

# THRIFT

Thrift consists not only in saving money and in not spending it, but also in PROPERLY USING IT. Thrift means what you do with your money more than what you do NOT do with it. The Bank is the greatest institution in the world for the development of thrift. Deposit your money in this Bank and let us be of assistance to you.

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## Bank Strength and Good Service

OUR management makes the security of deposits a matter of first consideration and to this end the resources of the Bank are carefully guarded by prudence and conservatism. This fact makes a strong bank. Coupled with strength our Officers and Board of Directors make good service the backbone of our banking policy. With ample equipment and organization, this Bank is in a position to serve all individuals and firms requiring safe banking and good service.

4 Per Cent Paid on Time Deposits if Left Three Months or Longer.

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Established in the Year 1871.  
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Those who require the services of a thoroughly progressive yet sound and conservative institution will appreciate the services we render.

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We Want Every Boy in Charlotte To Become a Member of Our

## Christmas Savings Club

When they are young is the time to teach THEM to save.

Parents: Through our Christmas Savings Club plan, YOUR boy will learn to save systematically.

Send HIM with 25c; let him join today; then 25c a week for 50 weeks. He will have \$12.50, with interest, to start the New Year with.

You Can Join, Too.

A Few Cents Saved Each Week Will Keep the Worries Away.

## American Trust Co.

Member Federal Reserve System  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

## MILITARY EXPRESS ALMOST DOUBLE NORMAL QUANTITY

Despite Great Increase in Traffic, New Operating System Results in Avoiding Congestion.

Despite the necessity of handling during this before-Christmas season express freight far in excess of normal, the Charlotte office of the railway express has succeeded so far in avoiding any congestion and the likelihood that the quantity of incoming freight will exceed delivery facilities has passed, according to information obtained yesterday from the office of W. S. Hall, agent.

The prospect late yesterday was that the warehouses would be "in pretty good shape today," it is explained. Exclusive of government shipments and packages to and from soldiers, it was declared that the freight this season is almost double the quantity handled during normal pre-war seasons. Though about 60,000 soldiers were quartered at Camp Greene last winter, the quantity of freight handled this Christmas has been about equal to that handled during the 1917 season.

A new system of handling freight was declared largely responsible for the prompt despatch of local shipments and the prompt delivery of incoming freight. The delivery facilities also are much greater this year than in the past, this office having yesterday 15 trucks engaged in transporting freight.

Fifteen motor truck loads of boxes and packages were delivered Sunday, which also was a factor in preventing an accumulation during the day which would have been sufficient to cause congestion. This office has not experienced labor troubles during this rush season, it was stated, and almost all employees holding the more responsible positions who have been sick have returned to work.

## WOULD-BE BURGLAR ALARMS W. BLAND STREET

Mrs. Buford L. Green, of 315 West Bland street, was awakened about 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning by angry barking of the watchdog. Hearing noises in the rear of the house, she slipped quietly over to the home of Mrs. R. O. Higgins, next door, taking her girl-child along in her arms. Soon after arriving there one of Mrs. Higgins' children ran screaming from her room, saying "a man was peeping through the unshaded window," in the alleyway, she noting that the man had his hand shading his eyes to see clearly into the darkened room.

Mrs. Green opened a window and fired a pistolshot into the air. When all was quiet, an investigation showed that the probable burglar, or maybe a Peeping Tom, had made a dash with the dog, unfastened the lattice door to the piazza and locked up the canine. Nothing about either house has been missed.

Mr. Green has a telephone for protection, but in the excitement Mrs. Green forgot all about "88," police headquarters. Besides, she says, "the shriek of women and children has a telephone call beat 40 different ways for defensive purposes."

## SERIES OF DANCES AT SOLDIERS' CLUB ANNOUNCED

In the absence of Mrs. Julia Baker, who is the volunteer instructor for the Tuesday evening dancing class at the Soldiers' club, a dance will be substituted. Dancing will be the special feature at the club every evening during the present week. Preparations are under way to make the Christmas night dance especially enjoyable. Decorations for the pavilion and club are in charge of Miss Keren Vick and a committee of young women.

Only those women holding official badges are invited to the enlisted men's dances and they are expected to wear those on the occasion of each dance.

The fact that many of Charlotte's attractive girls are home for the Christmas holidays and would not only be able to participate in the dances, but add to the pleasure of the enlisted men whose numbers are greatly augmented by the presence of incoming troops at Camp Greene, is the occasion for the extra number of dances at the club this week.

