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## Commendable Moves

For years, the election situation in Franklin township has been bad. Voters have often had to stand in line at the courthouse to cast their ballots, and at almost every election it has taken far into the night to count the heavy vote in this township.

And as the township's population has grown, the situation has become worse. To illustrate how overgrown this township has become, as a voting were cast in this precinct than in any other four in this county.

It makes good sense, therefore, to split the precinct four ways, as the County Board of Elections recently did.

It also is a boon to the elderly and those in poor health to have the voting place here moved from steep steps - to the new ground floor location, in the Agricultural Building.

Finally, it has been 15 years since a new voter registration was held in this county. It is high time ,

All three of these changes were needed, and the vast majority of the county's voters undoubtedly will join The Press in commending the election board for making them.

## The Soil And Life

Without sunshine, air, water, and soil, there can be no human life on this earth.
The sunshine is beyond our control. The air still is there for all, though we have gone a long way, around our big cities, toward poisoning it. Due to waste and unintelligent use, water is becoming a more and more acute problem. But it is in the realm of the soil that man, especially American man, has been most sinfully wasteful.
Yet there can be no food without soil. Thus the conservation of the soil is as important to the city-
dweller who never sets foot off the pavement as to dweller who never sets foot off the pavement as to the dirt farmer.
And so, if Soil Stewardship Week, to be observed starting Sunday, accomplishes no more than to
make Americans conscious of their stewardship for this wealth not of their creating, the observance will be abundantly worth while.

## the romance of words

THEY HAVE INNER LIFE AND EVEN FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS


## Bouquet

Here's a well-deserved bouquet
For its recent election, the Town of Franklin might have borrowed from the county the rickety, dilapidated voting booths used here in general elections. Just that, in fact, was suggested.

After discussion; though, the town authorities decided to have some booths built. The result was something that lent an air of dignity to an imporant citizenship responsibility; when Franklin ers went to the town hall to cast their balots,
they entered simple but neat and attractive booths.

Carefully designed for the purpose, the substantial booths are collapsible; and now they are folded up and stored in the town hall basement, ready for the next municipal election
And all this for an investment of well under a hundred dollars!

## New Legislative Crime

If you read newspaper headlines, line by line, as we do, here is the headline of the year, from The Asheville Citizen:

BILL TO STERILIZE UNWED MOTHERS KILLED BY SENATE

## Letters

## Watch For Postman

Editor, The Press
My wife and I watch for the postman each Monday mornway of getting the news of Macon County.

Mt. Vernon, Wash.
FRED DOWDLE

## Prospective Citizens

## Editor, The Press:

Thanks for the sample copy of your fine paper. Enclosed is my check for $\$ 3$ for a one-year subscription to be sent to
the address above. In a few years we hope to settle in Frankthe address above. In a few years we hope to settle in Frank-
lin or Highlands. In the meantime, we shall look to your paper
for local news and color for local news and color. MONROE HEGGLAND

## More Great Teachers

## Editor, The Press:

If I should install a bronze plate in the high school building at Franklin-and that is exactly what I intend to do, if
the county education authorities be willing-I would certainly include every name mentioned by Weimar Jones in his able article (the strictly Personal piece in the May 2 education
section, discussing some outstanding teachers here).
For his information, Mr. Britt's initials were J. J. I will remember that gentleman, I have notlorgot me with a twohanded switch for shooting "Mutt" Munday in the back of the head with a stick of chalk.
I would certainly add to that list of mames the portly, in-
telligent, steak-eating attorney, the Hon. Thomas J Johnston There is another name that would be a must on my list. Modern, capable, energetic, and a severe taskmaster, she came along about my freshman year in high school. I, of course, refer to
Mrs. Eloise Potts, nee Miss Eloise Griffin. No person, past or recent, has contributed more to education in Macon County
and to the welfare of the people than Mrs. Elolse Potts. With and to the welfare of the people than Mrs. Eloise Potts. With
her permission, I would put her name right there with those
splendid people who have helped Macon County to move well up the list in education. The future will bring others.

