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FORD EMPLOYEES ENJOY BIG SUPPER

Employees of Joines Motor & Tractor Co. and Standard Oil Co. Have Oyster Supper in Show Room.

Once each week the officials and employees of the Joines Motor & Tractor company assemble to discuss the problems that confront the company in its dealings with the public. Occasionally these meetings take the form of a supper. Monday night approximately fifteen employees and their wives assembled at the show room of the company for an oyster supper. Wade Reece and Jack Stribling had arranged the supper. Jess Conley, general manager of the company acted as toastmaster. Several employees made talks while Jack Stribling made a regular speech. Jack propounded some business philosophy that was unique. It was his contention that when a man accepted employment with a concern he not only sold his physical self to the company, but his moral self as well. No man who is not morally fit is capable of giving the best service to an employer, said Jack. Jack went even further and stated that an employee not only sold himself but his family to the man who is paying the salary. Unless a man has the moral backing of his wife in his employment, that man is not able to render the best service. "If an employee can not command the respect of his family,"

he then stated that it had always been the policy of his organization to employ only men in whom the public had confidence.

During the supper excellent music was had over the radio. Bob Blaine turned the dial and seemed to be partial to the old time fiddlin' "break-downs."

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Conley and daughter, Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison and daughter, Dorothy Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. George Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Reece; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Noyes; Mr. and Mrs. Reid Cabe; Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Cunningham; Miss Myra Stribling; Thad Patton, Ralph Womack, Jack Stribling, Bob Blaine and the following named guests: J. W. Street and Major S. A. Harris.

PEOPLE PROTEST BUILDING JAIL

Paper Requesting Postponement of Building New Jail Circulates Over the Entire County.

A paper requesting that the erection of a new jail be postponed until the county's financial conditions will permit the building of a court house and jail combined is being circulated all over the county this week. According to reports reaching Franklin tax payers everywhere in the county are anxious to sign this paper. It seems to be the general opinion of the tax payers that the present jail can be repaired so as to meet the requirements of the state, at least for a few years. It is pointed out by those who oppose the building of a new jail at this time that the expenditure necessary for this purpose would be a total waste when the time comes to build a new court house. Local contractors and builders have inspected the old jail this week and are expected to render a report by next Monday as to whether the jail can be repaired and if so, what the cost will be.

Large Numbers See Fire Prevention Pictures

Over 3500 people attended the showings of the forest service traveling fire prevention project on the Nantahala district last month. The Nantahala Ranger district lies mainly in Macon county and overlaps into Clay, Swain and Jackson counties. Eighteen engagements were filled in the course of the tour. The attendance and interest shown is gratifying to local forest service men and inspires confidence that the fire prevention record in this section of the state will continue to be as good as it has been in the past two years.

Dr. Frank Smith, Pioneer In Drug Business, Sells Out



In Business Here 43 Years—Filled Nearly Half Million Prescriptions—Expresses Appreciation of Patronage.

According to an announcement made here today Dr. Frank T. Smith who has been actively engaged in the drug business in Franklin for the past 43 years has sold his drug store to Mr. Jim Perry, a native of Macon county. The retirement of Dr. Smith from active business marks the close of a singularly interesting career in the business life of the town. Sponsored and backed by the late Dr. J. M. Lyle and the present Dr. S. H. Lyle of Franklin, Dr. Smith opened a drug store here 43 years ago in a little frame building on Main street where J. T. Moore & company are now doing business in a concrete block. Later the drug store which is believed to have been the only in the state west of Waynesville at that time was moved into another store located on the corner of Main and Second streets. J. R. Pendergrass is now in the business. Soon after moving to this location Dr. Smith was appointed post office master at Franklin during Cleveland's administration. Thus the drug store was in the post office were in the same building. A few years later Dr. Smith again moved his business to the corner of Main and Second streets where he now occupies the building. Dr. Smith's business was moved again to a new location on Main street by J. T. Moore and building erected by J. T. Moore and Mr. Benbow, the latter now living at Winston-Salem. Dr. Smith's drug business at this location. Nearly two years ago he again moved to the corner of Main and Second streets. About the time of this last move Dr. Smith took a business partner his son-in-law, L. Scroggs. Dr. Scroggs will continue with the new owner as secretary.

