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Better Scavenger Service Sorely Needed

THE CHIEF source of complaint of Franklin's municipal government is the irregular, haphazard, inefficient service of the street-cleaning and scavenger service.

Frankly, we do not know where the trouble lies and we do not presume to dictate to the town council how it should correct the situation. Perhaps the town tax rate does not permit an appropriation sufficient to meet the needs of the community in this respect. Perhaps this phase of the town's responsibilities are not properly managed. We do not venture to say.

We do know, however, that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the results. Garbage is collected at irregular intervals in most sections of town, and in some, according to information given The Press-Maconian, it is not collected at all. We have been told by some residents who live in outlying districts, but who pay town taxes nevertheless, that the scavenger truck seldom, if ever, calls at their homes, theless, that the scavenger truck seldom, if ever, calls at their homes.

Even in the commercial district, where, we have been informed by town officials, trash and garbage are supposed to be removed daily the scavenger truck is only an occasional visitor. Accumulations of miscellaneous debris, ashes and even garbage are allowed to remain in alleyways for several days at a time, sometimes longer. Frequently one stumbles across decayed vegetable matter on the public square.

Streets and sidewalks sometimes go days without cleaning. Trash fluttering along residential thoroughfares is not an uncommon site. On at least one stretch of Main street grass clogs the drain ditches and weeds are allowed to grow to a height of more than six feet.

A regular schedule for collecting garbage and trash would increase the efficiency of the scavenger service. The truck should visit every home in the corporate limits at least once a week and on stated days, so the residents could have their debris ready for removal. In the commercial districts, where trash accumulates in greater quantities, daily service is necessary.

If the town tax rate does not allow for proper street-cleaning and scavenger service, then it is time to increase the levy. And we doubt if there would be much kick against an extra five or six cents if the taxpayers received the service for which they were paying.

Misguided Fervor

OUR HAT is off to Albert Teester, Jackson County Holiness minister, for possessing the courage of his convictions to such an extent that he permitted a rattlesnake to bite him three times "for the glory of God." With all due respect to his religious zeal and personal courage, however, we hope his fervor will not lead others to put their faith to the same test.

Other than that he had a lot of nerve, ignorance and physical stamina, Teester's feat proves nothing. Certainly it does not disprove that a rattlesnake's venom is poisonous, for he suffered the usual natural effects and, doubtless, would have lost his life had he possessed a less vigorous system.

A pathetic parallel in his misguided life was the death of his first wife in childbirth without benefit of medical science. Who can say that that was for the glory of God?

We are not an authority on the Bible and do not set ourselves in the judgment seat, but we cannot help from recalling that Christ refused to cast himself down from the pinnacle of the temple when the devil tempted him to prove his omnipotence.

A Splendid Opportunity

THE New Deal's better housing program gets under way this month. It offers loans from \$100 to \$2,000 at less than six per cent for periods from 12 to 36 months for repairs, alterations and replacements of dwellings and business structures.

Red tape in obtaining the loans has been cut to a minimum and any property owner with a regular income and a good character should be able to finance necessary repairs and improvements. Loans are made through approved banks, building and loan associations and other financial agencies with the government motivating the program by guaranteeing 20 per cent of the repayment. Figures show that losses on this type of loan are far, far less than this figure, and financial experts don't think the government's guarantee will prove a costly one.

It is a grand plan to encourage the banks to put money in circulation, to put idle men back to work, to speed up manufacturing and commercial activity, to create better homes and better offices. The community or the individual that fails to take advantage of this opportunity is missing the chance of a lifetime.

Laudable Community Pride

FOLKS in the upper end of the county got together the other night and organized the North Macon Betterment Association with view to promoting better schools, highway improvements, a beautification program, and encouraging agricultural and mineral development.

It is a full bill the association has ordered, but we feel sure that the community pride which has motivated this program will go far toward bringing it to realization. It is a fine country—the upper end of the county—and its people are to be congratulated on their enterprise. Certainly their splendid spirit is bound to achieve good results.

**THROUGH
CAPITAL
KEYHOLES**
BY BESS HINTON SILVER

PAY AND POLITICS—

A prominent State school official makes the unqualified assertion that local politics is giving the State school system more trouble than the schedule of teachers' salaries. He gave as honest opinion that if teachers were allowed to vote on the proposition of a 20 per cent increase in pay or the abolition of petty politics from the schools that politics would be kicked out by a great majority. Teachers are dropped by local boards for all sorts of ridiculous reasons, ranging from not attending the right church to having "dates" with some young man whose father is in dutch with the politicians controlling the board.

