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### Vote Tuesday

FRANKLIN voters next Tuesday will ballot on the question of issuing \$120,000 in town bonds for extension of water mains and sewer lines and street improvements.

In an election last winter, the voters overwhelmingly approved a bond issue for these purposes, and it seems reasonable to assume that the majority of the people of Franklin still favors such a bond issue. Several circumstances, in fact, have developed since last December that point up more emphatically than ever the need for these improvements.

The December election was held invalid by bond attorneys, due to a technicality, and the board of aldermen ordered next Tuesday's special election, and the special registration that preceded it.

The registration for next week's balloting was relatively heavy, and that is a healthy sign of the voters' interest in this community project.

But it carries with it a danger. For the law provides that, for this election, a majority of the persons registered—not merely a majority of those voting—must ballot in favor of the bonds, if they are to be issued. Thus a voter who favors the bonds, no matter how good his intentions, will be counted as voting against them if he fails to go to the polling place and cast his ballot.

### A Sensible Statement

Few Americans will find just cause to quarrel with President Truman's statement promising to end this government's formal relations with the Vatican.

President Roosevelt sent Myron C. Taylor to Rome as his personal representative in 1939 to aid in trying to keep the peace, the president said, and Taylor returned to Rome in May of this year as President Truman's personal representative to aid in trying to make peace. After that mission is accomplished, this government will have no official representation at the seat of the Roman Catholic church.

If Taylor's temporary presence in Rome will aid in the making of a just peace, Protestants surely cannot object.

But for this government to keep an official representative at the Vatican in normal times would be diplomatic recognition of the Catholic church as a political institution, and such recognition would flatly contradict our traditional conception of the separation of church and state. Thus the issue is a political, rather than a religious, one, and undoubtedly most intelligent Catholics in America will so regard it.

### The Poll Tax Again

Dr. Clark Foreman, president of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and Jennings Perry, chairman of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, have announced the approaching re-affiliation of the two organizations. Thereafter, the announcement adds, the merged organizations will take on the rather remarkable name of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

And the announcement concludes with this amazing statement:

"When the poll tax is swept away the South can enter the community of voting states and America can enter the community of voting democracies."

Which, we submit, surely has never been surpassed, even in all the vast store of utter twaddle about the poll tax that has issued from the mouths of otherwise sane men.

For if ever a mountain was made of a mole-hill, the poll tax is it.

First of all, it is in effect in only five states (or is it four now? if that matters), and it applies to such a small proportion of the nation's population as to make the oft-repeated assertion that it is a national issue somewhat ridiculous.

In the second place, the amount of the tax is much too small for it to be honestly said—in times like these, at least—that the tax serves to disfran-

## Others' Opinions

### A FARMER'S CREED

I believe in the divine covenant of promise, vouchsafed in the Genesis of Time, that Man through the labor of his hands and the sweat of his face in the tilling of the soil and the tending of his flocks shall find sustenance, health and comfort for his body and contentment and spiritual growth for his soul.

I believe the possession of land is an obligation of sacred trust, tenantry of which is held from the Great Landlord under the title of faithful stewardship. I believe that there is a binding command to cherish, nourish, and safeguard the soil, to the end that it may produce more abundantly and be handed on as a richer heritage of those who shall come afterward and possess it. I believe that the Great Landlord will reward the farmer who loves the soil and honors it.

—Tom Henderson in Progressive Farmer.

### INCREASED INCOME FROM POULTRY

Poultry is increasing the income of the farmers of Western North Carolina. The goal which we set some years ago is a hundred hens per farm. We are making progress toward that goal, and we are making a lot of progress with the quality of poultry. The quality of poultry in Western North Carolina has improved tremendously in the last ten years. We now have hens that make good money for their owners; we now have hens that lay lots of eggs, and the egg production of Western North Carolina is growing rapidly.

We need a larger egg production, and it is just too bad to see car loads of eggs brought in from the middle west, at a time when eggs are bringing such high prices. There is opportunity to increase the egg production in Western North Carolina ten times; there is also the same opportunity with poultry.—Black Mountain News.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTRY CHURCH

A great opportunity opens up before the country church to strengthen the spiritual foundation of America. The atom bomb has jarred us into realizing that civilization can not endure unless the spiritual power of men and women is increased. The only power that is greater than atomic power is spiritual power.