During his forty-three years in the drug business Dr. Smith has grown until at the date of sale he had one of the largest drug businesses in the western part of the state. During that time, too, Dr. Smith acted as his own prescription druggist with the exception of short intervals when he employed help. Numerous filled prescriptions now on file in Smith's drug store indicate that he has filled between 400,000 and 500,000 prescriptions during his career as a druggist at Franklin.

The entire population of Franklin, while expressing regret that their beloved druggist is going out of business, have likewise expressed their appreciation of his services and extended to him congratulations on the success of his business. With the exception of E. K. Cunningham, Dr. Smith has been in business longer than any other man in Franklin. During this time he has seen the state make much

County Commissioners Met Here Monday

The board of county commissioners sang their swan song here Monday when they met to close up the affairs of the county preparatory to turning the county over to the new board of commissioners on the first Monday in December. The meeting Monday was an adjourned one from the previous Monday.

A Wedding?

The Press is in receipt of a communication telling of a wedding on Burningtown, but as no name was signed to the letter the names of the contracting parties are withheld.

progress from the standpoint of health. On entering business here the state did not require druggists to be licensed in towns having a population of less than five hundred. In 1897 this law was changed and required all druggists to procure licenses. In compliance with the new law Dr. Smith, Dr. C. A. Raysor of Asheville and Dr. W. H. Justus of Hendersonville took the required examination and all received licenses. For many years Dr. Raysor ran a drug store in Asheville, but is now retired while Dr. Justus is still in active business at Hendersonville.

Dr. Smith is the son of the late Dr. C. D. Smith, a noted Methodist minister and geologist. Dr. C. D. Smith was a member of the Holston conference and served as pastor in many towns in North Carolina and Virginia. On several occasions he was presiding elder. In 1901 Dr. Frank Smith married Miss Virginia Crawford of Franklin. To this union were born two children, Misses Margaret and Virginia. The former is now the wife of Dr. Fleet Scroggs while the latter is the supervisor of music in the schools of three central counties of North Carolina. Dr. Smith has served a number of times as master of the local Masonic lodge, has been a member of the local school board and has served on the town board on several occasions. He is also a member of the local lodge of the Methodist church. Dr. Smith who bought the building for twelve years ago, a graduate in Washington State was in the pharmacy at the Washington College at Pullman and drug business in the west for years. He married Miss E. Horn, daughter of the late A. W. Horn, Mrs. Horn of Franklin. In retiring from business Dr. Smith extends his thanks for the patronage of 43 years and expresses his appreciation for the friendships made during that time.

HIGHLANDS ROAD NOW AT NARROWS

Road in Fine Shape—Many Strangers on Route Sunday—Road Follows Cullasaja For Several Miles.

John Smith, the resident engineer in charge of highways in this county, is to be congratulated on the excellent condition of highway No. 28 as far as the road is graded. The grade is now finished to The Narrows about two miles above the road camp. Automobiles can go to the end of the grade over an excellent road in half an hour or less time. Sunday afternoon many strangers were found in the Cullasaja gorge inspecting the new road. In this connection the road is probably better known outside of Macon county than it is in the county. Few citizens of Macon have seen this marvelous engineering feat while strangers from far and near never miss the opportunity to view the scenic wonders of the Cullasaja gorge. Leaving the old road near McCoy's store the highway crosses Buck creek and then up the gorge to Brush creek. During the entire distance from Franklin to Highlands the road closely follows the river. From McCoy's store to the municipal dam at Highlands the highway is within sight of the river and in most places only a few yards from the stream. The scenery from the foot of the Cowees to Highlands is without doubt the most beautiful in the western part of the state. Col. Wade Harris of the

Rocky Mountains than any other views in North Carolina. The grade is now past Raven's Cliff and a short distance beyond the great flat rock that was formerly used as a pulpit by itinerant preachers. From the steam shovel the mouth of The Narrows can be seen. Here the river rushes for quite a distance through a narrow opening not more than six feet wide. Kelly Falls are just below The Narrows while the Dry Falls can be found a mile or two further up the river. From Brush creek the highway starts on a gradual incline that finally reaches the top of the Cowees. The entire length of the Cullasaja gorge is seven or eight miles. In this distance the river falls nearly 2000 feet. In fact it is a complete series of falls and cascades, presenting views unexcelled in Eastern America.

W. J. JENKINS HAS BIRTHDAY DINNER

Celebrates 76th Birthday—Only Children and Grandchildren Present—Makes Interesting Talk.

