

# GETTING BUSINESS GLOOM BEHIND US

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THERE is such a thing as over-staying a depression just as there is of over-staying a boom. Over-confidence makes the great majority miss the turn in a boom, and under-confidence makes them miss it in a depression. A leading New York banker was asked recently when he could tell that a turn for the better had come. "About three months after it has happened," he candidly replied.

There is more significance in the remark than appears on the surface. As more and more manufacturers and business men realize that the turn has already come and that they are over-staying the time to adopt constructive policies, they begin cautiously to press their selling campaigns, to speed up their production, to enlarge their working forces and increase their commitments for supplies. It is the gathering weight of their influences that finally raises the pressure of confidence to the dynamic power of recovery.

The surest way to bring the nation out of the business depression is to raise the pressure of public confidence to the point of becoming such a dynamic force. It has invariably been the push of that force which has started recovery in the past, and it is the gathering power of this force which will start recovery from this present depression.

It is a favorable sign of the times that there seems to be general agreement that the bottom of the depression has been reached and all eyes are peeled and looking ahead for the first indications that the turn for the better is in sight. Who knows but what the first thing we know we will find ourselves looking backward instead of forward as we realize that the turn has already come. It is a rough and rocky road that runs across the bottom of the valley of business depression, and most of us are too busy steering the old Ford from bump to bump to be able to take in all the scenery. So who knows but what some important changes in the landscape are already taking place.

## BANKERS FAVOR GRADUAL CHANGE

National Commission Believes Local Sentiment Should Govern Evolution in Methods of Conducting Banking.

Substantial changes are to be brought about in branch banking in the United States they should originate within the states rather than from Washington on inter-state lines as proposed in "trade area" branch banking plans, a recent report of the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association declares. Such changes, it adds, "should develop by evolutionary rather than revolutionary stages."

"The extension of branch banking through state action would mean that states not now permitting state banks to have branches or else closely restricting them, would individually liberalize their laws as an expression of changing local desires and conditions, and this doubtless would insure a deliberate, evolutionary process," the report says. "The other method, that is, through Federal action, would mean a sweeping change for the country as a whole, for legislation granting branch banking powers to national banks in all states, regardless of local sentiment, would, of course, induce equivalent branch banking enactments in every state in the Union not now permitting or really wanting state banks to have branches, in order to keep them on a competitive equality."

Upholds State Privileges  
"We find some bankers who feel that a proper stimulus to the development of branch banking would be given by the Federal Government taking the initiative through granting broader privileges within state lines to national banks than they now enjoy. It is argued that state governments could then follow suit as to state banks and that in this way a more progressive branch banking attitude might be promoted by the national banks taking the lead. While we do not deny that there may be some merit in this view as to some specific localities, we stand firm nevertheless on the principle that no such grant of powers to national banks should cross state lines, or exceed the privileges that state legislatures could and would grant to their state banks."

"Moreover we believe that if the choice between these two possible courses of extending branch banking were put up to bankers they would be generally opposed to any forcible imposition of branch banking on the states through the medium of the national bank system. We believe it would be preferable for any change to come about through the more gradual and democratic method of the states granting their banks branch banking powers state by state where, if, and as local conditions and sentiment might be ready for a change."

## TRAIL OF BROKEN HEARTS WHEN WIFE FOUND DEAD

Eagle River, Wis., July 31.—Geo. W. E. (Jiggs) Perry, on the stand to defend himself of slaying Cora Belle Hackett, today gave a story of his parting from the Chicago widow whom he bigamously married, and of his various loves.

Perry said that mutual confessions that welath of which each had boasted was mythical led to the ending of his "honeymoon" with the slain woman.

After the admissions, Perry testified, he left his "want ad bride" standing in the roadside near the Lac Du Flambeau resort, unharmed, last summer.

When he had told Mrs. Hackett he had married her bigamously, his "bride" insisted they must part, he continued.

When he left, Mrs. Hackett, Perry said, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and met Kathryn Gebhardt, whom he had married bigamously and then deserted her. From Cleveland, he said, he went to Eldorado, Ill., where he married Lida Downeh.

Perry's stay in Eldorado was cut short, he testified, by a chance meeting in Harrisburg, Ill., with Elizabeth Morrison, whom he had also married bigamously. Perry said he went to Blytheville, Ark., where he pawned Mrs. Hackett's automobile for \$150, and met Dorothy Davis who "fell in love with me and we were married." From Blytheville Perry went to St. Louis and was married after a few days to Harriet Milligan.

