Rose Henry, Lowden, Tenn., Grace Huckabee, Atlanta, Ga., Nannie Ray, of Franklin.

The aged negress was born in the vicinity of Charleston, S. C. Later she was taken to Georgia. For a time preceding the Civil War she belonged to Bill Hackett of Clarksville, Ga. After the slaves were freed, Caroline came to Clayton, and then on into North Carolina. She had lived at Franklin for about 35 years.

Funeral services were held at the Zion Methodist church on Monday afternoon.

WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR PLANT

Town Will Receive Bids for Sale of Power Plant on August 14th Subject to Vote of the Tax Payers.

At a call meeting of the town board on July 28 a resolution was passed to consider bids or propositions to sell the municipally owned power plant on the Little Tennessee river three miles below town. The resolution stated that the bidders must furnish security to protect the town in the event of failure to carry out contract. In the event of a sale the purchaser would be required to carry out all contracts the town has with users of current.

At various times during the past few weeks prospective buyers have visited Franklin and inspected the plant and power lines.

NEWS ITEMS OF HIGHLANDS, N. C.

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

A delightful social event of last week was a lovely party given on

Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. E. R. Gilbert, announcing the engagement of their daughter Miss Margaret Gilbert to Mr. Tudor Hall of Highlands.

The guests were graciously welcomed by Mrs. Gilbert and conducted to the dining room where delicious punch was served from a beautifully appointed table by Mrs. J. M. Bruner, of Westminster, S. C. Pink Dahlias and rhododendron were effectively used in decorating the dining room.

The guests were invited into the dining room by Miss Gilbert. Here the decoration was an artistic arrangement of red dahlias and rhododendron. Mrs. S. F. Reeder of Westminster, S. C. entertained the guests with several piano selections. This was interrupted by a messenger bringing a telegram for Miss Caroline Hall which read—

"Gilbert and Hall
For you will call
To give your wishes true,
For the wedding bell
Will surely tell
The secret we have for you."

Signed, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Gilbert. After the excitement from this surprise had abated each friend was asked to write a recipe for a happy home. These proved to be interesting and helpful.

At this time Mrs. Gilbert assisted by Mrs. Bruner served delicious block cream with small cakes. On each plate was a tiny lighted candle which was used in a unique way to show when the friends of the bride-elect would marry. Each puff to extinguish the light when held at arms length was counted a year before wedding bells would ring again. When leaving, the guests signed the bride's book and also wrote a wish for her. The guests included about twenty-five young friends of Miss Gilbert, also Mrs. Meta Hall, Mrs. A. J. Anderson, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Jr., little Mattie Angela Anderson, Mrs. Roy Potts and little Margaret Ann Potts, Mrs. J. M. Bruner and Mrs. S. F. Reeder.

On Tuesday afternoon the Community Club gave a benefit bridge party at the home of Mrs. A. B. Michael, which netted the club quite a sum toward their club house fund. Mrs. Michael served ice cream and cake. The prize was won by Miss Michael.

The Community Club held their bazaar at King's Inn on Saturday. The bazaar was well patronized and most of the articles on sale disposed of. The children's grab bag proved quite an attraction for the children. Mrs. Legg and daughter, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. S. T. Marrett, for several weeks, have returned to New Orleans.

Dr. McCarty of Augusta, Ga. will hold services in the Presbyterian church during the month of August.

Register Popular Office

There are now five candidates in the field for Register of Deeds. The latest two to announce are George Mallonee and J. M. Brabson.

Business Boosting Bulletin

A Business Boosting Bulletin for Promoting Local Business Interests

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Let This "Go-Getter" Go Get the Business For You

The catalog is the "go-getter" of the mail-order houses—a folio of over 1600 advertising bulletins in book form giving complete and interesting information regarding everything in merchandise.

The "go-getter" of the mail-order house is a high-priced order-getter but it gets the orders. It goes into every farm home in your territory regularly and talks to all members of the family.

It tells them of the wonderful merchandise values and why they should buy by mail. It shows beautiful illustrations or sketches of most every item, and should the mother or daughter wish to see samples of piece goods, they are furnished all neatly "pinked" at the edges and stapled on cards with full and complete descriptions of the goods.

This "go-getter" goes into every home whether that of a prosperous farmer or a poor renter. A one cent post card brings the "go-getter" to any family ready to sell them anything and everything.

This "go-getter" costs the mail-order house about three dollars a year for each family visited regularly.

The local merchant can use a "go-getter" that will go get the business for him in his community. This "go-getter" will work for the home merchant faithfully every minute of the day. It will take the business right away from the "go-getter" of the mail-order house at an expense of only a fraction of what it costs the mail-order house to keep their "go-getter" at work in that community.

In addition to telling the home folks about the new merchandise offerings, it tells them about the prompt and personal service they receive, and also extends a very cordial invitation to visit the store to see and inspect the new merchandise which arrives daily.

This "go-getter" calls every day or week at each home in that community. It presents the latest store-news regularly which the home folks watch for and read with interest.

It brings the people into the store when other merchandise can be seen and examined. It gets them in the habit of visiting the store often and they soon become permanent customers.

This "go-getter" is simply interesting advertising bulletins presented regularly to the people of your community through the home newspaper.

Let This "Go-Getter" Go Get the Business For You