

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  
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 Law-abiding Citizenship

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

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

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## Work To Start On Nantahala Dam In Three Months

### JUDGE HARWOOD MAKES A PLEA FOR YOUTH

**Charges Grand Jury to Protect Young Men and Women by Holding Elders Responsible For All Violations of Law.**

Macon county superior court opened here Monday with Judge John H. Harwood of Bryson City presiding and with Solicitor Grover Davis of Waynesville representing the State in criminal cases. The grand jury was organized by the appointment of Craig Stepp as foreman. Judge Howard's charge was somewhat different to the usual charge in that he failed to take up and explain violations of particular laws. His charge was based upon broader lines and was one of the most interesting ever heard at Franklin. To begin with he stated that the law is not so much concerned with individuals as it is with the needs of society in general. The liberties that now prevail in America are due to the foresight of the original settlers, said the judge, and he went on in an appeal to the grand jury to protect and preserve these liberties for the sake of future generations. In this connection he said that good citizenship will prevail or that the lawless element will predominate. As to which will get the upper hand will depend to a considerable extent upon the way in which grand juries perform their duties. Judge Harwood called attention to the fact that one of the important duties devolving upon the grand jury is the reporting by individual members of the jury the violations of any law that may have come to their notice. He pointed out the fact that all laws must be obeyed. "If a law is not a good one," said Judge Harwood, "it should be taken off the books."

The judge is of the opinion that violations of law can not be corrected by statutes. Deep down in the heart of each man, said Judge Harwood, is a wee small voice, known as conscience. "When every man in the county can move among his friends and neighbors with a clear conscience, then you may rest assured that no law has been violated," was another bit of philosophy propounded by Judge Harwood.

He told the grand jury that the test may come as to whether a member will do his duty or shield a friend. In this connection he made a strong appeal to the grand jury to stand out as MEN and perform its duty for the sake of the youth of the county.

Judge Harwood's plea for the boys and girls was one of the most earnest ever heard in Macon county. He has noted an increased number of young men coming before the courts. On inquiry Judge Harwood has come to the conclusion that these young men are generally those who quit school in the third or fourth grades. They have no plans for the future, but are drifting along with the tide. They have not learned the fundamental lessons of citizenship. They have grown up with no conception of the rights of others. "The home and the school," said Judge Harwood, "are the places to learn the fundamentals of good citizenship." He appealed to the grand jury to help the boys and girls of Macon county by holding every man in the county responsible for his conduct. In this way few or no violations of the law will come to the notice of the young men and young women. Hence, the rising generation will soon learn to obey and respect the law as something sacred. If the older people are permitted to violate the law with impunity, they set a bad example to the youth and are laying up trouble for the future of the county, state and nation.

### FAR AWAY CONGRESSMAN INTERESTED IN MACON FORESTS

Congressman Summers of Texas, who is spending the summer at Highlands was a visitor in Franklin this week.

Congressman Summers spent some time with the Federal Forestry officials getting data on the Nantahala forest. He is well posted on the forests of the country and seems very particularly interested in our forests here.

### EDITORIAL

In so short a time after taking over The Franklin Press it is hard for us to lay down an unalterable policy. We have, however, a few things that we must get off our chest right away.

First and foremost, we are for Macon county, her towns, her business and her citizens, first, last, and all the time, for we believe that the future of Macon will be great, and it is our aim to be part of it. Not only a part of the benefits that will ultimately come to Macon but to be an active party to the making of Macon county what she deserves to become.

Next, we are publishing a newspaper. It is a newspaper's duty to be worth the money. That is our aim—to give value received.

There is also an economic side to the question, viz., like all public servants, a paper must live. And this phase is inevitably interwoven with the community—the more interest that is shown in advertising and in subscribing, the better paper we can have. Which is a way of saying that as we are served so may we serve. No one wants a paper that will not be a credit to the community it serves.

No paper can fully serve its community unless the community takes a large interest in it. Right here the writer wishes to express his sincere thanks for the many expressions of good wishes that he has received. He will spare no pains to come up to the expectations of all these very kind folk.

We believe that no good purpose can be served in us becoming a party to petty wrangles in any field, whether it be politics, religion, social, financial or any other kind. Nor will we knowingly become a party to any personal vindictiveness. We will not join in any move to get the "ins" or the "outs" in which there will be no good end served by so doing. We will, however, say what we have to say regarding policies on any public question. Personalities do not interest us only in so far as they are inseparably interwoven with the public welfare.

We do not believe in getting all excited over a mere storm in a tea cup. We will leave that to the wise acres who, having no business of their own, spend their time—and thought (?) attending to the affairs of others.

We believe in backing up all legally constituted authority wherever and whenever a sincere effort is being made to dutifully discharge the duties intrusted thereto.

We sincerely wish to do all in our power to arrive at that much coveted place in all phases of our development where all who come in contact with any one of us or all of us may truthfully say that the Macon spirit is strong and the Macon smile is sweet.

What could be a greater boost to us than to deserve the reputation of being cheerful, nondiscourageable, thrifty citizens. When we can say, truthfully, as goes Macon, so goes the others.

We will gladly publish any signed letter discussing any public policy. We will not publish any unsigned letter. Nor will we publish any letter of any kind that has for its ulterior purpose to "get" some one for personal reason.

