

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-  
Precious Minerals, Kaolin, Asbestos,  
Precious Gems  
Abundance Good Labor  
Ample Transportation  
Facilities  
Pure, Clear Water  
Productive Soils

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## STATE OFFICERS VISIT FRANKLIN

W. K. Beichler, District Forester, and C. N. Mease, District Game Warden, Inspect Wayah Bald Game Refuge—Will Bring Elk and Beaver.

On Tuesday of this week district state forester, W. K. Beichler, and district game warden, C. N. Mease, accompanied by warden, J. J. Mann, inspected the state game refuge on Wayah Bald. They report that Jesse Slagle, refuge warden, has made much progress in protection of game on the refuge. The wild cats and foxes have killed a few turkeys, but otherwise, all the game turned loose on the refuge is doing nicely.

Mr. Mease said that the state officials have recently bought eight head of elk from the Hooper Bald refuge and that these animals have been placed in the Burleson enclosure. Some of the young elk will be brought to Wayah Bald later in the summer. An order for some Beaver was made three months ago. When this order is filled the local refuge is expected to receive its quota.

According to a statement by Mr. Mease another game refuge was recently established near Grandfather mountain. "It will be the policy of the state," said Mr. Mease, "to establish game refuges in various sections of Western North Carolina." Within eight or ten years after such is done Mr. Mease is of the opinion that the mountainous part of the state will again become a hunter's paradise.

### Broadway Locals

There was a very bad storm on Broadway last Thursday and Thursday night. Very bad winds and rain fell from early in the morning until some time in the afternoon, then very bad winds and snow. Such a storm has never been experienced around here.

Mrs. Sallie Barns spent last week end on Broadway with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Wilson.

Messrs. Andy and Tom Wilson was on Turtle Pond Friday.

Misses Dora Picklesinner and Maggie Buchannon was on Broadway last week end.

Mr. Tom Smith was at Mr. Andy Wilson's home Thursday on business. Messrs. Bart and Radford Wilson spent last week end with Mrs. H. C. Wilson.

Mrs. B. Wilson and daughter, Addie spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Hettie Talley.

Mr. William Green was on Turtle Pond Wednesday.

Mr. Jerry Wilson has returned home from Sealy where he has been for some few days.

Mrs. Andy Wilson was at the home of Mrs. H. C. Wilson's Friday on business.

Mr. Andy Wilson spent Wednesday night with his sister.

### Bulls Average \$319

Sam Franks, Jim Gray and Fred Sloan went to Salisbury last week to an auction sale of thoroughbred Guernsey bull calves from the Brant Ranch in California. Twenty-one calves sold for an average of \$319 cash, the highest price paid being seven hundred dollars and the lowest something more than two hundred. In speaking of the sale Mr. Franks stated that these calves were bought by farmers who had the money in their pockets. While there Mr. Franks heard the bell toll for scrub cattle and generally for grade cows as well. He said that farmers who attended the sale generally agreed that the dairyman without purebred cows is doomed to disappointment. In the neighborhood Mr. Franks and Mr. Gray bought two thoroughbred heifers, three months of age, for \$125 each.

The party came back by way of Chester county, South Carolina, where they inspected the herds of that community. Everywhere on their trip they found thoroughbred Guernseys selling readily for big prices and hard to find at that.

### Tax Sales Postponed

At its monthly meeting Monday the board of commissioners decided to postpone the advertisement of the sale of land for taxes until the first of August. It is said that the commissioners, in taking this action, considered several petitions asking the matter be postponed for 90 days. They also considered the fact that the tax books for 1928 have been delayed several months in reaching the hands of the tax collector.



ELIZA, pursued by bloodhounds, escapes across the river on the floating log raft. Scene from "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" A UNIVERSAL MASTERPIECE

## FLAMES RAZE CLUB BUILDING

About ten o'clock on Thursday night of last week during a severe storm a great red glow in the direction of Highlands, reflected brilliantly against the black clouds, caused considerable excitement in Franklin. Some one in Franklin turned in the fire alarm. It was later learned that the club house on the Highlands golf course was burning. Before any of the details could be ascertained the telephone lines went out of commission. The next day Attorney H. G. Robertson who was in Highlands when the club house burned returned to Franklin. He was unable to account for the fire, excepting on the theory that the high winds blowing down the chimney scattered live coals on the floor of the lobby. It is understood that the building was insured for forty thousand dollars and that the officials of the golf course intend to rebuild.

## Centennial Notes

The town board has given the U. D. C. permission to sell refreshments on the square in June 15th as the efforts of the U. D. C. will be responsible for the crowd we hope to have. No one else will be allowed to sell refreshments that day, on the business part of Main street. If the U. D. C. makes anything over expenses it will be expended for public benefit.

