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STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER J. G. STIKELEATHER VISITS FRANKLIN

Discusses Road Money Situation With Chairman of County Commissioners.

On last Monday Mr. J. G. Stikeleather, state highway commissioner, with Mr. Walker, engineer in charge of the construction on twenty-eight were in Franklin. Mr. Stikeleather said that they had been inspecting the road and trying to locate shale on the mountains to use temporarily in making the bad places on the mountain passable. He said that they had found some good stuff towards Highlands but toward Wallace Gap they had not, so far, been able to find it. Mr. Stikeleather went into the question of the money the county had induced the state to build highway twenty-eight with. He said that the amount of money that the county put up was \$325,000, part of which went to the finishing of the dillsboro road. The actual amount that had been spent on 28 is \$458,138.44. That the maintenance of this road is, on the average, \$500.00 per mile which amounts to more than the county is paying out in interest on the money it borrowed to get 28 built.

The chairman of the county board of commissioners informed the state highway commissioner that the \$18,000 annual interest would have to come from the state from now on. Where upon the state highway commissioner asked the county chairman how he thought that he would be able to do this. The discussion waxed warm and pointed at times. The county chairman saying all the time that a demand would be made on the state to pay the interest on the road money and if the state could not do so, "We will just have to quit, that's all." The county chairman was very positive that the county can collect the interest from the state now. Mr. Stikeleather made it very clear that the county can only collect the principal when the road in question is finished to the satisfaction of the State Highway Board. He also states that that meant from county line to county line and paved.

Mr. Stikeleather pointed out very clearly that the proposition of the county chairman was similar to a proposition where the county chairman deposited with a contractor a sum of money to build him a house. Then after the house was built and excepted the county chairman would demand of the contractor that he pay him the interest on the money for the time that the house was being built and also to make arrangements for the paying in full to the owner the amount equal to the cost of building it.

It was pointed out to the county chairman that the amount of the maintenance of the road is more every year than the county is paying out in interest. Mr. Stikeleather also soliloquized upon the futility of toe-gazing and the virtues of an upward, onward look, pointing out at the same time that as a man thinks so will he act.

The amount accruing to Macon county from gasoline tax is roughly estimated at \$75,000 per year. As fast as this occurs it is to be spent on highway 28, according to present plans of the highway commissioner. A large part of this will naturally go for maintenance. It was clearly pointed out by the state highway commissioner that, had Macon County had to wait for a road till money had accumulated, that it would never have been built.

It was carefully pointed out for the benefit for all present that the final analysis of the proposition came down to the fact that Macon county is getting a road thru one of the richest sections of the country for the price of the interest on the money—to build the road—that is, on part of it. The road when finished will no doubt cost well over a million dollars, of which amount only \$325-

FRANKLIN SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 2

Increase in Enrollment in High School.

On last Monday the Franklin grammar school and the Franklin high school opened for the 1929 and 1930 session.

The superintendent, Mr. G. L. Houk states that there are about the same number of students enrolled as last year in the grammar school and about 40 or 50 more in the high school, making a total of 625 all told in the grammar school and the high school combined.

All the old teachers are back that taught last year with one or two exceptions. The following is a list of the teachers and the classes they teach:

Mrs. Eloise Franks, English; Miss Eleanor Sloan, Math; Miss Helen L. Mason, English and History; Miss Minnie G. Morgan, Home Economics; Miss Myrtle Wyatt, French and Latin; Miss Rentz, Science and Math.; W. B. Kesler, Science and Athletics; Jaul B. Carpenter, History; Miss Helen Burch, Teacher Training; Mr. Randolph, Seventh grade; Miss Nora Leach, Sixth grade; Miss Lilly Callo-way, Fifth grade; Mrs. Kathleen Hudson, Fourth grade; Miss Selma Young, third grade; Miss Radel Davis, Second grade; Miss Elizabeth Hornaday, First grade; Miss Meatha Bringle, First grade.

Nantahala Camp Ready This Week

The permanent camp, being built near Beechers School above Nantahala station on highway No. 10 is now ready for occupancy according to reports reaching Franklin. This camp will be occupied by the engineers of the Nantahala Power and Light company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America. Until the Beecher camp was completed the men worked out from a camp at Judson.

On Monday morning, September the second, it is reported on good authority that 15 men began a survey of the company's property along the Nantahala river in Macon county. A transmission line is being surveyed from Santeelah to the Nantahala camp.

