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**How About It?**

Beautify the school grounds.  
Provide privacy for pupils and teachers.  
Will the local board of school trustees take any steps toward beautifying the school grounds?  
Q. Where is the daddy of all mud holes? A. At the Franklin school house.  
During recess hours the school children at the Franklin school could make a few extra quarters by wringing broom straw on the school ground.  
The Franklin school house has one advantage. As many brooms are needed to keep the mud out, it is fortunate that material for the brooms grows on the grounds.  
During rainy weather it might pay the school authorities to consider the advisability of establishing a tad pole industry in the daddy mud hole.  
A rubber industry might also prove profitable. No doubt the daddy mud hole will yield an inexhaustible supply of rubber overshoes.  
Andrew Ray has become exceedingly expert in shoveling mud out of the school building. New York would give him \$10.00 per day to shovel snow off the streets.  
The furnace at the school house does every thing but heat the building.  
An Eskimo child brought from his warm igloo and placed in our school building would die of pneumonia in 20 minutes.  
It is needless to say that the children of the contractor who installed our school furnace do not attend school in Franklin.

**Enforce the Law**

Apparently no effort is being made to enforce the speed limit provided by city ordinances. So indifferent have the authorities become about the enforcement of the speed limit car drivers have come to the conclusion that we have no speed limit. It is not unusual to see cars going at the rate of 35 or 40 miles per hour on the streets of Franklin. Some day unless our luck holds, a child will be killed by a car on the streets of our town. Then we shall see our officials making a great to-do about enforcing the law. The time to enforce the law is before anyone gets hurt.  
We believe that a reasonable speed limit should be allowed motorists—say 25 miles per hour of Main street and 20 mile, or perhaps 25 miles on the other streets. Then see that this limit is not exceeded.  
We understand that there is a law prohibiting cars from running with open mufflers. This ordinance is violated with impunity every day—and nothing is done. When one of these instruments of torture passes all conversation must cease, doctors cannot examine their patients, the sick in the hospitals are annoyed. All business must cease until the car or truck gets out of hearing. The tax payers of Franklin should not be subjected to this annoyance. They have every right to expect that our police officer will get on the job and enforce a few of the city ordinances.

**Ladies Rest Room**

Several weeks ago, the county commissioners started to fix up a ladies rest room at the court house. At that time there happened to be certain records in the room belonging to various county offices and the Farmers Federation. It was our understanding that these papers would be removed with a view to allowing the work to proceed. When the commissioners started the work the sheriff promptly stopped them until the records referred to had been removed. Week after week has passed and still the records are in the same old place. There appears to be no valid reason why this work should not be started and completed at once.  
We know of nothing more badly needed in town than a rest room for women visitors. Mothers from the

country frequently walk the streets of Franklin carrying their babies. There is no place to rest. No decent place to go for needed privacy.

Easy chairs and a quiet place to enjoy them would be deeply appreciated by the good women of the country who come to town.

Since writing the above we have learned that the county commissioners have agreed to make a complete renovation of the court house. This renovation will consist of painting the building, installing a ladies rest room changing the plumbing of the toilets, making the doors swing outward and other minor repairs.

On one or two other occasions the Press has censured the commissioners. We now take this opportunity to highly commend them for these improvements in our court house. In this work we believe that the commissioners will receive the unanimous support of the county.

**Fire Protection**

Judging from the records of the Nantahala National Forest, the Fire Menace, while still the greatest problem in Forest administration, is gradually decreasing. In 1923 seventy-three fires occurred within the Forest boundary, including those on privately owned lands, which the Forest Service is protecting in connection with its own holdings. Of this number fifteen burned less than ten acres each, the average fires being 64 acres in extent. The Forest Service acreage burned equaled seven tenths of one per cent of the net holdings.

In 1924 fifty-four fires occurred in all thirteen being held down to less than ten acres and the average size being 62 acres. The loss to the Forest Service during the year was six tenths of one per cent, based on net acreage. The 1924 season, while better than 1923, showed promise of being by far the most successful period in the history of the Forest. Fires were few and small during the spring and were held down in good shape during the long dry period last November. Just before the close of this extended period of dry weather the Rainy Mountains fire (near Clayton) burned all hopes of a bumper fire year.