## Franklin.

DR. FURMMAN ANGEL
(NOTE: I am in complete agreement with Dr. Angel about the names he would add to my list of outstanding teachers.
That earlier list was not intended as all-inclusive at all, but That earlier list was not intended as all-inclusive at all, but
simply as flustrative of how fortunate thls community has been in its teachers; and to make the point that it is the
person who teaches that counts, with the techniques of teachperson who teaches that counts, with the tec
ing in a definitely secondary position.-W. J.)
"As A Last Resort, Of Course, We Could Trade It In"


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## Personal

Proud. That was the word heard most often. And when it wasn't
spoken, it could be read on their
It was the Cullasaja communtty supper, sponsored annually by body was there; at the least, they were there from virituarly, every
sub-community of the Cullasaja sub-community of the Cullasaja
section; and of all ages, from section; and of all ages, from
infants to grandmothers, and $\mathrm{f} \mathrm{e} w$ great-grandmothers. And
everybody had a smile.

They are proud of their com. munity; proud of their school, room addition; proud of their progress - and of the cooperation
and public-spiritedness that made the progress possible.
And with good reason!
As I looked over the well-kept
building, with the classroom evidence of leacher pupll interest pupil interest
foods of an incredibell prepared quality - I counted eight differ ent kinds of meat, not to
cakes, pies, salads, etc.-

## VIEWS

- by bób sloan

Last year more business failures
were reported in small businesses were reported in small bustnesses
than any time in the last ten
than any time in the last ten
years. This year there will be an
even larger number of failures in the small business field.
Why is this, when business and
employment are reported to be at employment are reported to be at Regardless of what
Regardless of what a person's
politics are and whether the praising or and whether they are national administration present one will have to admit that today's high prices and the "tight money" policy of the Federal Reserve
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business people. In fact, it works a hardship on all business peopl a hardship on all business peop,
except the money lender. but it
actually forces the small business actually forces $t$
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gives bis business a better show.
In other words, if you are a well In other words, if you are a well
established business with an ade. quate reserve, these are good times
and you can operate and show a nice profit.
But if you are a small. strus. ess. needing to borrow.
plant expansion or to make technical fimprovements to
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tight money or high interest rate creates quite a problem.
Because of the hiqh labor costs. you must mechanize everywhere
you can. However, since canita) you can. However, since cabital
costs so much, many a small buslness tries to struggle along with old machinery and inefficient pro-
duction methods. Some get by, by pavine labor less.
Increasing the minimum wage
here in North Carolina to $\$ 1$ per locally. business, uike the small
Small bull farmer, is doomed-it is just
matter of time, unless we chan
our ways of doing things.


#### Abstract

As I watched and listened with admiration as the evening's program was presented indly faces of the people I thought: Who, ten or fifteen years ago, would have believed this possible? Back in the late 1940's, not one of these things 1940's, not one of these things would have been possible - and would have been possible - and you could have convinced few Macon County people that they ever would be possible, within ever would be their lifetimes. For, as I saw these things, an- other pieture came to my mind other picture came to my mind: School, a few years ago, at recess time, isolated into little knots; all the children from all the children from one section together, all those from another together, all those from another together, etc., the children reflect cogether, etc., the children reflect ing the attitude of their parents. And I thought: What has hap- by weamar jonis Then it was time to leave. and there came out to us who the privilege of being present as guests something carried over from that older period of isolation- ism. It. was felt even more than it was spoken, a certain genuine appreciation to their guests for coming, and that, sureiy, is the coming, and that, surely, is the heart of true hospitality. eart of true hospitality. It was a wonderful evening. And Mrs. Jones and I went home prouder than ever to live here: surer than ever of the fine furture that is possible for this Macon County community for this Macon

Then there was the woman man after she could reform And she's been married him. And i thought: What has hap- ever since - because she was drong. County have learned to know Who ever heard of a tax that each other; and thus to under was too low? - or of one thet stand one another; and thus to was too low? - or of one that be able to work together, common good. And If this high birth rate keeps And then this final thought up, where in heck will anybody came to me: What I see here can be multi- find a parking place, 20 years plied by every school in the coun. from now? What I see here can be multi- plied by every school in the coun- ty: what has happened in ty: what has happened in Culla. saja, to a greater or less degree, has happened in every community shas, hapegreater or less degree, Modern fable: Once there was has happend in every community a child who got answers to all in Macon County.


## DO YOU REMEMBER?

## Looking Backward Through the Files of The Prese



