

More Land Added To the Nantahala National Forest

Purchase of 2912 Acres Approved; 587 Acres Lie in Macon

On December 3 the National Forest Reservation Commission, meeting at Washington, D. C., approved the purchase of 2912 acres of land to be added to the Nantahala National Forest. The average price to be paid for the land is \$3.84 per acre. Of this acreage, 200 acres lie in Clay county, 587 acres in Macon county, 1309 acres in Cherokee county, and 64 acres in Jackson county, and 583 acres in Oconee, County, S. C., and 169 acres in Rabun county, Ga. During the fiscal year ended 1930, the Nantahala had grown by 7,552 acres. Many thousand acres more are at present in the process of acquisition, but it is awaiting examination and surveying. Four survey crews are now operating, and one examination crew. The examination is a preliminary appraisal from which is determined the offer the government can make for the land under considera-

tion. Arthur A. Wood, supervisor, explained that even after the approval of the National Forest Reservation Commission in many cases further work is necessary in regard to title examination. The most of the 2912 acres recently approved he stated, however, had been examined by the title attorneys. Judge John Awtry does most of the title examination work in this section of the National Forests, and is expected to return to Franklin about the first of February to resume the work. He has been for some time working in Florida on title examination of lands being acquired by the government there. Arthur A. Wood, forest supervisor, J. H. Stone, junior forester, Z. B. Byrd, forest ranger, and R. C. Nicholson, forest ranger, of the Nantahala National forest, left Franklin Tuesday, Dec. 9, for Asheville where they will join other forest officers and proceed to the South Toe river section of the Pisgah National Forest for the study of management of Forest Service timber sales. They will discuss methods and procedure looking to improvement of present practices in order to get more work done at less cost to the government and in a more efficient manner for all concerned. They expect to return Thursday evening, December 12. It is expected Mr. R. M. Evans, who is head of forest management for the entire Eastern Region of the National Forests stationed at Washington, D. C., will be present at the conferences. Messrs. Wood, Stone and Byrd are on the program.

Prisoners Escape Jail At Marshall

Six prisoners escaped from jail at Marshall, N. C., Saturday morning, Nov. 29 through a hole made in the wall by knocking out several bricks, tying blankets to the cell posts and sliding down the blanket rope several feet to the ground. Five prisoners escaped by the same method on the following Monday. At last reports only one had been captured. The jailor reported that many of the other prisoners could have escaped if they had rather be in jail on the outside, for they did get plenty to eat and had a comfortable place in which to stay.

COUNTY HOME KEEPER RESIGNS

Mr. R. L. Hall who has been keeper of the County Home for the past fourteen years has resigned to take effect January 1, 1931. He has kept the home for a greater number of years than any one else. Mr. George Conley has been appointed by the county commissioners to succeed Mr. Hall.

TAX ASSESSORS NAMES GIVEN

Mr. Sam L. Franks, county tax supervisor, and the county commissioners met Monday and appointed the following men of the various townships to aid in making tax assessments. These men are asked to meet with the commissioners on next Monday a. m. at the court house. Millshoal township—R. D. Brendle, Bunyan Justice, John Ferguson. Ellijay township—Bill Higdon, John T. Henry, John Corbin. Sugarfork township—Albert Potts, Dave McCoy, Charlie Henderson. Highlands township—Edd Potts, Maiden Keener, Alex Edwards. Flats township—Oden Penland, Marshal Burnett, H. C. Miller. Smith's Bridge township—J. J. Gray, John Vinson, Will Ledbetter. Cartoogechaye township—John Roane, W. B. Lenoir, Hez Dills. Nantahala township—Craig Steppe, Bill Jones, Oscar Hicks. Burningtown township—Robert Ramsey, John Dean, John Slagle. Cowee township—Tom Raby, Edd Parrish, Oscar Rickman. Franklin township—C. F. Moody, Will Green, J. A. Porter.

HENDERSONVILLE OPENS NEW BANK

On December 4 the State Trust company opened its new bank at Hendersonville for business and 180 depositors walked up and planked down \$50,000. Pretty good for the first day. The people of Hendersonville are surely not talking "hard times" like some others are. Well, talking alone won't do any good. It will take doing to be of real help.

