

# The Franklin Press

National Forest  
Unexcelled Climate  
Unsurpassed Scenery  
State Game Refuge  
17 Peaks Over 5,000  
Feet High  
Ideal Dairy County  
Creamery, Cannery  
Excellent Highways  
Cheap Electric Power  
for Industries  
Law-abiding Citizenship

100,000 H. P. Undeveloped Water Power  
Mica, Kaolin, Asbestos,  
Abrasive Materials  
Copper, Timber  
Precious and Semi-precious Gems  
Abundance Good Labor  
Ample Transportation Facilities  
Pure, Clear Water  
Productive Soils

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## MISS MARGARET BECOMES BRIDE

**Weds Rev. L. B. Hayes, Formerly Pastor at Franklin—Simple But Impressive Ceremony.**

Rogers Hall was the scene of a very beautiful but quiet wedding on Tuesday afternoon when Miss Margaret Rogers became the bride of Rev. L. B. Hayes of Winston-Salem. The vows were taken in the living room before an altar of evergreens, palms and pink gladioli. Mr. Clapp, director of music at Salem College, sang before the ceremony, "O, Perfect Love." The bridal couple entered together as the bridal chorus from Lohengrin was played, and stood before Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of Centennial Church in Winston-Salem, who performed the ceremony.

Miss Rogers has lived in Franklin all her life with the exception of a period of seven years when her father, the late Mr. Sam L. Rogers, was director of the census and lived in Washington, D. C. She is an accomplished singer and organist, as well as having been the successful proprietor of Rogers Hall for several years. She is a young lady of attractive personality and makes friends wherever she goes.

Mr. Hayes is now pastor of West End Methodist church in Winston-Salem.

## FORMER PASTOR TAKES BRIDE

Rev. A. P. Ratledge, pastor of the local Methodist church three years ago was recently married at Cherryville. The following account of the wedding is taken from the Asheville Citizen:

Cherryville, Feb. 1.—In a home wedding characterized by simplicity and quiet dignity Miss Annie Howell became the bride of the Rev. A. P. Ratledge of Weaverville on Thursday morning, January 31, at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Dr. A. W. Howell on First avenue.

The room was decorated with ferns and cut flowers. An arch entwined with ivy formed the altar where the vows were spoken, and the shades being drawn, candles shed a soft glow throughout the room, making a pleasing setting for the happy event.

Miss Daphne Doster, in gown of tan georgette, presided at the piano. Before the bride and groom entered Miss Doster played the "Indian Love Call." Mrs. George S. Falls, dressed in a pretty creation of tan georgette, sang "Thank God for a Garden," and Miss Novella Kendrick, in a most becoming dress of black velvet, sang "All for You." Mrs. Falls, Miss Kendrick and Miss Doster all wore shoulder bouquets of pink roses and sweet peas.

As the first notes of the Wedding March from Lohengrin sounded the Rev. Claud H. Moser, the officiating minister and brother-in-law of the bride, entered followed by the ring bearer, little Miss Margaret Moser.

## W. C. CUNNINGHAM TO OPEN STORE

**Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham Now In Eastern Markets Purchasing Big Stock of Goods.**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cunningham left last Saturday for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to buy a large stock of drygoods, shoes, men's clothing and ladies' ready-to-wear. Until recently Mr. Cunningham was with J. S. Porter & company, but resigned the first of the month to go into business for himself. The new store will occupy the room in the Scott Griffin block formerly leased by Sloan Brothers & company. The new business will operate under the name of W. C. Cunningham & company, it being understood that Mr. Cunningham will have a local man as partner.

Mr. Cunningham has had long experience as a merchant and particularly in the drygoods and clothing lines. His friends are predicting much success for the new venture. New fixtures will be installed in the store room and the opening date will be around the middle of the month.

## Highlands Township Citizens Prosecuted

Andy Wilson, R. B. Wilson, Evan Talley and R. B. Long, citizens of Highlands township were before Magistrate J. C. Mell at Franklin last

## LARGE CROWDS ATTEND OPENING

Last Saturday night the Macon theatre opened its doors for the first time to the public and a big crowd was on hand to see a thrilling western story. The Grand Opening took place Monday night when the house was packed to capacity to see "A Woman of Affairs," featuring John Gilbert and Greta Garbo. The management announces that hereafter a matinee will be staged each Saturday afternoon in order to permit the children of the town and people from the country to see the shows without any inconvenience.

