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Extension of the sewer lines.  
Beautify the school grounds.  
Two hundred summer cottages.  
A sewage disposal plant.  
The construction of business blocks.  
Plant trees along the State highways of the county.  
Make a white way of Main street.  
An excellent school library.  
Courteous treatment for visitors.  
Improvement of county roads connecting with State highways.  
A fish ladder at the municipal dam.  
10,000 Dairy Cows, 50,000 Sheep, 400,000 Hens, 4,000 Brood Sows and 20,000 Stands of Bees in Macon county. The above will mean water and lights in each farm home.  
80,000 Acres in Improved Pasturage in Macon county.  
Co-operation, vim, push, work-everything for the good of Franklin and Macon county.  
New court house and jail combined.

### How About It?

Due to a typographical error The Press stated last week that the Osborne farm in 1924 was in a run down condition. The time should have been specified as 1914.

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Now and then The Press has been criticised for failure to send the paper after a subscription has expired. We have no way of knowing whether or not a subscriber wishes the paper continued. Consequently when a subscription expires the subscriber's name is promptly removed from the list.

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The Press tries to be impartial and give both sides of a controversy when opportunity permits. Because this paper publishes a communication, by no means implies that the opinions expressed therein are the opinions of the editor. And neither does this paragraph have any particular reference to the letter of Mr. Russell published on this page.

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The highway force under the direction of John Smith is to be commended for the dispatch with which the trees across highway No. 28 were removed after the storm last Thursday night.

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All descendants of the pioneers who settled Macon county should be here at the centennial on June 15. Mrs. F. L. Siler who heads the committee in charge of the centennial would be pleased to hear from former citizens who will be here on that date.

### A Blow To Highlands

THE BURNING of the club house at the Highlands golf course last Thursday night is a severe blow to the citizens of that town. This catastrophe, however, will not long dampen the enthusiasm of the citizens of Highlands. The people up there are endowed with the spirit of conquerors and the present calamity will serve only to unite them in greater efforts to make their beautiful little city the greatest summer resort in the South.

### Dam Tennyson's Brook

TALK about hard times, emanating from the court house, is like Tennyson's Brook—runs on forever. As we have before stated the financial condition of this county is no worse than that of the average. But granting for the sake of argument, that the county is in "terrible condition," just what do the officials expect to accomplish by their eight hours of daily dissertation on the subject? Such talk can certainly do no good, but is actually resulting in great harm. Let any stranger who ever had any intention of investing in Macon county hear the official wail for five minutes and he immediately leaves the county never to return. What Macon county must do is to dam its Tenny-

son's Brook and as an aid to the process of obstruction the letter "n" could be appropriately added to the first word in the caption of this editorial.

### Not On Waiting List

WHETHER or not Sam VanHook received his inclination for truck farming from his forefathers who, if one may judge by the name, came from Holland, we are unable to say. Nevertheless Sam knows how to grow truck crops. For the past several days Sam has been bringing loads of strawberries into Franklin and finding a ready market. When we inquired of Sam whether he was waiting for Congress to pass a relief measure for the farmers he became exceedingly emphatic, in his denial. Sam says that he has organized himself and organized his farm and that he does not expect any help from Congress. He is also of the opinion that the farmer who waits for such help "is gonna be outta luck."

Mrs. Walter Elliott is another citizen of Macon county who is not on the waiting list in so far as help from Congress is concerned. Last year she sold \$215.19 worth of turkeys and did not buy a pound of feed.

### The New Town Board

THERE were twelve men running for alderman in Tuesday's election. Each of the twelve is an excellent citizen and would have made a good official. However, the voters elected the present incumbent, George Patton, as mayor and the following named men as aldermen: H. W. Cabe, J. M. Moore, Jess Conley, John E. Rickman, W. B. McGuire and Dr. J. H. Fouts. We believe that the electorate made a good choice. The fact that T. W. Angel was beaten by only one vote shows that he still retains the confidence of the people. But now that a new board is to be at the helm, it behooves the citizens to make their pathway as easy as possible. The position of alderman, to say the least, is a thankless one. There is no doubt whatever that the men elected will give the town the best service of which they are capable—and they are all capable men. Hence, during the next two years the citizens of Franklin may look forward to a progressive administration. The Press extends congratulations to Mayor Patton and the aldermen elect.

