

Sense and Nonsense

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A Legislative T Deum Empty Honors—Stop Lights In Small Towns—Efficiency and Unemployment.

The legislature now is o'er,
The weary members homeward go,
While happy people shout and sing;
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

The Tar River Branch of the North Carolina Association of Rural Mail Carriers—there's a name for you—met in Greenville last week. One of the speakers stressed the benefits of regular mail service out in the country.

"We get news of the outside world daily," he said. "As a result, the man out in the country knows just as much about what our legislature is doing as does the man in town."

Which means that both know absolutely nothing.

The letter was from the Governor—in a long, official-looking envelope—and contained a beautifully printed certificate which stated: "To All Whom These Presents Shall Come—Greeting," and went on to say that I had been appointed a delegate to the regional meeting of the Press Congress of the World to be held in Mexico City, August 10 to 15, 1931.

What a thrill! Until I happened to read the accompanying letter which had been written by Tyre Taylor, secretary to the Governor. It contained a paragraph which stated: "It is regretted that there is no state fund out of which delegates' expenses might be paid."

When it comes to regretting, Tyre hasn't got a thing on me. The Press Congress will have to worry along as best it can without me.

The town of Kernersville, in Forsyth county, probably is a charming little place, but I get mad every time I drive through it. They've got a stop-and-go light at the intersection of one of their main streets and the highway. It's awfully aggravating to have to sit there with not another car in sight. Still, if it gives the town a superior feeling and if the folks up there consider that traffic lights are one of the essential manifestations of progress, I don't suppose we outsiders have any right to kick.

The most wistful, haunting and anxious expressions that you can find anywhere are to be found upon the countenances of folks sitting on the front porches or in the lobbies of hospitals.

They've probably got someone inside the building who is dangerously ill. They are helpless to render any assistance, and all they can do is sit and hope and pray. One time we had a little puppy-dog up home that got one its legs caught in the fence. When I found him, he looked up at me with that same look of inward distress and helplessness which I have observed on the faces of those folks around hospitals.

"It looks to me," said a friend the other day as we were driving down toward Fayetteville, "that there ought to be a more efficient way of marking our highways than the present system which is being used. Just look at those men!"

Ahead of us was one of the highway department trucks. Four men were at work remarking the black line on a curve. It was slow work.

"There ought to be some kind of a machine," continued my friend, whereby one man could do that work in half the time which it now takes four men to do it."

There probably is. Or if there isn't, there probably will be.

Which means that three more men will be thrown out of employment. One of our principal troubles today is that we've been too darned smart. Every time we invent something, we throw somebody out of a job. Instead of thinking up things to invent, we ought to be un inventing them so as to provide more work for our people.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT CULLOWHEE OPENS JUNE 9

According to the Western Carolina Teachers college bulletin for summer school, 1931, registration for the first summer school will begin Tuesday, June 9, with class work beginning on Wednesday morning. All indications report that a full attendance will be had in the summer schools.

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LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

RURAL CARRIER POST IS OPEN

Applications for Route 4 Job Must Be Filed Before June 12

DETAILS ARE GIVEN Examination To Be Held Here; Date To Be Given Later

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Franklin, N. C., for Route 4.

The examination will be held here. Receipt of applications will close on June 12.

The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 24 miles served daily except Sunday is \$1,800 per annum, with an additional \$30 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles. Certain allowances are also made for the maintenance of equipment.

The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the post office where the vacancy exists, there have been actually domiciled there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications, and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Form 1977 and application blanks can be obtained from the vacancy office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., prior to the close of business on the date specified above. At the examination, applicants must furnish unmounted photographs of themselves taken within two years.

SINGING MEET TO BE HELD AT HOLLY SPRINGS

The next Macon county quarterly singing convention will be held at the Holly Springs Baptist church Sunday, May 31, beginning at 9 a. m. All choir classes, quartets, trios and soloists, leaders and teachers of music are cordially invited to attend.

"Come everybody," was the invitation extended by J. M. Raby, president of the association. "Picnic dinner consisting of everything from pork salad to billy goat beef will be served."

