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### Good Government Must Begin in the Precinct

WE all talk about the evils of politics and the inefficiency of government, but when we make up our minds to do something about it we approach the problem from the wrong direction.

Frank Kent, veteran political correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, diagnosed the situation with rare clarity when, in a recent magazine article, he pointed out that most political reform movements fail because they start at the top instead of the bottom. They fail because the average American citizen, though genuinely interested in state and national political matters, concerns himself too little with bush league politics.

But it is local government that concerns us most. And it is in local politics that the foundations of our national structure are laid. If county and municipal governments are capably and honestly administered by qualified, trustworthy office-holders, then state and national governments will likely be on a corresponding plane. But if we permit incapable, grafting wardheelers to run our local governments, we will have the same kind of men in charge of things at Raleigh and Washington.

If we want to have better government, we must start right here at home. A tree is no better than its root structure, and our political tree is rooted in the voting precinct.

When our people determine to have clean, well-ordered local government, then and then only will we be on the road to real governmental reforms. When we stop wasting time fuming about congress and devote more attention to the appointment of honest, fair pollholders, we will make the first step toward banishing graft. When we honestly endeavor to elect able men truly interested in the public welfare as county commissioners, representative and state senator, we will pave the way for tax reductions. When we elect solicitors and judges on a basis of their knowledge of law and their personal and public integrity, rather than because of their service to the party, we will have unimpeachable justice in our courts, from the petty magistrate's chamber to the highest tribunal in the land.

Yes, we can have good government if we want it, but we can't have it if we look on precinct and county politics as trivial and local government as unimportant.

### WPA Workers—Vote As You Please

THE letter sent out to all WPA workers by administrator Harry L. Hopkins settles a question that has been causing much confusion over the country for several weeks.

Some workers have been led to believe that they must vote for certain candidates or they would lose their jobs. Others who have applications in for WPA work, have been told that unless they voted a certain way they had no chance to get on the payroll.

But Mr. Hopkins' letter very emphatically states that no WPA worker is required to contribute to any campaign fund or to support any candidate, and he is expected to vote according to his own choice.

Mr. Hopkins also promises instant dismissal of any foreman or supervisor who attempts in any manner to control the votes of the people who work under his direction.

Under the rules of the WPA a worker's political opinions and his ballot are his own private business.

No candidate can assure you a job under the WPA, and if you already have one, no candidate can cause you to lose it, and if any WPA official or supporter of any official tries to influence your vote, just report it, and watch that official lose a perfectly good job.

## Letter-Press

### FINE RECORD MADE BY COMMISSIONERS

The following report has been made concerning the outstanding achievements of the present board of commissioners of Macon county during the past two years:

The bonded indebtedness of the county and of Franklin township has been refunded, resulting in a saving of many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers, and putting the county's credit on a sound basis.

The county's finances have not only been kept within the budget, but a surplus has been shown each year.

A large lot was purchased at a great bargain upon which a new courthouse will be built when it can be done without increasing the burden of taxation. On this lot also has been erected a splendid agricultural building at very small expense to the county, fifty per cent of the cost being borne by the federal government.

It is only fair to state that in the long weeks of work, travel and negotiation incident to the refunding of the county's indebtedness, the commissioners had the whole-hearted cooperation and assistance of George B. Patton, county attorney, and C. Tom Bryson, clerk of the board.

Men who serve on the board of county commissioners have to stand for a lot of criticism and have to do a lot of hard work for small pay, but the office of commissioner is the most important in the county.

The commissioners are now paid the magnificent sum of four dollars per month and five cents per mile one way from their homes, instead of \$1,800 per year which was formerly paid to the chairman.

VOTER.

### Charles Albert Raby Passes In Oklahoma

Charles Albert Raby, a former Macon county man, died at his home in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Monday, May 2.

