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- Make a white way of Main street.
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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?**

The Wayah section of the county is the place where Franklin will eventually have to get its water supply.

There may be a number of things in Macon county that "do not sound so nice." But how about the innumerable things that do not smell "so nice?"

More absentee ballots than ever before will be needed in the coming election to keep the

are on the job. If one is to believe all that is heard on the streets, the most comprehensive plans ever known in this county are now underway to steal the coming election and thus defeat the majority rule. There is only one thing the people can do and that is to east an almost unanimous vote for clean men and clean county government. In that case those manipulating the absentee ballots will be compelled to resort to such monumental fraud as to force action in the courts.

One week from today, the county fair starts and continues for three days. The county agent is making preparations for the many exhibits that are expected. The 4-H club boys and girls and the farmers in general are requested to turn out in large numbers and make the fair a success.

The Press suggests that the old well be enlarged and that a deep well pump be installed. With both pumps doing good work the town board can then have time to decide upon a gravity system for the town.

The public takes this opportunity to thank the local forestry officials for their offer of the Arrowwood watershed for a water supply for the town.

**The Advantage of Rural Electrification**

IN AN editorial discussion of the great advantages brought to the farm by electricity, the Nashville Tennessean says: "The kitchen will no longer be an inferno because of its roaring fire in the range. Through the use of the automatic electric pump, water from most any source of supply can be easily and cheaply conveyed into the house.

"Moreover, the farmer will find in electrical energy the solution of many of his problems. Through the use of a motor he can take much of the drudgery out of chores to be done about the barn. He will no longer be dependent upon his own muscle for cutting feed. Milking machines operated by electricity have been a demonstrated success.

"With the home electrified and the other modern conveniences, with rural mail delivery, with the telephone, good roads and automobiles, the farm is no longer an isolated place devoid of those labor saving devices that the people of the city look upon as part of the necessary equipment in their homes. Possessing these mechanical devices and being in close and constant touch with the outside world, the farmer and his family can enjoy practically all the advantages of the urban resident without sharing the disadvantages of the latter. Moreover he can have any advantages that are denied to city cousins."

Rural electrification marks the farmer's emancipation from back-breaking labor and his entry into a new era of economic prosperity.

**Vote for Men**

ACCORDING TO reports current on the streets of Franklin some of the candidates already have men traveling about over the state getting absentee votes. It is said that those voting absentee in Macon county are no longer citizens of this county and vote in person elsewhere. After the election an investigation will be made to ascertain whether anyone has voted twice—here and elsewhere. If so, it is proposed to prosecute such men to the limit. Even though the ballots are not yet out these traveling vote gathers are reported as getting the necessary certificates signed. It is presumed that these certificates will be brought back to Franklin where ballots will be marked to suit certain ones and placed in the envelopes with the certificates. The fact that this method is illegal will probably make no difference in politics in this county. In fact nothing seems to make any difference in politics in this county. The only possible way to defeat crooked political tactics in Macon county is for the decent men and women in overwhelming majority to cast their ballots for clean men and clean government. The political stench that has been hovering over this county for years must come to an end. Decency, honor, fair play and the spirit of the King of Kings must remain enthroned in the hearts and daily lives of the citizens of Macon. The good name of the county must be redeemed. Party politics must be relegated to the background. To save the county from everlasting disgrace the people must vot for MEN—honorable men, up-right men, righteous men, God-fearing men. The voters can find the names of such men on the ballots.

**Forward or Backward?**

A FEW WEEKS ago the opposition to the county agent seemed quite pronounced among a certain element of the county. We are convinced that this opposition was due almost entirely to lack of knowledge as to

opposed were making the work with their ranting." The good solid citizenship of the county, the men and women who think, were saying nothing. The opposition to the agent rocked along until it appeared that much headway was being made. Then the thinking citizens of the county got busy and they are still busy on behalf of the agent. We do not know whether public sentiment has switched or whether the pros are now talking louder than the cons. The people who do not believe in going backward are in the vast majority in Macon county. To discharge the agent is undoubtedly a backward step and the public will not approve. In fact the candidates for commissioner who announce themselves in favor of discharging the county agent will probably have the pleasure of staying at home. Though only one candidate has expressed himself so far in the columns of The Press, there are at least two others who will retain the agent if elected. There is another who is waiting to see which way the wind is blowing before making any statement of his "views."

