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Half Cocked

Now that filling stations along the highways are selling hot-dogs motorists had better look out or the absent-minded service man will be filling the tank with sausage and putting mustard in the crankcase.

Maybe the reason some people stick to the straight and narrow path is because there isn't so much traffic on it.

They say the Chinese make better soldiers since discarding their pig-tails. Maybe it makes them harder to catch.

Marriages may be made in heaven, but the cars in Franklin homes have been the scene of a lot of preliminary arrangements.

Why is it that if you are right 99 times and wrong once everybody remembers the time you were wrong?

In Russia the Soviet has abolished Sunday as a day of rest. The auto and golf did that in this country long ago.

Another advantage in living in Franklin instead of a big city is you don't have to wear out a pair of shoes here running out to see if the police have put a ticket on your car.

The world may be growing smarter, but a lot of hunters will pull loaded shotguns through barbed-wire fences this winter.

Virtue always has its own reward. You can always find a lot of parking space near a church.

What Franklin man ever expected to see the time when a pair of high-heeled shoes and cotton stockings would be classed as antiques?

Another thing we've never been able to understand is what happens to a crowd immediately after the parade has passed.

Could you refer to a man who has three pair of shoes as being well heeled?

When a Franklin girl listens to the fellow who is courting her she doesn't realize that she is listening to the same line of hot air Father used when he was courting Mother.

Another thing the city-bred man can't understand is how a farmer gets grass to grow without sprinkling it.

Every time a Franklin man has a half-hour to spare he uses it up bothering another man who hasn't any spare time.

Just because a girl has a ringing laugh is no reason to suppose she would make a good telephone operator.

Publicity Seekers

Now a woman drives a car for 80 hours without stopping for sleep in order to establish an endurance record for women. A boy sets up a pole in his backyard and remains perched on the top of it for days just to make a record. One woman even claims to have set the record for continuous rocking in a porch rocking chair. This rage for doing useless things just to "set a record" is getting as ridiculous as it is silly. The one purpose behind it all, of course, is to secure publicity—the ones trying for "endurance records" being far more interested in seeing their names in the papers than anything else. Isn't it a rare nerve

PROSPERITY AND THE EVIL ENCHANTMENT

NORTH CAROLINA'S supreme problem today is the production of elementary necessities. The millions sent out of the State annually for the purchase of food and feedstuff which might easily be produced at home represents an extravagance and a loss which must shortly, unless immediate and far-reaching remedial action is taken, result in economic disaster.

This is potentially one of the richest agricultural regions in the entire world. There is no reason, other than our own deliberate disregard of familiar economic laws, why it should not be a land blossoming in prosperity and with the gaunt spectres of undernourishment and hunger unheard of. What is there that we need that we cannot produce at home? Is there any evil enchantment upon North Carolina's rich acres that would prevent the growth of corn, wheat, potatoes, beans, apples, hay, and the great secondary crops of cattle, hogs, and poultry?

The only evil enchantment I know of is that of the so-called "money crops." Deserting the green oasis of diversified farming, our people have followed the mirage of huge profits from cotton and tobacco into a trackless desert of uncertainty and gloom and instead of the anticipated profits, they have harvested deficits and, in a tragic number of instances, actual undernourishment and want have resulted.

This dinner, given chiefly in honor of the members of the North Carolina Press Association because of their great power to shape and mould public opinion, dramatizes a single remedy for a serious situation. Let North Carolina produce its elemental food necessities and prosperity and plenty will not be long in returning. For the process is cumulative in its operation and the more corn, hogs, cattle and poultry we raise, the more will our cotton and tobacco bring. In this way—and in this way only—can they be once more converted from "hunger" into "money" crops and substantial and enduring prosperity assured.

O. MAX GARDNER,
Governor.

than most of us can understand. But they do, and they continue to disgust the public, and probably will until the newspapers of the land cut out mentioning the "stunts." That will stop them in a hurry, for there'll be no more of them when there's no more publicity.

