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**HOME COMING WEEK EDITION**

**A Word of Explanation**

Many articles of importance, especially articles of the social life of the county, have been omitted from this issue. Not because we so desired but because there was not time to set the type. We tried desperately to get a linotype operator to assist with this work—even making a trip to Atlanta for this purpose—but were unsuccessful. We submit this explanation with the hopes that those who submitted such articles for publication will not be too keenly disappointed. This issue contains 28 pages. The expense of getting out this edition makes it necessary to charge 10 cents for single copies.

**The Present Issue**

In this special Home Coming Week edition the Press has endeavored to inform its 1800 subscribers who live in thirty states of the many advantages of Macon county as a home and as a place for profitable investment. We desire particularly that all former Macon county citizens receive a copy of this issue. Economic conditions in the county are fast improving and the publication of these facts, we hope, will result in many families returning to the county to make it their permanent home. In the Home Coming Week edition we have endeavored to cover every phase of activity in the county. The most important we have stressed while others have been passed over with only a few words. It is not necessary here to go into details since other pages of this issue carry the story of Macon's past, present and possible future. In getting out this special edition our sole object has been one of helpfulness to the county. If we have succeeded even in the slightest degree, then our labors have not been in vain. After many weeks of strenuous efforts we place this week's Press in your hands with trepidation and yet with the hope that your appreciation will not be entirely lacking. Our immediate future holds mighty possibilities. No man may predict Macon's future ten years hence. It would be folly to try. Suffice it to say that the county we all love is at the dawn of a new era, an era of prosperity and plenty. Opportunities in many lines of endeavor are knocking at the doors of our citizens for admittance. The wise man, the man with vision and faith, will take advantage of these opportunities and live to benefit by his judgment. The editor acknowledges his gratitude to Prof. G. L. Houk and J. Weimer Jones who wrote most of the special articles appearing in this issue. Without their help this issue would have been impossible. To Mr. J. W. Street, the linotype operator, we are also deeply grateful. He has labored faithfully at all hours of the day and night that the subscribers might have their paper on time. Mr. Frank E. Curtis has also been a great help in time of need. In fact the entire staff has made this issue a labor of love that our readers might have an adequate conception of Macon's possibilities and that the county might benefit by our efforts. In conclusion the Press extends to all home comers a sincere welcome. We long for the day—and it is not far distant—when you will be with us to remain until called to the great beyond.

**Do You Realize:**

- That the merchants of Franklin do a retail business of over one million dollars a year.
- That the merchants of Macon county, as a whole do a business of over a million and a half dollars annually.
- That the average bank clearings for a single week in Franklin amount to around \$100,000.00.
- That the annual bank clearings amount to over \$5,000,000.00.
- That there are over a half dozen firms in Franklin doing a business of better than \$50,000 a year.
- That there are several firms doing a business of over \$100,000 a year.
- That Macon County takes in—in

one way and another—nearly a quarter of a million dollars from the tourist trade. That Franklin is responsible for over one third of the total business done annually by the Tallulah Falls Railway.

That the express business of Franklin amounts to over \$15,000 a year. That over 7,000 cords of acid and pulp wood at a total of about \$40,000 are shipped out of Macon county on the Tallulah Falls Railway every year.

That around 8,000 telephone poles, enough to build 400 miles of line, go out of this county every year.

That around 150,000 cross ties, enough to build a railroad from Franklin down the Tennessee through to Maryville and Knoxville go out of Franklin every year.

That the tie, pole and acid wood of Macon county provide an average yearly income of over seventy-five dollars a family for every family in Macon county.

That there are 150,000,000 feet of timber available in Macon county exclusive of the Nantahala Forest.

That there are over 135,000,000 feet of marketable timber on the Nantahala National Forest.

That there are probably a quarter of a million hydro-electric horsepower available in Macon county.

That Macon county has the largest natural deposits of corundum in the world.

That Macon county has one of the lowest tenancy percentages of any county in the state.

That Macon county has among the lowest percentages of foreign born population in the United States.