COUNTY HOME INMATE DIES

Miss Caroline Ferguson, an inmate of the County Home, died a few days ago and was buried at the cemetery on the county farm. She had been in a helpless condition for several months.

Mrs. Holbrooks Dies

Mrs. Arie Holbrooks, wife of Jerry M. Holbrooks, died Monday, Dec. 8 at 5:00 o'clock a. m. and was buried Monday afternoon at Union cemetery near Prentiss. Mrs. Holbrooks was sick only about five hours having had a stroke of paralysis. She leaves a husband, three children and a host of relatives and friends.

'Give Something Made in North Carolina for Christmas' Campaign

The State Department of Conservation and Development is beginning a campaign this week to urge people to "Give Something Made in North Carolina for Christmas." Letters have been sent out to merchants and manufacturers groups by the Department asking them to co-operate in making North Carolina made goods available to the public. The suggestion is made that retail stores set up a North Carolina made goods counter in a prominent location so that Christmas shoppers will have an opportunity to inspect the merchandise that is made in this state. The Department plans to reach the public through the press, over the radio stations and through the various civic and women's clubs in North Carolina. In discussing the purpose of such a campaign, the following reasons for it were advanced: "First, the gifts would be useful and serviceable and would do the maximum amount of good to those who receive them. "Second, gifts to people both within and without the State would serve to acquaint the home-folks and those in other States with goods manufactured in North Carolina. "Third, Christmas money spent for North Carolina made goods would be kept at home and could be used over and over again in paying debts and making other purchases, and "Fourth, the spending of several million dollars for North Carolina made goods at this time would stimulate the production of goods somewhat, give employment to a few more people and help increase all commercial activity within the State. Such a program as this would help everybody. "North Carolinians ought to take pride in giving and wearing something made in North Carolina this Christmas," it was said.

Co-operative Carlot Poultry Sale at Depot

On Tuesday, Dec. 16 there will be a co-operative poultry sale held at the Franklin depot and on Wednesday, Dec. 17 until 10 a. m. at Otto, according to information given out by County Agent F. S. Sloan. The following prices will be paid: Colored hens, 15; Leghorn hens, 10; fryers, 20; cox, 8; turkeys, 17; ducks, 12; geese, 8.

JUNIOR ORDER ELECTS OFFICERS

Installation to Be at First Meeting in New Year

On last Thursday night, it being the first meeting night in December, the Junior Order Lodge No. 158, held its annual election for officers to serve for the ensuing term beginning the first meeting night in January, 1931. The following officers were elected: Counselor, Frank I. Murray; vice-counselor, John B. Henry; recording secretary, George Ramey; financial secretary, R. F. Henry, Jr., assistant recording secretary, H. L. Bryant; treasurer, R. D. Sisk; chaplain, Frank Cunningham; conductor, J. D. Franks; warden, J. S. Womack; inside sentinel, Edmond Sanders. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Colored Woman Dies Of Heart Failure

Mrs. Ellen Chavis, wife of Jim Chavis (colored) died suddenly Dec. 7 and was buried December 9 at New Hope cemetery. Heart trouble was the cause of her death, according to best information obtainable at this writing.

Franklinites Attend Meeting At Raleigh

Mr. Sam Franks, county tax supervisor, and Miss T. Kelly, a member of the equalization board, accompanied by Miss Lassie Kelly, are in Raleigh attending a general meeting of tax supervisors.

York Grows Large Turnip

Mr. J. J. York, of North Skeenah, brought a purple top turnip into the Press office last week that showed its "raisin"—or that it grew in Western Carolina soil. The turnip was 24 inches in circumference, weighing 5 and one-quarter pounds. Mr. York says that he used no commercial fertilizer. He has about 25 bushels of turnips but they didn't all grow so large.

GET-TOGETHER MEET TO BE HELD

Program to Be Given; Committee On Eats Appointed

The next get-together meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held with Cullasaja Council at Franklin on the 18th of December. An interesting program will be arranged. A committee has been appointed consisting of G. L. Houk as chairman, and D. G. Stewart and they promise to feed well. Every member of all the Junior lodges in the county and surrounding counties are especially invited to attend this meeting, and if you do you will not regret having done so.

