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WHERE DID MONEY COME FROM?

Increase in Polk County's Bank Resources for Two Years Most Gratifying.

MORE THAN DOUBLES.

The bank resources of Polk county, as shown in the bank statements on Dec. 31st, 1918, show a surprisingly large gain in resources of Polk county.

At the end of the year 1916 there were but two banks in Polk county. Their sworn report shows the following condition at that time:

Bank of Tryon.....\$99,420.84
Carolina State Bank.....40,484.50

Total.....\$139,910.34
One year later, Dec. 31, 1917, with four banks in the county we find that the two old banks had actually increased their resources, while the two new banks had grown to be of respectable proportions. The resources at that date were:

Bank of Tryon.....\$118,206.50
Bank of Saluda.....48,208.02
Peoples Bank & Trust Co. 44,892.63
Carolina State Bank.....43,943.41

Total.....\$255,250.56

This is a gratifying condition of our banks at that period showing an increase in bank resources in one year of \$115,340.22, or over 90 per cent.

One year later, Dec. 31st, 1918, we find that all four banks had kept up their rapid growth, and had made substantial gains over the preceding year. The figures show:

Bank of Tryon.....\$119,983.01
Peoples Bank & Trust Co. 104,623.94
Bank of Saluda.....68,104.14
Carolina State Bank.....58,845.31

Total.....\$351,556.40

But this is not all. During the last twelve months' period the great Liberty Loan Drives had taken place, and many predicted that the banks of the county would suffer in consequence. Not only was this not so, but they actually showed a very marked increase in resources.

In order to show how much idle money there was in Polk county during all this time we have but to add to our bank resources the amounts invested in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. The most conservative estimates on these two items are as follows:

Liberty Bonds bought...\$250,000.00
War Savings Stamps.....100,000.00

Total.....\$350,000.00

This amount added to the bank resources of the county show our visible resources as follows:

Bank resources.....\$351,556.40
Liberty Bonds, Stamps...350,000.00

Total.....\$701,556.40

This shows an increase from \$139,910.34 on December 31, 1916, to \$701,556.40 on December 31, 1918, or an increase of \$561,646.06, or over half million dollars.

This is indeed a most gratifying increase, and one that we take great pride in publishing to the outside world. It shows that the people of Polk county have done two things. Not only learned the value of the banking habit, but demonstrated their loyalty and patriotism to the Nation by investing their money in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

There is now talk of the fifth bank in Polk county. What will be the effect of it? Will it have a tendency to swell the resources of the four present banks? We predict it will.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Mr. A. F. Corbin moved to A. A. Edwards' Monday, where he will stay a month or so, teaching the people of this community who cannot read or write.

Misses Julia and Mattie Abrams spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Q. M. Powell.

Misses Mae and Odessa Searcy, Naoma and Mary Willie Whiteside attended services at Lebanon, Sunday.

Mr. Sam Ownby made a business trip to Tryon, Thursday.

Anderson Womack has returned home we are glad to note. He was a sailor.

Several boys from Rock Springs were at Lebanon, Sunday.

Miss Bernice Wilson has departed for Columbia, S. C., where she has secured a position.

African Trees.

A wonderful tree, known as the shea, is beginning to attract commercial attention in western Africa. It supplies the natives not only with nuts, which they highly prize, but with a butter that may become an article of commercial importance. It is already exported to Europe, where makers of artificial butter find use for it.

Their Need for Safety Pins.

An archeologist recently dug up a safety pin from the ruins of ancient Babylon. Judging from the pictures in the Babylonian section of the histories, however, it seems that safety pins were worn mostly by the grownups in those times.

AN ASSET THAT NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED.

Hendersonville and Henderson county need more factories and similar industrial enterprises. We already have some; but we need more. A pay-roll for twelve months in the year is vastly more profitable to a community than any kind of tourist business.

But big factories cannot easily be obtained at the start. The men who are putting their money into a big factory want some guarantee that the community will stand squarely behind them. This guarantee usually takes the form of a fair sized stock subscription; and there is not at present any very large amount of money in this county seeking such investment. Most of our people have their money tied up in other investments. Before we can locate as many factories here as we want, we shall have to acquire more money to invest. The question is, where is this money to come from?

