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### Good Advertising for Franklin

IN the past it has not been an infrequent experience in Franklin to have a tourist stop his automobile and inquire: "What town is this?"

Thanks to the town board and the Nantahala National Forest, visitors no longer should find it necessary to inquire as to the identity of this community. For two attractive signs, each 10 by 20 feet, have been erected on the main approaches to the town—one on the golf course visible to all visitors from the south, and the other on the Indian mound in plain sight of all coming this way from Asheville and other points north and east.

The signs, painted by H. C. Beal, of Asheville, bear this legend:

"Rest and Play in Franklin, N. C.—On the Little Tennessee—Headquarters of the Nantahala National Forest—Southern Entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park—Golf, Swimming and Fishing."

The boards were constructed of California redwood lumber contributed by the Nantahala National Forest. The town council appropriated a sum not to exceed \$50 to cover the cost of painting and erecting the signs. Members of the council are to be congratulated. Strangers now will know us when they meet us.

### Making a Joke of Macon County

HOW news does spread, especially when it is unfavorable! Even Blackfoot, Idaho, has heard of the ridiculous pledge Macon County school teachers are required to sign.

The other day we received a copy of the Blackfoot Daily Bulletin. Our ears smarted when we read the following in a column, "A Library Scrapbook," conducted by Edna Gillespie:

The Franklin Press, published at Franklin, N. C., is an interesting and ably edited small town paper, and the town of Franklin, I believe, prides itself on the fact that it has more college graduates in proportion to the population than any other town in the nation. But read this from the last issue and reflect on the plight of the poor school teacher in North Carolina: "Macon county school teachers and principals will be required this year to walk a straight and narrow path with threat of automatic dismissal from their jobs should they diverge therefrom. Letters have been sent to teachers and principals elected for the 1934-1935 term requesting them to sign an agreement not to attend any dances, private or public, during the school year; to refrain from attending any social activities on the evening or night before a teaching day and otherwise to conduct themselves in decorous manner befitting their position." What type of medieval mind have those school authorities that ask: not, do you love, honor and uphold the truth?; but do you dance? Not are you able to conduct a class intelligently; but do you conduct yourself decorously. Not, do you despise meanness?; but, do you go to bed at ten o'clock? Methinks that if such a contract were put in force in this community the schools would be compelled to get their teachers out of a mousetrap, not from the university.

Thinking people of Macon County will agree thoroughly with Miss Gillespie. Many already are wondering what sort of teachers will be willing to accept positions in this community if its school authorities make a permanent policy of enforcing upon them a narrow code of personal conduct.

This year most of the teachers will grin and bear it. But will they meekly submit next year, and the year after that? We hope and confidently believe that it will not be necessary for them to.

The school board is scheduled to meet Saturday of this week. The people of the county would be grateful to its members if they would abolish the teacher's pledge and quit making a laughing stock of Macon County.

### Making A Living

Dr. A. T. Allen, of Raleigh, State superintendent of public instruction, spoke to the graduating class of the Gastonia high school last week. The superintendent is reputed to be an excellent orator, and a man who has something worthwhile to say when he gets on his feet. However, we long ago realized that when you take eloquent words and put them on

paper, they read differently from what they sound as they fall from the lips of an able speaker.

Listen to one of North Carolina's foremost educators:

"It is infinitely easier to make a living today than ever before. This, of course, results in a vast increase in the free time. This is probably the first time in history when the great mass of men have had the opportunity to be free men in the true sense of the word. The time of toil and sweat and unending work has gone."

It is certainly not our purpose to discount what Dr. Allen had to say, but out in the world of business and industry the leaders will not agree with his statement that "it is infinitely easier to make a living today than ever before." And certainly this world will be in a bad fix when "the time of toil and sweat and unending work has gone." Men who see life from its practical side know beyond a question of a doubt that "easy living" is not what this world has, and certain not what it needs. The reason it got in a bad fix several years ago was because too many folks thought that the "time of toil, sweat, and unending work" was gone.

Sometimes we wonder if our state officials would not be better fitted to serve the people if they had to step out of office every few years and rub up against some of the real problems, such as making one dollar do the work of two, or trying to wrangle a salary check out of the boss who doesn't have the money to pay what he owes. State pay checks come too easy.—STANLY NEWS-HERALD.

### A Taxation Program For North Carolina

Organized farmers of North Carolina through the Grange are advocating the following tax program for the state:

1. Exempt from all taxation \$500 to \$1,000 on the value of each home occupied by the owner.
2. Remove the 6 per cent limitation on the taxation of maximum incomes, so that higher rates may be levied on the very wealthy.
3. Recognize the fact that the United States is now one single economic, trading, or business unit; that every citizen in every township and county in North Carolina buys from all over America, helps create millionaire fortunes or incomes all over America—and hence that it is only fair that a considerable part of the income and inheritance taxes levied by the United States government be redistributed to the states on the basis of population—specifically \$100,000,000 a year to be redistributed per capita to the states for the support of public schools.