The hopes of the local Forest force are set on this bumper year occurring in 1925, and present records show a good start. During a short dry spell in January five small fires occurred burning 30 acres while February records show a total absence of fires. March and April are the months of greatest fire danger both in occurrence and in heavy timber damage, and the local organization is getting on its toes in readiness for this period.

An unfortunate situation brought out by the records is that more than fifty per cent of the fires each year are started intentionally and the remainder are due to carelessness of some form or other—camp fires, cigarettes stubs, etc. It is difficult to understand the mental attitude of the fire bug, who operates in violation of State and Federal statutes and in the face of a near future timber shortage which is becoming well known to everyone and which is nothing less than alarming.

Another unfortunate situation which the records disclose is the lack of interest or co-operation in controlling fires shown by the local timber land owners on some parts of the forest. In order to properly protect National Forest holdings the local forest officers must give at least some degree of protection to almost double this amount of timber land. Why shouldn't the owners of this additional acreage both local and non resident help bear this burden when the need for fire protection is so apparent?

**The School Furnace**

During the present winter the furnace in our school building has not given satisfactory service. On one day it was not possible to raise the temperature in two rooms above 30 degrees. On several other days the temperature in these rooms has remained below 40 degrees. In the other rooms the temperature on many days was so low that the children could not do satisfactory work with any degree of comfort or success. The Superintendent on more than one occasion has found it necessary, on account of a cold school building to send the children home to the warmth of their own firesides.

The men who installed the furnace made a written contract with the local board of trustees guaranteeing that the furnace would satisfactorily heat the building. We have been informed that on one occasion a representative of the furnace company spent an entire day at the school building but was unable to raise as much as one pound of steam. He departed with the furnace in no better condition than when he arrived.  
Have any steps been taken to force this company to comply with the terms of its contract? It not why not?

**NOTICE**

I certify that full settlement has been made by me, for all labor and materials used in the construction of Chatooga bridge.  
Any claims for nonpayment or damage, must be presented to Mr. O. S. Wright of Toccoa, Ga., engineer in charge within four weeks of first publication of this notice. Final settlement is to be made on March 13, 1925.  
W. M. CLEVELAND, Contractor.

**An Apology**

In last week's Press we stated that the school building had gone to rack and ruin within the last two years. We had in mind only the auditorium. The condition of the building was mentioned only to show that the necessary funds for repairs and beautifying the grounds can hardly be raised by the women of the P. T. A.

That part of our editorial of last week which refers to the condition of the school building has been called to our attention. We find that we have unintentionally cast a reflection upon the administration of Prof. W. H. Crawford concerning his care of the building. This was far from our intention. From all reports Prof. Crawford has not only taken excellent care of the building in his charge but of the furnishings as well.

It is true that he asked and received permission for his students to play basketball in the auditorium. As the auditorium is the only available indoor place in town where basketball can be played we do not blame Prof. Crawford for taking this step. It is also true that considerable damage to the walls of the auditorium has resulted from basketball games. However, the boys and girls must have some place to play ball. No red blooded man would have it otherwise. By allowing games in the auditorium the authorities took a chance on damage to the walls. Prof. Crawford has handled this situation as well as any man could have done under similar circumstances.

In this connection we have been informed that the athletic department of the institution has agreed to repair the walls of the auditorium after the ball season ends from funds collected as admission to the games. We should have taken the trouble to ascertain this fact before referring to the condition of the building.

As stated in another editorial of last week we will not intentionally do an injury to any man in the columns of the Press. We are convinced that the Press has done Prof. Crawford an injustice and we therefore take this opportunity to offer him our apologies.

**Our Campaign Manager**

Mr. Henry Loop who has been employed by the Press to manage its Circulation Campaign which starts in this issue is a thoroughly reliable and honest gentleman. Mr. Loop has managed similar campaigns for various newspapers in all parts of the United States. The Tri-County News, Jackson County Journal and Hendersonville Times are among the papers that have procured his services to conduct circulation campaigns. One of these papers is now negotiating with Mr. Loop to put on another campaign thus showing that his work was satisfactory.

A circulation campaign must necessarily be conducted along scrupulously honest lines. No partiality or favoritism can be shown. An up-to-date system of bookkeeping must be used. We are convinced that Mr. Loop will so conduct the campaign that no one will have cause to complain after the campaign is over.

