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Democracy implies and demands leadership . . . it is the leadership of faith and character, and democracy is crying to you today for the leadership of the next generation.—Stanley Baldwin.

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required. —Luke 12:48

Macon County's Greatest Need

THE need for more adequate school buildings with modern facilities has been a matter of concern in this county for a number of years.

While minor repairs and improvements have been made with available funds, the inadequacy of the present buildings to meet increased enrollment and modern educational standards is seriously hampering the work of teachers and pupils.

Therefore the efforts of the county superintendent to secure aid from federal funds to meet this need in Franklin and Highlands, will be received with interest by every citizen.

The reports in the national magazines that view with alarm the empty school benches in many places due to a decreasing birth rate do not apply to this section. Our population is increasing not only through the birth rate of the native population, but also by accession of new families seeking permanent homes in Macon county.

On the other hand, many of the young people are dependent upon the advantages offered by the county's schools to prepare for work or college elsewhere. It should be a matter of conscience as well as pride that the vocational and educational training of Macon's youth stand the test anywhere. This cannot be unless the county meets progressive standards. Improvement over the meager schools of 30 years ago, or even 10 years ago, cannot be plead in defense. Rather let the comparison with better schools in other places be the minimum set for today's demands.

The fact that Macon county stands eleventh in the state's list of tax-burdened counties should only spur action. Perhaps no better addition to the assets of any region can be made than the human and economic values obtained through good schools. There is no better way to begin to get out of debt than to give our children—all of them, not just some of them as is still the case—better advantages. At present, if the compulsory school law were enforced we doubt the capacity of the present school benches to accommodate all of school age.

We hope for the early fulfillment of this effort, and that the securing of new schools for Franklin and Highlands may be followed with improvements to below-standard schoolhouses in the county.

"Woodman, Spare That Tree"

THE unique educational possibilities of the moving picture are to be demonstrated throughout the county next week in the interest of trees. All school children will have the privilege of seeing these pictures through the good offices of the Nantahala National Forest officials.

We welcome this timely instruction, because there are evidences around us that we are inclined to take too much for granted, and appreciate too little, the glory of our trees.

Those who love trees grieve to see so many that add to the beauty of Franklin perishing under the axe or butchered by incapable hands. Trimming and treatment of trees require knowledge and technical training; trees suffer from amateur surgery just as people do from quack doctors.

We note a prevailing custom of cutting out the tops of healthy trees "to make them spread out," thus permanently destroying their beauty; because the loss of top limbs is never entirely hidden

by future growth. The natural symmetry of most trees cannot be improved upon. All around us are maimed and mutilated trees stretching their disfigured limbs to heaven in mute protest of man's inhumanity to trees.

There are towns in other sections of the country that have for many years planted their own forests to supply fuel and timber. Some of these forests are so profitable that their municipalities are tax-free. There are other towns and cities lacking, or utterly devoid of shade, that spend enormous sums to transplant fully grown trees on their streets and lawns. Many cities noted for their beauty—Columbia, South Carolina, and Columbus, Georgia, for example—tenderly care for their aged trees that graciously stand guard in triple rows through miles of traffic on their stately avenues.

Appreciation of the eternal quality of beauty in trees is something that can be cultivated. The knowledge that intelligently cherishes the trees can work for their preservation. For "Only God can make a tree."

ADDITIONAL FRANKLIN SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. J. Edwards has returned to her home in the Orlando apartments on Harrison avenue, after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Charlotte, Mount Ulla and Asheville.

Verlin Bradley and sister, Miss Grace Bradley, who are working in Winston-Salem, came in Monday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bradley, at their home at Etna.

Mrs. J. B. Ray, of Nantahala, spent Thursday of last week in Franklin, the guest of Mrs. Herbert E. Church, at her home in the Orlando apartments.

Mrs. T. H. Callahan and son, Hall, of Bryson City, were with relatives and friends in Franklin Monday.

Mrs. Charlie Davis and young daughter, Janice, of Auburndale, Fla., are spending several days with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holt, at their home on Dillard Route 1, and Mr. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Robert Davis, at their home in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellis and three children, of Hayesville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutton, at their home on Franks street.

