

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

COME TO MACON COUNTY—  
HEART OF A MOUNTAIN EMPIRE RIPE FOR DEVELOPMENT

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

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## FRANKLIN BUSINESS MEN OPTIMISTIC OVER BUSINESS PROSPECTS FOR 1929

Press Reporter Interviews Merchants and Other Business Firms—All Much Encouraged and State Business Prospects Better Than in Many Years

Interviews with a number of business men of Franklin last Friday indicate that the business prospects for Franklin and Macon county are brighter than they have been for many years. Regardless of the bad weather and much sickness during the first two months of 1929 business along all lines has shown a marked improvement over that of the same period last year. Without exception every man interviewed is exceedingly optimistic. The general business outlook was pronounced better than ever before. The merchants and other business firms are much encouraged and are looking forward to the best year in Franklin. Reports from the country merchants indicate that they are in good financial condition. Collections in the past four months have been better than in the previous three years. Sales have been larger and cash transactions have increased in number. It was pointed out by one or two men that the real estate transactions here during the boom of three years ago were comparatively few and that consequently this county has not suffered from this cause as compared to other western counties. The prospects for the tourist trade here during the coming season are brighter than ever before. W. T. Moore, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Franklin, states that his reports show a

## HOOVER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Moral Support Necessary  
In Enforcing Laws,  
He Declares

Washington, March 4. — Herbert Hoover entered upon the presidency today with a solemn promise to enforce the prohibition and all other laws to the extent of his abilities, and with a declaration that he coveted for his administration a record of having further contributed to advance the cause of peace among nations.

In terse language, he told his fellow countrymen that the measure of success the government could attain in law enforcement would depend upon the moral support which they extended.

The "duty of citizens to support the laws of the land is co-equal with the duty of their government to enforce the laws which exist," he said. "No greater national service can be given by men and women of



PRESIDENT HOOVER

HOOVER  
(EDITORIAL)

TODAY the American people face the future with renewed hope and courage. At the helm of the ship of state is the guiding hand

Hoover's is the master mind, the sympathetic and understanding heart. In the selection of his cabinet he showed a boldness and courage unprecedented in the annals of the presidency. With equal disregard for politicians, parties and geography he invited into his official family men of undoubted ability to aid him in the great work he has undertaken. Men of all parties, races and creeds have complete trust in the ability and integrity of Herbert Hoover. Particularly are the lowly looking to him for improved living conditions and in this man, therefore, rest the hopes and aspirations of hundreds of thousands of American citizens who live in humble homes from coast to coast. Supported by the overwhelming confidence of one hundred and twenty-five million people, with a cabinet of outstanding ability, with a mind trained to the task, with profound understanding of the needs of all classes, Herbert Hoover is destined to accomplish much along the lines of a happier and greater America.

## WILL CHASE DOWN RADIO INTERFERENCE

Overman Informed That  
Trouble Car Will Tour  
State About April 1—To  
Suggest Remedies.

Washington, March 1.—Concerning complaints which Senator Overman has received relative to interference with reception of radio programs which he took up with the federal radio commission, W. D. Terrell, chief radio division, writes:

"Referring to your communications relative to interference with reception of radio programs in certain sections of North Carolina, the supervisor of radio at Atlanta, Ga., who is in charge of radio activities for this division in the fourth radio district which includes North Carolina, will make an inspection trip with a radio test car to all points in North Carolina, from which interference reports have been received. During this trip he will endeavor to locate the source of the interference and if possible, make recommendations that will lead to its elimination.

"It is regretted that it will not be possible to make the trip to North Carolina until about April 1 because of the necessity of making other trips which were previously arranged and which will require full time of the test car for about a month.

"Should you, between now and the first of April, receive other complaints

greatly from the best tourist season in its history. He says that the people of that state have made money this winter and that they are preparing to spend it in the mountains next summer. The recently established bus line between Asheville and Atlanta has served to draw attention to the good road between the two cities via Franklin. A steady stream of cars from points further south are passing through this town on their way home.

Alf Higdon, partner in the Franklin Hardware company, states that the first two months of this year show a bigger volume of business than in same months of any previous year in the history of his business.

S. R. Joines, president of the Joines Motor & Tractor company, local Ford dealers, said that the business prospects for Macon county are brighter than in other counties of this part of the state. He predicted a good year for the entire county.

