

**DODGE BROTHERS SIX SEDAN IN A CLASS BY ITSELF**

Every structural detail of Dodge Brothers new six cylinder four-door sedan emphasizes that this car is constructed in the same rugged and permanent way that all Dodge Brothers cars have been built for thirteen years. Yet, in every way the car is so new and so different as to stand entirely in a class by itself, says J. S. Conley Motor company, local Dodge Brothers dealer.

"The clean-cut body design with its suggestion of massiveness, and the thoroughness with which the car is put together, is causing favorable comment from everyone who has closely inspected it. This car is built to stay tight throughout its life.

"An instance of the care which has been taken to insure that there will be no rattles after a few thousand miles on the road is furnished by the way the fenders are fastened to the body. All chance for noise from loosened fenders is eliminated by substantial bands between the rear fenders and the wheel housings. To deaden vibration between the body sills and the frame, melt pads three or four inches wide and fully three eighths of an inch thick are used throughout the waist of the car. Usually a narrow woven webbing is used but tests have shown that the wide felt pads are much more effective.

"In the body mounting itself there are numerous provisions which make for long life and quite performance and which add materially to the car's attractive appearance. Doors of unusually rugged pressed steel construction, of substantial thickness and with strong joints and good husky bumpers provide for quiet closing, a positive lock and a permanent tight fit.

"The body itself is a composite of wood and steel structure with remarkably small steel pillars affording full vision in all directions. The windows are mounted in heavy felt.

"In every structural detail this car conveys the idea of the rugged and permanent type of car which has always been associated with Dodge Brothers name."

**Corn and Wheat in Mixup**

Products of the bakery and of the distillery were mixed on the highway a few miles east of Franklin last Friday morning, when an alleged liquor car crashed into the Ford truck of the Southern Biscuit company.

Capture of the liquor car, 34 gallons of the stuff, and three men was the result.

Those arrested were J. Hoyt Hill, of near Highlands, J. V. Sneed, of Jackson county, and R. C. Brooks, of Haywood.

The car in which the three men were riding was going east, according to Gus Jackson, driver of the Biscuit company vehicle, at a very fast rate. Jackson was headed toward Franklin.

Both cars were badly damaged, and Jackson and Sneed were injured, though not seriously, by flying glass.

Jackson jumped into another car after the accident, and came to town after officers. Sheriff C. L. Ingram and Deputy Fred Cabe drove to the scene of the wreck, and took charge of the car, the three men, and the liquor. Thirty-four gallons was found, the officers said.

The men waived preliminary hearing, and were bound to Superior court on three counts: transporting; driving while under the influence of liquor; and an assault on Jackson. Bonds were fixed at \$900 each. Sneed arranged the bond Saturday, and the others later.

Sneed and Brooks, according to Sheriff Ingram, only recently completed sentences in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta for prohibition law violation.

**BURNINGTOWN LOCALS**

Miss Stella McCoy, who has been in Florida for 18 months has returned home.

Miss Lolita Dean, who is attending summer school at Cullowhee visited her home Sunday.

Mr. Pless, Miss Wooten and Mr. McElroth, of Canton, were guests of Mr. J. H. Dean Sunday.

Mr. N. L. Crisp and daughters, Lillian and Virginia, of Asheville, were visiting relatives here recently.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. McCoy, of Oklahoma, who has been visiting their mother, Mrs. M. M. McCoy will leave for home this week.

Mrs. Aveline Crisp Loving and daughter, Mrs. Dora Brown, of Ste-coah, is visiting Mrs. Lovings sister, Mrs. M. M. McCoy. Aunt Aveline is 94 and can read without glasses.

Burningtown seems to have just two old-fashion farmers, John Dean and Jake Anderson. We saw a mule colt at each one of the men's barns.

There are neither an apple nor peach on our orchards; wheat crops are a complete failure; millions of bugs and beetles are devouring vegetables but our officials must have more money, so our assessors who were so hungry for a little pie that they just had to please the higher-ups.

So they raised the valuation of the land of the old farmers, who were already groaning under the burden of taxation that we feel like singing praise the party from whom our blessing flows.

**COMPARATIVE TAX RATES**

**Of 13 Towns West of Asheville Only Five Have Lower Tax Rate Than Franklin—Highlands and Andrews Head High List.**

In the seven counties that lie directly west of Buncombe, there are 13 incorporated towns, and the lowest town tax rate is in the little village of Marble, in Cherokee county, while Highlands and Andrews are tied for the position of bottom place as to tax rate. The municipal tax rate in each of these towns is \$2.50.

This is shown by figures compiled here recently by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. The figures show Franklin tied with Murphy for sixth place, with tax rates of \$1.50 each.

The low tax rates, in general, are possessed by the small villages. Whittier has the second lowest rate—40 cents; Dillsboro's rate is just five cents more, giving it third place. Hayesville comes next with 80 cents, and Robinsville fifth. It's rate is \$1.10.

Following Franklin and Murphy, with rates of \$1.50 each, comes Sylva, with a rate of \$1.65.

The section's two largest towns, Canton and Waynesville, have the third highest rates. The tax in each is \$1.75. Bryson City is second highest, with a rate of \$2.05, and Highlands and Andrews, with rates of \$2.50 each, take tenth place.