The Progressive Farmer points out that of these three reforms, neither of the first two is possible under the present Constitution of North Carolina, and that both would be possible under the revised Constitution to be voted on next November.—MORGANTON NEWS-HERALD.

### Honey

POETIC fancy always has been stimulated by spring and blossoms and bees. The poor little bee, humming his way from flower to flower, always is thought of as leading a gay, colorful and care-free life. But if information put out by the Michigan state department of agriculture is correct, there is more tragedy involved in the making of honey that helps down the morning waffle than in any other food production.

The elders, the graybeards of the bee colony, are those that chance to be born, or hatched, rather, after the busy season in the fall. They may go through the winter and early spring, coming to the ripe maturity of six months of age. But a worker bee hatched just at the beginning of the honey-gathering season probably will wear out its wings and its life in a few weeks.

Getting together a single pound of nectar is a job requiring 20,000 trips. And four pounds of nectar go into the making of a pound of honey. In terms of sentiment from the bee's point of view, one well may exclaim, What price honey!

### Genius Is Right

THE American Indians, according to Prof. Berry, of the University of Missouri, were "the greatest agricultural geniuses in all history." That statement will require a great deal of proof and clarification. Are not our modern white farmers, with their irrigation, their fertilization, their adaption of crops to the soil, and so on, more proficient at their job than those underprivileged savages?

Undoubtedly, yes. In those respects our white men are the best farmers ever known. It must have been in the matter of labor saving that the Red Men were superior. They knew a thing or two about that. White men have machinery, of which they are justifiably proud, but machinery, we admit, does only a part of the farm work that must be done. The Red Men, not so easily satisfied with imperfection, had women who did all of it.

A thing that never upsets a munitions maker is competition. It is found when one goes into production, orders pour in on all.

### Hard Tack

A little boy did errands for a woman, who, baking outcakes, thought she would give him one as a treat.

She spread one thickly with jam and gave it to him. A little while after, the boy returned.

"Thanks for the jam, missus," he said. "There's your board back again."—Montreal Star.

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### NOTICE

North Carolina,  
Macon County,  
In Superior Court.  
Jud Tallent

vs.

Dovie Tallent

The non-resident defendant, Dovie Tallent, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina; that the purpose of said action is to have the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant dissolved; that the summons in said action is returnable on the 12th day of July, 1934, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear on the 12th day of July, 1934, before the undersigned, Clerk Superior Court and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the relief demanded in said complaint will be granted.

This 11th day of June, 1934.

FRANK I. MURRAY,  
Clerk Superior Court,  
Macon County, N. C.  
J14-4tp-Jly5

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of Trust executed by I. H. Vanhook to the undersigned, trustee, dated March 28, 1927, and recorded in the office of the Register of deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, in Book 29 on page 384, and default having been made in the payment of the amount stipulated in the said deed of trust, and demand having been made on the undersigned trustee by the holder of the note secured by the said Deed of Trust to exercise the power of sale contained in the said Deed of Trust:

I will, therefore on Monday, the 30th day of July, 1934, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, at the South Court House door in the Town of Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land:

Beginning at a White Oak, C. W. Vanhook's corner, in the Gap between Hickory noll and Double top, and runs with the line of State Grant No. 1887, North 65 degrees East 290 poles to a White Oak, the Southeast Corner of said Grant; thence North 21 degrees West 60 poles to a White Oak, the beginning corner of said Grant; thence North 49 1-2 degrees West 130 poles to a White Oak, R. A. Vanhook's North East corner; then, with E. A. Vanhook's line South 64 degrees West 50 poles to a Black Oak, C. W. Vanhook's corner; thence with C. W. Vanhook's line South 12 degrees East 111 1-2 poles to a Hickory in the Wright Trail; then South 13 degrees West 68 poles to a small Chestnut Oak; then South 55 degrees West 77 poles to a Hickory in the gap above the Rock house; thence North 80 degrees West 29 poles to a Chestnut; thence South 63 degrees West 69 poles to the beginning corner, containing 341 acres, more or less.

This the 29th Day of June, 1934.

HENRY G. ROBERTSON,  
Trustee.  
Jly5-4tc-WLMc-Jly26

### NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina,  
Macon County.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed on the 28th day of July, 1931, by V. A. Calloway and wife, Anna Lee Calloway, to the undersigned Trustee, said deed of trust being recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book 31, page 472, I will, on Monday, July 30, 1934, at 12:00 o'clock noon at the County Court House door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property, situated in Highlands Township, Macon County, and described as follows:

A house and lot, being the home place of parties of first part, also used as a store house; situated about two miles East of the Town of Highlands, North Carolina, and being on State Highway No. 28, adjoining the lands of Prince Calloway and Roy Phillips.

This the 25th day of June, 1934.  
J. FRANK RAY, Trustee.  
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