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## BIG MICA PLANT TO OPEN SOON

### Process of Wet Grinding Perfected and Patented—Will Make Available New Uses for Ground Mica.

Within 50 days one of the biggest mica grinding plants in the South will be in operation on the railroad just above the station at Franklin. This plant has been built by the Franklin Mineral Products company under the supervision of John Davenport as general manager. Mr. Davenport came to Franklin two or three years ago and opened an old mica mine on Cowee creek and built a large plant there which has been in operation for some time for the separation of Mica and kaolin. The mica mined consisted mostly of scrap mica which has been shipped and sold to grinding plants elsewhere. Soon after the plant at the mine was completed Mr. Davenport began a series of experiments here and elsewhere to develop a process of water grinding mica which would be useful in the special field of foundry work. These experiments have resulted in perfecting a process that is ideally suited to foundry facings and other foundry uses. The process has been patented and developed to the extent of producing mica 200 mesh or finer. Mr. Davenport states that foundry facings are made of 75 per cent of water ground mica and 25 per cent amor-

Mica when ground by the new process patented by Mr. Davenport prevents the passage of moisture when applied to facings made in foundries. It also prevents molten iron from passing through into molding sand. The new process, states Mr. Davenport, differs from other water grindings in four respects, namely: Grinding, classification, drying and grading. An entirely new method for grinding the mica has been perfected. The flotation process is used in classifying the ground product while the bulk of the grading is done in the same manner. After the mica is steam dried bolting silk is used in checking the grades and in further grading if necessary. Mr. Davenport spent 18 months in perfecting the novel process with the object in view of getting the mica absolutely clear of foreign substances, such as sand, and to make the mica light as possible. A cubic foot of mica when treated in the manner stated will weigh only nine or ten pounds. This lightness gives best possible spread when applied to surfaces.

Mr. Davenport who is a mining engineer with degrees from the Colorado School of Mines and Harvard, states that at present there is an over-abundance of both dry and wet mica grinding plants in the United States. Consequently ordinary methods it would not have been worth while to build a plant of this kind at Franklin. However, he contends that his new process will make available further uses of mica in this country. Mica treated by the new process is expected to come into competition with flake graphite from India and Ceylon crystalline graphite.

Mr. Davenport states that the mica found in Macon county is ideal for the new uses which his patented process will make available.

The plant at Franklin is a large one and is intended as only one unit in a series of four. The unit soon to be put in operation consists of a warehouse and a boiler room 187x30 feet, grading room 100x30 feet, drying plant 50x20 feet, classification room two stories in height and 100x30 feet, grinding room 40x30 feet and receiving room for raw material 40x20 feet. The buildings are all connected and made in the shape of a T. Solid refuse will be dumped on low ground between the river and the plant. A pump capable of pumping 250 gallons per minute will be placed in the river as a source of the large water supply that will be necessary to run the plant. The plant at the mine cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 and the one unit of the plant at Franklin now nearing completion will require an expenditure of the same amount. Mr. Davenport's mine is now producing 250 tons of scrap mica per month. In addition to this amount he expects to buy mica from small scrap mines located in various parts of the county.

### King-Ledford

Miss Essie King of Andrews and David C. Ledford of Cartoogechaye were married August 3rd.

## FORD NOW HAS FINANCE PLAN

### J. S. Conley Gets Details of New Finance Plan of Ford Motor Co.

Mr. J. S. Conley of the Joins Motor & Tractor company, local Ford dealers, returned yesterday from Atlanta where he received details of the new Ford finance plan.

The new finance plan will be operated by the Universal Credit company, an affiliated specialized organization controlled by the Ford Motor company and operating solely for the purpose of financing Ford products on a "time" basis. The branch office serving this territory is located at Atlanta, on the sixth floor, 101 Marietta Street Building, Atlanta.