T. W. Angel, engaged in the coal business here, was enthusiastic over business conditions in general for the remainder of the present year. His collections have been excellent. He also stated that Angel's Market & Grocery has had an excellent cash business for the past two months.

Chas. Perry of the Perry-Jones Chevrolet company, announced that the prospects for the sale of new cars is better than ever before.

Ralph Ensley, manager of the A&P Store, is exceedingly optimistic over the business prospects for Macon county for the next few months.

E. P. Clemens, branch manager of The Jupollo Public company, stated that his company will soon begin the construction of high tension lines between the towns of Andrews, Bryson City and Franklin provided his company succeeds in closing negotiations now underway for the purchase of the power plants at Bryson City and Andrews. Mr. Mead, president of the company, has stated that these three towns may also expect additional industrial enterprises before the end of the present year.

Sam Franks, local postmaster and business man, says that the prospects for business are now better than he has ever known them to be. He has recently been receiving numerous inquiries from distant places. These inquiries are from men who wish to locate here. He pointed out the fact that during the year 1928 one new industry on an average of every three days located in this state and that 95 per cent of these industries were financed by local capital. Mr. Franks also referred to the fact that the last two months have shown more tourists passing through town than ever before at this time of the year. So far this year the postal receipts have far exceeded the receipts for the same two months last year. In fact the receipts on the first day of March up to 10 o'clock a. m. were larger than for the first 12 days of March last year.

Bob Patton, local real estate man, states that the real estate business is picking up considerably and that the prospects for a good year are brighter than ever before. He referred to the fact that probably a hundred families in the area of the Smoky Mountain National Park are

citizenship—than that they should, by their example, assist in stamping out crime and outlawry by refusing participation in and condemning all transactions with illegal liquor.

**Citizen's Duties**  
"If citizens do not like a law their duty as honest men and women is to discourage its violation; their right is openly to work for its repeal."

With a hope of improving present conditions, President Hoover announced he would appoint a commission to make a searching investigation of the whole question of law enforcement and to make such recommendations for reorganization of the administration of federal laws and court procedure "as may be found desirable."

In the copy of his prepared address, he added that in the meantime it was essential to transfer from the Treasury to the Justice Department a large part of the enforcement activities. There was some confusion whether he read this sentence in his speech.

**Not Intentional**  
On behalf of the President, it was stated at the White House subsequently that if he had omitted it in his hurried reading because of the rainstorm in which the address was delivered, it was purely an oversight, and that the copy as written and made public expressed precisely his views on that subject.

The chief executive devoted even more of his address to world peace than he did to law enforcement. He expressed the earnest hope that a

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seek locations elsewhere and that many of them will come to Macon.

Fred Higdon, traveling salesman for the Carolina Provision company, wholesale grocers of Franklin, said that his company's sales for the first two months of this year have far exceeded sales for the same period last year. His collections have also been much better. The country merchants, he said, are in better financial circumstances than in a number of years.

W. C. Cunningham, president of W. C. Cunningham & Company, is elated over the good times in prospect. He has recently returned from the eastern markets and stated that the wholesale houses in Baltimore and New York are predicting a prosperous year for the entire nation.

Dr. I. E. Perry of Perry's Drug store is preparing for a good year and is quite optimistic.

J. F. Lancaster, manager of the Franklin Furniture company, handling builders supplies, announced that the business of his company has increased considerably in the past two months, thus indicating that the people are erecting new homes and have the money for this purpose.

Dr. Furman Angel, owner of Angel Brothers' Hospital, states that there is plenty of money available everywhere as shown by his collection during the past two months, exceeding by two and a half times, what they were in January and February last year. Dr. Angel is planning to build a \$100,000 addition to his hospital this year.

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## ROY KEENER KILLED, 7 HURT IN EXPLOSION

Two Worcester Men Injured  
at Rutland When Loading  
Stick Explodes 650  
Feet Underground.

Rutland, Feb. 24.—One man was killed and seven others injured, none seriously, in the second dynamite explosion in two weeks at Shaft 5 of the Coldbrook-Wachusett tunnel at 5:20 this evening. Roy H. Keener, 30, of Gneiss, N. C., was killed.

The injured are:  
Wallace Richards, 723 Main street, Worcester, lacerations of the scalp.

Hugh MacVicar, 22 Park row, South Weymouth, fracture of bone above right eyebrow and lacerations of face and scalp.

Walter Mitchell, 8 Sycamore street, Westfield, severe contusions of abdomen, possible internal injuries.