"INTRUSTS" AND THE BUDGET—

Astute Raleigh politicians are wondering what is going to happen if R. Grady Rankin, of Gastonia, continues on the Advisory Budget Commission. Mr. Rankin inherited his position on the budget body by reason of being chairman of the Senate Finance Committee last year. Since that time Mr. Rankin has given up his textile interests and accepted a high executive position with the Duke Power Company. At present he is sitting with the budget body drafting financial recommendations for the coming session of the General Assembly. It has occurred to some observers that recommendations presented by a body containing a member of the power family may not set well with the Legislators especially from the eastern part of the State. Officials familiar with the splendid legislative and business record of Mr. Rankin do not doubt his ability to work a sound financial plan without favoritism. But many new members of the 1935 Legislature may think differently, or at least that is the fear of many of Senator Rankin's Raleigh friends.

INDUSTRIAL CHAIRMAN—

Major Matt H. Allen, chairman of the State Industrial Commission is known to have considerable financial interests in real estate and beach developments at Morehead City and throughout that neck of the woods. The grapevine reports that this holds better prospects for the future than his present place on the State payroll and Raleigh would not be surprised if he stepped down as head man of the Industrial Commission any day. It has already gone far enough to stimulate campaigns in behalf of people who wouldn't mind succeeding him.

SHERIFFS AND ROADS—

The high sheriffs of North Carolina do a lot of automobile traveling and they don't relish bumps and mudholes standing in the path of duty. They said as much in a resolution adopted at their annual convention held at Elizabeth City. These strong men of the law went on record as opposed to dispersion of highway funds and gave as one of the reasons present conditions existing on secondary roads. The highway commission has the money but can't spend it on maintenance because of handcuffs locked by the last Legislature. A lot of farmers hauling their produce to market by truck will join with the sheriffs. At present the man living off the primary road system is paying a lot of gasoline tax that does him little good beyond the knowledge that the highway fund has a surplus. And that isn't much consolation when Lizzie mires up or breaks a spring.

FAST ONE—

Governor Ehringhaus stole the show from Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham during the tobacco crisis last year but the Commissioner came to bat and hit a home run on cotton last week. The Governor was on vacation when the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported prospects of the shortest cotton crop of the present century. Immediately Mr. Graham announced that he would petition Washington authorities to allow Tar Heel farmers to sell cotton in excess of Bankhead Law allotments with the tax penalty. It's little strategical moves like that as well as careful campaigning

that causes Raleigh to consider Commissioner Graham one of the most astute politicians in the State. Commissioner Graham is the man who threw the monkey-wrench that stripped the gears of former Governor O. Max Gardner's short-ballot program in the 1931 Legislature. If you have a hankering to run for a state-wide public office don't make the mistake of failing to take the Commissioner of Agriculture into your accounts.

PSYCHOLOGY—

One thing largely responsible for public prejudice of corporate interests is that the corporations neither know or care anything about mass opinion. Evidence of this sticks out like a sore thumb in the tobacco companies' refusal to sign the proposed agreement to pay parity prices for the 1934 crop. The companies said the agreement was unnecessary because tobacco was going to bring above parity anyhow. If that is true the companies and not the farmers knew it. The companies could have executed a master stroke by signing the agreement and claiming credit for the high prices now being paid. Their refusal makes the farmers sore and gives the Roosevelt administration full credit for the price boost. That wins votes for Roosevelt and creates public demand for government to take a greater hand in private business.

STARTED SOMETHING—

When "Keyholes" revealed that some of Lieutenant Governor "Sandy" Graham's friends would like to see him oppose Attorney General

Brummitt in the event Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, runs for Governor in 1936, it started tongues wagging. Capitol Hill agrees that eight years as Attorney General would be a great help to Mr. Graham's political strength. It also agrees that he would have a better chance defeating Mr. Brummitt than Mr. Hoey. One big state daily newspaper got all excited about the idea and devoted quite an editorial to it. But don't be misled. Mr. Graham hasn't abandoned the idea of seeking the gubernatorial nomination as yet.

