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The Bond Issue Should Be Approved

ON September 20 the voters of Franklin will go to the polls and will approve or disapprove a bond issue of \$35,000 to provide funds for improvements which are badly needed now, and which must soon be made in any event, whether bonds be issued or some other method be found to cover the cost.

By issuing bonds for \$35,000 at the present time the town will be able to secure a grant from federal funds to cover 45 per cent of the amount needed for the improvements contemplated, and will thus avoid having to shoulder an indebtedness of \$60,000 to \$65,000 a little later on when no federal money can be had.

It is proposed to issue bonds to cover repairs and extensions of streets and sidewalks and to improve and extend the water and sewer systems. The bonds would draw only four per cent, and payments would not begin for two years.

There are several considerations which should cause the property owners of Franklin to favor the bond issue, and among them we might mention the following:

The six-inch mains, added fire hydrants and additional water storage capacity would give the town a third class insurance rating instead of fourth class, and the saving in premiums would more than offset the small tax increase for every citizen who carries fire insurance.

The increased water revenue would be a considerable item on the credit side of the ledger, and would help to hold down the tax rate.

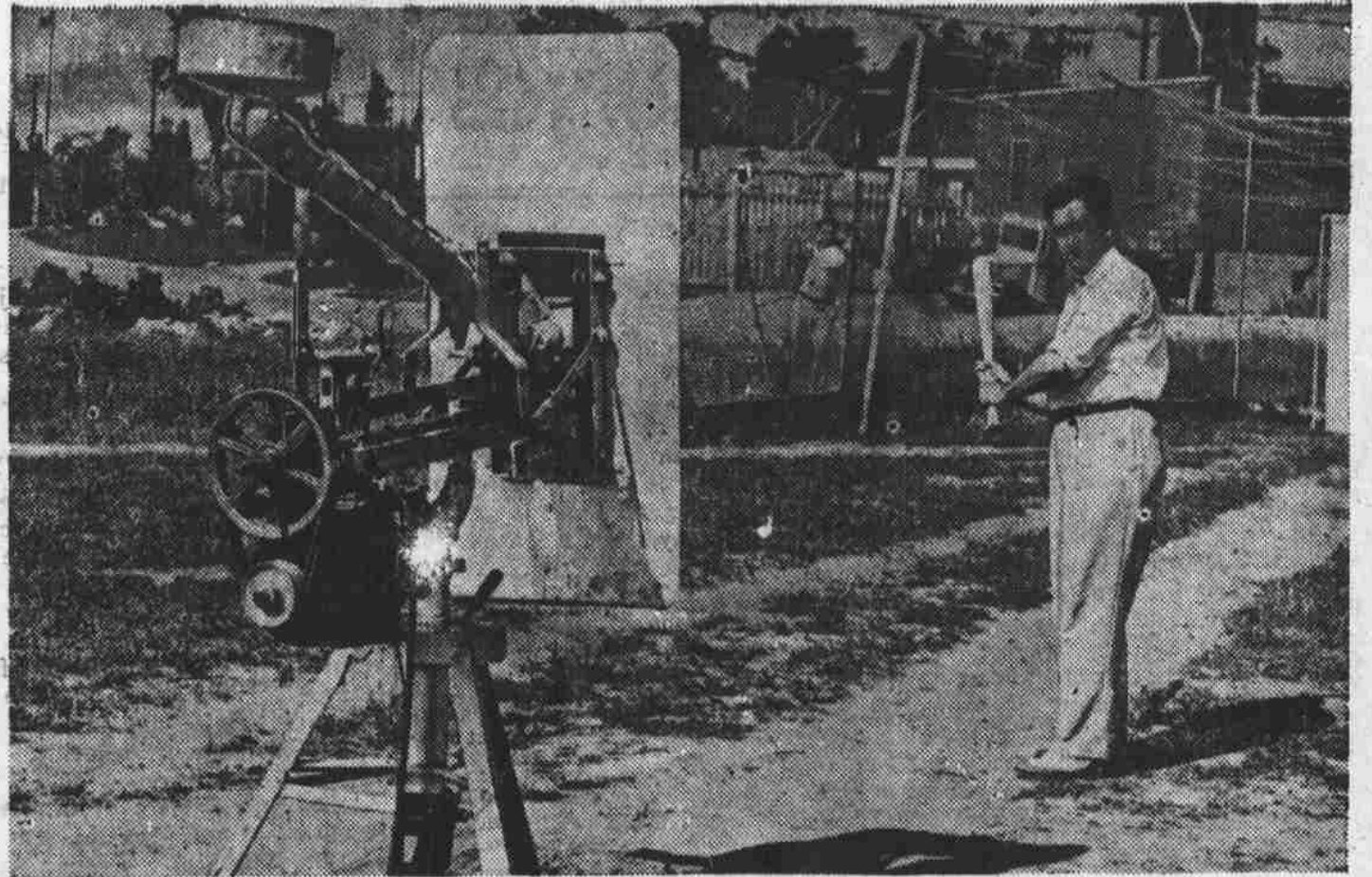
The extension of sewer and water mains and the improvement of streets and sidewalks would encourage the erection of new houses on vacant property near all areas affected, and every house built means an addition to the tax valuations of the town.

