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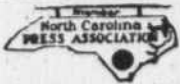
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A New Year Resolution

It has been said that the best New Year resolution is to resolve to make no resolution that can't and won't be kept.

Well, there is one resolution the people of Franklin can and certainly should make and keep: To clean up the town, and keep it clean.

Franklin is disgracefully dirty. And if you doubt that statement, just visit some other towns and compare them with ours.

There is nothing we could do that would pay greater dividends, in more different ways. A clean town would pay in self-respect and in civic pride. It would pay, in dollars and cents, during our tourist season. And it would pay the year-round in the type of citizenship we attract and keep; for no desirable citizen will deliberately pick a dirty town in which to live.

What can you and I do about it?

First of all, we can clean up our own backyards.

Second, we can tell the town authorities that we want a clean town.

And, finally, when enough of us have told the authorities to convince them that the people here really want a town that is clean and attractive, we can support and cooperate with them on such measures as they may take.

Gas Tax And Town Streets

The North Carolina League of Municipalities is conducting a campaign for legislation by the next general assembly to allocate to cities and towns one-sixth of the revenue derived from the gasoline tax. The funds so allocated would be for the improvement and maintenance of streets within municipalities.

Just how the League arrived at the proportion—one cent out of every six collected—it is asking is not explained. Offhand, the figure sounds a bit high; for, while no figures on the subject are at hand, it seems improbable that one-sixth of all the road mileage in the state is made up of city streets.

And, generally speaking, it is an unhealthy sign when any group, public or private, begins clamoring for a "cut" in tax money.

However that may be, a situation exists which demands attention: there is no getting away from these facts:

The motorists in the towns pay gasoline tax along with their neighbors in the country—in fact, they probably pay the major portion of the gasoline tax.

The state highway system today no longer consists of a few major, through highways; it is made up of virtually all the roads in the state, except for the streets inside municipalities.

And it doesn't make sense to improve a secondary highway for a farmer to come to town over, only to have him bog down in a mudhole when he gets inside the corporate limits.

Nor does it seem fair to force the people in town to pay for their streets, with bond issues, while the state improves and maintains the rural roads.

The municipalities probably should, and will, get a proportion of the gasoline tax fund from the next legislature. As a long-rang solution of the problem, however, the logical plan would seem to be for the state to take over city streets, just as it has done rural roads.

A W. N. C. Pageant

Down at Manteo they have been staging for a number of years a summer pageant based upon the colorful early history of Eastern North Carolina. The "Lost Colony" production each year draws many thousands of persons from all over the United States.

Western North Carolina has a historical background entirely different from that of the coastal region of the state, but no less interesting and dramatic. And it is entirely proper, desirable, and sensible that we should dramatize it.

Western North Carolina Associated Communities is pushing the proposal for such a pageant, and undoubtedly that organization will receive the cooperation and support of the Department of Conservation and Development.

If it is successful with this project alone, WNCAC will have more than justified its existence.

LETTERS

SEES FINE FUTURE FOR FRANKLIN

To the Editor of The Press:

I want to take The Press for a year, for it's my home town paper, and I enjoy reading it very much. It has many things of interest in it. I enjoy knowing what's going on in Franklin and Macon County.

I think Franklin is as fine a town as there is in North Carolina. Located in the cool mountains, the beautiful Nantahalalping to the west, and the Great Smoky Mountains National park lying north, it's a haven of rest for tourists from all over the U. S. A., and the gateway to the most beautiful scenery in the world.

May Franklin forever prosper and strive to draw more tourists each year. I think if the good people of Franklin will do some long-range planning and a little advertising, they can make Franklin one of the most beautiful and enjoyed places in the world. There are many places to hunt and fish in the mountains and streams near Franklin, and the climate is wonderful, but the people need to build more and better accommodations for tourists.

I will venture to say that if the good citizens of Franklin will do their part, the good tourists of the world will make Franklin one of the best loved vacation spots on earth.

Yours truly,

OMER A. WILLIAMSON.

Burlington, Wash.,
December 9, 1946.

