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## STEWARDS ARE ENTERTAINED

### Pastor of Local Methodist Church and Mrs. Mock Serve the Stewards With Chicken Supper.

Wednesday night of last week Rev. R. F. Mock and Mrs. Mock entertained the stewards of the local Methodist church at a chicken supper served at the parsonage. Plates were laid for eighteen. Hens that had been laying for this occasion were themselves laid upon the table to the delight of the stewards, especially to that of J. W. Street, who returned to The Press office Thursday morning looking more satisfied than had been the case in several months.

After the supper was served the stewards held a business meeting at which reports of the committees were received incident to closing the business matters of the church for the conference year. According to the reports rendered the financial condition of the church is in much better shape than at the same time last year.

The pastor and Mrs. Mock have been at Franklin for a year and during that time have made a host of friends in Franklin and surrounding community among all denominations. That the pastor's services here have been entirely satisfactory was indicated by a unanimous vote of the stewards when they passed a resolution requesting the conference that meet at Charlotte this week to re-

doubt the entire membership of the church would vote as unanimously on the same resolution.

## HAYESVILLE WINS FRANKLIN CUP

### Men's Bible Classes of Four Towns Have Meeting at Patterson Springs

On April 15 the men's Bible classes of the Methodists churches of Franklin, Hayesville, Murphy and Bryson City held a meeting at Bryson City with the object in view of increasing the membership of the classes and of obtaining a higher percentage of attendance. At this meeting the Franklin class offered a silver loving cup to the class that made the best record for the succeeding six months. Last Sunday the classes again met at Patterson Springs on Highway No. 10 between Bryson City and Topton. At this meeting a check of the records of the classes showed that Hayesville had won the cup by a big percentage over the other contending classes. In April the Hayesville Bible class had a membership of only eight. During the last six months this attendance showed an average of 25.36. Rev. R. F. Mock of Franklin delivered the cup to the Hayesville class in a speech in which he praised the efforts of the classes concerned. Hayesville will keep the cup for the next six months at which time another meeting will be held to determine the winner.

The meeting at Patterson Springs last Sunday was well attended and a picnic dinner was served.

## LOCK PLEASED WITH FRANKLIN

Mr. E. E. Lock who recently leased the Scott Griffin hotel for five years reports that all his rooms have been occupied since assuming charge of the hotel on October 15. Mr. Lock states that both he and his mother, Mrs. Grace Lock, who is associated with him in the management of the hotel, are delighted with Franklin. In moving from Waynesville Mr. Lock brought much hotel equipment with him. He expects that work on remodeling the office of the hotel will begin within two weeks. One of the improvements to be made is a change in the location of the stairway. Mr. Lock is also contemplating moving the dining room to the ground floor where meals can be served from a dumb waiter connecting with the kitchen on the second floor.

The Missionary Society of the Baptist church held its last meeting with Mrs. W. C. Kinney. There were fourteen present and all reported a good meeting. Cake and coffee were served as refreshments after the business meeting was concluded.

## COMPANY HAS RAPID GROWTH

### Public Utilities Corporation, Dealing Only in Small Town Properties and Rural Electrification Makes Remarkable Progress.

The citizens of Franklin will be interested to know that the Public Utilities Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, which owns the Jupollo Public Service company and many other similar companies, is making rapid progress in its special field of endeavor, that is, small town hydro-electric properties and rural electrification. The Public Utilities corporation was organized only a few years ago and, according to recently published figures, now owns properties worth more than nine millions of dollars. These properties are located mainly in the states of Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. The corporation now has a gross income of more than \$2,000,000 annually. The corporation serves electricity to more than 10,000 customers and also has more than 11,000 telephone subscribers on its telephone directories in various towns. The total population served is in excess of a quarter of a million. Such is the information received here recently in reports published at the home office in Cleveland. Before entering into a contract with the Jupollo Service company to sell the power plant the town officials of Franklin made a thorough investigation of the financial and moral

condition of the company. This investigation disclosed the fact that this corporation has ample financial backing and that its rapid growth has been due largely to its policy of dealing fairly and honorably with the public.

In a recent conversation Mr. Mead spoke enthusiastically of the possibilities of development in Western North Carolina, not only from the industrial standpoint, but from the recreational standpoint as well.

## The South Rich In Natural Resources

Ninety-nine per cent of the nation's bauxite, from which aluminum is made, and the same proportion of four other minerals are produced in the South

In a recent address before the Southeast Shippers' Advisory Board at Biloxi, Mississippi, Mar. P. E. O'Dell, vice-president and general manager of the Gulf, Mobile and Northern Railway, proposed a plan by which the South could acquaint Southern people with its resources and industrial possibilities and then carry the message to the rest of the world.

