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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.
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- 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?

Attend the farmers rally on March 5th.

There is quite a difference between a hard-working voter and a hard worker.

It is safe to say that Al Smith is not leaning on a Reed.

More work and less growling is what this

If the people want to save three or four thousand dollars a year, make the sheriff a salaried officer.

Seed potatoes, stock beets and sweet clover are going to sweeten up Macon county considerably.

Time and money that are going to be spent in Macon in getting absentee votes would tend the biggest farm in the county.

Those who believe that a political change will be a panacea for all the ills that confront them are due for a sad disappointment.

Labor, plus headwork,—contentment and prosperity. Labor, minus headwork,—sorrow and adversity.

When Wayah Bald Game Refuge is stocked with California or Mexican quail the man who dares shoot one should be sent to the roads.

At the meeting on March 5th the farmers can discuss politics to their hearts' content and also get valuable information that will be of some use on the farm.

Read the letter of Mr. C. W. Teague on this page. "Nail Keg Farmers" can talk politics louder than any other species of the genus homo.

The fact that citizens of the county are writing letters to their local paper is a good sign. It is only when people go to sleep, remarks the Brevard News, that danger stalks.

Page Mr. Wentworth. One acre of good land, plus corn, equals \$25 profit. One acre of good land, plus strawberries, equals 8 times \$25. Hence the pyramids.

The candidate for representative who pledges himself to change the road law to make the county, instead of the township, the road unit will get the votes.

Isn't it possible that we have too many citizens in this county who intend to bring on the millennium at the ballot box next November? Also too many who wear patches on the seats of their trousers?

One citizen of Franklin voted here last election. He was also voted as an absentee both at Balsam and at Sylva. But even that is not so raw as voting dead men like they sometimes do in Macon county.

J. C. Ledbetter and Wade Reece are to be congratulated upon their decision to construct a modern garage in Franklin. The location they have chosen is an excellent one for the purpose and their venture should meet with the success it deserves.

Those who believe that the county agent does not need a stenographer should go with him for one week. In that case they would follow the example of the wise man and change their minds.

Can March 5th be made a day of regeneration in the farming industry in Macon county? Or are the old ruts so deep they will continue to keep the people in bondage? It's up to the farmers.

Summer is coming and Franklin will again be short of water, unless something is done at once. When the town burns the voters will have no one to blame but themselves, since they prohibited the town board from installing an adequate water supply system.

A dairy farm on the eastern bank of the Little Tennessee river near town is in prospect. Not long now until dairy cattle in Macon county will graze on every mountain side and in every valley. And when that day arrives the matter of tax money will not be so important.

Jesse Slagle is now full time care taker of the Wayah Bald Game Refuge. It is safe to say that he will play no favorites when it becomes necessary to make arrests for violations of the refuge regulations. However, the people of Macon county are so interested in the success of the refuge they are hoping that no arrests will be necessary.

It appears that the Burningtown news published in last week's Press contained some errors as to neighborhood guests, etc. The person who sent these items in is not a regular correspondent of The Press and is unknown to the editor. However, the items were regularly signed, otherwise they would not have been published. The Press regrets causing any of the good people of Burningtown any embarrassment. We would like to have a regular correspondent from Burningtown and in the absence of such no more news from that section will be published unless the writer is personally known to the editor. We published the Burningtown items in good faith and they appeared as innocent happenings of the neighborhood.

### The Farmers Rally

FOR THE farmers of Macon county, Monday, March 5, is expected to be a big day and a very important one. On that day the farmers and others will meet at the court house to discuss questions of vital importance to the tillers of the soil. Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the state experiment station, has been asked to speak. Other experts along various lines will also be present. Among the questions to be discussed are: Marketing, seeds, the cannery, the organization of an agricultural council and 4-H club work. The meeting will also be thrown open for discussion of any other subject, pertaining to agriculture.

Now that the timber products of Macon county are nearing exhaustion it is vital that the farmers prepare to meet this emergency by depending upon what the farms can produce without reference to the forests. At the meeting on March 5 much valuable information can be obtained along these lines. At any rate it will do harm to attend. A special invitation is extended to all members of the 4-H club.

