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Courageous Self-Sacrifice

THE ACTION of the County Board of Commissioners and other county officials and employees in voluntarily accepting a ten per cent reduction in their salaries and wages is worthy of double commendation:

First, it will save the tax-payers a sum estimated at \$10,000 at a time when economy not only is highly desirable but is also a pressing necessity.

Second, it makes it possible for the county to continue its farm demonstration work, whereby the earnings of the farmers will be greatly enhanced.

There was no question in the minds of those who attended the farmers' meeting in the courthouse last Saturday as to the wishes of the people on the question of the demonstration work. They wanted it continued, if at all possible and when Commissioner McClure announced the plan whereby it would be continued, together with a big cut in county expenses, there was a loud and spontaneous outburst of applause, followed by a rising vote of thanks which was something markedly more earnest than the usual formality.

As for the action of the commissioners Monday in re-electing Mr. Fred S. Sloan as the demonstration agent, it meets with general approval.

The county Commissioners have risen to the occasion and the people of Franklin and Macon county are thankful to them for their courageous and self-sacrificing action, and sincerely grateful to all those who accept the lower rate of remuneration.

Danger! Men at Work

WE ARE entering, let us hope, the final stage of our folly. The air is charged with rumors. The whispering campaign is on. No business is immune.

Have you heard about such and such a bank? Do you know old So-and-So is going to the wall? I hear the Doe Company is headed for receivership. The Roe Company has passed its dividend.

Only by wearing ear muffs can one walk a block without having his confidence shaken.

Of comfort let no man speak; Let's talk of graves, of worms, and epitaphs.

Depression is on every tongue. It is the most widely advertised product of our times. Headlines, headlines everywhere, and no one stops to think.

And our vaunted salesmanship! Give a salesman time enough and he'll paint so drab a picture of the future that a likely prospect will replace his fountain pen—and lock the safe.

Of unemployment, I suspect there are more idle tongues than idle hands.

The folly of too many of us is to accept the echo of the locker room and the club car as the Voice of America.

For example, consider 1930, lately interred. Now lies he there and none so poor to do him reverence. Yet the much-maligned year loaded and unloaded 45,800,000 freight cars, and with three million trucks on the job, too. It made and sold a new automobile for each ten families at a cost of \$2,159,600,000, and saw registrations highest of any year, with a gasoline consumption of 399 million barrels, an all-time record. It saw electrical production hit its highest mark.

Nineteen hundred and thirty manufactured four and a half billion yards of textiles, and 315 million pairs of shoes, the usual two and a half pairs to the person.

It provided work for forty-odd million men and women, and earnings through dividends to the amount of \$4,500,000,000.

Nineteen hundred and thirty saw to it that expenses of living did not exceed income, as evidenced by hundreds of millions of dollars increase in savings banks and eighteen and a half billions of new life insurance.

Nineteen hundred and thirty added one million in population to our consuming public—a city the size of Cleveland.

With all its faults, 1930 furnished a national market-place where goods, services and labor were exchanged to the extent of 100 billion dollars, and the returns are not all in yet.

One would think, from the wailing, that we had all been wiped out by a terrible catastrophe of Nature—a Noah's flood, a shifting of the Gulf Stream, or by dreadful holocaust.

Yet we are all here. The stores are still open. The trains are running. The traffic problem is still lively. Movie houses are no nearer seating all their customers. Children are what they always were. Young folks are getting married. Preachers thunder against the laxity of the age. Amos 'n' Andy are still in the taxicab business. Doctors and dentists make appointments weeks ahead. Lawyers' briefs are just as long. Hardy commuters make the 8.15 in less than nothing flat. And under Nature's white coverlet, bud and blossom await the sure coming of spring.

If these commonplace signs of "life as usual" betoken national stability, then there is a public menace in the familiar warning DANGER! MEN AT WORK—Merle Thorpe in the NATION'S BUSINESS, for February, 1931.

