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Excellent Banks

The splendid manner in which the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Deposit and Savings Bank came through 1933 is a tribute to both the officers and directors who are responsible for the safekeeping of the people's money.

Reports read to stockholders of each bank revealed that they made money despite heavy costs incident to the banking holiday and to audits made necessary before re-opening.

The character of the men in authority has always been a guarantee that money entrusted to these local banks would be safe. The soundness of the banks was proven early this month when they were accepted for membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. No money should remain hoarded now that deposits are guaranteed against loss.

A Tragic Reminder

The death of Ed Atwood is a tragic reminder of the length to which an offender of the law will go to escape the penalties of his offenses against society. While the killing of a man in an attempt to arrest him is tragic any way you look at it, it is high time that Wilkes county officers defend themselves from the criminals with whom they are called upon to deal.

Within two years Wilkes county has lost two brave officers at the hands of unscrupulous criminals. Nath Wyatt and Jim Grayson are dead because criminal bullets snuffed out their lives.

The slayer of one of them is serving a 30-year term in state prison, while the other is still at large. Justice may be meted out eventually in both cases, but the lives of these two officers cannot be restored.

Wilkes county people have reason to know that law violators of the type of Atwood, Wiles and Walsh are not the kind to submit quietly to arrest. And a majority of the people will applaud the officers who defend themselves when their lives are in danger and rejoice that another officer is not sleeping beneath the sod as the result of a criminal's act.

While public opinion will never support the practice of firing at anybody as was the case several times when prohibition investigators sought to apprehend a rum runner, it will rally behind any officer who prevents the death of himself or his companions at the hands of a criminal.

A Property Tax

The next general assembly will be called upon to remove all property tax in North Carolina. What strength the movement will gather unto itself is a matter of conjecture.

A few newspapers have taken up the fight, and are denouncing a tax on property as unjust and iniquitous. But the great majority, realizing that any fight to defend the tax is unpopular, have chosen to stand pat and await developments.

Something better must be advanced before the movement to remove the property tax reaches serious proportions. A lot of the folks who stood by the bedside of the late, lamented Eighteenth Amendment and gave to the utmost of the curative powers of their votes did so not because they were convinced that prohibition had been such a signal success, but because the repealists had not offered them a desirable substitute. And a lot of those who would be glad to get rid of a property tax will stand by it until something else is offered.

As we see it, if other means of raising revenue can be found, it will be necessary that certain restrictions be placed upon the ownership of land. Non-taxable land would offer too good a place for the rich to invest and it wouldn't be long until a few rich owned about all the land there is.

If land and property are to be omitted from the system of taxation, there must be some protection from the large investors.

A Chameleon Necessary

The Greensboro Daily News wonders how it will be possible to elect anybody for the general assembly this year and gives reasons for its wonderment. The editorial reads:

Every time anybody says something about the 1935 general assembly, this household journal finds itself wondering whether or not it'll be possible to elect any such body.

To explain just what we mean:

The merchants of the state have foresworn, or at least have been accredited by various and sundry spokesmen with so doing, that all legislators must be committed to ditching the detestable sales tax. Without that committal, no prospective solon can expect their vote.

The friends of education, it has been allowed by any number of newspaper boys who profess to know, have set support of the schools, adequate pay for teachers and replenishment of curricula, as the legislative sine qua non. Any candidate who refuses to take an oath of allegiance on this count will be denied their vote.

The united drays, following the same distinctive trend, are primarily concerned over a legislator's prohibition views. If a candidate is positively pledged to retention of the Turlington act, its strengthening if such a thing can be conceived, o. k. If, however, there is an element of doubt, regardless of constructive views which he may or may not have on other matters facing Tarheelia, strike him out.

