



**HAPPINESS** . . . laws  
Sir Arthur Eddington, famous British scientist, told ship news reporters that the only happy land he knew anything about is the one in the familiar old hymn:

"There is a happy land  
Far, far away."  
There never has been such a thing on earth as a happy land—a land in which all the people or even half the people were happy, except it may have been in one of the South Sea Islands before white men discovered them and introduced new ideas about right and wrong and began to impose laws upon the people.

I've observed innumerable attempts to make a land—this land of ours—a happy land by passing laws. It looks to me that the more laws we adopt, the farther away we get from the goal of happiness. The happy land is still "far, far away."

**DELUSIONS** . . . vary  
The trouble with most of us is that we suffer from delusions—delusions as to what would make us happy if we had it; delusions about how to make others happy. I know earnest souls who are convinced that all the poor need to make them happy is electric dishwashers and modern plumbing. Most of us believe that all we need to make ourselves happy is more money than we have.

So we pass laws, or demand their passage, to give everybody more money and more plumbing, foolishly believing that happiness can be measured in dollars.  
I lean more and more strongly to the belief, as time marches on, that a nation would be a much happier place if practically all the laws which were designed to make folk happy were repealed overnight. At least, such a procedure would make it easier for Washington to balance the budget and reduce taxes.

**RESPONSIBILITY** . . . no cop  
One of my objections to trying to regulate all human affairs by law is that it takes responsibility away from the individual citizen and lays it on the shoulders of the policeman. I believe most of the evils which laws are supposed to correct would be righted to the satisfaction of everybody, if everybody realized that they had to do the job themselves, and couldn't get out of it by saying it was government's business to attend to it.

There was a higher proportion of happiness, I believe, in the pioneer era when laws were few and sheriffs a long way off, and settlers had to work out their destinies and those of their communities by taking responsibility on their own shoulders.

At least, they enjoyed a higher measure of independence when there were no government agents around to tell them what to do, and they never missed the plumbing which they'd never heard of.

**DIAMONDS** . . . joy  
If you think it is diamonds that will make you happy, here's a chance to pick up the world's second or third largest and finest stone at a bargain. Three years ago this month I told in this column about a diamond almost as big as an egg which a South African Dutchman named Jacobus Jonker found on his farm and sold for \$300,000.

Well, the world's master diamond cutter, Lazare Kaplan, finished cutting up the Jonker diamond in New York just after New Year's. He got twelve gems out of it, the largest a magnificent jewel of 143 carats. Their owner, who bought the original rough diamond from Jonker, thinks the twelve would make a nice necklace and he asks only \$2,000,000 for the lot!

I haven't heard whether Jacobus Jonker's \$300,000 has brought him happiness or not. It seems likely that the one who has got the most happiness out of the big diamond so far is the skilled craftsman who had the joy of using his skill on such a piece of work.

**WEATHER** . . . crops  
Thus far the Winter of 1936-37 has been as much of a freak as its predecessor. A year ago the

East was having the heaviest snows and the lowest temperatures since Washington's army nearly froze to death at Valley Forge. This year there have not been a dozen really cold days along the whole Atlantic seaboard and no snow to speak of. California has been suffering from the coldest Winter in years and Florida basking in the highest temperatures on record.

One good thing about this open Winter has been the abundance of rain that has soaked in all over the drought-affected regions of the East. In very few sections has the ground been frozen before the rain fell. Springs, wells and reservoirs have been replenished and the outlook is good for a big crop season. Whatever may happen between now and Summer, we can't have many weeks of cold weather now.

DOVER, ENG. (PA)—Since 1875 twelve men and eight women have swum across the English Channel; three from England to France and the others from France to England.

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**ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE**

Having qualified as administratrix of R. M. Coffey, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of January, 1938, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.  
This 8th day of January, 1937.  
OLLIE COFFEY,  
Administratrix.

