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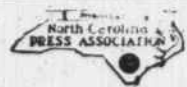
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It Doesn't Make Sense

A FEW days ago one of the grocery stores here had butter for sale. This is an ideal dairy country; probably no region of America is better adapted to dairying. But the butter didn't come from Cartoogechaye or Cowee or Iotla or any other section of Macon County. It didn't even come from North Carolina. It was shipped here from Massachusetts. And the retail price was 90 cents a pound.

This Doesn't Either

The Nantahala National Forest has been trying for sometime to employ part-time lifeguards for duty at pools at the forest's recreation units. There are a lot of Macon County boys and young men who have no regular work. Yet the Forest Service reported the first of this week that the only qualified lifeguard it has been able to employ is a Floridian who is in Franklin for the summer.

The Wildlife Club

The 28 persons who recently organized the Macon County Wildlife Club undoubtedly must have had in mind two things: First, the importance of wildlife to Macon County, both as a tourist attraction, and because of the recreation hunting and fishing afford local residents; and, second, the fact that this county has received little attention in the past from the state agencies in charge of wildlife activities.

They may well have had in mind, too, a third important but rarely discussed situation: Generally speaking, the more the control of wildlife has been taken over by governmental agencies, the more hunting and fishing have tended to become sports open only to the well-to-do.

The new club, in common with similar clubs over the state, has set out to do something about wildlife in Macon County and North Carolina, and its efforts surely will receive the support of the general public.

Western North Carolina History

A brochure just published by the Asheville Citizen-Times Company interestingly tells the story of Dr. Elisha Mitchell.

Shortly before the Civil War, a bitter dispute arose between Dr. Mitchell, New England-reared University of North Carolina scientist, and Thomas L. Clingman, Buncombe political leader, as to which was first to measure the peak in the Black Mountains now known as Mount Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell is generally credited with having made the measurement which established Mitchell as the highest point in Eastern America in 1835. Twenty-two years later, at the height of his dispute with Clingman, he set out to re-measure the peak.

June 27 he fell from a cliff, and it was 11 days later that the searching parties which had been combing the mountain found his body in a pool at the foot of a waterfall. The body was carried out of the wilderness by man power, and taken to Asheville for burial. About a year later it was disinterred, taken to the top of the peak, and re-buried there.

The 24-page Citizen-Times publication is made up of an address by Charles A. Webb, delivered at exercises at Toe River Gap last May 24 which marked the start of work on a state highway from the Blue Ridge Parkway to the top of Mitchell; Zebulon Baird Vance's account, published in The Asheville Spectator of July, 1857, of the search for Dr. Mitchell's body; and an account, written by Richard H. Battle, and published in The Raleigh Register in July, 1858, of the disinterment of the body, the long trip up the mountain, and the re-burial.

So What?

Mississippi voters will send Rankin and Bilbo back to Washington, and Talmadge will be the next governor of Georgia.

So what? In a democracy, the voters have a right to elect whom they choose.

If the truth were known, the chances are that the people who contributed most heavily to the success of these gentlemen in the recent primaries were those out-of-state folk who were most vociferous and insistent in telling the people of Miss-

issippi and Georgia how they should vote. Americans are funny that way. The voters not only are determined to make their own decisions—they are going to prove that they made them, unaided. (Both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt found that out.)

And, after all, which state of the 48 is entitled to cast the first stone?

A quarter-century ago many of us felt that the elder Senator Lodge rather put Benedict Arnold in the shade—but we didn't insist, for that reason, that all the voters in Massachusetts were traitors. More recently, a good many persons outside New York state considered the Hon. Ham Fish an honor to nobody—but we didn't insist that all New Yorkers were dishonorable because that state repeatedly sent him to congress. And today some of us in the South are inclined to feel that all members of congress from other sections aren't exactly tops; that Senator Taft, for example, either is stupid or a pawn—but our newspapers don't insist upon screaming at the Ohioans that they are all idiots for electing Taft.