**Simple Inauguration**

President Coolidge not only believes in the simple life but he puts such beliefs into practice. The days of pomp and kings have about run their course. The President, realizing that ours is a thoroughly democratic country, determined, much to the regret and disgust of the Washington Hotel keepers, to make his inauguration simple in the extreme. So on the fourth day of March Mr. Coolidge was inaugurated with perhaps the simplest ceremonies since the day when Jefferson rode to the Capitol from the White House on a horse.  
All praise is due our President for practicing what he preaches.

**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 the Town of Franklin, to serve 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. Elosie 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,

**Join the State System**

North Carolina has an excellent system of schools. We can see no valid reason why Franklin's school should not conduct its affairs under the state system.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a deed of trust from J. L. Burchfield and wife Alice Burchfield dated Dec. 17th 1917 and recorded in book No. 22 of Deeds of Trust and Mortgages at page 549 office Register of Deeds for Macon County, and default having been had in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and on demand of the parties to whom said money is now due, I will on Saturday the 7th, day of March 1925, at the Court house door in the Town of Franklin, and County of Macon, and between the legal hours of sale sell for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said Deed of Trust and note secured thereby, the following real estate situated in the town of Franklin, on Harrison Avenue, Adjoining the lands of J. O. Harrison, C. T. Blaine and others, and more fully described in a deed from J. P. Campbell and wife Lalie Campbell to J. L. Burchfield dated 17th day of Dec. 1917 and recorded in Book "B4" of deeds at page..... of deeds Records of Macon County, N. C. for a more complete description of said lands references is hereby made to said records. Amounts due Jan. 30th, 1925 was \$540.45.  
This, February 3rd, 1925.  
T. E. CAMPBELL, Trustee.

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**Notice of Summons**

North Carolina—Macon County, In the Superior Court,  
Sallie Cabe  
vs.  
Arthur Cabe

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced against him in the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., before the Clerk for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, the summons in which action has been made returnable before Frank I. Murray, Clerk Superior, Court of Macon County, N. C. at his office in the courthouse in Franklin, N. C. on the 2nd day of April 1925, when and where the defendant 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 therein.

This the 3rd, day of March 1925  
FRANK I. MURRAY,  
Clerk of Superior Court.

**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, J. C. Gergory, Mary Gregory, Lida Dryman, Jake Dryman, Jane Grantham, Walter Grantham, Henry Abernathy and wife, Abernathy, Lynchie Davis, Wm. Davis, Evaline Johnson and husband, Johnson, Mary Bridges and husband, J. W. Bridges, Mittie Garets and husband, Walter Garets, Herrington Pressley, Mary Gregory, Henry Gregory, Frank Gregory, Sallie Gregory, Gregory will take notice that an action entitled 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. An 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 28th day of March, 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 26th day of February, 1925.

4t SP FRANK I. MURRAY  
Clerk Superior Court Macon County, North Carolina.

**Entry Notice**

Frank L. Henry, No. 14968, 50 acres, Entered February 9th, 1925.

State of North Carolina, Macon County, Frank L. Henry enters 50 acres of land in Mill Shoal Township on Waters of Watauga Creek, joining R. F. Henry, R. D. Brendle and others.  
FRANK L. HENRY.

I certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the record in my office.  
This February 9th, 1925.  
pM13 E. H. FRANKS, E.T

**FIVE GALS. PAINT FREE**

A large paint concern, in furtherance of an advertising and introductory campaign now in progress, offers to give free of charge five gallons of its best house paint, any color, to one property owner at each postoffice or on each rural route in this county. This concern wants its paint on a house in each locality this season which is the purpose of this remarkable offer. It also wants a local salesman in each county. Persons interested are requested to write the Central Oil Company, Louisville, Kentucky. (Adv.)

