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Children's Safety

Through the combined efforts of the state highway department, the Franklin board of aldermen, the Franklin Lions club, and the county superintendent of public education, traffic conditions in and around the Franklin school have been made much safer for the hundreds of school children who go to and from school each day. Also the general appearance of the school grounds has been improved.

For this outstanding contribution to the community, bouquets to the following . . .

Joe Setser and the state highway department for an excellent job of clearing off the dangerous corner where the school buses enter the Atlanta highway, and graveling the school road from there to Phillips street . . .

Franklin board of aldermen, for stationing a policeman at the main crossing near the school each morning and afternoon during the time children are coming and going to regulate traffic and assist children in crossing the street . . .

Franklin Lions club and Pritchard Smith, Jr., club president, for the erection of large signs on the main highway which warn motorists that they are approaching a school zone and asking them to drive slowly, and for sponsoring the school safety patrol, made up of high school boys, which assists the policeman in controlling traffic and keeping the children out of the street . . .

County superintendent of schools, for working with the state highway department in securing a road completely around the two school buildings and for making noticable improvements in the school grounds.

The Silver Lining

"It is better to have our difficulties now than to live in a fool's paradise.", so spoke Britain's Ernest Bevin, in a stirring speech before the United Nations' General Assembly, recently.

This viewpoint, while perhaps causing us to follow a path today which is seemingly beset on every side with pitfalls, is like clearing away trees and undergrowth of a wilderness to make way for the fertile fields of wheat and corn to follow.

Undoubtedly, today, we are facing the gravest times for the existence of the human race that the world has ever seen. It is not the immediate threat of war which makes this crisis exceed the rest, but the untold powers of destruction which have been released in this atomic age.

But encouragement should be taken from the fact that our leaders are not burying their heads in the sand, as was the case at Munich, and our people are more sober minded and aware of the international dangers than were the gay, care-free peoples of the twenties.

The fact that, today, representatives of most of the nations of the world are demanding that an international, workable control system be set up over the atomic bomb, and that the international council of churches recently placed the problem of peace at the top of its agenda is proof that people today are more awake to the dangers of universal destruction through war.

Throughout the history of the survival of man, his predominace over the rest of the animal kingdom has been brought about by his ability to solve the problems that threaten his extinction.

As the realization grows that an atomic war would mean extinction, man will strive that much harder to remove the threat of war and the path to peace will become broader and easier-

Good, better, best; never let it rest, till your good is better, and your better best .- Anon.

POETRY CORNER

Conducted by

EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE

Weaverville, N. C. Apansored by Asheville Branch, National League of American Pen Women

Who feigns a love of people Walks where a specter goes; While wearing a cloaked politeness The bone breaks through, and shows. The robe of scarlet satin Is brash if a heart pretends; But the cotton weave of friendship Its service never ends.

LENA MEARLE SHULL Asheville, N. C.

LINES IN OCTOBER

As long as the Autumn sky upholds A throbbing golden star, And beyond the dusky Autumn hills A call serene and far Finds answer in my soul . . . O life, Do your worst to me-I want to stay on earth as long As Beauty speaks to me.

BESS HINSON HINES Highlands and California

Others' Opinions

SEASONAL NOTES

It isn't just the "turning leaves, going from thirty August green to autumnal yellows, reds, purples, browns. These change the already changing light that filters through elm and oak and beech along many a shady and erstwhile drowsy street.

But notice, too-as if could have missed them!-the tawny tops, the golden braids, the shadowy tresses, the short-cropped towheads that catch the morning sun. They reflect it back like rays of laughter, as this year's first graders march bravely into that no man's land called learning

Among the compensations that the fall season brings-for coming cold, for November rain, for winds whose howl is no worse than their bite-these waves of children, multi-colored as a scurry of frost-touched leaves, musical as a chatter of grackles congregating for southward flight in a maple etched bare against the late afternoon sky, makes these edges of autumn warm and shining.

And if winter comes, what then? Longer family evenings, fireside conversations, less adventure afield, more companionship at home. And another season of unfoldment in thought, pleasant to behold as the unfolding of leaf and flower in muths just past.

-Christian Science Monitor

WE HOPE HE'S HOT

State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin, speaking before the North Carolina Educational Association at Asheville, suggests that the state needs a \$2,400 minimum salary for public school teachers to be paid in ten monthly installments, reduction of the teaching load from 34 to 30 pupils per teacher, \$25,000,000 to help counties and municipalities provide new school buildings, and longer terms of office for city and county superin-

For once we think we'd like to go all out with Superintendent Erwin-reserving the right of course, to substitute short shift for longer term in dealing with some of the superintendents. Like the vast majority of those concerned for the wellbeing of popular education hereabouts, we have all along been a bit further extended than has the head of the state's public school system

We've reached the stage at which we are convinced that if the people of North Carolina are not willing to pay a qualified school teacher as much as he or she would receive for driving a truck-without overtime-we might as well close our schools and start over.

As for the teaching loan, 30 students are too many for one teacher in these days of the abundant life, when parents spare the rod and seemingly do not even care whether or not their offsprings are housebroken.

The new school buildings must be supplied, and the last single one of them should have an uncontaminated water supply with sewerage as adequate as any to be found anywhere.

By adequate in this connection we mean just that. We are sick and tired of seeing pictures of yard pumps out of neither eye- nor earshot or toilets of which even a branchline railroad of 40 years ago would have been ashamed.