FRIENDLY COMMENT

(The editor hopes that he is not overstepping the bounds of modesty and propriety in printing the following comments on the new Franklin Press. He is sincerely grateful for the understanding encouragement extended in the editorial from The Columbia (S. C.) State, South Carolina's leader of opinion, and in the letter from Mr. D. Hiden Ramsey, an executive of The Asheville Citizen-Times who is well known throughout North Carolina. The editorial from The Columbia State bears the unmistakable mark of Dr. Stanhope Sams, recognized as one of the brainiest writers the South has contributed to modern journalism. We are frank enough to state that the comments here printed have caused us to glow (we hope not swell) with satisfaction and pardonable pride. On the other hand, we are emboldened to state that the columns of this page are also open to those who wish to make helpful suggestions or sincere criticisms.—THE EDITOR.)

LIKES NEW PRESS

"Asheville, N. C. January 30, 1931. Mr. Blackburn W. Johnson, Editor and Publisher, The Franklin Press, Franklin, North Carolina.

"I wish to congratulate you warmly on the typographical appearance and the newness of the issue of The Franklin Press which I have just received. The transformation which you have wrought in the paper is remarkable.

of Macon county will appreciate your efforts, and that you will wax prosperous.

"If there is anything which we may be able to do to assist you in any way, do not hesitate to call upon us.

"Cordially yours, D. HIDEN RAMSEY, Publishers Representative."

ADVENTURE OF THE WEEKLY PAPER

Nearly every newspaper man—we mean a man with the love of the newspaper adventure burning like a live coal in his heart—has yearned, for some vital period of his life, for the glamorous adventure of owning and running a Weekly Newspaper.

The big and the great dailies seem, at times, to be doing most of the news-gathering and opinion-forming work in the world of today; but this is not true. Perhaps the weeklies, each having its own readers and audience, to which it may discuss and thresh out the real effects of current news and current thought and theories, have always had a tremendous influence in the molding and even the creation of public opinion. They are more read, that is more carefully and lovingly and attentively read, pondered, and reflected on...more often taken to the fireside or to the porch or lawn, and made companions of and counselors...than are the overwhelming cascades of newsprint of the metropolitan papers, or even than the largest papers of the nearby big cities.

The Weekly reaches more home folk, and reaches them far more effectively, with greater motivating power, than does the great sheet issuing from alien presses of some remote city, having but few interests related to those of the newspaper readers in the smaller towns and country-side neighborhoods.

It is an adventure, and a stirring and glamorous adventure, to explore among these folk and their interests, the things that interest them, the things about which they talk, read, discuss, and try to reason out and come to definite opinions concerning them. And this is the lure of the Weekly paper. It is more apt to be at the roots and sources of thought and opinion than its big "contemporaries." It has, therefore, all the freshness and arousing delight of some new adventure...every week. The bloom has not been rubbed off the peach, nor the surprise of being awake and vital been sated or sophisticated into boredom. Life still retains its taste and its zest.

We have noticed something of this sort happening in a corner of North Carolina. A young man, who has had his years of experience with gathering and broadcasting news for press associations and important daily newspapers...working at his profession or calling in state and commercial capitals and in watching and recording legislatures...has left his desk and chair, and plunged into what he has longed for for years—the adventure of running a Weekly.

Which is saying that Blackburn W. Johnson, of this State, but recently of North Carolina, has bought a county Weekly, and started the great adventure of his calling...running a Weekly paper. The paper is The Franklin Press, of Franklin, Macon County, N. C.

What a glorious awakening, every morning to the realization that the daily grinding of the upper and nether millstones of daily journalism is a thing of the past! The whole week belongs to the editor! He is no longer the treadmill slave of the day. He may walk and live among his fellows, talk of Shakspeare and the musical glasses, or of Bill Jones' turnips and cattle, or what is doing or may do in Raleigh or Washington or Timbuktu. He may see and improve a chance to help form opinions that some day may dominate Franklin or Macon county; and, oftentimes what is thought or felt in these small but ceaselessly rocking cradles of mind and heart are of more significance and power than what is felt or talked of in the United States Senate or Hoover's cabinet.

Then, there is freedom and unrestraint, to do and think and talk as you please...knowing, however, that you must pay the great price of such precious freedom.