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**ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE**

Having qualified as administratrix of George Miller Bulgin, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of January, 1938, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.  
This 14th day of January, 1937.  
BLANCHE B. BULGIN,  
Administratrix

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**ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE**

Having qualified as administrator of W. L. Shepherd, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 1937, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.  
This 29th day of December, 1936.  
J. G. SHEPHERD,  
A. A. SHEPHERD,  
Administrators

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**State of North Carolina, County of Macon.**  
WHEREAS, power of sale was vested in the undersigned Trustee by a Deed of Trust made, executed and delivered by Birdie Grindstaff, to the undersigned Trustee on the 10th day of April, 1936, said Deed of Trust being registered in the Office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. 34, page 76, to secure the payment of certain indebtedness in said Deed of Trust set forth; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and the owner of the same has made demand upon the undersigned Trustee to exercise the power in him vested by said Deed of Trust;

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said Deed of Trust in me vested, on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1937, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:  
Being Lot No. 24 in the Laura M. Jones land as surveyed by W. N. Sloan, January, 1923, which plat is registered in the Office of Register of Deeds in Book No. M 4, on page 473, on the 27th day of July, 1926.  
This, the 8th day of January, 1937.  
J. H. STOCKTON,  
Trustee.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**North Carolina, Macon County.**  
The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Plaintiff,  
vs  
M. M. Hopper and wife, Fannie Hopper, and Earnest Rhodes Co., Inc., Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment entered in the above entitled action on the 4th day of January, 1937, in the Superior Court of said County by the Clerk, I will on the 8th day of February, 1937, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the County Courthouse door in said County sell at public auction to the highest bidder therefor the following described lands, situated in said County and State in Franklin Township, comprising 20 acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing twenty acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the Skeenah road about five miles Southwest of the Town of Franklin, in Franklin Township, County of Macon, State of North Carolina, having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by W. B. McGuire on the 16th day of February, 1920, and attached to the abstract now on file with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, the same being bounded on the North by the lands of George Ledford, on the East by the lands of Oscar Lewis, on the South by the Addington lands, and on the West by the lands of J. Standfield.

The Terms of the sale are cash. All bids will be received subject to rejection or confirmation by the Clerk of said Superior Court and no bid will be accepted or reported unless its maker shall deposit with said Clerk at the close of the bidding the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS as a forfeit and guaranty of compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted.

Notice is now given that said lands will be resold at the same place and upon the same terms at 2 o'clock, P. M., of the same day unless said deposit is sooner made.

Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker.

This, the 4th day of January, 1937.  
GILMER A. JONES,  
Commissioner.  
Jan. 14-4tc—J&J—Feb. 4

In the District Court of the United States of America for the Western District of North Carolina, Asheville Division. At Law No. 378. United States of America v. 1,122.40 acres of land in Macon and Jackson Counties, North Carolina, Texas Mica Corporation, et al. Notice of Action by Publication of Summons. To: Maude Brown and husband; W. B. McGuire; Glenn Tallent and wife; wife of J. M. Willis; wife of Judd Tallent; Gragg W. Allison and wife; wife of Joe H. Allison; wife of John Allison; Nora Welch Ashton and husband; wife of Warren Baker; Blackwell Bushnell Co.; L. L. Bryson; Lillie Buchanan and husband; husband of Callie Cabe; Collector of Internal Revenue; Grayling Realty Corporation; Joseph L. Hooker; Walter Jones and wife; Edith Moore; Frederick Moore and wife; Margaret Moore; Isabel Sutton; Sarah Sutton and husband; Earnie Tatham and wife; wife of Pink Tatham; husband of Marietta W. Way; Ellen Webb and husband; Ethel Brown; Sam McCall and wife; Claude Patterson and wife; Myrtle Bolick; Caresi Stewart; Victoria Hall Cabe and husband; Andrew Dills, Jr. and wife; Eleanor Dills; Maggie Dills; John Jones; Lula Sutton Pangel; Annie Dills Tallent and husband; Harry Barnard and wife; Harriett Marie Jones; George Andrews Jones; Annie Roper and husband; Pearl Yonce and husband; Addie Cleveland, single; David Cleveland and wife; Lula Cleveland, single; William Cleveland, widower; Mrs. Taylor Hampton and husband; Mont Jones and wife; Preston, wife of Frank Preston; Charlie Tatham and wife; John Tatham and wife; Homer Smith, minor; Sarah Bolick, widow; Minnie Dills Gran and husband; Hans Rees Sons, Inc.; C. R. Jones; J. D. Poarter; Mrs. Jim Willis; M. Willis and wife; Anne Alley and husband; O. M. Allison and wife; wife of T. B. Allison; Wesley Allison and wife; Warren Baker; Lora Baron and husband; Mrs. Newt. Browning and husband; John Bumgarner and wife; Mrs. Web Bumgarner; Herschel Cabe and wife; Harrison Cowan and wife;