All of us have idly watched commercial recreation sap the very foundations of our life in America. The people who offer recreation in our cities offer it in order to make money on it. Most of the purveyors of recreation are unscrupulous as to the deteriorating effects of this recreation. Honky-tonks, juke joints, questionable movies, roadhouses; all kinds of tawdry recreation is offered the young people of America for the sole purpose of making money.

The Lord's Acre Department, under the leadership of Dumont Clarke, is planning to offer a new service to rural churches. It will offer assistance in the field of recreation under church and Sunday school auspices.

Fortunately, commercial recreation has not yet invaded our rural districts to any large extent; and the field is open for the churches to seize this opportunity and take over this field. If a rural church could have a swimming pool, and a soft ball field, and a few tennis courts, it could offer recreation to the young people in the community under Christian auspices that would develop and strengthen Christian character.

It could arrange hikes, picnics, socials, weiner roasts, soft ball tournaments, tennis tournaments; and in this way, recreation would aid in building strong, Christian character. There is a wonderful opportunity ahead for the country church, and Sunday school.

The worst people in our cities organize to offer the lowest form of recreation to our young people in order to make money out of it. It is time for the church people to organize to offer the finest kind of recreation to the young people in our country districts.

Strong, fearless, gracious, Christian character is the one thing that will lead the world out of its troubles today. The rural church can take a long step forward in developing this type of character in the young people of the country if it will seize this opportunity to offer recreation to the young people in the countryside under the very best auspices.

—Farmers Federation News.

### THE STRONG HELPER

It has been said, cynically, that "never before did men have so much power in their hands, and so little faith in their hearts." Yet it is in such times as the present that faith is most important. For faith, as ever, is "The Strong Helper of men."

There have been steep places, bewildering uncertainties and heavy odds many times before. "Man's history, in respect at least of all that does him credit, is a record of difficulties conquered," wrote one of the great thinkers of our time. The difficulties were surmounted on each occasion because some people had faith that they could be. For faith is a plus force, capable of releasing powers that are equal to the challenge.

The resources which it unlocks are open to all. Dr. Albert Edward Hay, in *The Faith We Live*, declares, "If there is one thing that the long, varied experience of the race with religion has made clear, it is that there is a world of reality about us in which there are powers, insights, courage and peace available to faith." And Dr. L. P. Jacks, in *The Challenge of Life*, observes that in each trial there are "spiritual forces waiting to befriend us if we stand to it manfully."

Faith has been well called "the invisible arm of the soul." It is the vital force most needed now to strengthen our right purposes and to enable us to turn the great powers of the time to good account. The outcome of the present period may indeed be summed up in the words of the Master, spoken in Matthew IX, 29:

"According to your faith, be it unto you."

—Country Gentleman.

chise any considerable number of voters.

Finally, the crusaders, though they burn with a holy zeal in behalf of their pet reform, completely miss the point in attacking the poll tax. For the poll tax isn't used primarily to disfranchise the Negro—most Southern states long ago found other means for accomplishing that end. Nor would it be possible, today, for the most wicked Southern feudalists to use it to disfranchise the poor—who hasn't \$2, \$3, or \$5?

The chief evil of the poll tax lies in its use by unscrupulous political machines; and they use it not to keep people from voting, but to get them to vote. The machine pays the poll tax and demands, in exchange, that the voter "vote right".

That evil rarely is mentioned by the crusaders. And no wonder! For they would find it hard indeed to keep their faces straight deploring the evils of Southern political machines while closing their eyes to the works of such machines as flourish in Jersey City and Chicago.

The poll tax is wrong, in principle and in practice. True! But so is smoking cigarettes. So is using too much lip-stick. So is forgetting to kiss your wife good-bye when you leave home in the mornings.

## With The Churches

### BAPTIST

**First Church, Franklin**  
The Rev. Charles E. Parker,  
Pastor

Sunday:  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship.  
6:30 p. m.—Training union.  
7:30 p. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

### EPISCOPAL

**St. Agnes Church, Franklin**  
The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan,  
Pastor

Sunday:  
10 a. m.—Church school.  
11 a. m.—First Sunday, Holy communion.  
3 p. m.—Preaching, first Third Sunday, Morning prayer.  
8 p. m.—Second and fourth Sundays, evening prayer.

### METHODIST

**Franklin Church**  
The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt,  
Pastor

Sunday:  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship.  
6:30 p. m.—Methodist Youth fellowship.