A pair of oxen have been offered for the U. D. C. float. Letters are coming in from the old veterans.

A 150 foot flower bed has been planted on the Dillsboro highway, at the town limits, and the high bank above in vines. A quart of zinnia seed donated by Mrs. Zeke Byrd and Mrs. Will Cunningham have been planted along the highway.

At the Ga. and N. C. state lines a bed of summer and autumn blooming flowers that multiply from roots have been planted and the high bank on one side planted at the top with vines.

Three long and unsightly banks have been planted to hold the land from washing as well as beautifying same.

There is much more to be done on the Bus route.

The U. D. C. is under obligations to "Chick" Lippard and "Dee" Sutton for all of this planting and to Mrs. Lyman Higdon and Mrs. Will Cunningham for use of cars.

The next civic improvements the U. D. C. will undertake will be the grounds around the depot, marking the Indian mound and circling it with zinnias.

## Myers Bros. Lease Hotel

Myers Brothers, Tobe and Bill, have leased from Mrs. W. L. McCoy the Mountain City hotel at Mountain City. It is understood that the hotel will be opened for the season on May 15. The Myers Brothers store at Franklin will probably be moved to Mountain City, though no definite decision to this effect has yet been made. Mrs. L. D. Dills of Cartoogechay will aid in running the hotel.

According to all reports the people of Mountain City are expecting the biggest tourist season in the history of the town.

Mr. McCoy, it is said, will build five or six cottages on the grounds for use of those who do not desire to stay at the hotel.

## Biggest "Uncle Tom" Coming

DATE SET FOR MAMMOTH PRODUCTION AT MACON THEATRE

For two years past one of the principle topics in film circles has been the currently reported news of the filming by Universal on a huge scale of the widely known story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Local theatre managers were interested when the news was set for release. Announcement is now made by Manager Lyle of the Macon theatre that he has booked the big entertainment for his theatre Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. For seventy-five years "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been played on the stage by innumerable companies of troupers, their offerings ranging from what were scarcely more pretentious than "medicine shows" to larger aggregations, carrying brass bands, "two topsy's", "two-lawyer marks" and other forms of ballyhoo that might attract crowds but that had little to do with the story as written in her immortal book by Harriet Beecher Stowe, in 1850.

Carl Laemmle, president of the Universal Pictures Corporation makes no secret of the fact that the present production, which cost nearly \$2,000,000 and was two years in the making, is the realization of a dream of many years. Great American Classics, he says, have always held a fascination for him; and he is proud of the fact that in this, the first adequate filming of the Stowe story, Director Harry Pollard has avoided the queer traditions that have crept into the many stage versions, few of which have ever been written, and has spent a fortune in giving a true presentation of the original, that has entertained generation after generation for seventy-five years.

This is literally true with one incidental exception. While the book was written before the Civil War, in the Universal production the drama ends with the freeing of the slaves coincident with the entry of the Southern scene of the victorious Northern troops. This dramatic license Director Pollard insists is justified, inasmuch as the conditions of slavery which create the real drama of the book were ended by the war, the only fitting ending for theatrical presentation is to show that ending. Otherwise the whole story and purpose of the book becomes merely an incident or succession of incidents in American history.

There is no war stuff in the picture. The appearance of the troops on the march fit into the plot in the manner mentioned, and in no place do they show as combatants. To tell the truth Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is a thrilling book, containing three distinct stories, melodramatic in their thrilling human intensity, and correlated through the inclusion of the same characters. As such it has stood the test of three-quarters of a century of popularity in the home, the public library and on the stage.

A large percentage of the high expenditure, it is said, went to the filming of the many scenes in the locations depicted in the book. The story begins in Kentucky; carries Eliza north across the Ohio river by the underground railway returns to Ohio, to the Mississippi, down the river to New Orleans; back up the river to Simon Legree's plantation "an epic sweep" as Mr. Laemmle says, "too big for the stage." This route, a large company under Director Pollard followed during the filming covering 26,000 miles of travel.

## LAST MEETING OF TOWN BOARD

Monday night the present town board held its last regular monthly meeting. The board passed an order giving the U. D. C. the exclusive privilege to sell sandwiches and soft drinks on the public square at the Macon county centennial on June 15.

The board also passed an order refunding the citizens of Iotla and Riverview streets the amounts assessed against them for paving the streets mentioned.

## Paint Demonstration At Local Hardware Store

Mr. Alf Higdon, of the Franklin Hardware Company, has just mailed out announcements of the demonstration of Red W Paints and Finishes to be held at his store on May 13-14-15.

A factory representative from the Red W plant in St. Louis, Mo., will be in charge of the display and will exhibit various of his company products applied over the actual surfaces, for which they are intended in regular uses.