What a titillating adventure in time and space! Here, indeed, is great opportunity to help give and to gain an education and training, in what is, no doubt, the finest school of life—for those who may take and receive such gifts.—COLUMBIA (S. C.) STATE, Sunday, Feb. 1.

Death

(Dedicated to Marshall Cunningham)

Whenever I think of death, Of the sweet sleep of the dead, Of those who have lived and loved, But live and love no more; And of all who have passed beyond The veil of the vast unknown, I wonder what is beyond This grim gray shadow of death; Whether there is peace, quiet, Or nothingness; Would that I could call them back But that is impossible. EDWIN CUNNINGHAM.



CHILD WELFARE

The Conference on Child Health and Protection, held in the United States capitol recently, concluded that every child needs: A periodical health and mental examination and care; protection from communicable diseases; teachers trained in health programs; school instruction in health and in safety from accidents.

He needs proper sleeping rooms, diet and hours of sleep and play. Parents should receive expert information along these lines. The child needs toys, facilities for play, and a suitable place to play. Every child needs religious and moral training.

Younger children need the kindergarten or nursery school to supplement the home. Schools should have proper seating, lighting, ventilation and sanitation. They should discover and develop the special abilities of each child and give to each some vocational guidance.

People succeed in life by the use of their strongest qualities and special interests, and all children should not be put through the same routine.

Every child is entitled to the feeling that he has a home. He needs a "pa" and a "ma," and a place of security, to which he can run for comfort and to restock on the supplies of life and where he knows he can find sympathetic understanding when all else fails.

A glorious privilege it is to be the parents and to hold the ladder while a child climbs to his place in the sun. The recent convention especially included fathers in their consideration. Too frequently the chief honor and responsibility for the development of the children is placed upon the shoulders of mothering. God knew what he was doing when he gave children two parents. Dad is a full fifty per cent in the well-being of the children.

The Artistic Room

The first thing to do in planning the arrangement of a room is to determine its center of interest. This may vary with the seasons. In the summer, it may be a door or window through which one may have a fine view or fresh air. In the winter, the center of interest is usually the fire-place, if there is one, or the reading table, or a cluster arrangement of davenport, table and lamp, or the spot which attracts most people because of its comfort, and activities—the social center, we might call it.

Having this center of interest, we should do what we can to emphasize it. We might regard it as the solar system, about which our world rotates. It would have planets, then satellites about them. The planets are the larger pieces of furniture, which balance each other and stand at either side. The satellites are the lesser furnishings and accessories grouped about these.

For example, on either side of the fire-place might be an easy chair and reading lamp, or a book-case on one side and a tall clock on the other, or a davenport on one side with a wing chair and an end table on the other. The balancing pieces should have enough importance to be worthy a place near the central motif, but they should be subordinate to it.

Over the fire-place wall brackets and a beautiful picture or fine tapestry emphasize the importance of this center and carry the interest upward, above the level of the other furniture of the room.

The other walls of the room, while less important, should be balanced, too. The principles of balance, comfort, color and harmony or contrast all add to the charm of a room. If the rugs, curtains, and walls are plain, add a little life by gay colored design in upholstery or more decorative pattern in furniture, or lights. Design and decoration are easily overdone and should be introduced with discretion, but they are needed to give vitality to the room of plain backgrounds. On the other hand, use plain furnishings to give contrast to the room already rich in design.

Fashions, Fads, Foibles

In day-time skirts, it is "pleats preferred." A new note is the grosgrain belt with button, not buckle, closing. Blue is a color steadily growing in favor—true navy, light navy, bright navy and sapphire. A blue suit will be the thing for spring. Wear it with blue kid shoes and a blue hat.

Spring hats are to be made from paper and look like Panama. They are featherweight in lightness but will wear well. Hats of linen, in pastel shades, are forecast for summer. They will have broad brims and shallow crowns.

The indoor jacket is a fashion innovation. It adapts the gown to both formal and informal uses. With the jacket on, one is dressed for the afternoon or street. Removed, the sleeveless gown is an evening dress. With houses kept at a low temperature, the jacket is often a comfy addition to the wardrobe. These jackets are made of all sorts of bright and filmy materials and are a proper part of home and evening dresses.

