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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?

Pave the school house street.

Don't forget the Red Cross roll call.

Now that Andy has a billion to give way we hope he doesn't overlook us.

Now is the time to set out shrubbery on the school house grounds.

Two hundred to the farm is just about right.

Ten hives of bees to the farm would also be the proper caper.

A fish ladder at the municipal dam is a necessity.

Pave the school house street.

A colony of Dane or German farmers and dairymen in Macon county would help considerably as an object lesson.

Pave the school house street.

The fact that a goodly crowd turned out Monday to the poultry meeting is indicative of a growing interest in the poultry industry in Macon county.

It took a fire to get telephone connections with the fire alarm. We trust that it will not take the death of a little child to get the street to the school house paved.

Pave the school house street.

The Asheville Times, the Asheville Citizen, and the Charlotte Observer reprinted the editorial which appeared in The Press two weeks ago under the caption of "200 Hens—800 Dollars."

In wet weather the traffic jams on Porter street in front of the school building are a source of danger to the children. Let us hope that the street leading up to the building may be paved before a child is killed.

A quarter to six says the court house clock 24 hours in the day. Thus the clock has the correct time twice daily which is quite an improvement over the time when it struck the hour now and then.

Pave the school house street.

We understand that a bus runs between Franklin and Cornelia, but no one seems to know the schedule. Perhaps those in charge are trying to keep the hours of arrival and departure a secret.

Pave the school house street.

Elsewhere in this issue appears a letter from Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey concerning the conveniences purchased for her home with chicken money. There is nothing to prevent others doing likewise.

Pave the school house street.

County Agent Harris states that he expects to organize more than a score of 4-H clubs in Macon county. He needs the co-operation of the parents in this important work and states that all the parents so far consulted have given him assurance of their co-operation. Mr. Harris is likewise pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the children of the county.

Pave the school house street.

Almost twenty years ago when M. D. Billings was editor of The Press he advocated a road between Macon county's two towns over which "one may drive from Franklin to Highlands in three hours, instead of eight to twelve as it is now." Twenty years is a long time to wait but the road advocated so earnestly by Mr. Billings is now under construction and when completed we hope to get to Highlands in forty minutes instead of three hours. Mr. Billings was also talking about the Board of Trade in his issue of January 23, 1907. In this connection he had the following to say: "In the rush of other business we should not forget the Board of Trade. All should make it a point to talk this organization, get down to business, and do something and not wait too long."

The Town Gets Busy

THE FIRE Monday morning served to call attention to the fact that there was no way of turning in an alarm of fire by telephone. As a result a neighbor walked to town and turned in the alarm Monday morning. At its meeting Monday night the town board ordered push buttons placed in the Hotel Franklin and in the home of Fire Chief Jos. Ashear. When a fire occurs telephone either of these places and the alarm will be given immediately.

George Wurst is Best

GEORGE WURST, a citizen of Florida, in his quiet way is doing much for Franklin. He has under construction two apartment buildings and has built other houses in town. Mr. Wurst has complete confidence in the future of Franklin and it is a pity that more of our own citizens are not imbued with the same faith. He is a man completely above petty bickerings and goes about his business in a manner to command the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. We would that more like him might see the light and come to our pretty little town.

Purebred Cattle Cheap

THE COUNTY agent returned last week from a trip to Chester, S. C., where he purchased a purebred Guernsey heifer 18 months old for Miss Mayberly Moody. This heifer contains three of the greatest strains of Guernseys in existence, namely, Border Raider, Cavalier and Rosewood. The price was exceedingly reasonable. The county agent reports that Guernsey cows and heifers are selling at Chester for 7 to 10 cents per pound. He says that now is the time for the citizens of Macon to get together and order two or three carloads of Guernsey cattle from Chester.