The 4-H club boys and girls all over the county are taking a hand in this matter and these 500 boys and girls have considerable influence. Let a candidate announce his intentions of slapping these club members in the face and he seals his own doom in so far as political aspirations are concerned.

Now, are the candidates going to tell the public where they stand on public questions? Have they the courage? J. A. Parrish has such courage and since he announced his views his chances of election have increased at least 50 per cent. The public naturally admires a man who lays his cards on the table and has nothing to conceal. The people know just where he stands and they know that he will not try any form of invisible government, should he be elected. The race for the other two places on the ticket for commissioner now appears to be among the four who have so far failed to take the public into their confidence.

**"Dear Major"**

THE PRESS HAS received another letter from Johnny which appears elsewhere on this page. It seems that Johnny took three sheets of letter size paper to write "Dear Major." He did get off this subject long enough to invite the editor to meet him in forensic debate. No doubt Johnny has Al Smith, Cam Morrison and others skinned as an orator and no doubt the public would like to hear Johnny expound "the principles of Jeffersonian democracy," but we frankly admit that we neither have the time nor the inclination to debate with our esteemed friend. It seems that Johnny does not want a whispering campaign and we really believe that he means what he says. In fact he is so much in earnest that he comes out openly, and frankly

admits that the Democrats have been voting dead men. We had been reliably informed that ballots for dead men had been cast but we were uncertain which party was responsible for invading the peace of cemeteries. Now Johnny just comes out open and above board and states in writing that the Democrats have been responsible for opening the graves of Macon county, so to speak.

Now Johnny is a good Democrat. In fact he admits it himself. He is also a very enthusiastic Democrat and so proud of belonging to this party that he openly boasts of the fact that the Democratic party votes dead men. Well, we all must admire Johnny for being so frank. Most of the Democrats will deny that the party votes dead men, but Johnny in his enthusiasm for the "cause" has let the cat out of the bag. He speaks right out and tells the public that his party votes men who have passed to their reward. And yet Johnny claims in his letter published last week that he is not upholding crooked politics. Still he is evidently proud of his party, proud of its strength, proud of the fact that it can vote dead men and get away with the proposition, proud of the fact that in this way it can defeat the rule of the majority. Though Johnny does not "uphold crooked politics," still he takes delight in belonging to a party which he admits has been guilty of voting dead men. Well, Ho, hum! Such is life.

To wind up his communication Johnny advises the editor not to squirm himself to death. If laughing by squirming, we will probably do just that.

**Others' Comments**

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN SELLS POWER PLANT**

THE VOTERS of the Town of Franklin ratified the sale made by the board of aldermen some time ago for the sale of their power plant to R. M. Mead. Every voter who cast their vote, cast it for the sale of the plant except two.

According to The Franklin Press, Mr. Mead has pledged his support in securing manufacturing industries for their town and surrounding country. No doubt with such men going after enterprises that it will be only a short time before Franklin will begin to count for

**CANNING IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

JONATHAN Case, formerly of Hendersonville, operated the community cannery in Franklin the past season and made a success of it, in spite of the fact that raw materials were not obtainable in the quantity necessary to enable the cannery to fill all orders. The Franklin Press states that the cannery turned out over 200,000 cans and quotes Mr. Case as saying he could have marketed a million cans. Mr. Case is also quoted as saying that the great need of the Macon cannery is larger capital. A larger amount of canning could have been done if there had been capital available to buy the raw materials.

The experiences of the cannery at Franklin and the Hendersonville cannery indicate very clearly that there is a big market for the canned products of Western North Carolina. Two problems have been encountered here in the canning business. There is, first of all, the problem of securing adequate capital to finance the business. Perhaps the Hendersonville cannery is in a stronger position in this respect than the Franklin cannery. Then there is the problem of securing the raw materials in large quantities. Quantities of fruits and vegetables that stagger the imagination of the average man are necessary to keep a big cannery running.

The problem of the future here is going to be to get the farmers of Henderson and surrounding counties to grow the raw materials which will be necessary to the success of a large cannery.

No longer can the farmers of this section say they have no market for their fruits and vegetables. The cannery furnishes a market. The cannery will guarantee fair prices—prices which will enable the intelligent grower to make money on the crops produced on his soil.

OPPORTUNITY is knocking at the door of every farmer in Henderson and adjoining counties. The future holds success and prosperity for all who use their brains and hands in answering Opportunity's call.—Hendersonville Times-News.

