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ST. LOUIS ROBIN TO COME HERE JULY 4TH

State To Hardsurface Highway 28 From Gneiss To Highlands

TO START WORK ABOUT AUGUST 1

Road Will Be Of Asphalt,
Tar Mixed; Shoulders
Of Concrete

CREW NEAR FRANKLIN

Workers On Paving Job To
Gneiss Approximately
Half Done

Delegations from Franklin and Highlands who recently requested District Highway Commissioner James G. Stikeleather to continue the paving of Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Highlands have been assured that work on hardsurfacing the last 13 miles of this distance will begin about Aug. 1, or as soon as the concrete now being poured between Franklin and Gneiss is sufficiently settled to permit travel.

The 13 miles of the highway be-

of asphalt, tar mixed, and will have concrete shoulders. This part of the highway traverses what is perhaps the most scenic of the country to be served by No. 28. The route follows the Cullasaja gorge, and for many miles is carved through solid granite cliffs. It passes the scenic Cullasaja and Dry falls, goes behind Bridal Veil falls so that the traveler is for a moment between a wall of falling water and a wall of rock, and borders beautiful Sequoyah lake near Highlands.

To have paved this part of the highway with concrete would have caused a delay of perhaps three years in beginning work in order to secure sufficient funds for the purpose, Mr. Stikeleather stated. Under the present plan, however, work will be begun early in August. This is a state project and will not be let to a contractor.

Within two years, Mr. Stikeleather said, Highway No. 28 will be graded and hardsurfaced over its entire length from Bat Cave to the Tennessee line beyond Murphy. More than half of the eight miles between Franklin and Gneiss has been concreted, and the entire stretch will be completed early in July, it is expected.

Pays Bootleggers To Keep Training

It pays a bootlegger to keep in training. Even if he can't always save his liquor and his automobile from officers he can sometimes save himself by running through the tall timber until he has distanced his pursuers.

Deputy Sheriffs R. M. Coffey and Frank Norton last Sunday captured two Chevrolet cars, one containing 75 gallons of liquor and the other six gallons, on the Dillard-Highlands road. The occupants of the automobiles escaped. Deputies Norton and Coffey had been called to a church near Sealy to arrest disturbers of church services.

Four Nurses Graduate From Angels' Hospital

Four nurses are in the second graduating class to complete the three year training course at Angel Brothers' hospital at Franklin. Graduating exercises will be held at the Franklin Baptist church on Monday night, June 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

The four graduating nurses are Hattie Burr Messer, Dorothy Iva Lee Moore, Mrs. Lelia Dryman Gibson, and Christine Franks. Miss Moore, and Mrs. Gibson recently took the state examination for nurses at Raleigh and were listed among the nurses passing the examination.

FORESTRY FLOAT ENTERED IN HUGE FLOWER PARADE

Rare, purple rhododendron from the summit of lonely Standing Indian bald, highest mountain peak in Macon county, will be used to bedeck a float to be jointly prepared by representatives of the Nantahala and Pisgah National forests, and entered in the huge flower parade—a feature of the Rhododendron festival—to be held in Asheville, June 19.

Ranger Z. B. Byrd, chief ranger of the Nantahala district of the Nantahala forest, drove a truck load of budding, purple rhododendron from Standing Indian, roots intact, to Asheville Monday.

More than 50 Franklin people took part in the presentation of the Chinese episode, a feature of the Rhododendron pageant given Wednesday night.

MAN DIES FROM WRECK INJURIES

Porter Ayers, young man of Flats

cumbs Following Auto- mobile Accident

Porter Ayers, young man of Flats in the Nantahala section of Macon county, died at Angels' hospital Tuesday morning after being brought to the hospital here last Sunday night in an unconscious condition with a four-inch skull fracture and a skull depression on the right side of his head, the result of an automobile accident on Highway No. 10 near Nantahala station on Sunday afternoon. He did not regain consciousness after an operation.

Ayers was riding with John and Grady May, brothers, and Harley Jones, all of Flats. John May was the driver of the automobile, and is reported to have been driving rapidly when forced too close to the edge of the highway by another automobile. The car left the highway and overturned. He is under the care of an Andrews physician, having received injuries not considered dangerous. Grady May and Jones escaped with only slight injuries.

Macon Theatre Interior Remodeled, Redecorated

The interior of the Macon theatre was remodeled and redecorated during the past week for the purpose of improving the effects of sound equipment as well as for improving the inside appearance of the building. The theatre reopened Monday night with a capacity attendance after being closed for several days during which the remodeling was done.

Tennis Finals Are Held On Tuesday Afternoon

Interest among followers of the sport of tennis was centered during the past week in the tournament brought to an end Tuesday afternoon with Buck Sherrill and Margaret Franks winning the finals against C. C. Noyes and Amanda Slagle, three sets out of five being taken by the winners. Fourteen couples entered the tournament which opened last Wednesday.

Transitman J. R. Bradley Now On Detail At Pisgah

Transitman J. R. Bradley of the Nantahala National forest has been detailed to the Pisgah National forest for a short period to assist A. R. Kinney, examiner of surveys, in clearing up survey work in the Pisgah territory. Afterward Mr. Bradley will return to Franklin accompanied by Mr. Kinney and a second transitman to complete the survey of approximately 30,000 acres of land approved for purchase or option in the Nantahala forest.

Guests Entertained From Seven States



ANY REPRESENTATIVE from each of seven states was among the guests at the Scott Griffin hotel one night last week. Recently the Scott Griffin management was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. McLester Brown of Hartwell, Ga.

