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Macon's Hour

With the letting last Friday of the contract for the municipal dam and power house. Franklin and Macon County are one step nearer to the goal toward which we have been dreaming and working for many years. The expenditure on the dam, on the Georgia road and the Dillsboro road will approximate three quarters of a million dollars within the year. This, however, is only of temporary interest. The permanent benefit to Macon county can hardly be estimated. When we once let the outside world know of our unexcelled climate, rugged mountains with peaks that pierce the sky, abundant hydro-electric power, plentiful supply of labor, concrete roads, immense quantities of timber supplies, the fertility of our soil, the upstanding character of our citizens, then we can begin to realize the importance and far-reaching effects of the work that is now under way in the county.

We hardly dare predict what the future, five years hence, holds for our people. Suffice it to say that there will stand in our valleys mighty industrial plants employing hundreds of men and women, magnificent hotels will crown the hills tops above the lake and beautiful summer homes will nestle along the shores, the highways will be crowded with thousands of cars filled with people who are anxious for a breath of our mountain air, trucks and wagons from cove and mountain cottage will bring the produce of the farms to a populous town, civilization will smile in all its glory and God's mighty paradise of the mountains will have come into its own.

Pernicious Activity

For some time now our Sheriff has been actively engaged in the pursuit of whiskey runners. To this there can be no possible objection provided the efforts of this official are confined to this class of men. But in his eagerness to arrest bootleggers he seems to have cast aside the well-balanced judgment which should be associated with the official acts of all officers.

Innocent people have been held up at the point of a pistol. Highways have been blocked on curves and the lives of the guilty and innocent alike have thus been placed in jeopardy. It is against the law to block a highway and there can be no possible excuse for violating one law to enforce another. Our officials should remember that doctors have to visit the sick at night and many other people have legitimate business on the highways after dark. Under present conditions the driver of a car never knows whether the road will be blocked around the next curve or whether he will have his car crowded into a ditch by the car of our officials. Be the driver of a car innocent or be he guilty of hauling liquor it's all the same to the Sheriff. No self respecting American man or woman, likes to be treated as a criminal unless there be reasons for such treatment. Our law abiding citizens are entitled to protection at the hands of our officials. They have a right to travel the highways at night with the assurance that the road is clear and that they will not be subjected to the indignity of having a gun thrust into their faces on the off chance that they are liquor runners. The Sheriff's authority does not include the privilege of preventing respectable and law abiding citizens from pursuing the even tenor of their way without molestation.

It is unfortunate enough that the citizens of Macon county are subjected to indignities, but when our officials invade an adjoining county and hold up a highly respectable physician who happens to be out after night in the practice of his profession, they are carrying matters beyond all reason.

A Citizen Worthwhile

Mr. James M. Williams who owns a farm between the Georgia road and railroad just outside the city limits has voluntarily offered the Board of Trade a free factory site for use of any industrial enterprise that may care to locate in our midst. Mr. Williams' farm is well adapted to industrial purposes. A short spur less than half a mile in length can be built from the railroad to the heart of Mr. Williams' farm on a good grade. There is also a small stream running through the farm to supply any water necessary for factory use. In offering this free site Mr. Williams has set an example well worthy of emulation by others. It is needless to say that the Board of Trade has accepted Mr. Williams' offer with many thanks and a great degree of satisfaction and appreciation. No doubt the Board of Trade will endeavor to locate Franklin's first factory on the property of Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams is to be commended for his offer and deserves the thanks of the town. When a factory is once located there the value of his adjacent lands will be enhanced three or four fold. It would appear that others might have had the same forethought, but up to the present time such is not the case.

Asheville Unfortunately Located

In so far as a national park in the Great Smoky mountains is concerned Asheville should have been located seventy or a hundred miles west of its present site. But with the assistance of Congressman Weaver Asheville may be able to make congress believe that the section of the Smokies located at a considerable distance from that city is only a low range of hills and consequently is in no way suitable for a national park.

Mr. Weaver knows or at least he should know that the Smoky mountain area near Bryson City and Andrews is more suitable for a park than any other area in the southeastern part of the United States. Our Congressman seems to forget that Klingman's Dome and other peaks almost as high exist. This habit of forgetting is a serious one. It is liable to become contagious.

Electricity For the Farms

In Cleveland county, North Carolina, where hydro-electric energy is available each township of the county has organized a company and has built lines to convey electric current to the homes of the farmers. The farmers in most townships of that county are now using electricity to light their homes, run their ensilage cutters, feed grinders, wood saws cream separators, sewing machines, etc.

