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## INTERESTING OLD LETTER

Communication Written  
In 1861 From Raleigh  
By C. D. Smith

The following letter, written June 5, 1861, from Raleigh by C. D. Smith, father of Dr. F. T. Smith, of Franklin, is one of the most interesting documents The Press has been able to secure for publication. We publish it through the courtesy of Dr. Smith.

C. D. Smith was a delegate from Macon county to the constitutional convention held in Raleigh in 1861, and was personally opposed to secession, but was instructed to vote with the majority, which he did when the ordinance of secession came up for passage or rejection.

The letter below was written to Jack Johnston, father of the late Thomas Johnston and of F. S. Johnston, who now lives in Tampa, Fla.:

Raleigh, N. C.  
June 5th, 1861

Mr. J. Johnston,  
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 31st ult. was received this afternoon, and I now hasten to respond.

We are not dispatching much business in the convention, owing to the fact that almost every question that comes up has to pass the scrutiny and investigation of Judges Badger and Ruffin, Gov. Graham Rayner and others. We have had a very able discussion of the permanent Constitution but have not yet come to a vote. It will carry by a very large majority. Judge Badger made an argument today in favor of immediate adoption of the Constitution which for force of logic I have never heard excelled.

The ad valorem question has been referred to a committee and if they do not suppress it and fail to report, will I think carry. The present indications are the convention will dissolve the present Legislature and order a new election. This is Judge Ruffin's position, in order to meet the necessity of our case in the election of Senators to the Southern Congress. He says we cannot be represented in the Senate of the first congress under the permanent Constitution, unless we adopt this course. No one can see when we will adjourn, but I think perhaps in the course of 10 or 12 days.

The news of war movements is very scarce. We get but little by telegraph, and none that is reliable only when some one comes from Richmond or Norfolk. A gentleman was here today from Richmond, and from him we gather about the following facts: Lincoln has about 125,000 troops in the field and constantly increasing. We have about 80,000 troops in Virginia, and increasing at the rate of three or four thousand per day. Gen. McGowan's regiment from South Carolina is expected to pass here tonight.

The Federal troops and our forces are within five miles of each other at Manassas Gap, which is 27 miles from Alexandria. A tremendous battle is expected  
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### Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)  
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.  
Chickens, heavy breed, hens 14c  
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 9c  
Eggs . . . . . 20c  
New corn (shelled) . . . . . 65c  
Potatoes, No. 1, bu. . . . . 70c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. . . . . 29c

## Local People

### Attend State Meeting In Raleigh Last Week

The farm and home agents of the extension service and farm and home supervisors of the farm security administration attended a joint state meeting at State college, Raleigh, last week.

This year's objectives and many other points of interest were discussed. Among the speakers of the week were: Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Dr. C. W. Warburton, director of extension service, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Will Alexander, administrator of the farm security administration, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of University of N. C.

Those from Franklin, attending the conference were: Fred S. Sloan, district agent, extension service, Sam W. Mendenhall, county farm agent, Sam Alexander, assistant county agent, Mrs. T. I. O'Neil, home demonstration agent, and John R. Faison, county supervisor farm security administration and Mrs. Pauline P. Overcash, home management supervisor.

## J. ANGEL FINDS NEW WATERFALL

### Franklin Man Locates High Cataract In South America

An Associated Press dispatch from New York, appearing in morning papers Tuesday, carried the news of the discovery by a former Franklin boy of a mile-high waterfall in South America. The dispatch was as follows:

"An American aviator's discovery of a mile-high waterfall in Venezuela was reported today by Kimball Flaccus, instructor in the college of the city of New York. "The flier, Jimmy Angel, expected to arrive in Miami soon from South America, said in a letter he had discovered the falls about 250 miles southeast of Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela.

"He said the stream, roaring from a high plateau in the clouds into dense jungle far below, was probably a tributary of the Caroni river, confluent of the Orinoco. "Angel said he estimated the height of the torrent by readings on the altimeter of his plane. He estimated the straight drop at between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, with rapids dropping 1,000 feet more at the base of the cliff.

"The distance is about three times the height of the 'world's highest falls,' Kukenaam, in British Guiana, Niagara, in comparison, is only 167 feet high.

"Angel is employed by North American mining interests operating in Venezuela."

Jimmy Angel is a son of Glenn Angel, who moved from Franklin to the West several years ago. Jimmy was born here but his family moved away while he was a small boy and he was brought up in the West. He has visited relatives here several times since he began his career in aviation.

Jimmy is a typical soldier of fortune, and has spent most of his time during the past 15 years following the wars and revolutions in various Spanish-American countries. He at one time flew the private plane of General Obregon in Mexico; and has handled both military and transport planes in many parts of the world.

### Bernard Womack Injured By Fall

Bernard Womack, 10-year-old son of Otto Womack, fell from a tall tree Sunday afternoon while playing in a pine grove with a group of other boys, and was seriously injured, both arms being broken.

He was taken to Angel hospital for treatment.

## World's Tiniest Ocean Spanners



Probably the world's tiniest ocean voyagers are these four-month-old twins, Helen and Hertha Coelln who sailed on the Europa for Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, recently. Until their destination is reached, they will be entirely in the hands of traveling agencies. Their mother died recently and their father is sending them to relatives in Germany.

## M. L. McClure

### Passes Monday at Home On South Skeenah

M. L. McClure, 88, died at his home on South Skeenah Monday evening at 6 o'clock following a week's illness from paralysis.

Mr. McClure suffered a stroke of paralysis on Tuesday of the past week while out getting wood. He was a farmer and was well known in Macon county.

Funeral services were held at Gillespie Chapel on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. Ray Bowman, pastor, was in charge of the services.