Joseph E. Loptaze, New Haven, Conn., lacerations of left hip and chest injuries.

William Tessrow, of 1325 Hickory street, St. Louis, Mo., laceration of chin, discharged from hospital.

Carl Jones, of Gneiss, N. C., numerous fascial lacerations from flying rock.

Richard Gully of 79 Payne street, Worcester, slight injuries which were dressed at the scene.

**Was Loading Stick**  
Keener was the heading foreman, and according to his crew, was on the bench loading a hole with dynamite. The first stick that is put in a hole carries a firing cap and is pushed in, carefully with a loading stick. Keener was pushing in the firing cap when the explosion took place, wrecking that part of the tunnel.

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## JOINES BUYS CONLEY INTEREST

Former Assumes Control  
Local Ford Agency—Conley  
Will Have Charge of  
Gas and Oil Distribution.

According to an announcement made here Monday S. R. Joines has bought out the interest of J. S. Conley in the Joines Motor & Tractor company, Inc., local Ford dealers. Mr. Joines who also has the Ford agency at Brevard will be in personal charge of the local agency and will divide his time between Franklin and Brevard. The business was established here about six years ago by Mr. Joines. He acquired the Ford agency at Brevard about two years ago and constructed a handsome building in that town.

Mr. Conley will assume direct charge of gasoline and oil business, heretofore a part of the business of the corporation. The announcement stated that the change was necessitated by the rapid growth of the combined business, it having become too large and complicated for one man to manage. Mr. Joines states that there will be no change in the policy of the corporation and that Mr. Conley will make his headquarters in the building of the Joines Motor & Tractor company, Inc. Until the recent change Mr. Conley was general manager of the corporation.

unexploded stick of dynamite.

**Dies In Ambulance**  
Keener died in the ambulance of the U. S. Veterans' hospital on the way to Holden District hospital. He was the only one who received the full force of the explosion. Three other men were on the bench with him but were at one side. The others injured were drillers and muckers who were working below Keener on the floor of the tunnel which at this part is 650 feet below land surface. The heading at the west end is in the direction of shaft 6 and the men were working 3150 feet in from the shaft.

Enough of the crew at work in that end were uninjured or so slightly injured that they were able to begin

ported, it is requested that you forward such information as you obtain to this office for reference to the supervisor at Atlanta in order that he may have before him all information available when he makes his inspection trip.

NOTE: The above clipping should be of interest to radio owners in Franklin. It is suggested that all such owners write to W. D. Terrell, Supervisor of Radio, Atlanta, and request him to come to Franklin to investigate the interference here.

## Daily Bible Reading

Nearly all of our national presidents have been daily students of God's word. The heavier the burdens a man has to bear the more he needs divine help and instruction.

The God who made the world is the same God who revealed His will in the Bible. He tells us in His word how to live happy in the world that He made. God knows the world and its ways. He knows that the ways of the flesh are contrary to the ways of God. He knows that the ways of sinners are not his ways. He gives us directions how to live in His divine word.

Let us be students of the word. Let us hear God speak to our souls through His word. Let us find out how to live happy by consulting the only sure book of counsel. If God be with us, who can be against us?

Are you walking with God? Are you daily talking with God? He will help you to bear your burdens. He will help you to be more patient. He will teach you how to act wisely.

Be a daily Bible reader. Come to church and hear the word.  
WALTER M. LEE.

## Dude Cowart Reported Seen

According to reports from South Skenah Dude Cowart, charged jointly with Stockton and McClure with criminal assault, has recently been seen twice on the Nantabala.

## SNOW

Last Saturday morning snow on Wayah Bald was four inches deep—none in Franklin.

the rescue work at once, while the alarm bell was sounded at the shaft to summon medical aid.

**Brother Escapes Blast**  
Keener was in a critical condition, one leg having been severed from his body. He, with Richards and MacVicar, were the first to be brought to the surface in Shaft 5 car.

Dr. Frank H. Washburn of Holden and Dr. Donald B. Cheatham of South Barre were first at the scene of the accident, followed by Dr. G. Arnold Rice of Holden. Dr. Cheatham started to the hospital in the Veterans' ambulance with Keener and two other injured.

Keener's body was taken to the undertaking rooms of the Frank H. Miles company who will ship it tomorrow to North Carolina.

Howard Keener, a brother of the dead man, was at the shaft, but was not working on that shift.