"One day Harriet called me and told me the newspapers had a story about Cora Belle Hackett's body being found and connecting me with the murder," Perry said. "I became frightened and left."

Assuming the name of Frank Moran, Perry said, he went to San Francisco and there became secretary of a labor welfare organization.

"There I met Anna Guiterri—a beautiful Spanish woman. I liked her a lot and we were married," Perry said.

## FIGHTING HIGH GAS TAXES

Though legislatures in ten states succeeded in raising the gasoline tax this year, news dispatches and editorials in the nation's newspapers show that the popularity of the levy is on the wane and that the tax is no longer "painless."

For the first time in the history of the tax, there was active and widespread opposition to increased rates in many states. The rate was raised only after prolonged and bitter battles, and in several states opposition is continuing to show itself through activity for a referendum vote to offset legislative action. The plea of state officials that larger gas tax receipts are needed, is met by protests from motorists and business men that the time has come for economy and efficiency in government, rather than increased expenditures.

This should be good news for the harassed motorist, who, in addition to a gas tax of two to six cents a gallon, must likewise pay a personal property tax, a registration fee and a driver's license fee for the privilege of operating his car. Perhaps happier days are ahead in which he will not have to face the apparition of still higher taxes.

## TO RIPEN TOMATOES

If handled right, tomatoes will ripen successfully after light frost has killed the vines. It is probably best to pick all the tomatoes after the first frost. Select only uninjured fruits that are mature or nearly so, and avoid bruising or other injury. Those in the right stage of ripeness show a yellowish-white color near the blossom ends or on the sides. A well ventilated dry cellar is a good place for ripening. Put the tomatoes in one layer on shelves or shallow trays. If the room is dark the tomatoes will ripen more uniformly. At a temperature of about 75 degrees F. with a humidity of from 75 to 80 percent tomatoes ripen rapidly but do not keep well after ripening. At a temperature of 60 degrees F. they ripen at a moderate rate. A temperature of about 55 degrees is the lowest at which they will ripen satisfactorily.

## SHERIFF ADKINS STARTS AN INVESTIGATION

Sheriff Oscar Adkins has started a new investigation, which will be of interest to both old and young. "Did you ever hear of a Dentist having false teeth? or of a Doctor having his appendix removed? was the question Dr. P. D. Sinclair asked the Sheriff. So far the Sheriff has not been able to find a case of this kind, but is continuing his search for a satisfactory explanation of this question."

Geo. Moore, superintendent of the Old Fort Extract Plant, thinks it is because the Doctors know beforehand what the cost will be, and the layman does not know until later.

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## DULA REUNION HELD AT LAKE TAHOMA

The annual Dula Reunion was held at Lake Tahoma on Sunday, relatives and friends attending numbering over 85. Several counties in North Carolina and three States were represented. Lake Tahoma, Western North Carolina's most beautiful lake, proved an ideal place for the large crowd who enjoy this family gathering each year. A picnic dinner and supper were served on the dining tables at the lake and swimming was enjoyed by the younger folks.

Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goodson and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodson and family, of Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gibson and family of Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Westermann, Old Fort; Capt. and Mrs. Homer Mason, Mr. and Mrs. John McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell and family, all of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. A. W. Dula and family, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins and family, of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dula and daughter, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dula, of Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dula, of Durham; Mrs. A. M. Dula, her daughter Evelyn and son Arthur, of Black Mountain; Miss Gertrude Dula and Miss Lenore Keatley, of Old Fort. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Armstrong, of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Ballou of Stockton, Calif.; Miss Ida Connelly, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Connelly of Charlotte; Mrs. Thomas Campbell, and daughter Margaret of Pinehurst; Mr. and Mrs. Jean Hamilton and daughter, Frances Jean, of Chicago; Miss Caroline Wearn, of Charlotte; Rev. M. W. Dargan, of Black Mountain; Prof. Donald Connelly of Winterville; and Miss Mary Edwards, of Winston-Salem.