Decoration Day will also be celebrated at the Holly Springs church Sunday with decoration of the graves in Jennings graveyard.

Highlands Publishes Information Booklet

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce has issued attractive booklets describing Highlands and vicinity. Mr. J. J. Moore is sending them out in answer to many inquiries received asking for information.

'Jingoism vs. Patriotism' Mr. Ervin's Sermon Topic

Next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the Rev. G. Clifton Ervin will preach on the theme, "Jingoism Versus Patriotism." This will be a special Memorial Sunday service. The members of the American Legion, the U. D. C., and all veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and World wars are cordially invited to attend and sit in a body. They will be the special guests of the evening.

At the morning hour Sunday School Day will be observed. The children will give a demonstration of their work in the Sunday school and Mr. Ervin will talk on the

Cooperative Wool Sale To Be Held at Franklin Depot Thursday, June 4

The cooperative wool sale for Macon county sheep growers will be held at the Franklin depot on Thursday, June 4. The wool will be pooled there and packed in regular wool bags which will be furnished by the United Wool Growers association.

This association is an organization of sheep growers over the United States who receive financial aid from the Federal Farm Board to help them obtain the highest market price for their wool. Last year was their first attempt to handle the wool clip and they pooled about one-third of the entire clip of the United States.

They handle it in the following manner. They advance as much cash payment as the Boston wool market will permit and then store the wool until next fall or winter and put it on the market just as fast as the consumers can take it. In this way they can, to a large extent, prevent a surplus at any time which will cause a lower price. When all of the clip has

been marketed they deduct the storage and handling charge and remit the additional amount to the grower.

We had expected to receive an additional amount on the wool sold through them last year by this time but, due to business conditions, for the last twelve months only about 75 per cent of last year's clip has been sold. The advance last year was 20 cents per pound on wool, free from burrs. And the price at which this has been sold should give us from three to four cents more per pound when final settlement is made.

With market conditions as they are this spring the association is making an advance payment of 15 cents per pound on wool that is free from burrs and 11 cents per pound on burry wool. This advance payment will be made when you deliver your wool to the sale then this fall or winter when this wool is sold you will receive whatever it brings above the advance payment, less the small handling charge.

Murray's 'Fall from Grace' Deplored by Dr. Abernethy

Co-op Poultry Sale Is Set for Monday

A cooperative carlot poultry sale will be held here Monday and at Otto Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by Fred S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent. The car will be on the tracks at the Franklin depot all day Monday and at Otto from 11 a. m. until train time the same day. Following is a list of the prices offered:

Colored hens	16 1/2 cents
Leghorn hens	14 cents
Colored fryers	26 cents
Leghorn fryers	23 cents
Ducks	12 cents
Stags	15 cents
Turkeys	18 cents
Roosters	8 cents

"Milk Is Not for Men, but For Babies," Former Pastor Says

Frank I. Murray's recent "fall from grace," which was all brought about when he failed to recognize his own cow and milked another man's instead, has brought from Dr. W. E. Abernethy, former pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, the following open letter to Macon county's clerk of court:

Rutherford College, N. C.
May 23, 1931.

Dear Frank:—

I was sorry to see an account of your "fall from grace." That luxury is reserved for Methodists and kindred creeds; it is not allowed to Baptists. Besides, a mountain man would best stick to his regular brew. Above all, beware of milk. Milk is not for men, but for babies. Read Hebrews 5:13: "For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe." Or, read 1st Peter 2:2: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word." You should have sent for me as soon as you were caught in the act. The Rotary Club has no jurisdiction in such cases—it's sole mission in the world is to throw tin cans in a gutter, or put shortening in the bread of toothless babies, and send flannel shirts to the Sandwich Islanders.

Besides, that Franklin bunch have had no taste of milk since they were weaned; they are incompetent to try this case. "This sort goeth out only by prayer and fasting." The sad thing about it all to me is this: The drinking of milk has so perverted your judgment that you judge a cow from the wrong end. I thought you milked enough cows during the last campaign to have more sense than that. Who gives a rap for a cow's pose, so her udder is rich and full? Frank! Frank, my old friend! How are the mighty fallen?

