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THE FRANKLIN PRESS PLATFORM

- A commercial hotel for Franklin.
- Extension of the sewer lines.
- Beautify the school grounds.
- Two hundred summer cottages.
- A sewage disposal plant.
- More official activity in the sale of surplus power.
- The construction of business blocks.
- Reorganization of the Board of Trade and employment of a full-time secretary.
- Plant trees along the state highways of the county.
- Make a white way of Main Street.
- An excellent school library.
- A proper heating system for our school building.
- Courteous treatment for visitors.
- Improvement of county roads connecting with State Highways.
- Cooperation, vim, push, work—everything for the good of Franklin and Macon county.
- New court house and jail combined.

How About It?

It is hard to understand why the sport writers insist on attaching the name "Comers" to the Columbia baseball aggregation.

Muffers wide open make day and night hideous. We pay for protection but do not get it. The state law says that a siren horn shall not be attached to an automobile, but this law, like all other laws tending to regulate automobiles, is treated with contempt in Franklin.

We are presumed to have a sanitary toilet at the court house and to pay some one to keep it clean, but no one seems to notice the odor of magnolias in that vicinity. The reputation of our court house has gone out into the by-ways and hedges all over the south—much to our detriment. We must have a new court house and jail combined.

On May 28th a child was born to a Macon county woman in the state's prison at Raleigh. This woman was carried from Macon county only a few days before to serve a sentence of one year. It is pertinent to ask why some one in authority did not ask for a respite since the condition of the woman at the time she left the county must have been known to the officials. We are quite sure that a respite could have been easily arranged. The fair name of our county has again been disgraced. The child, who was in no way to blame for its existence will never live down the disgrace of having been born in a prison. Macon county must share this dishonor. The voters of Macon are going to remember this prison birth.

Coming Back Strong

We are glad to notice in a number of exchanges reaching our office that the old-time family reunion and picnic is coming back strong and we hope it spreads to this community until we have more of them this season than ever before. The auto enables members if the family now living at a distance to get to and from these reunions without loss of time and insures a fuller representation. Nothing serves to break the monotony and grind of everyday work like renewing family ties and talking over "old times" at these annual gatherings. So join in the movement this season, and plan for a family reunion, for one day of unalloyed enjoyment with your own flesh and blood, and a dinner in the world's finest dining room—out-of-doors. And don't forget that we are anxious to have a report of it, for your neighbors will be interested in reading about it.

A New Court House

Since the recent editorial in The Press urging a new court house and

Protect the Home Town's Interests



No farmer would stand for seeing his fattest pullets or live stock swept off by some large bird of prey. He would speedily take action highly detrimental to the invader in order to protect his own interests. But curiously enough the same farmer and some of his townsmen might resort to the catalogue of a mail-order house or patronize an itinerant peddler when in need of supplies. Those who do this to the exclusion of patronizing home-town merchants are letting the hawk of out-of-town buying carry off treasures that belong here. You get more for your money, better service and better satisfaction all around when you buy in Franklin. Keep business here and the whole community will benefit by it.

jail combined for Macon, people from all sections of the county have taken occasion to commend the proposition. Our present jail is nothing less than a disgrace. Our court house is entirely inadequate and located in the wrong place. These two old buildings, located in the heart of town in plain sight of visitors are the worst kind of advertisement for the county. In all probability the next judge to hold court in Franklin will take drastic action in reference to the jail—and such action will be necessary unless, in the mean time, some steps are taken with a view to a more humane place for prisoners.

The people of Macon county are pure-blooded Anglo-Saxons, an independent race that has dominated the world since the days of William the Conqueror. Macon county is one of the greatest counties in the state and its citizens are justly proud of their mountains, valleys and streams. However they are not proud of their public buildings.

We must have a new court house and jail. Our honor and dignity demand it.

Better Boys

We believe every father and mother in Franklin will be interested in a statement made by "Uncle Joe" Cannon a few days ago, and now going the rounds of the press. "Uncle Joe" for many years leader of the lower house of Congress, says the world is growing better because records of institutions for the correction of juveniles show a steady decrease in population. He has studied the reports from not only his own state, Illinois, but from many other states and finds that fewer boys are being sentenced to reformatories, industrial schools and houses of detention than at any time in recent years.

"Uncle Joe" argues that this reflects better home conditions and also a more general determination on the part of parents to see that their boys are not permitted to spend all of their time in idleness when they are not in school. He feels sure parents are coming to realize that it is their duty to encourage their boys in learning a trade, with the result that more and more of them are showing a desire, at an early age, to earn money.

"Uncle Joe" is optimistic, and sees a generation ahead far more skilled in industrial and commercial life than any generation that has gone before. That certainly ought to be good news to fathers and mothers who have boys growing up to take their place in the ranks of that generation.

Are We Only Dreaming?

