

# The Franklin Times

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## FORTY-FIFTH VOLUME.

It is again our privilege to announce to you that our publication is another year older. We are especially thankful that the all-wise Providence has seen fit to spare us to pass this milestone, and we are especially thankful to you Mr. Reader for the unstinted support you have given us. The past year has been both a pleasure and a trial with us. It has been a pleasure that we might be spared to send you our message of public and local matters each week, which we have endeavored to do without the least coloration from improper influences and demands from any source. We might have presented some things wrong, we are only human and are therefore not too good to err; but we have presented everything we have dealt with to you honestly and in a straightforward manner as we saw it. It's true there are instances where charity has controlled us and kept us from presenting some matters in their real garb. This we do not offer to apologize for as we feel that they have actually resulted in much good to the parties involved. It has been a pleasure to us to hear and receive the many kind words spoken of us and our publication that has come to us in the past year.

To our advertisers we want to extend thanks. You have been our mainstay, and we have tried to show our appreciation for your patronage by giving you results. Today we are maintaining a paper with about 3,000 circulation and giving you the same price that local papers with 1,000 charge.

To the patrons of our Job Department we are especially grateful. We hope we have pleased you with the service we have given you. We can assure you of the fact that there is some work that has been sent away from town this year that in each case cost from 10 to 25 percent more than our first prices, besides paying freight. Our aim is to give our patrons the best of service for the same money or less than any reputable printer anywhere and to assure you that we have in your town one of the most completely equipped printing plants for a small town in the State.

During the coming year we propose to exert every effort possible to make The Franklin Times a better paper. It shall always be frank and wide open for the peoples' interest. We hope it shall not be necessary, but should occasion arise we shall speak plainly about public matters. But should it become necessary to criticize any public official or individual the same will be clothed in charity rather than in ill will or for a desire for personal gain.

We hope to make The Franklin Times a power for what is right and best in all things, but shall first endeavor to accomplish this without criticism or rebuke. In all our selections of news-matter to print we shall first take into consideration the fact that the paper will be put in your home for your wife and children to read.

We hope that you feel that we have proven ourselves worthy of your support in the past. We have tried to be. And with the continued support of both our readers and advertisers and job patrons we hope to be of a greater usefulness to you this year.

Thanking each of you again, We are Yours truly,  
A. F. Johnson,  
Editor & Manager.

It seems as though Mayor James A. Turner is going to be a very popular candidate for Congress against Hon. E. W. POU, judging from the many encouraging expressions being handed around in his behalf. He has received a number of endorsements from many of the strongest and most influential citizens from all the counties in the district. Whether he wins or not his opponents will evidently know that he was in the race, should he decide to enter.

The town authorities are due the congratulations of the public for the good work on the streets this week by the use of the scraping machine. The only trouble was it was like the old woman's dance "too soon over with."

A self appointed committee has just announced the names of the seven best dressed women in Chicago. Why not trot out the seven poorest dressed and note the contrast?

After we have spent all of our spare coin in the relief of suffering abroad, it will be in order for Europe to pass the bat for the straining unfortunates in our midst.

Want to be in style girls? Use a wash rag and a cake of soap. Society has pronounced them an indispensable aid to beauty. No, this is not a grocery advertisement.

There is a fellow around here who never reads his home paper, and people often wonder at his lack of knowledge concerning local affairs. We don't.

General "Jesus" Carranza has been executed in Mexico. There is some consolation in following in the footsteps of an illustrious predecessor.

If he buys his home paper  
He's a bully fellow;  
If he borrows from his neighbor  
His hide is quite yellow.

The special bird law for Franklin county, passed in 1913, so we are reliably informed, has been repealed.

Attorney-General T. W. Bickett, has announced that he would begin his campaign for Governor in June.

## UP TO THE PRESS.

The Waynesville Currier laments the failure of the Constitutional Amendments to meet with the approval of the voters. It says:

"The great flood of local bills again sweeps over the Legislature as it has done in previous sessions, taking time that costs the people of the State heavily. Yet the people refuse to adopt a constitutional amendment that would have removed these little local matters from the Legislature and placed them in the hands of the county commissioners."

