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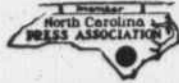
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No Editorial

IN the course of a number of years' newspapering, I have read a great many editorials that said exactly nothing, and said it at great length.

When I came to The Franklin Press, I made up my mind to try to have an editorial column that said something, or to have none at all.

I believe that was a sensible resolve, and I propose to stick to it.

This week I have nothing to say editorially, and I am saying it.

—W. J.

LETTERS

SAYS INDUSTRIES NEEDED

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am indeed happy that you are trying to focus interest in the development of local opportunities for the returning servicemen and women of Macon County. The youth of Macon County should not have to go elsewhere to find suitable jobs, but they will continue to do so unless there are more business enterprises established in the county.

In order to have jobs, it is necessary to have business enterprises and the more industries you have, naturally the more jobs you will have. It is obvious I think that there are opportunities for the development of a very considerable number of small business enterprises in Macon County, but as an important safeguard, there should be at least one or more larger industrial establishments there which would provide jobs for those who want and need the jobs.

If there are some who are still afraid of the implications of the development of larger industrial establishments there, then let them weigh carefully the meaning of the continued departure of their youth to other localities where opportunities are better.

Whatever you can do to stimulate thought and action in the direction of local industrial development will be a vital service to Macon County.

Yours truly,
ELMER W. CRAWFORD,
Senior Rehabilitation Counselor

Winston-Salem, N. C.
February 9, 1946.

WHO KNOWS ABOUT THIS?

Dear Sir:

When I lived in Franklin, from 1905 to 1909, a quaint and curious custom was practiced there. When a baby was born, friends of the father would take his hat, by force if necessary, and burn it in the street. It was done in a spirit of gaiety, and everybody had a lot of fun. I remember several such celebrations.

Does this custom still prevail? Can any reader of the "Franklin Press" tell me how long it has existed? Was it, or is it, peculiar to Franklin, or has it been practiced elsewhere? Does anyone know how, when, where and why it was started? The answer to these questions would make an interesting bit of information for the North Carolina Historical Society, and for the Journal of American Folklore.

Several years ago I exchanged letters with the late Dr. Thomas F. Winecoff (who used to live in Franklin) concerning this matter, but he could throw no light on it. My father, the late Rev. R. M. Taylor, wrote many articles about Western North Carolina, but I have never seen any reference to this custom in his manuscripts. When I read "The Golden Bough", by Sir James G. Frazer, I looked for something comparable to this old Franklin birth celebration, but found nothing. The custom may have originated in Franklin; the people there are ingenious.

Whoever has any knowledge of, or interest in, this subject, please write to me. Thank you.

—JOHN ROY TAYLOR

Summit Park,
Pomona, N. Y.
February 22, 1946.

Others' Opinions

THE ROMANY ROAM AGAIN

IF the sound of hammer on steel and the tuning up of long-idle motors is any indication, the Romany, after making a substantial contribution to America's win-the-war effort, are getting ready once more to take to the road. During the period in which they were "grounded" by gasoline rationing, many young gypsies, following the lead of their forbears, who have taken part in all of the Nation's wars since the Revolution, exchanged their non-descript clothing for khaki and served in the armed forces. Maturer gypsies utilized their native mechanical ability to work in shipyards and munition plants, while women of the race found employment as domestics, and some families took advantage of the situation by starting their youngsters in school.

Now that peace has come and warmer weather is in the offing, the Romany are again getting ready to resume the vagabond life they have led for centuries. The fact that new tires are practically unobtainable doesn't seem to daunt them. One can readily envision them traveling the country and trading old tires much as they once swapped horses. And always, of course, receiving an adequate amount of "boot."

If, one of these days, a caravan of oversize, overage cars, overflowing with progeny and women clad in kaleidoscopic

colors, and carrying far more than the usual amount of "spaces," chugs by; you will know that the Romany have taken again to the broad highway.—Christian Science Monitor.

SOUND ADVICE

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Congressman and preacher of New York, came to the Tar Heel state the other night and spoke before about 1,000 colored people and departed quietly without, so far as we have learned, causing a ripple on the water of race relations.

He told his people they were entitled to certain rights, but he dropped a little advice and admonition, too.

Evincing little interest in social equality, Dr. Powell stated, however, that the colored people did want and were entitled to political, educational and economic equality. He asserted that this country was the American Negro's native land also, and scoffed at the long-talked proposal or suggestion that the Negroes find a home in Africa from whence their ancestors sprang.

He also had scorn, fortunately, for calling the hymn known as the "Negro National Anthem" by that name. He shouted rightly and lone-too-vigorously that "there is but one American anthem and that is the Star Spangled Banner."

