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Bobby Jones To Play Highlands Course

A & P CONTRACTS LOCAL BUTTER

According to reports reaching Franklin the Nantahala Creamery, owned and operated by A. B. Slagle, makes the best butter in the state. From time to time butter from the creameries in the state is tested by the State College at Raleigh. It is said that the local creamery scores the greatest number of points in those tests. As a result the local butter is becoming widely known throughout North Carolina. In fact the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea company has entered into a contract with Mr. Slagle to supply butter to all the stores of the company in Asheville and all counties west of that city. Mr. Slagle's many friends are jubilant at the success he is making in the creamery business.

School Expenses

North Carolinians spent \$1,000,000 less for their public schools in 1927-28 than they did in 1926-27, so declares State School Facts, the official publication of the State Department of Public Instruction in its current issue. "A comparison of the two years" the publication continues "shows that in 1926-27 the total sum of \$36,701,501.36 was spent for these schools, whereas during the school year 1927-28 the sum of \$35,655,440.70 was expended for all public school purposes below college grade. "The explanation of the decrease" the publication states, "is the fact that more than two million dollars less were spent for capital outlay purposes, new buildings, sites, and equipment. In 1926-27 more than eleven million dollars were paid out for this class of expenditures, whereas in 1927-28 slightly more than nine million dollars were put into new buildings and school equipment. "The year 1927-28 marks the lowest point that capital outlay expenditures have reached since 1921-22, when the cost of the new buildings erected and equipped slightly exceeded six million dollars. "On the other hand, as the publication points out, the amount of money spent for the current operation and maintenance of the schools increased one million dollars over the preceding year. It cost \$26,580,686.40 to operate the elementary and secondary schools during 1927-28, whereas in 1926-27 twenty-five and a half million dollars did the job. "There is a tendency for current expense to increase from year to year, but at the rate of increase this past year is the lowest within the past eight years. This million dollars represents a 4 percent increase, whereas in 1920-21 there was a 40.8 percent increase; in 1921-22 15.3 percent; in 1922-23, 11.1 percent; in 1923-24, 10.6 percent; in 1924-25, 10.2 percent; in 1925-26, 8.5 percent, and 1926-27, 12.0 percent. The increase the past year therefore, is less than half the percentage increase of any of the preceding seven years.

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LEE BARNARD MUCH DEPRESSED

While the rain was gently falling Tuesday morning Lee Barnard dropped into The Press office. Lee was blue. In fact, he was almost in tears. His worries were sitting heavily upon him. Lee had Gloomy Gus backed completely off the map. For Lee the horizon was obscure and apparently he was fast sinking into a deep, dark dungeon of despair. When asked why all the gloom, Lee said that the was worrying about trucks—trucks in twos, tens and hundreds—odds of trucks. Mr. Barnard had just come from his farm and is of the opinion that he will not make a nubbin this year. Hence, he is trying to find a sufficient number of trucks with which to haul his big corn off and swap it for nubbins. Being convinced that there are not enough trucks in Franklin for this purpose he is thinking of getting in touch with General Motors.

FLORIDA MAN LIKES FRANKLIN

Mr. Lee Daniel and two daughters, Misses Lola Lee and Elizabeth, were present at the flower show Tuesday. Mr. Daniell is from Pensacola and spends his summers in the mountains of this section. At present he is stopping at Mountain City, but states that he will probably make Franklin his headquarters next summer. Mr. Daniell and daughters were highly complimentary in their remarks concerning Franklin and the people who live here.

Bon Marche Celebrates 40th Year In Business

Mammoth Sales Event Will Start on August First

The Bon Marche, of Asheville, North Carolina, one of the largest and finest department stores in the South, will inaugurate on Thursday, August first, a celebration event of wide interest to the people of this entire section—its fortieth year Anniversary Sale.

A pioneer in the community's progress, the Bon Marche has for forty years been an outstanding factor in the civic and commercial life of Western North Carolina. Founded in an humble way by Solomon Lipinsky in 1889, it has ever kept in mind a policy of service—service to its customers, and service to the community at large; and for the thirty-six years before his death, during which Mr. Lipinsky was the active head of the store, he was known as an innovator and leader in every cause for the advancement of Western North Carolina, whether of commercial, civic or philanthropic nature. Today, the business founded in such humble circumstances is known throughout the south and east as one of the most progressive institutions in the country.

This past year has seen many improvements. The entire street floor of the store has been rearranged; an improved art-craft department serves needlewomen of this section on the store's third floor; the opening of a men's section was an outstanding service achievement. Recently the announcement of a man's shoe section, a "Defiance" automobile tire department, and a new store policy assuring Western North Carolina shoppers of "lowest in Asheville" prices attracted much interest and favorable comment.

