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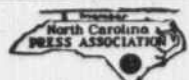
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### The Fourth Horseman

**D**ISEASE, automobiles, war, and fire. Those are man's worst enemies, and probably in that order.

And of these Four Horsemen, fire is the evil least necessary. Most fires we have need never have occurred; they could easily have been prevented by a little forethought and care.

The nation's fire loss usually is divided into property loss and loss of life. But, actually, they can hardly be separated. For every building, large or small, that goes up in flame and smoke represents not only wealth, but life—the time and labor or men; the expenditure of a part of their lives.

This week, by Presidential proclamation, is Fire prevention week, and it is one of the few "weeks" we have that really deserve attention.

As this is written, no plans have been announced for a community-wide observance. But that doesn't greatly matter. After all, it is largely an individual matter.

When have you checked on the condition of your electrical wiring? How long since you have inspected your flues? Are your attic and cellar piled full of inflammable material? Do you start fires with kerosene?

These and a score of other details warrant a few minutes' thought, a little bit of time. Giving them that thought and attention, now, may not only mean that you will have a roof over your head tomorrow. It may mean, too, that you still will have all of your family tomorrow.

### The Mountain Echo

Our compliments to The Mountain Echo, publication of the Franklin High school.

It is a revival of a school paper of the same name of some years ago, and thus not only will prove of interest to students and parents of the school today, but will stir fond memories among former students of F. H. S.

We offer congratulations to the students and the faculty both on the decision to resume publication and on the quality of the first issue. The Echo's hundreds of readers will look forward with pleasure to the October number.

### Come, Come, Gentlemen!

The Fritz case drags on. And the farther it goes, the worse it smells.

Mr. Fritz, as principal of the Hudson school in Caldwell county, used poor judgment, to say the least, when he padded the school's pay roll in order to pay teachers for extra work for which the state provides no funds. Even though he made prompt and full restitution, he probably deserved punishment.

And he has been punished. When the State Board of Education revoked his teaching certificate, it deprived him of his means of earning a living. And it made quite certain he was deprived of that means by going out of its way to tell the Caldwell county board of education that the contract that board had signed with Fritz to teach this year was void.

That was back in August. And ever since the State Board has held over Fritz the threat of criminal prosecution—but has persistently failed to carry out that threat.

The crime, if any, was committed in Caldwell county. That county has a grand jury. And the district that county lies in has a solicitor. But the State Board has not been content to leave criminal action to the local authorities. It initiated steps toward criminal action by turning the record over to the attorney-general. And the attorney-general has conferred with Solicitor R. L. Farthing.

But before criminal proceedings are instituted, Mr. Farthing has asked the State Board to do three things: Go on record as favoring criminal prosecution; designate some person representing the board to sign a warrant; and request the governor to provide funds to employ an attorney to assist in the prosecution.

In other words, Solicitor Farthing has passed the buck to the State Board of Education. And the board, at its meeting last week, passed the buck to a committee from its membership, with instructions to report a month hence.

Meanwhile, Mr. Fritz is in the unenviable position

### The Voice of Autumn

I walk alone through the forest  
Where man ne'er before has trod,  
Where no voice has broken the silence  
Except for the Voice of God.

And the Voice is seen and not spoken,  
And its tones are amber and gold,  
And it speaks with the silence unbroken  
Of truths that no mortal has told.

The wood with its streams and its mountains  
And its wilds where man has not trod,  
And the amber and gold of the autumn,  
Are they not the Voice of God?

—GILMER A. JONES.

of being publicly stigmatized, with the right to defend himself in court repeatedly delayed.

Why all this to-do and delay and buck passing? What Mr. Fritz did appears to be common knowledge. Does it warrant criminal action? If so, a little courage, gentlemen! Whom do you fear? Get him into court and try him.

If not, a little fairness, gentlemen! Must you utterly destroy the man? Persecution ill becomes men in your position.

### Others' Opinions

#### AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

The Franklin Press has been intelligently and patriotically urging the people of Macon County—it applies to all other counties, particularly in agricultural sections—to insure opportunities to returning veterans and other young men by establishing, or helping them to establish needed industries. Young men do not leave North Carolina because they lack love for their native state. They go, in the main, because they do not see at home the openings which they think invite them to far away cities. There is no good reason why ambitious young men should not be aided to establish small industries to make what the people need. As long as we depend only on the returns from our cotton and peanuts and tobacco unprocessed, we shall say of tomorrow what Governor Graham said in the fifties, "Emigration has been our bane".

The Press quotes the example of the town of Decatur, Alabama, as related in The American Mercury by Paul W. Chapman.

The town depended mainly on cotton, and with no factories many of its young men sought jobs elsewhere. One day the people woke up and adopted as the town slogan "A Market for Every Farm Product 365 Days A Year." They didn't end, as has so often been done, with talk. Here was what the town of Decatur did:

1. It established a meat curing plant that processed meat. Last year it paid local farmers \$314,000 for livestock.
  2. It established a cheese plant on a capital of \$15,000, the stock taken in small amounts by many people. It paid six per cent dividend and the plant is now worth \$75,000. It provided a market for the milk of the farmers, the amount they received during the last year was \$255,000. The local milk and products plants now furnish jobs in the town for over 100 workers.
  3. A fertilizer factory was organized, most of the stock taken by farmers, with a capital of \$10,300. In less than ten years it earned for the farmer-owner \$237,000 and is now valued at \$225,000. It manufactured fertilizer used by 2,500 farms.
  4. Last year the same company went into the seed business, built a plant at a cost of \$40,000. It succeeded and is building a mill to cost \$125,000 which will turn out 100 tons of mixed feed in eight hours and will be able to turn out from 15 to 20 cars of feed daily.
  5. Factories were built that convert trees into cabinets, boats, brooms and other forest products. Last year they paid farmers \$493,000 for forest products. One of these—the Decatur Box and Basket Company—employs 75 men and women in making containers for fruits, vegetables and flowers.
  6. It secured the location of a flour mill which has the capacity to convert 150,000 bushels of grain into flour and feed each month.
  7. It has built the Decatur Oil Mills, which paid last year \$450,000 to the growers of peanuts; a poultry plant which handles 12,000 chickens daily; the Iron and Steel Company, Southeastern Metals.
- What followed these steps in those plants? Employment was given to 4,143 men and women who last year received \$6,500,000 in wages.
- When the program was launched, Decatur's population was 13,593. It has grown to nearly 20,000.
- How did Decatur do this? Maynard Layman, a leader, said: "We talked about it constantly, worked hard and accepted all the aid we could get. But very early in the game we learned that we had to accept responsibility for building our community; others would not do it."
- What that town in Alabama, which stood still before it converted the raw materials into the finished product, has done, every town and city in North Carolina can do. The banks are full of overflowing with idle money, most of which ought to be employed in small industries which would grow.
- We have talked about doing what Decatur has done. Now is the time to follow its example.—News and Observer.

#### HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

Many years ago, public schools began each morning with a chapel program and the singing of "Dixie". Following the famous old song, the speaker of the morning would begin with the stereotyped phrase: "I am glad to look into your smiling faces..."

The enthusiasm the students put into singing "Dixie" seemed to start the day off right. For many it was the awakening song, for others it put them in a mental attitude for the day's work ahead.

Today's arrangers of musical programs seem to have completely forgotten all about "Dixie" and leave it to a few minstrel shows to drag it out from the bottom of the music chest. "Dixie" has more melody, more inspiration than the average modern piece of music that the world listens to.

We don't think we are going to the extreme when we venture to say that there are many students today who could not name "Dixie" if they ever heard the tune played.

No other song has inspired so many Southerners as has "Dixie," so why not revive it as the theme song of the South?  
—Waynesville Mountaineer.

#### VACATION TRAVEL FIGURES

Figures from the recent New York Times travel survey are of interest to N. C. It shows that New Yorkers:

- Prefer July as vacation time (32 per cent), second choice August (22 per cent), and third June (14 per cent).
  - Spend two weeks (33 per cent) or three weeks (22 per cent).
  - Spend between \$200 and \$500 (35 per cent).
  - Go mostly to Middle Atlantic states (21 per cent); New England (19 per cent); West Coast (17 per cent), and southeast (10 per cent).
  - But 52 per cent of them hope to take a vacation outside the U. S. before the end of 1948.
- While New York is a fairly good travel market for N. C., judging from hotel registrations, inquiries and other evidence, we believe we are handicapped by the fact that the majority of New Yorkers prefer train travel over auto travel, whereas with few exceptions our resorts are most easily accessible and enjoyed from an auto.—State News Bureau.

The saying that beauty is but skin deep is but a skin deep saying.—Herbert Spencer.

### Smooky Says:



The damage to a woodland burned is far worse than the damage the boll weevils killed, could possibly do.

#### LEGAL ADVERTISING

##### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Sheridan N. Reed, 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 5th day of September, 1948, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 5th day of September, 1947.  
W. L. REED,  
Administrator.

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##### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. Emma Childers, 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 13th day of September, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 13th day of September, 1947.

J. R. CHILDERS,  
Administrator

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##### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of A. F. Brown, 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 25th day of September, 1948 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 25th day of September, 1947.

MRS. GRACE BROWN,  
Administratrix.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

NORTH CAROLINA  
MACON COUNTY  
ETHEL MARTIN

VS.  
DAN MARTIN

The defendant, Dan Martin, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County for the purpose of securing a divorce from bed and board by the plaintiff, Ethel Martin, and for the purpose of securing the custody of the infant child, John Martin.

Said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, on the 7th day of November, 1947, and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

The defendant will further take notice that the plaintiff will, in the December term, 1947, request the Court to enter an order awarding the custody of John Martin to the plaintiff.

This 3rd day of October, 1947.

J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,  
Clerk of Superior Court,  
Macon County, North Carolina

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Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina, up to and not later than 2:00 p. m. November 10, 1947 and opened immediately thereafter for all live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable dead timber located on an area embracing about 1000 acres within the Poplar Cove and Turkey Pen Creek Unit, Nantahala River watershed, Macon County, Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina, estimated to be 1,000,000 feet B. M. more or less of hardwoods and softwoods. No bid of less than \$20.00 per M, for yellow poplar; \$19.00 per M for black cherry and maple; \$16.00 per M, for ash, basswood, cucumber, northern red oak and white oak; \$7.00 per M for birch, black oak and chestnut oak; \$6.00 per M for yellow pine; \$5.00 per M for beech, black locust, scarlet oak and southern red oak; \$3.00 per M for butternut, hickory and hemlock; \$1.00 per M for buckeye, silverbell and black gum will be considered. In addition to prices bid for stumpage, a deposit of \$1.00 per M feet for all timber cut will be required for sale area betterment. \$1000 must be deposited with each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded, or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, North Carolina. O9 and O23-2tc

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