**Letters**

**ANENT SQUIRMERS**

Dear Mr. Editor: I do not know much about politics, but I do know that such men as T. G. Harbison and J. K. Bryson know whereof they speak. I also see nothing wrong in letting Jack Stribling have his say, too. Jack, maybe, has committed the "unpardonable sin," in the eyes of some. Maybe he doesn't practice all he preaches. Who does? Right here, all who have never done any wrong or told any lies,

stand up and be counted. I want to put your names alongside the names of George Washington and the sweet natured little school teacher who said she and the Father of His Country had never told a lie.

No one standing? Well, then Mr. Editor, keep right on swatting the liars and humbugs. Call a spade a spade. And if it has dirt on it mention the fact also. If I kick and squirm you may know your shot hit a vital spot.

Hoping we can have the election without recalling the Marines from Nicaragua.

I will close.

Respectfully, E. A. SNYDER.

P. S. You may count me as one who believes in a county agent.

**JACK REPLIES TO JOHNNY**

Major S. A. Harris, Editor, Franklin, N. C.

My dear Major:-

Please allow me space for a few words in replying to the pithy letter of Mr. John W. Edwards as appears in the last issue of The Press.

First, I believe that Johnny did not read my letter carefully as his epistle is far from the thought that I was doing my utmost to convey. He seems to believe that The Press opened up the columns for mudslinging, relief to sores and stomach-ache.

Now as Johnny has placed me before the public as maliciously and feloniously violating the laws and good morals of our county and the same charge as to the use of the U. S. Mails, as Johnny knows so much about my lawlessness I respectfully refer him to our courts as recourse for justice and preforming the act of a good citizen. The acts for which I am guilty I offer no apology.

Such discussions as Johnny has offered will not be considered as in need of reply as they will be ignored by me unless he again thrusts a stab at the good citizenship of our county as he closed his argument by saying "Nicaragua is a paradise compared with Macon county." Those eight words I do insist that the public weigh well, then give Johnny such credit as he be entitled to as a standard banner carrier.

The letter of Mr. T. G. Harbison should be appreciated by all and I trust that it will be received in the same good spirit as he expressed himself.

Thanking you for your criticism, and giving to our county a lesson in good citizenship, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
JACK STRIBLING.

**JOHNNY ADVISES AGAINST SQUIRMING**

October 15, 1928.

Editor of The Franklin Press:

Many thanks Dear Major for your free advertisement in last week's Press.

I want Mr. Bob Shook to know that I have not a word to say against his good name, it was only The Press I wanted to get next to. It seems like when My Dear Friend Major talks about anything Republican you can hear him from Trimont to Onion mountain, but when he has anything good to say about Charlie Ingram he can't speak above a whisper.

Dear Major, the squirming you saw me doing was not really squirming, but that was the motions I was executing giving you the horse laugh about your clean politics policies. You asked the readers of The Press to pick between such critics as John Edwards and The Press to get rid of dirty politics. Now Dear Major, that was some task to put before the people so near the election day. I guess I am a back number, but the Republican platform upon which The Press stands has been dead in North Carolina since Governor Russell sat at Raleigh. Since you put the question squarely to the people I have received so many handshakes that my right arm has begun to creak. How many has come over on your side?

Now Dear Major I can't say what I want to, for I have too much respect for a major since I am only a buck private. But if you will except a little invitation meet me at the court house any time before the election and we will try to argue this matter out to the satisfaction of the public. I am no famous debater, but I'll trust to be able to defend the principles of the great Democratic party before any crowd that would gather to see the duel.

Now Dear Major, let's have no whispering campaign. We ought to come out clearly on all questions as a Southern Gentleman, (A retired major) and a Mountain Hoosier should do. I am a Democrat every day of the year. What are you? If you are a Republican say so, if not keep quiet for I will then know I have wronged you.

L. L. Jenkins, in the court house Saturday morning, made mention of one of your pet hobbies, that is the vote of the dead. I'll tell you why the Democrats use the dead vote and the Republicans do not. In the first place the Republicans are not in a position to use the dead votes. In the second and last count, they always have the address of the dead Democrats while they generally are in doubt just where to write the dead Republicans.

Dear Major, don't squirm yourself to death while reading this.

Respectfully yours,  
JOHNNY W. EDWARDS.