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A Community Asset

THE amusement center just southwest of the town limits is daily growing in popularity and bids fair soon to become one of this community's major attractions. In fact, all that it needs to be just that is a little publicity and more patronage.

Lack of recreational facilities has been a perennial complaint with many summer visitors to Franklin. In the past we have had to depend chiefly on our scenery and climate for tourist attractions. The golf course lacked the necessary support to keep it in first class shape and we were forced to refer those who wanted to go swimming to the muddy waters of Lake Emory or to the freezing pools of the Cullasaja.

Now we need no longer be apologetic for our provisions for outdoor sports. The amusement center operated by the Franklin Recreational Company is second to none in any town of similar size and situation in Western North Carolina.

With three new links, closely clipped fairways and well tended greens, the nine-hole golf course is in the pink of condition. Anyone who has played it recently will tell you he has never seen it in such fine shape. Consequently, more and more individuals are inclining their interest toward golf. And visitors playing the course are complimentary and appreciative rather than critical. A golf devotee from Florida recently remarked to the writer after playing the Franklin course: "It is a fine little course and in good shape. Considering the small regular membership of the club, I think it is remarkable that they have been able to develop such a good course. It is a credit to the community."

The new swimming pool, completed rather late in the season last year, is one of the finest we have seen. The main tank is 60 by 120 feet, graduating in depth from three to 12 feet and has two spring boards. Adjoining is a smaller pool—15 by 60 feet with a depth of from one to three feet—which is used by children. Both pools have a constant stream of water, supplied by three springs, flowing through them.

And, do they like it! Almost any warm, sunny day will find a group of youngsters and some of their elders, too, enjoying a plunge in the refreshing waters or basking beside the pools in the sun.

Adjoining the pools are two tennis courts fit for the best to play upon. The influence these courts have had is remarkable. Tennis is rapidly gaining in popularity and the courts are filled every afternoon and frequently in the mornings.

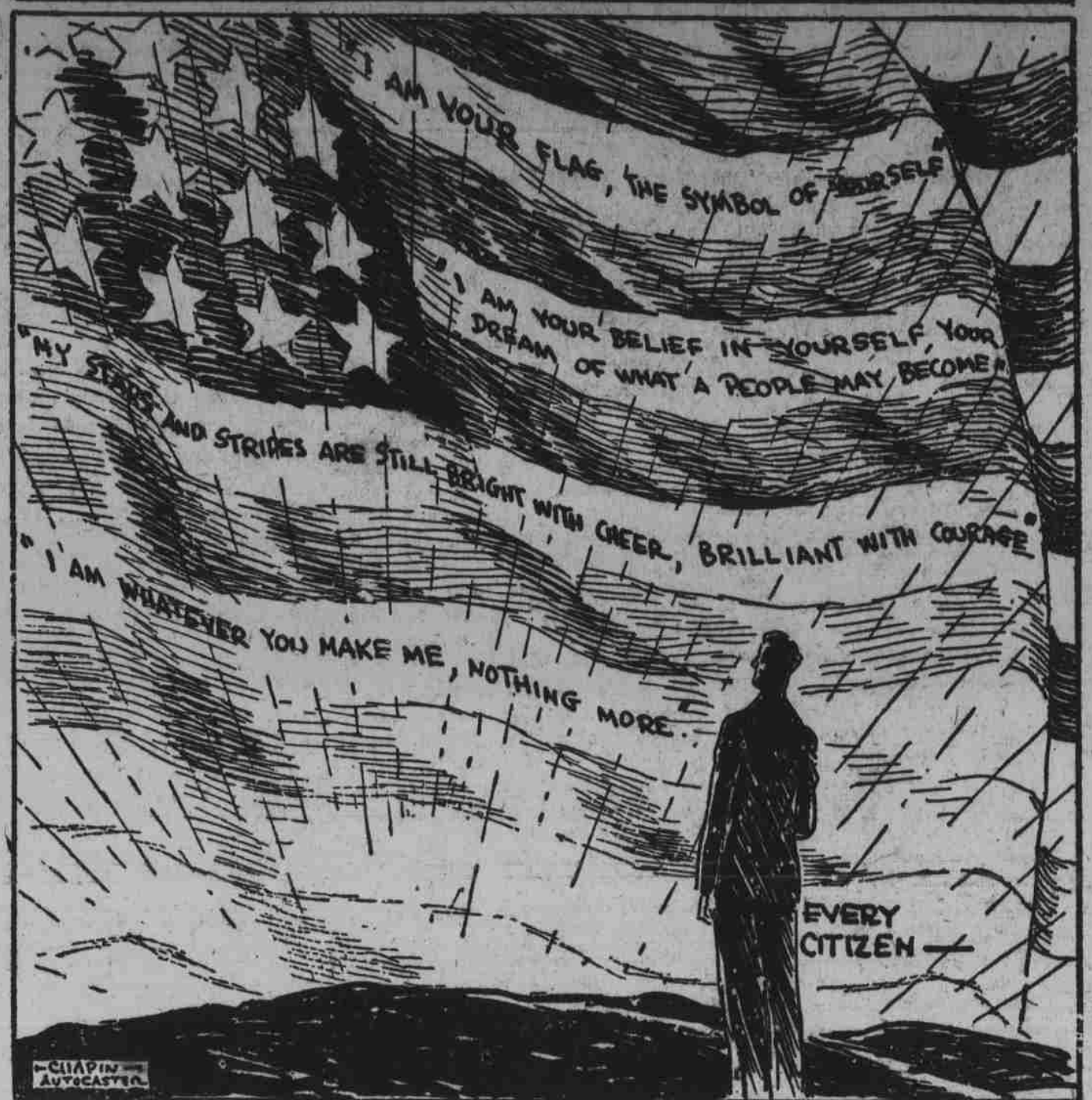
Already the golf course, the tennis courts and the swimming pool are having the effect of encouraging more visitors to come to Franklin, as well as providing means for wholesome exercise and entertainment for homefolks. In time, we venture the prediction, they will help in attracting even greater numbers of visitors and spread Franklin's reputation as a popular resort community.

