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## MEAD WRITES OPEN LETTER

### Will Take Over Plant Dec. 15th—Sees Bright Future For Franklin—To Extend Lines to Rural Sections.

Mr. R. M. Mead, president of The Jupollo Public Service company, has addressed an open letter to the people of Macon county and Franklin. The letter follows:

To the People of Franklin and Macon County:

I came to the mountains of Western North Carolina seeking health and have remained to become a part of this delightful section of the United States. As a business man the possibilities for development of this land of streams and mountains have appealed mightily to me and the companies I represent. In my opinion no part of this great country of ours presents finer opportunities for advancement than does the western part of this state. Consequently my company was glad of the opportunity to purchase the local power plant. Only recently did the people of Andrews vote to sell the power plant of that city to the Jupollo Public Service company. This company has in mind the acquisition of other plants in this section of the state. With the consummation of other deals completed all plants will be hooked together and made, for all practical purposes, one plant. With this done I have

of this immediate territory is assured. In this connection it may be of interest to the people of the community to know that, while not neglecting the interests of other towns concerned, my personal efforts and the efforts of the companies I represent will be devoted to the up-building and advancement of Franklin and the community in general. Geographically Franklin is located at a strategic point in the mountains. I see many opportunities here to develop this community not only as concerns industries but from the standpoint of recreation as well.

In no way do we wish to be considered as strangers. We are here to become a part of the community, pay our taxes promptly, and otherwise assume the obligations of the good citizenship apparent on every hand. Our mission is to serve the public, grow with the community and aid in its material advancement. We not only desire, but seek the co-operation of all concerned.

The primary object of a company like ours is, of course, to furnish light and power to the people, but our obligations do not end here. We shall ever be ready to help any worthy cause with financial and moral support.

We shall assume charge of the local power plant on December 15. On that date, also, our big electric display and service store will be opened in the new post office building. This store will carry a complete line of electrical appliances. In the rear of the store will be a service department where all kinds of appliances can be repaired.

When my company takes over the local power plant the officials of this company will then be ready to discuss with the rural population the matter of light and power lines to rural communities. Such communities may rest assured that we will be ready to cooperate with them in every way possible with a view to eliminating much of the drudgery in farm homes.

Very truly yours,  
R. M. MEAD, President,  
Jupollo Public Service Company.

## LOGGING CAR JUMPS RAIL; MAN KILLED

### Joe Tallent, East LaPorte, Crushed To Death

Sylva, Nov. 27.—Attempting to switch a train car of logs from one railway track to another, Joe Tallent, 26, of East LaPorte, near here, was crushed to death late Monday night when the car jumped off the track and ran over him before he could leap to safety.

The accident occurred a short distance above East LaPorte on one of the standard-gauge railway lines used by the Blackwood Lumber company, of East LaPorte, in transporting logs from the nearby mountains. Tallent had been in the employ of the com-

## FRANKLIN ROMPS ON CULLOWHEE

### Stewart, Henry and Wilkie Star—Franklin's Line Does Good Work

One of the best games of the season was played here last Friday when Franklin Hi took Cullowhee Normal into camp by a score of 13 to 0. Cullowhee kicked off and Franklin by a series of first downs carried the ball seventy yards for the first touch down in the first few minutes of play. A triple pass netted the extra point. In the third quarter Franklin made its second touch down on a fake triple pass, Henry to Carpenter to Wilkie. This play completely fooled the Cullowhee boys, Wilkie making a fifty yard run to the goal line. Without the excellent interference of Red Stewart this long gain would not have been possible. But Red was on the job and put out of business two or three Cullowhee men who saw victory slipping out of their grasp. A forward pass for the extra point was grounded. This story would not be complete without reference to Franklin's line. Time after time the light Franklin line opened up holes in the heavier Cullowhee line through which the local backs made big gains. On the defensive the Franklin line also did excellent work.

This was the last game of the season for Franklin and they showed evidences of Coach Kesler's training

next May among whom are Stewart and McCollum.

## CONSIDER NEW FARM METHODS

### Old Ways Have Proven Fruitless—Realize Importance of Change—Plan to Utilize 83,000 Idle Acres.

Thinking farmers all over Macon county have about reached the conclusion that they must change their methods in order to meet competition. They claim that only recently have the farmers of the mountains come to a full realization that new methods are necessary. A majority of the farmers of Macon county now appear anxious to get out of the old ruts with a view to placing their farms on a paying basis. To do so they state that they must have the services and advice of the state extension service. To lower taxes in this county there is some talk of discharging the county agent. Should this be done several farmers who have recently cut loose from the old methods of farming have announced their intention to move out of the county and to locate in a county where the benefits of the extension service are available. However, those closely in touch with the new board of county commissioners believe that these men will hesitate to take a step which will be detrimental to the farming interests of the county. Agricultural conditions in Macon county are said to be similar to those in other western counties. The farmers as a whole are somewhat discouraged. Farm leaders throughout the county say that the only hope for the future is a complete change of farming methods. They point out the fact that there are 83,000 acres in Macon county lying idle and on which the farmers are paying in taxes each year \$63,000. Should this acreage be placed in pasturage it would support 36,000 beef or dairy cattle or 83,000 sheep. Consequently the farmers are now devising ways and means by which they can utilize as pasturage the idle acres on which they are paying taxes and realizing nothing. The county agent states that on the utilization of these idle acres depends the success of the farmers of this county.

pany for the past four years, according to members of the train crew who were with him at the time of the accident.

