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How About It?

Some people evidently go on the theory that the public is legitimate prey.

When a jury gets through assessing damages certain individuals are due for a sad disappointment.

While we have no personal knowledge of the matter it is rumored that the women these days roll their own.

We dont intend this as an ad, but kings in the turbulent Balkans should ride only in Dodge cars.

Like the lilly the flapper toils not, but when there is an auto handy she certainly does spin.

If the dam is to be made a political football and controlled to suit the whim or wishes of any individual, the town will be the loser.

Every man in Franklin started life as a baby—and some of them occasionally give evidence of not having outgrown it.

Days of suffering and distress are ahead. Several eastern colleges are going to start teaching poetry-writing.

We have been asked to publish a statement of the town's finances. We will be glad to do so provided the board will furnish us with such a statement.

Essay on Forest Fire Prevention.

Three little girls of the Walnut Creek school have written essays taking as their subject, "Prevention of Forest Fires." Ettie Stiwinter of the fourth grade, Eula Mashburn of the sixth grade and Katy Jones of the seventh grade submitted these papers at the request of County Fire Warden J. J. Mann, who offered a prize for the best essay on the subject mentioned. These essays were submitted to three Franklin men who acted as judges. The judges are in a position to know the subject of Forest Fire Prevention. Taking into consideration the ages of the children who wrote the essays the judges consider all the papers very remarkable. The fact that school children will take the trouble to write articles on Forest Fire Prevention is only another indication that the public in the section is thoroughly awake to the importance of preserving our forests.

In judging the papers the number of points brought out by each pupil were taken into consideration. While the contest was close the judges are of the opinion that Miss Katy Jones deserves the prize. Her essay will be found elsewhere in the issue.

More contests of this kind would be an excellent thing for the county.

Pass the Chicken

Somebody has figured out that if all the milk produced in the U. S. last year had gone into a single can, this receptacle would have been 1,000 feet in diameter and a half-mile high. There were nearly twelve billion gallons of it, and its value was \$2,566,000,000. But he goes on in his figuring to show that there are 400,000,000 chickens in the U. S. and that this flock would form a procession, single file, more than 100,000 miles long, or four times around the world, and the hens would lay enough eggs every year to reach to the moon and back. All of which only makes us glad that we live in the United States, where there is never a scarcity of three good old standbys—milk, eggs and chickens. And as for the chicken part of it, we suppose every Methodist minister in the land is also thankful.

OBSERVETTES

This space is reserved for a series of observations to be given each week by one of our own fellow-citizens, worker in the town and interested reader of the Press—name being kept secret for numerous reasons. We hope you will all enjoy these brief close-ups and would appreciate any comments from the Press readers—whether they be good critics, sharp critics or critics otherwise.

THE EDITOR.

I'm like Hambone: Most people who drive autos depend too much on their brakes and not enough on their brains.

About the worst manners possible is requesting the driver to look at the scenery along the route. It risks other lives as well as yours. Refrain if tempted.

That's about the worst thing, but the most ignorant thing is the girl who was knitting her sweetie a muffler to go on his car, because she heard him say he had to buy a new one for his flivver.

My sister told me this, which happened in school the other day: The teacher asked a little fellow what George Washington was remarkable for, and he said he was remarkable because he was an American and told the truth. There's something in that.

I see the hidden beauty in the bare trees on Main street, but I just can't see it in our two new "duplex apartments" on the square. Their location is known in the far lands, and we hear on every side of us remarks about them, asking what they are for. If the people would come and look them over they would see for themselves, or we might take them over the estate and point out their usefulness with pride.

The road across Cowee mountain is open. That is what I hear, but the way you get over is to go around by Halifax, take a jump into Manteo hit New York on the southern end and come back around Raleigh. If you are contemplating a trip to Dillsboro soon you will go over a very scenic route. Those who have not been out of town in a long time I advise them to take this trip, for you get a long ride for a mere pittance.

Just one more week until Christmas. I am so thrilled, I hope Santa Claus brings me something nice. Many of us will wish this same thing, but are any of us thinking about the little children whom Santa won't visit? A good way to enjoy Christmas is to make some one happy who is unexpected, though appreciative and he who does this will be so happy that what money he spends on them will never be missed, and he will be paid back a hundred fold in the happiness of giving.

As the time for finishing up Christmas shopping draws to a close, I begin looking over my list to see if I have left out any one. And I wonder if this book that I bought for Cousin Sue will be appreciated, although it came out three years ago and I got it at the bargain counter; this old oriental knick-knack I bought for Aunt Kate, now wouldn't she appreciate a scarf more? And this fancy dish, what is it for, wouldn't she like something else better? Wouldn't friend Bess rather have a cream ladle? And the old-fashioned tidy bought for Aunt Nell, I wonder if she had rather have a pair of bedroom slippers?

