



We can't remember this far back . . .  
 . . . but we KNOW there's been a lot of Progress  
 In 100 Years

And we're proud to be a part of  
 The Progressive Town of Franklin

# BRYANT FURNITURE CO.

### 'Homer', Up In Bureau Of Census, 'Nods'

Even U. S. government records can sometimes be wrong. When The Press, preparing for this Franklin Centennial edition, asked the Bureau of the Census in Washington for Franklin population figures from 1860, the first decennial census after Franklin was incorporated in 1855 to date, the bureau forwarded the figures, starting with 1890. It explained it could not furnish earlier figures, since its records show Franklin was not incorporated as a town until 1885!

### Mother Plows While Her Two Sons Pull It

By MRS. LEXIE SANDERS

My grandmother told me this happened in 1885. When she went to visit a neighbor, the mother was plowing, with two of her sons pulling the plow.

About that same year, the first Baptist churches on Cartoogechaye and at Pleasant Hill were built. The grandfathers and fathers of the communities brought a sawmill and sawed the lumber, from logs that were donated; then they built the churches, all as charity.

My great-grandfather, Harry Dills, gave the land for the Cartoogechaye church, and my husband's grandmother, Mrs. Henderson Sanders, gave the land for the church at Pleasant Hill.

In 1902, I went out to feed my grandfather's calves. A big chestnut log was at the head of the spring, and on it sat 18 wild turkey hens and one gobbler.

We lived well then; when we wanted something to eat, it came to us.

Two years later I went to live with my stepgrandmother at the head of Poplar Cove.

When I got there, I thought I was in the Garden of Eden. For there were fruits of every kind, grapes and berries, about 90 stands of bees, and about 100 head of sheep.

So we had plenty of fruits, honey, and meat.

We dug herbs and sold them to buy other foods, our clothes, and our school books. We sold the herbs at Frank Nolen's store, on Cartoogechaye.

That's the way we lived then.

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Who wants to go back to conditions like this?

Who, indeed!

Today is better than Yesterday. And the Franklin of 1955 is a better place to live than was the Franklin of 1855.

But we have only scratched the surface. All of us, working together, can make it far, far better than it is today — it has such possibilities as few of us have ever dreamed of!

## NEARLY A THIRD OF A CENTURY

We've been in business nearly a third as long as Franklin is old!

Since we opened our doors, August 22, 1922, the people in the Town and County have made it possible for us to grow — by patronizing us. We are deeply grateful.

In turn, we've always pulled for Franklin and Macon County, devoting a lot of time and energy trying to help make this a better place to live.

Franklin will continue to grow as long as the people here patronize home industries and home businesses; they are the folks to whom we turn when we need help — in labor or money — with a community project.

So let's all pull together for a better Franklin and Macon County!

# FRANKLIN HARDWARE COMPANY

"ALWAYS PARKING ON THE SQUARE"