Six years past the allotted three score and ten Hon. W. J. Jenkins on November 9th celebrated his 76th birthday at his home on Cowee. The celebration was in the form of a dinner prepared as only Mrs. Jenkins knows how to prepare a meal. Around the table at noon were gathered four of the six sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins. Those present were Mrs. Bob Sheffield, Mrs. John Ray, Mrs. B. J. Hurst and Mrs. J. B. Elmore. A daughter, Mrs. Mary Hurst of Detroit and a son, Weaver A. Jenkins of San Antonio, Texas, were unable to attend the dinner though the latter was expected to arrive last Sunday. The occasion was enlivened by the laughter of many grandchildren. In his talk made after the meal was served Mr. Jenkins stated that he never expected to become old enough to require a birthday celebration. At any rate this was the first of its kind in so far as Mr. Jenkins is concerned. During the course of his talk Mr. Jenkins handed to each of his children present a substantial check "for spending money." He stated that he was retaining a sufficient amount to keep him and Mrs. Jenkins in their old ages, provided they ever become old. He referred to the history of America and cited Daniel Webster as a man mighty of intellect and mighty in action. Mr. Jenkins said that when his time comes to pass to his reward he would prefer the fall of the year when nature seems to go into retirement to blossom again in the spring. In closing his talk Mr. Jenkins read an original poem which goes as follows: "Fading away like the stars of the

FRANKLIN ON NEW TOURISTS' THROUGH ROUTE

Federal System Of Numbering Highways Favors This City

(By Harvey Holleman In the Asheville Citizen)

The wisdom and foresight of the men who originated and put into operation the system of federal numbering for trunk line highways throughout the United States have again been demonstrated.

The Bureau of Public Roads at Washington, in co-operation with the American Highways association, has greatly simplified the problem of long distance motoring throughout the land. The various states are rapidly adjusting their local highway numbering to conform to the federal system, and in a comparatively short time the motorist may follow U. S. numbers exclusively for any destination when traveling on through trunk lines.

Federal numbering has made possible many interstate and transcontinental road situations of benefit to long distance motorists, tourists are finding also that it is possible to juggle the federal numbers, switching from one to the other to avoid construction and repair detours. By combining favored sections of federal highways one may see the better roads to almost any part of the

Last week members of the A. A. A. discovered that by combining U. S. routes 25, 19 and 41, they would have an almost perfect through route from Detroit to Florida over which fast time is possible the entire distance, and the roads are such that weather conditions effect them no more than on the best boulevards in the State of Michigan.

From Detroit it follows U. S. route 25 through Toledo, Lima, Dayton, Cincinnati, Lexington and Corbin to Asheville, where it switches to U. S. route 19, through Canton, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Franklin, across to the North Carolina-Georgia state line, through Gainesville, Ga., to Atlanta, from which city U. S. route 41 leads directly to Lake City, Fla. It is authoritatively declared to be, at this time, the longest stretch of modern paving in Georgia.

Reports verify that this route from Detroit to Florida, eliminates the bugbear of mud, dust and troublesome detours for the motorist from the Great Lakes region to the sunshine state and the Gulf of Mexico, there being only 94 miles of possible dust-producing roadway along this fast route through the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia to any important city in Florida, according to information and data recently assembled.

The announcement of the hooking-up of this new route combination will result in the Michigan and Ohio, fall and winter tourists using it in great numbers. There are a number of first class hotels in Asheville, the majority of the tourists will make this a night stop-over point, in the opinion of local hotel men.

Official Returns of Macon County

For President: Hoover, 2903; Smith, 2195. Hoover's majority, 708.
For Governor: Gardner, 2544; Seawell, 2542. Gardner's majority, 2.
For Congress: Weaver, 2575; Pritchard, 2575. Tie.
For Register of Deeds: Hurst, 2535; Stockton, 2700. Stockton's majority, 165.
For Surveyor: Parrish, 2575; Sanders, 2482. Parrish's majority, 93.
For Coroner: Conley, 2642; Bingham, 2464. Conley's majority, 178.
Charlie Reece, coming as an independent, received 25 votes.
For Sheriff: Ingram, 2691; Shook, 2663. Ingram's majority, 28.
For Commissioners: Barnard, 4398; McClure, 3069; Harrison, 2883; Rickman, 2560; Parrish, 2430. The first three named were elected.
Porter's majority over Sisk was something over 600.

morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun,
So let me gently, lovingly steal away,
Only remembered by what I have done.