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Make a white way of Main street.
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Courteous treatment for visitors.
Improvement of county roads connecting with State highways.
Co-operation, vim, push, work—everything for the good of Franklin and Macon county.
New court house and jail combined.

How About It?

Let's get the election over with and settle down to two more prosperous years.

The people of Macon county are just bound to have No. 28. Who are the men most likely to make our dreams come true?

Our advice to the Franklin boy about to get married is to buy his wife such fine china she will not trust him to wipe the dishes.

After wondering for thousands of years how to fix their hair, women finally decided to cut it off.

One man in Franklin can now be classed as an old bachelor. He has begun worrying for fear some woman will marry him.

When a man reads a newspaper while driving an auto he must be picking out the place for his headlines in next day's issue.

Laugh at hog calling contests all you want to, but they're far more exciting than some of the political meetings that have been held around here.

Reward the Deserving

IN connection with the candidacies of Messrs. Cabe and Pierson for re-election to the office of county commissioner, we again urge the people of Macon county to give due consideration to the record these men have made. Quite a bit of political propaganda has been going the rounds about the cost of the county audit and new system of accounting. In the opinion of hundreds of people this action on the part of the commissioners was one of the most forward steps they have taken. Others, when they become acquainted with the benefits of the new system, will likewise be of the same opinion.

Under the present commissioners the county has made rapid strides in road building. In respect to roads, the people of the county are intensely interested in grading and paving No. 28, and paving 286. All the details in connection with this work are at the finger tips of the present commissioners. To defeat them now would be swapping horses in the middle of the stream. We have no word to say against any other man in the race. All are good men, BUT, can they do as much toward building No. 28 and paving 286 as the men now in office? That is the question for the voters to decide.

When To Boost

BOOSTING is best in moderation. There can be such a thing as over-doing it. But never to our knowledge has there been too much of it in Franklin.

Sometimes a knock of the right kind is all right—if it serves the purpose of waking up the community to the point where it will start in boosting to overcome the knock. But always it takes more boosting than it takes knocking to improve conditions.

So let's lay aside the hammer we've been hiding behind our backs and pick up a horn.

We are nearing the end of what our merchants say has been a very good year. Let's do whatever we can find to do to make the few remaining weeks of 1926 prosperous. Let's

pay off a bill here and a little on another one we owe there. Let's try buying every dime's worth here at home for the next two months and see if it doesn't brighten things up still more. That's the best way to boost. And it's also the best way to get rid of the knocker.

The Basis of Prosperity

AS a national election approaches there are many theories advanced as to the probability of a financial depression. Some argue on the line of over-speculation and too much expansion of credits. Others argue that the people are buying too many motor cars. Out of 20,000,000 automobiles in use in the world, 17,000,000 are said to be owned in this country. Then there is talk, mainly for political effect, that while there has been a general improvement in farm and market conditions, a great many farmers are still on the verge of bankruptcy.

As a matter of fact, there never has been a time when there were not some weak places in the financial, industrial, or agricultural structure of a great nation, which could be magnified out of all proportion in creating campaign issues.

Let us consider five of the primary sources of new wealth, nationally speaking, of this great country of ours, that are constantly offsetting any possible collapse in the soundness and stability of national business affairs.

The first source of new wealth is farm crops, soil products; everything included in the term agriculture. Indications are that this year will surpass all other years in sum total of the golden stream that agriculture pours forth.

The second great national asset of new creative wealth is mining, mineral and metal products, including the oil industry. Reports show that they are on a prosperous basis of production.

The third source of wealth production is manufacturing in the first stage from raw materials—the factory output for 1926 will surpass all previous years.

A fourth great wealth creator is lumbering, logging, paper mill products, and all associated industries connected with products of the forest.

Heaped upon this great mountain of new wealth created annually, we must not overlook the salt and fresh water fisheries. The hundreds of millions taken out of this element are, next to meat and grains, the greatest item of food value.

If the hundreds of millions and billions of dollars of new wealth brought into existence annually and added to the existing wealth could be stacked up before the people, together with the increasing accumulations in all banks, the question of the future financial stability of our country would be better understood. We would realize that the prosperity of this nation rests on the rock foundation of primary industries which create new wealth annually by supplying the wants of mankind with essential products necessary to maintain life. Our country has the greatest real basis of security, stability, and continuous prosperity of all the countries in the civilized world.

