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This Edition

WE TAKE this opportunity to thank those people who have helped us with the history and geography of our County. Without this help, so gladly and so efficiently given, we could not have done this piece of work. Numbers of folks have told us interesting facts about the Town and County, and have taught us far more history than books ever could. Others have written some of our articles. We want especially to thank Mr. Harbison of Highlands, Mr. Wood of the Forest Service department, Prof. Billings, Gilmer A. Jones, and Mrs. Lowry. The Editor and Joe Moore have been very kind—and patient. Though all these names may not appear with their articles, they have done a great deal of work for us, and we are deeply grateful.

We hope that one result of this publication will be response from those people whom we did not get to see. We have barely skimmed the surface in many instances. If there is anyone who knows other facts and stories that any thing we have written calls to mind, we hope they will send these to us. We believe we could issue a "story" edition, giving the memories, stories, facts that are not commonly known. It is our earnest hope that these will be forth-coming.

Unemployment

WHETHER or not it is possible for Congress to afford any real relief from present conditions, there is little question that unemployment is one of the most serious problems confronting the government today. Palliative measures have been suggested, and Senator Wagner, of New York, has introduced three bills providing for Federal collection of unemployment statistics, Federal employment bureaus and appropriations for emergency public works in times of depression.

The Senate Commerce committee is holding hearings on these bills, but Senator Johnson, of California, indicated by his questions his belief that the Wagner bills were inadequate in their scope, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, appearing as a witness before the committee, went so far as to say that unless some way could be found to prevent the recurrence of shocks to industry that bring about wholesale unemployment the government would have to resort to the dole or there would be revolution.

"I do not like the dole," said Mr. Green, "but it will be impossible to continue to go through these experiences. You will have to choose between better planning or the dole. You cannot let men go hungry." A circle of depression has been created, he continued, in that the diminished spring purchasing due to a 25 per cent falling off of employment in winter has curtailed retail buying, with a consequent slack in manufacture leading to more unemployment. He concluded that "credit for installment buying has been used to make up the deficit in wage payments, but unemployment now has put an end to this recourse."

Second in importance only to the unemployment problem is the unfinished business of farm relief. Exception to the contention of Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, majority leader of the House, that farm relief is one of the achievements of the first year of the Hoover administration, has been taken by Representative Garner, of Texas, Democratic floor leader, in a statement issued through the Democratic National committee.

Meeting Is Called To Start Cannery

GATHERING HELD BY REPUBLICANS

Convention Adopts Number Of Resolutions On Monday

A well attended and harmonious convention of Macon county Republicans convened here last Monday afternoon. A resolution was passed expressing thanks to Hon. Brownlow Jackson, Republican State chairman, who contemplates resignation, for his efforts in behalf of the party. Resolutions were passed favoring local self government and free election laws; a free school system and highway system financed wholly by the State, but the applications and expenditure of funds in the counties to be made through co-operation of local authorities; free school to be uniform through a period of years to be furnished by the State to school children under proper restrictions as to use and care.

A resolution was passed opposing the present system of taxation pertaining to the counties of the State, and favoring legislation to relieve property from the excessive burden of the system.

On motion of Horner Stockton, the convention endorsed the record of Hon. George M. Pritchard as United States congressman, and suggested that he is the logical candidate to succeed himself.

John E. Rickman is chairman of the convention; Alf Higdon is secretary. On the resolutions committee were Henry G. Robertson, T. G. Harbison, and Will Keener.

RUGGED RANGES FRINGE COUNTY

Climate Here Typical Of Mountains; Abundant Rainfall

Macon county, with an area of 531 square miles, lies close to the Georgia and Tennessee lines, in the southeast corner of North Carolina. This County is in the Appalachian highlands section of the State.

The Blue Ridge mountain system extends from Standing Indian, at the southwest corner of the County, along its southern border to Salt Rock gap, then turns northward along its eastern border to Yellow mountain. Among the important mountains are: Standing Indian, 5,500 feet in height, Yellow mountain, Whiteside cliff, Satulah, the latter overlooking the Town of Highlands from the north and the Piedmont section of South Carolina from the south.

The Nantahala range, which is a range connecting the Blue Ridge and the Great Smokies, also affords a number of outstanding peaks, among which are Winespring, of practically the same slope and identically the same height of Standing Indian, and its neighbors, Wayah, Rocky, and Siler Balds.

Rivers

The Little Tennessee and Nantahala rivers form the principal drainage systems of the county. The largest of these, the Little Tennessee, which extends the entire length of the County, flows through Swain county into Tennessee. It divides just south of Franklin, and the western branch, still bearing the name of the stream, rises in Rabun county in Georgia. The eastern branch, or Cullasaja, which is the Cherokee for "sweet" or "sugar," rises near Highlands in Macon. The Cullasaja is noted for its beautiful waterfalls.

The climate of Macon county is typical of the mountain section. The winters are moderately cold and the summers never sultry. The mean annual temperature of the County in some sections is 52 degrees and in others, 54 degrees. It varies from an occasional 10 degrees below to 90 degrees above zero.