The county agent reports that men, women and children all over the county are manifesting an intense interest in this meeting and that a large number of people are expected to be present. The fact that such interest is being shown indicates that the people of the county have realized the importance of seeking steady sources of income other than those of the forests. In this respect the local creamery has partly solved that problem while the cannery is also expected to be a wonderful help. Meetings like the one above mentioned, and not politics, will solve the problems of the farmers.

### The Other Side

DURING RECENT weeks The Press has received several letters lambasting the county government, but we have yet to receive one praising the progress made under that same government. The question of lowering the taxes seems to be the gist of all letters received. This is an end devoutly to be desired and if some one will write a letter explaining how this is to be done, The Press will be glad to give such letter publicity. The letter writers so far have touched upon a few small expenditures that they think could be eliminated, but even with these expenditures checked our taxes could not be lowered more than 5 cents on the hundred dollars. Most of the bonded indebtedness of the county was caused by the demand for good roads and that is where most of the tax money goes. True the citizens are paying more taxes now than they did a few years ago, but who is willing to turn back five years and live under conditions then existing? Of course those who live off the highways are still in need of roads, but roads can not be built in a day. Now that the highways are completed, it is necessary to improve the feeder roads or else the money already expended on the highways will

not bring in the returns it should.

We believe in giving every man his dues and it appears to us that many citizens of the county are not thinking clearly along the lines of tax reduction, in that they are placing the blame for what they consider high taxes on the shoulders of the present commissioners. To some extent the commissioners, may be to blame, but we hardly think so. Today we are facing depressed conditions and consequently tax money is harder to get than it was two years ago. Hence a great number of citizens are blaming the present county government for all their ills. Take for instance the letter of Mr. McCracken published in last week's Press. One of the things that seemed to stick in his gizzard was the fact that the county agent has a stenographer. Well what of it? The county agent's services are absolutely necessary to the welfare of the farmers and if this official is to spend all his time doing clerical work he can not render the best service to the county. We dare say that the county agent does more work than any other man in the county and he keeps his stenographer busy assisting him. We understand that Mr. McCracken was at one time county agent of Macon county, but we yet have to hear of anything striking that he did in that capacity. Mr. McCracken also seems to be a little out of sorts because beef cattle are not plentiful in Macon county. The county agent is just as willing and has been all along to help the people in growing beef cattle as he is to aid them in growing dairy cattle. Many of Macon's farmers have quit growing beef cattle and are now engaged in the more profitable industry of selling cream. The scrubs that Mr. McCracken used to buy at a low price in this county are now scarce and this fact is evidently pinching. Hence his wail about beef cattle can readily be understood.

Be that as it may, if the people want a change in county administration, we have no objections, but we warn them now that whatever the result of the election in November their taxes can not be lowered to any considerable extent, if any.

### Others' Comments

#### MERCHANT'S SIDE

THIS "buying at home" idea has two sides.

fail to shout their wares, cannot complain when buyers, wanting something, order it from a catalog where they can see instead of tramping over the town to find if Mr. So-and-so has it.

We know of business men in Mt. Auburn who think it is a crime to send money away from town for merchandise, to patronize the products of out-of-town concerns when local plants and merchants have similar things to sell. These same men, however, neglect to do what is first done by the mail order people—advertise.

The Tribune has talked of keeping money at home for many years. Most merchants and business men have agreed with us. Some of them, when approached for advertising grin and suggest that the public knows all about them. Others, keenly appreciating the advantage of keeping their name before the people, give us advertisements large or small, as the circumstances happen to be.

No cross word puzzler will have to perplex his brain to discover who is going to get the most of the business of the people of Mt. Auburn.—Mt. Auburn, Illinois, Tribune.

#### AIRPORT PROGRESS

FRANKLIN is to be congratulated upon the public spirit of Messrs. T. W. Porter and Charles Morgan of that place who, it is announced, have determined to provide Franklin with an airport which by all accounts will measure up to a very high standard. They have located a field that is very attractive for the purpose in mind and they propose to put it in excellent condition and also to build an aerodrome large enough to accommodate three planes. It is hoped that the Town of Franklin will arrange to light the field at night and, whether this is done immediately, it can be taken for granted that it will be done in time.

This is a fine example of community spirit and it represents also a service which reaches far beyond the immediate community. It is generally agreed that the chief handicap to the development of flying in America at the present time is the lack of airports, well developed, well marked and well lighted, in all sections of the country. So important is this mountain region to aviation that it is highly desirable that there shall not be one but numerous fine landing fields throughout this section. Asheville undoubtedly appreciates the urgent necessity of a first class airport here, and plans to this end ought to be pressed with as little further delay as possible.—Asheville Citizen.