Mr. Raby was born in Franklin on April 2, 1878, and spent several years of his earlier life in Macon county. He was a brother of the late Mrs. John L. Gibson, the former Miss Sarah Raby of this county, and an uncle of Mrs. Lon Campbell, of Franklin.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Bryson, of Pomona, Calif., and Mrs. Fannie Protzman, of Verden, Okla.

## Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bryson and three children, Clyde Smith and Mrs. Bob Bryson, of Sylva, were welcome visitors at Lambert Leopard's home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keener and granddaughter, Miss Virginia Keener, and Clyde Moses recently made a visit to Mrs. Callie Page, in Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keener and three children, of New York and Ellijay, spent the last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keener.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller and child, of Cullasaja, spent Sunday with Mrs. Pearl Keener.

Mrs. Lester Mincy and two sons are spending some weeks with Mrs. Mincy's father, C. N. Jones.

Howard Moses, who spent Memorial Day with his mother, returned to the CCC camp on Monday afternoon.

Memorial Day was observed on Walnut Creek by decorating the graves of the Walnut Creek and Strain cemeteries. Mrs. Nelson Stiwinter conducted the religious services.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hedden announce the birth of a daughter on May 29.

Everett Mashburn is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Mrs. Fanny Keener is on the sick list.

Mrs. Ella Jones is visiting her daughter, Callie Higdon, at Higdonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fore announce the birth of a son on May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Quince Hedden announce the birth of twin daughters, Hester and Esther, on May 25.

There are seven sets of twins living in a little over one mile apart on Walnut creek. Only one set is grown.

On the first Tuesday in June at 2 p. m., the Woman's Home Demonstration club will hold their reg-

ular meeting. The nurse is coming at that time to examine babies under three years of age. There will be no charge, so bring your children and come to the Walnut creek school house.

## Church Services

### Baptist Church

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
7 p. m.—B. T. U.

### St. Agnes Episcopal Church

The Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector  
11 a. m.—Holy communion and sermon.

### Franklin Methodist Church

The Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Pastor  
(Each Sunday)  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship services.

### Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor.  
Franklin—(Each Sunday)  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship services.  
Morrison—(Each Sunday)  
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.  
(Each 2nd and 4th Sunday)  
3:30 p. m.—Worship services.

### Catholic Church

Father Howard V. Lane, of Waynesville, will conduct services for members of the Catholic faith in Franklin as follows:  
Morning Mass on the second and

fourth Sundays of each month in the American Legion hall on Main street, at 8 a. m.

Instructions for the children on the first and third Mondays at 4:15 p. m.

All are welcome to attend these services.

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A MODERN TEMPERANCE PLAY WILL BE GIVEN AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES ON THE DATES NAMED  
**Franklin Courthouse**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 8 P. M.  
**Franklin Colored Methodist Church**  
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 8 P. M.  
**Cowee Colored Methodist Church**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 10 8 P. M.  
ADMISSION: Ministers and their wives and children under six, free. Between six and 12, 15 cents. Over 12, 25 cents.

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## FOR CONGRESS

11th Congressional District

THE DEMOCRACY OF HENDERSON COUNTY PRESENTS

R. L. WHITMIRE

A Consistent Democrat

### "A Prophet With Honor In His His Own Country"

**HIS RECORD** — Volunteered and served 23 months in U. S. Army in World War. Studied law at N. C. University. Legion Commander two years. Chairman County Election Board six years. Secretary County Executive Committee four years. President Junior Chamber of Commerce. Hendersonville City Attorney eight years. State Senator 1927 (Assisted in passage Great Smoky Mountains National Park Act.) Delegate National Convention 1924. President Rotary Club. Chairman Confederate Pension Board.

**ENDORSED BY** — Henderson County Democratic convention. Henderson County Young Democratic Club. Rosman Young Democratic Club. Hendersonville Parent-Teacher Association. And hundreds of representatives of Civic, Patriotic and Religious organizations in Henderson County.

**Go to the polls on June 4th and Cast Your Vote for R. L. Whitmire**

**"A New Man for a New Day"**