## PRESBYTERIAN FOLKS COMPLEMENT THE BISTLINE FAMILY WITH PARTY

Saturday evening, members of the Presbyterian church and Sunday School gave Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Bistline and family an informal surprise party at their residence on Main street, as a token of appreciation of their interest and hearty affiliation with them, and with the community at large in church and civic affairs, during their residence in our town. The love and appreciation of those assembled were expressed by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Hansel, and Dr. D. M. McIntosh, teacher of the adult class of the Sunday School, of which Mr. Bistline was president.

Mr. and Mrs. Bistline left Monday for Cumberland, Maryland, to which place he has been transferred as superintendent of another large tannery of the United States Leather Company.

The good wishes of the whole community follow them in their new home, and it is the earnest hope of all that upon the rebuilding of the tannery at this place, which was destroyed by fire in July, that this highly esteemed family will be returned to Old Fort.

## MISS HANSEL DEPARTS FOR WESTERN FIELD

Miss Elizabeth Hansel expects to leave Monday for Browning, Mont., where she will teach in a Government boarding school for Indians. This school is located near the National Glacier Park among the Black Feet Indians, who were once a very fierce pagan tribe. This tribe aided General Custer in his campaign against the Sioux Indians. Miss Hansel is the attractive daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Hansel, and her many friends wish her much success in her new work.

## MRS. McINTOSH HONORS MRS. BISTLINE WITH PARTY

Mrs. D. M. McIntosh assembled a few friends on Friday evening at her home on Main street, in honor of Mrs. Geo. Bistline, who left on Monday for Cumberland, Md. Two tables of bridge were in play. Mrs. C. W. Graybeal was the winner of the high score, and Mrs. J. M. Mashburn was awarded the low score prize. A beautiful guest prize was presented to Mrs. Bistline. Delightful refreshments were served at a late hour.

Those enjoying Mrs. McIntosh's hospitality were, Mrs. Geo. Bistline, Mrs. S. B. Smithy, Mrs. C. W. Graybeal, Mrs. J. M. Mashburn, Mrs. P. H. Mashburn, Miss Lenore Keatley and Miss Gertrude Dula.

Mrs. C. W. Graybeal, Mrs. D. M. McIntosh, Mrs. J. S. Bradley, and Miss Maud Crawford attended services at Blue Ridge on Sunday morning, at which time Billy Sunday preached.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Lee Stirewalt has returned to her home in Old Fort after spending a few days at Rutherford College, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Cornwell.

S. F. Mauney, welfare officer, and son, Francis Mauney, made a trip to Concord on Saturday to take two boys to the Jackson Training School. They visited relatives in Salisbury en route and returned on Sunday.

Mrs. Hadley, of Mt. Hebron Institute, was a visitor in town Tuesday. Frank Yancey of Salisbury was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney on Wednesday.

Mrs. P. H. Mashburn spent Saturday afternoon in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Early, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris left Wednesday for Wilmington to spend several days.

Miss Gertrude Durham spent several days this week in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. V. McGimpsey of Nebo were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Long, Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Graham returned to Old Fort Wednesday afternoon after spending several days with her son Walter at Nebo.

Miss Nannie Brasington of Waycross, Ga., is visiting friends in Old Fort.

Miss Elizabeth Lipe visited friends in Tennessee last week-end. J. E. Bolick of Rutherford College was in Old Fort Wednesday.

Mrs. Teague and daughter, Mary Louise, were in Asheville Saturday.

Miss Olive Whitmire of Biltmore was in Old Fort Saturday night. Miss Carrie Lee Weaver and Mr. Roy Hutchins, of Gastonia, were visitors of Miss Louise Laughridge on Sunday.

Mrs. R. M. Boozer was in Nebo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hunt and small son, Bobby, were visitors in Marion Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Laughridge and family, of Atlanta, Ga., spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Laughridge.

Miss Marjorie Grant left Sunday for Winston-Salem after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Grant of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Natalie Dunn, of Blue Ridge, was the guest of Misses Dorothy Spencer and Margaret Rock over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rowe were in Asheville Saturday.

Jack Stevens of Biltmore spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford and small son, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. J. R. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bulo Grant and family of Marion visited relatives in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Gilliam, of Asheville were week-end visitors in Old Fort.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Rayle and small daughter, Agnes, spent several days this week with relatives in Greensboro.

Little Willie Mae Turner is spending a few days in Marion with her cousin, Evelyn Grant.

Misses Pauline Bradley and Milliecent Byrd, of West Asheville, spent this week with Miss Edna Tate.