Golden yellow is a new and popular shade. Irish green and cherry red share the honors. They are used mostly as trimmings for more sober hues. Black and white—in lustrous satins—continue to be stunning. The empire gown with its short waist-line, is coming back into vogue.

Mush

When I was a child, our church

most the only refreshment was cornmeal mush, served hot in a bowl, with big pitchers of rich, fresh milk from which one could help himself. Sugar was usually sprinkled over the mush and milk, and Oh Boy, but it was good on a cold night.

The women of the Ladies' Aid Society used to gather in the early afternoon and boil the mu-n long hours, in big iron kettles, over the wood fires in the home where the social was held. It required almost constant stirring after it began to thicken.

If you are making mush and milk for the family supper, it is a good plan to make it a little extra thick, cook twice as much as you will need for supper and pack the rest in a dish to fry the next day.

"Scraple" is such mush, cooked in the liquor in which pork is boiled, and to which is added some of the shredded pork. It is most delicious cut in thick slices and fried very slowly in bacon fat until it has a rich brown crust.

White corn-meal makes a delightful supper or breakfast food. If cooked in a double boiler, for one hour, it requires little stirring. Some like the mush sweetened while cooking, and some prefer another cereal added. The milk for mush-and-milk should be plentiful and cold.

Frozen Pack Fruit

It has been demonstrated that fruit may be frozen in small containers and kept in good condition for a long time. The prospect is that before many years we shall no longer buy canned strawberries, blackberries, peaches, apricots or other delicate small fruit, but will buy them in frozen packages instead of cans.

Better frigid plants and better transportation will make that as practical as the shipping and selling of fish on ice today. A difference will be, however, that the fruits will be kept in cold storage for months and sold out of season in good condition. Further experimentation is necessary before we can be assured that such food will be safe and wholesome and before the process will become inexpensive enough to be commercialized.

Shoe Laces

If the metal tips come off your shoe laces, making it difficult to thread them through the eyelets, dip the ends of the laces into glue and roll them to a point, between the fingers. Hang them up to dry and the glue will stiffen and make a substitute tip which will last a long time.

Have Square Dance

On last Monday night a square dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Myers. A goodly number was present, and all reported a very enjoyable time.

PURCHASE ORGAN

The senior Baptist Young People's Union has purchased an organ for the basement of the church.

DON'T FOLLOW FATHERS

CULLOWHEE, Feb. 4.—An official announcement stated sometime ago that only seven of the students at Western Carolina Teachers college have fathers who are teachers. Since the majority of students at the college are preparing to be teachers this is a significant statement. It seems that the students are not following closely the footsteps of their parents. One hundred and twenty students have fathers who are farmers; eight, merchants; four, ministers; and one in practically every other profession represented.

Legal Notices

NORTH CAROLINA, County of Macon.

In the matter of The Bank of Franklin

Notice to Creditors to File Claim

Under authority of Subsection 10 of Section 218 (c), Consolidated Statutes, all persons who have claims against the above named bank are hereby notified to present proof of claim at Franklin, N. C., on or before the 1st day of May, 1931.

Failure to present claim on or before the above date bars the claim not presented except as to the assets of the bank in the hands of the Corporation Commission for the account of said bank at the time the claim is presented and allowed.

Objection to the allowing of any claim may be made by any interested person by filing such objection in the pending action in the office of the Clerk of Court of this County and by serving a copy thereof on the Chief Examiner or the Liquidating Agent of this bank. This the 2nd day of February, 1931.

Note: In filing claims for Cashiers Checks or Bank Drafts or Certificates of Deposit the particular instrument must be surrendered when Proof of Claim is presented.

Note: Call at bank for Form for filing Proof of Claim. F5, 4tc MDB, F26

M. D. BILLINGS, Liquidating Agent of Bank of Franklin, Franklin, N. C.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County.