Many of us feel disinclined to sing the doxology over the victories of Bilbo and Talmadge, but we can, and should, thank God that the people of Mississippi and Georgia still have the right to elect them if they want to.

Others' Opinions

KILLING SNAKES

Last Sunday someone killed a black snake on our street and left it lying on the ground. Never do that if you do not want the crops to burn up. When you kill a black snake always hang it on a wire fence or a persimmon bush. That is according to Mr. Paul Dixon. He says that he watched it for nearly a hundred years and has never seen it fail.

—L. P. CROSS IN CLAYTON TRIBUNE.

BIBLE "BEES"

The "BEES" of the Bible never sting; they yield a great deal of honey, and it is their nature to be found together in swarms. Here are some of them:

- "Be kindly affectioned one to another."
- "Be content with such things as ye have."
- "Be strong in the Lord."
- "Be not wise in your own conceit."
- "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers."
- "Be ye . . . followers of God, as dear children."
- "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Baptist New Mexican.

TERMITE INSURANCE

Here are some of the ways whereby a new homemaker may forestall termite damage to the building, according to Entomologist Conner.

Remove all stumps, wood debris, and other such materials from the building site before construction begins. Apply chemicals to kill termites in the soil. Make the foundation of non-wooden material. Keep scraps of lumber from being buried in backfills.

Leave a clear space between the woodwork and the ground. Allow for ventilation under the house, with no dead air pockets. Provide for good soil drainage beneath the building. Make an annual termite inspection for any signs of damage.

—Extension Farm-News.

HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES

Three leading causes for highway accidents and fatalities are listed by authoritative sources. These are speeding, drunken and reckless driving and following other vehicles too closely and passing other cars where vision of the highway is obstructed or limited.

Statistics show highway hazards are increasing, and the toll of accidents and deaths is rising.

In spite of all the safety measures adopted, accidents and loss of life on the highways will continue to mount until all the people who drive motor vehicles are thoroughly safety-conscious and drive that way. Safety measures are by no means to be discounted. Highway engineering is important and law enforcement on the roads is important, in the general scheme for promoting highway safety; but car drivers and pedestrians must know and observe the rules of safety.

The individual plays the leading part in making the highways safer. Remember that when you drive—or, if you are a pedestrian, when you are in motor vehicle traffic.

—Hendersonville Times-News.

'PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ONLY

Three principles of Americanism need to be fought for and firmly established if American people who trust their children to "non-public" schools are not to be treated as citizens to a limited extent only. The first of these principles is that Catholic and other "non-public" schools are an integral part of "public education". The second is that citizens need not be non-Catholics in order to secure the full benefit of any assistance the government may give. And the third is that the congressional power to tax and to appropriate, which is limited by the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution, may not be applied in a manner discriminatory against states or individuals.

Opposed to these principles is the federal-aid bill, sponsored by Senators Hill, Thomas and Taft.

This federal-aid bill (S. 181, amended) authorizes appropriations of \$150 million for the year beginning July 1; \$200 million for the next fiscal year and \$250 million for each succeeding fiscal year. Its intent is to help equalize educational opportunities among the states. But the appropriations are limited to public schools for the benefit of "public-school" children only.

Looked at in this context, "equalizing educational opportunities among the states" is merely a vote-getting phrase. In reality it is "across the hills and far away" from the meaning of the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution.

A condition laid down in the Hill-Thomas-Taft bill requires states enjoying federal assistance to make a "just and equitable appropriation of such funds for the benefit of public schools maintained for minority races." The principle here involved has a further application. In Father Paul Blakely's words (America, March 12, 1936), "to exclude the children in Catholic (and other 'non-public') schools from the benefit of federal subsidies, whatever these may be, is as unreasonable, unjust and unconstitutional as to exclude those children who are entrusted to Negro schools."

We believe that Senate Bill 181 cannot stand the test of constitutionality. Not only does it contravene the plain sense of the "general welfare" clause but, as a discrimination against citizens whose children are not in "public schools," it violates the Fourteenth amendment.

