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Just A Suggestion

There is a silver lining to every cloud. Perhaps by the use of a little enterprise and initiative the long dreary wet spell we have had could be so pictured that we could reap a reward.

Within the past three months we have had a rainfall of approximately nine and one-half inches and this is not unduly heavy for this region in that period of time. This rain has fallen on good fertile land that would furnish sites for many home seekers. If converted into home sites, land, that in many cases now lies idle, would furnish capital for the economic life of Macon County.

In New York City, where there is a great shortage of water and where there are thousands of people who dream of a home where they can bathe and shave when they please without being told that it is bathless Tuesday or shaveless Wednesday) there is money that we could use in Macon County.

What would be the effect of even a small classified ad inserted in one of the large New York daily newspapers which said:

"FOR SALE—Hundreds of beautiful home sites in a scenic wonderland WITH A BOUNTIFUL SUPPLY OF WATER ASSURED THE YEAR ROUND. Write the Franklin or Highlands Chamber of Commerce for further information."

The addition of one home seeking, thirsty person as a year round resident would more than pay for the cost of the ad many times.

There are many other places besides New York City that are facing the future with an inadequate supply of water and a realization that something as commonplace as a "good drink of water" can't just be taken for granted but is an important resource hard to come by that must be carefully guarded. If we spent as much time informing the world in general that we are blessed by nature with many things and among them are a heavy rainfall and adequate watersheds as we do quarreling about the weather we would be well rewarded.

Preservation Together

Last week The Franklin Press carried an announcement that a Wildlife club had been organized here in Macon County. To many of our readers we are afraid that this was just another news item which they glanced at and will perhaps forget within a week's time. But we believe that the organization of this club offers to the people of Macon County a two-fold opportunity.

Besides the opportunity to increase the dollar and cents wealth of our county by increasing our game and thereby attracting outside sportsmen-as tourists here, there is an opportunity to help strengthen several institutions which are a part of our way of life.

The solidarity of many a family has been strengthened by the close ties that have been established between a boy and his father while enjoying the outdoors together hunting, fishing, or hiking. Family Sunday picnics and overnight camping trips where the whole family enjoy each other in quiet, peaceful NATURAL surroundings have played their part in preventing broken homes. The fact that, here in Macon County, we live in a land that still allows us the opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation is one of the reasons that we have less percentage of divorces and problem children than the urban areas.

The second opportunity offered by the formation of a wildlife club is the fact that it offers us a challenge—a challenge to work together as a community. Certainly the success of wildlife club will be entirely in proportion to the amount of community support it receives. If only a few persons join together in an attempt to protect and develop the wildlife and scenic beauty of Macon County their efforts will be futile and their time wasted. But if every person who walks the mountain trails to gather flowers, every farmer's family that spreads a picnic lunch by some secluded cool spring, every barefoot boy and freckle-faced girl who run to their father to show him the big brim they caught, will join with the man who steals a few hours from the rush of his business to enjoy the solitude of sit-

ting by a lakeside and perhaps "getting a big strike", and the farmer who "walks up to the top of the ridge to see if he can spot a couple of squirrels" and also, though he probably won't admit it, to admire the beautiful valley he can view from his favorite spot and study a little in quiet about what kind of a man Junior is going to make, in working together to protect our game, fish, and natural scenic beauties—then the Macon County Wildlife organization can mean something.

It's quite a challenge—and an opportunity.

Playing With Fire

More than three years ago the United Nations, with the support of this country, imposed a diplomatic ban on Spain; members of the United Nations withdrew diplomatic recognition from the Spanish government.

The action was taken on the theory that the Franco government had come to power in Spain with the aid of Dictators Hitler and Mussolini, and that Franco's government was a Fascist dictatorship essentially no different from those of Hitler and Mussolini.

Since that time there has been no important change in the Spanish government; no responsible official has denied that Franco was, and is, a Fascist dictator, or that Hitler and Mussolini did help him come to power.

Thus the announcement last week by Secretary of State Acheson that the United States will support a move in the United Nations to end the diplomatic ban against Spain represents not just a major modification of American foreign policy; it is a complete about-face.

Why this reversal of a three-year policy? What are the reasons back of it, What does it mean?