In the current issue of Holland's, "The Magazine of the South," Arthur Coleman discusses the value of organized effort in the South's recovery from the Civil War, and its industrial growth since that time. He also points out some of the resources and how they have been developed until today the South produces ninety-nine per cent of the nation's cotton, sulphur, phosphate, carbon black, graphite and bauxite; ninety-three per cent of its asphalt and two-thirds of its petroleum; until today they hold in their hands more than a fifth of the nation's wealth, a sixth of its manufactured products and a half of its cotton manufactured products.

Sixty-three years. Only a fourth of the South's age. And yet in that fourth it has labored and built and regained more than half the power that it held at the end of the first three-fourths; until, in 1927, with an estimated population of only 40,175,000, it produced 176.6 per cent more cotton products value, 81.1 per cent more mineral products value and made 681.8 per cent more highway expenditures than did the entire United States, with 75,994,000 population and practically all the country's wealth in 1900.

It is a dazing, amazing, Aladdinlike narrative, this story of the New South. It is almost incomprehensible that a people could surge upward from the very pits of despair and ruin and, in one lifetime, center the attention of a nation on themselves; make such gigantic strides in manufacturing and other development as to attract the interest and capitals of a nation to whom big business is an open book; and still stand forth in the security of the knowledge that the resources of the New South are but partially explored, little known, fractionally developed—a people and a land with all the charm of tradition and blood and

## STOCKHOLDERS OF TEL. CO. MEET

### Old Board of Directors Re-elected—Report of General Manager Shows Company in Good Condition.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Western Carolina Telephone company took place here Thursday of last week in the offices of the company. The old board of directors, consisting of W. B. McGuire, Dr. W. A. Rogers, T. J. Johnston, Dr. J. H. Smathers, M. B. Spear, H. L. Jones, D. G. Stewart, C. J. Harris and A. Maupin, were re-elected without a dissenting vote. The annual report of the general manager, D. G. Stewart, showed that the total assets of the company are now \$74,384.88. The company now owns five exchanges located at Franklin, Clayton, Ga., Highlands, Bryson City and Sylva. Also several toll lines connecting these towns and one extending from Sylva to High Hampton. The number of telephones in operation is 672 and the average monthly rental from each telephone, including the tolls, amount to \$4.08.

During the past year the exchanges at Clayton and Bryson City have been entirely rebuilt, the same having been done at Franklin previously. The exchange at Sylva is now in the course of reconstruction, Mr. Stewart reported, and work on the Highlands exchange is expected to start in the near future.

excellent condition and, according to the directors, the company will then be in a position to declare dividends. Since the organization of the company here three years ago the entire revenue has been devoted to improvements and extensions. Mr. Spear who has charge of the Southern Bell in the two Carolinas, stated to the stockholders that the local company is now earning much more per telephone than any other independent company in his territory.

The Southern Bell owns 25 per cent of the stock of the local company and has two men on the board of directors.

## VISITORS HERE TO SEE PLANT

### Willhoit States Great Progress is Now Being Made in Methods of Handling Clay and Mica.

Mr. Chas. Botsford, of New York and London; S. J. Mulvaney, formerly with the Southern Railway; H. H. Willhoit, Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway with headquarters in Washington, and Mr. John N. Shoolbred, civil engineer of Waynesville, visited Franklin Tuesday of this week to inspect the newly completed plant of the Franklin Mineral Products company, Mr. John Davenport, general manager. The gentlemen mentioned had seen news dispatches of the plant in question and had journeyed to Franklin to inspect the plant. They were particularly interested in the new process for grinding mica invented and developed by Mr. Davenport. Mr. Willhoit states that new methods of handling clay and mica are being put into operation at other Southern fields. These methods are saving all the mica that formerly was lost in separating the clay from the mica. It is understood that the visitors were delighted with Franklin's new plant recently constructed by Mr. Davenport. They expressed their intention of returning to Franklin in the near future.

## Comes to Scott Griffin

Miss Emily Alecock of Waltham, Mass. has accepted a position at the Scott Griffin. Miss Alecock is a cousin of Mr. E. E. Lock and before coming to Franklin was a stenographer in the office of city treasurer at Newton, Mass. It is understood that Miss Alecock has come to Franklin with the intention of making this delightful little city her future home. The Press joins with the town in extending her a cordial welcome.

breeding of the old, now fresh and vibrant with the vigor and courage of the new.

## 9,000,000 HOMES WIRED IN 7 YEARS

### Electric Service In United States Has Tremendous Growth

In these days, when even the most modest cottage in any community is wired for electricity, it is difficult to realize that to more than a third of the people of the United States electric lights in the home are almost as new as the radio. Within the short span of seven years 9,000,000 homes—the hearthstone of nearly 40,000,000 people—have, for the first time commenced to enjoy electric service. During the year 1927 alone more than 1,250,000 homes were added to the rapidly growing list of customers for what is no longer a luxury but is looked upon as an absolute necessity.

