

## BANQUET DRAWS HUNDRED DINERS

Stikeleather Tells Citizens He Will Spend \$145,000 On Highway 28

### MACON TO GET MOST

Asheville Chamber of Commerce Boosts All W. N. C., Says Weede

Franklin's first community banquet was held Friday night at the Scott Griffin hotel. Including out of town guests, 102 persons attended the affair. The visitors included James Stikeleather, of Asheville, district highway commissioner, Fred L. Weede, secretary of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and McKinley Edwards, Bryson City attorney.

Mayor George Patton gave the address of welcome, and Lyles Harris, editor of The Franklin Press, acting as toastmaster, introduced the speakers. Short addresses were heard from T. W. Angel, Sr., who originated the idea of holding the banquet; from J. O. Harrison, chairman of the board of County Commissioners; and from McKinley Edwards. The main addresses were from Mr. Stikeleather and Mr. Weede.

Mr. Angel, speaking of the talk of difficult times so often heard from people of this section, stated that the purpose of the banquet was to aid in dispelling this bogey of oppressive conditions. He said that according to his observation conditions were not as difficult as many people are imagining. Mr. Harrison, expanding on Mr. Angel's theme, declared that work is the weapon that kills hard times; that where people are occupied with productive labor oppressive conditions do not exist.

Mr. Stikeleather in his speech congratulated Macon county for having Mr. Harrison as chairman of its board of County Commissioners. He put the diners in good humor by relating diverting incidents concerning the relations he had had with Mr. Harrison.

"In Mr. Harrison you have a financier," he told the Franklin citizens. "Not many months ago I began to receive letters from Mr. Harrison written in a big, bold hand. These letters said, 'I want money.' Now, Macon county had lent the state money to be used in the construction of No. 28 in its borders. Interest was due on the bonds that had been issued, but I politely told Mr. Harrison that the county would have to meet this interest."

"Still he continued to write, 'I want money.' So I came over and talked (Continued on page four)

## W. C. CUNNINGHAM BUYS J. A. PORTER STAND ON W. MAIN

Announcement that W. C. Cunningham has purchased the stock of J. A. Porter and company was made here on Monday of this week. The managers of both these firms have been leading merchants of the town for many years. Mr. Cunningham took charge of the J. A. Porter stock and location last Monday. He will operate his old stand, in addition to the new one, it is understood.

"I am learning the prices on the new stock, and will have important announcements to make to the people of the county concerning my business within a few days," Mr. Cunningham said.

## TO FILL OFFICE OF POSTMASTER

Examination to Be Held to Fill Vacancy At Franklin

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in Franklin, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster-General and in accordance with an order of the president, an open competitive examination. The date of vacancy has been announced as Feb. 6. The Franklin post office carries an annual salary of \$2400.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of this post office, must have so resided for at least two years next preceding the date for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the executive order, the Civil Service commission will certify to the Postmaster-General the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, and the Postmaster-General will select one for nomination by the president. Confirmation by the senate is the final action.

Applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, but will be rated on their education and business training and experience. The Civil Service commission will make inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and will assign ratings upon the evidence secured.

Nothing will be permitted to appear in the evidence upon which ratings are assigned which might even sug- (Continued on page eight)

## SITE PURCHASED FOR NEW POWER DEVELOPMENT IN MACON COUNTY ON MIDDLE CREEK, EAST OF OTTO

### TABLE OF AGRICULTURAL CROP YIELD AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCED BY MACON

County Products	28,224 Acreage		Yield Production		Value	
	Per Acre	or No.	Total	Per Acre	Total	Per Acre
Corn	14,058	22	309,276	\$275,256	\$19.58	
Wheat	4,668	9	42,012	73,521	15.75	
Cow Peas	304	10	3,040	4,560	15.00	
Rye	1,173	11	12,903	16,258	13.86	
Hay (Including Meadow)	5,592	.8	4,702	94,040	16.00	
Horses and Mules			2,294	243,066		
Cattle			5,567	262,762		
Hogs			6,039	70,656		
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,040,119</b>		

### TOWNS, RIVERS, MOUNTAINS OF MACON



## RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIES OF COUNTY ARE TABULATED

### Department of Conservation and Development Releases Figures

Resources and industries of Macon county are summarized in a book of facts and figures issued by the North Carolina department of conservation and development. The total value of Macon's manufactured products is listed at \$408,444. The total value of the county's farm products is \$1,040,119.

The location of the County is described by the book as South Mountain; the population is listed as 13,000; the area is set at 328,320 acres; topography, high, mountainous, fertile valleys; waters, Little Tennessee, Nantahala rivers; railroads, Southern, Tallulah Falls; bus lines, Independent coach; highways, Nos. 10, 28, 285, 286; incorporated cities and towns, Franklin, Highlands.

The number of established manufacturing industries is listed as 12; wage earners, 129; total wages, \$112,964; material, fuel and power, \$119,564; total value of manufactured products, \$408,444; value added by manufacturing, \$288,880. Establishments are chiefly lumber mills.