Mr. McClure is survived by one daughter, Miss Lizzie McClure, of Prentiss, and five sons, Zeb and Andy McClure, of Prentiss, and Charlie, John and Carey, all of Georgia, and one brother, Bymum McClure, of Clayton, Ga.

### Bunco Party To Be Given January 27

A Bunco party will be given at the American Legion hall on Thursday evening, January 27, at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Parent-Teachers Association.

The committee consists of Mrs. R. V. Miles, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Jack O. Werner, Mrs. J. C. Barrington, Mrs. J. B. Case, Mrs. Zeb W. Conley, Miss Margaret Slagle and R. V. Miles.

The proceeds from this party will go to help defray the expenses of the lunch room for the Franklin high school.

### Seniors to Sponsor Show at Courthouse

The senior class of Franklin high school will sponsor a performance at the courthouse Saturday night given by the Balentine entertainers, radio stars, from Greenville, S. C.

The company includes Sam Poplin, champion fiddler; Baby Ray, comedian; "Little Boy Blue," singer; "Cousin" Ezra, accordion wizard, and Fisher Hendley, banjo champion, and his five-string steam piano.

The show will start at 3:30 p. m.

### Box Supper At Salem School Jan. 28

There will be a box supper and cake walk at the Salem school house on Friday evening, January 28, beginning at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

The public is cordially invited to attend. String music will be furnished throughout the evening.

## BASKETBALL GETS GOING

### Local Team Loses Game Tuesday Night; Double Header Friday

The basketball season started in Franklin Tuesday night with a game between the Franklin and Sylva all-star teams.

Sylva defeated the Franklin five by a score of 52 to 26. The lineup was as follows:

Franklin (26)	Pos.	Sylva (52)
Dalrymple (6)	F.	Bryson (11)
Russell (10)	F.	Sellers (8)
Archer	C.	Crisp (15)
Bush (10)	G.	McMahan (14)
Woodruff	G.	Summer (4)

#### Double-Header Friday

A double-header will be played at the high school gym Friday night between Franklin high school and Lakemont, Ga., high school, and between the Franklin All-Stars and a team from Wauhatchie, S. C.

Admission to the double-header will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for school children.

### Order Lime Now Through County Agent

Every one knows the value of lime to the soil of Macon county. The use of lime is also an important practice in order for a farmer to reach his soil building goal in the 1938 agricultural conservation program. There will be one acre unit credit received for each ton of lime that is applied at a rate of not less than one thousand pounds per acre.

Another 45 ton car of lime has been received and unloaded this week. The lime comes in open top cars, loose, and undried. The cost of this lime delivered to Franklin is \$2.80 per ton. An order for another car is being made up now. Any one wishing to secure one ton or more of this lime should come by the county agent's office and place the order.

### Picture For Benefit Of Birthday Fund

Dan West, chairman of the theatre committee for the President's birthday fund, announces that the Macon Theatre, of which he is manager, will present the feature picture, "Make a Wish," starring Bobby Breen and Basil Rathbone, on Thursday, January 27, for the benefit of the fund.

Tickets are now on sale by the Boy Scouts, and it is expected that the picture will be attended by very large crowds both afternoon and night.

## WADE WEST, 22, DIES IN SYLVA

### Franklin Boy Succumbs to Injuries Received In Wreck Saturday

Funeral services for Wade West, 22, were held at the Franklin Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. W. B. Underwood, pastor, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Young West died in the C. J. Harris Community hospital at Sylva Monday morning at 6 o'clock from spinal injuries he received Saturday night about 9 o'clock, when the truck in which he was riding, skidded on ice on U. S. Highway No. 19, one mile west of Bryson City.

Wade, who was an enrollee in CCC Company 3453, at Smoke-mont, was returning from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he had been in a hospital for treatment. Robert Jennings, who was killed at the time of the accident, was riding in the rear of the truck with young West. George H. Manning, of Dean Station, Tenn., and Thomas Gouge, of Bakersville, who were riding in the cab, were uninjured. Flower girls were Mrs. J. H. Carelock, of Franklin, and Miss Pearl Hicks and Miss Evelyn Aker, of Shelby.

Pallbearers were: Horace Mann, of Franklin; Joseph Welch, Duncan Cox, William T. Brock, Baughn Burchett and Robert T. Cantrell, enrollees from the CCC camp at Smoke-mont.

Wade was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West, of Franklin. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mann Ray and Miss Estelle West, both of Franklin, and two brothers, Ralph, of Shelby, and Ted, an enrollee in the CCC camp at Smoke-mont.

## BAILEY TO ACT IN POWER CASE

### Senator Will Sponsor An Amendment To Clarify Act

Following a conference Wednesday with representatives of the Carolina Aluminum company, and the state of North Carolina, Senator Bailey said he had agreed to sponsor a clarifying amendment to the Federal Power act which would remove any doubt as to the right of the state and the company to appeal the recent decision of the Federal Power commission in the Tuckertown case.

In this decision and subsequent order the commission held that the Yadkin river, on which the Carolina Aluminum company proposes to build an additional power plant near Tuckertown, affects navigation on the Pee Dee river in South Carolina. Consequently the company must secure a license for the plant.

Attending the conference with Senator Bailey were J. E. S. Thorpe, of Franklin, Assistant Attorney General McMullan, of Raleigh, and J. R. Leboeuf, Washington attorney who represented the Aluminum company at the Tuckertown hearing.

Senator Bailey said that as soon as he received the desired amendment he would submit it to Senator George Norris, Nebraska Progressive, and endeavor to get his cooperation urging its passage. There appears to be no doubt as to the right of the Aluminum company to appeal the power commission decision but there is some doubt as to whether the state of North Carolina can become a party to the litigation.