### Farm Information Needed

THE AGRICULTURAL problems in western North Carolina are peculiarly local. The average farm paper covers too much territory to be of particular interest to the farmers of this part of the state. The spring seasons in this locality are much later than in other parts of the South and the winter seasons begin earlier. The high altitude here also has its effect upon the kinds of crops to be grown and the time for growing such crops. Therefore, this particular section needs a farm paper with an editor who understands local conditions. We doubt, however, whether a paper of this kind could be made to pay its way. In the absence of a farm paper devoted to the agricultural interests of western North Carolina, the next best thing would be for one of the daily papers to publish a farm column daily or a farm page weekly. Of course the man who undertook to write the column or page must be thoroughly conversant with the problems of the mountain farmers. The daily paper that will undertake this work will be doing a distinct service to the farmers of western North Carolina and we are of the opinion that such service will be reflected in a greater subscription list among the rural inhabitants.

### Mother's Day

MOTHERS DAY which is the second Sunday in May, falls on May 12 this year and will be observed throughout the United States in response to the annual proclamation by the President.

As it is well known, the object of the day is to recall memories of the mothers who have passed to the beyond and to pay special tributes of affection to those living. The badge for the day is the white carnation, emblematic of the purity, beauty and fidelity of a mother's love. By some the red carnation is worn in honor of living mothers.

Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia originated the idea of Mother's Day, which was observed in several cities in 1910, the custom being extended rapidly in the following years.

Congress in 1913 passed a resolution offered

by Congressman J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama (now senator) recommending observance of the day by its members and by the executive departments at Washington. In 1914 Congress authorized the President to designate the second Sunday in May of each year as Mother's Day, the first proclamation under this authority being issued by President Wilson on May 9, 1914.

Few of us reflect as often as we should on the debt of love and gratitude we owe to our mothers. By thoughts and acts of sincere affection on Mother's Day, we not only honor them, but we also honor ourselves.

### Light's Golden Jubilee

FROM June 1 to October 21, the Golden Jubilee, the international celebration of fiftieth anniversary of the incandescent lamp will be held at Atlantic City.

In the words of Preston Arkwright, President of National Electric Light Association, such a convention has never been held before and probably never will be held again.

On the last night, to be called the "Night of Light," the first international radio-broadcasting program is to be held with such distinguished men as President Hoover, Ford, Lindbergh and many foreign notables, paying their respects to Thomas Edison.

All important organizations within the electric industry and many outside bodies will cooperate. Unique electrical decorations will be used.

This is a fitting honor for Thomas Edison who by the invention of the incandescent light, changed the whole development of domestic and business life.

Henry Ford has made a five-million-dollar gift to a technical school and museum to house the Edison collection and his own collection. Thus the achievements that are to be heralded during the Golden Jubilee will be tangibly preserved, from their modest beginnings to the efficient devices of today.

Not only the electric industry, but the entire world, applauds the inventive genius that made the electric light possible.

### The Bryson City Times

THIS PAPER welcomes to the Fourth Estate C. C. Angel, recent purchaser and now editor of the Bryson City Times. Mr. Angel evidently realizes that agriculture is the basic industry of the western counties. In its issue of May 3 The Times has an editorial addressed to the farmers of Swain. This editorial contains much sound advice. Mr. Angel no doubt realizes also that the Southern mountaineer is the most conservative individual in the world. In other words the average mountain farmer can see no reason for changing methods that have been in vogue for the past century. However, the change must come, and that in the near future, if the farmers of the Western counties are to survive. For the last four years The Press has been advocating new methods of farming and only recently have we seen indications that the farmers of Macon are waking up to the opportunities that lie before them under modern agricultural methods. Not only is it imperative that sound agricultural methods be followed, but it is also important that all counties west of Asheville be organized for the mutual protection of the tillers of the soil. Just how many years it will take to accomplish this purpose is a matter for speculation. However, if county papers like the Bryson City Times will continue to lend their influence to this end, the time can be shortened considerably. Hence The Press wishes The Times success in its efforts to bring about a new agricultural era in the western counties.