We will not use our columns to broad cast any scandal that will cause unnecessary heartaches to friends and relatives. There are laws and officers to handle this and we have enough to do besides.

We will, in every possible case, say the pleasant things and boost all good things.

When it becomes necessary for us to say hard and down dragging things we will close up our shop. If we can not help find a way out of any of the many trying places that all individuals and every community finds itself in occasionally, we will keep our mouths shut. Destructive criticism will not be a part of our stock in trade.

We believe that a great deal too much stress has been laid on hard times. As a man thinks so is he. And, further, we believe along this line that the pinch that a lot of us have felt is due in no little measure to our own bad management. We have been buying too many autos and the like on a wheel barrow income. The thing in our opinion, for us to do now is to get down to brass tacks and

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Engineering Camp Now Being Constructed—Take Three Months to Complete Survey—Will Build Railroad To Site—Construction of Dam Will Depend Upon Geological Formations.

### DEDICATION OF BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEAR FUTURE

In Past Fifteen Months Church Has Had Remarkable Growth Under Administration of Dr. Walter M. Lee.

At an early date the dedication of the handsome Baptist church building at Franklin will be held. This church was established here in 1822 by Stephen White and Mumfrey Posey, the latter a missionary of the Philadelphia Association in Pennsylvania. Throughout the 107 years of its existence the church here has had a series of remarkable struggles and a marvelous history. The local Baptist church is the mother and grandmother of more than 35 churches in Western North Carolina. At the dedication exercises all living former pastors will be invited to attend.

During the past fifteen months the local Baptist church is believed to have made a record in new membership unsurpassed by any other church in the association. In June 1928 Dr. Walter M. Lee was called from South Carolina to assume the pastorate. Since that time 181 new members have been added to the rolls. For a town of less than 2,000 population this addition to the membership is believed to constitute a record. Last week at Ridgecrest church in Macon county Dr. Lee was made moderator of the Association. During the past fifteen months also the local church has raised more than \$7,000 for all purposes and has cleared the church of debt. The committee in charge of raising funds consisted of Sam L. Franks, Frank I. Murray, D. G. Stewart, Chas. Blaine, John Moore and Alex Moore.

The date of dedication will be announced later. The committee in charge of the plans is preparing to make the dedication a notable one.

### BISHOP DENNEY VISITS FRANKLIN

Preaches in Franklin Sunday

This week Franklin and the local Methodist church have been signally honored in having Bishop Denney of Richmond, Va., spend the week with them.

Many will recall the Bishop's stand on the political question when the fiery Bishop Cannon was astounding the country with his political activities.

Bishop Denney says that the church has enough of its own work to do to keep it busy without its taking upon itself the political activities of the country.

All who go to hear him Sunday at the First Methodist church in Franklin are assured of hearing something

W. C. Penn, an official of the recently organized Nantahala Power & Light company, was in Franklin Tuesday of this week and left some good news for the people of Macon county. According to Mr. Penn work is now under way building a camp near Beecher school house for the accommodation of the engineering crew that will begin survey work in the immediate future on the proposed dam to be constructed across the Nantahala river just below Aquone, this county. This crew will consist of about twelve men. It is estimated that all the survey work connected with the project cannot be completed in less than three months. The first thing necessary in building a dam, said Mr. Penn, is a railroad to the dam site. Tests will also be made by boring of the geological formation at the site of the proposed dam. If there are no geological faults at the site work on the dam proper is expected to begin in the late fall of this year. The railroad will either be run up the Nantahala gorge to the dam site or a line will be built up the river and connect with the logging railroad now used by the Ritter Lumber company. Mr. Penn hopes that it will be feasible to construct the railroad up the gorge so that the railroad bed may be used as a private highway after the dam is completed. The surveying crew is expected to determine which route is the more practicable.

The crew will also determine the location of the tunnel which will run from the dam to the power house to be located on No. 10 in Macon county near Beecher. The proposed tunnel will be about five miles in length. The height of the dam has not yet been determined, but will probably be in the neighborhood of 175 feet. The lake formed by the dam will be in the neighborhood of 7 miles long. In other words it will extend up the river from the dam a distance of seven miles, provided the dam is built as high as now contemplated.

The entire project of dam, tunnel and power house will be located in Macon county and the taxes from this source are expected to lower the tax rate in Macon by nearly half.

Mr. Penn states that the Nantahala Power and Light company will construct the entire project, if the survey discloses no insurmountable obstacles. However, there may be fissures or faults in the rock at the dam site that will make the building of the dam an impossibility.

The dam site is 3,000 feet above the level of the sea. The Nantahala is always clear and the lake to be formed by the power dam will make one of the finest summer resorts in the South. The construction of the dam will necessitate the relocation of that part of the forestry road which will be covered by water. This section of the road, however, will not be more than two miles in length, it is said.

Mr. Penn estimates that it will require three years to complete the dam, tunnel and power house. Final plans for the dam are not yet complete. Hence, Mr. Penn could give no estimate of the cost or the number of men to be employed.

that will be a treat to listen to. It is not often that we have an opportunity to listen to our great religious leaders. All are cordially invited to attend the services at eleven o'clock.

### FRANKLIN GOLF COURSE

A Sporty, 9-Hole Course

Visitors Invited

RATES BY DAY, WEEK OR SEASON