This is of special interest to prospective purchasers of Ford products on a "time" basis. Under this authorized finance plan, Ford customers will have a finance service available which is sound and in keeping with Ford policies and standards. The plan is nation-wide in scope and for the exclusive use of Ford dealers.

It is another step of the Ford organization in reducing costs by controlling operations from the mine to the consumer. The cost of this service will be lower than any heretofore available to Ford customers on a national basis, and automatically reduces the price of Ford cars purchased on a "time" payment basis. It is a further expression of the established Ford policy of giving outstanding values and complete service to the customer at the lowest possible cost.

The plan also contemplates the purchase by Universal Credit company of sound and adequate fire and theft insurance, protecting the joint interests of the purchaser, the dealer and the company in the car.

The purchaser receives a policy of standard form insurance providing protection for one year. Such policies are issued by the Home Insurance company of New York, the largest fire insurance company in the United States. The policies provide for settlement based on the actual cash value of the car at time of loss.

## GOOD FOOTBALL TEAM THIS YEAR

### Franklin Hi Has Much Good Material—Boys Taking Great Interest in Team

The Franklin High school term begins Monday, September 3.

The call of the Gridiron rings in the ears of every boy that feels that he is old enough and has reached the hundred-pound mark and upward.

At the beginning of last school term football was little thought of in the Town of Franklin, and in fact several Western North Carolina towns had not started the rough and tumble game. The players of Franklin football team last year as a whole were beginners, but they put out an extra effort to convince the people that attended the games that they really could play football and under the good coaching of Coach Kesler and by the aid of three or four other men, namely: Prof. G. L. Houk, County Agent Lyles Harris, Dick Jones and Gilmer Crawford.

There were not many boys out at the beginning of last season because Franklin High had never had a football team, and many of the boys that would have made excellent players had they come out and been interested in the game, but this season there are much brighter hopes because those boys just named have been encouraged during the successful season last year. This year these stalwart boys are coming out and "plunge" the old line and carry the ball over the goal line for Franklin High.

The business men and other outsiders encouraged us last year by helping us buy our equipment and we, in return, tried to show them that we appreciated it by playing the game hard.

This year we want plenty of boys out for daily practice and encouragement from the outsiders as well as from the school. Give us these things and watch Franklin High come through with an even more successful season than last year.

## Box Supper at Skeenah School House Sept. 15

There will be a box supper at the Skeenah school house Saturday night, September 15th. Everybody invited.

## LOWER RATES IF PLANT IS SOLD

### Citizens of Franklin to Save Around \$400 Per Year Current If Voters Approve Sale.

A call at the office of C. T. Blaine indicates that the voters of Franklin are not registering as quickly as had been anticipated. It will be recalled that the contract with the Jupollo Public Service corporation calls for a reduction in lighting rates from twelve to ten cents. The power, pumping and commercial rates are also to be reduced. It is estimated that these reductions will save the citizens of Franklin between three hundred and four hundred dollars per year. As the date for the election gets nearer Mr. Blaine states that he expects a great increase in the number of those registering. In this connection the city attorney again announces that a majority of the registered voters and not a majority of those voting will be necessary to carry the election. Any man or woman who registers and then remains away from the polls will, in effect, be a vote against the sale of the plant.

A letter from Mr. Mead dated at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 30, states that he has three or four companies interested in locating at Franklin and that one of these companies with headquarters in Philadelphia will have

the next week or two. Some optimists in Franklin fear that those who have suitable industrial sites will demand unreasonable prices for their property and thus drive prospective investors to other towns. Others who have lived here for a number of years seem to think that Franklin's previous experiences along this line will hold down the prices of industrial sites to reasonable figures. In this connection it will be remembered that one big enterprise some years ago was absolutely driven away from Franklin because of the outrageous price demanded for a suitable site.

