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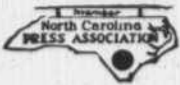
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### Some Obvious Needs

THIS is a fine community, a good place to live. Most of us who live in Macon County realize that, and persons who have lived here and moved elsewhere realize it even more.

No community, however, is so good that it can't be improved. Furthermore, any community that becomes satisfied with itself, that stops trying to improve, immediately starts going downhill.

Like all counties, Macon could well use a lot of improvements. But there are a few things that are so obviously needed it is hard to understand why we haven't done something about them long ago.

Our first need is better schools. That need is fundamental. For the thing that chiefly makes Macon County a good place to live is the character of our citizenship. And no community's citizenship will remain any better, for long, than the quality of its schools.

And because it doesn't make sense for us to work and sacrifice to educate our young people, only to lose them to other sections—and because our youth is as fine as any we could possibly hope to get from elsewhere—the second big need is some action that will make it possible for the majority of our young men and women to remain at home. That will require some long-range planning, based upon a study of what we have, and of how best to utilize what we have.

A third need also has to do with youth. We can't keep our young folk at home merely by providing jobs for them; youth must have fun along with its work. But what have we to offer in this line? In winter, about the only recreation anywhere in this county is pool and the movies. There is nothing wrong with a game of pool in a properly operated pool hall, and most of us enjoy a good movie. But those two things alone certainly lack a lot of being a complete and balanced recreation program.

Another need that is all-too obvious is a bit of cleaning up. If Franklin—and the rest of the county is little better—is judged by strangers by the amount of dirt and waste paper and general lack of orderliness to be seen on its streets and vacant lots, it has a reputation for being just plain dirty. That sort of reputation isn't exactly an asset for an individual, and it certainly doesn't help a town. Moreover, it can quickly destroy our community pride and self-respect.

Macon County needs a definite improvement program, and these four projects are respectfully submitted as a starter—as objectives our public officials and our citizens should start to work on, now:

1. Better schools.
2. County-wide planning so we can keep our youth at home.
3. Recreation facilities.
4. Community cleanliness.

### Round Pegs and Square Holes

It is a tragedy of modern civilization that there are so many excellent round pegs among us who strive, unsuccessfully, all our lives to fit ourselves into square holes. And vice versa. We do our best, but get poor results; whereas we could have made a first class job of our life's work, if we had only known, when we were young, just what our natural capabilities fitted us to do. Or, quite as often, if we had stopped to think a bit, instead of merely taking the first job that was offered.

For the men just out of service, the Veterans Administration is offered scientific help in selecting a vocation. Trained men are giving aptitude tests to the veterans; the tests, in fact, are compulsory for disabled veterans who apply for rehabilitation training.

What is not so well known is that the tests are available to any veteran; and the only cost is a little time. Veterans here who have taken the examination say that the time is well spent; that the tests are complete; that they throw a lot of light on the problem of choosing a vocation; and that the men who give them go a step farther, offering suggestions on the training needed and on where it can

best be obtained.

Macon County veterans interested in this test should see the county veterans service officer, Bill Bryson, at the courthouse, before making the trip to Asheville.

### Others' Opinions

#### WON'T SAVE ANY MONEY

President Truman offers a plan to consolidate the armed forces. To an ordinary layman, it looks like a plan to expand the armed forces. It certainly won't save any money! Probably it is the best the Chief Executive could secure and at the same time preserve a reasonable degree of harmony among the "brass hats."—Labor.

#### IT IS A CRIME

Georgia leads in many good things even if troubled because the man elected Governor died before the Legislature had declared the result.

Its new Constitution properly defines lobbying, which disgraces Washington and North Carolina. The new Constitution of Georgia properly declares:

Lobbying is declared to be a crime, and the general assembly shall enforce this provision.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

#### STILL GOOD

When America was still a youngster in the family of nations, Benjamin Franklin prescribed a cure for inflation ills we might all do well to follow today:

"You point out the true cause of the general distress: the late luxurious mode of living introduced by a too great plenty of cash. It is indeed amazing to consider that we had a quantity sufficient before the war began, and that the war has added immensely to that quantity by the sums spent among us by the government. But I am inclined to think that the mere making more money will not mend our circumstances if we do not return to that industry and frugality which were the fundamental causes of our former prosperity."

—Cleveland Times.

#### WAITING LISTS

Without intending to sound a pessimistic note we refer you to the story on the front page of the last issue of The Mountaineer regarding the decline of job openings in this area and the subsequent number of persons seeking employment.

It does not take most of us very long to recall other years when this reached a serious condition. We sincerely trust that we never reach this stage again, but it will take planning to avoid it. Authorities on the subject are recommending that the communities take action and foresee what may happen, in seeking out industries and encouraging the development of resources at hand. In this way, when the tide of prosperity recedes, we will be ready to meet conditions.

On the other hand this turn in conditions should make all workers realize the advantage of being settled in employment and give their best efforts.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

#### DEATHS IN FOOTBALL

While announcing twenty-one deaths in 1946 attributable directly to football, Dr. Floyd Eastwood, of Purdue University, maintains that participation in football is a less hazardous pastime than hunting, driving an automobile or taking a walk.

The professor says that thirteen fatalities occurred among high school players, five on athletic club teams, two in college play and one a sandlot team. Four other deaths, indirectly resulting from football, were reported for sandlot players.

The doctor who has been making an annual football death survey urges an improvement in football headgear, saying that forty per cent of the fatalities result from brain injuries. He also recommends promotion of safety measures to safeguard high school athletes and suggests better supervision of practice scrimmages and the development of new blocking and tackling dummies.