**Notice of Trustees Sale**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by C. J. Rogers to the undersigned as trustees on the 21st day of December 1922 and default having been made in payment of the two notes in said deed of trust described I will sell at the Court House door in the town of Franklin in the state of North Carolina at public auction for cash on the 6th day of April 1925 the land described in the said deed of trust which is specifically described as follows:

"Beginning at a hickory corner near the creek the beginning corner of No. twenty, and running south 86E with old E & W line 53 poles to a chestnut corner; then north 34 E 82 poles to a stake an dpointers; then south 71 1/2 E 104 poles to a small hickory on a ridge; then north 19 E 80 poles to a stake in Mary Conley line; then west 7 poles to hickory corner on top of ridge near Mill Gap; then with ridge south 20 W 20 poles to a stake; then south 46 W 49 poles to black jack. George Love's corner; then north 78 W 30 poles to a stake; then north 2E 60 poles to a red oak on top of a ridge; then down ridge north 74 W 9 poles to a small white oak; then north 34 W 8 1/2 poles to a stake; then south 56 W 14 poles to a rock; then north 34 W 11 poles to a rock at spring; then north 56 E 14 poles to a rock at or near a chestnut tree; then north 72 1/2 E 92 poles to a pine in the old line; then north with old line 10 E 3 degrees variation—40 poles to stake in the hollow above the head of branch running down by Lou Guder's; then south 73 W 22 poles to a maple at spring; then north 70 W 22 poles to a small holly in the branch; then south 85 W 36 poles—paper call 16 poles—to a Sarvice stump at the creek; then W 34 poles to a hickory on a ridge; then north 26 W 24 poles to a spanish oak on the Thos West Ridge; then with said ridge as follows: North 34 1/2 W 27 poles to a black oak; north 53 W 26 poles to a white oak; north 25 W 7 poles to a stake or gum; north 22 W 19 poles to a chestnut oak stump; north 14 poles to a black jack; north 14 E with line of 9345—16 poles to a black jack; then north 40 W 12 poles to a spanish oak; north 12 W 56 poles to a large chestnut oak on rock cliff; north 34 W with ridge and line of Grant No. 3357 220 poles to a chestnut corner near the Polly Patch; then north 78 W 72 poles to a black oak; then south 45 W 38 poles to a chestnut oak corner on side of a hill in the Chestnut Cove; then W 53 poles to a scrubby chestnut oak ridge; then down the ridge with Hans Reese's line as follows: South 54 E 20 poles to rock or stake; south 25 1/2 E 35 poles to a white oak south 7 E—paper call 9 E—28 poles to a spanish oak in gap of where trail crosses from gum cove; then south 32 E 8 poles and ten feet to a white oak; then south 50 E 26 poles to a spanish oak; then south 20 E 30 poles to a small black oak on knoll; then south 56 E 15 poles to a white oak or rock on ridge above Big Cliff; then south 26 E 36 poles to rick; then south 52 E with Plemon's line 100 poles to a hickory corner—passing a hickory at 78 poles and also 87 poles then south 38 W 80 poles to a chestnut oak; then north 55 W 16 poles to white oak; then south with the Rickman line 15 E—allow proper variation 40 poles to a hickory, W. J. Jenkin's corner; when with his line 1 south 15 E—allowing proper variation 50 poles to black jack corner; then south 85 E 79 poles to a white oak; W. A. McGaha's corner; then south 2 W 170 poles to a stake in field; then south 82 E 24 poles five feet to the beginning. Containing six hundred forty acres or less.

Said deed of trust recorded in Book 27 at page 196, office of Register of deeds of Macon county, N. C.

This sale is made to satisfy the two notes secured by said deed of trust amounting to \$2675.00 with interest. CBBCM27 H. G. ROBERTSON, Trustee.

**Notice of Trustee's Sale**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, executed by W. D. Simpson and M. L. Simpson, his wife to the undersigned to secure a debt therein mentioned due to T. W. Angel, which said deed of trust is a record of the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, in Book of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 27, page 301, I Henry G. Robertson, trustee named in said deed of trust, will on Saturday the seventh day of March, A. D. 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court house door in the Town of Franklin sell to the highest bidder for cash at public outcry, the following real estate, situate in said County of Macon and about one mile east from the Town of Franklin and the same being all the right title and interest of said W. D. Simpson and M. L. Simpson, or either of them in and to the lands described in a deed from D. J. Smart and wife to D. A. Meyers, dated the 21st day of March 1911 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds in book "J3" page 218 of the record of deeds to which said deed and is record thereof reference is hereby made for more full description the same being the property known as the D. A. Meyers home place, consisting of two lots as above described; only the interest therein of the said W. D. Simpson and M. L. Simpson being sold hereunder.

This the 5th day of February, 1925.  
HENRY G. ROBERTSON, Trustee.