Others' Comments

SUMMER DEPARTED

FRANKLIN sits on top of a hill in Macon county like a jewel crown—crown because it is round, and jeweled because of the beauty of its setting between the peaks of the Nantahalas on the one side and the Cowees on the other. And Sunday night Franklin witnessed the rare spectacle of a rainbow, ends resting on a pot of gold on one mountain and a pot of gold on the other. Franklin might have known that this meant something happening and should not have been surprised that the morning brought a freeze and a skiff of snow. Blowing Rock does not seem to have a press agent, or today's weather report from that high-kicker might prove even more interesting than that from the Macon capital. Summer has departed the mountain districts. —Charlotte Observer.

FIRE insurance rates in North Carolina are too high and the legislature should take action. "Though North Carolina's per capita fire loss is less than half the per capita loss of the country as a whole, it's still far too high," said Stacey Wade, Insurance Commissioner. The per capita loss in this State during 1925 was \$2.42, while the national average was \$4.96.—News and Observer.

THE farm of the Cullowhee Normal School made a good showing in a financial way. It cleared \$1,500 last year from a fifty-acre tract. Which proves that there is good money in farming when done systematically.—The Ruralite.

Anyhow, Mussolini hasn't yet claimed the planet Mars as logical Italian territory.—Asheville Times.

The primary law is safe: Vice-President Dawes has declared against it.—Asheville Citizen.

Let everybody vote. The State Board of Elections has printed 1,800,000 ballots. They ought to be used.—News and Observer.

PURPOSE OF PRISONS

THOMAS Mott Osborne, whose recent death is widely mourned, won a national reputation for his ideas about prison reform, but he was no mere sentimentalist. He was scientific in his method. "I have not a single theory or idea about this prison game," he said, "that I am not ready to alter or throw away the moment it bumps up against a fact."

While he was scientific in his method, he recognized that prisoners are "real, live human beings—the most interesting things in the world." While recognizing the force of personality, he did not let that blind him to the real purpose of prisons. "Prisons exist for the protection of society, and they have no other function," he set down as one of his cardinal propositions.

He was sound in his belief that "deterrence is the real aim of the prison," and if that were always kept in mind by prison reformers there would be less difficulty in solving the prison problem.

He was opposed to the old system of severity, he wanted prisons to be educational institutions, but he did not believe in filling them full of sentimentality. He would train prisoners in honest labor, teach them the basis of citizenship, but he did not favor the honor system because it resulted often in special privilege for the unworthy.

He visited Raleigh several years ago, and his addresses on that occasion are remembered by many people who heard him. He spoke with frankness and in a sincere manner. He made a large contribution to the prison reform movement because he did not fool himself with false ideas. He undertook to get the facts, and to deal with them as facts after he got them. That is the only basis of any permanent success in any field of endeavor, and because he did that he commanded respect. He was able to dramatize his knowledge, it is true, but it was real knowledge.—News and Observer.

THE CLAY COUNTY NEWS

There comes to our desk a new visitor—The Clay County News, published in Hayesville by J. A. Gray. The Journal welcomes this new neighbor into Western North Carolina.

While Clay is a small county in area, it is a good county, peopled with excellent folks, and is fast becoming one of the progressive counties of awakening Western North Carolina. The county has been hampered by lack of a county paper through which to find expression of the hopes and aspirations of its people. Any county without a county paper, a good one, is seriously handicapped, for it is the organ that continually fights the battles of its people, cheers them, urges them ever onward to better things; and most outside people judge any county or community by the character of the local paper. That is the only way which many of them have of learning about a county or town.

The Clay county publication started off as a good, newsy sheet, well prepared, well edited and well printed. The only criticism that the Journal can find to make is the small amount of space used by the local advertisers. The publisher of the paper can not long bring out the kind of a publication which he is now doing, without liberal support from his home advertisers. The Journal would warn the Clay county and Hayesville folks that if they want to keep their paper they must patronize its advertising columns. Outsiders will judge that the county is a dead one unless the local paper carries the message of the advertisers in liberal space.—Jackson County Journal.

THE EDITOR'S TASK

It is his desire and his business to advocate that which will benefit his city. He is, in a very real sense, the high priest of service, acquainting his people with new opportunities, not only to build up their town materially, but also to enrich themselves and others spiritually. In his hand always is the axe of the pioneer, and on his banner the proud device of "Forward!"—Selected.

