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### THE FRANKLIN PRESS PLATFORM

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.  
Plant trees along the State highways of the county.  
Make a white way of Main street.  
An excellent school library.  
Courteous treatment for visitors.  
Improvement of county roads connecting with State highways.  
A fish ladder at the municipal dam.  
Co-operation, vim, push, work-everything for the good of Franklin and Macon county.  
New court house and jail combined.

### How About It?

Chief Henry finds enough to do to keep him exceedingly busy.

Main street gets a washing now and then. Helps.

Wouldn't a new court house and jail combined be scrumptious?

Cans, canners, cannery mean money to Macon county.

Four dogs to each sheep means less wool. Less wool, fewer dollars.

Yes, Indeed! Your home merchant has it and for less than the mail order house.

Twenty thousand hives of bees in Macon means an additional income of \$250,000.

Our county is mighty proud of its appointed to the Naval Academy.

Has the town board thought about a fish ladder at the municipal dam? It's badly needed.

Have you seen the new school annual, The Laurel Leaf? The Press printed and bound this book.

Some folks are grumbling about hard times, but there is sufficient money in circulation to buy gasoline.

President Coolidge will spend the summer in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He has chosen a delightful place for his vacation.

One visit to Macon county calls for another. The second visit requires an extended stay and the third visit becomes permanent.

This is no advertisement for the hardware man, but every home in the county ought to be screened in the interest of health.

The government is predicting a shortage of horses and mules in the next five years. Now is a good time to begin raising work animals.

Jimmy Hauser, the county fish warden, has approximately 50 deputies appointed. Better be careful. Fish bite sometimes, but the law will bite at any time.

We wonder if the authorities know that it is against the state laws to drive with mufflers open? This law applies to city streets as well as to highways.

The county agent is doing his part of the work. Back him up and watch Macon county make remarkable progress in an agricultural way.

New parking laws will soon be in effect, if present plans are carried out. The Press will acquaint the public with the provisions of this ordinance.

Edgar Angel, a Franklin boy, leads his class at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Quite an honor for Franklin. Uncle Tommy is mighty proud of his son and so is Franklin.

District Agent, John W. Goodman, says that

the office of County Agent Harris of Macon is the best appointed and the best kept of any agent's office in his state.

The poultry sale Wednesday of last week brought in \$2,000. If all the domineers in Macon were sold and the proceeds invested in thoroughbred poultry, what a difference would be noted in the co-operative poultry sales.

If you do not take the Press, borrow your neighbor's copy—and make an enemy. The county agent talks to the farmers through the columns of the Press. Make the most of his services by subscribing—or borrowing.

If Al Smith is nominated by the democrats it will be interesting to learn what excuse the dry protestant democrats of the South will offer for voting for him. But vote for him they will regardless of temperature and the Mississippi flood.

There are enough tin cans in Franklin's back alleys to feed several carloads of goats for an indefinite length of time. Judging from their appearance some of these cans were brought to Franklin long about 1830. It's time they were being removed. The only trouble about this matter is to find a place big enough to hold the supply.

Continual harping against the third term idea is becoming tiresome. If a man makes us a good president why shouldn't he be elected for a third term or even a fourth? We have no reference here to the case of Mr. Coolidge, but if the people want him for another term there is no sound reason why the third term bugaboo should debar him.

Chas Mallonee, as is well known is a hard working, upstanding citizen of Macon county. Though with a meager education himself, his views on life, and especially education, are sound. In connection with the appointment of his son, James, to the Naval Academy, Mr. Mallonee again expressed his determination to give all his children a good education. Whether or not he has anything of material value to give them on reaching manhood, is of no consequence, so long as each is mentally fitted to cope with life in these days of keen competition. We wish that more citizens of Macon county could realize the necessity of a college education for their children.

### Sheer Bravery

THE CAPTAINS and the kings of the newspaper front page soon depart. The halo of publicity glory that clings about their brows is as impermanent as the rainbow.

Hence it is not unexpected that the shouting and the tumult about Lindbergh, first man to fly the Atlantic in a single hop, will soon begin to die.

Charles Lindbergh held the spotlight of the newspaper world, perhaps, for a longer period than any individual since the death of Woodrow Wilson. Day after day, his name was emblazoned across the front pages of newspapers all over the world.

And interesting as was the daredevil flight of this twentieth century adventurer, interesting as is the man, as portrayed by the reporters, the reaction of the public—the shouting and the tumult—have been of even greater significance.