These questions and others like them are the only things that keep me worried about Christmas. Otherwise it thrills me and I am anxious for it to roll around.

Christmas Trees

There's a lot of argument going on throughout the country just now as to the advisability of cutting so many Christmas trees each season. There is one organization urging every one to set out an evergreen tree in their yard and use it each year as a Christmas tree. Another organization contends that Vermont, Maine and Canada can furnish fir trees for hundreds of years to come without endangering the supply, or interfering with manufacturing industries. And from abroad comes a request to this country to take the duty off them and the old world will furnish all we can use. So, for the benefit of Franklin boys and girls who might start worrying if they heard that the Christmas tree crop is in danger we want to offer this word of cheer—there is no danger of a shortage in the supply, and besides we Americans are so inventive that if they did run out we'd find a substitute before next Christmas rolls around.

It's a Funny Old World.

It has often been said that it takes all kinds of people to make a world. We have the white, the black, the yellow, the brown and the red. Eikewise we have the progressive citizen and the grouch, the broad-minded man and the one who is narrow between the eyes, the booster and the knocker, the brainy man and the moron, the far-sighted and the near-sighted, the good and the bad, the grafters, the bosses, and many others of various colors and mentality.

Here in Franklin, with the exception of the Chinaman, the whole category is present. Next in number to those who believe in Franklin's future and are working night and day for its advancement come the knockers. These knockers one can see on the street corners, around red hot stoves, in office buildings, diligently plying the trade of an idle mind—knocking. Knocking Franklin, knocking Lake Emory, knocking the dam, knocking this and knocking that, until one wonders that they have any knuckles left. And, strange to say, some of these men are respected as Franklin's leading citizens. Just what their object is no one seems to know. We do not believe that they themselves know.

Coming right down to the question of brass tacks (with apologies to Mr. Dawes), these same citizens should have intelligence enough to know that knocking never made a town. The dam is completed and those who bought the bonds have a mortgage on every building and every foot of land in the corporate limits of Franklin until the bonds are paid. Every man that can be persuaded to locate in Franklin will help pay these bonds. Will a knocker bring a new citizen to our town? Most assuredly not.

Some even claim that a settlement around Lake Emory will in nowise help the town. Going on this theory every farmer in the county could move out and leave his lands to the toad frogs, rabbits and rattlesnakes with no resultant injury to Franklin. Suppose that 20 years ago, Los Angeles, with monumental ignorance, had acted on the theory that outlying settlements were of no benefit to the city. Today, instead of a city of over a million inhabitants and covering more than 500 square miles, that city would be where it was 20 years ago.

Many of the knockers in Franklin own property here. That property is going to be taxed to pay for the dam whether it suits the owners or not. Then instead of knocking why can't we all become boosters? Boosting will lower our taxes and build the town. Knocking will destroy us. The knockers might at least remain quiet and give those who are trying to take advantage of our present opportunities a better chance to accomplish something for the town.

Why Not Try This?

We take it that everyone in Franklin is still open to holiday suggestions, so we want to offer one. The day of sensible giving is here—gifts that will bring comfort and happiness the whole year through. Then why not send that relative or friend who has removed to a distant part of the country your home-town paper for the year 1926? It would be just like sending out 52 presents at the cost of one—a new present every week. It would be accepted by the one receiving it as 52 letters a year from the old home town—and every letter newsy and different. He couldn't thank you enough, and you would be in his mind every week when the paper reached him. It would mean but two or three cents a week—about the cost of stamp and envelope—to send him this weekly letter in the shape of a year's subscription to this paper. So why not give relatives or friends this sensible gift, and start it at once? We will gladly drop them a note and tell them to whom they are indebted for such thoughtfulness.

Bazaar

The Women's Missionary Society of the Franklin Baptist church will have a bazaar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 17, 18 and 19 at the old Trotter home on Main street. There will be a display in Trotter's store window. At this bazaar the ladies will sell all kinds of fancy work, aprons, clothing, quilts, candies and some Christmas toys. In another room of the old Trotter home there will be a rummage sale. An excellent opportunity to get suitable Christmas gifts. Everybody invited.

Notice of Election in the Town of Highlands, N. C.

An Ordinance Ordering Election in the Town of Highlands.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS:

Section 1. That those two certain ordinances adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Highlands on the 27th day of November, 1925, authorizing, respectively, the issuance of \$70,000 Electric Light Bonds for the purpose of constructing a municipal electric light system, and the levy of a tax for the payment thereof, and the issuance of \$5,000 Sewer Bonds for the purpose of constructing a municipal sanitary sewer system, and the levy of a tax for the payment thereof, shall each be submitted to the voters of said town for their approval or rejection at a special election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1926.