Yes, sir, our North Carolina folks missed a mighty good chance to set the old State substantially forward in the path of progress when they turned down the Constitutional Amendments, and the one bearing on local legislation was one of the most important of the lot. The Legislature could get through with its really State-wide work in thirty days and give it more attention too than it does in a sixty-day session with local as well as State matters to look after. But there will be another chance. The thing to do is for the press to keep hammering away and thus bring the public sentiment around to a realization of the need for freeing the Legislature from the burden of local legislation, which is now such an incubus upon it. This great reform is largely up to the press—News & Observer.

From the above one would naturally presume that our esteemed contemporary would place the responsibility of the defeat of the Constitutional Amendments in the recent election on the press of the State. As a matter of fact we don't believe there are many of the publishers but that will take such a charge as a creditable reference. All the publishers however, are strong for and will support in a many way such legislation as appeals to them as being all right and without a "string tied" to it. We were at a puzzle then and are now to satisfy ourselves as to the exact fairness and desire for the right thing in the minds of those who suggested them when they went to work and completely wrapped up two amendments that really would be of some power with eight others that were of no real value at all, comparatively speaking, but only full of sentiment. This looked to us like it was a case of where the framers of the amendments were afraid the public would get onto the game and kill the two amendments and for the purpose of carrying them, they covered them over with sentimentalism. Every action connected with them might have been of the highest degree of honesty and we feel that every man connected with them was above reproach, however, to the man away it did not look good at all.

The press will gladly assist in carrying any worthy legislation provided it is thrown out on its own merits and the fight is wide open.

## Old Fiddlers Convention.

For the grand Old Fiddlers' Convention contest to be held at Sandy Creek Academy on February 27th, 1915 we are looking forward to the grandest entertainment ever given by the Old Fiddlers of Franklin county. We propose to use the entire net proceeds of this entertainment to add another room to the Academy, which is so much needed as we have more children than the building will accommodate in its present condition.

Dear Old Fiddlers remember that you are each and every one cordially invited to attend this meeting. Make a sacrifice to come. Testing assured that you will be liberally rewarded for your services in several ways.

There will be present: Mr. Ben Sanders, Sam Parrish, Mr. R. T. Williams, M. Sam Coley, Mr. Spencer Leonard, Mr. B. B. Murphy and many other good fiddlers besides Mr. J. M. Thompson and brothers as a band, and Messrs. John Marshall, Herman Parrish, Tucker Macon and others as banjo-men.

Remember—gentlemen—that the prices will be very liberal. Come admission: Reserved seats 30c, regular 25c and 15c. Entertainment will be held from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.  
Committee.

Baraca Entertains Philathens  
The Baraca class of the Mapleville Baptist church entertained the Philathens class at the Academy on last Wednesday night. A good number from both classes were present. There was something for everyone to enjoy.

The reading of Miss Olivia Hobgood, who was at her best, was enjoyed by all. The music made by Messrs. Macon and Sanders was enjoyed equally as well. A number of games were played by the younger people, and then refreshments were served.

## Friday Afternoon Bridge Club.

On Friday-afternoon Miss Annie Allen delightfully entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club. A two table game of Auction Bridge was greatly enjoyed, after which the hostess served dainty refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. Jim Allen, Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Mrs. John King, Mrs. L. L. Joyner, Miss Webb, Mrs. Maurice Clifton, Mrs. J. R. Collier, and Mrs. S. J. Parham.

## Children's Coughs—Children's Colds Both Are Serious.

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Over in Europe they build a neat little house in the top of a tree for observation purposes, and then along comes an enemy's shell and whisks house and occupant off to glory.

The discovery of gold on an Illinois farm failed to create even a ripple. The public eye is firmly glued to wheat.

## Public School Notes

A Weekly Column Devoted to the Interests of the Public School System of Franklin County.