While there may be something in the doctor's conclusion that football is less hazardous than hunting or driving an automobile, the death list, as reported, does not reveal the full toll of football. There are many injuries to players, some of which constitute a physical handicap for life. While there is little that can be done about the sport, there are many Americans who wonder if it is worth the cost.

—Hertford County Herald.

#### AN ABSURDITY

Extending its greetings to mountain visitor Charles M. Johnson, The Citizen still has no notion of yielding the whole floor to the state treasurer in his persistent, famous and happy advocacy of "home rule" for local governmental units in North Carolina.

Speaking in Asheville Wednesday, Mr. Johnson decorated his favorite theme with an example. Local bills are the bane of legislators. Why must a city or a town run to the general assembly, he asked, merely to get the authority to extend its corporate limits? "Home rule," or rather, the lack of it, is the answer.

We can think of other examples even more pertinent. Last Monday, for instance, the Buncombe county board of commissioners authorized the preparation of a legislative act which would permit the navy to acquire a lease on certain property of Asheville-Biltmore college to erect a naval armory. This is no business and certainly it is no concern, of the general assembly in Raleigh. Yet the legislative process is required by antiquated law.

Gratified as we are with the arrangement which will give this valuable armory a home and a place in the vocational training scheme of our educational system, we deplore the fact that the whole arrangement must be submitted to 170-odd legislators, only four of whom have any concern with the question. But that is the dreary dictate of an absurd system. One day local self government—a withering institution—will rise up against it.—Asheville Citizen.

#### SMALL FARM DECREASE

There is a tendency in agriculture to duplicate the developments of industry. This means the substantial increase in larger farms. Figures show that the average farm is now fifty acres larger than it was twenty-five years ago and twenty acres larger than it was only five years ago. Moreover, the number of farms, 5,860,000 units, is 600,000 less than in 1920 despite an increase of 186,000 acres in the lands included in farms.

In 1920 farms from ten to five hundred acres in size made up two-thirds of all farm land. The figures today show that farms of this size account for only half of the nation's farm land.

The people of McDowell county should be interested in the figures which reflect a trend to larger and fewer farms. Nevertheless, they should not overlook the importance of the ten-to-100 acre farms, which still account for about half of all the farms in the nation. This type farm is often the weakest economic unit but because forty-eight per cent of the farms are of this size, the plight of the small farmer attracts and deserves nationwide attention.

It is too early, as yet, to determine whether agriculture will follow the development of all industry. There was a time when small businesses were the rule, but the process of merger and consolidation has given to large industrial units the predominant place in the productive life of the nation. It may be that agriculture is going through this development, but it will be unfortunate if the process is permitted to kill off our independent small farmers.

Little farms accounts for a large share of all farms—two-thirds in the South, a half in the East, two-fifths in the West and a third in the Midwest. Their problem, under the impact of mechanization and other economic pressure, is to exist in competition with larger farming units. Whether this can be done, in the long run, in connection with the production of staple crops, remains to be seen, but other specialty enterprises have a good chance to succeed.—Marion Progress.

### Smokey Says:



A forest fire CAUSED by a neglected campfire. The EFFECT can be appalling. Hunters and campers, be sure your campfire is out—dead out—before you leave it. Be a good sportsman!

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. W. Blaine, 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 January, 1947.

Arlen Williamson,  
Administrator.

J16-6tp-F20

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA  
MACON COUNTY  
NANTAHALA POWER AND  
LIGHT COMPANY

vs  
JOSEPH FARISH, ALBERT  
CLARK and RUTH CLARK  
ROWE

It appearing from the affidavit of W. C. Penn, Secretary of the NANTAHALA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, petitioner in the above entitled action that Joseph Farish, Albert Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe are not to be found in Macon County, and cannot, after due diligence, be found in the State of North Carolina; and it further appearing that a cause of action in favor of the petitioner, and against the respondents, the same being a proceeding under the power of Eminent Domain for the condemnation of a right-of-way for an electric distribution line over and across lands of the respondents, situated in Macon County, North Carolina, and fully described in the petition of the petitioner on file in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina; and it further appearing that this is one of the cases in which service may be made by publication, for that the respondents are non-residents of the State of North Carolina and own or claim the lands located in Macon County, North Carolina, which the petitioner is seeking to condemn; and it further appearing that the Court has jurisdiction of said cause.

It is, therefore, ordered that service of summons be made upon the said Joseph Farish, Albert Clark and Ruth Clark Rowe, and to that end it is ordered that notice of this special proceeding be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Franklin Press, a weekly newspaper published in Macon County, North Carolina, which said newspaper is the one most likely to give notice of said proceeding to the respondents, setting forth the title of said proceeding, the purpose of same, and requiring the respondents to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, in the Courthouse at Franklin, North Carolina, within ten (10) days after the 17th day of February, 1947, and answer or demur to the petition of the petitioner; and notify them that if they fail so to do the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This the 17th day of January, 1947.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,  
Clerk of Superior Court for  
Macon County, North  
Carolina.  
J23-4tc-F13

#### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of W. A. Shields, 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 31st 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 31st day of January, 1947.  
MRS. W. A. SHIELDS,  
Administratrix.

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## With the Churches

### BAPTIST

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 fellowshipship.

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:

2 p. m.—Malden's Chapel.  
11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.

Second Sunday:

11 a. m.—Mount Zion.  
Third Sunday:

11 a. m.—Gillespie Chapel.  
2 p. m.—Malden'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 Wasilk'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

## JOIN

Bryant Mutual  
Burial Association

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in the County