WHEREAS power of sale was vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust from W. J. Zachary and wife, Maria, Zachary, to George B. Patton, Trustee, dated November 21 1929 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 32, page 126, to secure the payment of three notes of even date with said deed of trust, payable to R. S. Jones and R. D. Sisk, Receivers, said notes aggregating \$6,000.00 due and payable \$1200.00 on November 18, 1930; \$2400.00 on November 18, 1931; and \$2400.00 on November 18, 1932, with interest from date at six per cent per annum, payable annually, and said deed of trust and notes stipulating that in case default should be made in the payment of the first note or interest upon the same that the remainder of said notes should at once become due and payable, whatever might be the date of maturity expressed therein, and whereas the first of said notes has not been paid nor any part thereof, nor the interest thereon, the remainder of said notes with interest thereon are therefore, declared to be due and payable and the holders having requested the undersigned trustee to exercise the power vested in him by said deed of trust;

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested, on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1931, at twelve o'clock noon, sell at the courthouse door in Franklin, N. C., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: All the lands described in a deed from W. J. Zachary and wife, Maria B. Zachary to Trimont Park, Inc., dated June 1, 1926 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book N-4 of Deeds, page 337, and more particularly described as follows: Tract 1: Being all the lands conveyed by deed by John P. Jones and wife to Wiley Zachary, dated January 31, 1925, said deed being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book J-4, page 459, said tract containing approximately 360 acres, to which deed and record reference is hereby made for a complete description of same. Tract 2: All the lands conveyed by deed by W. B. McGuire and wife to W. J. Zachary said deed dated November 28, 1924 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book J-4, page 473, to which deed and record reference is hereby made for a complete description, said tract containing approximately 800 acres. Tract 3: All the lands conveyed by deed from M. D. Billings and wife to W. J. Zachary, said deed bearing date of December 17, 1918 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book E-4, page 78, to which deed and record reference is hereby made for a complete description, said tract containing approximately 75 acres. This 22nd day of January, 1931. GEORGE B. PATTON, Trustee. J29,4tcJ&JFeb.19

house door in Franklin, North Carolina at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

A certain tract of land on Wayah Creek, adjoining the land of C. R. Lewis, conveyed to him by J. O. Harrison, and being the land described in a deed from Jesse W. Slagle to C. R. Lewis. For a description by metes and bounds see above deed of trust.

This the 23rd day of Jan., 1931. HENRY G. ROBERTSON, Trustee. J294tcJF19

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Charles W. Thomas, 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 26th day of Jan., 1932 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 26 day of January, 1931. CHARLES ADDINGTON, BEN CARPENTER, Executors. J294tcJF19

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Lester Hall, 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 17th day of January, 1932, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 17th day of January, 1931. MAGGIE HALL, Administratrix. J294tcJF19

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of S. S. Green, 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 15th day of Jan., 1932 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 15th day of Jan., 1931. NANNIE GREEN Administratrix. J294tcJF19

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Macon County.

Whereas power of sale was vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust by J. R. Parrish and wife, Callie Parrish, to G. L. Jones, Trustee, dated Jan. 22, 1927 and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust No. 30, page 356, to secure the payment of \$3710.00, as evidenced by six notes of even date with said deed of trust in the sum of \$618.34 each; and whereas all of said notes are due and payable, subject to certain payments made thereon, leaving the total balance of \$3138.03 due on the 26th day of January, 1931;

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested on Thursday the 26th day of February, 1931 at twelve o'clock noon sell at the court house door in Franklin, N. C., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

First Tract: All the lands described in a deed from Zachariah Downs and wife to J. R. Parrish, dated the 24th day of December, 1918, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book B-4, page 489. Except that part thereof conveyed by J. R. Parrish to Robert Downs, consisting of 20 acres, recorded in Book Q-4, page 308. Second Tract: All the lands described in a deed from T. J. Johnston, Commissioner, to J. R. Parrish, dated July 19, 1920 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book F-4, page 39. This 26th day of January, 1931. G. L. JONES, Trustee.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County.

WHEREAS power of sale was vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust from Clifford R. Lewis and wife, Ester S. Lewis, to Henry G. Robertson, Trustee, dated July 17, 1926, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. 30, page 273, to secure the payment of \$2,138.25, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said amount:

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested, on Monday the 23rd day of February, 1931, at twelve