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THE EXPRESS ENTERS UPON A NEW YEAR.

Today, 47 years ago, the first issue of The Sanford Express—then The Central Express—was mailed out to the people of Sanford and this section. It was a five column, four page paper, and for size it was in keeping with the town.

We started out to say some thing about the paper and its checkered career. It has undergone a number of changes since it was first started.

When he retired from The Express, he left it in the hands of P. H. and D. L. St. Clair, who were with the paper from the first. They have remained with it through good and bad report all through the years.

The Express has always advocated those measures calculated to advance and build up the best

interests of the town and community. We have seen the town grow from a small straggling village to a live and prosperous town of more than 4,000 people.

Sanford is now in the hands of a public spirited, progressive set of business and professional men, but the names are too numerous to give here.

In three years The Express will have reached the half century mark and we expect to see it continue to make weekly and maybe semi weekly visits to its readers.

WILL SEAWELL BE IN RACE FOR SUPREME COURT?

There is an interesting story in the Greensboro News of Monday from Tom Bost who suggests that A. A. F. Seawell, Assistant Attorney General, will be a candidate in the next Democratic primary for the nomination as a candidate to succeed Justice Heriot Clarkson on the Supreme Court bench of this state.

It took the rating to succeed Mr. Nash, but Mr. Seawell had it and then some. Legislators who have served with him know him.

Justice Clarkson has for years been a consistent dry and has made enemies in the state by the stand he has taken in the matter.

The Assistant Attorney General is personally dry. He probably never has been very dogmatic about prohibition.

great scientific mind. He writes law with great clarity and attractiveness.

"He has one of those legal brains pitched into certain practice and certain fields even in North Carolina, would yield him \$25,000 to \$50,000, the kind of remuneration that goes to the Canlers, Tillets, Brookses, Lawrences and Pous.

"He lives at Chapel Hill, which isn't a thousand miles from Charlotte, the home of Justice Adams. Geographically the differences do not so much count now.

"A much less important lawyer will run in the 1934 race if Mr. Seawell doesn't. A more distinguished one could not be found."

AN UNPOPULAR LAW

Here is a law that will not be popular with many school children and their parents: "The Legislature of 1933 passed a law requiring all school children living within two miles of the schoolhouse to walk to school.

"Furthermore, keep in mind the recent law prohibiting the use of school buses for any purpose except 'to transport children to and from school for the purpose of attending classes.'"

There are patrons of schools in the county who, doubtless, will not understand why their children can not be given a lift when an empty or partly filled bus is going by their school on its way to its destination.

The date for opening the public schools of Lee county has not been fixed. This will probably be done by the county board of education in a few days.

REVOLUTIONARY LORE

Interesting bits of revolutionary lore, particularly around Deep River, are related by Lucy Loudon Anderson, of Pittsboro. She says: "Major London tells us that the most conspicuous Revolutionary character of Chatham was Col. David Fanning, noted Tory leader, who captured Colonel Burke in this county and whose bloody exploits are still spoken of with horror.

"After two days a Dixon's Mills in the edge of the county, the British army spent the night of the 17th in Pittsborough at the residence of Maj. Scurlock. This was later the home of Dr. Nathaniel Hill, and until a few years ago was standing.

"I remember seeing names and dates of British soldiers cut in the hand hewn boards of this old house and there are many interesting traditions from the visit of the British army. It was said that a Tory spy was hanged on the immense oak tree which stood at the gateway. This historic place, tree and all, has been preserved in a large moss picture, the work of Mrs. Lucy Worth Jackson, talented daughter of Pittsborough. Not even obliterated by the years, were spots of blood on the floor which came from the wounds of Lieutenant Colonel Webster, victim of the Guilford Court house battle and who died at Elizabeth town after leaving Pittsborough.

"Cornwallis' army remained two days at Ramsey's Mills, now Lockville, on Deep River, building bridge on which to cross, as rapidly as possible, for General Greene was in hot pursuit. This place is crossed now by Federal Highway No. 1, and should be marked as a place of historic interest.

"Early on the morning of March 23 General Greene hastened after the British, crossing by a ford near what is now Cumcock, hoping to overtake the enemy on the way to Fayetteville, but was just too late."

Mr. David Cole, of the Pocket section, left last week for Newport News, Va., to visit his two sons, Messrs. Vester E. Cole and Raeford Cole.

THIS LAND HAT

BY O. T.

Old John Barleycorn will enjoy the campaign which is to be waged in North Carolina this fall in his behalf. According to published reports sent out from Raleigh by Tom Bost, any number of men and women who do not drink whiskey will work for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and vote for repeal at the November election.

There are people who claim that intemperance has been on the increase since the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted and that people drink more whiskey today than they drank fifteen or twenty years ago. Such people either do not know what they are talking about or they lie for the fun of it.