The office force that was stationed at Bryson City last July has been increased considerably. It is definitely known that the camp now being prepared is of a permanent nature and will be used for the next four or five years.

JUNE WEDDING OF FRANKLIN GIRL IS ANNOUNCED

Franklin, Aug.—Miss Carolyn Rogers, daughter of the late Sam L. Rogers, director of the United States census in the Wilson administration, and of Mrs. Rogers, Thursday announced here the marriage on June 6 to Dan Lynn, of Boston.

The wedding was performed at the Little Church Around the Corner in New York, and was kept secret until Thursday.

Friends of Mrs. Lynn, popular in Franklin society, learned of the wedding at an announcement party given the bride by Miss Daisy Siler at the latter's home here Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lynn was born and reared in Franklin, but during the past year

000 plus interest comes from the county.

FRANKLIN AND MACON CO. TO HAVE SURVEY

Work Will Start Immediately Upon Getting Data.

Messrs. Craig P. Gilbert and company of Washington and New York have been employed by the Franklin town board of Aldermen to make an industrial survey of Franklin and Macon county for the purpose of ascertaining what, if any, kind of manufacturing plants would be most suitable to endeavor to get located here.

The contract calls for an investigation of the minerals and water power in the county as well as the labor situation, health conditions, in fact, everything appertaining to the community as a place to live and do business.

Mr. Curtis, of the Craig P. Gilbert company was in Franklin two days last week and met the town board and several of the business men of the town. He says that his company will send their engineers here at once to begin the survey and that it will be completed within ten days.

Mr. Curtiss says that owing to the activities of the Mellon interests on the Nantahala river, many industrial concerns of the North and West are being focused on this locality.

Golf Tournament

On Friday and Saturday of last week a closely contested golf tournament was held on the Franklin golf course. The course was very fast and the players were very much in earnest.

In the first flight Harley Lyle won over Frank Murray. This was the most hotly contested flight of the tournament. At the close of the regular rounds the players were tied. They tied on the first extra hole. On the second hole Lyle won out by one.

In the second flight, J. M. McCollum won over J. W. Street with four up and three to go.

In the third flight John Davis won over Deveraux with three up and two to go.

The local golf course is getting in fine shape. The management is sparing no pains to keep improving it. And they state that the course will be open till cold weather despite the fact that the summer season is officially over.

BISHOP DENNY PREACHES TO LARGE CONGREGATION

Last Sunday in the Methodist Episcopal church, south, Bishop Denny preached a soul stirring sermon to capacity audience. From his text, "He that saith he has not sinned, maketh God a liar" he swayed the large audience with his attractive and consuming presentation of his text.

Bishop and Mrs. Denny spent a week in Franklin, where they have many friends. He left Monday for Richmond.

U. D. C. TO MEET

The Macon county chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Carl Slagle, September 9th at 3 o'clock. This is the last meeting, before the convention and important for all members to be present.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Halman, of La-Grange, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois, to Richard S. Jones, of Franklin, N. C., the date of marriage to be announced later.

or two has appeared upon the legitimate stage in Boston. She was educated at the Boston school of expression. Mr. Lynn is engaged in the advertising business in Boston. —Asheville Times.

FRANKLIN HIGH FOOT BALL

Prospects Are Exceedingly Promising Coach Optimistic On Outlook.

Coach Kesler is well pleased with the first prospects of the season. He has the following men back that were on the squad last year; Howard Wilkie, end; J. M. McCollum, half; Red Stewart, full back; Frank Henry, half back; Roger Sutton, center; Howard Barnard, end. John Cunningham, Bill Hauser, Red Henry, Richard Slagle, Tony Welch and Parley Kanady all have a chance for a place on the team for none of the old first line players have a place cinched by any means.

Coach Kesler says that the men that play on the team this year are going to earn the right not only for the season, but from game to game. Just because a man gives a good account of himself in one game he need not think that he has his place cinched. The man that shows up the most constant in and regular in practice will be the man that gets the first chance in the next game.

There are several new men that are going to make the old boys work for all they get. The Press could not get the names of these men, but from all accounts there is some fine material. And it looks like Franklin is going to give a good and admirable account of itself this time. Coach Kesler says that the men are going to keep training this time or there will be no games, for he is not going into a game with his team and have them loose it the last ten minutes of play as was the case sometimes last year just because the men were not in training. He also says that there is going to be real practice this time. This playing at practice is a thing of the past for this man's ball team.