There is one point which is frequently overlooked; and we venture to suggest it for the consideration of the Board of Trade. Henderson county has already one important asset which only needs developing in order to become immensely valuable. That asset is its farms. Of all possible ways that the Board of Trade can devise to build up this city none offers surer and speedier results than the effort to develop the farming possibilities of this county.

Several years ago, the late M. Richards of Washington, D. C., who was then industrial agent for the Southern Railway, came to Hendersonville to confer with our Board of Trade. He said that he knew a great deal about Henderson county, in his Washington office there was on file a mass of detailed information about this county, much of which was unknown even to our own people; and the suggestion he had to make to us was that in our farm lands we have an almost unlimited source of wealth. Three good farms, properly run, he said, are as valuable to a community as a big factory. He not only made the statement but he gave clear and convincing proof of it.

That was several years ago. Since then farming has become, relatively to other industries, more important and more valuable than it was then. His statements are truer today than they were when he made them. If our Board of Trade really wants to promote the rapid growth of the community—and we are sure it does—it can find no surer way of attaining that very desirable result than to devote a large part of its time and energy to the task of devising means to promote the farming industry in Henderson county.

There are other matters of importance, but none so important as this. Good roads are important. The farmer needs them if he raises anything; and a good farming county is sure to have them. You can have good roads without good farms; but if a county has good farms, the good roads are bound to follow.

Some years ago at a commissioners meeting in one of the Western North Carolina counties, something was said about good roads. A farming expert, who was present, spoke up and said:

"What do you want roads for? You have no use for them until you raise some truck. If you had them now, what could you haul over them? You have no use for roads except to carry a little tanbark and crossties to the nearest railway station, and haul back some imported feed for your stock. When you develop your farms, and really raise something, you will need good roads, and then you will find some way to get them."

The tourist business is important; but it is not so important as farming, because it depends absolutely upon farming. Without farms, we cannot feed the tourists.

It is the same with other lines of endeavor. In the last analysis, they all depend upon the farm. Food is the physical basis of life.

Henderson county is ideally adapted to various kinds of farming and trucking. If one-half the thought and time and effort, which has been devoted to other projects, had been devoted to the improvement of farming methods, Henderson county would now be immensely wealthy. There is a steady improvement noticeable. But the point that we wish to emphasize is that the business men of Hendersonville depend for their success upon the farmers of Henderson county; and therefore the business men's organization of this city cannot find any more profitable occupation than the intelligent effort to promote up-to-date farming in this county.—Hendersonville Times.

BETTER SCHOOLS FOR LYNN.

The agitation for better schools seems to be in an epidemic form all over the South. Tryon is into it up to her eyes. Our little neighbor, Lynn, gives us to understand that she, too, wants better schools.

At present that district has no tax levied for school purposes, but a petition is in circulation asking for a 50 cents tax levy for that specific purpose. Good for Lynn. That is the way to do things. Educate your children, and to do it costs money, and the only way to get money is by taxation. We hope you get what you are asking for.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

COLUMBUS.

Mr. T. M. Johnson, of Arden, visited his family at Columbus, Sunday.

Mr. Leroy McFarland spent a few days in Raleigh last week, on business.

Miss Gladys Smith, teacher of Melvill Hill school, spent the week-end with her parents.

Miss Lizzie Dedmond is visiting Miss Nell Constance at Sandy Plains, this week.

Rev. Jones, of Tryon, delivered a very interesting sermon last Sunday. He will preach again February 16, at both morning and evening.

Mrs. N. P. Mills is visiting relatives in Spartanburg this week.

Mrs. E. B. Cloud has returned to her home after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Walker, of Greens Creek.

Miss Margaret Cantrell of Landrum, S. C., entered Stearns High School Tuesday.

Misses Minnie Arledge and Elizabeth Spivey spent the week-end in Hendersonville with the former's sister, Mrs. J. E. Shipman.

Mrs. Leonard and children, of Tryon, visited her sister, Mrs. W. B. Arledge, Sunday.

Mrs. R. G. Hamilton was in town, Monday.

GREENS CREEK.

Wilbur Steadman and Wilbur Feagans have just returned from France. Mrs. Joe Hutcherson, Sr., died last Saturday, with pneumonia, following influenza.

Mr. Wilbur Steadman and Miss Lillie Spikes were married last week.