There is no use discussing the pros and cons of whether the town's Board of Aldermen should or should not have turned the property back to the Recreational Company. Regardless of who owns or operates the amusement center, so long as it is properly managed, as it is now, it is a distinct community asset, a thing in which every resident of Franklin can and should take pride.

Health

Are you in business for your health? If not, you ought to be, if for no other reason than that you should put your health and well-being into your business and service.—Emery R. Rayhurst, M. D.

If The Flag Could Talk — by A. B. Chapin



LETTER-PRESS

Editor of Press—

Due to the fact that I am a Macon county man and my interest still there, I would like to have a small space in our paper to explain to the readers of The Press just part of what we "Dam" fellows are doing out here in the state of Nevada. First, Boulder City is just another little wet town somewhat larger in size than Franklin. It is surrounded by high mountain peaks of many different colors of stone; also sandy bottom desert land, but minus of any of our North Carolina-like trees or bushes.

On a visit to Nevada, about eight miles due north of the little town of Boulder you will find on the upper Black Canyon of the Colorado river a huge structure of concrete and steel, and skyline cable ways that will make you wonder if it could really be a man-made structure. This piece of work is now known as Boulder Dam, originally known as Hoover Dam. This great structure, far the largest in the world, was begun in 1931 at a cost to our government of \$165,000,000. It was figured by government engineers to require a period of seven years to complete the project, but due to the fast progress and shrewdness of man the big dam itself is nearing completion. The number of men employed was approximately 5,000 until recent months. The monthly payroll was \$500,000. On February 1 of this year the flood gates were partly closed; then the great lake began to form and now has reached a point 53 miles in length. When it reaches its full length it will be 115 miles long. Already the 25-man-capacity motor boats are on Boulder Lake. The height of the dam is 726 feet, the raise of water surface will be 584 feet, the length along the crest 1,180 feet, width up and down stream, 45 feet at top and 660 feet at the base. The amount of concrete used in Boulder Dam would build a standard paved highway 16 feet wide from Miami, Fla., to Seattle, Wash. The center of the Colorado river where the dam is being built is the dividing line between Nevada and Arizona. During the construction of the dam some few men have lost their lives so near the line that it has caused great difficulties in the courts of the two above mentioned states as to which state should pay compensation. The Colorado river could be pretty well compared in size with the Little Tennessee river at Franklin and will be flown from the lake to near the power houses through four pipes 30 feet in

diameter, then into 16 13-foot penstock pipes into the power house. Babcox and Wilcox of Barberton, Ohio, of whom I am an employee, has the contract for installation of all the pipes in tunnels at \$11,000,000.

