

Modern New Office Under Construction

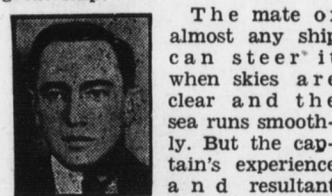


Pictured above is the modern new office building now under construction by the Elkin Furniture Co. Built of stone and concrete, the new building is of fire-proof construction and is located a few yards west of the south end of the main plant. Work on the exterior was practically complete when the picture was made, workmen now being engaged in completing the interior. M. R. Bailey, superintendent of the Company, stated that the structure has been built by employees of the company. The ground floor is two feet above the level of the recent flood. Offices of the manufacturing firm will be moved into the new building immediately upon its completion, which will be in the immediate future.—(Tribune Photo.)

RURAL TRENDS

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"STORM WARNINGS"
Today the American farmer faces his greatest test of wisdom. In this position he may well be compared to the captain of a great ship.



The mate of almost any ship can steer it when skies are clear and the sea runs smoothly. But the captain's experience and resultant skill enables him to read storm warnings and properly direct the ship's course when storms arise. At this moment a storm of unprecedented proportions is heading in our direction. Whether he realizes it or not, every farmer must play the role of the wise captain during the months and years that make up the immediate future. Otherwise he may find himself wrecked upon the shoals of financial disaster. Each of us is familiar with the national defense program and

the extent of its progress. Industrial machinery is being set in motion and transportation is speeding up to meet the new demand for the movement of supplies. Capital considers its future possibilities while labor moves to protect its interests. Translated, all this action spells "upswing."

Just as there are different types of hazards facing the ship's captain, so there are different types of "upswings" in economic life. The present one is filled with dangers for the unwary because of four facts:

1. People are having difficulty meeting the demands of ever-increasing taxation.
2. The ability of government to borrow through the issuance of bonds is becoming increasingly difficult as a result of the fact that the government bond market is approaching the saturation point.
3. This country is committed to programs including national defense which make it necessary for public expenditures to continue.
4. We have the greatest amount of money in circulation in the history of this country. Much of this is now hoarded but is likely to come into circulation at any moment.

Increased economic activity under these conditions breeds inflationary characteristics. These symptoms can have far-reaching effects, particularly to the farmer whose operations are inflexible, therefore not easily adjusted to changing conditions. Things can happen during the "upswing" and also when the movements come to a sudden end.

The production of armament is a man-made movement and is therefore subject to a sudden stop with an abrupt change of policy. The farmer and his village neighbors who went through 1920 will remember the sudden termination of armament demand

that took place. Accompanying inflationary action also came to a halt. Many farmers who had expanded unwisely during that "upswing" suffered disastrous losses.

Despite efforts to control them, prices will tend to rise throughout the defense program. The trouble which results comes not from the rise in prices, but from the fact that THEY RISE UNEVENLY. During such a period the farmer who has little to buy and much to sell stands the greatest chance to benefit and the least chance to lose if he carefully observes storm warnings; providing he does not over-produce toward the end of the inflationary period. The poultry, livestock and dairy farmer who buys his feed must be careful because feed costs usually rise faster than the market price of products of each of these types of farming.

The wise farmer today will keep in close touch with changing conditions. He must avoid the temptation of unwise speculation. He must take advantage of wise investments, keeping constantly in mind that defense is an industry made by man. It was turned on like a water faucet and turned off just as easily each time before the average citizen realized it had happened.

It is of vital importance that whoever shall be charged with guiding our government during the coming year must realize at least one thing: the farmer will again face trouble unless farm prices are kept on a par with other prices.

COOL SPRINGS

The teachers of the junior boys and girls, Miss Lillian Tucker and R. C. Harris entertained at a well-earned roast at the home of Mr. Harris last Tuesday night. The outing was enjoyed by all present.

Several from Cool Springs attended the association at Macedonia, among them being M. L. Pettyjohn, who attended his thirty-ninth year this time without missing a session. It was Mr. Pettyjohn's sixty-first birthday.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Arne Holbrook was severely burned when it took hold of a hot stove. It is in Hugh Chatham hospital.

The next Sunday is our regular meeting here and we extend to all a welcome.

Our protracted meeting will begin the first Sunday in November this year, and will be conducted by our pastor, Rev. Grant Cothren and assisted by Rev. E. W. Calloway, of Fieldale, Va. Rev. Calloway formerly resided in this community and is well known and highly respected both here and in Fieldale, where he is pastor of Koehler Baptist church, and Rev. Cothren needs no introduction. The meeting will continue two weeks if nothing prevents, and close on the third Sunday.

Saturday being our regular election time for officers of the church and Sunday school, the pastor, Rev. Grant Cothren, who was called to fill the place of our deceased pastor, Rev. I. W. Vestal, was returned unanimously for the coming year. Eugene Pettyjohn was elected superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Jefferson visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hanes, at State Road, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman were called to Mooresville Sun-

day by the severe illness of Mrs. Newman's sister, the former Miss Lorene Burcham.

Our visitors at the preaching hour Sunday were far too numerous to mention by name, but we were glad to have each of them, and hope they will come again.

Mr. R. W. Wishon is a patient in Hugh Chatham hospital. Mr. Will Smoot, of this community, is also very sick. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Sue Durham Barnette, of Winston-Salem and Elkin, visited her old home here Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Barnette left this community when a child, and just recently returned to Elkin with the Chatham Manufacturing company.

RONDA SCHOOL IS TO HOLD THEIR 1st FAIR

Ronda high school boys and girls are thrilled with the idea of their first fair.

This year, instead of having the annual Halloween carnival the idea of a miniature fair was forwarded. Therefore the stu-

dents elected eight members of its body to act as directors. These eight elected George Green, president, and Ruby Roberts, secretary.

A very attractive premium booklet consisting of seven departments has been published. There will be prizes for the exhibit winners.

There is much interest now in the election of the Fair Queen, who is to be crowned on the eve of the fair which is to be held on the evening of Wednesday, October 30, at the Ronda gym.

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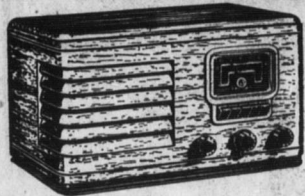
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