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Franklin First Again

There is a certain lady in Franklin that has kept a secret for ten months. We recommend a diamond set gold medal.

Some of us, looking back over the years, cannot see why a man wants to keep his marriage secret. Misery loves company too well, is the reasoning of the old hands.

Bryson City has at last come on a level with Franklin in the matter of power generating. Here is hoping that they will continue to progress.

The best thing that we can think of to ease the situation here in Franklin, is a pay up week. "I'll pay you and you pay him." How about it? This paper will do the publicity necessary, gratis. Are there a few people that think well enough of the idea to start things going? No. How true to form.

Joe Bailey has started the ball rolling. Next.

Things are shaping up so that we will soon see who is who for Hoover in this old North State.

This is one year when ripe simmins seems to taste mighty bitter to a lot of folk.

Every town around us has a booklet telling of the fine things that they have to offer. Franklin? Well, Franklin will have them all shaded by and by.

In looking toward 1930 we feel like the old prospector did when he exclaimed: "That's a lot in them tar hills, but how is it and where is it and how to find it?"

Indications are already apparent that the recent crash in Wall Street is to become a bigger blessing than the boll weevil.

Avoiding Accidents

A FEW DAYS ago a young lady was killed by an automobile on the streets of Murphy. An extremely sad and absolutely unnecessary tragedy. The news dispatches say that the young lady was walking on the right hand of the street with two other young ladies. That she was on the inside next to the line of traffic. The law provides that pedestrians walk on the left hand side of the road, if there are no side walks.

We do not know whether in this particular case either or both parties in the calamity in question made due effort to prevent it. We are not passing judgment on any phase of the case. The point that occurs to us is that it is a thousand wonders that there are not hundreds of just such accidents. There are a great many people that walk carelessly along the highways. They insist on their "rights." A man or woman afoot has very few "rights" that they can enforce at the moment against a motor that is pushing a two-ton pile of metal along with the strength of forty horses going at full gallop.

It is not meant that the above is to infer that the motorist is in any way excusable for not exercising due care and consideration at all times for the safety of others. It is meant to state definitely, however, that the pedestrian is obligated to also exercise the same care, and for his own safety, to be a great deal more careful. To get one's rights in a coffin is not very satisfying, nor can we imagine it being very beneficial to get them that way.

Others' Comments

WORK OFFERS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION

LAST WEEK The Press carried an editorial on the subject of Work. Below, the

Hendersonville Times-News expresses opinion on the same subject:

WORK offers the answer to the question as to what can be done to promote active and prosperous business conditions in this country next year. The Times-News has offered WORK as the solution of existing business and industrial problems, as well as the problems of the individual citizen. That this is good advice is attested by its general acceptance by business leaders of the country and the fact that WORK is being urged upon all classes of citizens, by the President of the United States and on down the line by men in less prominent position as national leaders and by others whose sphere of leadership is confined to states or communities.

Editor and Publisher, weekly trade paper published for newspaper men, takes up the Work slogan, giving it as the title to an editorial article which is as follows:

"Work in the first three months of 1930—work like a nailer, work as if you meant it, work as if you were a soldier and the enemy was just 'over there,' work to make money, work to make work for others, work for the pride of achievement, work for the glory of success, work for family, town, state and county, harder than you were called upon to work in the first quarter of last year or in any year since the war, work to prevent a business depression, work to show the ruthless wreckers of Wall Street that the blow-up and shake-out game they play is not business and has nothing to do with honest commerce or decent employment, work up to your capacity in January, February and March, and perhaps the balance of the year will take care of itself about as usual.

"Work is the solution. Elbow-grease and unstinted use of the machinery of the creative mind, along with liberal use of native courage, can be depended on to hold the first quarter of the new year up to 1929 standards. This is not a guess. It is the reasoned judgment of all of the leaders of state and business who have spoken on the subject in the past six weeks. President Hoover says the only danger is psychological—fear leading to caution and caution leading to non-production and unemployment. We might quote a hundred key men in industry to similar effect.

"This is the story, and the answer is: Work! Applied to the advertising field the injunction to work is particularly important. Advertising is the natural bell-wether of the business flock. Sustained advertising means sustained general business. But it must now be SOLD. That means work. The local merchant and the general distributor must understand that if they proceed, right after the holiday season, the retrench on advertising because there are clouds in the sky, they may depress the whole community. They must not see the situation small. How absurd! This is the richest nation in the world, composed of some one hundred and twenty million habitual earners and spenders. Nothing has happened to lessen the American appetite for the materials of comfort, happiness and progress. The vast bulk of American citizens do not trade on margins in any market. The American people are working almost full force and are earning about as usual. We are just emerging from our peak of prosperity year in all history. Money? There's more of it in the hands of the people today than ever before. Don't be silly! Don't let other folks talk themselves and us into business depression! This means work! Advertisers need only continue to lay their wares before the public. They need only make the power of the printed word do its accustomed work.