Section 2. That for said election, L. W. Rice, Clerk of this Board, is appointed Registrar, and W. R. Potts and J. Q. Pierson, Judges, who shall hold said election and certify the results thereof over their proper signatures to this Board.

Section 3. The Registrar shall, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a. m. and 5:00 o'clock p. m., on each day (Sundays excepted) from December 26th 1925 until January 2nd, 1926, both inclusive, keep open the Registration Books for the registration of any new electors residing in the town and entitled to registration whose names have never before been registered in the town. On each Saturday during the period of said new registration above set forth the said registration books shall be kept open until 9:00 o'clock p. m.

Section 4. That a copy of this ordinance signed by the Mayor and the Clerk of this Board shall be published as a notice of said election at least once not later than December 5th 1925, said publication to be in the Franklin Press, a newspaper published in the county of Macon, there being no newspaper published in the town of Highlands.

J. JAY SMITH, Mayor,
L. W. RICE, Clerk.

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Notice

An Ordinance Authorizing \$70,000 Electric Light Bonds.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS:

Section 1. That the town of Highlands issue its bonds pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act to an amount not exceeding \$70,000 for the purpose of constructing a municipal electric light system.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of the debt of the town has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect when approved by the voters of the municipality at an election to be hereafter called as provided for in the Municipal Finance Act.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 27th day of November, 1925, and was first published on the 4th day of December, 1925.

Any action or proceedings questioning the validity of said ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication.

L. W. RICE, Clerk.
Attorney: J. L. Morehead, Durham, N. C. D25-4t

Notice

An Ordinance Authorizing \$5,000 Sewer Bonds.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS:

Section 1. That the town of Highlands issue its bonds pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act to an amount not exceeding \$5,000 for the purpose of constructing a municipal sanitary sewer system.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of the debt of the town has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect when approved by the voters of the municipality at an election to be hereafter called as provided for in the Municipal Finance Act.

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L. W. RICE, Clerk.
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Notice.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING HIGHLANDS LAND COMPANY.

North Carolina, Macon County—

The stockholders and any other person concerned of the Highlands Land Company will take notice that on the 23rd day of November, 1925, the Board of Directors of Highlands Land Company, a domestic corporation, deemed it advisable for the benefit of the corporation that it be dissolved, and that a majority of the whole Board of said Directors, at a meeting called for that purpose, of which meeting every director of said corporation had received three days notice, passed a resolution in which it was set forth that it was deemed advisable and for the benefit of the corporation that same be immediately dissolved.

NOW THEREFORE, let the stockholders and each of them hereby take notice that on the 21st day of December, 1925, a stockholders meeting is called to meet in the Town of Highlands in the office of Pierson & Staub, the same being the principal place of business of Highlands Land Company, the purpose of said meeting being to take action upon said resolution to dissolve said Highlands Land Company, all stockholders are hereby notified to be present and participate in any action or business that may be transacted at said meeting and especially as to the adoption of the resolution dissolving said corporation. Said resolution is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

Resolution and Certificate of Directors of Highlands Land Company.

The location of the principal office in this state is at Highlands, Macon county, North Carolina, in the office of Pierson and Staub:

The name of the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process against this corporation may be served, is J. Q. Pierson, Highlands, Macon County, North Carolina.

We, the undersigned, being a majority of the Board of Directors of the Highlands Land Company, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the said Board called for the purpose, and held on the 23rd day of November, 1925, said Board, by a majority of the whole Board, did adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in the judgment of this Board it is advisable, and most for the benefit of the Highlands Company that the same should be forthwith dissolved; and to that end it is ordered that a meeting of the stockholders be held on the 21st day of December, 1925, at the office of the Company, in the Town of Highlands, North Carolina, to take action upon this resolution; and further, that the Secretary forthwith give notice of said meeting and of the adoption of this resolution, within ten days of this date, by publishing the said resolution with a notice of its adoption in the Franklin Press, a newspaper published in Macon County, State of North Carolina, in the Town of Franklin, at least four weeks, once a week, successively, and by mailing a written or printed copy of the same to each and every stockholder of this Company in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the corporate seal of said Company, this 23rd day of November, 1925.

HIGHLANDS LAND COMPANY
By J. Q. PIERSON, Pres.
ALBERTINA STAUB,
J. Q. PIERSON,
Directors.

Attest:
ALBERTINA STAUB, Secy.
J. Q. P. D18-4t.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Chas. B. Ashe, 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 18th day of November, 1925, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 18th day of November, 1925.

J. P. MOORE,
Administrator.