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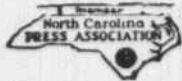
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Not New, But Heartening

STATE Treasurer Charles M. Johnson favors a constitutional amendment to relieve the general assembly of the necessity of passing upon a multitude of purely local matters.

Whether, as The Asheville Citizen suggests, a constitutional amendment is unnecessary to accomplish the purpose, the fact remains that Mr. Johnson has put his finger on a weak spot in North Carolina government. It is a weakness that goes back to the unfortunate conception that counties and towns are mere creatures of the general assembly, subject always to the whim of the state's legislators.

What Mr. Johnson said, in his speech in Asheville the other day, about local self-government is not new. Many North Carolinians long have felt that it is stupid for the general assembly to have to do what should be done back home; and that it is inherently wrong for the assembly to have the authority to determine purely local town and county issues.

Mr. Johnson's remarks, however, are given significance by the fact that he spoke against a background of experience as head of the North Carolina Local Government Commission; they are even more significant because the speaker probably will be the next governor of this state.

"So long as we remain a democracy", the state treasurer declared, "we must teach the first lessons of democracy by placing the responsibility of strictly local affairs directly on local communities."

How far we have moved away from the conception that the people of a community have a right to regulate their own affairs is indicated by a recent ruling of the attorney-general. A town in North Carolina, he held, lacks the authority to fix speed limits on its streets; that, said the attorney-general, is already covered by a state-wide statute.

Furthermore, no municipality in North Carolina, under the law, is permitted to put a budget into effect or levy a tax without approval of the Local Government Commission. And, as is generally known, no county or city may issue bonds—regardless of the will of the local people, on whom rests the responsibility of paying those bonds—without approval of the commission.

It is possible that this latter is a good law, in practice, but there are many Tar Heels who heartily dislike the idea that a paternalistic commission in Raleigh "knows best" what is good for our communities.

The main fault, of course, has been not in the constitution, nor even in the general assembly; the chief responsibility for the loss of local self-government lies with local officials and the people themselves, who have permitted concentration of authority in Raleigh.

It is heartening, therefore, to have a candidate for governor come out in favor of some restoration of local government to the local governments, because he undoubtedly is responding to a considerable body of public opinion.

Historic Spot

The old cemetery in the Franklin Methodist churchyard, neglected over a period of years, has become a veritable wilderness of trees, briars, weeds, and trash. If it is true that there is something a little indecent about a neglected cemetery, then there is nothing about this old cemetery to make Franklin very proud.

Quite aside from the respect due the dead, it is one of the historical spots of Macon County. Men and women who were prominent in the early history of this county—some of them the progenitors of families prominent in many states today—are buried there; much of the early history of Macon County could be learned by examination of the tombstones. How far back it records local history is indicated by the fact that, in one corner, are the graves of slaves.

The cemetery is situated on a hill that commands a wide sweep of the mountains, and because of the natural beauty of its setting and its rich historical background, it easily could be made a beauty spot

that would draw local persons and visitors alike.

And a committee of Methodist women, with Miss Harriett Kennebrew serving as treasurer, has set out to make it just that. Already they have raised more than \$100 of the \$300 to \$400 necessary to put it in first class condition, and no doubt they will receive a cooperation that is literally nation-wide; for probably in everyone of the 48 states are persons who have ancestors or relatives buried there.

Family Reunion Time

This is family reunion time, and a good custom it is.

None of us is so sure of himself that it doesn't help to know he is a member of a family with achievement to its credit. And none of us but is so lonely that it helps to feel that there are a few people in the world on whom we have a special claim, that of kinship.

It is good to relax and jest around an outdoor table groaning under its load of good things to eat; good to know that your mother or your wife was the architect of that special dish that proved so popular; good to get acquainted again with the uncles and aunts and nephews and nieces and cousins; good to recount old times.

Half a century ago, at the Siler family meetings, the elders often shook their heads and said, "There won't be many more family meetings; the young people aren't interested". And those young people, the elders now, are inclined to feel the same way today.

But the Siler meetings, and other long-time reunions, have gone on, and grown. And the idea of such annual family gatherings, happily, has spread, until today the August-September season has become family reunion time in many parts of the country.

... LETTERS ...

SMOKIES POPULAR IN WEST

Dear Sir:

Inclosed is a clipping from the Lodi (Calif.) News-Sentinel. Being a former North Carolinian, I thought maybe the people of Western North Carolina would like knowing that the Smoky Mountains rate out here in California too.

Since I have also visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, I know the visitors enjoyed their trip through it. I also hope I can return to Western North Carolina and take my husband and family through it sometime soon.

I receive The Press out here and enjoy it like a letter from the folks.

Sincerely,
MRS. J. L. MCKINDLEY

Lockeford, Calif.

(NOTE: The clipping from the Lodi newspaper which Mrs. McKindley inclosed points out that none of the Western national parks is first in popularity, but the Smoky park in North Carolina and Tennessee.—Editor.)

A MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Dear Editor:

I notice with much interest the latest plans for a permanent memorial to our World War heroes. I am in complete accord with any movement to honor the boys who died in both wars.

If we are to do our duty, the people of Macon County, with the assistance of other sources, will build and maintain a non-profit hospital with a room dedicated to each boy who gave his life for his country.

Notice how our wealth has increased in the last few years. This wealth is dripping with the blood of our home boys who died because our freedom needed defending.