## Porter's Bill

J. A. Porter, according to press dispatches from Raleigh, has introduced a bill placing the clerk, register of deeds and county manager on a salary. The clerk is scheduled to receive \$2400 per year and clerical help to the amount of \$600. Under the Porter bill the register of deeds will receive \$1800 per year and the county manager, provided he also acts in the capacity of county auditor \$1800 per year. The dispatches made no mention of placing the sheriff on a salary. Some in Franklin are inclined to believe that Mr. Porter has in mind a bill to create a county treasurer or tax collector and that when this bill is introduced both the sheriff and new official will be placed on salary.

## CAN HORSES SLEEP WHILE STANDING

Horses have the power of sleeping while standing. Their legs are provided with muscular mechanisms which cause them to lock and permit the animals to rest somewhat as if they were standing on stilts. While a horse is unconscious there is no direct brain control over those muscles in the legs, back and chest which are essential for the maintenance of an erect posture. The control depends on the reflex actions of the spinal cord. This phenomenon is similar to that of a bird sleeping on a swaying limb. A reflex balance is maintained when consciousness is in abeyance. Horses sleeping while standing occasionally fall down. More often certain muscles in the forelegs relax suddenly and the animals knuckle over on to the fetlocks and then immediately catch themselves. Horses go sometimes for months without lying down. It is astonishing how little sleep they require. This is also true of other herbivora, including elephants. An Indian elephant will feed for 18 or 20 hours and then sleep only one or two. When horses sleep their eyes usually remain open or partly open and they sleep so lightly that they are awakened by the faintest sound. They seldom lie long in the same position because their great weight cramps their muscles and prevents the under lung from functioning.—The Pathfinder.

## Moslem Fanaticism

Fidelity to religious principles is characteristic of zealous members of all faiths, but perhaps nowhere is it carried to greater lengths than among the Mohammedans. This was illustrated most strikingly in the case of a French officer in Morocco, who was attended by a faithful native orderly. Being billeted in a house considered sacred because it had been once occupied by a descendant of Mohammed, the officer was warned not to use tobacco within its walls. Thinking such a rule quite foolish, the officer did not take it seriously, and one day lay on a couch and proceeded to light a cigar. The orderly, who would have risked his own life for his master under ordinary circumstances, drew his pistol and killed the officer where he lay. Having performed what he considered an imperative religious duty, the Mohammedan calmly awaited execution. Such fanaticism and fatalism accounts for the reckless manner in which barbaric tribes wage war in the face of certain extermination. It is best to humor their peculiarities sometimes.

## Bus Hits Car

A bus of the Lewis bus line hit a car driven by Mrs. Dick Hudson Friday morning of last week. The car was pushed into the corn field west of the road near the Log Cabin filling station. It is said that the car entered Porter street from Palmer street and that the bus, leaving Franklin for Georgia, struck the rear part of the car. Mrs. Hudson's arm was slightly injured. Neither vehicle was damaged.

## LIVELY MEETING OF TOWN BOARD

**John Henry Pleads For Bonny Crest—Office of Night Watchman Abolished—T. W. Angel Submits Resignation.**

At its meeting Monday night the town board passed on several matters of importance to the public. John Henry was present and made an earnest plea for a road to Bonny Crest. The board agreed to employ an engineer to make estimates of the cost and intimated that paving work would start on Wayah street and the cross street leading to the top of the ridge early in the spring. R. M. Coffey and Grover Jamison inquired about the status of Rogers street, but the board took no action other than to suggest that the present owners deed the street to the town. A motion was passed informing The Juppole Public Service company that unless that company complied with the terms of its contract by the 15th of February the contract would be forfeited. The board then went into executive session and, according to T. W. Angel, passed an order declaring the office of night watchman abolished, after one month.