The layman, of course, can only speculate on the answers. But the answers are important to the layman—to the average man in Macon County—because the average man, or his children, will have to fight another war, if it comes.

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Two reasons for the radical shift in policy are assigned. In the first place, it is pointed out that diplomatic recognition does not necessarily imply approval of the government recognized—that recognition is simply a realistic attitude, an admission that the government, good or bad, is there; and that it is to the interest of other governments to have diplomatic representatives at the capital of the government recognized.

The second reason given is that it does not make sense to send ambassadors to Soviet Russia and its satellite countries, since they unquestionably are dictatorships, and refuse to send an ambassador to Madrid.

Those are convincing arguments. But are they the real and only reasons prompting our change of policy?

The mere fact that they are assigned as the reasons does not mean that they necessarily are the real and only ones; for it is unusual for diplomats to say exactly, and all, that they mean—often, in fact, diplomats use language to hide, rather than reveal, their actual meaning.

And there is a circumstance that suggests that the real reasons for the about-face lie deeper. That circumstance is the second part of Secretary Acheson's announcement—that this government is prepared to extend credits to Franco Spain. That is to say, we are ready to make loans, as we have been doing to the democratic countries, loans that quite possibly never will be repaid. That **does** imply approval; or, at the least, a desire to work with Franco.

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In what has been called the rehearsal for World War 2, Franco came to power in Spain by overthrowing a republican government duly elected by the people of Spain. That republican government had many left-wing elements—some of its backers were called Communists, and others anarchists. While it was socialistic in its economic philosophy, it had little, politically, in common with Russia, because the Spanish republican government was completely democratic.

Just as Hitler and Mussolini backed Franco, however, Stalin backed the republicans in the bloody Spanish civil war. Since Catholics long had considered pagan Russia as the arch foe of Christianity, and since Spain was one of the most heavily Catholic countries in Europe, the Vatican gave Franco its whole-hearted support. He has had it ever since.

Many students of the situation will point to this and suggest that the pressure of American Catholics has influenced our State Department. That is conceivable; even probable. But the chances are that it has been a distinctly secondary consideration.

Almost certainly our chief motive for teaming up with Spain is neither the Catholic influence nor the reasons assigned by Secretary Acheson. All the evidence indicates that the major consideration is our cold war with Soviet Russia—and the possibility that it may become a hot war. For if it does, control of Spain easily might mean control of Europe. Our real motive seems to be to bid for the friendship, and later possibly an alliance, with Franco Spain.

We are doing in Spain exactly what we are doing, in a somewhat different way, in Yugoslavia—making friends with one dictator in order to combat another. It is exactly what we did at Yalta. There

we made concessions—concessions that today are bitterly regretted—to Dictator Stalin as the price of Russia's help in overthrowing the dictatorship in Japan.

At Yalta, and now in Yugoslavia and Spain, we are compromising both principle and policy in the interest of expediency.

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Perhaps the average layman, had he been in President Roosevelt's shoes, would have made the compromise at Yalta, in the hope of saving American lives. Perhaps the average layman, were he in Secretary Acheson's shoes, and possessing all the information at the command of the Secretary of State, might compromise now.

The big question, however, remains: Is it ever possible for a democracy to do business with a dictatorship? Is there ever a circumstance in which even expediency is served, in the long run, by attempting it?

Nation after nation after nation tried it with Hitler and Mussolini. We ourselves tried it with Japan. And these long, bitter years we have been trying it with Soviet Russia. In every experience of every democratic country it has proved disastrous.

Yet today we are ready to try it again!

Letters

STUDENTS BACK BOND USSUE

Dear Editor:

Franklin needs a high school building. This is a well-known fact. Almost everyone hears this statement every day. This, however, does not better conditions at Franklin High. What we need is action, in the form of school bonds!!! These bonds would mean no added tax!

There are scores of reasons why Franklin needs a new school building. Here are just a few of the most important ones:

In the entire building there are no proper lighting facilities. On dark, cloudy days it is almost impossible to study without injury to the eyes.

There is not sufficient heat at all times. Students are forced to wear their coats indoors, which not only hinders studying but also causes many colds.

The home economics, physical education, science, and commercial departments do not have enough equipment or room to do the required work.