That Macon county has the finest opportunity to become a resort center of any county in Eastern America.

That there have been built in Macon county during the last five years over 50 miles of standard highways, thirty of which are being paved with concrete.

That during the last two years building construction, exclusive of highways, has been undertaken in Franklin, amounting to around half million dollars.

That Franklin will after December 1st have around 1000 horsepower of hydro-electric power for sale.

That this can be sold—if every citizen will appoint himself a salesman.

That Franklin should have a new commercial hotel.

That there is a splendid opening for a hardwood manufacturing plant in Franklin.

That the Nantahala Forest will jump at a chance to sell all the chestnut timber it can.

That Franklin is on its way—with you—or without you.

That if you can't push on the hard pulls—get out and let a good man ride who can.

That poor mouthed citizen is a nuisance to his fellowman and an abomination to the Lord.

That we can't move the mountains to the tourist but we can make the tourist emulate Mohamet.

That we are out of the mud—physically and spiritually—TO STAY!

**Hon. Sam L. Rogers**

Hon. Sam L. Rogers, undoubtedly the most prominent man in Macon county, and for that matter in Western North Carolina, passed to his reward on the afternoon of June 18 at his home, Rogers Hall, in Franklin. A news article in this issue reviews the principal events of his life.

The career of Mr. Rogers should be an inspiration to the youth of the mountains. When a boy of 16 his father informed him that financial difficulties would prevent his further attendance at school. Then and there with grit, courage, determination and the spirit of the unconquerable the youth started on a career which was destined to lead him to the capitol of the nation in a position of great responsibility—Director of the Census. During his life he held many public positions of responsibility, all of which were filled with satisfaction, efficiency and honor. Large sums of public money were spent under his direction and never on any occasion were his political opponents able to point the finger of suspicion at any public act of Mr. Rogers.

He was never an office seeker, yet so great were his abilities that he was drafted time and again for important public positions. The family has received telegrams of condolence from prominent men in all parts of the United States. The daily papers in all sections of the country have commented editorially upon the life of Mr. Rogers and his achievements. Macon's distinguished son has passed to the great beyond and in his passing the citizens of the county feel a keen personal loss.

**Ambition**

It was back in the old days at St. Nazaire. A couple of perspiring negro stevedores had stopped work for a chat. "Boy," said the first, "what yo'-all want mos' when yo'-all am discharged f'm de ahmy?" "Ah wants mah rifle mos' of all," replied the second. "Yo' rifle? Whaffo' yo' wants yo' rifle?" "So's when Ah gits me home Ah kin plant it in de middle of mah yab, an' when it rains Ah sits me by de window an' says: 'Rust, yo' son of a gun, rust!'"—American Legion Weekly.

**How About It?**

The entire nation is filled with gun flashing, pistol shooting, liquor drinking, law violating arresting officials and prohibition officers. Those responsible for keeping such men in office to annoy, intimidate and shoot innocent people may rightly expect a flareback of large proportions. A liquor drinking prohibition officer should be behind the bars rather than in a position of responsibility. The prohibition laws should be enforced and by officers who are themselves above reproach.

The following is copied from Crawford's Weekly. Will it mean anything to those in authority in Franklin?

It has been suggested that either the Norton chamber of commerce or the Kiwanis club adopt a little stunt that is used in many towns for making visitors feel entirely welcome and glad to come again. It is this: Tag every out-of-town car with a small card bearing words somewhat as follows: "Make yourself at home. Park as long as you wish. Do whatever you please that is within reason."

Not a bad idea. Remember how you always feel when you enter a strange town and see signs and cops at every turn? It is never your intention to violate a parking rule or a one-way ordinance, but you feel that you might make a mistake and be fined. What would ease your apprehension more than finding a tag on your car reading: "Glad you come. The town's yours while you are here. Come agin'?"

**A Letter to the Mayor**

IDLE HOUR THEATRE,  
Franklin, N. C., June 24, 1925.