In our rumination along this line we have often thought of what a man-made paradise Macon county could be with the assistance of electric current. An all-wise Creator has given us the greatest country of the globe in which to live. He has likewise endowed man with intelligence and reasoning power denied to lower animals. This intelligence and reasoning power were given to man that he might have dominion over the world and that he might subdue the animals and the physical forces of the earth to his comfort and contentment.

Man should be satisfied with nothing but the best. And we do not mean that he should go beyond his means to attain the best. Now the farmers of Macon have an opportunity to make their homes more enjoyable, to make their families more contented, to make their own labors and those of their families lighter.

The contract for Franklin's power dam was let on March 27th. This dam will be completed by December 1, 1925. It is suggested that the farmers of Smith's Bridge, Cartoogechaye, Cowee, Sugar Fork and other sections investigate the advisability of building power lines to their respective sections with a view to utilizing electricity in their homes and barns. It should not be a difficult matter to

finance these lines on borrowed money to be repaid by receipts from the sale of current. The question of electricity in the homes of our farmers is at least worthy of serious consideration. It would eliminate to a considerable extent the danger of fires in the homes and barns.

How About It?

Beautifully the school grounds.

The daddy mud hole is calling for attention.

The approaches to the bridge over Rabbit Creek should be completed.

Some men in Fanklin are required to place mufflers on their trucks. Others are not. Why the discrimination?

Watch the gateway to the mountain grow.

Be careful in burning your lands. Should the fire get beyond control you are liable to a sentence in the penitentiary, fine and damages.

Franklin's scenery is not surpassed by that of any town in the state.

Fifteen hundred horse power of hydro-electric energy will turn many wheels.

Prentiss and Riverside have seen the light. Will it dawn on Otto and Franklin?

The road from Otto to the Georgia line is closed and will remain closed until the concrete is poured—probably about the 15th of June. The Wilson Construction Co. knows its business and the citizens of that section may rest assured that this company will cause them as little inconvenience as possible. This company started pouring concrete last Monday.

Friday, April 10th, has been designated as "Clean Up" Day and all citizens are requested to pile the trash at convenient locations so that the trucks furnished by the town may haul the debris away. One day is not sufficient time to do this work. However, one day is better than none. Let everybody clean up the trash and have it hauled away.

Where Rip Doesn't Sleep

The story goes that Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years, but it is a safe bet that he didn't take this snooze in the vicinity of Prentiss and Riverside. The progressive citizens of these two towns are on the jump. They are offering free factory sites to any industrial enterprise that will locate in their towns. And incidentally they have some of the best locations for factories in the county. The good people of Prentiss and Riverside are not working in opposition to Franklin. They are only looking for an opportunity to better themselves. The Press therefore wishes Prentiss and Riverside all success possible in the progressive undertakings.

In this connection it should be remembered that the Press is run solely in the interest of the county and that it is in no way partial to Franklin when another section of the county has an opportunity to better itself. The Press therefore wishes Prentiss and Riverside all success possible in the progressive undertakings.

Chief Coffey was more seriously hurt in the fall from an automobile near Sylva on March 25th than was at first believed. The doctors say that he will be confined to his bed for several weeks. It is now thought that his hip was either dislocated or fractured. The good people of Franklin regret this accident and wish for the Chief a rapid recovery. While Chief Coffey is confined to his bed Mr. J. R. Norris is acting Chief of Police.

Cars driven by Mr. George Reece and Mr. W.G. Hall ran together on Main street near the fountain last Sunday. Mr. Reece's car suffered serious damage while that of Mr. Hall had a rear wheel knocked off and was otherwise damaged. Mr. Reece was tried Monday on charges of reckless driving but was found not guilty.

Notice of Summons

North Carolina—Macon County. In the Superior Court. L. J. Young, Administrator of E. S. Blackburn, deceased, and Mittie Fox and husband, E. M. Fox vs.

Ed Blackburn and others, heirs at law of E. S. Blackburn, deceased

The defendants, John Pressley and wife Cynthia Pressley will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to make assets to pay the debts and costs of administrator of E. S. Blackburn, deceased, and for the sale of lands of which said E. S. Blackburn, died seized and possessed, for the purpose of partition between all the heirs at law of said E. S. Blackburn, deceased; And the said defendants will further take notice that they and each of them are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, at the court house in said county and the Town of Franklin, on the 18th day of April, 1925, and answer or demur to the petition in said case now on file in said office within twenty days from said date or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition. This the 16th day of March, 1925.

FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, N. C. S&P-A10

Service By Publication Notice

North Carolina—Macon County In Superior Court. Macon County Farmers Federation Incorporated, vs.

Mica Products Company, Graham Dugas and Earl H. Moore

The non-resident defendants, Graham Dugas and Earl H. Moore, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced against them in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to recover the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, (\$500.00) for injury to personal property, to-wit, a truck, belonging to plaintiff, in consequences of the negligence of the defendants and the said defendants will take notice that the summons in said action is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, at his office in Franklin in said County and state, on the 4th day of April, 1925.