Hayes Boy Receives Injuries From Fall

Kiffen, the thirteen-year-old son of Rev. L. B. Hayes, had the misfortune to fall off a bicycle about the middle of last week, and was seriously injured. It is thought he has concussion of the brain. He was rushed to a Shelby hospital where he is undergoing treatment. Rev. Hayes will be remembered here as pastor of the Methodist church for several years.

Franklin Merchants Ready For Christmas

Franklin's merchants are now ready for the big Christmas rush. In fact, they are staying busy now. The stores are packed to the brim with new useful merchandise and Santa need have no excuse for not filling his orders in our own little town without having to go elsewhere or having to order any thing. If he will just let his wishes be known our local merchants will take care of the situation.

ASHEVILLE BURLEY AVERAGE 21 CENTS

Asheville Burley tobacco market opened Wednesday with a sale of 150,000 pounds which averaged 21 cents. The total checks issued to the growers was around \$30,000. The top price paid was 40 cents.

SENATOR OVERTON IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Senator Lee S. Overton is very sick, and is confined at his hotel in Washington. The Senator has been suffering several days with his eyes and stomach. He is 77 years old.

\$5,054 OF GOLD PRODUCED IN N. C.

North Carolina produced one-seventh of the gold produced in the Eastern states in 1929, the United States bureau of Mines has announced. H. J. Bryson, state geologist, said the bureau had found that the states produced \$36,793 worth of gold, of which North Carolina produced \$5,054. Since 1799 North Carolina has produced gold valued at \$23,668,507.

BANDITS SECURE \$45,000 IN KANSAS

Twenty-seven persons were held at the point of a gun Wednesday while four robbers took \$45,000 from the Inter-State National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. One of the robbers remarked, it is near Christmas and we must have some money one of the girl clerks replied. Well what will we do for Christmas the robber said. Give me your address and I will see that you get some Christmas presents. She did.

FRANKLIN P.-T. A. HOLDS MEETING

Mrs. John Davenport Leads Program; Good Attendance Had

The Franklin P.-T. A. held a meeting in the high school auditorium Friday evening with 11 teachers and 22 mothers present. They were entertained by the fourth grade under the direction of Miss Leach and the second grade under Miss Davis. Miss Davis' grade gave several songs which were enjoyed very much. Mrs. John Davenport spoke on "misbehavior of children. A round table discussion followed. There was an announcement made that the Macon theatre would give 30 per cent of its proceeds on Wednesday and Thursday night of this week to the inmates of the County Home. It was urged that as many as could attend, so as to benefit the Home as much as possible.

W. M. U. TO HOLD SALE SAT., DEC. 20

Store Next To Munday Hotel to Be Used; Donations Asked

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Methodist church will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, Dec. 20 in the little vacant store building next to Munday hotel. All who have good knick-knacks, victrola records, or anything of value that you are willing to donate it will be appreciated. Just call Mrs. E. B. McCallum or Mrs. G. Clifton Ervin if you have no way of delivering your donations and a car will call for them. Proceeds of the sale will be used for the society.

W. C. T. C. WINTER QUARTER BEGINS

CULLOWHEE, Dec. 8.—The winter quarter begins at Western Carolina Teachers College Thursday, Dec. 11. Prospects are bright for a substantial increase in the enrollment for next quarter. The fall term enrollment has been the largest in the history of the institution since the school assumed college standing.

Old Money

T. J. Blaine, of Franklin, Route 1, was in the Press office Monday, and in spite of the so-called hard times must have plenty of money—if he spends it in the order that he acquires same. Mr. Blaine was in possession of a fractional currency, a 10 cents piece of paper money dated 1874.

Examinations at W. C. T. C.

CULLOWHEE, Dec. 8.—In one respect examinations at Western Carolina Teachers College are like the new moon—they appear every quarter! And this week is the scheduled time for them to appear; much to the consternation of many. But they—the virgins. Some were ready their lamps and some were not. Examinations begin Tuesday, Dec. 9 and end Wednesday. No one however brilliant may be exempt from the " ordeal."

Visits Press Office

Mrs. A. E. Waldrop, of Route 1, was in town Monday, and called at the Press office and renewed her subscription to the paper. She also subscribed for her son who is in Beaver, Washington and her two daughters who are living elsewhere in North Carolina.