There are few towns in the state of North Carolina where the tax rate is as low as we have in Franklin, and the bonds, even without added revenue from the water department, would never cause an increase of more than twenty-five cents per hundred in the rate. The town is in splendid condition financially, and never uses the entire amount provided in the annual budget. There is never a need for adding to the tax rate to make up a deficit, and the small amount necessary to provide for interest and retirement of the bonds would be a burden scarcely felt by the taxpayers.

But the strongest argument for issuing the bonds at the present time is that the Public Works Administration will pay 45 per cent of the cost—an outright grant which will not have to be repaid—and that government agencies will handle the bonds to make up the remaining 55 per cent over a long term at the low rate of four per cent.

These extensions and repairs must be made soon, and after this year there may never be another opportunity to get help from the government. The money has been appropriated and will be spent somewhere. Why not get our part of it and put it into permanent improvements?

Mechanical Pitcher Throws Only Strikes



Byron Moser, a St. Louis banker with mechanical inclinations, tries out the mechanical pitcher he has built. It pitches four balls a minute, each of which is a strike. The speed and height of the ball can be regulated.

Letter-Press

MR. B. M. ANGEL SUGGESTS PEOPLE'S FORUM

It is not long since a friend suggested that a People's Forum carried by The Franklin Press would create increased interest in the paper. His idea was that letters to The Press, while conforming to the proprieties, should be consonant with the intelligence and taste of the readers; or more simply, no highbrow stuff.

It is fortunate that the public is secured against having to read mere drivel since every article offered for publication must run the gauntlet of the editor's judgment as to its value to his paper. I have had articles rejected by newspapers and magazines nine times by actual count, but instead of going into a huff I enjoyed the satisfaction that the mental pabulum purveyed was too strong for the feeble-minded and the intellectual gymnastics too radical for the fundamentalists.

If we are to have government by consent of the governed, the electors must be heard from or our Representatives will not know on what tack to sail. Surely there are many who would like some new laws enacted or others already on the statute books repealed or modified. These remarks are intended as a preface to a program which ought to be carried out before the meeting of the next legislature. Who will start the good work?

I can not forbear longer to express my sincere gratitude to the many men and women who visited me while in the hospital and with kind words and cheerful demeanor made suffering more tolerable. It would be invidious to give names, but I want to say to all that kind hearts are worth more than coronets and to the aged are the real elixir of life, the only fountain of youth.

B. M. ANGEL.

COMMENDS EDITORIAL ON NEGRO YOUTH

Iotla, N. C., Aug. 16, 1938.

Editor Franklin Press:

Some time ago there was an article in The Press about the Negro youth of Macon county that appealed to me very much. Thinking about it today, these lines of poetry came into my mind. If you think them suitable would appreciate your printing them. I have confidence in your fair impartial treatment of any subjects concerning our people.

NAOMI LOVE.

The poem appears in another column.

Two New Courses At High School

Two new courses will be offered to students in the Franklin high school this year, public speaking and Latin, it was announced by Prof. J. R. Wells, principal.

Girls who wish to take up nursing as a vocation, and boys who wish to study medicine, law or pharmacy will find it to their advantage to take the Latin course. Also many of the colleges require Latin as a prerequisite course.

