

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

The Franklin Press

Natural Forest
Unexcelled Climate
Unsurpassed Scenery
State Game Refuge
27 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. Under-
ground Water Power
Abrasive Materials
Copper, Timber
Precious and Semi-
Precious Minerals
Kaolin, Asbestos,
precious Gems
Abundance Good Labor
Ample Transportation
Facilities
Pure, Clear Water
Productive Soils

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HOWARD GETS SHOCK OF LIFE

An Unknown Person Presents Sam With a Baby Girl—Sam Mistakes Baby For Bomb and Makes Tracks For Sheriff.

About daylight Sunday morning Sam Howard who operates the Black-bird filling station near the Georgia line received the surprise of his life. On going to his place of business Mr. Howard found a suit case by the front door. Having read much of bombs Sam immediately became wary and decided that no bolshevist was going to wreck his filling station. While he was thinking the matter over strange sounds began to emanate from the suit case. This was entirely too much for Sam, so he jumped in his flivver and broke all speed records to town where he woke Frank Norton, deputy sheriff, and demanded protection in no uncertain terms, it is said. Frank and Sam returned to Sam's place of business. Frank, though accustomed to deal with bootleggers and bad men in general, was somewhat at a loss as to how to proceed in a case of this kind. While carefully and dubiously considering the best method of procedure, wails again came from the suit case. Mustering up enough courage to capture a dozen whiskey runners Frank finally opened the satchel and found a fine baby girl alive and kicking. The baby was nicely dressed and well wrapped.

roar of a car engine was heard on the Georgia road. This trip was made by the deputy to get a doctor and the coroner. Even as long as 24 hours after Frank was unable to explain why the presence of a coroner was necessary. Dr. Rogers and Coroner Conley Conley went out and brought the baby to a local hospital where at last accounts it was doing nicely. No one has any idea as to the identity of the mother. Dr. Angel states that the baby when left at his hospital was apparently about thirty-six hours old.

Cullowhee Now A College

Cullowhee, April 19—Cullowhee State Normal School becomes officially today Western Carolina Teachers College. That is the information just received from the State Executive Budget Bureau office, Raleigh. This is the thirtieth day since the bill providing for the change in the charter was enacted into law. It is presumed that there must be some general State law or some decision of the Supreme Court to the effect that thirty days may elapse, in the case of a corporation which changes its name, during which time it is legal and proper to use the old name. At any rate, Cullowhee has completely broken through its confining cocoon and emerges today into full-fledged college, so far as its name is concerned. Western Carolina Teachers College becomes a fact, not a dream, not a plan, nor a mere authorization.

President Hunter stated today in chapel that proposals would be laid before the Board of Trustees soon looking toward the physical expansion of the college plant, and toward the laying of broad, constructive foundations for an educational institution at Cullowhee which shall meet the highest standards of a teachers college. Those responsible for the building up of the college are determined, he said, to develop the college along sound lines and to seek the most competent advice and assistance available. It is hoped ultimately to make of Cullowhee what it will still be "Cullowhee" to its hundreds of friends) a unique institution among the professional schools of America.

Shookville News

Mr. Bert Tilson and son are visiting relatives on Buck creek. Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers. Misses Geneva and Mildred Rogers and Mr. Kermit Rogers spent the week end at Cashiers with their aunt, Mrs. T. B. Zachary. They were accompanied home by Mr. Howard Zachary. Mr. Ray Bryson is visiting friends.

Makes Chickens pay

From January 1 until April 13, Mrs. Ed Bradley has sold \$114.12 worth of eggs, and \$132.68 worth of hens. Total, \$246.80.

A QUESTIONNAIRE

That the people of Franklin may vote intelligently in the coming town election it has been suggested that the following questionnaire be propounded to the candidates for the board of aldermen:

- If elected what will be your position on these matters?
- Will you vote for sewer extension?
 - What streets, if any, will you endeavor to have paved?
 - Do you believe in building a town hall?
 - What will be your attitude on a gravity water system for the town?
 - Do you believe in the city manager form of government for Franklin?
 - Do you think that Franklin should have a municipal airport?
 - Will you gamble to the extent of \$8,000 on the new well?

Centennial Notes

There are at present 28 living Confederate veterans in Macon county. These old soldiers will be the guests of honor at our celebration. Judge and Mrs. T. J. Johnston have offered their home for the day, for the use of "Our boys in Gray." Mrs. Johnston will have a committee of young women to serve lunch to them.