Tallent was in front of the car trying to switch it to a side track when it suddenly left the rail, members of the crew said. He tried to jump out of the path of the moving car, but made the mistake of jumping toward the car instead of in the opposite direction.

Burial will take place Wednesday in Macon county, Tallent's former home. He is survived by his widow. —Asheville Times.

## WILL NOT CLOSE MAXWELL SCHOOL NEAR FRANKLIN

### Presbyterian School In Macon County Is In Need

The Maxwell Training school, near Franklin, which has been operated under the auspices of the Asheville Presbytery for a number of years, will not be closed as was considered recently, it was announced last night by Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Seventeen years ago Thomas L. Slagle and wife, of Macon county, presented to the Asheville Presbytery a farm of 535 acres, 135 acres of which was being cultivated, six miles southwest of Franklin, to be used as a training school for homeless boys. It was named Maxwell as a memorial for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Slagle. The son died many years ago.

For 17 years the Asheville Presbytery has had charge of the land, but Dr. Campbell said: night that recently it seemed that it was more than the church could carry, together with other obligations, including the Mountain Orphanage near Black Mountain. For a time the closing of the Maxwell school was considered, but recently it was decided to try to

material way in securing farm and building equipment for the place.

The Presbytery needs capital to equip the farm and buildings, Dr. Campbell said. There are 21 boys at the Maxwell home at the present time. The place is in need of many things, but the Presbytery officials do not want to close the home. A shower will be given tomorrow at the Presbyterian church house from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening for the benefit of the Mountain Orphanage and the Maxwell Training school. Substantial gifts are badly needed, officials said. —Asheville Citizen.

## RURAL EXTENSION OF POWER LINES

### Mead Announced Work On Rural Light and Power Lines Will Begin First of Year or Perhaps Sooner.

That the cry of the farmers of Macon county who have been pleading for the past three years for electric service in their homes is soon to be answered was indicated in a recent interview The Press had with Mr. R. M. Mead, president of The Jupollo Public Service company. Mr. Mead stated that his company will begin the extension of the lines in Macon county immediately after the first of the year or perhaps sooner if the many details of taking over the local power plant do not prevent. It now appears certain that the transfer of the municipal plant to Mr. Mead's company will take place on December 15th. Hence it is expected that no delay will occur in the extension of the power lines to rural communities. Just which section of the county will be accommodated first is a matter for consideration. However, the people on the Cullasaja and on Ellijay are making strenuous endeavors to have the first rural lines built to their respective communities. Unless greater pressure from other communities is brought to bear the lines mentioned will probably be constructed first.

Mr. E. P. Clemens who is coming to Franklin as branch manager, under J. H. Smith, division manager, will have direct charge of the work on rural lines, it was announced. Mr. Clemens has been with the management of the present Jupollo company a number of years and is thoroughly qualified to have charge of the local plant, said Mr. Mead.

## Box Supper

The ladies Missionary Society will give a box supper next Saturday night, December 1st, at the Bethel school house. There will be a guess cake; also a cake walk. Proceeds will go to help furnish the Franklin Circuit parsonage. Everybody is cordially invited.

## ASSUME CHARGE DECEMBER 15TH

### The Jupollo Public Service Co. to Take Over Plant Middle of Dec.—Clemens Comes as Manager.

A Press representative recently interviewed R. M. Mead, president of The Jupollo Public Service company, new owners of the Franklin power plant and business, and learned that the new company will assume charge of the local plant on December fifteenth along with several other plants in North Carolina and Virginia which are to be taken over on the same date. Mr. Mead stated that the local plant may be delivered to his company before the date specified provided some of the minor details yet to be completed can be arranged before that time. Mr. Mead understands that there has been some apprehension and inquiries as to why his company has not assumed charge of the plant at an earlier date. It is difficult for the average layman to understand the mass of details to be arranged in a transaction of this magnitude, both by the municipality and on the part of any private corporation. In his statement to The Press Mr. Mead explains that his company, when possible, arranges the consolidation in the company of properties purchased in groups. The consolidation of the local plant with other plants in North Carolina alone, including the local plant, amounts to an investment of \$3,390,000. It is also understood that it is the intention to include the Andrews plant in the present consolidation.