PARSON W. E. ABERNETHY.

\$19 PAID FOR DISABLED VETS IN POPPY SALE

Saturday, May 23, was "Poppy Day" throughout the United States. Citizens of Franklin united in spirit with every other community in the United States by wearing the poppy of Flanders Field in commemoration of the men who gave their lives in the World war.

Miss Jess Angel directed the sale of the poppies, assisted by the Misses Katherine Franks, Eloise Sherrill, Marie Palmer, George Dady and Grace Conley. The proceeds, amounting to \$19, will be used by the local post of the American Legion to aid disabled veterans and their families in Macon county.

GRADED MILK NEEDED HERE

Lack of Dairy Inspection Likely To Hamper Resort Business

HOTEL TRADE HURT Restaurants and Hotels Losing 10 Points On Ratings

Franklin hotels and restaurants are losing 10 points on their state ratings because Macon county cannot supply them with Grade A milk, it was revealed here recently by a state inspector of hotels and restaurants.

For instance, the Scott Griffin hotel was given a grade of 84 1/2. If it served Grade A milk, its rating would be 94 1/2, the inspector was quoted as saying. Grade B milk would add four extra points.

Graded milk cannot be obtained in the county until the town, the county, or both, provide for regular dairy inspection. The system of grading milk is regulated by law.

Lack of dairy inspection, with a consequent lower ratings for hotels, is viewed as a serious handicap to the summer resort business here. There are known instances where parents would not bring their children to Franklin because they had been advised by their physicians to go only where they could obtain Grade A milk.

Buncombe, Haywood and a number of other Western North Carolina counties have employed dairy inspectors and are operating under the state law providing for milk grading.

Brasstown Folk School Offers Singing Course

Courses in gymnastics and singing games planned primarily for teachers and leaders in rural communities will be offered at the John C. Campbell School at Brasstown June 8 to 19. The cost of the school will be \$12 for ten days. Lectures and discussion along the lines of rural problems and ways of meeting them will be given as well as courses in singing of folk songs, gymnastics and games. Information will be sent on application to Mrs. John C. Campbell, Brasstown.

Franklin Boy Voted Best W. C. T. C. Student

(Special to The Franklin Press) CULLOWHEE, May 27.—George Carpenter, of Franklin, was elected the best all-around student among the boys at Western Carolina Teachers college in a recent campus election. Scholarship, personality, participation, and culture were considered when the voting took place. Every student was supposed to vote in the election.

George has made the honor roll every quarter this school term. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma, the honorary scholarship fraternity, and has been actively engaged in promoting outside activities on the campus. He is president of the Macon County club and shows an interest in all other activities concerning his home town or county.

Franklin Ball Team Loses Game With Whittier, 9-16

After winning the first two games of the season, both with Dillard, Franklin's ball team went down in defeat, 9 to 16, yesterday afternoon in a game with Whittier played on the local field near the depot. Errors were blamed for Franklin's loss.

The season opener, played at Dillard on Wednesday, May 20, was won by Franklin by the score of 23 to 9, and the local boys also took the return engagement here last Saturday afternoon, 6 to 1. The next game will be played at Whittier Saturday afternoon, May 30. At present the local nine is play-

15 Cent Land Tax Is Levied by New Revenue Measure

C. S. Brown Scores Coveted Hole-in-One

C. S. Brown, manager of the Scott Griffin hotel, has joined the hole-in-one club, the height of ambition of every golfer.

Teeing off Monday afternoon on the short but hazardous No. 6 hole, Mr. Brown drove his ball over the lake and square onto the sand green. The ball bounced slightly and then rolled into the cup. While Mr. Brown was trying to spot the pelted he heard his caddy call, "Hole-in-one!"

For witnesses Mr. Brown had five fellow players, Tom Angel, Fred Sloan, Jim Perry, Frank Murray and Steve Porter. The same afternoon he scored two birdies. But, alas, golf is a fickle game; his card for the 18 holes was 100, 30 above par.