All who stand for full rights of citizenship for all Americans should protest immediately and energetically to their representatives in the senate and house against this discriminatory and un-American bill.—America.

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

—John Wesley.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TOWN OF FRANKLIN FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1946

RECEIPTS:	
General Fund—	
Cash on hand and in Bank	\$1,637.78
Taxes collected, 1946	1,102.66
1945	9,369.57
1944	2,299.84
1936 through 1943	311.34
Total	\$14,721.19
Water Consumers Accounts	
Privilege Tax	\$9,551.51
Mayors Court Cost. & Fines	967.75
Miscellaneous	1,583.00
Total	\$14,017.46
DISBURSEMENTS:	
General Fund	\$24,087.74
Debt Service	3,960.00
Cash on hand and in bank	690.91
Total	\$28,738.65
BONDED DEBT:	
Term Bonds, due 1951-52	\$20,000.00
Total	\$20,000.00
SINKING FUND ASSETS:	
Cash in Bank	\$619.52
Town of Franklin 6% Wtr., Pr. & Lt. Bonds	10,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds (cost)	14,800.00
Total	\$25,419.52
Credit Balance	5,419.52

OTHER BONDED INDEBTEDNESS:
Street and Sidewalk; Water and Sewer Serial bonds, balance outstanding \$25,500.00 payable May 1, 1947, \$1,500.00.
I, E. W. Long, Treasurer of the Town of Franklin, do solemnly swear that the above financial statements of the Town of Franklin are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. W. LONG, Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 19th day of July, 1946.
CECILE GIBSON, Notary Public
My Commission expires December 22, 1947.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN Cash Disbursements For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946.