Too Many Censors

"SOMETHING ought to be done," said a well-known Franklin man a few days ago, "to keep the fast-growing number of rusty, dilapidated, worn-out flivvers off the road. They are a menace to the good machines." In a way he is right. Few drivers of the old rattle-traps carry insurance to take care of any damage they may inflict upon another car. But keeping them off the road would be just another form of censorship, and we've got too many sensors in America now of various kinds for the good of the country. It's the bane of the age. From legislating our morals, it promises to develop into limiting our property rights. It is unfortunate that we have irresponsible drivers, who drive just within the law. But we must find more reasonable means to discourage them than by taking even their rusty old cars away from them.

Whiskers and Farmers

AN OFFICIAL of the American Farm Bureau Federation, returning from a tour of 23 states, says he was surprised to find so few farmers with whiskers. "Not even the old men had them," he said. He feels that we may as well abandon all notions that the farmers of today wear long whiskers and go about with a straw between their teeth, as the cartoonists picture them. Like most men, the farmer wears clothes adapted to the kind of work he does. He would be foolish to go into the field dressed like a floor-walker. Mentally, he comes as near being "dressed up" all the time as the average man. He is well-informed, we mean, and knows what is going on in the world. With all modern means at hand for keeping in touch with things he takes advantage of them. And if there is anyone in the world who is really behind the times it is the fellow who thinks the farmer is.

Another Reason

AT THE fire Monday morning there was not sufficient pressure to throw the water into the second story of the building. This is only another reason for an additional water supply. Moreover and again, the fire truck should have a pump attached to give more pressure than is afforded by the mains. Many homes in town are almost as high as the water tanks and, in the event of a fire at one of these homes, it would be futile to depend upon the pressure in the mains. Burning a building is a pretty expensive way of waking up a town, but let us hope that this will be the result.

The town board has set the election for water and sewer bonds for December 20th. It is to be hoped that the citizens of Franklin will take a sensible view of this matter and go to the poles and vote bonds. At the fire Monday morning the tanks were almost empty, it is reported. Had the fire occurred in the business part of town Franklin would be in ashes today.

Old Books Best

UNITED States Senator Willis of Ohio is advocating a return to the old school readers used back in the 'eighties. He contends that nothing before nor since have approached the old McGuffey readers in merit, and that the readers used today are made up of a lot of literary jazz and poor philosophy. He points to the patriotic lessons, sound philosophy and high moral tone of the old readers, of the wonderful selection of poetry and the strong lessons that impressed the boys and girls who read them so faithfully as to make them of untold value during their later lives. We know there are hundreds around Franklin who can readily recall the old school readers, but few who know just what the readers of the present day look like or contain. It is interesting to know that a U. S. senator has taken the time to look into the modern ones. It is of even more interest to the older generation to learn that he has only declared war on them, with the declaration that the boys and girls of today should be using the same ones their fathers and mothers used.

Why A Jail Only?

THIS ISSUE of The Press carries a news article with the resolution of the county commissioners concerning the building of a new jail. There is no question but that the county must have a new jail, but why build a jail now at a cost of not less than \$100,000 when it is only a matter of a few years until the public will be demanding a new court house also? In our opinion the building of a new jail without a court house in connection is a short sighted policy, a policy that the entire county will shortly regret. In other words a plain waste of money. The opponents of the proposition to build a court house and jail combined emphatically told the people that the increase in taxes for this purpose would be "confiscatory," whatever that is. It has been conservatively estimated that to erect the two buildings together would save the county forty thousand dollars or more. Then why deliberately waste this amount of money by building a jail now? If the county does not feel able to erect a court house and jail combined now, why not wait until a more favorable opportunity had then build the two together?

Children on the Highways

PROBABLY nobody would for a moment question the right of pedestrians, whether adults or children, to the use of the concrete along the highways. They have a perfect right to walk on the pavement. But the question of the safety of their using the pavement—certainly anything other than the extreme left hand edge—is another matter.

The schools have done a valuable work for safety in teaching the youngsters to walk along the left hand side of the highway; by so doing, they are out of danger from traffic from behind—provided, of course, that drivers keep to the right—and they can see traffic coming from in front.