That, obviously, is sufficient to show the basis of this household journal's fears. How is a candidate who is faced with the necessity of paragoning one issue going to paragon, since paragoning is distinctly individualistic business, three of 'em. And, if by chance, any one group should win the legislative works or, for that matter, the three should divide legislative control more or less evenly, how is the 1935 assembly going to view problems of the state as a whole or work out of the general situation in which the one, two or three questions on which its members have been pledged are but integrals.

But, after all, what's the need of worry? Maybe no legislature would be better than some of 'em we've had anyway.

And to complement this list, other reasons should be set forth. It's all right to mention the embattled dry forces, the displeased merchants and angered educators, but the anti-auto tag folks (meaning those who want extensions), the no-property tax proponents and some of the other boys are likely to be offended if they are not included in the list.

Would-be candidates for the legislature should take notice and be prepared.

"With his CWA program, President Roosevelt has taken care of the Republicans just the same as he has the white children." Will Rogers said over the radio Sunday evening. Sometimes Will, funny though he is, ceases to be funny. Even a joke is not a joke when it advances beyond the bounds of decency.

Borrowed Comment

USELESS GRAND JURIES
(Cleveland Star)

If Grand Juries would perform their sworn functions, all of them, there is no doubt that every bootlegger, moonshiner and gambling-joint operator in Cleveland county would be summarily rounded up. Every category of crime would be checked, just as Judge John Oglesby said when court opened here Monday.

But since we know that no Grand Jury has performed all of its technical functions for at least half a century, we side with Judge Hoyle Sink in his campaign to abolish these juries as a wasteful drain of half a million dollars on the taxpayers of North Carolina.

According to law, the Grand Jury is supposed to investigate and to report all crimes. It is supposed to go even farther. It is supposed to report and indict all lawbreakers known to them. But these functions have long been usurped, for convenience, by police and county officers, justices of the peace and prosecuting attorneys. Systems of communication are now so good that crimes are immediately reported; it no longer requires, as it did years ago, when long intervals passed between the commission of a crime and its investigation, twelve good men and true to determine probable guilt.

What the grand jury does today is sit in the court room and examine the witnesses put before it by the prosecution. It has the right to investigate anywhere it sees fit, but it never does so, save in extraordinary circumstances, and generally at the behest of the prosecuting attorney.

After decreeing "you may or you may not prosecute" on a number of cases already fully prepared for them, the jury inspects the county home, the jail, the court house, and other county properties, and makes a report. This report is the same year after year, as examination of the clerk's records will show you.

We agree with Judge Oglesby: if the Grand Jury did act as it is empowered to, there would be better law observance. But the Grand Jury does not so act. Moreover, it is not really necessary for it to act, for all of its functions are today performed by other officials.

If Grand Juries performed the strict functions Judge Oglesby believes they should perform, we should all applaud; but since it is fairly evident they have not and never will perform them, we must string along with Judge Sink in the belief that the jury is archaic and costs the state just \$500,000 a year too much.

The brain trust is now starting to provide economic cloud with a silver lining.—Indianapolis Star.

President Asks Congress For Title To Gold Stocks And To Provide For Flexible Dollar

OFFERS A FOUR-FOLD EDUCATION POLICY

Durham, Jan. 15.—A four-fold policy relating to education in this state was announced today by Dean Justine Miller, president of the North Carolina council on the emergency in education, following a meeting of the executive committee of the council at Duke university.

The committee announced its support of the following policies:

1—A minimum statewide term of eight months.

2—Greater latitude for local communities to supplement the state budget and enrich the curriculum.

3—Greater financial support of the schools by the state.

4—A broader and more comprehensive understanding of schools and the processes of education upon the part of the people of North Carolina.

A research committee will be set up by the organization in order that all angles of the school situation may be studied, the policies adopted may be best carried out. The research committee will be carefully selected and work under the direction of the council.