## NEW EQUIPMENT IN REPAIR SHOP

### Perry-Jones Chevrolet Installs Complete New Equipment Said to be 98 Per Cent Efficient.

An expert from the Chevrolet Motor company spent all last week in Franklin installing new equipment in the repair shop of the Perry-Jones Chevrolet company. The shop has been completely rearranged and now presents a business like appearance. An overhead trolley for the handling of motors will be installed in a few days as part of the equipment. New tools of all kinds are now in use. Chas. Perry states that his shop is now prepared to do any kind of repair job in the minimum of time.

## W. O. W. Play

The local lodge of the Woodmen of the World will stage a play, "The Ranchman," at the auditorium of the school house at 8 p. m. September 7th. They have presented this play at several places in the county during the past few weeks and large crowds have attended. From all accounts it's a wow. The funds derived from the play will be used for a good purpose. The admission charge is 15 and 25.

J. W. Street with his trusty six-gun with which he is said to have killed several Indians on the plains of the West takes the part of The Ranchman. R. C. Gabriels who plays the part of Jim Buckley, foreman of the ranch, becomes exceedingly restless on mornings when no rustlers show up to be killed before breakfast. Others who take part in the play are: Mrs. R. C. Gabriels, the Ranchman's daughter; Ben Caruthers, owner of Burside Ranch; John W. Edwards; Mrs. Stevens, of New York; Nellie Maude Womack; Archie Stevens, her son; Paul Womack; Nan James, cousin of Mary Weston; Fannie Kate Womack; Long Shot Burt, the sheriff; E. F. Anderson; Shorty Stubbs; foreman Burside; Ralph Parrish; Jennie Lawrence, shorty's sweetheart; Elizabeth Womack; Biff Walker, a cowboy; Selman Street; Sykes, the saloon keeper; Fred Kimsey; Pete, the negro servant; Ralph Penland.

## GRAY APPEALS FOR AID FOR R. R.

### States Danger of Losing Road—Agents Requested to Work for Business

"All Employees:

"The present outlook for the Tallulah Falls Railway is not encouraging. General business conditions in the entire territory from which the railway derives its support are not satisfactory.

"Continued operation of this railway is vitally important to the public which it serves. Its enforced abandonment, on account of insufficient traffic, would be a real calamity to our mountain section.

"We feel assured that you are personally interested in the continued successful operation of the Tallulah Falls Railway. We desire that you manifest this interest by actively soliciting business for it—freight, passenger and express business. Convince your merchants that the perpetuation of the railway is indispensable to them. If operation is continued, sufficient transportation must be sold to pay operating costs. Transportation is all the railway has to sell—all it can sell.

"Help by keeping down costs. You can do this in many ways. Avoid waste. Examine carefully each item of material removed from track, trestles and equipment to see if it cannot be used again. If you have any suggestions of any kind, please offer

ideas. Tell us what you have been able to do or can do toward keeping this railway going.

"Kindly consider this letter as a personal appeal. Take the matter home to yourself. Give it serious thought. Let us hear from you. J. F. GRAY, Receiver."

## SCHOOLS OPEN WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT

The Macon county high school and the Franklin graded school opened here Monday with an enrollment of 310 in the high school and 302 in the graded school. The enrollment is not yet complete and quite a number of additional students are expected to enroll within the next few days. This is one of the largest enrollments in the history of the schools of this town. For the past few years the growth of both schools has been remarkable. It is believed that no other town of Franklin's size in the western part of the state can boast of such a large number of students in its high school.

Last Friday 79 pupils from the country schools took the examination to enter the Macon county high school. Of this number 29 passed the test. The names of those who were successful follow:

Mary Duvall, John Aiken, Grace Berry, Gusta Owenby, Douglas Randolph, Sylva Byrd, Ruby Corbin, Emma Jane Sanders, Harry Cunningham, Elmer Childers, Ruby Blaine, Emma Justice, Bessie Ashe, Helen Mason, Virginia Roane, Parly Kanaday, Elwood Cabe, Carlos Rogers, Gerard Henson, Robert Sanders, Pauline Green, Ethel Mason, Robert Morgan, Fred McConnell, Garth Cunningham, George Stewart, Elzie Cochran, Elda Ledford, Carey Cabe.

