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Judges and Juries

JUDGE HENRY L. STEVENS, JR., would abolish all juries, grand and petit.

In his charge to the Macon County grand jury last week, he advocated a constitutional amendment to permit substitution of three-judge courts for trial juries. Such a system, Judge Stevens argued, would reduce the number of petty cases coming into court, speed up court procedure, and cut down the cost of administering justice. In short, it would be efficient.

He might have gone a step farther, if efficiency is to be our goal, and suggested adoption of the methods of the Nazis. Theirs was the quickest, the cheapest, and the surest method so far devised; by eliminating court trials altogether, they attained the maximum of efficiency.

While Judge Stevens does not, of course, advocate such extreme measures, he appears to have fallen into two Nazi-like ways of thinking that are quite common today.

The first is assuming that efficiency is an end in itself. It is not, Efficiency is nothing more nor less than a method of doing something, a technique; when it becomes more than a secondary detail, we have the cart before the horse.

The second is assuming that democracies are built for speed and efficiency. They are not. If those are the things we chiefly want from our courts and our government, the intelligent course is to adopt a totalitarian form of government.

For democracies are built for one thing, and one only-freedom.

Judge Stevens feels that a three-judge court would bring to the trial of a case more intelligence and less prejudice than a jury.

Perhaps.

But most juries, with all their faults, do their best to reach a verdict that is just. And most judges, with all their virtues, see the trees of justice only through the dense forest of legal technicalities.

A Good Day's Work

That was a good day's work the Franklin Lions club and the county commissioners did last week.

The county owns a lot, ultimately intended as the site for a courthouse, but now unused-grown up, in fact, in weeds, and littered with trash.

Meanwhile, the Macon County community is sadly in need of play facilities for its young people. (And old ones, too, for that matter!)

Somebody had the imagination to link those two things together, an unused public lot and the need for playgrounds.

As a result, the Lions have been given permission to develop the county property as a park and playground, for use by everybody, and to so use it until such time as the county needs the site.

Both the commissioners and the Lions are due the community's appreciation for far-sightedness and public spirit.

The Highlands Players

Nothing so brings people together, in understanding and appreciation of one another, as working together on some common project. For that reason, the Little Theatre movement is well worth while, quite aside from its great cultural and recreational values.

The Highlands Community Theatre has proved such a leavening influence, since it brings together in its cast both year-'round the summer residents of Highlands. And last Friday night the Highlands players went a step farther by coming to Franklin with their 1947 production, under auspices of the Rotary club here.

As a result, people of the Franklin community who attended the polished performance not only learned what the Highlands Community Theatre is, but came away feeling a little closer to Highlands. And the Highlands players must feel a bit closer to Franklin for the enthusiastic reception their work was given here. (Quite incidentally, some of them probably learned for the first time what sort of a courthouse they have. The word "they" is used intentionally; for the courthouse, of

course, isn't Franklin's, it belongs to all the people of the entire county.)

The Highlands Community Theatre, now eight years old, has become something of a Macon County institution. It deserves to live long and prosper. The only thing that could be better would be two such groups, the second in Franklin or some other Macon County community.

The Baby Is A Girl

A recent experience of the Press inevitably recalls the old story of another newspaper's errors in reporting a reunion of Civil War veterans. In that case, the editor intended to refer to the chief speaker as "battle scarred", but, due to a typographical error, he was described as "bottle scar-The following week, the paper apologized and attempted to correct the error by reprinting the phrase, correctly this time, but, when the paper came out, the printer had made it read "battle scared."

Two weeks ago the Press announced the birth of a son, Carl Thomas, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas, of Otto. Actually, the baby is a girl, named Janice Lee.

That error was not ours; it was the information

But last week, when the Press attempted to make a correction, the correction unfortunately read:

"Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas, of Otto, have announced the birth of a daughter, Janice Lee, July 7 at Angel clinic. The Press last week erroneously said that the baby was a girl." (That's the whole trouble; we didn't say it was a girl.)

That was our error. Furthermore, the evidence doesn't even permit the editorial staff to shift the blame to the typesetter or the proofreader!

Recalling the axiom, "If at first you don't succeed . . . ", we try again:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas' baby is a girl, born August 17, at Angel clinic. The baby's name is Janice

To the parents we offer our profound regrets. And to Janice Lee herself we extend the hope that, in later years, she will be somewhat compensated for these errors by being able to boast to playmates that she probably is the first baby in history to have her arrival chronicled by a newspaper in its editorial column.

Others' Opinions

THE CHURCH AND RECREATION

Many country churches are at least twenty years behind the times on the subject of recreation. Many a good Christian farmer shudders at the mere mention of recreation. The church was not established for recreation, but to save sinners! No Christian will deny that, but by attracting these sinners to the church by wholesome recreation the country churches are more likely to win them from the world and to the Lord. Yet many a country church member would want to change preachers if he should catch the one he has playing baseball with a bunch of boys. Funny when some of us grow a little older we forget we ever were young.—Rutherford County News.