REPUBLICANS SET CONVENTION DATE FOR SAT. AT 2:00

Republican delegates from the 11 townships of Macon county will hold a convention in the county court house on Saturday, June 21, for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices to run in the November election. Delegates were chosen in township conventions held last Saturday.

A new chairman of the county executive committee is also to be named in the county convention to succeed John E. Rickman, retiring chairman.

NICHOLS TO GO TO WASH., D. C.

Executive Assistant To Supervisor Of Nantahala Forest Promoted

Effective Aug. 1, Homer P. Nichols, executive assistant in the offices of the Nantahala National forest at Franklin, will be promoted to assistant in the office of the fiscal agent of Region Seven in Washington, D. C., Supervisor A. A. Wood of the Nantahala forest has announced.

Mr. Nichols has served as executive assistant of the Nantahala forest since August 1926, at which date he came to Franklin from Muscle Shoals, Ala., where he had filled a civil service appointment with the War department. His home was originally in Florence, Ala.

While in the service of the Nantahala forest, Mr. Nichols was selected to inaugurate a new forestry cost finding system, first tried in Region Seven in the Nantahala forest. Mr. Nichols' work in this connection is reported to have been very satisfactory, and in his new capacity at Washington he may be called upon to help inaugurate the system in other national forests. The promotion, Mr. Wood said, was well earned.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have many friends among the personnel of the Nantahala forest and in Macon county. Mrs. Nichols was formerly Miss Myrtle McClure of this county.

A Mr. Pigeon of the White Mountain National forest has been named to succeed Mr. Nichols.

SHERIFF TO LEVY FOR BACK TAXES

Commissioners Order Tax Collector To Sell Personal Property

Pointing out that the schools of Macon county will open between July 15 and September 15, emphasizing the fact that funds in hand from taxes are insufficient to pay the salaries of teachers, and stating that the road funds of Macon are practically exhausted, the board of commissioners at a call meeting last Saturday passed an order directing Sheriff C. L. Ingram to levy on the personal property of all tax payers who are delinquent after July 15.

Sheriff Ingram was ordered to furnish the commissioners a list of all delinquent tax payers on the first Monday in August, to the end that an order may be made for the sale of the real estate of all such delinquents.

Keen Competition Among Hens Laying Gourd Eggs

Several weeks ago when a hen owned by R. C. Enloe of Cartoogechaye laid an egg with a handle, The Press published a news article describing the freak egg. Since that time every hen in Macon county has been looking forward to the day when she could better the record of Mr. Enloe's hen. And now one has succeeded. A hen owned by Mrs. Will Sellers of Franklin has not only laid a gourd-shaped egg with a handle, but the handle is curved, while the egg laid by Mr. Enloe's hen had a straight handle. Both eggs are on display at The Press office.

SIX GO TO C. M. T. C.

Six Macon county boys left last Thursday for the Citizens' Military Training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. They will remain for four weeks' training at government expense. These six boys are Jimmie Wurst, Elam Gray, William Cabe, Ned Jennings, George Culver, and Clate Mashburn. This will be William Cabe's second year of training, while it is the first year for each of the other young men.

FAMOUS AIRMAN TO BRING PLANE

Two Other Airships Will
Be At Franklin For
Celebration

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American Legion Also Pre-
pares For Gala Day
On Fourth

The St. Louis Robin monoplane, holder of the world's endurance record for the longest period of sustained flight, and two other airplanes will be brought to Franklin to take part in the Fourth of July celebration to be sponsored jointly this year by the Macon county post of the American Legion and The Franklin Press. The air festivities will be under the auspices of The Press.

Paul Davis, famous racing pilot of Atlanta and brother of Doug Davis who holds the all-American air racing championship, will pilot the St. Louis Robin from the city to Franklin.

Press, will go to Atlanta and return in the monoplane.

Jimmy Culpepper, who will pilot another of the planes, was winner of the spot landing with a dead motor in the all-American air meet in Miami in 1929. Jimmy Krouskof, who will pilot the third plane, is already known to Macon county people, having spent several days here last week with Bonnie Rowe, wing walker and parachute jumper. Mr. Rowe will return for the air festivities on the Fourth. For the last 14 years he has been working as parachute jumper and air stunter. He has taken part in a number of air film thrillers, and has worked for the Pathe News service and Mabel Cody's flying circus.

From Franklin the three planes will fly over the surrounding towns of Western North Carolina and North Georgia and drop invitations to the inhabitants, inviting them to the air meet and Fourth of July celebration here.

Officials of the local American Legion post are preparing a full program for the Fourth, details of which are soon to be announced.

S. E. Eaton Back From Knoxville

Chevrolet dealers from Franklin and this section have this week heard programs and policies for the coming fiscal year outlined by F. E. Zorniger, and other officials of the Knoxville Zone of Chevrolet Motor company, at a series of meetings at the Andrew Johnson hotel at Knoxville.

S. Edward Eaton, local Chevrolet dealer, declared upon his return from Knoxville that the zone office officials are extremely optimistic for the prospects for the balance of this year for their line. They base this assumption, Mr. Eaton said, upon the enthusiastic reception accorded the "Greatest Chevrolet in Chevrolet History."

While at the meeting Mr. Eaton signed his contract with the Chevrolet Motor company for the fiscal year which runs from August 1 through July 31.

Golf Tournament Is Now Underway On Links Here

The second monthly golf tournament is being held on the Franklin golf course this week. Preliminaries were held Tuesday and Wednesday. Semi-finals will be played on Thursday and Friday, and the finals are set for Saturday.

A \$10 autograph club will be awarded the winner in each of the three flights. F. I. Murray, J. E. Perry and R. S. Jones compose the flighting committee.