The crowded conditions in the classes prevent the teachers from giving the individual students enough attention. Franklin would probably be allotted more teachers if there were a new, larger building.

The balcony above the auditorium is unsafe. The falling plaster in the class rooms not only endangers the student, but gives him little inspiration.

The school boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow. Let us insure the prosperity of Macon County by giving these boys and girls every opportunity possible. Perhaps your children are not in school now, but for the benefit of those who are, and those who will be, vote for the school bonds!!

JUNIOR CLASS,
Franklin High School.

(Editor's Note: The above letter was written for the junior class by Miss Barbara Gribble, who was appointed, at a class meeting, to draft it.)

Others' Opinions

CUTTING FIRE WOOD

Are you guilty of cutting the nearest standing tree to your home when fuel wood is needed, disregarding the healthy, thrifty, growing species of the tree to be cut? Or do you consider your wooded area as a crop and cut your fuel wood selectively? That is, do you select only the diseased, insect-infested, damaged, poorly formed and weed species for cutting? If you do this you are practicing good forestry, or as the forester says, treating your woods with the correct silvicultural method.

There are many homes and farms that use from 5 to 15 cords of fuel wood each year for cooking, heating and curing and smoking meat. To produce this volume of wood a year's growth on 5 to 15 acres of forest land is required. Most woodlots, without proper cutting practices, will not produce in growth a cord per year, so take it easy and cut wisely. Just think, if you use 10 cords of wood annually it will require approximately 500 six-inch trees or 250 eight-inch trees.

Our forests are being depleted more each year, so now is an excellent time to become more conservation-minded toward forest resources and begin in your own woodlot. If you will cut your fuel wood wisely now, a greater financial return will be forthcoming when your trees are of sawlog size. The growth per acre will be increased tremendously and a higher grade of sawlogs will result.

Everytime you plan to cut a tree from your woodlot, stop and ask yourself this question.—Instead of cutting this tree would another serve the same purpose and improve my woodlot for the future?—Falls Church (Va.) Echo.

COUNTRY WEEKLY GROWING PAINS

Somewhere along our thorny way we may have missed one. At the moment we would be hard to convince.

For instance, take this issue. Without rhyme or reason perhaps, we had the urge to go from six columns to eight. Typically, this was well over a year ago. If you have any smattering knowledge of country weekly newspapering, such a thing is much easier said than done. For one thing; it involved bringing in a pressman from Atlanta for several days of complex press adjustments. Also, changeover faced us with some 26 per cent more content to account for, plus shop composition and makeup.

One by one these problems were resolved. Wednesday morning about 1:30 a. m. came the big moment. Our first run was ready for press. (Of course, no other country weekly was ever up 'til 1:30!)

Two tons of newsprint had been stacked in the warehouse. We were all set. But Puck was right. "What fools we mortals be!"

The easiest thing was to blame the whole thing on the paper salesman, he being absent and unable to defend himself, but somebody's arithmetic was wrong! Our initial shipment of newsprint was one inch too narrow!

Oh, well, it hadn't been our first disappointment. A truck was dispatched at once for more paper. It would probably arrive by middle of the afternoon. Meantime we might get some sleep and start makeup on the next four pages.

If the paper happened to be an hour or two late, people would start calling and want to know what had happened to the Smoky Mountain Times, or what the heck we did all week anyway!

But we would manage somehow. We always have.—Smoky Mountain Times.

No persons will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any.—Thomas Jefferson.

435,518 Drivers Given Licenses During 1949

A total of 435,518 driver's licenses were issued to motorists of North Carolina during 1949, the Department of Motor Vehicles has announced. July was the month of largest issuance with 67,819, while June ran a close second with 58,340.

Say:

"I saw it advertised in
in the Press"

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Margaret Lorene Dil's Menrich, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20 day of December, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 20 day of December, 1949.
EXIE DILLS,
Administratrix.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Mary Gibson Henry, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of January, 1951, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 16th day of January, 1950.
FRANK POTTS,
Executor.

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of W. A. Huggins, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17 day of December, 1950, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 17th day of December, 1949.
MRS. ETHEL HUGGINS,
Administratrix.

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During January, ask for Strawberry Sundae... the delicious Princess Pet flavor of the month.

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