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

The Franklin Press

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TURTLE GUILTY OF DRIVING CAR

Citizens Want Streets Made Safe For Humans—No Evidence of Liquor and No Arrests Made.

Last Thursday while breakfast was being served at the Franklin Hotel & Restaurant a car parked in front of the place began moving off down Main street. "Hellup," yelled C. W. Hames, genial manager of the restaurant. "Stop, thief," howled H. L. Hendrix of Bethlehem, Ga., owner of the car. "Back up there," growled Chief Henry, whataya thing you are doing?" The driver of the car paid no attention to threats and madly careened across the street and ran into the curb in front of the Monday hotel. An investigation proved a lot of things. Franklin has become used to morons and children driving cars and so far has managed to get along without the help of the State highway patrol, but, then Franklin so far has had to deal only with the human element in all traffic problems. But at the time mentioned it appears that a mud turtle had taken charge of the wheel. This animal, fish, or whatever it is, plainly showed that it is not entirely familiar with the mechanism of a high powered car. In fact, the turtle for its first lesson in driving automobiles, is considered to have done well in getting the car started. His flippers did not seem to hang any too well to the smooth wheel. At any rate, as a steersman, the turtle was a complete flop. Even, at that, one way insists that said turtle did as well driving a car as some humans he knows.

However, the general consensus of opinion in Franklin indicates that if turtles are to be permitted to drive cars on the streets of the town, it is high time that a strong detachment of the state highway patrol be stationed here to see that all traffic rules are complied with. Some claim that the daddy turtle's fiasco was due to back seat interference, since, when the car was finally overtaken by Chief Henry, mamma turtle was calmly sitting in the back seat wearing an expression of extreme innocence.

It appears that Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hendrix of Bethlehem, Georgia, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Harris of Winder, Georgia, had been out to Turtle Pond the previous day and captured a male and female turtle. These turtles were left in the car in a sack. Both turtles evidently became hungry and escaped from the sack at breakfast time. Mamma turtle took her assigned place on the back seat while daddy turtle began investigating the mysteries of the automobile which had been left in low gear overnight. He finally parked himself on the starter and began the return trip to Turtle Pond. As there was no evidence to show that Mr. Turtle was under the influence of likker Chief Henry decided to make no arrests. There has been some talk of a mass meeting to present a demand to the proper authorities to make the streets of Franklin safe for human beings.

First Class Scouts Installed

At the scout house last week two boys, Billy Sloan and Tony Welch, were installed as first class scouts before a court of honor composed of J. S. Conley, Dick Jones, Major S. A. Harris and the scout master, Rev. J. A. Flanagan. The ceremony, though simple, was very impressive and the boys passed the test with flying colors. After the commissioner, represented by the scout master, had pronounced the two candidates first class scouts, the court resolved itself into an examining board and questioned Tony Welch and Jess Myers, who had recently moved here from Sheridan, Wyoming, on various projects in which boy scouts are supposed to be efficient. The examination covered many subjects such as pathfinding, map making, wood carving, civics, plumbing, sanitation, city, county, state and national governments, etc. The board was exceedingly pleased and surprised at the vast amount of information that the boys had acquired as scouts. Both Tony and Jess passed all subjects with ease. It is believed here that the installation of first class scouts will have a wholesome effect upon the local troop and that other boys will strive to attain this honor.

New Telephone System Now In At Highlands

According to an announcement made here Monday by George Johnston, manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, this organization has just completed a new telephone system at Highlands which is now in operation. The system includes a new switchboard, improved quarters, a cable in the business part of town and other improvements including new telephones. A copper metallic circuit has been installed out to the golf course club house and also from Highlands to Sylva. Mrs. Ollie Talley has been engaged as operator.

Stiles Locals

Court reassembled at the Morgan school house Saturday night. The grand jury produced the following true bill. State vs. W. E. Smith, forcible trespass on individuals property gathering pokesallet. E. B. Byrd, Judge, Tillery Love and Fred Anderson attorneys for the State. C. A. Randolph attorney for the defendant. Witnesses for the State, Furman Anderson, Clyde Morgan, Clint Byrd, and Everett Hampton. For the defendant, J. V. Smith, R. C. Anderson, J. D. Smith and James Anderson. The following men were drawn as jurors: Tom Queen, Robert Burnette, Carlos Rogers, Vina Holbrooks, Ralph Dean, Edna Morgan. Character witnesses were, Grover Welch, Ruth Byrd, C. E. Carnes, Laura Welch, Fred Owenby.