Mrs. P. R. Wilhite, of Elberton, Ga., is spending several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence B. Wickliffe and Mr. Wickliffe, at their home on Iotla street.

Miss Fannie Edwards, who is working in Atlanta, came up for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Louthenia Edwards, who has been seriously ill at her home on Franklin Route 3.

Mrs. J. D. Porter was called to Asheville Friday to be with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Florence Porter, who had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Franks have returned to their home in Miami, Fla., after spending the week-end here visiting relatives and friends. They were called to Helen, Ga., to be with Mrs. Franks' father, T. S. A. Kannady, who died at his home there Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Rogers, Mrs. J. H. Carelock and Mrs. J. E. Weyman attended the state-wide B. Y. P. U. convention at Asheville on Thursday and Friday of the past week. On their return they were accompanied by Floyd Weyman, a student at North Carolina State college at Raleigh, who returned to his school duties on Monday afternoon.

Dave Ditmore, G. W. Owenby and Bruce Duvall, of the Flats section, were among the business visitors here Monday.

Mrs. Sam L. Rogers is spending several days in Greensboro visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Hayes and the Rev. Mr. Hayes.

T. B. Higdon, of Atlanta, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Higdon, at her home at Higdonville.

Percy Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright, who has been ill for the past three weeks with pneumonia, was reported Monday to be improving.

Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Roberts and two children returned to their home Friday evening after spending a week visiting in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Browning, Sr., of Bryson City, spent a while Monday visiting Mrs. Brown-

ing's mother, Mrs. Foster, at her home on Cullasaja.

Miss Helen Seay, who is nursing in Newark, N. J., came in Monday to nurse her stepfather, C. A. Setser, who is critically ill, and to be with her mother, Mrs. Setser, at their home in Baird Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moody and daughter, Miss Nora Moody, went to Waynesville Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Moody's brother, Danniell T. Moody.

Nick Hunter, who is working in Charlotte, came up Sunday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Hunter. Mr. Hunter was accompanied by Miss Ray Harris, of Charlotte.

Mrs. W. H. Sellers is ill at her home on Riverview street, suffering with pleurisy.

J. W. Morgan, of Brevard, is spending several days in Franklin and vicinity visiting relatives and friends.

Births

A daughter, Virginia Dee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn B. Ray on Tuesday, March 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Henderson announce the birth of a son, W. J., at their home on Cullasaja on Friday, March 17.

A son, Frank T., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith on Sunday, March 12, at their home in Cashiers valley.

On Friday, March 10, a daughter, Edna Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dills at their home in the Cartoogechay community.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hasting an-

nounce the birth of a son, George Edgar, in Angel hospital here on Saturday, March 11.

A son, Ronald Steven, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fain Wood, of Hiawassee, in Angel hospital here on Wednesday, March 8.

Macon Theatre

Matinees 3:30 P. M.
Night Show 7:00 and 9:00
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO
11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 27
NIGHT SHOW WILL START
AT 7:30 O'CLOCK

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
The Big Show Is Here!
TOMMY KELLY IN
"PECK'S BAD BOY AT
AT THE CIRCUS"
With: ANN GILLIS, EDGAR
KENNEDY, BILLY GILBERT,
BENITA HUME,
LOUISE BEAVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
Double Feature Program
"4 GIRLS IN WHITE"

Nurses are women! They too dream of romance. This is the inside story of their lives.

With: FLORENCE RICE, UNA
MERKEL, ANN RUTHERFORD,
MARY HOWARD and
ALAN MARSHAL

And
DICK FORAN IN
"EMPTY HOLSTERS"

It's hair-raising adventure when Dick steps in with his smashing fist against six-shooters.

MON.-TUES., MARCH 27-28

"THE YOUNG IN
HEART"

JANET GAYNOR, DOUGLAS
FAIRBANKS, JR., PAULETTE
GODDARD, ROLAND YOUNG

"The Young in Heart" is based on a delightful Saturday Evening Post story, "The Gay Banditti," read by millions.

WED.-THURS., MARCH 29-30

ALICE FAYE, CONSTANCE
BENNETT, NANCY KELLY IN
"TAIL SPIN"

Smashing romantic melodrama of adventure!

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FARRELL, JANE WYMAN,
KANE RICHMOND

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