Lower Living Costs

PLANS to reduce the cost of living are easy to discuss, but as Mark Twain once said about the weather, "Nobody seems to be doing anything to change it."

Now comes good news, news that certainly will be welcomed in every Franklin home, to the effect that the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America, comprising 230 leading manufacturers of grocery products, intend to do more than talk. They have embarked upon a world-wide investigation looking toward the reduction of distribution costs in their industry for the direct purpose of benefitting the consumer. They realize that the cost of distribution is what makes living costs high, and they feel that if they can lower this it will mean a direct saving to the consumers of all food products. A low price creates a larger volume of sales, so naturally both the producer and the retailer would, in the long run, profit by a reduction in distribution costs.

The grocers are starting on a worthwhile campaign, and one in line with the modern idea of lower prices through mass production. It deserves to succeed because if it is a success it will bring relief to the dinner tables of millions of Americans. If this group can lower living costs by a reduction in the cost of distribution, then maybe the clothing industry can do the same thing. There is an abundance of fashion designers here

A Candle

(By Grace Noll Crowell)

A candle is a lovely thing
To light for Him tonight;
A slim white candle, straight and tall,
To make the darkness bright.

So white He was, so tall and straight,
That all the dark was lit—
A pathway widening out ahead
When He walked into it.

A candle burning in the night!
A symbol of the One
Who shed a glow of circling light
Until His work was done,

Then flickering out upon a cross,
Upon a darkened hill,
It lit again—the Light of Earth—
And it is burning still.

JESUS, MISUNDERSTOOD
(By Troy F. Horn)

Jesus left heaven on his own accord,
Was born in a manger, my Saviour and Lord;
He forsook His home and the angels above,
To bring salvation and divine perfect love.

There never was a mortal who did such a deed;
All powerful and perfect, yet apparently in need,
He said to the Father, "I will go down on earth,
And conquer old Satan with an untimely birth."

Though spotless and humble, He came to his own,
And chose a lone stable instead of a throne.
How beautiful and pure and sweet and good!
He is still overlooked and misunderstood.

Cullasaja, N. C., Dec. 7, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy nine years old. For Christmas I want a little toy car, a knife, and a watch, and some nuts, candy, and

NOT WORTH IT

Highlands, N. C.
Dec. 17, 1929.

Dear Lyles:
I am enclosing you check for \$1.50 for a year's subscription to The Press. I want to take advantage of your \$1.50 rate, as I don't think it will be worth \$2.00.

Please see to it that Lee Barnard gets that derby hat for Christmas and tell John Thomas to try to think of something else than writing preposterous stories about that old man having 40 children down in Georgia. I am inclined to agree with the nurse at the hospital. I think that something ought to be done to him instead of for him.

With many wishes for a pleasant Christmas, I am,
Your friend,
FRANK HILL.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 19, 1929.

Dear Santa:—As it is just a week till Christmas I thought I had better write you what to bring me. I want candy, oranges, nuts, raisins, and a tea set, a big sleepy doll. I will hang up my stocking and will try to get mother to leave the door open so you can get in. Dear Santa, don't forget the little orphan girls and boys. Bring them just lots of good things. Good night, Marie Ledford.

Cullasaja, N. C., Dec. 7, 1929.

Dear Santa:—I am a little boy twelve years old. I go to school and I am in the seventh grade. For Christmas I want a watch, a knife, a coaster wagon and some nuts, candy and oranges.

Your little friend, Claude Ramey.

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 18, 1929.

Dear Santa:—Please bring me some candy, apples, oranges, nuts and a gun and a little dog so when it snows I can go hunting. Altho I am just two years old, I feel as big as dad. I wear long overalls and dady calls me his man. I would like to have a knife so when I kill a squirrel I can skin him. I'll ring off as I am sleepy.
Calvin Ledford.