TAXES AND SCHOOLS

An early survey conducted by Popular Government, official publication of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, of 22 of North Carolina's 100 counties studied to date, revealed that 11 we're increasing the total county tax rate; nine were holding to last year's and two were reducing the rate.

Interestingly enough, all 11 of the counties increasing their rates reported it was due to basic school costs, Haywood was in the list of those increasing, and the reason, as stated before, was the necessity for a colored school this year. Most of the new rates were from 10 to 50 cents per hundred. Haywood's increase was 20 cents.

Two eastern counties reduced their rates, the report showed. Onslow cut from 90 cents to 60 cents, and Sampson from

Only a brief study of the crowded school conditions is necessary to show that something has to be done to take care of the situation, and it is a matter that cannot be delayed any longer. And when taxes have to be increased for more adequate school facilities, there is seldom, if ever, any grumbling.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

IDIOTIC IS THE WORD

The word that best describes North Carolina's policy of forcing the retirement of state employees at the age of 70 is: idiotic.

Employees is a broad word. It covers everybody in the pay of the state from a University professor or a scientific investigator down to a ditch digger or a floor sweeper. It covers a good many people who ought to be retired at 70 and a good many who ought not to be, who are still in full vigor at that age and would have five or ten or fifteen years of excellent service ahead of them if they were not shoved aside by a stupid

My acquaintance causes me to be specially interested in the state employees embraced in the category of University pro-fessors. I do not mean that I am interested in them because of their own pocketbooks and their own pleasure. I mean I am interested in them because of the high quality of instruction, and the inspiration, that they are qualified to give the students In the University. For example, there are R. E. Coker, Hardin Craig, and George Coffin Taytor. (I am not here attempting to list all the men whose capabilities support my thesis; I am just naming some, at or around 70, whom I happen to think of at the moment.) And there is Roulhac Hamliton, whose remarkable achievement in collecting historical material has made him famous among historians and other scholars all over the United States and whose work depends so much on personal ties that it cannot possibly be taken over, for a long time to come, by anybody else.

The edict has come from a bunch of bureaucrats in Raleigh that, beginning a year from now, state employees, MUST be retired at 70. Spell it in capital letters and get the measure of the depth of asininity to which a government can descend. Of course the sensible and decent thing to do is to make distinctions between persons who ought to be retired at 70 and persons who ought not to be. Naturally this cannot be done with absolute accuracy and justice. There are bound to be some errors of judgment, as in any human undertaking. But that is no reason for dodging the task It may make high executives and governing board members uncomfortable to make distinctions between men who are, in many cases, their friends. But the state did not create its institutions and departments for the purpose of making the persons who run them com-fortable.—Chapel Hill Weekly.

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. Second and fourth Sundays, Ævening 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 fel-

lowship
— Union Worship
every other Sunday. 8 p. m. 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.—Iotla church.
Third Sunday:
11 a. m.—Clark's chapel.
3 p. m.—Salem.
8:00 p. m.—Bethel. Fourth Sunday:

11 a. m.—Iotla. 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.—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. PRESBŸTERIAN

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

Bunday: 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 :30 p. m.-Evangelistic service. INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

Sloan's Chapel Sunday:

-Preaching on the first, second, third Sundays. ruesday:

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

11 a. m. -Third Sunday, Holy communion. First and second Sundays, 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;

National Forest Timber

For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina up to and not later than 2:00 P. M. September 15, 1947 and opened immediately thereafter for all live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchant-able dead timber located on an area embracing about 250 acres within the Stevens and Crow Creeks Unit, Cullasaja River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 300,000 feet B. M. more or less of hardwoods. No bids of less than \$24.00 per M. for yellow poplar; \$14.00 per M. for white oak and northern red oak; \$13.00 per M. for basswood; \$7.00 per M. for maple and birch; \$6.00 per for chestnut oak; \$4.00 per M. for black oak and scarlet oak; \$3.00 per M. for chestnut and hemlock will be considered. In addition to prices bid for stumpage, a deposit of \$1.00 per M. fee for all timber cut will be required for sale area bet-terment. \$500 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to tions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning timber, the conditions of sale and the submission bids of should be obtained from the

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE Having qualified as adminis-tratrix 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.

Franklin,

Forest Supervisor,

North Carolina.

A14 and A28-2tc

This 12th day of August, 1947. NORA SETSER

Administratrix. A21-6tp-S25 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, White-water and Thompson Rivers, water 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 ap-proximately 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 first, second, third, and fifth Sundays.

p. m.—Preaching on the fourth Sunday on the fourth Sunday. 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 ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as adminis-trator 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 ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as adminis-tratrix of R. S. O'Mohundro, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the cstate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said 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

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