The executive session was understood to be acrimonious at times, so much so, in fact, that T. W. Angel submitted his resignation as a member of the town board. The board took

of Wayah street John Henry offered to take each member of the town board over the street as far as his car would go and then extended a cordial invitation for the board to walk the rest of the way. The board emphatically declined to accept John's invitation.

## Mayor's Court

Norman Mashburn and Claude Gibson were up before the Mayor last Friday charged with transporting and possession. Mashburn was found not guilty and Gibson was bound to superior court under bond of \$200. Cases against Fred Blaine and H. O. Essig were continued until February 11. Blaine was charged with possession and transporting and Essig with possession and drunkenness. Harry Shepherd and Bunk Tallent were also tried for drunkenness. The mayor reserved decision until February 11th to ascertain date of bill passed by legislature recently. If this bill was passed previous to date of alleged commission of act, the mayor is of the opinion that he will have jurisdiction and can finally dispose of both cases. Otherwise, in the event that he finds grounds for probable cause, he would be compelled to bind the defendants to superior court.

## WHY IS A NEWSPAPER LIKE A WOMAN?

That was the question put to its readers by a southern newspaper. For the best answer, a subscription for one year was offered. Here are some of the replies:

"Because you can't believe anything they say."

"Because they are thinner now than they used to be."

"Because they have bold face types."

"Because they are easy to read."

"Because they are well worth looking over."

"Because back numbers are not in demand."

"Because they are not afraid to speak their minds."

"Because they have a great deal of influence."

"Because if they know anything they usually tell it."

"Because they carry the news wherever they go."

The correct answer is given thus: "Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbors."—Belleville Enterprise.

## Forest Fire

A forest fire on Rabbit creek on January 29, burned over about 30 acres of land belonging to J. T. Berry, Will Perry and L. A. Allen. A number of fences and, it is said, a barn were burned.

## Miss Staub Leaves Hospital

The new friends of Miss Albertina Staub will be pleased to learn that she is again in good health and has returned to her home at Highlands after spending four months in a local hospital.

There were only a few close relatives and friends present and Mr. and Mrs. Hayes left immediately for a ten days' trip to Florida after which they will be at home in Winston-Salem.

## Stockton-McClure Case Postponed

Last Saturday the court house was filled with people who came to hear the preliminary trial of Vernon Stockton and Cecil McClure on charge of criminal assault. In capital cases the law requires that a stenographic report of the evidence be taken. As no stenographer was available the case was postponed by Magistrate Mallonee until 1 o'clock February 16.

## Shookville News

Messrs. W. H. Rogers and Lennie Tilson made a business trip to Sylva Monday.

Mrs. Kerma Holland is ill at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Enice Tilson of Erastus, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shook.

Misses Bonnie and Corniel Stinwiter of Bessie, were the guests of Misses Geneva and Marie Rogers Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Picklesimer and Mrs. T. B. Crunkleton returned to their homes at Highlands Thursday. They had been at the bedside of their mother Mrs. Margaret Rogers, for several days. Mrs. Rogers seems to be improving very rapidly.

## Pine Grove News

In most of flu cases the patients are recovering nicely.

Mr. Bill Holland of Florida, has been visiting relatives at Pine Grove for several days.

Mr. Herbert Reed has returned from Washington where he has been for several months.

Miss Gertrude Holland has been visiting her aunt at Gold Mine.

Mauver Dills of Cullasaja, has been ill the past week.

Mr. Norman Holland was visiting Mr. Jim Holland Thursday night.

Miss Leo Bell Bradley and Miss Amy Henderson were visiting Mrs. Laura Watkins one night last week.

Mr. T. C. Dills has returned from Cullowee where he has been for several weeks.

Mrs. Laura Watkins was visiting Mrs. Gum Dills last Tuesday.

## Wreck Home

A few nights after the alleged assault on a woman on South Skeenah some one or more persons are said to have attempted to turn over the home where the crime occurred. The chimney was also torn down. It is said that the old people living there were afraid to go out to see who was engaged in the attempt to wreck the home. It is believed here that friends of the accused boys were trying to intimidate the old people and thus prevent their testifying in

smocked in pink, a pretty head-band of maline caught together with valley lilies, and an arm-band of maline with butterfly bow, and carrying the ring in a huge white lily. Next came the bride and groom. The bride, who is a beautiful brunette, wore a handsome dress of tan crepe with accessories to match. She carried an arm bouquet of brides' roses showered with valley lilies.