## Martin Acquitted

A jury in superior court last week acquitted W. P. Martin who was charged with killing his son-in-law, Marshal Lancy, a few weeks ago. Martin claimed self-defense. The killing was the result of a family row in which Lancy was said to have been drunk. The scene of the slaying was on Burningtown.

## MRS. KINGSBERRY RETURNS HOME

Mrs. E. C. Kingsberry and her daughter, Miss Emily, left Tuesday for their home in Atlanta. Mrs. Kingsberry's mother, Mrs. Coleman, who has been visiting her daughter for a week or two also returned with Mrs. Kingsberry. They made the trip with Mr. Kingsberry who spent the week end at Brush creek camp. Miss Emily will leave shortly for Yale University to study playwriting. She is quite talented in this respect, having won two prizes for the best plays at Agnes Scott last year.

## GREAT TRAGEDY AT FRANKLIN

### Jesse Oliver Induces Small Son to Pull Trigger That Ends Father's Life—Oliver Highly Respected.

Probably the greatest tragedy in the history of the county occurred here last Sunday morning when a small son of Jesse Oliver was persuaded to pull the trigger of a shot gun that ended Oliver's life. For the past several years Oliver was foreman of the Western Electric shops at Franklin. His services ended with this company a few months ago when the shops were removed to Chicago, Ill. A short time after losing his position with the Western Electric company the deceased was stricken with paralysis and up until the time of his death had been unable to support his family consisting of wife and seven children. Mr. Oliver was known to have brooded considerably over his helpless condition and Sunday morning he placed a shot gun against his temple. Being paralyzed and consequently unable to pull the trigger he asked his small son to do so "to see if the gun was in working order." The lad, never dreaming that the gun was loaded, complied with his father's request. The shot resulted in instant death. The boy, since the fatal occurrence, has been inconsolable. Since Oliver gave the best years of his life to the community,

organization will give the needy family a pension. A movement with this end in view is now on foot among the many friends of the deceased. Oliver's record with the Western Electric company was an excellent one in every respect. He was an honest, hardworking man and was highly honored and respected by hundreds of friends throughout the county.

The remains were interred at Iotla cemetery Tuesday with honors of the Junior Order. Rev. A. S. Solesbee preached the funeral oration being assisted by Dr. Lee of the Franklin Baptist church. A wilderness of flowers testified to the love of hundreds of friends and acquaintances.

The deceased is survived by his widow and the following named children: Ethel May, James Henry, Helen Amelia, Frances Elizabeth, D. T., Virginia Valentine, and Mattie Will.

## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD PRIMARY

### Many Candidates for Commissioner and Register of Deeds—Two for Sheriff, Two for Representative.

After a wrangle lasting several months the Democratic party has decided to hold a primary on September 8th. C. L. Ingram and A. B. Slagle are in the race for sheriff, J. A. Porter and Dr. W. A. Rogers for representative, while the following named candidates will run for register of deeds: J. M. Brabson, H. J. Hurst, W. G. Mallonee, Jim Raby and Albert Ramsey. For county commissioner the following named citizens have announced: W. D. Barnard, Roy Dryman, J. A. Parrish, E. O. Rickman, Milford Russell, Arthur Walldrop, John Thomas, John H. Dalton, J. O. Harrison.

According to reports on the streets of Franklin many Democrats are expected to vote in the Democratic primary to place in nomination men who can be most easily defeated by Republican nominees in the general election in November.

The names of C. W. Dowdle and Lawrence Ramsey appear on the ticket as members of the county board of education.

## Mann Appointed Full-Time Warden

According to news dispatches from Raleigh J. J. Mann has been appointed full-time game warden of Macon county. Mr. Mann is also fire warden. In support of fire protection in the forests the county appropriates \$400 per year. Since this appropriation has been in effect it is estimated that the fire organization in Macon county has saved practically 20 times its cost.