Rainfall

The rainfall is abundant throughout the County, the mean annual rainfall being from 60 to over 70 inches. Around Highlands it reaches a mean annual measurement of 82 inches, the greatest in the United States except in certain small areas in California.

The first killing frost comes about October 15, and the last one about April 15, giving the County a growing season for easily killed vegetables of six months. Grass grows the year around, making stock raising one of the important industries.

BEGINNERS' CLASS TO OPEN APRIL 14 AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Miss Helen Burch, director of the teacher training department of Franklin high school, announced today that the Spring beginners class for children who expect to enter the first grade next September will open Monday, April 14. The schedule will follow the general line of work practiced by these sessions in previous years.

Student teachers of the training department will hold beginners' classes under supervision. The children will be initiated into school life with a view to helping them adapt themselves, and make the fall entrance easier, Miss Burch stated.

Because of bad weather cutting the acreage to small grain last fall, piedmont farmers have planted more spring oats than usual.

COMMISSIONERS TO ASK PETITION

Resolution Passed To Urge State Financed School System

The board of commissioners of Macon county last Monday adopted a resolution to petition the 1931 General Assembly of North Carolina to enact such laws as may be necessary for the State to take over, operate and finance the public schools of North Carolina as a State-wide system.

This resolution was passed because it is believed that such an enactment would relieve the burden of taxation for schools which has been shifted by the State to the counties, making it necessary for commissioners to levy excessive taxes.

Farmers Who Will Have Produce Asked To Meet At Court House

GOOD YEAR FORESEEN

C. W. Teague And County Agent Sloan To Be Present

In preparation for the opening of the canning season of the Macon County Cooperative Food Products company, C. W. Teague has announced that a meeting of farmers who expect to have products to sell to the cannery will be held at the court house on Saturday, April 19. Contracts will be prepared at this meeting.

Good prospects for the cannery this season are forecast by Mr. Teague. It has not yet been decided whether it will be operated co-operatively or privately. Further announcement as to the final decision on this matter will probably be made at the meeting.

County Agent F. S. Sloan will attend the meeting.

School Committeemen For Coming Year Announced

School committeemen for the 52 school districts in Macon county have been appointed for the school year of 1930-31, Prof. M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, has announced. The committeemen for each township and district follow:

Franklin

1. Roy Carpenter, Gus Leach, J. E. Perry.
2. W. T. Tippet, R. L. Poindexter, Albert Ramsey.
3. J. R. Guyer, Walter Campbell, Fred Willis.
4. W. H. Roane, W. H. Green, Jef Blaine.
5. Floyd Strain, Mitchell Brown, W. D. Keener.
6. F. J. Henderson, J. W. Addington, Robt. Rogers.
7. Robt. Stamy, Lum Sanders, Zeb Shope.

Mill Shoal

1. Jerry Franklin, Logan Berry, B. W. Justice.
2. J. W. Shuler, Frank Bailey, Wiley Sanders.
3. Gordon Smith, Wiley Sellers, Herman Dean.
4. A. A. Adams, J. M. Corbin, A. L. Dills.

Ellijay

1. C. G. Mincy, J. B. Ammons, Chas. Moore.
2. L. A. Higdon, Jno. Corbin, B. M. Angel.
3. C. L. Stanfield, Asbery Gregory, Jno. H. Keener.
4. L. Norris, Jess Stewman, Chas. Sanders.
5. W. C. Mashburn, Andy Sorrells, Jno. Jennings.

Sugar Fork

1. Jake Tilson, Dave McCoy, W. M. Holland.
2. J. M. Keener, Jno. Peek, Mrs. F. E. Mashburn.
3. A. E. Shook, Geo. Tilson, Dock Rogers.
4. W. L. Keener, Joe Dendy, H. E. Keener.

Highlands

1. J. Q. Pierson, P. C. Calloway, W. T. Potts.
2. Luther Johnson, Frank Hill, Mrs. Greta Edwards.
3. Mrs. Ida Burrell, E. Chastain, Mrs. Ed Picklesimer.

Flats

1. W. R. McConnell, J. D. Burnett, Oden Penland.

Smith's Bridge

1. Jno. Norton, R. L. Howard, Lee Corn.
2. Chas. Moffitt, Jno. Brabson, Wm. Carpenter.
3. Edgar Vanhook, Otto McClure, J. D. Stiles.
4. Badger Justice, Bas Picklesimer, Henry Cabe.
5. M. B. Norton, Chas. Carpenter, W. B. Long.
6. L. B. Long, Raleigh Carpenter, L. L. Long.
7. W. A. Norton, Wm. Stewart, J. A. Curtis.
8. W. M. Parrish, H. H. McDowell, John Cabe.

Cartoogechaye

1. C. S. Slagle, Tom Dills, Fred Slagle.
2. Geo. Moffitt, Jno. Roane, Joe Watts.
3. Jack Bryant, J. E. McDowell, Ed Cruse.