Everyone knows how we hated a slacker during the war. They won the war. Are we going to be slackers now? I say we can't do less than build a non-profit hospital with a room dedicated to each one who gave his life in this conflict.

I would like to hear personally or through the columns of The Press from each parent, wife, or relative of each boy who was killed in World War II, if they are willing to loose some time and sweat to accomplish this hospital. We can do it.

Let's start now to build better schools, better roads, better churches, and above all, let's live, breathe and struggle in memory of those who died that we might continue to be free men.

Yours,
WEIMAR COCHRAN

Flats, N. C.
August 11, 1947.

Others' Opinions

LIVE WHILE YOU DRIVE

At 45 miles per hour, sing "Highways are Happy Ways."
At 55 miles per hour, sing "I'm But a Stranger here, Heaven is My Home."

At 65 miles per hour, sing "Near My God to Thee."
At 75 miles per hour, sing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder, I'll be There."

At 85 miles per hour, sing "Lord, I'm Coming Home."
—N. C. Coal Association Bulletin.

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

In a few weeks, the children of McDowell county will be going back to school to engage in the vital process of acquiring an education.

The people of the United States are unusually generous in their support of public education. Their faith in the value of their school system is tremendous. Large public funds are freely poured out every year to support the American system of free public schools.

It is important, if this money is not to be wasted, that those connected with the school system understand the necessity of their personal contribution to its success. Schools should never be regarded as factories through which raw material can be paraded into a finish product.

Children represent plastic material, are subject to many difficulties which adults often misunderstand and the development of an educated human being from a trusting and ignorant child, is a task which challenges the best talents of any adult.

It might not be amiss to observe that, despite the tremendous sums spent for public education, every generation finds itself confronted with the task of enlarging the scope of public schooling. It seems, upon the surface, that the process of the years would develop an educated race, but if one analyzes the birth statistics, especially the fact that the less fortunate segment of the population provides most of the children, it is easy to understand why the process of education can never end.—Marion Progress.

With the Churches

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

Sunday:
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7:00 p. m.—Training union.
8:00 p. m.—Worship.

Wednesday:
8:00 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.
7 p. m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.
7 p. m.—Senior Youth Fellowship.
8 p. m.—Union Worship every other Sunday.

Franklin Circuit
The Rev. D. P. Grant, pastor

Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday:
11 a. m.—Bethel.
3 p. m.—Salem church.
8:00 p. m.—Clark's chapel.

Second Sunday:
11 a. m.—Snow Hill church.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
8:00 p. m.—Iotia church.

Third Sunday:
11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.
3 p. m.—Salem.
8:00 p. m.—Bethel.

Fourth Sunday:
11 a. m.—Iotia.
3 p. m.—Louisa chapel.
8:00 p. m.—Snow Hill.

West Macon Circuit
The Rev. P. E. Bingham, Pastor

Preaching services as follows:
First Sunday:
11 a. m.—Malden'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.—Malden's Chapel.

Fourth Sunday:
11 a. m.—Mount Zion.

PRESBYTERIAN
Franklin Church
The Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor

Sunday:
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
8 p. m.—Union worship every other Sunday.

Wednesday:
8 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

CATHOLIC
Franklin
(At John Wasilik's Residence—Rogers Hill)
The Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, Pastor

Sunday:
8:00 a. m.—Mass.

CHURCH OF GOD
Prentiss
The Rev. H. L. Helms, pastor

Sunday:
10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Worship.
7 p. m.—Young People's Endeavor.
7:30 p. m.—Evangelistic service.

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.

River Bend
Sunday:
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
3:30 p. m.—Preaching Fourth Sunday, conducted by the Rev. V. C. Ramey.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

Olive Hill
Sunday:
2 p. m. Sunday school, E. A. Roper, superintendent.
3 p. m.—Preaching Third Sunday.

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)

Smokey Says:



Fishing is fun—but don't take away the fun by carelessly burning up the woods.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of R. S. O'Mohundro, 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 21st day of July, 1947, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 21st day of July, 1947.
MRS. R. S. O'MOHUNDRO, Administratrix
J24—6tc—A28

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator C. T. A., of D. McCoy, 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 8th day of August, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 8th day of August, 1947.
Wm. L. McCOY, Administrator.
A14—6tc—S18

LAND EXCHANGE NOTICE

Whitewater River Lumber Company has applied for exchange under act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1215) offering 14,200 acres described as:

All those tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Jackson and Transylvania Counties, North Carolina, on the Headwaters of Horsepasture, Chattooga, Whitewater and Thompson Rivers, tributaries of the Savannah River, being the same land conveyed to Whitewater River Lumber Company by Martha J. O'Connor, et al., by deed dated May 18, 1932, recorded in Jackson County, North Carolina in Book 118, at page 93, excepting such parcels as may have been conveyed from the boundaries described in said deed, in exchange for not to exceed an equal value of national forest timber from those areas of approximately 10,522 lying and being in Macon and Clay Counties, North Carolina, on the waters of Roaring Fork and Jarretts Creeks, tributaries of Nantahala River and Fires Creek, tributary of Hiwassee River being portions of Forest Service tracts Nos. 20 No. 1, 20j, 25h, 4, 4ib, 4l, 46, 66, 17f, 200d, 134b, 265, 788, 134l, 350il, and 698. 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 September 22, 1947.
A21—4tc—S12

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of C. A. Setser, 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 12th day of August, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 12th day of August, 1947.
NORA SETSER, Administratrix.
A21—6tp—S25

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Phone 164 or 174

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.