Mrs. E. B. Cloud, who has been visiting her mother, returned to Columbus, Sunday. Mrs. Cloud will join her husband who is now a member of the State Senate, at Raleigh, this week-end.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb visited at Greens Creek High School Friday afternoon. Always glad to see the Professor.

Misses Nellie Brian and Milla McKinney spent the week-end at J. W. Walker's.

Mr. Melvin F. Burgess, of Hot Springs, N. C. spent the week-end at T. E. Walker's.

HILLCREST.

Rev. W. B. Lindsey and Mr. Robert Hunter, of Charlotte, paid a flying visit to Hillcrest Institute, Friday to bring pump for the well. It was a gift from Mr. Hunter and a pleasant surprise to the Hillcrest faculty.

Misses Julia and Mattie Abrams spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Powell.

Miss Pauline Wilkins spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Brian.

Miss Covell Cooley and Myrtle Shields spent the week-end with Miss Louise McDade.

Miss Nellie Brian spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bridges, who have been ill with influenza and pneumonia, are convalescent.

James Mathis, who had the misfortune to crush his foot very badly, is improving fast.

Mr. Lum Mathis, who had to leave Hillcrest Institute on account of his brother's accident, has returned to his studies.

Mrs. R. M. Abrams, who has been in bed for five weeks, is improving.

FISHTOP.

No, we were not out of news last week, for we had a good lot of real news, but just as we were in the act of delivering to the postman the fit upset our vehicle, hence no news last week.

Mrs. John Holbert should have been reported as dead, last week, and now Mr. John Holbert has had the misfortune to lose his right hand last week, while saving shingles.

Aunt Ruth Patz wandered away last week, and when found was in a branch nearly frozen. Had been there several hours, but Mrs. N. A. Price and Mrs. Elizabeth Pace nursed her back to normal life, it seems now.

We need a county home for the aged and unfortunate, as some of the best tax payers and grand jurors have at innumerable times recommended.

J. W. Bishop and Posey Henderson were in the Bright's Creek section one day last week, on business.

We could not attend the mass meeting at Columbus, Monday, but hope much good will result in the way of uplift to Polk county interests.

Let us boost our paper and more, by obtaining more subscribers, and help our editors who are laboring so hard to bring the resources of old Polk to light.

MELVIN HILL.

Mr. W. O. Morris who has been sick of influenza, is stopping with his mother here until he can recuperate.

Mr. Tom Waldrop came up from Pomaria, S. C., to visit his family last week-end, returning Monday.

Miss Flora Lawler is dangerously ill of pneumonia.

Mr. Walter Reed came up from Henrietta to visit his parents, Sunday.

Mr. James Waldrop has gone to

Henrietta, where he will be employed for some time.

Mr. Tilden Higgins has just returned from a pig buying expedition but don't know what luck he had.

Mr. S. S. Lawter and his little daughter, Gladys, who have had the flu, are much better.

ABOLENE.

Messrs. Elmer Davis, Conrad and Wilbur Ridings have returned home from Fruitland Institute.

Green River school closed last Tuesday for a week, on account of the principal, Mr. Hamrick, having the flu.

Messrs. J. T. and R. C. Hayes made a business trip to Rutherfordton, Monday.

Mr. J. K. Hines and grandson, Paul, called at Mr. J. C. Davis' Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Davidson spent Wednesday night at Mr. J. W. Davidson's.

Mrs. Samuel Hill, of Rutherfordton spent a few days, last week, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Cole.

Several from here attended the funeral services of Mrs. Lucy Painter at Sandy Springs, Sunday, where she was laid to rest.

Mr. E. C. Davidson moved his family to Fingerville, Monday.

Rev. Mr. Hunt delivered an interesting sermon and lecture on the Million Dollar Baptist School Fund Monday at Green River.

Several of our farmers are hauling their guano now so that it will be out of the way when the busy spring time comes.

Hurray for C. Wilbur McGinnis, come again.

What has become of Sandy Springs?

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Rev. B. Jackson delivered a good sermon at Cooper Gap, Sunday last, to a large congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ruff, of Spartanburg, are visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. O. L. Wilson spent Friday night with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Helton.

Mr. Bowlin Wilson, from Route 1, attended services at Cooper Gap last Sunday.

Mr. Noah Lynch spent Saturday night in Mill Spring.