The said defendants will further take notice that a warrant of attachment has been issued by the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court against the property of said defendants, which warrant of attachment is returnable at the time and place above named for the return of the summons; when and where the said defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 3rd day of March, 1925.

FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court, Macon County North Carolina

Entry Notice

Dave Angel and Frank Ledford No. 14969—50 Acres. Entered March 6, 1925.

State of North Carolina, Macon County. Dave Angel and Frank Ledford enter 50 acres of land in Eilljay Township on waters of Sugarfork River, joining the lands of Andy Sorrells, Link Johnson, Ben Gibson, Higdon & Porter and others.

D. H. ANGEL, FRANK LEDFORD.

I certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the record in my office. This March 6, 1925.

HORACE J. HURST, E. T.

Notice of Trustees Sale

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, executed by Richmond Russell and wife Irene Russell to the undersigned trustee, dated the 15th June, 1923 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, in book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 27, page 398, to secure a certain indebtedness mentioned therein and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness and demand having been made upon me to sell the lands secured thereby: Now I will expose for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, at public outcry, at the Court House door in the Town of Franklin, N. C., at 1 o'clock P. M., on May the 4th, 1925 the following lands, viz:—

Beginning at a chestnut, the SE corner of Grant No. 2356 and runs N. 40 poles to a chestnut; then S. 62 W. 28 poles to a hickory; then N. 77 W. running to the branch; then down the branch to a chestnut at the falls of the branch; then South a conditional line to top of Ivy Ridge; then with the top of said ridge to the Higdon corner; then S. 162 poles to a chestnut in the Higdon line on top of Fork Ridge; then N. 45 poles to a chestnut; then N. 22 E. 84 poles to a black oak; then N. 55 E. 49 poles to a black oak; then N. 30 W. 64 poles to a hickory; then N. 87 W. 10 poles to the beginning and being the tract of land in said deed of trust described to which reference is hereby made for more full description. Said tract containing 90 acres more or less. This the 24th day of March, 1925.

HENRY G. ROBERTSON, Trustee, GR-A17

Service by Publication Notice

North Carolina—Macon County. In the Superior Court. Effie Welch vs.

Homer L. Younce

Homer L. Younce, non-resident defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced against him in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff, Effie Welch to recover damages of the said defendant in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, on account of injury to the person of the said Effie Welch by the wrongful act of the defendant Homer L. Younce, for seduction. Said defendant will further take notice that the summons in said action against him is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., at his office in Franklin in said County and State, on the 18th day of April 1925. The said defendant, Homer L. Younce will further take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued on the 16 day of March, 1925, by the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., against the property of the said defendant, Homer L. Younce, which warrant of attachment is returnable before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., at the time and place above named for the return of the summons; when and where the said defendant, Homer L. Younce, is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint. This the 16th day of March, 1925.

FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, N. C. StFR-A17

Service by Publication Notice

North Carolina—Macon County. In the Superior Court. Effie Welch vs.

Homer L. Younce and J. M. Younce

Homer L. Younce, non-resident, defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced against him and his co-defendant, J. M. Younce, in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff, Effie Welch. That the summons in said action was issued on the 16th day of March, 1925, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., returnable as to the defendant, Homer L. Younce, before the said Clerk on the 18th day of April, 1925. That the purpose of said action is to set aside and vacate a certain purported conveyance of property by the defendant, Homer L. Younce, to his co-defendant, J. M. Younce, on the grounds of fraud. Let the defendant further take notice that he is required to appear before said Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., on the 18th day of April, 1925, at his office in Franklin, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein. This the 16th day of March, 1925.

FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, N. C. StFR-A17

Notice of Town Election

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Board of Aldermen made in regular session on Monday night March 2nd, 1925, by resolution duly passed and acting under the Charter of the Town of Franklin, an election is hereby called to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May 1925, the same being the 5th day of May, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and six Aldermen for two years and after said date or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Notice is also further given that Zeb Baird was appointed Register and that Roy Carpenter, Broadie Pendergrass, Mrs. Eloise Franks and Miss Lillie Rankin were appointed judges of said election. That there will only be one voting place which will be in the Court House. Said election will be held under the Australian Ballot Law applying to Macon County.

Done by order of the Board. This the 2nd day of March 1925. 9tM1. R. D. SISK, Mayor, H. W. CABE, Clerk,

Administrator's Notice

North Carolina. Having qualified as administrator of P. H. Justice, 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 March, 1926, 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 March, 1925.

B. W. JUSTICE, Administrator. FIM-A3