Mr. S. H. Yyle, Jr.,  
Mayor of Franklin,  
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir:—The coming of THE F. NEBECK OF NOIRE DAME to the Idle Hour Theatre is an event of tremendous civic importance and proper steps should be taken to call it to the attention of every man, woman and child in Franklin.

Governor, Hunt of Arizona has this to say: "I cannot find words to properly express my opinion of the picture. Like Hugo's book, it is a classic."

We respectfully request that you, via the medium of a public proclamation, assist us. And will you please set aside a certain day as a holiday in order to befittingly commemorate the advent of this superlatively fine production?

The picture will be here July 2, 3 and 4.

Very truly yours,  
STEVE PORTER,  
Managing Director, Idle Hour Theatre.

**Elaborate Decorations**

Street decorations during the American Legion national convention to be held at Omaha, Neb., in October will be the most elaborate the convention has ever been greeted with, according to plans under way by the decoration committee. The feature of the decoration scheme as planned will be the jeweled "Legion Arch," in the center of the city. Uniform decorations by business houses and in the residence districts are being planned, while down-town streets will be a maze of color and multi-colored lights.

**Tea Tax Stamp That Led to Revolution**

The tea tax stamp which was one of the causes of the American Revolution. It is the exceptional property of C. Frederic Heyerman, Detroit collector and president of the American Philatelic association. The stamp is embossed, is blue in color and came



into use when England passed the stamp act tax in 1765. Very few of the stamps have survived the years. "Evil to Him Who Evil Thinks" is the translation of the words in the inner oval.

**Lafayette's Pride in American Citizenship**

The following anecdote of Lafayette appeared in the National Gazette of August 28, 1824:

As Lafayette passed the house of the late John Hancock in Boston, the mayor said to him: "There sits the widow of your deceased friend." He immediately caught her eye, and in the most enthusiastic manner pressed his hand upon his heart. She burst into tears and exclaimed: "I have now lived long enough!"

A man, while in conversation with Lafayette, observed he spoke the English language remarkably well; "And why should I not," he replied, "being an American just returned from a long visit to Europe?"

When we took a glass of wine in company with several other men with the general, previous to his landing at the quarantine ground from the Cadmus, one of the party addressed him both as marquis and general, and then asked him which he preferred. He unhesitatingly and emphatically replied: "I am an American general."

"My feeling is that Macon county has resources of soil and soul to be a half dozen times a greater county than it has ever yet become. Your unrealized assets are greater than those of any other Mountain county, except perhaps Haywood and Buncombe."—Dr. E. C. Branson, Department of Rural Social-Economics, University of North Carolina.

**A TRIBUTE**

Under the heading, "Gentle as a Woman" Mr. J. Walter Hayes of Asheville has this to say of Hon. Sam. L. Rogers:

"I recall many of the qualities of Mr. Rogers," Mr. Haynes remarked in reminiscent mood, "but the thing that impressed me most was his in-born and ever sustained calm. He never lost his head. During the dying days of the Simmons fight, there were circulated many wild rumors and suggestions of all sorts of combinations. 'Nail the canard' was one of the cries that reached us oftenest as the day of the voting approached. Yet Mr. Rogers did not once become excited. At no time did he lose his bearing. He was gentle as a woman in his references to the opposition. There were some so cynical as to suggest that he was avoiding the possibility of arousing strong intonations in the event of a second contest. But they did not know him. It was his nature. He was firm but fair. North Carolina has lost a nobleman."

As suggestive of the progress of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Haynes recalled that the last time he was at Franklin, a little more than a month ago, he found his former chief a member of the aldermanic board, giving liberally of his time and endeavor to the solution of knotty problems in the creation of a new waterworks system. He was as much interested in the saving of money for his community and the provision of facilities for future needs as he would have been had he been a high salaried officer, instead of a nominally paid alderman. Civic pride was his possession to a great degree.—Asheville Citizen.

**GASTON CURTIS WINS**

Gaston Curtis of Franklin won the prize in the missing word contest last week having found all of the four missing words.

Beautify the school grounds.

**EAT AT REECE'S RESTAURANT**

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