"Work in January!"
"Work in February!"
"Work in March!"
"Work!"

As indicated in the foregoing paragraphs, Editor and Publisher holds to the view that if the people of the entire country WORK for at least a period of three months next year, the country will swing into a progressive stride that will carry it through the year. This view is logical. Anyway, it is certain that WORK is the only thing that will make the country prosperous and put to rout the forces of pessimism and business depression.

Manufacturers and business men must press forward, as the business leaders of the country have promised will be done in 1930. However, these efforts must not be confined to a few big business men and great industries. They must be put forth by all classes of industrialists and men engaged in all lines of business—both large and small. There is responsibility resting upon all classes, and Opportunity is beckoning to small as well as large business enterprises.

Manufacturers, as the President has suggested, and as hundreds of them have promised to do, must put pessimism and distrust of present conditions aside; they must press forward in a spirit of optimism to make business good and better. Industry must furnish WORK to the men and women employed in industry. All lines of business must take the same course. WORK is the thing. Let everybody get busy. The workers who do not have employment must be supplied with employment. The men who control industry and business must line up with leaders like Capt. Ellison A. Smyth of the Balfour Mills Cor-

poration, who proposes to operate his plant and furnish employment to his operatives, regardless of conditions. If all industrialists and employers of labor tackle the problem in that spirit and with that determination, industry and business will make progress and enjoy great prosperity. That is the plan, the only plan, which can be reasonably expected to keep the country moving.—Times-News.

CORRUPTION

ABLE AND avid to censor books, and plays within its city limits, Boston tries also to censor magazines. In 1926 it impeded sales of the American Mercury containing "Hatrack." Last spring it pounced on Scribner's for the serial instalments of Ernest Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms." Last week magazine readers watched to see what Boston would do about the January number of Plain Talk, which contained a sizzling article about Boston itself.

Results were speedy. The city's clergy un-animously voted an investigation. Police Commissioner Herbert A. Wilson issued broad denials. Massachusetts' Governor Frank G. Allen ordered his Attorney-General to take "right and proper" action. The article, by Walter W. Liggett, was called "Bawdy Boston." Its charges, stretching over the past decade, were specific:

Prostitution. "Federal inspectors declared that last year 1,000 girls were shipped to Boston by a white slave ring which operates in some 30 New England cities....There are eleven (syndicate) houses in Boston....scores of other 'houses'....Boston is swarming with street-walkers" (Time, Oct. 7).

Narcotics. "It is openly alleged in Boston that Charles ('King') Solomon is head of the dope racket....is the chief source of supply for all wires, runners, peddlers and addicts in New England....has reaped unbelievable profits."

Blackmail. Two Bostonian District Attorneys and a Federal District Attorney's assistant put the "age-old badger game on a big-business basis." It cost disporting cinema tycoons \$105,000 to hush up one party; \$120,000 preserved the reputation of a famed tenor; \$380,000 kept a New England railroad president's name unsullied.

Bootlegging. "Largest and best paying racket in Boston." An annual \$60,000,000 is spent in Boston's 4,000 speakeasies or paid to 5,000 Bostonian bootleggers. The liquor ring is bossed by a onetime policeman who on the side dabbles in a trucking business, restaurants, cigar stores, pool rooms, an amusement arena, prize fighters. He is "in right" very high up indeed, can smash small operators. Hip-pocket bootleggers, some boys not over 16, peddle booze "under the 'L' on Washington Street." In nearly every office building is at least one speakeasy. Boston police deliver good whiskey to customers.

Corruption. When he was Governor of Massachusetts (1925-29), Alvan Tufts Fuller charged that Boston's Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols delayed subway construction to let his friends buy up the right-of-way, then sell it to the city at exorbitant prices. He named specific instances, said: "The people of Boston are being systematically robbed by a group of...politicians." He once referred to the Mayor as "in his usual irresponsible condition."—Time.

Letters

WANTS PARK CLUB

Mr. Lyles Harris,
Editor, Franklin Press.

Kindly find a place for the following in your columns.

To those who are interested in the little Town of Franklin and its surroundings.

Here in these hills God has blessed us with a sacred beauty! Now it is for us to do our part.

What say you to the organizing of a club? —The official duties to be simple and important, but in service and enthusiasm the duties to be varied and important.

Suppose we name it, "The Macon County Park Club?"