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that you, and each of you, are necessary and proper parties to the just and final disposition of this action; that said action has been instituted by the United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the purpose of the appropriation and condemnation by judicial process, for the public use and benefit of the United States of America, of the lands described in said petition and herein below described, under and by virtue of the provisions of Weeks Law, Act of Congress of March 1, 1911, Chap. 186 (30 Stat. 961) Title 16, Sections 513, 521, 553 and 563 of U. S. C. A., and according to the method and procedure prescribed in the Act of Congress of August 1, 1888 (25 Statutes 357 (U. S. C. A., Sections 257, 258 and 258-a); that the lands proposed to be condemned and appropriated by the plaintiff United States are described substantially as follows: Tract No. 114, apparent and presumptive owners being Texas Mica Corporation, containing according to survey 562.00 acres, situated in Macon County, North Carolina, in Franklin Township, on the waters of Iotla Creek, a tributary of the Little Tennessee River, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" and upon map or plat Exhibit "B" attached to the petition in this proceeding filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Asheville, North Carolina. Tracts 1141 and 1141-I, apparent and presumptive owners being the Bryson Heirs, containing according to survey 352.00 acres, situated in Jackson County, North Carolina, in Savannah Township, on the Waters of Bettys Creek, branch of Savannah Creek, a tributary of the Tuckaseegee River, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A-1", "A-2", and upon map or plat Exhibit "B-1", attached to the petition in this proceeding filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Asheville, North Carolina. Tract No. 1052, apparent and presumptive owners being the Mrs. M. A. Candon Heirs, containing according to survey 118.00 acres, situated in Macon County, North Carolina, on the waters of Andy Gibson and Candon Branches, tributaries of Tessentee Creek, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A-3" and upon map or plat Exhibit "B-2", attached to the petition in this proceeding filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Asheville, N. C. Tract No. 251, apparent and presumptive owner being Sam Gibson, containing according to survey 40.70 acres, situated in Macon County, North Carolina, Cowee Township, on the waters of Huckleberry Creek, a tributary of Cowee Creek, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A-4", and upon map or plat Exhibit "B-3" attached to the petition in this proceeding filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Asheville, North Carolina. Tracts No. 105a-1 and 105a-1F, apparent and presumptive owner being Mrs. Logan Allen, containing according to survey 24.60 acres, situated in Macon County, North Carolina, Ellijay Township, on the waters of Battle Branch a tributary of Ellijay Creek, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A-5", "A-6", and upon map or plat Exhibit "B-4" attached to the petition in this proceeding filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Asheville, North Carolina. Tract No. 1101, apparent and presumptive owner being W. B. Wilkes, containing according to survey 22.10 acres, situated in Jackson County, N. C., on the waters of the West Branch of Dick's Creek, a tributary of the Tuckaseegee River, more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A-7", and upon map or plat Exhibit "B-5", attached to the petition in this proceeding filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Asheville, N. C.; you and each of you are hereby notified to be and appear at the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, in the United States Courthouse Building at Asheville, Buncombe County, N. C., not later than ten (10) days from and after the completion of service of this summons by publication for four (4) successive weeks and answer or demur to the petition or complaint herein filed by the above named petitioner in the office of the said Clerk, and you are further notified that if you fail to appear and answer or demur to the said petition or complaint within the time specified the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition. Witness the Honorable E. Y. Webb, Judge of the District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, this the 18 day of January, 1937, the year of our Independence the 161st. J. Y. Jordan, Clerk. By: O. L. McLurd, Deputy Clerk.  
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