The above courses are elective and are not required.

Muse's Corner

IN RESPONSE

The Presse' honored editor
Wrote hard but kindly truths
In one of his past editorials
Concerning the Negro youth.

'Tis true the bloody crime wave
Oft finds the Negro a prey
And yet they're seldom guilty
Of the blackest crimes of the day.

They may be thoughtless or ignorant,
For their chances are far behind
To develop into highest usefulness
The open and fertile mind.

We love our dear Macon County
We worship our old North State,
She's one of Dixie's grandest,
She's cradled the country's great.

Her people have done much for us
We feel that they have us at heart,
And yet there's much that's needed
Being done on their and our part.

Supply us conditions sufficient
For training the head and hand,
Then open the doors closed to them
In their own fair southern land.

Let platform, the press and pulpit—
Help leaders instruct our young race

Then Macon will have as fine citizens
As any county or place.

NAOMI LOVE

Buck Creek

By Ruth Wood

We had an interesting service at the decoration last Sunday. Rev. Grant Wood had charge of the service. Many people attended.

Mrs. Dolly Blackwell and son, George, and three daughters, Fanny, Leona, and Bertha, of Cleveland, Ga., were visiting relatives in this community last Sunday.

Wesley Gregory, of Holly Springs, was visiting Lona Gregory last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Everett and Miss Allie Stiwinters, of Besse, visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rogers last Sunday.

Miss Lois Henderson was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Henderson, at Gneiss, last week-end.

Melvin Bowman, of Ellijay, was the guest of D. M. Rogers Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shook, of Franklin, were visiting Mrs. Shook's sister, Mrs. Jenny Shook, Sunday, and also attending the decoration.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bolick, of Gneiss, visited Mr. Bolick's mother, Mrs. Amanda Bolick, recently.

We are enjoying the sunshine after so much rain, and the farmers are busy putting up late hay.

Over one-third of North Carolina's crop land is occupied by corn or more acreage than all of the cash crops, including tobacco, cotton, peanuts, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and truck crops, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

Ellijay

By Hazel Ammons

Rev. Hobert Rogers, of Marshall, is running a revival at the Ellijay Baptist church.

Mary and Blanche Mincey, of Gastonia, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mincey.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mosteller August 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mincey visited Mrs. Mincey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Young, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holbrooks, of Georgia, were visiting Mrs. Holbrooks's mother, Mrs. Ada Clouse, recently.

Abraham Young is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Logan Williams, in Tucapau, S. C.

Miss Bertha Dunn is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Joe Jackson, of Franklin.

Says Milk Is Best For Summer Drinks

Milk shakes make the best hot weather drinks, for they are nourishing as well as refreshing, said Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State college.

They offer the food value of the milk, and contribute more calories in the chocolate, caramel, fruit pulp or syrup, and other ingredients that may be mixed in.

Vanilla and almond extracts make good flavorers. Nutmeg and cinnamon may be sprinkled on top the drink. A patch of mint growing in the backyard will supply an attractive garnish.

For a banana shake, crush very ripe bananas to a pulp, then shake this pulp with milk until it is blended smoothly. Other soft fruits may be used in a like manner. A "float" can be made easily by placing a scoop of ice cream in the milk shake.

Always add a dash of salt to milk shakes and other summer drinks. Salt not only improves the flavor, but also is needed to replace the large quantities of salt lost in perspiration during hot weather.

As a matter of fact, Miss Current added, it is wise to use plenty of salt in seasoning food too when the mercury rises toward 90 or 100 degrees.

A bowl for mixing, an egg beater or a regular shaker are the only equipment necessary for mixing milk shakes. Have the ingredients cold. Mix the drink quickly and serve at once. Vary the flavor combinations for variety and to suit the family taste.

The per acre value of crops in North Carolina is one of the highest in the United States, especially among the strictly agricultural states, reports the State Department of Agriculture. For example, Florida, New Jersey and Connecticut have high truck crop acreages and high value per acre, with low rank in total farm production.

North Carolina ranks third in the cash income from crops and 20th in the total crop acreage among the states in the Union, reports the State Department of Agriculture.