GREAT DANGER—

The only danger with the suggestion that the Ehringhaus administration sponsor resolutions in the early days of the coming Legislature to allocate the majority to the highway surplus to repairing secondary roads and increase teachers' salaries is that some bird might jump up with an amendment to the resolutions stating that he was in favor of better roads and higher salaries but that his vote on the resolution didn't commit him against highway fund diversion or in favor of the sales tax. In that event the amendment and the resolutions would get a lot of votes that wouldn't accomplish a great deal more than to tie the General Assembly in a knot.

The shiny appearance of a suit of men's clothing can be removed by rubbing the material with a piece of fine black emery paper. Emery paper can be bought at any hardware store for a few cents.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina,
Macon County.

The undersigned, will on the 3rd day of September, 1934, at the courthouse door in the town of Franklin, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, to-wit:

In Cowee Township, Macon County, North Carolina, and being a one-half interest in all the land described in a deed from S. E. Underhill and Katherine Underhill to J. E. Klock, of date October 30th, 1923, recorded in Book J-4, page 210, Office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C. Said property being known as the Cowee Mountain School property. Also the two and one half acre tract with cottage thereon, known as the Rain on the Roof.

Except a two and one half acre tract known as Wee Tot House. This sale is being made pursuant to a power of sale contained in a deed of trust made by J. E. Klock and wife Margaret Klock to the undersigned trustee to secure certain indebtedness, same being in the sum of Six hundred dollars, interest and costs, and default having been made in the payment of same. Said deed of trust being of date July 2nd, 1928, and recorded in Book 31, page 72, Office of the Register of deeds for Macon County.

This the 28th day of July, 1934
J. FRANK RAY, Trustee.
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

North Carolina,
Macon County.

Whereas, power of sale was vested in the undersigned Trustee by deed of trust from Frank Moss and wife, Ella Moss to G. A. Jones, Trustee, dated 23 January, 1932, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. 32, of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, page 345, to secure the payment of a note in said Deed of Trust set forth, and

Whereas, said note is due and unpaid and the holders thereof have demanded that the undersigned Trustee exercise the power of sale by said deed of trust in him vested.

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested, on Thursday, the 30th day of August, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

Two tracts described in a deed from Frank Peek to Frank Moss, dated Oct. 21, 1922 and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds

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for Macon County in Book 1-4, page 59.

Also a tract of land described in deed from B. H. Holland to Frank Moss dated October 30, 1924 and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book K-4, page 332.

This 30th day of July, 1934.
G. A. JONES, Trustee.
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NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina,
Macon County.

Whereas, power of sale was vested in the undersigned Trustee by deed of trust executed by R. D. Sisk and wife, Emma Sisk, dated September 1, 1928, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. 1, of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, page 69, to secure the payment of the sum of \$500.00, payable to Macon County Building and Loan Association at the maturity of the Tenth Series of the capital stock of said Macon County Building and Loan Association, and whereas, there has been default in payment of said deed of trust.

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested, on Monday, September 17, 1934, between the legal hours of sale sell at the Court House door in Franklin, North Carolina, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

First Tract: Adjoining the lands of Bob Young, T. B. Ashe, J. B. Burleson, Mollie Angel and Joe Ashear, beginning at a bunch of dogwoods on the South bank of the branch and runs N. 76 E. 9 1-2 poles to a double mulberry; thence N. 42 E. 13 1-2 poles to a Spanish Oak near a spring; thence N. 66 E. 19 poles to a black oak; thence N. 87 E. 21 poles to a rock, Angel's and Ashear's corner; then S. 8 E. 23 1-2 poles to a stake, Jones' (now Young's) corner; then S. 49 W. 56 1-2 poles to a pine near top of ridge; then S. 32 1-2 W 3 3-4 poles to a small white oak; then N. 69 W. 6 1-2 poles to a spanish oak stump; then N. 6 W. 40 poles to the beginning, containing 13 acres, 9 1-2 rods more or less.

Second Tract: Adjoining the lands of R. D. Sisk, Robert Young, Mollie Angel, and others, beginning at a black oak J. P. Angel (now Mollie Angel's) corner of old survey No. 17 (black oak now down and a rock in place where it stood with witnesses marking the corner) then S. 8 E. 38 poles to a stone in Bidwell's line, now Young's line; thence with said line N. 37 1-2 E. 46 poles to a fallen spanish oak, Angel's corner; thence West with Angel's line 34 poles to the beginning, containing 4 acres and 71 rods more or less.

This the 13th day of August, 1934.
R. S. JONES, Trustee.
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