They will ride in the parade with their cars decked in the "old colors." Get out your caps and the old "muskets" boys, and be primping up for the occasion.

There will be prizes offered for

MENTIONS MACON COUNTY MINES

Ace High Magazine Tells of Gems Found At Corundum Hill and Other Places In This County.

In the second May Number of the Ace High Magazine, John A. Thompson, mining expert, in his department, The Sluice Box, mentions the gem mines of Macon and other western North Carolina counties.

James was probably the first to institute a systematic search for gems in North Carolina. "In North Carolina," states Mr. Thompson, "McKellenburg, McDowell, Burke and Caldwell have all yielded alluvial diamonds. Other gems have been found in Madison, Jackson, Buncombe and Macon counties; one of the most notable gem districts being Corundum Hill, near Franklin, Macon county. One of the finest emerald-green sapphires in the world came from the Cullasaja mine at Corundum Hill and was a part of the Morgan Bement collection. Rubies have come from the Cowee Valley in Macon county." The Ace High is one of the chain of Clayton magazines. More than a million and a quarter of these magazines being sold every month. Thus the fame of Macon as a gem center is spreading to all parts of the world. For the past several months mining experts have been making Macon county their headquarters while prospecting in this and adjoining counties. Indications now point to the possibility that mining operations on a considerable scale will be started in Macon county within the next two or three years or possibly sooner.

MACON COUNTY WARDEN FINDS HICKORY SUPPLY

J. J. Mann, of Franklin, Macon county game warden, has written to State Forester J. S. Holmes that he has found an almost unlimited supply of red hickory in his county suitable to supply a plant which has inquired of the Department of Conservation and Development for this material. The firm which is seeking hickory of 12 to 18 inches in diameter, has assured the department of its desire to reopen a plant which has been discontinued in this state, provided a sufficient supply of raw material could be delivered at Brevard at a reasonable cost.

Warden Mann has notified State Forester Holmes that there is a supply of this timber in Macon county within easy access to railroad.

Last Rites For E. H. Franks

Last Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church the last sad rites were held for the late E. H. Franks. Not only the main auditorium of the church, but the adjacent rooms, were filled with hundreds of people who had come to pay a tribute of deserved respect to the departed. A wilderness of flowers testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. All three local pastors took part in the funeral services. Rev. J. A. Flanagan read a passage or two from the Bible. Rev. R. F. Mock led in prayer and Dr. W. M. Lee preached a short and interesting sermon. The choir sang "How Firm a Foundation" and "It Is Well With My Soul," favorite songs of the deceased.

The local lodge of Masons then took charge of the remains and completed the burial with Masonic honors at the city cemetery one mile west of town.

FLYING CIRCUS COMING HERE

Traveling About Country In Interest of Airports—Daring Aviators Will Perform Aerial Stunts Over Town.

One of the most famous stunt flyers in America will be here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He is Jimmy Krouskop of Macon, Ga., who won the air derby in that city some time ago. He will act as pilot while "Daredevil" Burns will hang to the plane by his knees, perform aerial tricks on a rope ladder and suspend his body from the plane with inner tubes. Dewey Hall, another well known pilot also belongs to the Flying Circus. This team has landed and taken off from airports all over the country and recently came from Hollywood where they doubled in dangerous air stunts for famous screen actors. On Sunday Jimmy Krouskop will make a dead stick landing from an altitude of 3,000 feet. In other words he will kill his engine at this elevation and glide to the field. It is understood that the flyers will use the John Thomas field on the east side of the river. "Daredevil" Burns was in Franklin Monday and looked over the field. In an interview with a Press reporter he stated that the Thomas field will make an ideal airport. Rumors have been going the rounds here to the effect that big planes can not take off from the Thomas field due to the proximity of adjacent hills. Mr. Burns who states that he has landed and taken off from all kinds

in question the largest three motored planes can easily take the air from that place. He also suggested that either the town or the citizens thereof investigate the feasibility of an airport here. "The town that does not have an airport in the immediate future," stated Mr. Burns, "is bound to go backward." Realizing the importance of an airport for each town Mr. Burns will talk to the public of Franklin at the Macon theatre Thursday night of this week at 8:30 and explain why an airport is necessary and what should be done to bring about this addition to the town. He further stated that an airport will pay for itself in three to five years. Very little grading will be necessary at the Thomas field. Such being the case Mr. Burns was confident that a hangar to accommodate four planes and the necessary grading would not cost more than \$2500.