### Letters

#### OUR MACON COUNTY (By C. W. Teague)

I WANT to ask the farmer citizens of Macon county: Is our Macon county what

it should be? And are we, as citizens, doing all we can for its betterment? And are we keeping up with the trend of advancement? I dare say we are not. Conditions do not look as good to me as they did twenty years ago, when the Tallulah Falls railway cleared forest, which was almost untouched by the ax and most every farmer had more or less livestock on the farm and looked to his own grain bin for his meat and bread and was practically out of debt. How does that condition compare with that today? The most of cases we cater too much to the other fellow's game instead of playing a game of our own. The farmer in most cases has apparently lost interest in the farm and home and gone off after other employments in an effort to make money faster. Has he succeeded? No, his condition gets worse everyday. He has eaten up and worn out all the country's resources within his reach and to help out his project has sold off practically all the livestock and everything that was loose around the place that would bring money.

We have another type of farmer; I call him the "Nail-Keg Farmer." You will find him usually around public places, and especially around country stores, sitting on a nail keg or goods box. He is a good talker and can tell you how to grow corn and potatoes, but when he goes home at night he usually carries a bag of flour or piece of meat, or something that could be produced on the farm. I just make mention of these things, for sometimes you have to jolt a fellow pretty heavy in order to get his attention. But there is too much reckless dealing and waste, too little regard for debt and economy, but this day with its advancement suits me to a "T." I don't want to call back twenty years. There are the finest opportunities today for the man on the farm in constant pursuit of a well-thought-out system of farm management of any occupation I know of, and should be more pleasure and happiness, especially to a man in Macon county as back of this our marketing conditions have been so bad. But now since we have these three organizations, namely: The Farmers federation, creamery, and cannery, the three exactly meet the farmers' needs. The federation, a place to buy our necessities, such as we can't produce at home; the cannery, a place to cash our cream, which by our own experience we know we can make some money with the proper effort; the cannery,

stimulated from this fine manure we obtain from this dairy herd. So you see these organizations go hand in hand, and I insist that we, as a body of farmers, wake up and grasp this opportunity for such an opportunity may never knock at our doors again. Let the other fellow haul the poles, acid wood and cross ties. Let's stay at home with the old lady and kiddies and make happy home lovers of them, and milk the cows, feed the pigs, save the manure and grow vegetables for the cannery, then we can soon proudly say, "I owe no man."

The condition of our county today is a fair representation of what we are. It is just what we make it and one is the definition of the other. So I say, "Let's go." Let's wear out the front of our trousers going forward instead of the rear sitting around.

Let me insist again that we take to new life and make our Macon county what it is capable of being so that instead of blushing with embarrassment we will blush with pride when we say we are from Macon county.

#### BOOSTS FRANKLIN'S AIRPORT

316-27th St., Union City, N. J.  
Feb. 18, 1928.

Editor Franklin Press,  
Franklin, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

The citizens of Franklin are to be congratulated on their aim to start preparations for an air port. The site selected is a bit narrow for planes with a high landing speed, but nevertheless, it will serve the planes that are likely to be used there at present, or in the near future.

Early in 1927 the Pitcarin Aviation company of Philadelphia, Pa., was granted the air mail contract from New York to Atlanta. Were due to start operations September 1st of that year, but were delayed due to the fact that the department of commerce did not have the lights all installed for night flying. The lights are now completed and the company is scheduled to start operations April 1st, of this year. The contract calls for a nine-hour service between New York and Atlanta, making stops at Philadelphia, Pa.; Washington, D. C.; Richmond, Va.; Greensboro, N. C., and Spartanburg, S. C.

The air line distance from Franklin to Spartanburg is about seventy-five miles, and can be made in the average plane in one hour, thus giving a ten-hour service from Franklin to New York for passengers. One can readily see the advantages of an air port at Franklin, making possible an aerial taxi service connecting Franklin with the New York route as well as other cities near there, and, eventually, an air mail route leading from Franklin, although that will be years to come.

Keep up the good work in aviation, boost it to the limit, those that cannot be farmers may make good aviators.

Yours truly,

JAMES A. CRAIN.