On assuming charge of the local plant The Jupollo Public Service, it was announced, will open their big electric display and service store in the new post office building. The office of the company will also be located at the store. The store will be fully equipped and ready for the holiday trade on December 15th. Mr. E. P. Clemens, at present one of the higher branch managers of the Mead company, has been chosen to have charge of the Franklin Division. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens will arrive at Franklin within the next few days where they will receive a hearty welcome at the hands of the Franklin people.

## ELLIJAY MEN GET TOGETHER

### Organize For Better Farming and Livestock Methods—Will Also Grow Produce For Cannery.

Realizing the need of organization looking to better farming methods, cow testing, hog feeding, truck growing and to keeping of records, the farmers of Ellijay community in this county, under the supervision of the county agent, have organized for the year 1929. The purposes of the organization are two-fold, namely, to benefit those co-operating and to present object lessons to other communities in the county. The farmers of Ellijay are among the most prosperous in the county. They are wide awake and backing the county agent almost to a man. W. R. Higdon and G. W. Dowdle will not only test the milk from their herds during the next year, but will keep a complete record of the cost of production. They will also feed their dairy cows in accordance with approved methods. Mr. Dowdle will also keep an accurate record of his thoroughbred poultry.

A number of farmers on Ellijay, including W. R. Higdon, G. W. Dowdle, L. A. Higdon, Parker Higdon and Cass Higdon, have also agreed to grow produce for the cannery. Beans, beets, potatoes, tomatoes, turnip greens and other things, to the extent of several acres, will be grown and sold to the cannery.

Quite a few of the farmers in that section have also agreed to breed their sows at the same time and to feed by approved methods so that a car of hogs may be placed on the market when prices are the most favorable.

From time to time the county agent Lyles Harris, will have experts from the state visit the community to consult with and advise the members of the organization.

## DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE EMORY

### Public Assured Work Will be Started in Near Future—Summer Hotel and 18-Hole Golf Course Assured.

In a recent conference with Mr. R. M. Mead, president of The Jupollo Public Service company, The Press was assured that development of the Lake Emory property along lines strictly consistent with business possibilities will be undertaken in the near future by Mr. Mead and associated business interests. In discussing this development Mr. Mead stated that a modern summer hotel and an 18-hole golf course will be constructed on the property. The development will also include other features which will serve to attract summer people to Franklin in large numbers, said Mr. Mead, though details of the development along all lines have not been definitely determined. While Mr. Mead mentioned no exact date for beginning work on Lake Emory, it is believed here that this work will begin in time to allow for the completion of the hotel and golf course by next summer. Concerning the development of Lake Emory Mr. Mead stated that this is only one detail of many similar projects included in the development plans of his company.

During the last three years

was undertaken, but the slump in real estate prices but a stop to this work. Since then the Lake Emory property has remained undeveloped. Perhaps nowhere else in the South can one find a more beautiful body of water than Lake Emory. The five hundred acres surrounding the lake and included in the Lake Emory holdings are ideally suited to development purposes. A number of small streams enter the lake through the property, laurel and rhododendron abound along the lake shores, and there are any number of wooded knolls suitable for building sites. The development of this property will mean much to Franklin and Macon county.

The Press is assured of further details of this development at an early date.

West's Mill, Nov. 19, 1928.

Franklin Press:

I am asking a favor of our highway commissioners to drop back to West's Mill and make us a good road to Iota Bridge. It looks like we are cut off from everything. No way to send a message out and if we were all dying a sick person could not be taken over this road. It looks like we help to pay enough taxes on this end of the road to have a good one. We are never overlooked when it comes to paying taxes and also the traffic over this road is as much as over any other. Tons and tons of mica are trucked out and also timber and all the citizens want to patronize our home town. I am proud to say Franklin is growing, but the poor farmers are taxed until they can't live. I am wondering if it was this way in the old times and I wonder if Noah's ark was taxed. I do not raise enough on my farm to live on and I have a good one. All the young men are leaving the farms. When the old ones are gone what will become of the farms? I guess they will grow up in thistle thorns. Can't there be something done to keep the young men at home? Bring in something to provide employment so that the young people will stay at home to improve the county.

We heard a good sermon last Sunday by our new preacher, Mr. Freeman, at Snow Hill.

Mr. Neal Bryson is very sick. Mrs. Bryson has returned from the West where she visited her brothers, Ben and Frank Matlock.

Mr. W. J. Jenkins is sick. Dr. J. L. West and family recently visited his sister, Mrs. V. A. Brown, at Bryson City.

Mrs. Bob Hyatt and Lawrence Myers and wife visited Clyde West Sunday.

Miss Vonnie West went to Franklin last Saturday to do some shopping.

I am glad to see Miss Colline Ray out again. —Mrs. J. L. W.

## Episcopal Services

Bishop J. M. Forner will hold services at the Episcopal church Sunday, December 2, 1928 at 11 a. m.