

BOUQUETS AND BRICK BATS

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This column in future will bear a date—that on which it issues from the typewriter.

Because The Franklin Press, being a weekly newspaper rather than a daily, isn't equipped with all the facilities to be found in a daily newspaper plant, it is necessary that much of the "copy" be prepared several days in advance of publication. This column, for example, frequently is written on Friday or Saturday preceding publication the following week.

Comments appearing herein, for that reason, sometimes seem behind-hand. The date will be in the nature of an explanation, should comments in this column in future appear to be not entirely timely.

Bouquets and Brick Bats in last week's issue of The Press was written prior to the meeting at the court house Monday, when the Board of County Commissioners rescinded its order for issuance of bonds to build a combination court house and jail.

With reference to that proposition, the column has just two comments to offer: First, it still believes it would have been good policy to have gone ahead with the combination court house and jail; second, it believes absolutely in the rule of the majority of the voters.

Here comes a great big bouquet for certain Macon county women—there were too many to name them all.

But some of the women in this town and county, with no hope of financial reward, labored long and well to make of the Bread and Butter Show the best show possibly under the circumstances. Anybody can work on exhibits for a well-established fair, where the prizes are large and the honor great; but it takes real community spirit and enthusiasm to work for a first fair.

There are men, too, who are deserving of praise, of course, but it appears that the women were the ones who, on the whole, worked hardest, and who put out real effort.

For example: One woman prepared and brought to town a large group of exhibits, of various kinds—and they were things to be proud of, too; she went home—several miles into the country—to cook dinner for a sick husband; hurried back and spent the afternoon, doing all she could to make the show a success; and at the end of the day was far brighter and more enthusiastic than many a woman younger than she.

To women like that—and there are lots of 'em in Macon county—there are no such things as insuperable obstacles; there are only obstacles. And they accept the definition: "an obstacle is something to be overcome."

This column hates greatly to appear partial. And it is a queer freak of fortune to find it lined up with the powers that be. Its editor generally is listed as "ag'in" the constituted authorities.

But it throws the honorable City Fathers another bouquet out of no favoritism, but purely and simply because they have won it.

They have cut taxes.

To those who argue that taxes are easily raised but practically never lowered, we respectfully cite the example of the Town of Franklin. In a period of two years it has cut its tax just one-third. Last year it was cut from \$2.10 to \$1.50, and this year

from that figure to \$1.40, or a cut of 10 cents on the hundred dollars valuation.

Somebody did some tall figuring to do it.

This column has in no wise changed its attitude—expressed some weeks ago—to the effect that the rate of taxation isn't what counts, but what you get in return for tax money.

Nevertheless, a cut in taxation generally is not unwelcome. And it is particularly laudable when the authorities appear to find a way to do it without in any way decreasing the service rendered.

That is real head-work.
—WEIMAR JONES.

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CHEVROLET PLANT IN ATLANTA

An indication that the automobile industry is looking forward toward increasing prosperity was noted here today with the announcement by the Chevrolet Motor company that construction will start immediately on a new Chevrolet assembly plant in Atlanta.

The Atlanta plant has been made necessary to adequately meet the requirements of the rapidly growing demand for Chevrolet cars in the South and at the same time to relieve the Cincinnati plant, which has been operating on an overtime basis to care for southeastern business as well as that from more immediate territory. The Atlanta plant will serve particularly Georgia, Florida and parts of Alabama and South Carolina.

When completed early next spring the plant will represent an investment of more than \$2,250,000, covering acreage, buildings and equipment. Thirty-one acres of ground have been taken over for the Atlanta layout. Building plans call for 410,000 square feet of floor space, including plants, office and driveway shed.

The plant will be one of the largest and finest of its kind in the South with a capacity of 350 cars a day. Work will be provided for 1,200 people and the payroll will exceed \$8,000 daily.

The assembly plant proper will be a one story unit, 800 by 320 feet, of face brick construction with a monitor steel roof. There will be a Fisher Body division of similar construction,

100 by 680 feet, and a parts supply depot 120 by 204 feet. Plans also call for a two story office building, 40 by 204 feet.

Completion of the Atlanta project will provide the Chevrolet Motor company with eight assembly plants throughout the country and an export plant at Bloomfield, New Jersey. Domestic assembly plants are located in Flint, Michigan, Tarrytown, New York, Norwood, Ohio, Oakland, Cali-

fornia, Buffalo, New York, Janesville, Wisconsin, and St. Louis, Missouri. In addition Chevrolet maintains manufacturing plants in Detroit, Bay City, Saginaw, Flint and Toledo.

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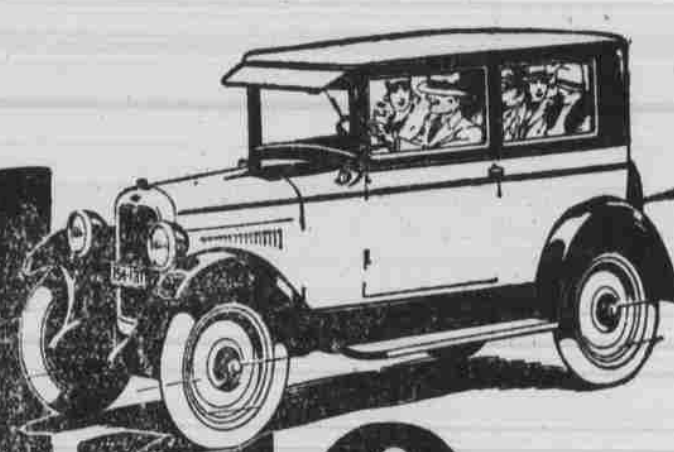


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