The State contended that Mr. Smith went from two to five miles with his wagon and leave the public highway and gathered pokesallet. Some of the witnesses stated that they had their land posted and had told Mr. Smith many times that he must stay off their premises, also stated when he didn't take the wagon that he would gather pokesallet and carry same in five bushel oat sacks. One witness claimed that Mr. Smith had a furnace and kiln in his field to dry this pokesallet. All witnesses were asked if they had ever been at Mr. Smith's at meal time and if he served this pokesallet. All witnesses were yes. One witness claimed he liked Mr. Smith but couldn't learn to like pokesallet. The defendant's witnesses claimed Mr. Smith's plantation was covered with pokesallet stalks large enough to hold up two large ground-hogs and he had fields laying out which was covered with pokesallet. Both sides made a hard fight. The attorneys spoke five minutes each and the judge made his charge to the jury and turned the case over to them. The jurors were gone about 15 minutes and returned a verdict of guilty. The judge gave Mr. Smith one year of hard labor handling rock. The defendant took an appeal to the supreme court. All had a hearty laugh. The sheriff dismissed the court till Saturday night week at 8 P. M.

Mr. A. G. Duvall met the misfortune of getting his leg mashed while cutting logs.

Miss Ruth Byrd has gone to Otter creek to assume her duties as school teacher.

Mr. Tillery Love of Clarksville, Ga., has begun his school at the Morgan school Monday.

Thomas Johnston Promoted

Thomas Johnston who has been with the A & P only eight months has made a remarkable record, it was announced here Tuesday. He has been promoted to the manager-ship of one of the company's stores in the city of Raleigh and left Saturday to take up his new duties. Mr. Johnston is only 21 years of age and is said to be one of the youngest, if not the youngest, managers in the service of the company. His many friends in Franklin are extending him their congratulations. Mrs. Johnston will join her husband at Raleigh in the near future.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT SLAGLE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Beginning on Sunday morning and continuing through the week, a protracted service will be held in the Slagle Memorial Presbyterian church. The Rev. R. F. Mock of the Franklin Methodist church, will conduct the services and do the preaching. Mr. J. W. Street will direct the song services. Rev. Mock will preach on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and each evening at this hour throughout the week. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend any and all of these services.

"LOST" REGION REDEEMED BY N. CAROLINA

Good Roads to Bring Back Section of Macon County

By WEIMAR JONES
In Asheville Times

North Carolina's good roads are about to redeem another "lost" region of the state.

For over a half a century that section of Macon county in which the little town of Highlands is situated has been a part of South Carolina—in everything but name.

But at last it is about to come back into North Carolina, thanks to means of transportation, and North Carolinians are waking up to the fact that, while they have been neglecting this rough and beautiful country, the people of other states have seen its possibilities and literally taken the region over.

Witness just two facts: Citizens of Louisiana, South Carolina, Georgia and half a dozen other states have gone to Highlands once, and then returned a second time to build as beautiful summer homes as may be found anywhere in Western North Carolina; and today Georgia capitalists, with the cooperation of Highlands business men, are constructing a golf course, up there on the top of the world, that has been declared by men who know to give promise of being as fine as any in the South.

Two Distinctions:

Highlands has, certainly, two distinctions: It lays claim to being the highest incorporated town in the east; and it undoubtedly is the most cosmopolitan community in the South. Year 'round residents—quest for beauty brought some, while that for health drew others.

To get back into North Carolina by this route, the traveler took the Tallulah Falls railway from Dillard to Franklin.

New Road Being Built

And the third chapter is being written today. The State is constructing, as a part of No. 28, a road direct from Highlands to Franklin.

The State is building a road—and how!

Rather, the State is blasting out a road.

And what a road! It follows the course of the Cullasaja river, rising some 1,500 feet in a few miles, and stands, at some points 250 feet above the river's gorge, with the rock dropping sheer from the road to the cataract at the bottom of the mountain. Above the rock towers straight up again.

