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**Mrs. W. W. Stringfellow.**  
Anniston, Ala., Star.

All Anniston mourns the death of Mrs. W. W. Stringfellow, who sank to rest early Saturday after a long and trying illness, which she had borne with great fortitude and cheerfulness. Mrs. Stringfellow was known to and beloved by a great number of people, not only in Anniston but throughout Alabama, and the news of her death has carried genuine sorrow to many hearts.

Almost the entire 51 years of her life Mrs. Stringfellow had lived in Anniston, coming with her father, the late Duncan T. Parker, from Mobile, when he became president of the First National Bank, in the early days of Anniston, a post which later was filled for many years by her husband.

In the social and religious life of Anniston and in all of the good works undertaken in the name of charity and religion in this city, Mrs. Stringfellow took a prominent part, and she always was foremost in every worthy movement which enlisted the interest of the women of the city. Her bright disposition, unfailing cheerfulness and marvelous energy won for her the love and admiration of all who came within her influence and her death has saddened hundreds of people in this and other Alabama cities.

During her residence in the North Carolina mountains Mrs.

In the year 1828 the School Board of Lancaster, Ohio, being asked for the schoolhouse in which to debate the railroad and telegraph, replied: "You are welcome to use the school house to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraph are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the word of God about it. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of fifteen miles an hour by steam He would clearly have foretold it in His holy prophets. It is advice of Satan to lead immortal souls down to Hell."—Ex.

Stringfellow used her wealth for the education of dozens of girls in that section. In her home State Mrs. Stringfellow's name has always been coupled with charitable and worthy deeds and never a worthy case has been too small or too large for her careful and personal attention.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Stringfellow is survived by one sister, Mrs. Hegemeyer, of New York city.

Mrs. Stringfellow's fortune, nearly a quarter of a million dollars, including the beautiful mansion now being built in Anniston, was left by her will for a charity hospital after the death of her husband. Mr. Stringfellow will likely add much to the bequest, making the institution one of the finest and best equipped hospitals in the country.

**The Country Press.**

Among the many things which the war brought home to the nation was the big part played and the big influence wielded in American life by what—for want of a better term—is generally referred to as the small town or country newspaper.

There was a time when the country newspaper and the country editor were the butts of jokes and the signals for smiles. That time is past; gone, we believe, forever. The war helped to do it, for the war, as in many other instances, jolted the sophisticated and lazy national consciousness into the realization of the importance, the significance and the genuine worth of the country press.

One of the proudest pages in the history of America's share in the war is that devoted to the universal and unswerving loyalty of its newspapers which, almost without exception, gave the most selfless sort of service to the common cause of the country. And of America's newspapers, the patriotism and service of none were more marked than that of the country papers. Their part cannot be overestimated; their reward is in gaining a recognition, which they always deserved, of an importance which they have always possessed and which will be theirs in a greater degree than ever henceforth.

The country paper has a char-

acter and an individuality all its own. It occupies, however small, a position in the community which no other newspaper, however big can displace. Without disparaging the large dailies, they can not, by their nature, ever dispute the peculiar field which

Report of the condition of  
**THE BANK OF BLOWING ROCK**  
at Blowing Rock in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Feb. 28, 1920:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$151,821.03
Demand Loans	11,000.00
Overdrafts	335.82
U. S. and Liberty bonds	4,350.00
War Savings Stamps	654.77
Mayview Construction Co.	750.00
Banking house	2750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1298.00
All other real estate owned	190.34
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers & trust companies	41,270.12
Cash items held over 24 hours	8.17
Lost check account	11.40
Total	\$214,439.65

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$16,000.00
Surplus fund	4,500.00
Undivided profits less current expenses & tax paid	1,917.22
Bills payable	35,000.00
Deposits subject to check	91,112.62
Time certificates of deposit	51,645.57
Cashiers checks outstanding	7464.24
Certified checks	800.00
Total	\$214,439.65

State of North Carolina, county of Watauga. I, J. T. Miller, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. T. MILLER, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
J. A. LENTZ  
WILL LENTZ  
T. H. COFFEY  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of March 1920.  
GEO. F. BLAIR, Notary Public.

the country paper and it alone occupies. It has the place of an institution in the community life, a place all its own in the community heart, and it should have the loyal and whole hearted community support.

The Red Cross, in common with the rest of the nation, owes the country press a debt of gratitude for its work in the war and a full measure of appreciation for its value to America today. In

Report of the condition of  
**The Watauga County Bank**  
at Boone, N. C., at the close of business Feb. 28, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$481,168.44
Overdrafts secured	1,257.36
Overdrafts Unsecured	1186.80
U. S. and Liberty bonds	5,100.00
Banking houses	2,740.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	122,138.10
Total	\$615,070.52

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$49,800.00
Surplus fund	16035.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses & taxes paid	11,431.38
Deposits subject to check	267,273.41
Time certificates of deposit	200,273.62
Savings deposits	57,051.57
Cashiers cks outstanding	13,205.54
Total	\$615,070.52

State of North Carolina, County of Watauga. I, G. P. Hagaman, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
N. L. MAST,  
L. A. GREENE,  
F. A. LINNEY, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of March, 1920.  
W. R. GRAGG, Reg. of Deeds.

especial does the Southern Division of the Red Cross feel that the newspapers in the division merit the warmest regard of Red Cross members. They were most instrumental in making the Red Cross a power in the war, and today they are a prime factor in helping to maintain the Red Cross as a lasting influence for humanity's betterment.—Red Cross Brief.

Report of the condition of  
**The Bank of Boone**  
at Boone, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Feb. 28, 1920:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$11,211.62
Overdrafts	7.50
Furniture and fixtures	1,696.63
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies	6,325.52
checks for clearing	465.41
Less expenses in excess of profits	418.74
Total	\$20,125.42

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Bills payable	2,000.00
Deposits subject to check	5293.88
Time certificates of deposit	900.00
Savings deposits	1,530.44
Cashiers checks outstanding	361.65
Due to National banks	361.65
Total	\$20,125.42

State of North Carolina, county of Watauga. I, Avery Y. Howell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

AVERY Y. HOWELL, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
Avery Y. Howell,  
S. C. Miller,  
Burton K. Barrs, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of March 1920.  
W. R. Gragg, Register of Deeds.

## THE GREATEST LAND AUCTION SALE

The Major Reynolds Farm, now owned by Mr. F. C. Ward and containing 282 acres of the very finest land within the edge of Elizabethton, Tenn., is being subdivided into tracts of from one acre up, and will be sold for the high dollar on the premises, rain or shine on

**Thursday, April 1, 1920, 10 a. m. at Public Auction, Elizabethton, Tenn.,**

This farm lies on either side of the Johnson City Boulevard leading out of the beautiful city of Elizabethton, and practically within this lovely town. It has water lines through it in several places and is ready for electric light connections—all that is necessary to have lights is to make the connections. The land is fertile, being river bottom with barns, silos, and residences, with considerable acreage cut to the barns and residences. You can get what you want here on the above date, whether it is a building site, 2 building sites, a small farm or a large farm.

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W. O. Osborne, Advertising Manager.

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#### NOTE:

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