

The Democrat's 30th Anniversary.

Thirty years ago, the coming 4th of July, The Democrat, under its present management, made its debut to the reading public with many misgivings as to its first voyage on the rough sea of country journalism. It began under very adverse conditions, and the breakers rolled high, but with a steady hand at the wheel, and a determination to finally steer into calmer water with the frail little barque. It has often enjoyed, temporarily smooth sailing, only to be engulfed again by the tidal waves of panics, wars, etc., etc., but, backed by as good a citizenship as any county in the State can boast, she has succeeded in avoiding destruction on the treacherous rocks and is here after her 30-years cruise, to celebrate her 30th anniversary, with the boys "who have done their bit" in three great wars. It is not said boastfully, but to-day the paper is, by far, in the best shape it has ever been and has an equipment that is second to no country shop in the mountains. It has ever been its policy to live on its income and to help to the limit in whatever way for the betterment and uplift of the town, county, State and, last year when the Government made the appeal to "sacrifice until it hurts" The Democrat readily acquiesced, its idea being, aside from the danger the boys encountered "over there," to do the part of a soldier, and we feel that we almost done it. All of this is preliminary to asking that when you come to town to celebrate the Glorious Fourth with the boys for their achievements, you remember also the man who stood square back of them with every available dollar, and hand in a year's subscription to the little paper that has always been your friend. If you owe the paper anything on subscription prior to Oct. 1, '18, kindly settle it on that day.

The 4th of July Celebration.

Arrangements for the Fourth of July Celebration to be held in Boone, are being made as rapidly as possible, and, the weather being favorable, we confidently expect the greatest gathering that ever assembled here. This being the case, it behooves every family to prepare a basket of the best food procurable, for, to feed such a multitude, is quite an undertaking, even if the county is interested. The ladies composing the township committees, are a gain reminded of the fact that it is a duty incumbent upon them to look well after the baskets, as well as their quota of cash for incidental expense—in fact, the more cash and dinner they raise, the more certain are we all of the splendid success we expect. It goes without saying that Boone will do her full share in entertaining her honored guests—the soldiery of three wars, and it is the idea of all to crowd all the innocent pleasure possible into that day for those who so richly deserve it, and any interruption will not be tolerated. The utmost confidence is placed in the soldiers that they will abstain from drinking on that day—they could not afford to disgrace their uniforms, and should any one else decide to "fill up on corn liquor" for the purpose of making an exhibit of himself on that day, will be promptly attended to by the town or county authorities. This is given out as a note of warning, and it is earnestly hoped that not a single citizen of this county

ANNOUNCEMENT

Realizing that there is a demand for additional banking facilities to accommodate the business of town and county, a new banking institution has about completed its organization and expects to be ready for business September 1, 1919, and will be known as the

Peoples Bank and Trust Co.

This institution expects to start business with a paid in capital of \$15,000, with privilege of increasing to \$50,000 as business demands. While it will not be the policy of this bank to conflict in any way with the Watauga County Bank, there will be additional features which those who do business with banks will find to be very attractive.

CALL IN AND GET ACQUAINTED SEPTEMBER 1, 1919

or other visitor, will fall into the grasp of an officer, on account of liquor. It is to be handled roughly, no matter who the offender may be.

Edison's Greatest Invention.

Did you ever wonder which of the many wonderful inventions of Thomas A Edison was considered the greatest by the man himself? Sometime ago Mr. Edison was asked this question. He replied that the phonograph was his favorite invention. And when you think of a machine capable of producing perfectly and without fault, the human voice, sounds or music of any kind, it is indeed a wonderful thing. Of course the ordinary talking machine or phonograph will not do this. Even the first phonograph made by Mr. Edison was a very crude affair. But now he has brought the machine to the perfection for which he has worked so long. There are many kinds of phonographs. Some are good and some are not so good. But any ordinary phonograph does not come up to the standard it should. Many have imitated Mr. Edison's invention, but none have succeeded as he has. Most people would laugh if you told them that it was possible to record the voice of a singer, or the notes of a violin or any other sound so perfectly, that even a trained critic would not be able to detect the slightest difference between the living artist's voice or instrument. Yet this has actually been done. The new Edison has stood this acid test, with many of the world's greatest musicians, and before hundreds of thousands of people. No one has been able to detect the slightest difference. Of course there is a difference but it is so slight that it is impossible to find it. Mr. Edison, in addition to this, has eliminated the old nuisance of changing needles after playing a record. To overcome this he uses a genuine diamond stylus, instead of the old fashioned steel needle. This diamond never wears out. In addition to

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this the records for the new phonograph are nearly unbreakable and nearly unwearable. So perfect is it that the music critics have decided that it is neither a phonograph or a talking machine but a real musical instrument. They also say that the reproducing of music in so perfect a manner is a new art, and they call this new art "Music's Re-Creation." Wouldn't you like to hear one of these wonderful musical instruments? If so, call at Mr. R. M. Greene's store and ask to hear the New Edison. He will be glad to answer any questions and play any records you may care to hear.

FARM FOR SALE.

A farm of 90½ acres, level and gently rolling land, fronts ¼ mile on railroad and county road; one mile from railroad station on pike, school and church. Half cleared, balance in cut-over woods; fifty acres of fine tobacco land. Timber composed of white oak, poplar, hickory, ash, black walnut, dogwood, etc. Improvements: Small house, small barn, good spring, good orchard, and creek runs through farm. Will sell all or half of farm at \$30. per acre. Good terms at 6 per cent. interest. Roby L. Johnson, Science Hill, Ky.

Church Workers' Institute.

There will be a Workers Institute at Willowdale Baptist Church the first Saturday and Sunday in July participated in by the following workers Prof. A. J. Greene, Prof. Roy. Dotson, Prof. I. G. Greer, Superintendent Hagman, Prof. W. Y. Perry, Mrs. D. F. Horton and others. The Institute will begin Saturday morning at ten thirty o'clock and continue through Sunday night. Dinner will be served both Saturday and Sunday. A cordial invitation extended to all who desire to attend. Sunday School work, Stewardship, Missions and etc will be discussed and taught during the sessions. There will also be an Institute held with the South Fork church the second Saturday and Sunday in July, participated in by the workers, beginning at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Dinner will be served on Sunday. All who desire to attend this Institute have a most cordial invitation to do so.

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