**Forest Products**  
The forest area is approximately 248,732 acres, comprising 75 per cent of the total land area. Some 33 per cent of the forest area is farm woodland, including some 24,000 acres of woodland pasture. Of the forest land outside of farms as much as 60 per cent is held in large timber tracts. The principal merchantable species are poplar 15 per cent, oaks 40 per cent, chestnut 20 per cent, hemlock 10 per cent.

The estimated present total stand of 485,000,000 board feet of saw timber is fairly accessible by mountain roads. The Nantahala National forest includes much of the rougher forest (Continued on page four)

## DEAL IS CLOSED BY GEORGIA MEN

Firm Will Connect Upper And Lower Middle Creek Falls

### RIGHT OF WAY OWNED

McCary Interests Also Own Development At Mud Creek Falls

Purchase of the site for a power house on Middle creek in Macon county by J. B. and J. A. McCary, of Atlanta, Ga., is the first step in a new power development looming for this county. In addition to the site, the McCary interests have purchased a 50-foot right of way over lands lying between the upper and lower Middle Creek falls. Both the right of way and power house site were secured from Grover Johnson, of this county. Plans are being formulated, it is reported from the Middle creek section, to connect the upper and lower falls of the creek for the generation of power. The topography of the countryside is such that the erection of a dam is unnecessary in order to harness the potential power of the two falls. The completion of the new development will enable the

Southern part of the county to have power lines constructed for electric lights at a minimum cost. Parts of North Georgia will also be put nearer a power source by the construction of the plant, it is understood. What other purposes the McCary interests will use the new power source for have not been divulged. Neither has the date been made known on which work will start on the new undertaking, but citizens of Middle creek think this will be in the near future. The McCary interests own the power development at Mud Creek falls in Georgia, just beyond the Carolina-Georgia line. A power line, it is understood, will connect the Middle creek development with that at Mud creek. Middle creek is located east of Otto across the headwaters of the Little Tennessee river.

## FORESTRY SALES OF TIMBER TOTAL \$36,854 LAST YEAR

During the calendar year 1929, the Nantahala National forest, with 964 acres at Franklin, sold 28,000 feet of saw timber from within its bounds. In addition to this, 1500 tons of bark were sold. The total receipts for bark and timber amounted to \$36,854.

This places the Nantahala National forest third in the value of timber cut and sold in the group of 15 forests in the Eastern district, announces John B. Byrne, technical assistant to Supervisor A. A. Wood. The Nantahala forest was exceeded by the Ouachita National forest in Arkansas and by the White Mountain National forest in New Hampshire.

The material cut was disposed of in approximately 250 sales, and about 40 per cent of the products were from low grade timber, Mr. Byrne stated.

## AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM FOR MACON COUNTY IS OUTLINED

### Recommendations Under Eleven Heads Are Made At Meeting

In session with County Farm Agent Fred Sloan on Tuesday, Jan. 21, a group of leading farmers from various communities of the county aided him in preparing an agricultural program for the year 1930. The recommendations are outlined below in an article by Mr. Sloan.

Those attending the meeting included C. W. Teague, Prentiss; J. L. Teague, Prentiss; Charles McClure, Otto; Jim Gray, Otto; E. N. Keener, Otto; J. J. Corbin, Higdonville; John Keener, Cullasaja; Carl Slagle, Car-toogchay; Wayne McCracken, Rabbit Creek; W. B. Brown, Clark's Chapel; Charles Garner, Clark's Chapel; Sam Franks, Franklin; John Harrison, Franklin.

Aiding also in the formulation of the program were C. W. Tilson, county

agent of Jackson county, and John W. Goodman, district farm agent.

(By Fred Sloan)

This work was planned largely to develop dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, with tobacco, cabbage, potatoes and other cash crops, along with definite work to build up our soils and our pastures.

These plans and recommendations are based on actual experience of the farmers and farmers in other sections as well as demonstrations and experiments conducted by the state extension service. Each project planned, and the recommendations are as follows:

### Pastures

1. That a special effort be made for every farmer to improve, instead of increasing, his pastures by the use of lime, fertilizer and grass seed mixtures including some legumes. (Continued on page eight)

## FRANKLIN BOYS DEFEAT ALMOND

But Almond Girls Win Over Girls' Team From Franklin

Two of the cleanest, fastest basketball games that have been played by Franklin's boys' and girls' teams this season were held last Friday night at Almond. The boys won from the Almond team by a score of 22 to 15. The girls' teams played a very close game, with the Almond girls winning by a score of 29 to 22.

The line-up: Boys: Franklin (12) Pos. Rabun Gap (29) Teague ..... F..... B. Burrell Dalrymple ..... F..... Gillespie Wilkes ..... C..... Grist Sutton ..... G..... S. Burrell Hauser ..... G..... Billard Referee: Hou'