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# **Prominent Local Banker Observes** 80th Birthday

J. Bailey Owen, One of Henderson's Oldest Citizens; Portrait Hung in Citizens Bank

John Bailey Owen, one of the founders and first cashier of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company, of Henderson, observed his eigh-tieth birthday Sunday, March 21. as a patient in Maria Parham hospital, where he has been under treatment for a week. Plans made for appropriate observance of his anniversary at the bank to-day had to be called off because of his illsess.

of Mr. Owen was placed in the not crosswise. bank opposite the front lobby, and many friends and others noted it during the day and made favorable comment on the picture and recalled the long service of Mr. Owen to the city and many of its institutions. The portrait was painted by Mrs. Marie Bur-Hunt. of Oxford. and was provided by the bank.

Mr. Owen was born March 21 1863. in Halifax county, Virginia. His father was one of the out-standing men of Southside Vir-ginia. Mr. Owen came to Henderson in January, 1889, as one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank, which began business January 21, 1889, and has been in continuous operation since that

When the bank opened, Mr. Owen was its first cashier, a connection he held for a number of years. Later he was elected president, on February 1, 1895, and holds that office today and has continuously since he was first head of the bank, except for two or three years recently, when he was chairman of the board

Although in rather feeble health for the last several years, Mr. Owen has been able most of the time to go to the bank for several hours each business day. and has found great pleasure in greeting friends and renewing acquaintances. He has always maintained a keen interest in lo-cal, national and world affairs.

Mr. Owen has been for years treasurer of the Henderson and Harriet Cotton Mills corporation here. He was first treasurer of the Henderson public schools and was instrumental in their establishment more than forty years

About twenty years ago he was grand master for a term of the **PROMOTED** North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons and has served for many years as a trustee of the Oxford Orphanage, which has claimed cently been promoted to First much of his interest. He has Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and been a lifelong Democrat, and is now stationed at the Delaware frequent contributor to its cam- Ordnance Depot, Pedricktown, N.

aigns. Mr. Owen has been a heavy con-late Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Taylor, of tributor to many charitable en-terprises of the community, and the First Presbyterian church. of which he has been a member during his residence in Henderson.

For fifty-four years, during its entire existence. Mr. Owen has been connected officially with the Citizens Bank & Trust Company and has seen it grow from a small stature as the "leading bank in this section," with resources well in excess of seven million dollars.

Mr. Owen is one of Hender-son's first citizens, is known to

# GRAPEFRUIT

**HOW TO SQUEEZE** 

you've been having trouble squeezing fresh grapefruit, try it e way it's done in Florida. First the But a large lifesize oil painting cut grapefruit in half lengthwise,

Core now forms a retaining wall-Press one side of grapefruit quarter firmly on orange juice reamer, then press the other side in the same way.

Pour Florida grapefruit juice into zlasses and serve immediately at strain juice essential

W. H. (Jack) Taylor has recently been promoted to First



# First Aid For Airmen

ceived the past week by Mr. W. C. Holmes from his son, Mr. Roger A. Holmes, who is with the 'armed forces in North Africa. The letter was written on March 6th, and was received here on the 22nd: The letter follows: Dear Dad:

The following letter . was re

LETTER FROM

NORTH AFRICA

Well how is everything on the farm. Guess you will be plantyour crop soon. . Saw in the TIMES that the crops will be about the same. Well I drew a map of the farm the other day, just to see if I had forgot how it looked. Well it looks O. K. to me. Tell Mr. Allen I see he has some very good mules in TIMES this year. the

'Oh! Dad. where is Buck Har-s Tell him I have something ris he sold about two years ago and I am going to bring it back with me TO HIM. Tell him to write Well, how is my cotton or you sold it. Saw in the me. TIMES it is going up a little Well, how are Nick, Hugh, P. C. little. and Bubby gettting along. Tell P. C. this like the night he was in the corn field. Well I must close. Send me a picture of my horse and the mules if you have one. Write me and let me know how the crop is. . Will try and write you again soon.

As ever, ROGER H.

# BLUE KEY

Robert W. Smithwick, Jr., was among fifteen outstanding stud-ents at State College that were initiated in the Chapter of Blue Key National Honor Society recognizing high qualities of scholarship.

## AT ROCK SPRING

Rev. C. E. Crawford, former pastor will preach at Rock Springs Baptist Church next Sun-day. March 28, at 12 o'clock.

A stranger can arouse keen interest in a small town by keeping his mouth shut.





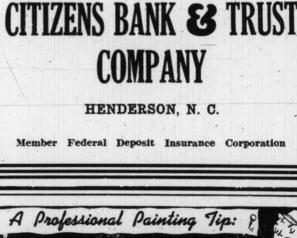


You'll want your car in peak condition to make those essential trips this spring and summer, so drive in at our "training camp" today. Our **Care Saves Wear Services** lengthen the life of your car.

For-twenty years, R. W. Har-A crop of Austrian Winter peas planted in September by J. G. din of Ashe County has been us-Holland of Duplin County, has ing a brick brooder for raising made two and a half times as chicks. Hardin says: "For econ-much growth as another crop omy and simplicity of operation, planted in late October in the same field.

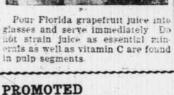


Once again we emphasize the importance of using your checking account regularly --- pay all important obligations by check. Not only is it safer and more convenient, but it provides the records of income and outgo you must keep these days for tax purposes. Carry your check book instead of cash. Even your checking account can be called a SAVINGS ACCOUNT these days. When you pay by check and send your payments by mail . . . you automatically save time, tires, and gas.





# in pulp segments.



and held in high esteem and affection by thousands of acquaintances throughout the section, as well as elsewhere in North Caro--Dispatch, Henderson.

Mr. Owen is well known and highly respected by hosts of friends in Franklin County.

## AVIATION' CADET

Douglas Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joyner, of Louisburg, has completed the first phase of his training as a Naval Aviator at the University of South Carolina. He is at home for a few days before resuming his training at another school.

### GETS STILL

Officer K. E. Joyner reported the capture of a 60-gallon galva-nized still outfit near New Hope, Friday, March 12th, and destroyed four gallons of whiskey. He was assisted by Officers G. S. Gil-liam and W. A. Phelps.