But any school day, about 3:30 in the afternoon, one can pass groups of children along the highways, far out on the pavement. It is comparatively simple to dodge them, on a straight stretch; but on a curve, if one meets another car, it is not infrequently a close call between one of two alternatives: hitting the other car, or hitting the children, who monopolize one-fourth to one-third the pavement.

Town youngsters, too, walk along the pavement going to and from school in Franklin. Possessed of the dare devil spirit that one admires, but which sends cold chills up the spines of careful grown-ups, many of the youngsters will jump in front of a car, then out of the way again; and other such tricks.

It is a problem that calls for the utmost care on the part of drivers of motor vehicles, and for no little drilling of the boys and girls by teachers and parents.

An Injustice to Sons

NINE YEARS ago tomorrow the world celebrated the signing of the armistice which brought to a close the greatest war in history and, as many hoped and some believed, put an end to wars on earth. Gladly would the human race end wars if such were possible, but until human nature changes or until the horrors of war become too pronounced for human beings to tolerate, there will be "wars and rumors of war." In our own country the regular army has been accused of fostering the spirit of war. All kinds of idealists organizations and some with ulterior motives have come into existence and vented their wrath upon all things military. Perhaps no organization in the country understands so thoroughly the horrors of war as does the regular army and for this reason the army has always sought to maintain honorable peace. For the past two or three years we have heard much in opposition to the maintenance of military units in the schools and colleges of the country. As a general rule such opposition comes from the mothers who want their sons to grow up in ignorance of military affairs. A little thought on the part of these mothers should convince them that they are doing their sons a great injustice. When the next war comes, as it surely must, not only men, but wealth and every material resource of the country will be drafted. No doubt the time for preparation will be short and the man or boy who understands something of how to defend himself in battle will stand a better chance of coming out of the conflict alive than the one who is totally ignorant of military life. Thousands of untrained American troops now sleep on Flanders Field and elsewhere in Europe and America. No doubt many of them would be alive today had they known something of military science. The next war will be worse than the last and God pity the boy or man who enters that conflict untrained. May He also pity the poor, ignorant mothers who today are seeking to keep from their sons the vital knowledge that may be the means of saving their lives upon the field of battle.

Others' Comments

THEY DRIVE OLD CARS IN GEORGIA

COUNTY Policeman Grizzle requests us to state that all persons caught running a car under 16 years of age, or a person running a car drunk will be prosecuted. It is also a violation of the law to run a car with only one light. So all had better take warning.—Dahlonega (Ga.) Nugget.

Letters

MACON GIRL WRITES ON HEALTH

Cullowhee, N. C., November 5, 1927.
Editor The Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir:—In anticipation of National Education Week, November 7-13, the students of Cullowhee State Normal School have prepared short articles bearing on subjects suggested by the program of the National Education Association for emphasis at this time. The topic of Health being one of these subjects, the following article was prepared:

Health Habits

As we are all beginning to realize the importance of health and what it means to our nation, we too realize that in order for the citizens of tomorrow to be strong and healthy the proper health habits should be formed when the child enters school.

There are many health habits that we would consider good but those which are generally known to be best and which can easily be formed are as follows:

1. Brush the teeth twice a day.
2. Bathe at least twice a week.
3. Eat vegetables every day.
4. Eat fruit every day.
5. Take some outdoor exercise every day.
6. Sleep ten hours with windows open.
7. Drink at least one quart of milk a day.

These habits should be so riveted on the child's mind that he will see the importance of them and know that it is for his good to form them. The child should not have to be rewarded for keeping these habits but should be taught to keep them for his health's sake.

In this as well as in many other phases of the school work the parents can do much by co-operating with the teacher in seeing that the children form these habits. After they are once formed, they are much easier to be carried out.

On this "Health Day," which is set aside by our National Education Association, we should do all in our power to help the parents and teachers to realize the importance of encouraging the "Health Habits" both among children and adults.

Respectfully yours,

RACHEL DAVIS.

(Student in Cullowhee State Normal School from Macon county.)