For a distance of 1,000 horizontal feet, here is the procedure that was followed: From the opposite side of the mountain, the top of the cliff, above where the road now stands, was reached. Then men were lowered by ropes to the point where the highway was to be cut out of the granite. Holes were drilled, "loaded," and the dynamite blasts set off. Then the same process was repeated.

3 Waterfalls

This point is near one of the three beautiful falls along this stretch of No. 28 that, for scenery, combines waterfall, precipitous and frowning gray stone cliffs, and vistas of distant mountains. The second "Dry" falls, long famous for the fact that one can walk, dry underneath the rock over which the river pours.

And at the third waterfall the highway engineers, through accident or intent, have done something that will draw exclamation from the most blasé. Coming from Highlands, the motorist suddenly rounds a curve to see almost directly above him Bridal Veil falls. The water leaps gracefully from a rock overhanging the road, and strikes the outer edge of the highway, random drops rattling on the top of the car as the machine passes underneath it.

Grading Almost Complete

It is appropriately named. The water is that of a comparatively small tributary of the Cullasaja, and as it nears the top of a cliff, on the outer edge of the road, its spray is hardly more than mist.

The grading of the road is practically complete after two years of work. Plans are to hardsurface it; highway commission officials estimate that the grading will be complete within about two months. It is 20 miles in length.

About a year ago a group of Atlanta business men, golfing bent, "discovered" Highlands. Thereupon Highlands Estates, Inc. was organized, and work was begun on the Highlands golf course and country club. The group includes, among others, Robert T. Jones, father of Bobby Jones. A

Siler Reunion At Black Place

The 79 reunion of the Siler family of Macon county and elsewhere will take place this year on August first at the Black Place across the Nantahala mountains from Franklin. Uncle Charlie Slagle, owner of the Black Place and hundreds of adjoining acres, will have the honor of entertaining the family this year. A more beautiful place for the reunion could not have been chosen. This beautiful old mountain home rests on a grassy knoll overlooking the Nantahala river and for years has been noted for its true hospitality. The drive from Franklin to the Black Place is one of unsurpassed grandeur. Uncle Charlie is expecting the largest attendance this year in the history of these reunions.

Baptist Program

Program of the Macon County Baptist Association at Ridgecrest church, Wednesday, August 7 and 8, August 7.

10:00 A. M. Devotional, A. S. Solesbee.

Call for Correspondents.

Election of Officers.

11:00 A. M. Sermon.

Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M. Devotional, D. C. McCoy.

Reading Church letters.

2:00 P. M. Cooperative Plan.

2:30 P. M. Temperance Report.

2:45 P. M. Report of Periodicals.

3:50 P. M. Appointment of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

Thursday, August 8

9:30 A. M. Devotional, A. J. Smith.

Adopt Minutes.

10:00 A. M. W. M. Union Report.

10:30 A. M. B. Y. P. U. Report.

11:00 A. M. Stewardship.

11:30 A. M. Christian Education.

Dinner, one hour.

Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M. Reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions.

2:00 P. M. Ministerial Relief.

2:15 P. M. Historian's Report.

2:30 P. M. Obituaries.

Adjourn at will.

Attends Rotary Convention

Attorney Gilmer Jones who was recently installed as president of the local Rotary club has been attending a convention of the presidents of the clubs in the 58th district at Tryon this week. Rotary International now has clubs in 54 countries of the world.

number of Highlands business men also own stock.

\$75,000 Golf Course

Four hundred acres was purchased, much of it thick-set in rhododendron and laurel, and work began. The 18-hole golf course, when completed will have cost approximately \$75,000.

The almost complete club house was burned last April, but work was almost immediately begun on a new structure, which will be finished in about three months at a cost of \$75,000. The size of the building can be visualized by pointing out that it will be almost a quarter of a mile around. A formal opening is planned for next June.

The course itself, nine holes of which are complete, was laid off by Donald Ross, noted golf architect. It has a smooth and velvety turf—where a few months ago was wilderness—as could be imagined, surrounded by strikingly beautiful mountain scenery, with water practically always in view. On one side is the municipal lake, on the other a new lake built by Highlands Estates, Inc.