One other hole-in-one has been made on the Franklin course this season, that by R. D. Sisk.

JACK SANDERS TO MOVE STORE

Rents Quarters Formerly Occupied by W. C. Cunningham

Jack Sanders, who for the past five years has been operating a dry goods store in the Franklin hotel building, is going to move across the street into the store formerly occupied by W. C. Cunningham and Company. The transfer will take place Monday, June 1.

In his new and larger quarters Mr. Sanders plans to develop a complete modern department store. In anticipation of this he already has greatly increased his stock of goods.

Mr. Sanders' new store, which he has leased from the Franklin Bank, is nearly twice as large as his old place of business. It is well provided with shelving and storage space. Steam, heated and well lighted, it is one of the best store rooms in Franklin. For that matter, it is one of the best in any town west of Asheville.

"I am planning to increase my stock steadily, taking on lines of goods I have not heretofore carried, until I have a complete department store," Mr. Sanders said. "My new store will be modern in every respect."

Mr. Sanders came here with his family from Atlanta, Ga., in 1925. During his stay here he has made many friends and greatly increased his business.

N. Poliakoff, who has been conducting a sale of the bankrupt stock of W. C. Cunningham and Company, is planning to move his goods across the street into the vacant store room next to Angel's drug store.

Alleghany sheep growers will pool their wool clip this season and plan to hold it for 20 cents a pound.

Session Lasts 141 Days; 1,150 Bills Passed By Two Houses

SALARIES ARE CUT Gardner Lauds Lawmakers In Good-bye Address To Lower House

RALEIGH, May 27.—The North Carolina General Assembly ended the longest continuous session in its history—141 days—at 9:49 p. m. Wednesday night after enacting a revenue bill carrying a 15 cents statewide ad valorem tax. This is the first time the state has put a tax on land in over a score of years.

A total of more than 1,150 bills were passed by the two Houses during the session.

Revenue Bill Finally Passed The biennial revenue bill was finally enacted into law by the Senate and both Houses adopted the conference report on the \$28,700,000 biennial appropriations bill.

This paved the way for the end of the 141 day session—81 days longer than the 60 days for which the legislators are paid \$600. They received no pay for their extra time.

School Bill Passed Both Houses adopted the conference report on the school machinery bill by which the state will take over and operate the constitutional six months school term for \$17,000,000 annually.

Of this amount, \$15,700,000 will come from the general fund and is provided for in the revenue bill by a 15-cent ad valorem tax and increased income and franchise taxes and \$1,300,000 from fines and forfeitures.

The ad valorem tax was adopted in place of either of the two forms of des taxes the Assembly debated for months—the general sales tax and the luxury tax—to carry out the MacLean law-calling for support of the school from taxes other than ad valorem.

The adoption of the 15-cent ad valorem rate accepted "in principle" the MacLean law, but required the ad valorem tax as "an emergency" measure.

The school bill calls for drastic cuts in the operation of the six months term. Cuts in teachers salaries limited to 10 per cent were approved and the teacher load was heavily increased, and will result in the dismissal of hundreds of teachers, it was estimated.

Legislative High Spots Following is a list of the high spots of the 1931 General Assembly:

Adopted the principle of the MacLean school law providing for study instead of county operation of the six months schools. As an emergency measure counties will aid state with a 15-cent ad valorem levy for two years.

Gave state supervision and control of 45,000 miles of county roads and some 4,000 convicts to be used in maintaining them.

Created an eleven congressional district law failed to redistrict for the state senate or reapportion for the house.

Created central purchasing agency.

Created personnel commission.

Consolidated North Carolina State college for Women with University of North Carolina.

Provided \$400,000 for the erection of a new central prison.

Created local government commission and gave it control over all local government finances.

Record Revenue Bill Organized a new state system of bank supervision.

Enacted largest revenue bill in history, estimated to raise about \$26,000,000 annually including a 15-cent county ad valorem tax.

Enacted largest appropriations bill in history, estimated to spend about \$28,500,000 annually. All state salaries cut ten per cent.

Changed basis of licensing automobiles. Increased gasoline tax one cent per gallon.