Newspapers, press associations, and the people of Europe seemingly lost all sense of proportion when this Missourian successfully landed his plane at Le Bourget Field, just outside Paris.

"Brave," "intrepid," "daring," "conqueror," "king of the air"—these are but a few of the high flown adjectives that have been applied by the newspapers to the 25-year old air mail pilot.

Who is Captain Charles Lindbergh, and what has he done to merit the plaudits of the entire world?

He is a captain in the Missouri national guard, and a United States air mail pilot. His exploit was that of flying across the Atlantic, in a single hop, before anybody else had done it. And he made the flight in a plane with a single motor, disdaining to take along wireless or other equipment commonly carried by aviators on such dangerous trips. He did it under conditions that were termed by seasoned airmen as "suicidal."

Lindbergh has given every evidence of keeping his head under conditions that would have completely spoiled many a man ranked great in the histories of this world.

After all, there is much ground for optimism in the reception given Lindbergh's feat. The very reasons we have made him the hero of the hour are indicative of a healthy mental attitude. The worship of mere success, of course, is a shallow type of religion, but it might be worse. Our love of the daredevil is, to say the least, an indication that an artificial civilization has not bred out all of our harder characteristics and emotions; and our applause for the hero who keeps his head, shows that the mob still recognizes one of the primary attributes of greatness—the simplicity that makes it possible for a man to keep his head when all about him are losing theirs.

For once, an exploit with not a hint either of crime or of scandal has caught and held the spotlight. It was an exploit of a clear-headed, modest young daredevil. And we simply forgot all about the Halls-Mills mysteries, the Snyder-Gray scandals, and the others of their ilk.

Nothing vitally wrong with a civilization where that can happen, surely.

And as usual with simple-hearted men, Lindbergh's greatest exploits were not those he set out to accomplish at all. He flew across the Atlantic, to be sure; but of infinitely more importance was the psychological reaction of the world. He, quite unintentionally, perhaps, by a single stroke did wonders toward establishing a better feeling between two great nations—France and America; and he revived the spirit of adventure, stimulated the desire for conquest, in a world filled with disillusion and boredom.

Without for a moment detracting from the glory that is Charles Lindbergh's, has not the world, as usual, overlooked the real act of heroism in connection with the aviator's flight?

What Lindbergh did was a bit of dare-deviltry, with "luck" a party to the outcome.

Out in Michigan, his mother, told that the attempt was suicidal, said not a single word to dissuade her son from doing a thing she must have felt was useless; shunned the spotlight—pretty successfully; and, while her boy was, she knew not where quietly went on with her work as a teacher of chemistry in a high school.

For sheer bravery—for heroism of a type rarely approached, Mrs. Lindbergh left her heralded son many leagues behind.

### Results of the Six-Months Term

IN THE examination held recently at Franklin for entrance to the local high school next year one hundred and sixty-seven pupils were present. Out of this number 84, or approximately 50 per cent passed the examination successfully.

Among those taking the examination 59 were from Franklin, while 108 came from the country schools where they had completed the 7th grade.

From the 59, from Franklin 46, or 78 per cent, passed the examination. Only 38 out of the 108 came from the country, or 37 per cent, passed. Why this great difference? There is no question of doubt that the children from the rural districts are just as bright mentally as those from town. There are two causes contributing to the failure of the rural children. First, they have only six months schooling per year, while the pupils at Franklin attend school nine months of each year. Second, the teachers in charge of the country schools, in many cases, are not so well trained as those in town. Consequently when time comes for rural children to enter the high school at Franklin they find themselves sadly handicapped through the causes mentioned above.

As the years go by we find that the rural teachers are taking advantage of every opportunity to improve in their work. Therefore, in the near future we have reasons to believe that one of the handicaps under which the rural child labors will be removed. But the handicap of the six-months term will remain with us until the people of the county demand a change. The rural inhabitants should be vitally interested in an eight-months term for country schools. Their children are entitled to the same advantages as are the children in the cities and towns. But these advantages will never materialize until the rural parents rise in their might and express their needs in no uncertain terms.

Incidentally we find only 167 pupils from the entire county, with the exception of the Highlands district, desiring to enter high school. While we have not the exact figures there must be at least 400 girls and boys of Macon just coming to high school age who ought to enter high school next September. However, the great majority of this number are totally unprepared to enter. In many cases the parents are responsible for this lack of education, while to a considerable extent the system is at fault. At any rate we should consider ways and means to improve the situation.