### Citizen Spreads the Good News

LAST WEEK'S Press contained a news article descriptive of the Osborne dairy farm on the Pigeon river. Under the caption of "Here's a Real Mountain Romance." The Asheville Citizen commented at length on this news article. "We know that The Citizen is intensely interested in the agricultural situation of the mountain counties. Hence, the publicity given by that paper to the great dairy farm on the Pigeon river will doubtless serve to spur interest in the dairy industry throughout Western North Carolina. We here quote a paragraph or two from The Citizen editorial:

"In this week's issue of The Franklin Press Major S. A. Harris gives an account of the visit of a party of Macon county farmers to the Osborne Dairy Farm, four miles up the

Pigeon river from Canton. Major Harris says that the trip 'is one that every Macon county farmer should make.' Reading his description of it, we feel like broadening the statement out to include all the farmers of Western North Carolina."

The Citizen then goes on to quote extensively from the news article of The Press and concludes with the following: "This seems to us an inspiring story. It is proof of what can be done in this mountain country. It points the way to prosperity for Western North Carolina."

## Others' Comments

NUMBER 28

THE PEOPLE over in Clay, Macon and Cherokee counties are expecting highway No. 28 to nose its way to Franklin sometime in July. This highway runs from Bat Cave by way of Hendersonsville and Brevard into the Sapphire Country and is hard-surfaced to a point near Cashier's, west of Toxaway, with the Cullasaja Gorge, east of Franklin, to be negotiated. Completion of the work through the gorge would lead the public into a section comparatively unknown to the state, a section where "big" scenery is laid out. By next summer No. 28 may be completed between Bat Cave and Murphy, and then the state will have a scenic highway that will equal the best they have out west. Nobody who has not traveled that particular section can be said to "know the state," and some fine revelations are in store for the people. —Charlotte Observer.

## Letters

"GIVE ME LIBERTY OR—"

This is an open letter or a closed letter to the Franklin Press as the editor can take the right to put in the Press or the waste basket as he chooses.

When I was a school boy one of the outstanding lessons taught in school was the speech of Patrick Henry saying give me Liberty or give me death. Then we thought we were fighting English tyrant. Now a smack of Russian tyranny is slipping into our own Government and we hear nothing of Patrick Henry. We now have an officer in the county who has held an office for about twenty years and the tax payers have no chance to know whether a majority wants him longer or not. A few white colored gentlemen around Franklin can keep him in regardless of whether the majority wants him or not. I consider Mr. Porter by nature of his position the leading citizen of the county. I also consider him an honorable and truthful gentleman. Mr. Porter knew that it was impossible to do certain things without the help of certain honorable gentlemen. And they crawfished and failed him in the hour of need. Miss Elliot thinks the whole board should have been appointed from new men. I am decidedly of the same opinion. I take it that our school is costing the tax payers around \$50.00 a day to run and we are compelled by law to send. Our school was adjourned one whole day this winter and teachers and all went to a revival meeting. I asked Mr. Billings if we were compelled by law to go to church and he has not answered yet. Miss Elliott's letter is good as far as it goes. We are getting too much high handed law enforcement in everything. Which brings back the speech of Patrick Henry. Give me liberty or death. I don't think they are teaching it in the schools now. The White Collard gentlemen who think they are running the country are teaching prohibition and hiring thugs to go round over the highways holding up cars and shooting up innocent people sometimes and they always get out of it in the courts because they are working for the Government. Plenty of citizens know the Government has no moral right to say what we shall wear or what we shall eat or what we shall drink, and when the Government infringes on these rights that carries us back to Patrick Henry's speech. I am now over sixty years old and as I see it the liberties of the people are being clipped, one after another. Now if you think there is too much truth in this maybe you had better not publish it.

Respectfully submitted,

MILFORD A. RUSSELL  
Highlands, N. C.