To begin with, I feel that we all owe a vote of thanks to the ladies of the Franklin Garden club in appreciation of the lovely, constructive work so quickly and well begun.

Flowers have their charm in the proper setting, correct perspective, and environment. Now, the foundation or background essential to the perfect garden is that upon which our club must specialize. Let every woman, man and child be eligible to our organization.

In the start, all that I see necessary to membership is that each one joining the club pledge a small part of his or her time to the work. Say—perhaps—one hour each week; others an hour every two weeks, or one hour a month, or any stated time that their duties and kindness permit.

That we select some central place, where the name, address, and stated amount of time could be handed in by those parties interested in becoming members. Franklin should be the starting point; and with its many vacant lots affords an ideal beginning. Of course, where improvement upon the property is contemplated our efforts must be of a less permanent nature.

We will need stones, native evergreens, shrubs and trees—as a suggestion. We might

ask the Retarians—in a body—to take leave of their nice dinner some day, put on overalls, and each with a turn at the plow and harrow would leave a spot so well prepared that all the ladies would need to do would be to start planting and beautifying.

The amount of love and enjoyment put into the work will be the determining factors in its progress and success.

Our club, too, can have colors: Working—if we wish—in two or more groups. A friendly rivalry always produces enthusiasm and results.

Let us clean our back yards of tin cans and refuse! Make of them our cutting gardens.

A cool, green spot of our old jail.

A fountain spray or pool—when our "Town Fathers" can provide water for this purpose.

Rest benches—arbor shelters—restful nooks; in fact a place so inviting that each tourist coming to Franklin will feel that here is a spot where he will wish to rest and stay!

Men have grown to the knowledge that flowers, beauty and music have their place in the commercial world, the same as any other commodity; and for this reason—if no other—we women shall look to and depend upon the men to become members and give their assistance.

This reminds me—though diverging from the subject—We need MUSIC, too.

Plenty of it
And Good

A fine band occasionally would wake up and shake up the forces within us and leave a permanent benefit. It is here unnecessary to recall the triumphs of war caused by martial music. Of course band music is expressive—but it is well for us to think this over.

To resume the subject.

There is no end to the possibilities of such a Park club. And now is the time to start. Let us not make it an obligation of the few—but a labor of love for all! We can make of it a big, unselfish work; and one that will bring pleasure and benefit to our little township and the entire county.

SOPHIE ALBERT.

OPPOSES CHURCH CONSOLIDATION

Clarksville, Ga., Dec. 27, 1929.

Editor, The Press,

Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I note in last week's Press an editorial drawn from certain magazines regarding so-called combining of religious bodies into one central church. The editor asked the pointed question why the religious organizations of Franklin could not make one big church with one strong man to pastor them.

It was this same erroneous theory that caused the apostasy in the third and fourth centuries which resulted in setting up Catholicism. This worldly, political, religious body gave supreme authority to the Bishop of Rome which resulted in setting the pope in the vatican.

This ungodly organization persecuted the true church for 1200 years until the Reformation in 15th and 16th centuries. The editor fails to understand the real fundamentals underlying a New Testament church. Protestant bodies might be able to unite, but Baptists can no more afford to do this than they could make a world without destroying the fundamentals upon which Christ founded and organized his Church.

The plan advanced by the editor was and is being fostered by Mat. Fastic (modern atheist) and others. I suppose the editor gets his idea from the modern accepted expression that Baptists are Protestants like other religious organizations, but the editor must remember that Baptists did not come out of Rome as the Protestant organizations.

We have too many high collared preachers now desiring to lord it over their brethren. There is only one way that God's people can come together: that is when every member of every organization will subdue his own will and accept the Bible teaching in regard to the church and the qualifications for membership in a New Testament church.

Yours very truly,
M. A. LOVE.

ENJOYS PRESS LETTERS

Roberts, Ore., Dec. 26, 1929.

The Franklin Press.

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am sending a check for \$1.50, for which please send The Franklin Press to my address, Roberts, Ore. I would like to keep in touch with the changes in our dear old home county, and feel there is no way so certain as the weekly paper.

I will so much enjoy reading the letters from Elmjay, my dear old home place, Holly Springs, Cullasaja, Coweta, Iotla and many other places in the county.

Very truly yours,
MRS. (ALVA ALLEN) HOUSTON.

WANT IT, ANYWAY

Highlands, N. C., Dec. 27, 1929.

Mr. Lyles Harris:

Editor Franklin Press:

Inclosed find \$1.50 to renew my subscription as it is nearly up and I do not feel that I can do without your paper. My wife and I are always anxious to get it whether it is worth the money or not.

Yours truly,
E. P. PICKLESIMER.