After you have seen many wonders from outside observation you have not seen all of Boulder Dam until you have gone through all four of the 50-foot diameter tunnels where the 30-foot pipes are being installed. The big piping is made by the B. & W. Co. at their shop about two miles from the dam and is transported to dam top level by two large caterpillar motors on a 200 ton capacity trailer. Then they are picked up by what is known as the government High Line and carried across the canyon and lowered 800 feet to the tunnels level where they are transferred into the tunnels. Some joints of this piping weigh 180 tons.

The High Line consists of six 3½ inch cables with a carrying capacity of over 200 tons. The track carriage of 48 wheels weighs 19 tons. This cable way was put up by the Lidgerwood Manufacturing Co. of Elizabeth, N. J. The contract price for the cable way was \$172,000 and is permanent for the future conveniences in power house and dam operations.

Yours,

Dewey Corbin.

Boulder City, Nevada
May 30, 1935.

P. S. In the event some of our Macon county folks might wish to visit Boulder Dam, please don't misunderstand the sign to be seen just before reaching the dam and step on the gas as many tourists do after reading the sign—"to DAM SLOW."

Clippings

BIG BUSINESS REVERSES

Before the sweeping decision of the U. S. Supreme Court was handed down, holding unconstitutional the National Industrial Recovery Act, big business was reported to be opposed to the NRA and wished for its abandonment. Now that it is not enforceable except by mutual agreement and that the government no longer stands by with the strong law on its side to compel observance, these same big business organizations are wishing they had "old buck back."

The steel industry, controlled by Republicans disposed to fight Democratic New Deal policies hastened to announce a retention of NRA principles. Textile leaders, both in

the South and East, seem truly anxious that these NRA principles be adhered to strictly if by voluntary agreement only. Then, all of the other basic industries, foresee cut-throat methods and chaotic conditions if fair practise methods are suddenly abandoned.

The NRA was not perfect. President Roosevelt and Gen. Hugh Johnson admitted that they would make mistakes in code writing. Had the act stood the test of the Supreme Court, it would have been revamped and remodeled and become a permanent code of ethics.

Since the decision, there has been a let-up in industrial orders. Buyers look for a few struggling plants to get so hungry for orders that they will break the market and thereby force others to follow. Consequently, the Blue Eagle, like a war hero, is more honored, more appreciated, more revered in death than in life.—The Cleveland Star.

Muse's Corner

A COUNTRY CROP

By Troy Horn

Long, hard days of summer toil,
When bran' new shirts begin to soil,
And robins sing and pigeons play,
On a good old hot summer day.

When song-birds strut along the fence,
And joy is in the present tense,
Ever'body seems to be so stout
Because these Dudes are stepping out!

And then the world is sweetly dressed
With flowers beyond a beauty test,
And roses to make you stare,
And send to heaven once a prayer.

For all the good old summer lays
We do not have on other days;
It makes no difference where you stop,
There's nothing like a country crop.

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WOODMEN OF WORLD PLAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for deceased members of the Woodmen of the World will be conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Conner cemetery at Balsam, N. C., by the Balsam Camp No. 631, W. O. W., according to an announcement received by The Press-Maconian. The general public, as well as Woodmen, is invited to attend.

A monument to John D. J. Kenny will be unveiled and memorial services held for T. M. Conner, C. A. Raby, H. P. Ensley, D. W. Ensley, W. T. Clayton, J. W. Cuthbertson, and J. D. J. Kenny.

A short father's day ceremony also will be held.