"Bang!" said Bree. "I'll always tell the truth. And I will never, never lie." And this is just the reason he is going round with that black eye.

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## PREPARE FOR CANVASS FOR SOLDIERS' JOBS

Men Leaving Service Seeking Positions Are Notified to Report to Employment Bureau.

Organization was perfected at a meeting at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of making a thorough canvass of all business concerns in Charlotte with the idea in view of taking such steps as will insure positions for all Charlotte boys who upon being discharged from the service, return here to live.

Problems confronting the organization in this task were discussed at length. It is the desire of this organization to replace in suitable employment every Charlotte man who returns here. Already, it was explained, many young men are seeking employment. In most cases, it was indicated, employers have found it possible to replace men who left them to enter the service.

One of the most difficult problems likely will be the securing of positions for Charlotte men who prior

to entering the service were employed elsewhere. Now that they have been discharged many of them have expressed a desire to get work here and remain at home.

Director V. J. Brawley, of the Federal employment bureau office here, has asked that all Charlotte men returning from the service report to him at his office and list their names. When a man is discharged from camp federal employment bureau officials and representatives of civilian welfare organizations are expected to get their names, learn if they wish assistance in finding employment on their return home, and advise them to seek some local organization in their hometown who will assist them in finding a position. These lists of names are expected to be sent to the local employment bureau and, as a result, Director Brawley has the names of numerous Charlotte boys who have been discharged and those who soon will be discharged. He also has the names of some employers who have signified their willingness or desire to give employment to men released from the service.

Among those present at yesterday afternoon's meeting were Director Brawley, Chairman E. N. Farris, of the district and community labor boards of the United States public service bureau, and representatives of the Y. M. C. A., Jewish Welfare board, War Camp Community service, K. of C., United States shipping board and the merchant marine.

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The Commercial National Bank



## OUR NEW CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

Starts Monday, December 16

We shall be pleased to have everybody become a member. 1c, 2c, 5c or 10c starts a bank account, or if you prefer you can start with 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Enroll at once. Get your family and friends to join. Everybody will be benefited.

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### LARGE INVESTORS

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### SOUTHERN MILL STOCKS

- which should be especially attractive to men of large means
- 500 shares Washington Mills common stock
  - 500 shares Washington Mills 6 per cent preferred
  - 250 shares Woodside Mills 7 per cent preferred
  - 100 shares Anderson Mills 7 per cent preferred
  - 150 shares Aragon Mills 7 per cent preferred
  - 150 shares Judson Mill 7 per cent preferred
  - 200 shares Cliffside Mill Stock
  - 150 shares Pickett Mill Stock
  - 200 shares R. J. Reynolds Tobacco 7 per cent preferred
  - 100 shares Martinsville 7 per cent preferred stock
  - 250 shares Victor-Monaghan Mills common
  - 300 shares Victor-Monaghan Mills preferred
  - 250 shares Durean Mills
  - 200 shares Brogan Mills
  - 250 shares Pomona Mill
  - 250 shares Ranilo Mill Stock
  - 50 shares Rex Spinning Mill
  - 400 shares Buck Creek 6 per cent preferred
  - 400 shares Locke Mill common and preferred
  - 100 shares Chadwick-Hoskins Mill
  - 100 shares Chiquola Mill preferred
  - 100 shares Thrift Manufacturing 7 per cent preferred
  - \$30,000 6 per cent First Mortgage Bonds on cotton mill.
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### HOW ABOUT IT, BILL?

You save money in buying these, but a sledge hammer can't drive brains into the cranium. You must do a little something for yourself. Pools can't continue to eat ambrosia without exercise to aid digestion.

THESE ARE DESIRABLE  
but desire alone can't turn the trick. The fellow who is worth a hill of beans or expects to be anybody worth while must seize opportunity; and here's one for you.

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65 weeks old to Jan. 1st, 5, 2 and 8 shares at . . . . . \$16.25 per share  
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WHAT'S THE GAIN?  
You save the entrance fee and the profits already earned follows the shares without cost to purchaser. This is the ideal place for Christmas Savings Club money. It's funny, amazingly funny. Few other institutions, big and little, attempt to invade the legitimate territory of a Building and Loan Association. As a saving institution we beat all other species more than 50 per cent, yet some people, sensible about some things, are as batty as a lunatic about finance. Four per cent! Now, don't that give you bronchitis, when we earn and pay you at maturity about 8 1/4 per cent non-taxable?

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