The high rate in Andrews is said to be due largely to the construction there, a few years ago, of a municipal hydro-electric power plant. Highlands has recently put in water and sewer systems and has just finished its municipally-owend hydro-electric power plant. The rate there probably will be reduced after the plant has been in operation a year, and the town begins to receive some receipts from the plant, to offset, in part at least, the interest and sinking fund payments on the bonds.

Marble not only has the lowest tax rate, but has no bonds outstanding.

Webster, listed as an incorporated town, has "no officers, no tax," according to the reply to the questionnaire addressed to the mayor.

Franklin and Sylva, it is believed here, probably have most to show for their town tax rates.

Franklin has a \$300,000 hydro-electric power plant, paved streets and sidewalks, an excellent water and sewer system, and other improvements. It reduced its rate by 60 cents during the past year.

Sylva is said to have on of the best water systems in the section, and practically all the town's streets are paved.

While tax rates in the section, in general, increase with the population, the rule is by no means invariable. Highlands, for example, standing eighth in population, has a higher rate than any other municipality, with the exception of Andrews, whose is the same. And Murphy, standing fourth in population, has a tax rate lower than six other towns.

The average rate is \$1.41, or slightly lower than the rate in Franklin and Murphy. The average population is 872, according to the 1920 census.

Comparison of the tax rates, per \$100 of property valuation, with the population in 1920, is shown below:

Town	Tax Rate	Population
Marble	.35	166
Whittier	.40	261
Dillsboro	.45	228
Hayesville	.80	257
Robbinsville	1.10	119
Franklin	1.50	773
Murphy	1.50	1314
Sylva	1.65	863
Waynesville	1.75	1942
Canton	1.75	2584
Bryson City	2.05	882
Highlands	2.50	313
Andrews	2.50	1634

The smallest town in the seven counties in 1920 was Robbinsville, and Canton was the largest. Franklin ranked seventh in population, Canton, Waynesville, Andrews, Murphy, Bryson City, and Sylva all having larger populations.

**Tellico Locals**

We are sorry to report that Mrs. James Woody is on the sick list.

Dr. J. H. Fouts was in this section on professional business one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Conner and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, of Biltmore, spent the week end with Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. DeHart.

The many friends of Mr. John Cate will regret to learn of his illness.

Miss Eula Ramsey and brothers, Samuel and Ellis, of Charlotte, spent Thursday with their father, Mr. G. T. Ramsey. Eula is going to stay two weeks with her father.

We are glad to report that Mr. John DeHart, who got his eye hurt is improving slowly.

Misses Beulah DeHart and Hester Mason, who have been working at Gastonia, is spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. DeHart and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Mason. They will return to Gastonia Saturday.

**Bee Keepers To Drive For More Members**

At a Bee Keepers meeting held in the Extension Service office last Thursday it was resolved to make a strenuous endeavor to develop more bee keeping in this county. To do that, we have decided that the best way to obtain results is for each and every member of the Bee Keepers association to take it on himself, as his personal business, to endeavor to obtain 5 more members for the coming year.

It is also pointed out that the dues for this year are now due, and it is impossible to do the necessary corresponding without some few cents in the treasury.

The all around advantages to be derived from bees, apart from the

monetary gain, are too plain to need enumerating here.

The bad honey flow this year is a source of discouragement to a great many, hence the necessity of getting right in behind this thing and pushing it along. What are your suggestions as to the best way to accomplish this? And will you work up a meeting in your community? Get all those who are interested in bees, and let us know the date most convenient for that meeting, and we will be present and will try to bring to the meeting the outlines of a plan to enhance the bee-keeping proposition.

The only way this thing can be put on a permanent footing is for each and every one of us to do our part, and to keep on doing it. You have probably figured it, but were it possible to put 10 hives of bees on every

farm in this county—that is an average of that amount—the gross rates would total over a quarter of a million dollars; a thing not to be sneezed at, and worthy of honest endeavor.

Mr. Sams, extension bee specialist, will be here on the 12 and 13 of next month. What is your idea of the best way to use him?

Yours truly,  
LYLES HARRIS, County Agent.

**Special Drinks at Smith's Drug Store for the Fourth of July.**

**Fourth Of July Celebration**

Fun and entertainment and entertainment and fun will be the order of the day at Fraklin on the Fourth of July. Everybody is invited to come to Franklin on the nation's birthday and help in the celebration. Those who come will hear one of the best orchestras in Western North Carolina—the Rythm Ramblers.

**THE PROGRAM**

- 10:00 A. M. Music by the Orchestra.
- 10:45 A. M. Athletic Events Start. Among these events will be---  
The Coin Race run by Fat Men  
100-Yard Dash, small girls participating  
200-Yard Dash, run by larger girls  
Boys' three legged race  
Race by tied and blindfolded boys 16 to 21  
Fat women's race  
Half-mile race, boys 15 to 20  
First place in all races excepting half-mile race takes prize of \$1.00. Second place 50 cents. First in half-mile \$2.00. Second \$1.00.
- 2:30 Myers Bros. Show at the Court House.
- 3:30 Ball game, Cullowhee vs. Franklin.
- 5:30 Street dance.
- 8:00 P. M. Rosetime, a musical comedy under the auspices of the Franklin Boy Scouts, at the court house.
- 9:00 P. M. Dance on Roof Garden of the Scott Griffin.

**THE COMMITTEE**