The management of the store still continues in the hands of the Lipinsky family, with the three sons of its founder holding the executive reins. Morris is president and general manager; Whit vice president and store superintendent; Louis is merchandise manager.

In commemorating the fortieth anniversary of its founding, officials of the store have bent every effort to the making of an event of real magnitude. For six months, active preparation has been in progress; Bon Marche buyers have scoured the eastern markets for values in merchandise suited to the needs of the buying public of this locality, and it is believed that the month's sales will eclipse those of any other month in the sales history of the store.

Dr. W. H. Mumford On Visit Here

Dr. W. H. Mumford, dean of the University of Illinois, director of the state extension service and director of the Illinois experimental station, spent the week end in Franklin at the home of Mrs. W. W. Sloan. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mumford and daughter, Miss Mary. While here Dr. Mumford inspected the work of the local county agent and expressed pleasure at the good work being done by Mr. Sloan. Dr. Mumford is one of four prominent agricultural experts who were sent to Germany to instruct the Germans in the extension work as carried on in America.

Illinois, according to Dr. Mumford, has 102 counties 98 of which have county agents.

A Surprise Shower

Last Wednesday afternoon, three or four automobiles drove up to the residence of "The Woods Girls." The cars were filled with some of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lore Housier, bearing gifts for the bride! "Miss Hattie" was taken entirely by surprise, and the shower of gifts for herself and her home were most highly appreciated.

After a pleasant social hour, refreshments were served the unexpected guests.

As they took their leave, each wished the newly married couple, happiness and prosperity and each bore the same message from other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Love Housier, number their friends by their acquaintances and everyone is expressing best wishes for them.

THE STATE OF FRANKLIN-1874

Western Counties Organized State of Franklin and Had Their Own Government for Four Years.

Probably not many people know that the State of Franklin once existed in the confines of the present State of North Carolina. The Press is indebted to Miss M. E. Hugert of Highlands for the following article copied from a magazine, The Land We Love, published in 1868:

The revolt of the Western counties of North Carolina in 1784, the formation of the State of Franklin, the existence of that anomalous political organization for four years, and its final absorption by the parent State in 1788, are all remarkable events. And yet they are so little known to history and so imperfectly understood by historical readers generally, as to have nearly faded from the view of modern observers, and by many are referred to, only as the obscure revelations of tradition.

And yet these events are not only as we have here designated them, remarkable in themselves, but they are of present to posterity invaluable lessons—lessons of wisdom to the statesmen and rulers of the present day—lessons of patriotism, of humanity, of forbearance both to the politicians, and people of the country, which cannot be too sedulously taught and inculcated upon, the citizens of the United States in the existing crisis of public affairs. We cannot too much respect or too lightly revere the noble magnanimity of North Carolina to her revolted western citizens while attempting the disintegration of the old State. Nor can we on the other hand, too much admire the self-sacrificing and dutiful spirit of the revolted people themselves their subordination to law, to justice, to right, to quietude and peace under the exhibition of apparent neglect, injustice and misrule. No where else has been manifested by any people, a truer love of country, on so little tendency to radicalism or the prostration of all law. Their conduct in this respect cannot be too much commended or imitated.

Origin and Cause of the Revolt of 1784
The American Revolution was terminated by acknowledgement on the part of Great Britain, of the independence of each of the thirteen States—heretofore colonies of her own and which had, one by one, thrown off its allegiance to the parent government, and revolted from its authority. The transition from a State of provincial vassalage and colonial dependence, to self-government, was sudden, but in some states, almost imperceptible. The change from a monarchy to a republic, brought with it, here and there, over the country, a little of the spirit of insubordination.

GARDEN CLUB EXTENDS THANKS

The Franklin Garden club and associated flower circles take this opportunity to thank Miss Bissel for her kindness in donating the first prizes for the flower show as an expression of her interest in our club. The club also extends thanks to the Jupollo Public Service company for the use of its store room.

Feed For Molting Hens

The same poultry feeds that give good egg production are best adapted to grow new feathers. During the molt, mash, which is the egg-producing part of the ration, should be fed freely. Scratch feed should be fed sparingly so that the hens will eat more mash than scratch feed. The mash should make up from one-half to one-third of the total feed. Increased mash consumption may be induced by feeding one light meal of moist mash in addition to keeping dry mash always before the hens. Mixing the moist mash with milk instead of water increases its palatability and tends to increase mash consumption. Sudden changes in the ration, or in the method of feeding should not be made, as this may throw the hens into a premature molt. Such changes as moving them to a new house, or closely confining them after being on free range also tend to induce molting.

Highlands Planning Barbecue on August 10 to Celebrate Opening of Course—Will Also Unveil Monument to S. T. Kelsey—Completion of No. 28 Phase of Celebration.