JULY—					
Name	Dept.	Amt.			
Lester Thomas, street		\$21.70	Carey Moffitt, street	13.00	
Pete Tallent, street		5.00	Lester Thomas, street	23.85	
Petty cash account, gen. and water		4.96	Nantahala Power & Light Co., st., wtr., & fire	359.43	
Bank of Franklin, debt service		30.15	Nantahala Power & Light Co., street, water	62.68	
Central National Bank of Cleveland, debt service		30.00	W. S. Darley & Co., street	34.08	
Franklin Ins. Agency, general		22.24	Franklin Press, general	43.40	
J. H. Stockton, water		5.00	W. G. Hall, water	92.04	
N. C. State Board of Health		16.00	Southern Meter & Repair Co., water	55.00	
W. G. Hall, water		89.00	Martin Electric Co., water	68.00	
Southern Meter & Repair Co., water		3.10	C. R. Phillips Lumber Co., street	9.00	
Grinnell Company, water		37.49	Carl Tysinger, water	41.00	
Franklin Press, general		22.25	Macon County Supply Co., water, street	1.05	
Nantahala Power & Light Co., water, street, fire		335.51	Grinnell Company, gen.	44.11	
Stewarts Service Station, fire		13.25	J. P. Bradley, general	17.25	
J. P. Bradley, general		7.05	Macon County Treasurer, general	40.00	
N. C. State Treasurer, gen.		12.00	N. C. State Treasurer, general	28.00	
Treasurer, Macon County, general		25.00	Carl Tysinger, fire	11.00	
Carl Tysinger, fire		14.00	Western Carolina Telephone Co., general	3.50	
Franklin Hdwe. Co., water		3.95	Lester Thomas, street	21.20	
E. P. Tallent, water		7.50	C. F. Galloway, police	50.00	
Western Carolina Telephone Co., gen.		3.50	Henry Hahn, general	13.50	
C. F. Galloway, police		50.00	Petty cash account, gen., street, water	10.59	
Lester Thomas, street		21.20	Lester Thomas, street	28.85	
U. S. Treas. Dept., gen. police, water and street		40.80	A. C. Tysinger, fire	25.00	
Homer Cochran, police		50.00	Homer Cochran, police	195.80	
Armour Cagle, general		5.00	C. F. Galloway, police	97.20	
Petty cash acct., general		7.00	E. W. Long, general	171.60	
Lester Thomas, street		20.70	A. C. Pannell, street	250.00	
Ida Mae Jamison, gen.		48.50	Carl Tysinger, fire	20.00	
Lester Thomas, street		21.20	H. L. Bryant, general	15.00	
C. F. Galloway, police		50.00	H. L. Guffey, general	75.00	
C. F. Galloway, police		97.20	Total	\$1,747.65	
E. W. Long, general		171.60	AUGUST		
A. C. Pannell, street		250.00	Name	Dept.	Amt.
Carl Tysinger, fire		20.00	Bank of Franklin, debt service		\$60.25
H. L. Bryant, general		15.00	Lester Thomas, street		19.30
H. L. Guffey, general		75.00	Tallulah Falls Ry. Co., water		10.46
Total		\$1,747.65	C. F. Galloway, police		33.28
AUGUST			E. P. Tallent, water		26.22
Name	Dept.	Amt.	Tom Burgess, water		25.20
Bank of Franklin, debt service		\$60.25	Buck Branson, general		100.00
Ida Grant, general		65.00	Lester Thomas, street		23.45
Lester Thomas, street		22.20	W. G. Hall, water		83.40
Petty cash account, post-office stamps, express, water		18.82	U. S. Treasury Dept., gen. police, water, street		37.60
Bank of Franklin, debt service		60.00	Nantahala Power & Light Co., street, water, fire		371.18
Lester Thomas, street		23.20	Western Carolina Telephone Co., general		3.50
Rufus Pannell, water		10.00	Grinnell Company, Inc., general		5.72
Wm. P. Myers, street		8.00	Franklin Press, general		4.10
A. C. Pannell, water		2.00	Southern Meter & Repair Co., water		78.00
Alverson Hall, water		4.00	N. C. State Board of health, water		16.00
C. F. Galloway, police		50.00	Macon Garage & Welding Co., water		2.00
Lester Thomas, street		21.20	Reeves Hardware Co., st.		1.00
Nantahala Power & Light Co., water, street, fire		360.36	Duncan Motor Co., fire		3.95
Brown Book Corp., gen.		56	Grover Jamison, Agent, fire		27.20
Southern Meter & Repair Co., water		76.00	N. C. State Treasurer, general		14.00
Macon County Supply Co., street and water		7.05	Macon County Treasurer, general		15.00
Franklin Press, general		17.15	Bank of Franklin, debt service		30.15
Western Carolina Telephone Co., general		3.80	T. W. Porter, P. M., gen. service		14.00
W. G. Hall, water		50.00	Mrs. A. L. Leach, debt service		30.00
State Treasurer, general		8.00	Grover Jamison, Agent, fire		4.80
Macon County Treasurer, general		15.00	J. P. Bradley, general		13.95
Carl Tysinger, fire		14.00	Huggins Motors, street		800.00
J. P. Bradley, general		4.20	Talman Office Supplies, Inc., general		5.79
Lester Thomas, street		20.45	Lester Thomas, street		22.70
S. H. Lyle Estate, water		75.00	J. B. Stewart, police		30.00
Petty cash account, Street and police		10.65	Bank of Franklin, debt service		523.00
Homer Cochran, police		195.80	Carl Tysinger, fire		17.00
C. F. Galloway, police		97.20	Petty cash account, gen., water		5.31
E. W. Long, general		171.60	Lester Thomas, street		21.20
A. C. Pannell, street		250.00	Harvey Cabe, police		92.24
Carl Tysinger, fire		20.00	Homer Cochran, police		195.80
H. L. Bryant, general		15.00	E. W. Long, general		171.60
Total		\$1,756.49	A. C. Pannell, street		250.00
SEPTEMBER—			Carl Tysinger, fire		20.00
Name	Dept.	Amt.	Continued on Page Five—		
Lester Thomas, street		\$21.20			
H. C. Sanders, street		6.00			