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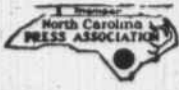
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### Indefensible

The halting of Macon County's beer-wine election by court order is an indefensible interference with the right of the people to express themselves upon an issue of public policy.

There probably is no one who will question the legality of what has happened. The group which sought and obtained the injunction had a perfect right to question the legal validity of the petition which prompted calling the election, and to employ counsel to take the matter into court. The attorney in the case was simply representing a client, as any attorney has a right to do. And the judge, since he found legal evidence of irregularities in the petition, presumably had no choice but temporarily to enjoin the county board of elections from holding the election.

It was all according to the strict letter of the law.

But whatever the technical imperfections of the petition, nobody doubts that 15 per cent of the qualified voters of this county wanted the election held.

By resorting to a pure technicality of the law, the group which obtained this injunction has thwarted an expression of the popular will.

That is not in keeping with either the theory of the practice of democracy.

### Keeping Up With The Joneses

There's more to the phrase, "keeping up with the Joneses", than appears on the surface. For, while it is true that we often do needless and even foolish things in an effort to keep up with the neighbors, it is even truer than most of our progress results from shame at letting others outstrip us.

That applies to communities as well as to individuals. And a glance at newspapers published in other Western North Carolina towns suggests some comparisons with Franklin.

Forest City will vote March 1 on a \$500,000 bond issue to provide an adequate, long-time gravity water system. (Incidentally, the Forest City dispatch points out that "since the bond issue . . . is for a necessary function . . . the vote will not be against the registration. . . . Only a majority of those who vote will be necessary. . . .") And our neighbor to the south, Clayton, is building a similar system.

Meanwhile, Franklin has decided to dig another well, a measure that admittedly is a makeshift, temporary arrangement; one that probably will prove more expensive in the long run than something based on long-time planning.

The agricultural committee of the Waynesville chamber of commerce, apparently quite active, has just met to outline the chamber's agricultural projects for 1948.

In Franklin, so far as is known, it's been a long, long time since any chamber of commerce committee met.

At Sylva the director of public school music has announced that uniforms have been ordered for the 44 members of the school band.

Where is Franklin's school band? Where, for that matter, is Franklin's public school music teacher?

### Unfair

A lot of Southern Democrats are aroused by President Truman's civil rights program. But where, ask conservative party members, a little fearfully, can Southern Democrats go?

An independent Southern political party, they explain, would be impotent, and the Republicans are quite as avid as Mr. Truman in bidding for the Northern Negro vote.

Both statements are indisputable. But it is even truer that, so long as the South tamely submits to the baiting that has been its lot in recent years, and to being ignored politically, as it has been for decades, it not only will get nothing it wants—it will lose even the respect of people in other regions.

There is but one answer—a big enough independent vote in the South to throw this region's electoral votes to the Republican party occasionally. If neither party is sure of the South, both will pay court to this region.

The Democrats probably have nothing to fear this year, however, for to most Southern Democrats the one, outstanding issue of the times is international relations, and most of them are terrified

of the isolationism still found in the Republican party.

That is what is so unfair about the whole crusade in behalf of the Negro. During the war, the crusaders took advantage of the South's known patriotism to attempt to force upon it, during a time of crisis, revolutionary changes in its social customs. And today Mr. Truman, taking advantage of the South's known, deep-seated internationalism, and the Southern conviction that the internationalists' best hope lies in the Democratic party, is attempting to force more of the same thing.

## LETTERS

### FOR MORE MEDICAL AID

Friends of Macon County:

I have an idea that I think would benefit the people needing medical assistance in this county.

It is common knowledge, I believe, that the church people of this state help maintain the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem and other church hospitals. I doubt if there is a church in the county that fails to send something to one of these church hospitals.

Of course the church hospitals are a grand thing and help hundreds of people who find it hard to pay for medical care. However, these hospitals can't take care of all those who need aid. It is reported that people from our section have been turned away after making the trip down the state to a hospital.

We all know that the people of Macon County are extremely fortunate in the doctors and hospital facilities this county has. Though these doctors are generous and help many who can't pay them, there still are people who do not get the care they need.

Here is my idea: Why don't we who take part in church work ask our churches in this county to set aside certain times to take up collections to go into a fund to aid those of our county who need medical care but are unable to pay their way? A system might be worked out so that no patient would be accepted without papers from the church in his community; also that patients should be sent only as the funds were available to bear their expenses.

Let's hear from others. Would this work? What do you people of Macon County think?

