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County Consolidation

THE most recent broadside of the Brookings Commission, a group of governmental experts with headquarters in Washington which was employed by Governor Gardner to diagnose North Carolina's ills, will provoke uneasy suspicions in many quarters. The supplemental report submitted by this body to the General Assembly Monday recommends reduction of the number of North Carolina counties from 100 to 88 by consolidation of 23 counties, which are either small in size or taxable wealth, into 11 county units.

The proposed mergers would affect four of Macon's neighbors—Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain. It is suggested that Cherokee and Clay counties be consolidated with Murphy as the county seat, and that Graham and Swain be brought together with Bryson City as the base of operations.

There is no mention made in the report concerning Macon County, according to the press accounts we have seen. This county, however, would be vitally affected by any action looking toward the change of county borders in Southwestern North Carolina.

Evidently realizing that they were handling a subject pregnant with potential controversies, the Brookings experts urged that "a careful study be made of this question of county consolidation," indicating that, although they proposed a definite plan, this plan should not be regarded as final but merely as a basis on which to begin consideration of the problem.

Much water will have to pass over the wheel before the people of the counties affected will accept any change in their boundaries. There are all-important questions of personal ties, population, land values, topography, roads and a hundred and one other angles to be considered.

The Brookings body displays an ignorance of conditions, or else a characteristic commission superficiality, in proposing the lumping of whole counties. There are situations, The Press believes, where it would be more advisable for a county to be split up among its neighbors, rather than given entirely to one of them.

In this connection it should be said that the people of the counties affected should have an opportunity to express their preferences.

For instance, a great number of the people in certain sections of Clay County probably would prefer to have their lands annexed to Macon instead of to Cherokee. Residents of the Shooting Creek section and other parts of Clay long have had trade and personal connections with Macon. Why should they be forced to become a part of Cherokee County? With the completion of hard-surfacing on Route 28 west, Franklin will be far more accessible to them than Murphy.

If this section of the state is to have a new pattern, let's give it thorough study before taking any action.

There is little question that some changes are necessary and would greatly diminish county expenses, ultimately resulting in lower taxes and more efficient local government. When these counties were laid out the roads were rough, almost impassable at times, and the automobile had not supplanted the horse. A trip to the county seat then was frequently an all-day journey. Now, with automobiles and hard-surfaced roads stretching East, West, North and South, distances, as measured by time, have been greatly diminished and there is little reason why counties should not cover more territory.

Economy and Education

INCREASED production of feed and food crops was advised by representatives of North Carolina State College and the State Department of Agriculture at the meeting of Macon County farmers held in Franklin recently. No doubt this good advice will be heeded in this and other counties to the building of better conditions for 1932. Indeed, we doubt whether there is a county in the state which fulfills more thoroughly Governor Gardner's live-at-home program than does Macon. A county which cuts corners to retain educational work through a farm demonstration agent is economizing constructively and can be counted upon to overcome other difficulties of financial depression with the same courage and intelligence.

On the other hand, in surrender to prevalent pessimism and hysteria there are being advocated certain destructive economies to which some "hard-headed business men," appalled at a situation they themselves may have helped to create, are giving support as a help to the solution of problems facing the legislature.

A wise curtailment of expenses to meet straitened conditions while working on an upward-looking program is one thing; a weak acceptance of straitened conditions by merely lopping off everything in sight is quite another. The one seeks rehabilitation, the other simply accepts lower standards. The one requires courage, the other shows the white feather. While President Hoover's assertion a few months ago that America's standard of living—meaning material comfort—must not be lowered, was hardly timely in the face of an acute national unemployment situation, it would appear, most timely to heed the appeal of President Graham of the University of North Carolina to maintain the prestige of the institution which has done more than any other in the state to create values, tangible and intangible, underlying the happiness and prosperity of the people.

"Man does not live by bread alone" and the need for more revenue is not merely to keep the wolf from the door. Neither is the appeal for "more money in circulation" by "give-a-job" campaigning bringing more than temporary alleviation. A state or community, no more than an individual, can "lift itself by its own bootstraps." North Carolina needs trained brains and the inspired courage of intelligent statesmanship. Assets such as these are quite as necessary to the progress of the state as tobacco and textiles, and they cannot be created without sustaining high educational standards. Shaving down on schools and the University is about as intelligent an act as sawing off the limb upon which one is sitting. With a broken back nothing else matters much. And we need stiff vertebrae!