Others' Opinions

ONE IN SIX

North Carolina's highway system is supported almost exclusively by state taxes on automobile fuel. Our tax on gasoline is high, as such taxes go. Only eight states levy an amount equal to, or greater than, the 6 cents which North Carolina charges on every gallon of gasoline.

Who pays these taxes? We do not have at hand any figures which show the distribution of motor vehicles as between rural and urban areas. But it is at least a safe guess that more than one-third of the automobiles in the state are owned and operated by city-dwellers, while in all probability a major portion of gasoline sales are made within the corporate limits of North Carolina communities.

However, the city-dweller enjoys only a fractional return from gasoline taxes in the upkeep of city streets. Each year the highway department allocates one million dollars among the cities. The average motorist uses the highways only on occasion. Most of the gasoline he buys is "burned" on city streets.

For these reasons we think that the League of Municipalities is building a convincing case for a fairer distribution of gasoline taxes in the appeal which it will present to the general assembly. It is seeking one-sixth of the state tax, or one cent of the six cents levied per gallon, for the cities and towns "whose streets earn about 40 per cent of all money the highway department collects."

This is a modest share of a very considerable source of revenue. In recent years the cities have fallen behind the federal and state governments in their ability to tap the flowing tree of taxation. There may come a time when vast and immaculate ribbons of highways surround shoddy city streets. In some parts of North Carolina, indeed, this contrast is already apparent. A fairer apportionment of state gasoline revenues can do much to correct this discrepancy. One cent in six is not an unreasonable tribute to the cause of better city streets.

—Asheville Citizen.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of William A. Dills, 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 11th day of December, 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 December, 1946.

MRS. WILL DILLS,
Administratrix.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS OF SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

J. E. Crisp, administrator of the estate of George W. Crisp

vs

Zittie Crisp, Lula Teems and husband Will Teems, Lizzie Tyler and husband Jess Tyler, Fred Crisp, Nina Guest and husband Cole Guest, Frank Crisp, Homer Stewman, Joan Stewman, Floyd Womack, Joel Womack, Floyd Womack, Jr., Betty Womack and Bobby Womack

The defendants, Betty Womack, Bobby Womack, Floyd Womack, Joel Womack and Floyd Womack, Jr., will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to sell certain land formerly owned by George W. Crisp, to make assets to pay debts; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, on the 30th day of December, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein.

This 29th day of November, 1946.

EDITH C. BYRD,
Ass't Clerk of Superior Court.

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

Sunday:
9:45 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.
Third Sunday,
Morning prayer.
8 p. m.—Second and fourth Sundays, evening prayer.

METHODIST

Franklin Church
The Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt,
Pastor

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
6:30 p. m.—Senior Youth fellowship.
7 p. m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.

Franklin Circuit

The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor

Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday:
11 a. m.—Bethel church.
3 p. m.—Salem church.
7:30 p. m.—Clark's chapel.
Second Sunday:
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.

West Macon Circuit

The Rev. P. E. Bingham, Pastor

Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday:
11 a. m.—Maiden's Chapel.
3 p. m.—Gillespie Chapel.
Second Sunday:
11 a. m.—Mount Zion.
Third Sunday:
11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.
2:30 p. m.—Maiden's Chapel.
Fourth Sunday:
11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

PRESBYTERIAN

Franklin Church
The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans, pastor.

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

CATHOLIC

Franklin
(At John Wasilik's Residence—
Rogers Hill)

The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher,
Pastor
Second Sunday:
8:00 a. m.—Mass.

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.—Preaching on the first, second, and third Sundays.

Tuesday:
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Friendship (Angel) Tabernacle

Sunday:
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
Second Sunday:
3:30 p. m.—Preaching service, conducted by the Rev. V. C. Ramey.

Olive Hill

Sunday:
2 p. m. Sunday school, E. A. Roper, superintendent.

NEGRO

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

Sunday:
11 a. m.—Third 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.—Covee church.
8 p. m.—Green Street church.

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So, starting January 1, we are compelled to ask ministers and servicemen, who have been getting the paper for \$1.50, to pay the \$2 rate.

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