Sincerely,

MRS. LESLIE YOUNG.

Ellijay, N. C.  
Feb. 11, 1948.

### A PLEA FOR ROADS

Editor, The Press:

The letter and editorial on "A Neglected Spot" remind me of our old saying, "the groundhog hibernates and sleeps until spring, and gets out with things on his mind".

The people of the Nantahalas have been sleeping for years and taken for granted too much. But spring will soon be here, and people of the western part of Macon County are beginning to thaw out (along with the roads), and have things on their minds.

The people of Macon County should know the facts:  
Fact No. 1. The only outlet road for this region—the Wayah road from Kyle to Nantahala—was built with a \$20,000 bond issue voted and paid for by the people of Nantahala Townships Nos. 1 and 2. Since that time, millions of board feet of timber and millions of cords of wood have been taken out of that part of the Nantahala National Forest that lies in the two Nantahalas, and practically all of it has gone over the Wayah road to Franklin or Nantahala.

Fact No. 2. The two Nantahalas have a record unequalled by any township in North Carolina in the prevention of forest fires. These people cooperate to the fullest extent possible—but all it has gotten them is neglect for 20 years.

Fact No. 3. These roads are worn out, and at present it is impossible to get over them without chains or the use of a tractor.

Fact No. 4. With the roads in their present condition, no doctor would come into our section, and it would be practically a physical impossibility to get a sick person out to a doctor.

With roads for the Nantahala townships, all Macon County would profit, either directly or indirectly. This region would feed the business of Franklin between \$15,000 and \$30,000 yearly, most of which adjoining counties now get.

We feel that we are a part of Macon County and its people. Good roads would unite this forgotten spot with the rest of Macon County.

But we have contacted the county commissioners and the county board of education, and have presented one petition, which was signed by approximately 1,300 citizens, for a road across Tellico to Lost Bridge. This road, consisting of about eight miles, could be built with few changes, would link these two places together, and would put the people of the Nantahalas on the way toward becoming really a part of Macon County.

The people of the Nantahalas would like opinions, friendly cooperative or political, expressed through letters to The Press, or even letters to persons who would use their influence to accomplish these needs.

We asked for bread, and ye gave us a stone. We asked for some rock on the bad spots on the state road, and ye gave us bridge load-limit signs. Until we have better roads, there is no danger of our overloading the state's bridges!

C. MAY.

Flats, N. C.  
February 14, 1948.

## Others' Opinions

### TRUMAN'S SOUTHERN 'DOCTRINE'

Southern governors, meeting in Florida, failed to follow through on predictions they would start an outright Dixie revolt against the National Democratic party by calling a Southern Convention.

Instead, they did what thousands of their constituents have been doing since President Truman's 10-point "civil rights" program was announced; they let off a lot of indignant steam.

There is plenty of room for indignation over a Democratic president who slaps his party's Southern supporters in the face with Negrophile mackerel.

But indignation and action are a couple of different matters, and the governors refrained from political secession. Instead, they wisely adopted a resolution presented by this state's Governor Thurmond which provides a 40-day "cooling off" period before another meeting. In effect the resolution said: "Let's wait and see."

Perhaps the governors remembered 1944. That was the year in which both parties—Democratic and Republican—adopted high-sounding platforms which included most of the unsavory stuff President Truman asked the other day.

The governors remembered, probably, that Truman is advocating nothing more than the late President Roosevelt—and the governors and their Democratic constituents supported Roosevelt.—Anderson (S. C.) Independent.

If only our citizens could come to understand that there is no one solution to the problems before the world, and that each of us, in solving the problems of citizenship in our own community to the best of our ability, is contributing to the final solution of the big problem.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### Smokey Says:



If everybody would just stop to think before pitching out cigarettes or matches—it would save thousands of acres of woodlands from going up in smoke.

### LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of John H. Thomas, 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 7th day of January, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 7th day of January, 1948.

LILLIE A. THOMAS,

Executrix.

J15-6tc-F19

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Virgil T. Potts, 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 14th day of January, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 14th day of January, 1948.

J. C. SORRELS,

Executor.

J22-6tp-F26

#### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of J. E. Palmer, 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 January, 1949 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 January, 1948.