On the front page of this issue is reprinted an article published in the May 15th issue of "Public Service," a publication issued by the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau. Public Service is naturally opposed to public ownership of any utility. As a general principle The Press is likewise opposed to public ownership of any utility whatsoever. The fallacy of such ownership was amply demonstrated during the world war when the government assumed control and operated the railroads. In one or two Pacific coast cities, public ownership and operation of street railways have shown this policy to be unwise. However, there are exceptions to all rules. In the case of Franklin's municipal

dam it was a plain case of public ownership or no dam. Before the town decided to build the dam efforts had been made to raise by individual subscriptions the necessary funds for this purpose. These efforts failed. Franklin was at that time without power and this commodity was absolutely necessary if we were to keep step with progress being made by other small towns in the western part of the state. Our very existence was in jeopardy. Consequently, the town could not do otherwise than build the municipal dam.

And now that we have the dam let us dream our dreams. Public Service seems perfectly willing that we do—but advances sound arguments against paying the expenses of the town from bonds of the municipal plant. We admit that the method would tax some of our citizens in the form of light bills while the non-users of current would escape taxation. As a general rule, this method would collect the taxes from the men most able to pay. We doubt that this argument is sound but the federal government recognizes this principle in the sur-tax on incomes. Public Service refers to the drug store man who might be called upon to pay a light bill of \$50.00 per month, while his next door merchant might only pay \$2.00 per month and states that the drug store man would be taxed in the proportion of 25 to 1. This is true but with a privately owned plant the drug store man would pay in the same proportion for the use of electric current. It is apparent that in any case we will always be called upon to pay light bills, either to a corporation, company, individual or town. If our plant were privately owned, our light bills would fall due by the 10th of each succeeding month and once each year we would wend our way to the office of the town tax collector and plunk down our money for taxes on real and personal property. With our municipally owned plant, if our present plans succeed, we will have to pay our monthly light bills but can avoid the annual pilgrimage to the office of the town tax collector.

We have another local condition with which Public Service is evidently not familiar. We expect to sell most of our surplus power to users outside the city limits. The use of this current will not only be economical to the buyers but will provide a handsome income to the town of Franklin. The town is already receiving more than \$5,000 per year from this class of people.

As intimated by Public Service we may be due for "an awful jolt", but please let us enjoy our dreams to the fullest possible extent while the dreaming is good.

ENTRY NOTICE

State of North Carolina, Macon Co. No. 14986
25 Acres
Entered June 7, 1926
Advertised June 11, 1926.
Earl Harrison enters 25 acres of land in Cartoogechaye township on the waters of Wayah creek. Beginning at a corner of State Grant No. 9442 south with said grant to corner of Grant No. 17297, then with same to a line in Grant No. 1673 and with same to the beginning, being 25 acres more or less. EARL HARRISON.
This June 7, 1926.
I certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records in my office. This June 7, 1926.
p-Jy12 ALEX. MOORE, E. T.

CARRIER PIGEON LOST

Last week a carrier pigeon alighted at the home of Mr. John Russell on Nickajack creek in Macon county. On one leg of the pigeon was a silver band with the following inscription, 221071 A C G A O. On the other leg was a gold band with an arrow and the numbers, 8104.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina—Macon County.
In the Superior Court.
C. S. Slagle and wife, Louise Slagle; T. M. Slagle and wife, Laura A. Slagle
versus
H. O. Siler and wife, Clara Siler; Minnie S. Higgins, Esther C. Freas, Anna Barr and husband, John Barr; Rufus Morgan and wife, Madeline Morgan; Ralph S. Morgan and wife, Louise Morgan; Lucy Morgan, Ben Warner and wife, Laura Warner; Ethel W. Siler, Edwin Siler and wife, Anna Siler; Albert L. Siler, Annie Siler, George Siler, Katherine Siler, William Siler, Thomas S. Arthur, Hayne C. Arthur and wife, Ollie Arthur; Siler Arthur, Margaret Siler, Annie Will Siler, Allen Siler, Daisy Siler and Freda Siler.

The non-resident defendants, H. O. Siler, Clara Siler, Minnie S. Higgins, Rufus Morgan, Madeline Morgan, LaLura Warner, Ben Warner, Ethel W. Siler, Edwin Siler, Anna Siler, Albert L. Siler, Annie Siler, George Siler and William Siler, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the partition of real estate in which both the plaintiff and defendants have an interest; and the said non-resident defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of Clerk of Superior Court of said county, at the courthouse in Franklin, North Carolina, on July 5, 1926, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This 28th day of May, 1926.
FRANK I. MURRAY,
Clerk Superior Court.

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a power of a sale vested in the undersigned by a deed of trust executed by R. M. Ledford to the undersigned trustee, to secure the sum of \$1000 to W. B. McGuire and J. E. Rickman, which deed of trust is recorded in book No. 27, page—, Register's office, Macon county, and default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby and at the request of said McGuire and Rickman, I will, on Monday the fifth day of July, 1926, between the legal hours of sale, and at the court house door in the town of Franklin, Macon county, N. C., sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described land:
Lying and being in Macon county, N. C., in town of Franklin, deeded and conveyed to R. M. Ledford by F. B. Benbow and wife, said deed duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon county, book H-3, page 17.
Said sale is made to satisfy the notes secured by the said deed of trust.
This the first day of June, 1926.
R. D. SISK,
Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of I. J. Ashe, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 1927, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 17th day of May, 1926.
GUS LEACH,
Administrator.