Letters

MR. COOPER THANKS OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS

Major S. A. Harris,
Editor Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir:

For some time it has been my good fortune to be closely associated with public affairs in Macon county, and now that my work calls me elsewhere, it would seem to be entirely fitting and proper to thus publicly express the regret I feel at the necessity which compels me to sever, for a time at least, the many pleasant relations I have enjoyed while serving the county in my professional capacity.

The work completed for your county could not have been so successfully consummated had it not been for the whole-hearted co-operation of a progressive, far-sighted Board of County Commissioners with the courage of their convictions; and the unflinching support of public-spirited citizens, county officials, and public press.

The tax-payers of Macon county are certainly to be congratulated upon the wisdom

which prompted them to elect to public office men of vision, so uniformly animated with the apparent desire to serve all the tax-payers as a whole, despite criticism from the uninformed, and regardless of personal interests. It is a form of patriotism that is rare indeed, and deserves full recognition from an intelligent citizenship.

It has been but a very few years since Macon county was one of the "Lost Provinces" of North Carolina, but that day is past and it is now connected with its mother State by a long line of concrete which winds like a silver ribbon over the beautiful hills and valleys; all because men of vision dreamed a dream of prosperity, and had the courage, the "stick-to-it-iveness" and perseverance necessary to make that dream come true.

The results are already apparent to those who will make the comparison between today and yesterday, and the volume of county business has increased to the point where the best interest of the taxpayers can only be served by modern methods of county government. Intelligent conduct of county business required the searchlight of "Truth" concerning its financial affairs, and adequate methods to handle the increased volume.

As the readers of this letter doubtless know, the keystone of the accounting profession can be very aptly expressed by the quotation "Hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may," and that has been the spirit behind the work that has been done. Party politics hold no interest for the accountant. He is only interested in telling the truth as he finds it, and offering suggestions for better and more efficient methods of conducting the affairs under examination. The results obtained will stand as a monument to those responsible for their accomplishment.

It is impossible to fully express my appreciation for the co-operation and unflinching courtesy of all with whom it was necessary for me to come in contact during the course of a long, tedious, and trying engagement; but I do wish to particularly stress my appreciation for the interest displayed by the members of the Macon County League of Women Voters, both in Franklin and Highlands, who have collectively and individually sponsored and promoted the efforts made to establish the present methods of conducting county business. Their determined efforts to establish "Truth" concerning the county's financial condition and daily transactions, as a basis for better conduct of county affairs, has been a source of continual inspiration to put forth the best efforts possible to accomplish that result.

Since nature has so richly endowed your beautiful county with agricultural and commercial advantages, it would be criminal to neglect preparation for the years of prosperity which the future undoubtedly holds for your citizenship; and I leave you feeling that a long step forward has been taken toward that end in placing the largest business within your limits, the county government itself, on a business-like basis.

Please accept my thanks for the many courtesies extended me, and be assured that it will always be a pleasure to serve you at any time you feel that my efforts can be of benefit to you.

Very truly yours,

W. J. COOPER

Franklin, N. C.,
October 22, 1926.

Nothing Fazes John

SOME folks claim that the saddle, excepting the postage stamp model used by the gay lotharios, is as extinct as the dodo. But such folks are evidently not acquainted with John Thomas and his inventive ability. Last Tuesday morning while the snow was gently falling and a sublime solitude had descended upon that section of the globe between the majestic Cowees and the mighty Nantahalas, a riotous uproar was heard on Main street. A stranger who had been in the San Francisco earthquake grabbed his hat, rushed from a local hotel and took to the tall and uncut. Another from Miami, wrapped his arms about a telephone pole and extended his nether extremities in a horizontal direction approximately four feet from the pavement. Local citizens with bulging eyes saw a strange contraption making its way east along Main street.

Two men were mounted on the neck of this animal, clinging to the reins and pulling with all their might, while from the interior could be heard loud and prolonged yells of "Whoa." A halt was finally made at the postoffice and the strange object began to disintegrate. The two men visible dismounted, while from the interior came other men, bundles and mail sacks. Last of all came John Thomas with a smile on his face. "Boys," said John, "the mail business is picking up. This trip I cleared six dollars and forty-five cents." After the auto—for such it proved to be—was unloaded and its out lines become visible, a saddle—one of the old army models that had evidently seen service in the Mexican war—was found astride the hood. Martingales were fastened to the radius rods, while a crupper adorned the outlet of the exhaust pipe.

John declares that he can always make room for his Elljay friends when they wish to come to Franklin and that hereafter a saddle will be as much a part of his equipment as a tire tool.