The Soul of History

SIGNIFICANT of the invaluable historical work of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is the recreating of the atmosphere of the old South through such entertainments as the Franklin chapter has planned to give at Rogers Hall this afternoon.

The South is increasingly indebted to this noble army of women organized throughout the nation, not only for loving labors in behalf of that other army, reverently memorialized and cared for—the soldiers who wore the grey—but for their painstaking collection of valuable source material for the preservation of truthful records of Southern history. Tribute was paid to the historical phase of their work by Dr. J. G. deKouilhac Hamilton, of the University of North Carolina when presenting to the National Convention of U. D. C. assembled in Asheville last November the object of the new fire proof library at Chapel Hill, dedicated to the preservation of Southern historical records. On this occasion the North Carolina Division U. D. C. distributed a brochure entitled "Rediscovering the Old South" by Claude G. Bowers, author of "The Tragic Era," which makes strong appeal to southerners to further this inspired undertaking by assisting in collecting for this

library "every accessible scrap of paper bearing upon any phase of the history and development of the South."

Dr. Bowers refers to the tremendous historical value of old files of Southern newspapers, diaries, unpublished records of social, commercial and religious organizations; but more important than these, ordinary family letters; for the truthful revealing of "the culture, the motives, and the achievements of a section that has contributed so copiously to the creation of our American civilization."

In referring to his own experience in writing "The Tragic Era" Mr. Bowers pays fitting tribute to "the generosity and courtesy of the Daughters of the Confederacy everywhere" for letters collected that made possible "the recreating of the atmosphere of the times... It was the spirit in them that was caught—and this is the soul of history."

Lincoln's Birthday

TODAY, February 12, is a national holiday in commemoration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Of humble parentage, his birth shrouded in mystery, a youth lived under hardships of frontier life, self-educated, attaining eminence in law and politics, becoming the War President of the United States, in 1861, martyred by assassination in April, 1865, Lincoln stands for this nation and the world as the symbol of the American ideal of true greatness.

The South should remember that Abraham Lincoln was a Southerner, typifying that stalwart manhood, frontier born and bred, whose strength of brain and brawn and soul has been wrought into the fabric of this Commonwealth.



CHILDREN AND MONEY

Sooner or later children go forth into the world to manage their own financial affairs. The mother does not do her full duty unless she prepares them for this.

To practice handling one's own money is the best way to learn the value of a dollar. The untaught child limits his expenditures only by the sum available.

An ideal plan is to give a child an allowance, from the time he is able to count pennies. One condition of this allowance should be the keeping of an account book. Talk with the child about his expenditures—calmly and sympathetically. Help him make a budget and allow him enough to cover it and permit some savings above it. Show him that if he does not spend all his money, he has it for something he greatly desires, for a trip or occasional presents.

To watch a bank account grow is a great impetus to saving. If you and the child can save for his college fund, and see it grow from month to month and year to year, the memory of those sacrifices and the value of those childhood dollars will keep him from extravagance, in college or in later life.

In planning the budget, help your child to know what he needs and what he can omit and how much things should cost. When articles are to be bought for him, go together and discuss values and help him learn when it is wise to cut corners and when to spend and how to live a balanced financial life. He will soon discover that one cannot fool himself, that dollars cannot really be stretched and that the only way to make them cover the whole program is to manipulate them wisely.

each of nutmeg and salt, and two tablespoons of vinegar. Boil these for five minutes and then thicken with two tablespoons of cornstarch, first stirred smooth with cold water. Simmer slowly for a few minutes longer until the cornstarch loses its raw taste. Serve warm on puddings.

Baby Hose

Baby hose are more expensive than those for grown-ups, considering the amount of material which goes into them. It is worth while to try to protect them from runs. One way to do this is to sew small tapes to the top of the hose and pin the diaper to the tapes rather than into the top of the hose.

Friendly Comment

WELCOME MR. JOHNSON

The Journal takes occasion to welcome into the weekly newspaper field in Western North Carolina our new neighbor across the Coconino on your side of Watauga Gap, Mr. Blackburn W. Johnson, new owner and editor of The Franklin Press.

Mr. Johnson could not have chosen a more pleasant place to cast his lot than this favored trans-Alps country, and we extend to him our felicitations, and the wish that he will prosper, both here and The Press.—From JACKSON COUNTY JOURNAL.