Miss Evelyn Gilliam of Asheville visited relatives and friends in Old Fort over the week-end.

Mrs. M. A. Hazelman and daughter, Flora Belle, of West Asheville, were the guests of Mrs. W. E. Teague on Saturday.

Mrs. Bess Miller is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mashburn and Mrs. Sue Sandlin attended the Billy Sunday services at Blue Ridge on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Nichols and two daughters, Misses Mary Sue and Estelena Young, moved to Marion Monday. They will reside on South Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradley have returned to their home in St. Louis after two weeks visit with relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. Geo. Sandlin, who has been visiting her brother, Dr. Harry Dittmore, who is a patient in a hospital in Washington, D. C., returned home Tuesday.

Capt. and Mrs. Homer Mason and Mr. and Mrs. John McCallister, of Spartanburg, S. C., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Westermann.

Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, who has been visiting in Johnson City, Tenn., returned to Old Fort on Saturday and was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sweeney.

Miss Carolyn McIntosh spent the week-end at Lake James with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Early and daughter Lois, returned home Saturday after spending several days in Wilmington.

Mrs. Roy Early and family, who was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Julia Clark, in Canton last week, returned home Sunday. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Clark, who spent a few days in Old Fort.

Clapp Green of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort on Tuesday.

On Monday night a group of fifteen members of the younger set enjoyed boating and dancing at Lake Refuge.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hudgins and family, of Akron, Ohio, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Grant this week.

Mrs. Harry Bach, of Wilmington, Del., arrived in Old Fort on Thursday for a few weeks visit. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Clyde Terrell, and her nephew, Melvin Terrell.

Miss Mary Sue Watkins of Raleigh is the guest of Mrs. P. H. Mashburn this week.

## MRS. JOHNSON HOSTESS TO WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, met at the home of Mrs. J. B. Johnson on Tuesday night. A goodly number of members were present, and two visitors, Mrs. Annie Morgan, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. W. R. Walker, of Greensboro. The Woman's Auxiliary will meet at the church on next Tuesday night.

## DECORATION DAY AT BETHEL

An unusually large crowd attended the annual decoration at Bethel last Saturday. The reunion of the Burgin family at this time was the occasion for many relatives to meet for the first time in many years. After the devotional exercises and the speakers of the day were heard, the graves were decorated with many flowers. Dinner was served on the grounds.

## Art For Heart's Sake

She—"Can you draw?"  
He—"A little—why?"  
She—"Then draw closer."

## Knock Knees

"You sell anti-knock gas?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Let me have a pint, I want to rub some on my girl's knees."

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Dr. D. M. McIntosh wishes to announce that he has opened an office for general practice in the Post Office Building in Marion. He will be there every afternoon.

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Old Fort Office Phone 32  
Old Fort Residence Phone 11.

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Discontinued models, but all brand new and mechanically perfect. Formerly sold at \$3 to \$5

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<b>Pay Only \$3.50 and Get Both</b>	
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Parker Duofool Jr. Pencil	3.50
Total Value	\$8.50
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Under and by virtue of the power given in a certain deed of trust, dated the 15th day of May, 1925, executed by A. C. Rader and wife, Belle Rader, to the undersigned J. E. Neal, Secretary and Treasurer of the McDowell Building and Loan Association, Trustee, said deed of trust recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for McDowell County, N. C., in Deed of Trust Book No. 32 at page 41, I the said J. E. Neal, Trustee, will sell at the courthouse door in Marion, McDowell county, N. C., on Thursday, the 3rd day of September, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tract of land, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of R. N. Ellis, beginning on an iron stake planted on the N. E. corner of Lot No. 33 and N. W., corner of Lot No. 32, and running S. 68 W. 70 feet to a stake, the N. W. corner of lot No. 33; thence S. 38 E. with line of Lot No. 33, with Street 150 feet to a stake on the N. edge of Surry Street; thence along the edge of said Street N. 68 E. 70 feet to a stake, corner of Lot No. 32; thence N. 38 W. 150 feet to the beginning, including all of Lot No. 33 of the Burgin Plat, and being fully described in deed from J. N. Norton and wife, to A. C. Rader, and dated July 31, 1924, and recorded in Deed Book 64 at page 325, of McDowell County Deed Records.

This 3rd day of August, 1931.

J. E. NEAL, Sec'y & Treas.  
McDowell Bldg. & Loan Association, Trustee.

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