Wednesday:  
8 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

**Franklin Circuit**  
The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor  
Preaching services as follows:  
**Maiden's Chapel**  
The Rev. R. L. Poindexter  
Pastor

Sunday:  
10 a. m.—Sunday school,  
E. A. Roper, supt.  
11 a. m.—Preaching, third Sunday.  
2 p. m.—Singing,  
Sunday.

First Sunday:  
Second Sunday:  
3 p. m.—Salem church.  
11 a. m.—Bethel church.  
7:30 p. m.—Clark's chapel.  
11 a. m.—Snow Hill church.  
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.  
7:30 p. m.—Iotla church.

Third Sunday:  
11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.  
3 p. m.—Salem.  
7:30 p. m.—Bethel.

Fourth Sunday:  
11 a. m.—Iotla.  
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.  
7:30 p. m.—Snow Hill.

### PRESBYTERIAN

**Franklin Church**  
The Rev. Horace Evans, supply.

Sunday:  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship.

**Morrison Church**

Sunday:  
2:15 p. m.—Sunday school.  
3:15 p. m.—Preaching on the second and fourth Sundays.

### CATHOLIC

**Franklin**  
(In American Legion Hall)  
The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher,  
Pastor

Every Sunday:  
7:45 a. m.—Confessions.  
8:00 a. m.—Mass and communion.

### INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

**Sloan's Chapel**

Sunday:  
2 p. m.—Sunday school on the first, second, third, and fifth Sundays.

2 p. m.—Preaching on the fourth Sunday.  
3 p. m.—Sunday school on the fourth Sunday.

3 p. m.—Preaching on the days.

Starting with the first Sunday, the ministers who conduct the services are, in order: The Rev. W. R. Green of Jackson County, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, Dr. C. R. McCubbins, and the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

Tuesday:  
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

### NEGRO

**St. Cyprian's Episcopal**  
The Rev. James T. Kennedy,  
Pastor

Sunday:  
11 a. m.—Thrd Sunday, Holy communion.  
2 p. m.—First and second Sundays, evening prayer.

3 p. m.—Church school.

Friday:  
5 p. m.—Litany.

**Franklin Methodist Circuit**  
(A. M. E. Zion)

The Rev. John G. Williams  
Pastor

Preaching services as follows:  
First and third Sundays:

11 a. m.—Green Street church.  
2:30 p. m.—Cowee church.  
8 p. m.—Green Street church.

## NOTICE

The Loyol Order of Moose meets regularly on the first and third Thursday nights of each month at 7:30.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### NOTICE OF SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina  
Macon County  
ANNE MORGAN  
Vs  
GLENN MORGAN

The defendant, Glenn Morgan, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant, and said 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 the Court House in Franklin, North Carolina, within thirty days after the 28th day of June, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 29th day of May, 1946.

EDITH C. BYRD,  
Ass't Clerk Superior  
Court, Macon County,  
North Carolina.

J6-4tc-J27

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Dorland Philip Grant, Jr., 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 23rd day of May, 1947 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 23rd day of May, 1946.

D. P. GRANT,  
Administrator

M30-6tp-Jy4

#### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Frank M. Higdon, Jr., 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 15th day of May, 1947 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 15th day of May, 1946.

RUTH H. HIGDON,  
Administratrix.

M23-6tc-J27

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of E. A. Dowdle, 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 10th 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 10th day of June, 1946.

M. L. DOWDLE,  
Administrator

J13-6tp-Jly18

#### LAND EXCHANGE NOTICE

Kenneth S. Keyes has applied for exchange under the Act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1215) offering 1518 acres in Graham and Macon Counties, North Carolina, on the waters of Big Snowbird Creek and Tulula Creek, tributaries of Cheoah River, Graham County, North Carolina, and Cowee Creek, a tributary of Little Tennessee River, Macon County, North Carolina, more particularly described in deed from the Champion Paper & Fibre Company to Kenneth S. Keyes dated April 3, 1946 and recorded in Deed Book 49, Page 527, and deed from E. C. Cody et al to Kenneth S. Keyes, dated October 13, 1945 and recorded in Deed Book 49, Page 71, Graham County records, and deed from Fred Tippet to Kenneth S. Keyes dated December 1945 and recorded in Deed Book M-5, Page 387, Macon County records, in exchange for a part of U. S. Tract 1047h, acquired from the Carolina Aluminum Company and all of U. S. Tract No. 1047h-I, situated near Brooks Gap, Graham County, North Carolina, containing 113.64 acres. Persons claiming said properties or having bona fide objections to such application must file their protests with the Regional Forester, Glenn Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia, before July 21, 1946.

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