Yes, we could really wax warm about this public school business. We wish Superintendent Erwin would. Maybe he's going to. If so, he'll be better pleased with our appraisal of his efforts than of some we have offered hitherto.

SHOULD BE EAR-MARKED.

North Carolina began the creation of its reserve fund in the first year of the Cherry administration when 20 million dollars was set aside. It was then called a "Postwar Reserve Fund," and could be used by future sessions of the legislature to meet such contingencies as might develop as an aftermath of war. At that time many economists connected with the Federal government predicted a period of unemployment and economic chaos immediately after the war. The state administration took the precaution in 1945 to make plans gainst such an emergency. It was feared that a situation might develop in which it would be necessary to use this money to meet several situations that could arise if the predictions of the government economists proved true.

Fortunately the Washington theorists were wrong about this as they have been about many other guesses they made. The money was not needed to skotch an emergency that falling revenues would cause. In 1947 Governor Cherry recommended to the General Assembly that ten million dollars be added to this fund, and said that it should be used as a cushion against the time when revenue laws failed to produce as much money as appropriation required. The idea of the 1947 General Assembly was that this money would be a reserve against the necessity of cutting salaries and appropriations under the budget act. Many members of the legislature thought the money was ear-marked for this purpose, but such was not the case.

In all probability it will be son designated in 1949 when the General Assembly will consider what should be done with this money. State employees should urge that this fund be increased because salary costs have jumped considerably since the fund was created, and will be increased still more in 1949. As the total salary budget increases the reserve fund against salary cuts should be increased proportionately.

In periods of prosperity and inflation the state will probably never pay as much to its workers as many of them could get in private employment. Consequently, they should have some guarantee that the smaller salaries paid will be continued even during a period of economic upheaval. This stability and security will partially offset the smaller salaries paid state employees. That is one way to make public service more attractive to capable young people.

-We The People Magazine

"Look out when it's dark out!" This warning by North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles is the slogan of a traffic safety program emphasizing the hazards of driving and walking after dark.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix f Robert M. Rimmer, deceased, of Robert M. Rimmer, late of Macon County, N. C. this is to notify all persons hav-ing claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7 day of September, 1949 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All per-sons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settle-

This 7 day of September, 1948. ALICE RIGDON RIMMER,

S9-6tp-014

NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY

By authority of an order en-tered by the Superior Court of Macon County on the 27th day of September, 1948, in an action entitled "Gilmer A. Jones, Adm. of the Estate of Robert Scruggs vs. Addie Scruggs, et al", I will on the 28th day of October, 1948, at 12 o'clock noon at the Courthouse door in Franklin, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands: The land of which Robert

Scruggs died seized and possessed set forth in the following deeds: Joe Gibson to Robert Scruggs, recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book X-3, page 462; Gabriel Stonecipher to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book B-3, page 57; L. H. Penland to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book JJ, page 438; Rufus Upton to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book H-4, page 527; Zelia Wells to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book B-4, page 316; M. N. Angel to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book N-3, page 349; M. N. Angel to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book R-3, page 416; Gabriel Stonecipher to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book V-5, page 47; Gabriel Stonecipher to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book V-5, page 48; Charlie Scruggs to Robert Scruggs, recorded in Book Q-5, page 419. For a more particular description of said land reference is made to the records above referred to and to the petition filed in the above entitled action.

This 27th day of September,

GILMER A. JONES,

O7-4tc-JJ-O28

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as executor of Zeb McClure, 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 21 day of September, 1949, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement

This the 21 day of Septem-

RANSOM LEDFORD,

830-6tp-N4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS NORTH CAROLINA, MACON COUNTY. CRAIG FISHER

ZUMA FISHER

The defendant, Zuma Fisher, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce for the plaintiff, Craig Fisher

Said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, at the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on the 25th day of October, 1948, and answer or demure to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the com-

This the 23rd day of September, 1948. J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE. Clerk Superior Court. S30—4tcJJ—O21

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE OF SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION ORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY JEAN BENNETT WARREN

JAMES MORRIS WARREN

The defendant, James Morris Warren, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take noderendant will further take no-tice that he is required to ap-pear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the Court House in Franklin, N. C., within twenty days from and after the 25th day of November, 1948, and

answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 1st day of October, 1948 J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE. Clerk Superior Court Macon County North Carolina

O7-4tc-O28

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Having qualified as adminis-Mary Gaston Curtis 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 unders.good on or before the 5 day of October, 1949 or this notice will plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 5 day of October, 1948. GILMER A. JONES Administrator

O14-6tp-N18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT WORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY NOTICE

ARCHIE L. DIEHL

ORIS DIEHL The defendant, Doris Diehl, take oath that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court or Macon County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the courthouse in Franklin, N. C., on the 27th day of October, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said com-

plaint This the 27th day of September, 1948. J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE,

Clerk of the Superior Court, Macon County, North Carolina. S30-4tc-TB-O21

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA

MACON COUNTY VIRGINIA GRIBBLE

JOHN B. GRIBBLE

The defendant, John B. Gribble, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the courthouse in Franklin, N. C., on the 24th day of November, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded

in said complaint. This the 4th day of October,

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY

W. C. HAWKINS

The defendary, Mildred Hawkins, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce for the plaintiff, W. C. Hawkins.

Said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, at the Courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on the 1st day of November, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the re-

lief demanded in the complaint.
This 1st day of October, 1948.
J. CLINTON BROOKSHIRE, Clerk Superior Court. 07-4tc-JJ-028

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