Speaking chronologically the light and power industry itself is but little more than a youth, while electricity for domestic purposes is but a lusty, squalling infant. Although extension of service has been rapid those in the business foresee enormous possibilities in the larger home use of electrical energy. Over 62 per cent of our people now live in electrically wired homes and in 1927 household consumption increased 15 per cent as against an increase of 11 per cent in factories.

Much of this increase in consumption is due to a rapid increase in the use of household appliances and labor saving devices, new household uses such as electric refrigeration, radio and home movies have been developed and generally adopted. Builders are no longer wiring houses for

electric copper wires and more outlets in all parts of the house from basement to the attic.

Electric refrigeration, keeping the food supply at a constant and even temperature, has cut down much of the waste of the old-fashioned ice box. The electric sewing machine is restoring the art of dress-making in the home of its former high estate. The vacuum cleaner actually removes the dirt instead of distributing it around the room. There are electric dish and clothes washers, ice cream freezers, stoves, bath room appliances and a score of other devices which are in use today in literally millions of homes.

Twenty-five years ago it was thought that the incandescent lamp with the carbon filament was the last word in lighting. Today we have the Mazda lamp giving 40 times the light for the same cost. Instead of a single lamp or simple lamp clusters we have portable lamps everywhere in the house and lighting has become as much a part of interior decorating as draperies or the pictures on the walls.

Americans use almost as much electricity as the rest of the world combined. In the past fifteen years the population of the United States has increased 24 per cent while the proportion of that population living in electrically wired homes has increased 520 per cent. The electricity generated has increased 626 per cent while the total number of customers has increased 465 per cent.—Public Service.

## Special Services at Presbyterian Church

Beginning Sunday, October 28 and continuing through Sunday, November 4, a series of services will be held at the Franklin Presbyterian church. Rev. Vernon A. Crawford, pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian church, will conduct these services. There will be two services each day, the morning service at 10:30 and the evening service at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend these services.

## Mead Reports Progress On Lake Emory Development

### Preliminary Investigations and Details Require Time Announcement in Few Weeks of Form Development Will Take.

In a communication received here recently from R. M. Mead, president of the Jupollo Public Service company, he states that satisfactory progress is now being made on preliminary investigations and details relative to the Lake Emory development. Mr. Mead says that a development of this magnitude requires much time and much preliminary work. It is

## A & P COMES TO FRANKLIN

### Franklin Makes 41st Store West of Blue Ridge In State—Leased Store Room In New P. O. Building.

A. G. Walker, assistant superintendent of the A & P Tea company, with headquarters at Asheville, was here Tuesday and announced the opening within a few days of an A & P store at Franklin. This company has leased a store room in the new post office building. The store at Franklin makes the forty-first store of this company to be established in this state west of the Blue Ridge.

This week the A & P Tea company is celebrating its 69th year as an organization.

Mr. Walker announced that Mr. Ralph Ensley, now at Bryson City, will be the manager of the store here. Mr. Walker also announced that Mr. T. J. Johnston, Jr., has accepted a position with the store at Franklin.

## WEAVER SPEAKS AT COURTHOUSE

### Stands For 18th Amendment and Al Smith—Makes Plea For Support of County, State and National Democratic Tickets.

States constitution that would repeal or change in any way the eighteenth amendment banning liquor from this country will be opposed by Congressman Zebulon Weaver, of the tenth North Carolina district, he told a large audience here Wednesday night at the court house when he addressed Macon county citizens in behalf of his candidacy for reelection from the tenth district which he has served faithfully for many years and his auditors showed a keen interest in his remarks.

Mr. Weaver in discussing prohibition pointed out that the attitude of Governor Smith towards prohibition has been used as an argument against him for the presidency by some democrats and his discussion was in answer to this argument against the New York governor and a classification of his own views on the subject. "It seems to me that it should not be a difficult thing for any democrat to determine, but I find that some democrats are disturbed because of Governor Smith's views upon prohibition," said Mr. Weaver.

"I can understand this, for I myself am not in accord with Governor Smith's views on this question. But notwithstanding the attitude of Governor Smith upon the prohibition question there are other things to my mind which should control us in determining our suffrage. In the first place this election will not determine the prohibition question.

"As to whether the 18th amendment shall be repealed or modified or whether the Volstead act shall be modified or altered is a matter for the people themselves to determine through Congress. For in it alone under the constitution is reposed, the power of dealing with this question.

"As a member of the legislature of 1907, I was one of those who helped to make North Carolina dry and to submit to the state at large at the election of 1908 the question of whether the state should be wet or dry, at which time it voted more than

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