ELSIE E. PALMER,

Executrix.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

NORTH CAROLINA  
MACON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Macon County, made in the special proceeding entitled, "Gilmer A. Jones, Administrator of Will Browning, deceased, vs. Newton Browning, et al.," the undersigned commissioner will, on the 1st day of March, 1948, at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Being the same lands described in a deed from Andy Baxter to William Crump, dated August 1st, 1911, and registered in Book S-3 of Deeds, page 113, office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., excepting the lands adjudged to belong to William Crump by judgment of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., August Term, 1914, copy of which judgment is recorded in Book W-3 of Deeds at page 181, Register's office, Macon County, N. C., to which deed and judgment reference is hereby made for a more definite description of said lands, containing 32 acres more or less, being the land described in a deed from Lawrence Hyatt (unmarried) to William Browning, dated 12 November, 1921, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book G-4 of Deeds, page 427.

SECOND TRACT: On the waters of Tennessee River, BEGINNING on a pine, J. C. West's corner, and runs North 90 poles to a white oak; then S 58 deg. West 13 poles to a chestnut oak; then South 85 deg. W 42 poles to a stake and pointers; then S 12 deg. W 80 poles to a black jack; then East 20 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 32 3/4 acres, more or less, being the same land granted by the State to Berry Johnson by State Grant No. 13519, recorded in Book G G of Deeds at page 411-412 in office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, being the land described in a deed from Harvey Johnson and wife to William

Browning, dated 10 December, 1922, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book I-4 of Deeds, page 139.

THIRD TRACT: Being Lot No. 3 on mountain tract and Lots Nos. 1 and 2 of the lower tract of Carter lands of Macon County, as divided:

Lot No. 3 on mountain, BEGINNING at a stake or rock on the mountain, Roxie Burgess' S. W. corner and runs with old line W 19 poles to a stake; then N 3 E 40 poles to a stake in back line; then with old line E 19 poles to Roxie Burgess' N. W. corner; then with her line South 40 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 4 3/4 acres, more or less.

Lots Nos. 1 and 2 of the lower tract, BEGINNING at a black oak and persimmon in the old Tippet line and Andy Baxter's corner and runs S 87 E 40 poles to a rock; then S 1 1/2 W 25 poles to a Spanish oak corner of the Dan Carter Lot No. 2; then N 87 W 40 poles to a rock and pointer on a ridge; then N with Tippet line 25 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 6 1/4 acres more or less, the above two tracts being all the land described in a deed from R. D. Sisk, Commissioner, to Will Browning, dated 27 December, 1934, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book Y-4 of Deeds, page 28.

FOURTH TRACT: BEGINNING at a pine stump 25 poles North of a B oak sapping, corner of the Andrew Baxter place, and runs East 80 poles to a stake; then N 40 poles to a pine; then W 80 poles to a chestnut oak; then S 40 poles to the BEGINNING, also the following tract BEGINNING in the first line of the tract above mentioned 30 poles East of the pine stump and runs S 10 poles to a stake; then W 10 poles to a stake; then N 10 poles to a stake, the aforesaid line; then with said line W 10 poles to the BEGINNING and including Crump's garden, containing 20 acres more or less, being the land described in a deed from Charles Morrison to Will Browning, dated 10 September, 1935, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Book X-4 of Deeds, page 409.

FIFTH TRACT: Lot No. 2 of Mountain Tract, BEGINNING at a stake or rock or black gum, Mary Love's corner in the old line, runs West with old line 19 poles to a stake or rock and chestnut oak pointers; then North 3 degrees East 40 poles to a stake in a hollow; then East with old line 19 poles to a stake, Mary Love's corner; then South with said line to the BEGINNING, containing 4 1/2 acres.

Lot No. 4 in Lower Tract, BEGINNING on an old hickory and chestnut stump and runs North 87 deg. West 40 poles to a Spanish oak, the Dan Carter corner; then North 1 1/2 deg. East 12 1/2 poles to a rock, Dan Carter and Emils Siler corner; then South 87 deg. East 40 poles to a rock; then South 1 1/2 deg. West 12 1/2 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 3 1/8 acres, the above described two tracts being the land described in a deed from J. T. Burston and wife to Will Browning, dated 27 November, 1937, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., in Book C-5 of Deeds, page 68.

Any and all other lands or interests in lands, mineral rights and easements owned by Will Browning in Macon County, North Carolina, at the time of his death.

This 26th day of January, 1948.

GILMER A. JONES,

Commissioner

J29-4tc-JJ-F19

#### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Jack Coleman Taylor, 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 22nd day of January, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 22nd day of January, 1948.

MILDRED TAYLOR,

Administratrix

J29-6tp-M4

#### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix, c.t.a. of George W. McGee, 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 February, 1949 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 February, 1948.

KATE MCGEE, Administratrix.

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