Miss Minnie Ruppe spent Saturday night with Miss Ruth Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McGuinn received a letter from their son, Andy, who is in France, the first they have had since the war ended.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster, of Mill Spring, were visitors at N. E. Williams' on last Saturday.

A crowd of youngsters enjoyed good music at the home of Mrs. Warren Coggan, last Sunday.

Mrs. Geie Gilbert and Miss Lizzie Williams spent several hours with Mrs. Fred Gibbs Saturday last.

Little Eva Wilson spent last week with Esther Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett pent Saturday night at N. E. Williams'.

Officers captured two stills in Big Level section, last Sunday.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mr. L. B. McGraw made a business trip to Rutherfordton, last week.

Mrs. McGraw has been very sick, but glad to learn that she is improving.

Mr. H. H. McCrain has been hauling to the saw mill for the past week. Seems that he is building.

Miss Alice McCrain left, Saturday, for Rutherfordton R. 3, where she will attend school for awhile. She will board with her aunt Mrs. H. H. Lynch.

Mr. Martin McCrain caught a fine possum the other night. At least he thought it was fine when he was eating it for dinner.

Messrs. James and Mont Burgess are keeping "Bachelor's Hall" and are working on the farm and are getting along fine.

Miss Jane Erwin's house was burned last week. Did not learn the cause.

Wake up, Big Level and make us another call.

MILL SPRING.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Brisco are visiting relatives at Rutherfordton.

Sunday school is progressing nicely. Some of the boys made a big resolution in choir practice to sing all the time. Had splendid reason for doing so.

Mr. W. M. Walker and family visited Mr. G. E. Arledge, Sunday.

Miss Kate Rucker of Rutherfordton was visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Lewis, last week. By accident a tree fell on her and hurt her very severely.

She and Mrs. Alta Pruitt were passing by where Otho Lewis was chopping, and by some means Mrs. Pruitt escaped, but Mrs. Rucker was unfortunate and caught under the tree. We hope she will recover.

Say, Mountain View, come again. We are anxious to know what happens in your section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, of Hopewell, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Arledge.

OUR COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

If there is anything in Polk county for which our citizens should hang their heads in shame, it is the condition of the county court house at Columbus.

Monday a meeting was advertised to be held in the court house. But what a sight met our gaze when we entered the court room. The old carpets had been taken up the stoves taken down, the benches overturned and in piles, the floor red with the surrounding soil, and no arrangements of any kind made for the meeting.

The result was the crowd had to go to the office of County Agent Sams, there to sit and shiver because about half of the window panes are out of the windows. The lower hall of the courthouse is used as a wood shed, and the wood is piled up there. New toilets were built last year, and last Christmas the fence around one was overturned by a gang of mischievous boys, and there it lays just as it was overturned.

Our County Commissioners should appoint a janitor at a wage that would justify him to clean up and keep clean the court rooms should build wood sheds so that the officials would have some storage place for their fuel; should at their next meeting order every broken window pane replaced; have the toilet fence set up again; put stoves in the court room, and notify the janitor to have the room clean and warm whenever there is to be a meeting of the citizens of the county.

The present conditions of the court house are disgraceful. The new Board of Commissioners has not been in office long, and we hope that the members will go into this matter and rectify the present conditions. It would not take much to place the house in a cleanly and comfortable condition. Why not do it?

AMERICAN IN GERMANY

Tench Edwards, one of the American soldiers stationed in Germany recently wrote his mother, Mrs. A. A. Edwards a letter, and in which he said:

"I am in Germany now. Can't tell how long I will be here. I am enjoying life as fine as any soldier over here. I was one of the first soldiers on the front and one of the last ones off. The First Division followed the Germans across the Rhine in November, 15 miles from Coblenz. I have been in lots of dangerous places. I have thought many times that every second I would be blown into millions of pieces. Have been in places I had rather be dead than living. The war is about over now. The German soldiers say that the First Division has the best soldiers they run up against in all the war. They also said that the old First Division was what won the war. We certainly have made the Huns walk 'Tarpin' in the last six months."

SHALL UNITED STATES EXTEND ITS DOMAINS?

British Want This Country to Administer Some of German Colonies, Lloyd Allen Declares.

Readers of the NEWS will find on another page of this issue a very interesting special article by Lloyd Allen, relating to the views of British leaders on the part that the United States should play in connection with one of the most important matters that will come before the peace congress—the disposition of the captured German colonies and Turkish possessions in the near East.