These remarks are in no way intended as a reflection upon the county board of education or the superintendent of schools. Both are doing good work and deserve commendation, but—we must have an eight-months term. Otherwise many of our rural children will be sadly handicapped through life because of the lack of an education. In other words, regardless of their mental equipment, they must remain hewers of wood and drawers of water for their more fortunate companions.

### The Eagles and the Kingfishers

FOR YEARS new the public spirited citizens of Franklin have struggled along supporting a chamber of commerce. Every year as committees have canvassed the town for funds the same old wheel horses have contributed. Considering the handicaps under which it has labored, chiefly lack of funds, the chamber of commerce in our little town has accomplished marvelous results. During the existence of the organization some of the largest property owners in town have refused

to contribute one cent toward the support of the chamber regardless of the fact that their real estate has been enhanced in value by the work of the chamber of commerce. It is seldom that a taxi driver will join the chamber of commerce, though it is an acknowledged fact that this class of citizens reap much benefit from the work of the organization. All the drones who are willing to benefit by the sacrifices of their fellow citizens should be made to contribute to the support of our chamber of commerce. The only way to reach such men is through taxation. Since an organization of this kind exists solely for the benefit of the community it should be supported by community taxation.

In these days and times all towns and cities are in keen competition with each other. The town without a chamber of commerce or some similar organization is destined to lag behind its, perhaps less fortunately situated, neighbors. Just at present our local chamber seems to have gone on the rocks. Those who have been paying for its support year in and year out are becoming tired of the burden—and no one can blame them. Only a comparative few have supported the chamber, while the great majority have done nothing. The latter are like the eagles that sit on a tree and wait for the kingfisher to bring up a fish and then swoop down and gather in the spoils. A chamber of commerce cannot function without funds, and the most equitable way of financing its activities is by taxation. The sooner we of Franklin reach this conclusion the better for the town. It is suggested that the town board take this matter up for consideration.

### Highlands Golf Course

ACCORDING to reports reaching Franklin Highlands' half million golf course and club house are now assured. The construction of this golf course and the number of influential men it will bring to Macon county will mean much to Highlands and equally as much to the county as a whole. Highlands has peculiar advantages possessed by no other town in eastern America. For many years men of wealth have been spending their summers in Highlands. They find there everything conducive to perfect enjoyment with the exception of a golf course. With an elevation of 3800 feet the days are delightfully cool while two or three blankets are necessary at night for comfortable sleeping. Probably no where in eastern America can one find more beautiful scenery. Those who have undertaken to build a golf course at Highlands have acted wisely in the selection of a site. This course, which we understand is to be one of the best in the country, will attract golfers by the thousands.

Incidentally, Highlands, when asked to subscribe \$15,000 as a manifestation of its interest in the proposition raised \$11,000 in cash in two hours. The remainder was shortly afterwards subscribed.

### A Bit of Courtesy

WE LIVE in a fast age. The transition from the period of horse-drawn vehicles, traveling over muddy roads at a snail's pace, to the present, when high-powered motor cars rush along over hard surfaced highways, has occupied a matter of but a few years. Our manner of living has been speeded up correspondingly, in other ways; and it is frequently apparent that we have not adjusted ourselves to the faster pace.

We are forgetting many of the bits of courtesy that were taken for granted in the more leisurely age—of a short time ago.

An example often observed here is that of motorists' breaking through, or rushing past, funeral processions. It is purely thoughtlessness, perhaps, but it is thoughtlessness that ought not to be.

A certain respect, according to all the canons of courtesy, are due the dead and their relatives. It would be a simple and worthy thing for motorists in this country to drop in the rear of a funeral procession, rather than rush madly past, with tooting of horn and scattering of dust.

It is a little courtesy the Press believes our people will observe when it is called to their attention.

### Lynchings

IN THE past few weeks we have read of several lynchings. Last year there were 29 lynchings in the United States, an increase of 13 over the year before.

America must not go back to this primitive form of punishment. When there were conditions which prevented the law from taking its course or the courts, such as they were, were in the hands of various factions who deemed it necessary to protect their friends and condemn their enemies, there might have been some excuse—but not so today.

Citizens make the laws and the courts of today will give justice without these same citizens taking the law into their own hands. Constituted authority should prevail.

Let us hope that the present digression will soon pass away, and that every man, regardless of his crime, will receive a fair trial. Criminals usually get what is coming to them through the usual legal channels.