The Press would like to here and now state that it is going to be right behind the boys in every way it can. They may count on us backing them to the limit. And—just whisper it—we are also going to say a plenty if there is any laying down or slacking either in the games or in between. In fact, we are going to roast any shirker alive if we can think up enough innuendoes to do justice to the occasion.

The coach and the boys are going to be found giving their best, we are sure, and no "burning" will be called for. Both coach and boys say that they are going to work so that the town will be proud of the showing our school will make and it is to be hoped that the whole community will give their unreserved support. Everyone remembers when they were boys. How, when they were hot, and tired, and dry, and the next step seemed impossible, how a yell or a cheering word or a slap on the back drove them on to just one more try that meant the deciding effort. Thus everyone is invited and urged to back these boys and help them give a little more, even, than their best.

NEW GAME WARDEN APPOINTED

Mr. Fred Slagle has been appointed game and fish warden of Macon to succeed Mr. J. J. Mann. The appointing of Mr. Slagle came as a pleasant surprise to many.

The newly appointed game and fish warden is well known thru out the county and needs no introduction, to his home folks. In a statement to the Press Mr. Slagle says that he intends to discharge his duties with fairness to all, but that willful violators of the law will find hard sledding, for he believes that to increase the game and fish of the county will do much to advertise the county to outsiders.

The Press understands that an extra effort will be made to stock all streams to their capacity. It is reported that there are a good many fish fry available at the State hatchery on Balsam.

A few days ago Mr. James G. K. McCluree informed the Press that there is more miles of fishing streams in Macon county than there is in any other county in Western North Carolina and as a member of the Board of Conservation and Development, he intended to make every effort to see that Macon got her full quota of young fish.

REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS URGED

Parents Should Realize Importance.

With the opening of schools thru-out the state, better attendance should be one of the goals set by both the schools and the community, according to a statement by J. N. Freeman, school attendance director for the state board of charities and public welfare.

He said, "Only three-fourths of the children enrolled are getting the benefit from the money that is being spent on schools, for last year the average daily attendance was only 75.5 per cent of the total enrollment. This means that last year 208,127 children were out of school each day, while 640,651 were present. More than two hundred thousand children were not profiting from the \$29.69 per capita expenditure made for them."

Mr. Freeman pointed out that school attendance can be improved only when parents realize the serious consequences which result from keeping children out of school, and make an effort to have them attend regularly; and when the teachers and school authorities are rigid in their insistence upon daily attendance.

Prosecution for violating of the school attendance law is necessary in extreme cases, but it is not the purpose of the school attendance division to urge prosecution except as a last resort. "There are better ways of enlisting the cooperation of the parents and the enthusiasm of the children," Mr. Freeman declared. One of these ways, he said, is to point out to the parents the value of an education to the child, and the difficulties encountered in life by the person who grows up in ignorance.

Moreover, the state board of charities and public welfare is not only interested in the attendance of children within the compulsory school age; but is anxious to improve school attendance beyond these age limits.

An interesting fact about school attendance in this state is that city children attend school six per cent better than rural children. Mr. Freeman urges the children in the country not to be outdone by their city neighbors, since rural schools and transportation have improved so greatly.

He said, "With the schools being made so attractive now, with the ease in transporting brought about by the system of trucking rural children to school, and with the improved highways, North Carolina should make a big improvement in its school attendance rating which is now 39th among the states in the union. The children in North Carolina should be getting the value from the money being spent."

MYSTERIOUS TRIP

It is reported that Mr. Dick Jones, prominent and popular young lawyer of Franklin, has mysteriously departed from his native city for parts unknown. Just what occasioned this sudden departure remains an unsolved mystery to his friends.

Some reports have it that Dick is filling a very important engagement in Wall Street, New York City. His most intimate friends, however, are divided as to whether this Wall Street engagement is with the financial moguls of the street or whether it is with Cupid and a fair damsel of Georgia in the Little Church Around the Corner. The members of the fair sex of Franklin hold tenaciously to the former reason, while the others lean to the latter view.

No matter what the reason for this unexpected absence, all long for his early return for; with the smiling face of this genial young favorite, Franklin society is saddened almost beyond endurance.