Mr. Allen, writing from London, declares there is a feeling in England that the United States should abandon its policy of aloofness from European affairs and embark upon a program that would make it a leading factor in world politics.

This is one of the greatest problems that will confront the representatives of the United States in their efforts to bring about a fair and lasting peace for the world, and readers of the NEWS will find it well worth while to read Mr. Allen's explanation of British views on this subject.

Builder of Pagoda.

The Burman, if he acquires wealth, must also acquire merit—"Kutha"—and this he must do by building a pagoda on which shall be set out on a marble slab how much money he spent on building it. He likes people to address him as "Builder of a Pagoda," and he will say to his wife before others: "Oh, wife of a builder of a pagoda!"

The Mocking Bird.

The mocking bird is a native of America and the West Indies, and is remarkable for its vocal powers and for its faculty for imitating other birds as well as different sounds which it hears. Its voice is full and musical, and capable of modulation, from the clear tone of the woodthrush to the scream of the eagle.

Color of Pure Copper.

The work of a Swiss investigator suggests that absolutely pure copper may have a light gray color like that of most other metals, since it is found that copper which has been ten times distilled in vacuo has only a pale rose color, while the yellow color of gold becomes much lighter under similar treatments.

DATE SET FOR NEXT POLK COUNTY FAIR.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Took Place at Columbus, Last Monday.

OCTOBER 8, 9 AND 10.

At the meeting of citizens of Polk county, at Columbus, last Monday for the purpose of electing officers of the Polk County Fair Association for 1919, resulted as follows:

President, W. T. Lindsey.
Vice President, M. Georgan.
Secretary, B. F. Copeland.
Treasurer, Dr. H. H. Edwards.

Directors, Chas Davenport for Columbus township; Lafayette Thompson for Saluda; C. M. Howes for Tryon. The selection for White Oak, Greens Creek and Cooper Gap will be filled later. Men will be selected only who will agree to accept the position and attend the meetings of the Board of Directors. Mr. Geo. B. Cobb, of Tryon, was elected President of the Board of Directors.

Much interest was manifested, and it was agreed to select officers and only those who had the interest of the Fair at heart, and would work with that end in view.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 8, 9 and 10 were selected as days on which the Fair would be held. Wednesday will be known as entry day, the two latter days for display or show days.

Work on the premium list will begin just as soon as the State Board furnishes our local people with their list.

Now let everybody in Polk county go to work and prepare something for display at our next Fair.

COUNTY BOARD OF TRADE

Quite a good sized crowd assembled at Columbus, last Monday, in response to the call of County Agent Sams to undertake the task of organizing a County Board of Trade.

Mr. Sams called the meeting to order, after which Mr. H. H. Edwards, of Saluda, was elected Chairman of the meeting and Mr. C. Bush, of Tryon, Secretary.

Talks were made by Messrs. J. R. Sams, B. F. Copeland, T. C. Mills, B. Willis and S. B. Edwards. A motion was then made and carried to appoint a committee on organization. Messrs. J. R. Sams, B. F. Copeland, E. W. Dedmond, J. D. Carpenter and C. M. Howes.

This committee will investigate similar organizations in North Carolina, and attempt to arrive at a plan which will be suitable for the farmers and business interests of Polk county. As soon as sufficient data is gathered the committee will be called upon to meet and perfect a report, after which another public meeting will be called, and the citizens will then act upon the report of this committee.

Every farmer in attendance at Columbus expressed a desire to have such an organization in Polk county, and they may rest assured that this committee will do all in its power to find some kind of plan suitable for Polk county.

COUNTY POULTRY SHOW.

At the meeting of the Tryon Township Poultry Association, last Saturday it was thought advisable to hold a poultry show in Tryon, during the first week in October.

While this show will be under the supervision of the Tryon Township Association, members of the Tryon Association are going to offer as premiums, settings of eggs and cockerels, full-blooded, of course, in order to stimulate the "Full-Blooded movement" now being waged in Polk county.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the object and aims of this movement. Some seem to think that only those who have full-blooded poultry are wanted as members. It is the purpose of the organization to show you how you may become raisers of full blooded poultry without costing you a great sum of money, and without having to throw away your present flock of chickens.