FRANKLIN GIRL WINS HONOR

Miss Margaret McGuire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGuire, won third place in the state musical contest for high school girls held at N. C. W. on April 21. Miss McGuire represented the fifteenth district composed of that part of the state lying west of Canton. Miss McGuire's instrument was the piano and three girls, including Miss McGuire, tied for first place in the original contest. In the play-off the local girl came third. For the past three or four years Miss McGuire has been studying music under the expert direction of Miss Mattie Angel. The fact that Miss McGuire won third place in the state contest has been the cause of many congratulations not only to the young lady herself but to her teacher as well.

Tellico Locals

Rev. Norman Holden, filled his appointment Saturday and Sunday. He preached from the 13th chapter of The Acts. He took his text for Saturday, "They Sent Them Away."

Mr. John Cook is in a pitiful condition with a cancer on his face. He can't be with us long. We hope there is a crown laid up for him in heaven.

Mr. Z. B. Byrd was in this section Friday taking up poles on the U. S. lands.

Mr. Ebinzar Hurst was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Robert Ramsey, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey and his father, S. T. Ramsey went to Iotla Sunday to a church dedication. Messrs. Robert and Harley Ramsey went to town Monday on business.

Mr. James Raby of Holly Springs is talking of putting a saw mill in this section.

Mrs. James Ramsey was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Byrd Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Smith of Burningtown was visiting Mrs. Maude Mason Saturday night.

WILL EXPLORE GREAT SMOKIES

Asheville Times To Send Expedition Into Wilds of Park Area—Local Boy Scout Has Chance To Go.

Plans for an exploring expedition in June into the wildest and most rugged parts of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area in Western North Carolina, are announced by The Asheville Times, sponsor of the adventure.

The principal objective of the expedition will be the discovery, if possible, of Indian picture writings, which according to Cherokee Indian stories, exist on the unexplored and precipitous cliffs in the Sawtooth country, but concerning which there is no authoritative record. They will also seek Indian relics and study the animal and tree and plant life in those sections of the Great Smokies which have been visited by few if any white men.

The best qualified Boy Scout in Western North Carolina will be a member of this expedition. The exploring party will consist of two members of the Times' editorial staff and the Boy Scout. The Boy Scout organization in Western North Carolina will conduct contests in every troop in every town and county in this district. Prizes and medals will be awarded to the best Boy Scouts in each troop, town and county. The winning Scouts in the local contest will then compete with the winners

from other towns and counties.

the expedition trip—with all equipment and expenses furnished. The exploring party will establish a base camp at Indian Gap, on the crest of the Smokies accessible to pack horses. From this point the explorers will travel afoot with their equipment on their backs. They will use homing pigeons to send occasional reports to Asheville and for emergency communication if necessary. They plan to be gone about a month.

Horace Kephart, of Bryson City, noted author, outdoor sportsman and authority on the Great Smokies, is chief advisor to The Times in routing and planning the expedition.

Records Missing

According to Mr. J. O. Harrison, county manager, certain books containing the receipts and disbursements for 1922-23 and part of 1924 are missing from the county files. A further search for these records is to be made, states Mr. Harrison. In the absence of these records it is said that the auditor who was recently engaged to audit the county books has been unable to account for \$18,000 that the available records show should be in the county treasury, but is not. Mr. Harrison also states that certain sums of money amounting to several thousands of dollars has been loaned to private individuals by the county. Some of these notes now in the treasurer's office are past due and the county manager states that he has instructed the county attorney to collect such notes at once.

Mrs. Lyman Higdon Honors Husband With Party

Mrs. Lyman Higdon was the hostess for a surprise dinner party given at her lovely home Monday evening in celebration of the birthday anniversary of her husband.

The house was beautifully decorated in tulips and other spring flowers, which carried out the color note in pink and white.

The only decoration for the table was a large birthday cake decorated in lilies of the valley and little pink candies and four pink and white tapers in silver holders.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Higdon, Mr. W. L. Higdon, Miss Kate Higdon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higdon, Mr. John Berry and Mr. Lyman Higdon, Jr.

Miss Franks Here

Miss Mattie Will Franks of Indiana is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. E. H. Franks, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conley. Miss Franks came to Franklin to attend the recent funeral of her grandfather, the late E. H. Franks.

Some months ago Miss Franks won a beauty contest in Indiana and was awarded a trip to Hollywood.