WELCOME

Welcome to the field, Brother Johnson. The citizens of Macon county ought to be highly pleased with your efforts. The Franklin Press, always an interesting newspaper, is now, under your management, one of the very best county papers published anywhere. Good luck to you, and may your citizenship learn the value of such a fine publication as you are giving Macon county.—THE BREVARD NEWS.

In Memory of Dr. Walter M. Lee

By Miss Eunice Gideon

How swiftly gone! How lightly free!
So falls the ripe fruit from its tree—
So in its unsuspected hour
The waiting bud becomes the flower.

Hearts are rent and eyes are wet
But saddened souls cannot forget
How ready was the robe he wore
When wide-flung wide that sudden Door!

Hearts are rent and eyes are wet
But saddened souls cannot forget
The Room is neither hot nor lone
But is a Home he long has known.

So falls the ripe fruit from its tree—
How swiftly gone! How lightly free!
Greenville, S. C.

IN APPRECIATION

The greatest earthly comfort in sorrow and consolation in grief comes from unselfish ministrations of sympathetic friends.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the host of friends and neighbors who were tireless in their efforts to be helpful during the illness and after the death of our son and brother, Marshall Cunningham. The love of our friends as shown by these acts and by the wealth of beautiful flowers for Marshall's grave will always be for us a comforting and precious memory.

MR. AND MRS. E. K. CUNNINGHAM AND FAMILY. adv.

Pudding Sauce

To three cups of water add a small cup of sugar, three tablespoons of butter, a half teaspoon

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, 1932.

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, 1932.

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.

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

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

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.
J294tcR/JF19

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.
J294tpF19

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.
4tpF12

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
J294tcR/JF19

ADMINISTRARIX 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.
4tpF19

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. Johnson, 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.
J294tcR/JF19

ADMINISTRARIX 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.
4tpF12

NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County.

Whereas, power of sale was vested in the undersigned trustee by deed of trust from Jess Thomas and wife, Virginia Thomas, dated November 21, 1929, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. 28, page 464, to secure the payment of two notes, totalling \$625.00, and whereas, said notes are now due and unpaid;

I will, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale by said deed of trust in me vested on Monday the 9th day of March, 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:

Beginning at a stake, witnessed by a maple, an original corner of the old T. W. McCloud tract and of the B. M. Angel lands on bank of old Highlands road; runs thence N. 30 degrees 45' E with the original McCloud and Angel line 40 poles to a stake, now a corner of J. D. Thomas and Coley Guest; then west 216 1/2 feet to a stake; then S 3 deg. 45' E about 40 poles to a stake in the old Franklin-Highlands road; then with said road to the beginning.

This sale is made subject to a \$1000 mortgage to the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh.

This 7th day of February, 1931.

HARLEY CABE, Trustee.
4tcJ] Mar. 5

NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County,
In the Superior Court.

O. G. Cox

vs

J. E. Parrish and wife, Mary Parrish and all other persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action

The defendants, J. E. Parrish and wife, Mary Parrish, and all other persons owning or claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens upon and to subject a payment of the certificate of sale for unpaid county taxes due thereon for the years 1925 and 1926, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a maple on the South bank of the Tennessee River, runs S 30 W 100 poles to a birch; then S 60 E 70 poles to an ash; then N 40 E 110 poles to the river; then down with the river to the beginning, containing 60 acres more or less, same being State Grant No. 1924.

And all persons claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action will take notice that they are required to appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in six months from the date of this notice; otherwise, they shall be forever barred and foreclosed from any and all interests or claims in or to the said property above described or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 10th day of February, 1931.

FRANK I. MURRAY,
Clerk, Superior Court.
4tcJ] Mar. 5

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County.

Gilmer A. Jones

vs

Natural Abrasives Corporation and Metropolitan Trust Company, and all other persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action

The defendants, Natural Abrasives Corporation, Metropolitan Trust Company, and all other persons, firms and corporations claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens upon, and to subject to the payment of the certificate of sale for unpaid County taxes due thereon for the year 1925, the following described real estate:

A tract of land lying in Ellijay Township, containing approximately 1100 acres, and being known as the Corundum Hill Property.

And they will further, take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County at Franklin, North Carolina, within thirty days from the 10th February, 1931, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, which has been filed at the office of said Clerk.

And all other persons claiming any interest in the subject matter of this action will take notice that they are required to appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in six months from the date of this notice; otherwise, they shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interests or claims in or to the said property above described or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This 10th day of February, 1931.

FRANK I. MURRAY, Clerk
Superior Court, Macon County,
4tcJ] Mar. 5