Contributed by Supt. E. L. Best

1. How many teachers are interested in organizing Boys' Corn Clubs and girls' Canning Clubs.

The following is the aim or purpose of the Boys' Corn Club: "If the only aim of the Boys' Corn Club were to show them how, by growing a large yield of corn, they could win a prize it would still be worth while, but would be unworthy of those who are interested in making it a success. It is hoped, through these Corn Clubs, to interest boys in the upbuilding of rural North Carolina. It is the object of the Clubs to prove to country boys that there is more in the soil than the farmer has ever gotten out of it; to inspire them with a love of the land and with inspiration for a deeper study of the book of nature; to afford rural teachers a simple, easy method of teaching practical agriculture in the schools; by the use of illustration on the farm; to show the boys and young men in the country that success in farming is in direct proportion to the intelligence with which it is applied to the soil; and to impress on the boys and the country generally the great opportunity for the use of trained intellects in the solution of large rural problems."

The rules and regulations of the Boys' Corn Club are as follows:

a. "All members must be between 10 and 18 years of age January 1st, of the year of membership."

b. "Each boy must plant one acre of corn in one piece (4,840 square yards), doing all the work himself, except that small boys may hire their land broken, and have help hauling out manure."

c. "Each member must keep a record of his time charging ten cents an hour for himself and five cents for his horse. Also keep a record of the amount of manure and fertilizer used, charging for manure at the rate of two dollars for a two horse load, or a ton."

A special blank will be furnished for this report.

d. "Do not use more than \$10 worth of commercial fertilizer. This does not include lime, which may be used profitably on many soils."

e. "Each member must read carefully instructions sent him by the Department of Agriculture, and the Circulars that go from the office."

f. "The boys are expected to harvest their corn by the regulations and send in report, even though they make a small yield."

g. "Older boys may join, but may not compete for prizes."

Any teacher in the County wishing to organize a Canning Club, or Boys' Corn Club, will please notify Miss Pauline Smith, Spring Hope Route 2, and she will gladly send you all necessary blanks and any information desired. Try to get the older people interested along this line, for their help and co-operation, is absolutely necessary for success. You and the members of these clubs will have the hearty co-operation of your Supt., and your Farm Demonstration Agent.

2. The following item, came from Seven Paths:

The McNeal Debating Society of Seven Paths Academy, was organized January 15th, with the following officers: President, Spencer Gay, Vice-President, Mozelle Moore; Secretary, Pattie Lamm. Our Community Service Committee called a meeting on January 16th for the purpose of cleaning Cypress Chapel and the grounds. Two plays were given January 29th, for the benefit of the church.

Pauline Smith, Principal.

3. I am waiting to receive your order for a school library. If you have one, secure a supplementary library.

4. The last preliminary contest for the declamation recitation, dramatization and basket-ball championships, will be on the 12th of March. This will decide who will represent the townships at the County Commencement. Write your representative for any information you may desire concerning any of these contests.

5. The County commencement programs have been sent each school in the county. If you have not received them please let me know.

6. Send in the reports at the end of each month; The Principals report, one for the State Department and one for each grade. Send all together in the same package.

7. I hope you all are perfectly familiar with the proper way to fill out your register at the end of the term; if not begin to work along this line. Remember the Public School Law requires me to have your register properly filled out and in the office, before I can sign your last months salary.

8. Write the following in your language note book.

a. How much of the essential studies in English do you complete in the sixth grade?

b. How many themes do your sixth grade pupils write per week?

c. How are the subjects chosen, by whom, and how do you correct the mistakes?

d. Do you always require an outline to be made before the theme is written?

9. Write the following in your language note book:

a. Read pages 59, 69 in State course of study.

10. The members of the Reading Circle may take Chapters XII and XIII in the Country Life and the Country school.

Billy Sunday says Chicago is a "hell ridden rum hole." There's your chance Billy. Hop in and plug up the bung hole.

## Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—With only three weeks before the present session automatically ends the legislative jam seems to be increasing, rather than decreasing. At present it seems almost impossible to avoid an extra session, although the Democrats are making every effort to clear the tangle and strong pressure is being brought on the President to convince him that an extra session would be determined to the best interests of the administration, even though the ship purchase bill fails to pass. This is the first time in many years that such a situation has confronted Congress; with the first week of February gone not a single one of the regular supply bills are ready for the President's signature. The Republicans with the aid of seven Democrats, managed to secure the ship hand in the Senate with regard to the ship purchase bill and the filibustering tactics shifted from their side of the Chamber to the Democratic side in an endeavor to prevent the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce from coming to a vote until reinforcements arrived. As a result of bitterness engendered by the bolt of the seven Democrats much acrimonious debate was indulged in of such nature that Republicans are hopeful it presages a Democratic split, but such a result is extremely unlikely. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, introduced a substitute bill with provisions intended to attract the progressive vote, and if the other bill is recommitted this substitute measure will be brought up. If it were not for the importance of this bill, it would probably be dropped, but many consider that it would be poor politics to let it go now. In addition to this the Senate still must consider the appointment of the Federal Trade Commission board, as the President is likely to send in the nominations at any time. Other measures of prime importance not yet considered are the Philippine bill, the conservation bills, rural credits, the railway securities bill and the general dam bill.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, introduced a resolution to investigate the recent Senatorial elections in Illinois, and Pennsylvania, and this has been reported favorably by the Committee on Elections. The resolution is aimed at Senator Penrose and Roger Sullivan, although they are not specifically named. Senator Oliver and Sutherland insists that if investigations are to be made, they should also include recent elections in Alabama, Indiana, California, and South Dakota. Representative Palmer, who was defeated by Senator Penrose, testified before the committee that over one million dollars had been spent in Pennsylvania in the primary and election campaigns in behalf of his opponent. Prohibition advocates charge that Representative Underwood was elected with the aid of the liquor interests and demand a thorough investigation.

The House passed the naval appropriation bill with a reduction of \$7,400,000 from the original estimate, after being warned by Representative Underwood that retrenchment was absolutely necessary to avoid a Treasury deficit due to increased appropriations and a falling off in revenue caused by the European war. The bill provides for a naval building program for the fiscal year of two battleships, 12 submarine boats, one to be of the sea-going type, 6 torpedo boat destroyers, and one fuel oil ship. Representative Gardner calling for a larger increase in the navy was voted down after much debate.

The immigration bill has again failed of passage by way of a Presidential veto. It was confidently expected by the proponents of the measure that they would be able to override the veto, but when it came to a vote in the House, it lacked six votes of the necessary two-thirds. The President vetoed the bill on account of the literacy test which he regards as objectionable, undemocratic, and un-American.

The recent action by the German admiralty in establishing a war zone entirely around the British Isles, and the northern coast of France in causing grave concern to the Government. This edict was promulgated by Germany in an effort to shut off food supplies destined for England based on alleged violation on the part of the British of international maritime rules. Although this order is regarded by many as merely establishing a paper blockade around English ports, but in view of the recent exploits of German submarines in these waters, the possibility of their being able to carry it into effect is greatly enhanced. This order greatly embarrasses American shipping in the war zone by endangering all vessels whether flying a neutral flag or the flag of a belligerent. In order to escape German torpedo boats reported in the vicinity of the northern Irish coast the Lusitania, of the Cunard line, a British vessel, recently ran up the American flag. England defends this as being permissible under international codes, but Germany insists that such action will result in their being compelled to respect no flag, thereby endangering American shipping. It is expected the Government will insist upon absolute immunity for vessels flying the United States flag engaged in peaceful trade on the seas.

Although it is rather early to forecast possible legislation for the 64th Congress it seems now altogether likely that the movement for one-cent letter postage will again be agitated. Many national trade bodies and individuals are in favor of this and their continued activity will no doubt result in some action.

President Wilson entertains hope of an early peace. Sure! And we have hopes of some day annexing a million.

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## Notice.

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Joe P. Rodwell, Admr.  
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