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C., up to and including June 28, 1926, for all merchantable dead timber standing or down, and all the live timber marked or designated for cutting on an area embracing about 350 acres on the watershed of Sugar Cove Creek, Laurel Creek, and Chestnut Cove Branch, compartments 79 and 83, Nantahala National Forest, Macon county, N. C., estimated to be 480,000 feet B. M. of chestnut, 119,000 feet B. M. of poplar, 210,000 feet B. M. of oaks, 10,000 feet B. M. of buckeye, 3000 feet B. M. of ash, 10,000 feet B. M. of basswood, more or less. No bid of less than \$6.50 per M. feet for poplar, basswood and ash, \$5.50 per M. feet for oaks and \$2.00 per M. feet for chestnut and buckeye will be considered. \$300 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to the conditions of the sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C.
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CHEVROLET REPRESENTATIVE IN FRANKLIN LAST WEEK

Mr. F. E. Sealy, Charlotte representative of the Chevrolet Motor company, was in Franklin last week making an inspection of the local agency. Mr. Sealy is well pleased with Franklin and expects the local Chevrolet agents to do a good business in Macon county.

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a mortgage given by R. M. Ledford and wife Louellen Ledford to the undersigned Carolina Provision Co., to secure the sum of \$1349.54, said mortgage being dated June 14, 1922, and recorded in Book H-4, page 372, office of Register of Deeds, Macon county, and default having been made in the payments of the notes secured by said mortgage the undersigned will, on Monday, the fifth day of July 1926, between the legal hours of sale and at the court house door in the town of Franklin, County of Macon, and state of North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the notes secured by said mortgage, the following described land:

Lying and being in the County of Macon, State of North Carolina, on the Georgia road in the town of Franklin, adjoining the lands of W. B. McGuire and others and being all the land described in a deed of conveyance from F. B. Benbow and wife to R. M. Ledford which deed of conveyance is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon county, N. C., book H-3, page 17, to which deed and record reference is hereby made for definite description of said land:

The calls of said deed being as follows:

Beginning at a stone corner 130 feet W of the Georgia road and N 57 1/2 W from M. D. Billings' house and runs S 300 feet to a stake in W. B. McGuire's line, then W with said line 145 feet to a stake, thence N. 300 feet to a stone; then E 145 feet to the beginning.

Second Lot: Beginning at the NE corner of the above described lots runs an easterly direction on the same degree with the northern boundary line of the above described lots to the public road, then in a S direction with the public road to W. B. McGuire's corner, then W with McGuire's line to the corner of the above described lots, thence N with line of above described lots to the beginning.
This the first day of June, 1926.
CAROLINA PROVISION CO.,
Mortgagee.

By R. D. Sisk, Atty. 4t-Jn25

Notice of Sale

North Carolina—Macon County.
George Webb and others
versus
T. B. Hedden and others, R. M. Coffey, administrator of William Webb, deceased, and T. B. Hedden et al.

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Macon county entered at April term, 1926, appointing the undersigned as commissioners to sell the hereinafter described land, we will therefore, on Monday the fifth day of July, 1926, between the legal hours of sale and at the court house door in the town of Franklin, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands:

Lying in Macon county, Highlands township; Beginning at a spruce corner Angel's old corner near old spring and runs with the Powell Murray (now U. S. Forest Survey), S. 29 Degree, 7' W 683 feet to a chestnut oak, thence S. 52 degree, 30' W 775 feet to a stake, thence S. 42 degree, 20' W. 367 feet to a hickory on a knob, thence S 10 degree 55' E 567 feet to a hickory, thence N 71 degree, E 1048 feet to a stake in the E line of Grant No. 1982, thence with the line of said Grant N. 25 W 1716 feet to the beginning.

Said land being sold to make assets to pay the debts of William Webb, deceased, and for partition between the heirs of the said William Webb.

This May 31, 1926.
R. D. SISK,
HENRY G. ROBERTSON,
4t-Jn25 Commissioners.

Notice For Bids

The County Board of Education will receive bids to furnish all material and construct a school building near the Franklin Graded School in the town of Franklin, N. C. Bids will be submitted for either a six or an eight room building. All work and material to be according to plans and specifications of architects. These may be seen at the office of the County Superintendent. The bids will be considered and accepted or rejected by the Board or some one authorized to act for the Board at 10 o'clock, June 15, 1926. No bid will be considered unless it is accompanied by justified bond in a sum equal to one-half the amount of the bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
3t-J11 By M. D. Billing, Secy.

Notice

An examination will be given at the Franklin High School on Friday, July 9, 1926, beginning at 8:30 a. m., covering the subjects in the 7th grade to all pupils in the county who may wish to enter the Franklin school for the coming year. No one will be transported nor admitted to the 8th grade who fails to pass the examination.
5t-J25 M. D. BILLINGS, Supt.