HUNDREDS SEE FLOWER SHOW

The local garden club under the presidency of Mrs. Smith Harris ended its first year of existence Wednesday by staging a flower show in the store room of the Jupollo Public Service company. Associated flower circles in Franklin were also interested in making the show a complete success. The large store room was literally filled with beautiful flowers of all kinds and the hundreds who visited the show in a constant stream all day expressed delight at the exhibition. Even those staging the show were surprised at the number and variety of flowers. The competition for prizes in all classes was exceedingly keen and the judges had great difficulty in rendering their decisions. After due deliberation the judges announced the following prize winners:

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Schools And Libraries

Raleigh, N. C. July.—Approximately 160,000 children were enrolled in the standard elementary schools of the state in 1928-29, or about one-third of the total elementary school enrollment, according to the records just compiled by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from the reports for these schools.

A school is standardized on the basis of an eight months term with at least a teacher to a grade, and with certain other requirements as to organization and equipment.

Five years ago there were 270 rural schools which met the conditions as to term and teachers, but only 26 met the other requirements. Now 326 schools have met all requirements and are classified as standard schools. A total of 445 rural schools met the requirements as to teachers and term and of this number 208 met all conditions.

The 208 rural standard elementary schools have more than 113,000 library books as compared with 8,000 five years ago. The State last year gave library aid to 215 schools. These schools raised additional funds and spent more than \$31,000.00 for new library books for elementary schools. In the past six years, schools receiving State library aid have spent more than \$145,000.00 for elementary books. Most of this money was raised through the efforts of parent-teachers associations and the schools themselves.

In the cities of the State, rapid progress has been made each year, and today there are 118 standard elementary schools as compared with 30 five years ago. In these schools are more than 165,000 library books.

On August 10 Highlands, Macon county's beautiful little mountain city and the highest incorporated town east of the Mississippi, is planning a big barbecue in celebration of three distinct events. First, a monument to S. T. Kelsey, founder of the town, will be unveiled. In 1872 S. T. Kelsey and Chas. Hutchinson of Kansas bought 800 acres of land from J. W. Dobson on the west plateau of Satulah mountain. The legend has it that Kelsey and Hutchinson had taken a map of the United States and on it had drawn two lines, one running from New York to New Orleans and the other from Chicago to Charleston. Working on the theory that the intersection of these lines would be the exact center of the population of eastern America and consequently within easy reach of the most people they set out to locate the spot, coming first to Franklin and then on to the present site of Highlands. On reaching the spot on the map where the lines intersected they found the place to be on top of the Blue Ridge mountains with virgin forests stretching for miles in all directions. Deer and wild turkeys were found in abundance while the streams were filled with speckled trout. This land of enchantment appealed mightily to both Kelsey and Hutchinson. Mr. Kelsey brought his family to this wilderness in 1872 and in 1873 Mr. Hutchinson did likewise. Others soon followed, among whom was S. P. Ravenel of Charleston. Soon the fame of Highlands spread all over the South. So grateful are the present inhabitants of that town for the pioneer work done by Mr. Kelsey a monument has been erected in his honor and this will be unveiled on August 10 in the presence of his two sons, one now living in California and the other in Connecticut, who have indicated their intention to visit Highlands at that time.

The second event which Highlands is celebrating is that of the opening of Highway No. 28 between Franklin and that town. This highway follows the Cullasaja river the entire distance and is considered the most beautiful route in eastern America. The route in question passes through the Cullasaja gorge where workmen drilling the holes for the powder were suspended on slings similar to those used by painters in painting the sides of a building. In the gorge proper is the Lower Falls of the Cullasaja. A few miles above one comes to the Upper or Dry Falls. A short distance beyond the road passes behind the Bridal Veil Falls where the water tumbling down from a high cliff falls on the outside of the roadway.

The third event that the barbecue is intended to celebrate is that of the opening of the Highlands golf course. The entire course has been cleared from a laurel thicket and is said to be one of the best courses in the Southeast. The club house that was burned in the spring is now in course of reconstruction. On the opening date Bobby Jones, the most famous golfer in the world, will play a foursome with three other nationally known golfers. It is understood that only nine holes are now available for play, but work on the remaining nine holes is progressing rapidly.

The committee in charge of arrangements has already received word that hundreds of golf players from all over the East are planning to come to Highlands on August 10. In addition to golfers thousands of other are expected to be present to see Bobby and others play. Highlands, never accustomed to doing things in half-way measures, is extending an invitation to everybody to help the town celebrate the three events mentioned above.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

The Rev. F. R. Riddle, pastor of the Shandon Presbyterian church of Columbia, S. C., will preach at the local Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning, August 4th at 11 o'clock. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to be present at this service.

BRYSON VISITS PARENTS

Mr. J. W. Bryson and three sons of Rome, Georgia, are visiting Mr. Bryson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryson, on the Cullasaja. The visitors were in Franklin Tuesday greeting their numerous friends.