During the impressive ring ceremony Miss Doster softly played "Schubert's Serenade," and used Mendelssohn's Wedding March as a recessional.

Only relatives and a few close friends witnessed the ceremony. The out-of-town guests were: The Rev. Claud Moser and two little daughters, Margaret and Carolyn, of Boone, N. C.; Miss Ann Ratledge, of Advance, N. C.; Miss Bess Harris of Troy; and Mr. A. D. Ratledge of Statesville.

Mrs. Ratledge is the daughter of Dr. A. W. Howell and the late Lucy Stroup Howell of Cherryville. She was educated at Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C., and is an exceptionally fine young woman. For several years she has taught in the schools of the state, and for the past two years has been a member of the Cherryville school faculty. She has been active in social, civic and religious organizations of the town.

Mr. Ratledge is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and has travelled extensively both in the United States and abroad. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and last year was pastor of the Cherryville Methodist church. He is now stationed at Weaverville, where he and his bride will make their home after a wedding trip to Florida.

## Pensioners of 2000 A. D.

This is only 1929, but if history repeats itself there will be veterans of the World War still alive and drawing pensions in the year 2000.

Daniel F. Bakerman, last survivor of the Revolutionary War, lived until April 5, 1869, or 86 years after the war ended. Hiram Cronk drew a pension as a veteran of the War of 1812 until his death on May 13, 1905, at the age of 105 years. Five soldiers of the Mexican War are still on the pension rolls 80 years after the close of that war.

In this connection it is interesting to note that two women who are mothers of Civil War veterans are still drawing pensions today. They are Samantha Button of West McHenry, Ill., and Samantha Farrer, a negro woman of Athens, Ala.

Although the Civil War ended in 1865, it is quite probable that a veteran or two who followed Grant may be alive and drawing a pension in 1950. Considering the vastly greater number of those who fought with Pershing in France, it is not unreasonable to suppose that some of them will still be in the land of living in the year 2000. A youngster of 17 who enlisted in 1917 would be 100 years old then. And with the greater span of life which modern science is making possible there will doubt-

less be a law which compels parents to send their children to school. This case had been previously tried before Magistrate J. C. Mell at Highlands and was dismissed on the grounds that the children concerned were required to walk from two to three miles to catch the bus and that they had no protection from the weather while waiting for the bus to make its appearance. Mr. Rickman, it is understood, dismissed the defendants on the grounds that the state had failed to prove its case. The trouble seems to have arisen because of the consolidation of the schools in certain districts of Highlands township. It is said that the county board of education was prosecuting the case.

## Progress On Well

According to the latest reports the new municipal well is now to a depth of about 80 feet. Water was struck at forty feet, but not the kind of water the town board wants and will get—perhaps.

## WILL AID IN FILING INCOME TAX RETURNS

Representatives of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department will be at Franklin February 14 to assist taxpayers in filing Federal Income Tax returns. Inquire at post office. If you have received blanks by mail bring same with you.

## Women Legislators

No less than 145 women will sit in various state legislatures this year. Connecticut leading with 20 female members, while the most populous state, New York, will have but one.

New York's member Mrs. Rhoda Fox Graves, has the added distinction of having been returned to the state assembly for the fifth consecutive term, a record held by no other woman. In private life she is the owner and operator of a big dairy farm.

As time goes by, it is only reasonable to suppose that more and more women will be elected to legislative bodies of the country, including Congress, which will have five women in the new body which will be known as the 71st Congress.

It can hardly be said that any striking influence has been exerted by women in politics so far. They generally alienate themselves with their parties and among their ranks we find Republicans and Democrats; wets and dries, pacifists and national defense advocates, just as we find among the men. It will probably always be that way.

## J. A. AND LESTER CONLEY HONORED

Mrs. Lester Conley gave a birthday dinner Sunday of last week in honor of J. A. Conley and her husband. A delicious three course dinner was served. Those present including those honored were Mrs. Frank Calloway, Helton and Hunter Calloway, Mrs. Henry Cozad and two daughters.