If you happen to hear a jackass braying anywhere within the confines of Lee county do not become unduly alarmed. The County Commissioners have decided to purchase one of these animals for ornamental purposes.

James McIver was quite clever in his presentation of pretty Miss Councilman at a recent luncheon of the Kiwanis club. McIver should be sent to Atlantic City to present Miss Councilman at the National Beauty contest.

The NRA is causing some pains and jolts, but the people of this community are responding wholeheartedly to the government's demands and almost every business firm and individual are in line and doing their part to help consummate the new deal.

When you are in the Lee County Library look for Paul Green's book. Green is a native of Harnett county who graduated at the University of North Carolina some years ago. He is making a name for himself in the literary world.

If the business men of the community succeeded in establishing a national bank here, the new bank will not be Sanford's first national bank. Several years ago a man by the name of Nelson (initials not recalled) came here from Birmingham and opened the First National Bank of Sanford. The government issued money in the name of the bank, and bills bore the name of "The First National Bank of Sanford, N. C."

If you were away from home last afternoon, and going through this golden summer in the dark, and if you were allowed to come out of the dark for a brief half hour where would you like to be? As for me, I would like to be at Wrightsville where I could get a glimpse of the dark blue sea with its eaving bosom and boundless waves coming out on a rising tide and breaking into a million white caps up and down the beach.

The Commissioners and County Attorney Hoyle are having no easy task financing the affairs of Lee county. These men are having to make brick without straw. With few exceptions valuations on all items of real estate have been reduced twenty five per cent. for taxes.

Relieved By Taking Cardui "I was weak and run-down and suffered quite a bit with pains in my side," writes Mrs. Nick Barranco, of Beaumont, Texas. "I was nervous. I did not rest well at night, and my appetite was poor. My mother had used Cardui with beneficial result, so I decided to take it. I surely am glad I did, for it stopped the pain in my side and built up my general health. I took seven bottles in all. Cardui is sold at all drug stores."

ber of citizens of the county owe back taxes extending over a period of years. How to pay these taxes is a problem which these citizens have no way of solving at the present time. This is especially the case with a number of people in Sanford who own property that has no rental value and upon which taxes must be collected or the property be sold.

There was a chap once who made his living pan handling the musical fraternity from town to town. He had the look of a man who had been somebody and he always approached his victim with the plea: "I used to be an organist." He would add that he was out of luck and needed a stake. This simple story brought him a not inconsiderable income. But once a musician more hard hearted than the rest said to him: "Why aren't you an organist today? Your'e able bodied. Come with me, and I'll try you out."

Your Rotating Tar Heel in mentioning odd or picturesque names failed to include S. Q. Kimrey, X Zenophon Gilmore, Jack Quivhiffle Swain, and Roosevelt Radio Spivey. She mentioned the four-cornered name of our Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, but failed to include our erstwhile Aaron Ashley Flowers Seawell, who is now one of the pillars in the Department of Justice in Raleigh. Then there is our other distinguished citizen, over at Chapel Hill who flourishes under the cognomen, Marcus Cicero Stephens Noble. There are other citizens in other sections of the state who have long and lofty names, but we hasten back home to include in this list one of Sanford's most beautiful and lovable young ladies, Miss Virginia Moss Forny-Duval.

Back in the dim beginnings of history, so the story goes, a group of men gathered to build a tower which would amaze the world. The name of the place was Babel.

Towers had but one worthy object in those days. They were a means of protection. From their highest pinnacles men could scan the horizon and watch for marauders. To their fastness the people of the surrounding country could flock in days of danger.

Countless generations passed. Out of a New World came a new tower building ambition. The new towers have been named skyscrapers; for with their tops they seem to brush the upper air. But they are not erected as havens for folk fleeing from hostile armies in time of danger. They are temples of trade.

How utterly different are the sky scrapers of today from the Babel of remote yesterday. Babel was built to bar out the world; the skyscraper is built to draw it in. Out of it reach invisible hands, seeking to clasp other hands in all the nations of the earth. Methods of communication have been devised—so that captains of commerce in the skyscraper are in daily conversation with men across mountain, sea and continent, bringing them all through the medium of business, into an association of human brotherhood.

Perhaps the Tower of Babel and the skyscraper may represent the process of progress. Instead of self-sufficiency we have developed inter-dependence. Instead of isolation we have comradeship. Instead of suspicion and enmity we are building faith and confidence. It is a long way from Babel to twentieth century business. We still have many languages but we have no confusion of tongues. We stand shoulder to shoulder. No longer are our towering structures a challenge. They are strongholds of service rather than ramparts of defence.

\$69,580.19 is the value of damage claims collected for members of the Carolina Motor Club last year, the majority of which were collected out of court.

Dorothy D'y says that the young people are selfish and callous in their treatment of their parents when they rob them of their savings and make their tired old hands work for them, but after all it is the parents' fault. That if they make a door mat of themselves, surely the children will walk on it.

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