Sequel To Fire

An interesting sequel to the fire of last April is revealed in a rhododendron bush growing nearby. The heat of the flames killed one side of the bush; it is leafless and the branches are blackened—that farthest from the fire—is filled with beautiful blossoms. Incidentally, this is the height of the rhododendron season in Highlands. The abundant rhododendron in the town and the surrounding country are loaded with blossoms so thick one could hardly touch a bush without coming in contact with a blossom.

The altitude—some 3,800 feet—is responsible of course, for the later blossoming of rhododendron and other flowers at Highlands. People there say that the season is approximately three weeks later in Highlands than in Horse Cove, which is in plain view from near the town. Horse Cove is about three or four miles away by road, and approximately half a mile distant by airline—a perpendicular one.

COUNTIES MUST INSURE WORKERS

Municipalities and Other Subdivisions of the State Come Under Compensation Statute.

Employees of counties, municipalities and other subdivisions of the State are subject to the provisions of the State Workmen's Compensation Act, and counties especially must make provision in their budgets to either pay the premiums necessary to cover possible injury to employees and to pay the maintenance tax due the State, all county accountants and boards of commissioners are being advised in a letter from the County Government Advisory Commission.

County officials may insure the county's liability for accidents to its employees with an insurance company authorized to do business in North Carolina or they may elect to let the county assume its own risk, the letter explains. The latter method has been adopted by the State of North Carolina for its departments and institutions, and it is expected that many of the counties will follow this same plan. In either event, however, application must be made to the Industrial Commission on a special form. The Industrial Commission has agreed to approve county applications for self-insurance without proof of its financial ability to assume its own risk.

Application for self-insurance must be made within 30 days after July 1, 1929, but the Industrial Commission urges that applications be made before this date if possible, in order to prevent a last-minute rush.

In the applications, the county must indicate the departments involved, the number of employees in each and the payroll. Elected officials appointed for a definite term are not included.—Greensboro Daily News.

The Baptist Meeting

Preparation is in course for the Baptist meeting with Dr. E. E. Huntsberry of Louisiana and Mr. David Mashburn of Andrews, N. C., assisting the pastor, Dr. W. M. Lee.

Six cottage prayer meetings will be held this week—three on Thursday afternoon at three at the homes of Dr. Lee, Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, and Mrs. W. L. Higdon and three on Friday afternoon at three at the homes of Mrs. Geo. Carpenter, Mrs. Wilkie and Mrs. Oscar Bryant. Dr. Lee will lead two. Mr. Mashburn will lead two and Rev. J. B. Stalcup will lead two.

The prayer meeting Wednesday night at the church will be led by Mr. David Mashburn and he has styled it a soul winning prayer meeting. A census of the city and surrounding country will be taken. The country churches have been invited to send in delegations.

Dr. Huntsberry will preach at Ridgecrest church next Sunday afternoon at three. Services will be held each day beginning next Sunday at eleven A. M., and 8:15 P. M.

Dr. Huntsberry has many friends in all the churches of the city. He made himself much beloved while he was in our town last year. The country people came in large numbers last year. They are expected to hear him in large numbers this year.

The church is making an effort this week to clear up a debt of 550 dollars which is the last debt of the church. So far this year nearly six thousand dollars have been raised in the church. The Home Board debt has been entirely settled and the church building has no mortgage on it at present. It will be dedicated at a date to be set by the church.

Fifty young people have recently graduated in the B. Y. P. U. course of training and will receive diplomas at an early date.

The roof is being painted with a coat of paint preserver and an improvement is being made in the general appearance of the building.

Dr. Geo. F. Austin of the Home Board preached to large congregations last Sunday. Mrs. D. I. Mulky of Louisiana sang at both services. She has sung in the choirs of Miami, Fla., and in other large cities of the South. The large congregations appreciated her superior voice. Mr. and Mrs. Mulky have been visiting at the home of Dr. Walter M. Lee, who was a former pastor of the Mulkeys. A beautiful anthem was rendered by the choir at the morning service and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Mulky sang a duet at night.

The Senior Union presented a nageant at the Ridgecrest church on Sunday afternoon to a large audience. Mr. Mulky made the remark that it was presented better than he had seen it presented by a large church of a city of 3500 people in Louisiana.