This week the store's windows feature a guessing contest which will be carried on during the demonstration period. For guessing the closest number of dots in a circle, eight prizes are offered. In addition a free can of finishes is given all making a guess on a regular coupon form.

Mr. Higdon's paint department has been recently changed to conform to the latest ideas in retail paint merchandising and a visit to the store during the demonstration promises to be well worth while.

## North Skenah News

Mr. Lester Dills passed through our section Friday.

Mr. Joe Watts was in this section on business Thursday.

Mrs. Jim Cabe and daughter of Riverside was visiting relatives in this section the first of the week.

Mr. E. B. DeHart and Dr. Lyle was in our section Monday to see Mr. E. L. DeHart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sanders of Toccoa, Ga., was visiting Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jude Hastings.

We are glad to report that Mrs. E. L. DeHart is able to be out visiting again.

Mrs. Anna Ledford was visiting at the home of J. C. Sanders Friday.

Rev. Lester Ledford made a business trip to Franklin Friday.

Miss Bertha Carpenter returned home Sunday after spending last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dehart in Franklin.

Mr. Manson Sanders of Franklin spent Saturday night with his brother, Mr. J. C. Sanders.

Misses Elsie Sanders and Ova Mae Hastings spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Bertha Hastings.

## Storm Damages Trees

The high winds in Macon county last Thursday night uprooted hundreds of fruit trees and also blew down several trees in the forests. While reports reaching Franklin show that considerable damage was done in all parts of the county the southern section of the county next to Georgia appears to have been hit the hardest. So far as is known no buildings were blown down and no body was injured.

## PATTON SWEEPS INTO OFFICE

Two Old Members of Board Re-elected and Four New Members to Assume Office

By vote of nearly five to one over his opponent Mayor George Patton was reelected Tuesday, the vote standing 247 for Patton and 56 for Carpenter. H. W. Cabe who has been a member of the board for nine years lead the ticket for alderman with a vote of 251 out of a possible vote of 325. J. M. Moore, the popular manager of the Farmers Supply Company, came second with 220 votes while Jess Conley was third with 162 votes. Next came John E. Rickman, incumbent, with 160 votes followed by W. B. McGuire with 158. Dr. J. H. Fouts was elected as the sixth member with a vote of 153. T. W. Angel had 152 votes, J. B. Pendergrass 144, John B. Henry 136, W. T. Moore 126, W. C. Cunningham 119, Grover Jamison 31 and J. E. Lancaster 1. Mr. Lancaster's name was not on any of the tickets and was evidently written in by one of his many friends. The election was quiet and passed off without any disorder.

## Unusual Plants In Top Gardens

Franklin, May 4.—An interesting development is being launched this summer at Franklin Terrace here. This resort has been known for its beautiful cut flowers, and the constant demand for plants, roots, and cuttings has led to the opening of a sales garden. The proprietors will specialize in rare varieties of choice plants.

Terrace Top Gardens will not endeavor to build up a large business but will attempt to introduce new and distinctive varieties. It will cater especially to the home gardener who puts quality first and will seek to build up the better type of planting in this section.

Miss Mary Willis, of the Terrace, is said to have a wizard's touch with flowers and one of the charms of this inn has been the exquisite flowers with which it was filled from frost to frost. Her association in this new business will be Miss Mary Bissell, of New Rochelle, N. Y., who has been a regular visitor to the Terrace for a number of years and who has had long experience in gardening, both in New Rochelle and in Florida.

Miss Bissell is a member of the Iris Society, the Rose society, the Women's Farm and Garden association and an honorary member of the Garden Club of New Rochelle. She is enthusiastic about the climate and soil of Western North Carolina and feels that there is no limit to the possibilities for the development of the gardening cult in this locality.

One of the plans for Terrace Top gardens, is a small gift shop featuring in garden accessories as gifts and souvenirs for motor parties. Window boxes will also be a feature of the gardens.

This is the first summer for commercial work at the Terrace and effort will be concentrated especially on the rose garden. Rare and choice roses, English delphiniums of the more unusual varieties and irises of the more distinctive types will be some of the outstanding attractions.

Later in the season a garden party is planned to formally open the gardens.

For years Franklin has taken a great interest in gardens. The Garden club here has been unusually active and has done some very creditable work. The plans for this year are extensive, featuring the universal planting of zinnias in the bare and waste spaces of the town, and vicinity and the staging of a flower show this fall. With the beautiful setting which nature has provided for gardens here, Franklin and Terrace Top Gardens, bids fair to become one of the show places of western North Carolina, it is felt.

—Asheville Times

## Evangelistic Service

Evangelistic services will be held at Olive Hill School house on May 19 at three o'clock.

Everybody is invited to attend old time Gospel service at Olive Hill School house, May 19. Bring your song books and let us worship the Lord together.