Nantahala

1. C. E. Jacobs, Bob Burnett, Sim Roper.
2. and 3. Pat. Solesbee, J. M. Cochran, Frank Dalrymple.
4. R. P. West, Geo. Gregory, Jno. Cothern.
5. H. L. Baldwin, L. L. Rowland, Geo. Yonce.
6. J. W. Wilson, Lee Kilpatrick, J.

MICA GRINDING PLANT IS HERE

Franklin Mineral Products Company Employs Special Process

The Franklin Mineral Products company was organized four years ago in order to take advantage of an exceptional deposit of pure white mica known as the Burr Knob mica deposit at West's Mill, some seven miles north of Franklin. It was also desirous of bringing into full play a new and more modern process of the grinding of mica which had been developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the direction of John Davenport.

The first step was the construction and subsequent operation of a scrap mica mill on the property at West's Mill. This plant is capable of producing 250 tons of scrap mica per month and assures the grinding unit at Franklin of a reliable supply of a hard, very brilliant pure white and quartz free, scrap mica stock. While many people in Western North Carolina are familiar with mica, they do not realize that if the mica does not grind to a pure white color it is not acceptable to a large proportion of the consumers of ground mica. For that reason to locate in the United States a mica deposit of sufficient size and of the correct quality of mica is a very difficult task.

Grinding Plant

The grinding plant of the company, which is situated on the Tallulah Falls railway just south of the depot in Franklin, is known as a water grinding plant. Due to the new grinding process employed, it is capable of producing, by the wet method, the mica stock produced by both the dry grinders and wet grinders which puts it in a unique position in so far as it covers the entire range of mica grinders. However, the present consumption of ground mica in the United States is limited and relatively very small. The bringing into operation of a wet grinding plant that would be capable of producing an extremely fine ground mica powder that could be substituted for the metallic aluminum powder which is the main ingredient of the aluminum paints opens a very large outlet for ground mica. It is with this object in view that the management of the company in Franklin is working.

H. Grant

7. A. P. Morgan, Wesley Dills, J. B. Mason.

Burningtown

1. Jud Wild, Lawrence Roper, Chas. Ray.
2. Robt. Edwards, W. E. Welch, Jas. Parrish.
3. J. V. Smith, Ed Byrd, Clyde Morgan.
4. Jas. Ramsey, Jno. DeHart, Robt. Ramsey.

Cowee

1. J. A. Lakey, T. P. McCoy, Ray Bradley.
2. Dr. Lyle West, Jno. H. Dalton, W. C. Sheffield.
3. Robt. Gibson, E. O. Rickman, Walter Dalton.
4. Weaver Gibson, J. E. Allen, Will Holbrooks.
5. Carl Parrish, Dwight Parrish, J. C. Hughes.

Colored School

1. Joe Stewart, Henry Hayes, Andrew Ray.

WILL PLANT 1000 SEEDLINGS HERE

Japanese Chestnuts To Be Set In Forests Of Macon

One thousand chestnut seedlings of two Japanese species will be received here on April 16 by the Nantahala National forest to be planted in experimental tests to be conducted by forestry officials, states A. A. Wood, supervisor of the forest. Five hundred of the seedlings will be planted near Highlands, and the other 500 near Burningtown Gap.

The two species are said to be immune to serious blight infestations, though they are subject to mild forms of blight. The seedlings were raised from seed in Washington, D. C., by the bureau of plant industries which hopes to develop a chestnut to take the place of our native species now in danger of extinction from blight.

The trees of the two Japanese species are smaller than the tree of the native chestnut, it is stated, and is not suitable for lumbering purposes, but the nut is ordinarily as large or larger than that of the native chestnut tree.

PRESS SUPPER A BIG SUCCESS

Sixteen Attend Banquet Held Last Monday Night

Sixteen of the county correspondents, members of The Press force, and friends of the paper attended the first get-together banquet of the Franklin Press held in the Scott Griffin hotel Monday night. Talks were made by various correspondents and members of The Press staff.

C. A. Elmore of West's Mill expressed the sentiment of the entire staff of correspondents when he asserted that the personnel of the county paper should put forth every effort to not only make The Press the leading county newspaper of the State, but the leader of all newspapers in its class in the country. Compliments and criticisms were heard from those in attendance.

R. S. Prescott, who is conducting the subscription drive for The Press announced in this issue, explained the plan of the campaign to those present.

After the banquet the group visited The Press office where the mechanical details of the plant were explained. Mr. Elmore expressed the desire to see some type lice, and his curiosity was soon satisfied.

Those present were: Beatrix Gribble, Prentiss; D. J. Moses, Ellijay; Mrs. Pemmie Hughes, Rose Creek; Carl Morgan, Stiles; Mrs. R. A. Patton, Pattons'; C. A. Elmore, West's Mill; W. L. Sanders, North Skeenah; F. W. Tittle, Rainbow Springs; J. H. Carelock, J. W. Street, Mrs. F. M. Tessier, Joe Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Prescott, Mrs. Lester Conley, and Lyles Harris.

Alamance farmers co-operated to buy 12,000 pounds of grass and clover seed for pastures and 12,500 pounds of lespedeza for pasture and soil improvement as a result of the recent campaign for more pastures in that county.