And he warned against intolerance upon the part of the Negro as well as upon the part of the whites.

—West Asheville News.

GOOD WEATHER AHEAD

IMPROVED weather reports—which may save farmers millions of dollars—are expected as a result of the weather bureau's decision to use balloons, radio and radar to gather information twelve miles above the earth.

The method is highly technical—but there is every reason to believe that it will result in greatly increased accuracy, both for short and long-term reports. Present methods of observation are greatly handicapped by fog and clouds, but the new method, known as "racon," will have no such handicaps.

By 1947 it is expected that "racon" reports will have replaced the present methods of getting weather information. From then on, there will be few arguments with the weather man. When he says "rain," the chances will be ten to one that it will rain.

But already the weather bureau is protecting itself against wrong predictions by pointing out that even the "twelve-mile up" reports will not be perfect. The next move, already under consideration, is to get reports from the upper stratosphere—sixty miles up. When that plan has been worked out, our weather prediction problems will be over.

—Hertford County Herald.

PROSPERITY AND THE FARMER

PROSPERITY of the farmer is the basis on which national prosperity rests in America. There cannot be any long sustained national prosperity unless it is built on the prosperity of the farmer.

Industry creates goods to sell and unless the farmer can buy these goods, the wheels of industry stop and the fires go out in the boilers. The farmer buys more than one-third of all goods manufactured in America. He is the big market. If the farmer does not have enough money to keep buying goods, industry can find no substitute market, and has to close down. Over a long period of years, the national income has been about seven times the farm income. Whenever you get the farm income up, the national income goes up.

For this reason, the farmer must not only fight for his own good for higher prices, but he must fight for the patriotic reason that his prosperity will spell prosperity for the nation.

Many political leaders are blind to this fact, and many other leaders are so hungry to grab for themselves that they forget that they must first see to it that farm prices are high and that farm people are prosperous. Then, national prosperity is sure to follow.—Farmers Federation News.

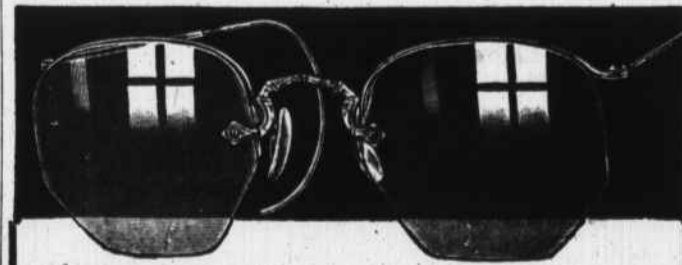
There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy.—Stevenson.

ANNOUNCEMENT
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If it is the will of the people to elect me, I shall endeavor in every way possible to prove myself worthy of their confidence.

I am a native of Macon County and have lived here all my life, and I believe I know the people of this county and know how to serve them.

L. B. PHILLIPS.
—Political Advertising
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NOTICE OF SUMMONS
In The Superior Court
NORTH CAROLINA,
MACON COUNTY.

HARVIE JONES

vs.
NINA JONES.

The defendant, Nina Jones, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina; that the purpose of same is to secure an absolute divorce on the part of the plaintiff from the defendant on the grounds of adultery; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on or before the 15th day of March, 1946 and answer or demur to the complaint or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein.

This the 7th day of February, 1946.

EDITH BYRD,
Asst. Clerk Superior Court.
F7—4tp—F28

NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF SUMMONS
In The Superior CourtNORTH CAROLINA,
MACON COUNTY.

MERLE MCMAHAN

vs.
JOHN W. MCMAHAN

The defendant, John W. McMahan, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the superior court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce on the part of the plaintiff from the defendant; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County in Franklin, North Carolina, on the 22nd day of March, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein.

This the 20th day of February, 1946.

EDITH C. BYRD,
Asst. Clerk Superior
Court.
F21—4tc—M14—ARH

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator with will annexed of Robert B. Eskridge, deceased, late of State of Louisiana, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of January, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 24th day of January, 1946.
R. S. JONES,
Administrator
With Will Annexed.
J31—6tc—M7—J&J

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Lola P. Barrington, 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 19th day of February, 1947 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 19th day of February, 1946.

J. H. STOCKTON
MRS. LAVADA COMPTON
Executors
F21—6tp—M28

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Emma Tallent 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 25th day of January, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 27th day of January, 1946.

ROY F. CUNNINGHAM,
J31—6tp—M7

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of James H. Baty, 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 18th day of February, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 18th day of February, 1946.

HENRY J. BATY,
Administrator
F21—6tp—M28

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Thank you!

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