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 19, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:—We are Marion Ledford's two little boys, Ellis and Wilson. We want apples, oranges, candy, nuts and a little coaster wagon, a knife, a piece, box of crayons. Santa, don't forget little boys and girls that has no father or mother. Visit them with your very best. We remain,
Wilson and Ellis Ledford.

Cullasaja, N. C., Dec. 7, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl five years old. For Christmas I want a toy sewing machine, a doll, a tea set, a little rocking chair, some candy, nuts and oranges.

Your little girl, Dorothy Ramey.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of Chas. Kinsland, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20 day of December, 1930, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 20 day of December, 1929.

FANNIE GUESS, Executrix.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. S. L. Edwards, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12 day of December, 1930, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 12 day of December, 1929.

4tJan9p F. H. POTTS, Administrator.

T. J. JOHNSTON

State of North Carolina,
Macon County.

Entered Dec. 2, 1929.
Advised Dec. 2, 1929.
No. 15001.

T. J. Johnston enters and claims 20 acres land, more or less, in Nantahala township. Beginning at a Spanish oak, beginning corner of Grant 2295, runs south 65 east to the second corner of 2295 to a hickory; then south 25 west to the third corner of 2295, a black oak; then south 65 east to top of ridge; then in a south direction to the line of 3619; then with the line to the beginning so as to include all the vacant land lying between No. 2295 and No. 3619, being 20 acres, more or less.

This 2nd day of December, 1929.
ALEX MOORE, E. N. Taker

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT

North Carolina, Macon County.
General Mica and Clay Company

vs
Gruendler Patent Crusher and Pulverizer Co.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the defendant on the 5th day of December, 1929, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon county, North Carolina, for the sum of \$5,283.32 due said plaintiff on account of breach of contract, which summons is returnable thirty days from the 5th day of January, 1930.

The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment has been issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon county on the 5th day of December, 1929, against the property of the defendant, which is returnable before the said Clerk of the Superior Court on the 6th day of January, 1930, when and where the defendant was required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded would be granted.

This the 5th day of December, 1929.
FRANK I. MURRAY,
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North Carolina, Macon County.
In The Superior Court,
Before The Clerk.

George B. Farmer, Administrator of the Estate of J. M. Farmer, deceased, Lexie Ledford and husband, Oscar Ledford, George B. Farmer, individually, and wife, Frances Farmer

vs
Flora Farmer, widow of J. M. Farmer, deceased, Blanche Patton and husband, Tom Patton, James Farmer and wife, Zoa Farmer, Hettie Coward and husband, Claude Coward, John Farmer and wife, Lillian Farmer, and Charlie Farmer

The defendants, Claude Coward, Hettie Coward and Charlie Farmer in the above named cause will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to the end that lands of which J. M. Farmer died seized may be sold to make assets to pay existing debts against the estate of said J. M. Farmer, and the defendants will take notice that they are required to appear within thirty days from the 2nd day of January, 1930, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon county, North Carolina and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded.

This the 2nd day of December, 1929.
FRANK I. MURRAY,
Clerk of the Superior Court,
Macon County, N. C.

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NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina
Macon County

Alfred Higdon & Dick Hudson trading & doing business under the firm name and style of Franklin Hardware Company.

Vs
Wm. Sutton and wife, Ollie Sutton

Under and by virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Macon County in the above entitled action I will, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1930, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the court house door in the Town of Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest of the defendants, Wm. Sutton and wife, Ollie Sutton, in and to the following described tract or parcel of land:

Being lot No. 19 of the lands comprising the estate of the late W. A. Curtis, as appears from plat made thereto by E. L. Allen, Surveyor, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book of Plats and Maps No. 1, page 7, to which reference is hereby made for a more full description; and being all the lands described in a deed dated June 4, 1927, from Alvah Pearce and wife, Ruth Pearce, to Ollie Sutton, which deed is recorded in Book O-4, page 122, Records of Macon County. Also, the dwelling house and all other buildings located on the above described tract of land, said land and premises being the same land and premises in the notice and claim of lien and judgment.

This 1st day of December, 1929.