Those meeting with Dean Miller were Mrs. J. Fred Rippey, Durham, secretary of the council; W. H. Montgomery, Wilmington, chairman of the southeastern district; Major W. A. Graham, Kinston, chairman of the northeastern district; E. C. Siske, Greensboro, chairman of the Northwestern district; Cale Burgess, Raleigh, chairman of the north central district; Ted Ray, Hendersonville, chairman of the western district and three members at large, Mrs. J. L. Henderson, Hickory; Dr. Harold D. Meyer, of Chapel Hill and Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylvia.

SUES RAILROAD FOR ERROR BY A PORTER

High Point, Jan. 15.—For the alleged error of a porter on a Norfolk and Western railway train a week ago W. H. Morris brought suit today in High Point Municipal court to collect \$2,200 from the railway company.

The plaintiff says that he bought a ticket at Christiansburg, Va., to Lynchburg, Va., and that as he neared the city limits at Lynchburg the porter erroneously called out Blacksburg. Morris contends that he was unfamiliar with the line and that he supposed the station was Blacksburg. It was not until he was 44 miles beyond Lynchburg did he realize that the porter had made a mistake. He told the conductor, who, the plaintiff says, instead of being sympathetic began to abuse plaintiff and to use rough language. The conductor insisted that Morris pay extra fare which he said he did rather than to have the train stopped and be put off.

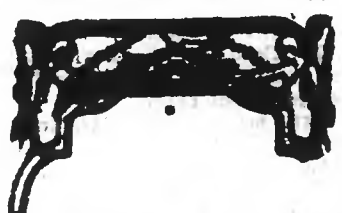
Of the total amount asked \$200 is for actual damages and \$2,000 for punitive damage.

A damage suit to collect \$10,200 was brought in the High Point court today by T. M. Wood, administrator of Mary Viola Wood against C. H. Thornton; cause of action arising from a fatal auto accident on East Lexington avenue last October.

Over 75 per cent of the tobacco growers in Person county have signed reduction contracts. No grower, so far approached, has refused to sign.

Canada Ready

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—If the United States congress followed President Roosevelt's suggestion and ratified the St. Lawrence waterways scheme, the treaty would come before the Canadian parliament this session for similar action, officials indicated today. Engineers estimated it would take seven years to complete the seaway.



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Washington, Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt today asked Congress for an epochal vote of confidence on his monetary plans in the form of legislation approving a 40 per cent cut in the dollar's gold value and giving the treasury title to all the gold in the country.

His request went to the capital in a carefully and forcefully worded special message and all indications tonight were that the huge Democratic majorities in the house and senate, despite defections by conservative members, would see to it that his wishes are fulfilled.

Reduced to its essentials, the presidential message asked Congress for three things:

To give the government "by specific enactment," title to "all supplies of American-owned monetary gold, with provision for the payment thereof in gold certificates."

To "fix the upper limit of permissible revaluation" of the dollar at 60 per cent of its present gold content, noting that "careful study" had led him to a belief "that any revaluation at more than 60 per cent of the present statutory (gold) value would not be in the public interest."

To give the secretary of the treasury express authority to purchase foreign exchange as well as to buy and sell gold at home and abroad and to establish from any profits on gold stocks derived from devaluation of the dollar a "fund of two billion dollars" with which to make such purchases.

Co-operative sales of chickens and turkeys by Chatham county farmers have brought them about \$8,000 in cash during the past month.

Honor Andrew Jackson
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Tennessee paid honor today to the memory of Andrew Jackson, former President, on the 119th anniversary of the victory won by American forces led by Jackson over the British at New Orleans during the war of 1812.

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SAYS LEAS MUST MAKE NEW BOND

Nashville.—The Tennessee supreme court ruled today that Col. Luke Lea and Luke Lea, Jr., must make new bonds if Gus Kiger, one of the several sureties for each, withdraws.

The court ruled against a petition to permit substitutions in Kiger's place on the present bonds, but held that present sureties may again pledge themselves on the new ones.

Kiger asked his release in connection with the proposed sale of some of his property. The bonds were posted last month after the court ruled against extradition to North Carolina, where they have been convicted in

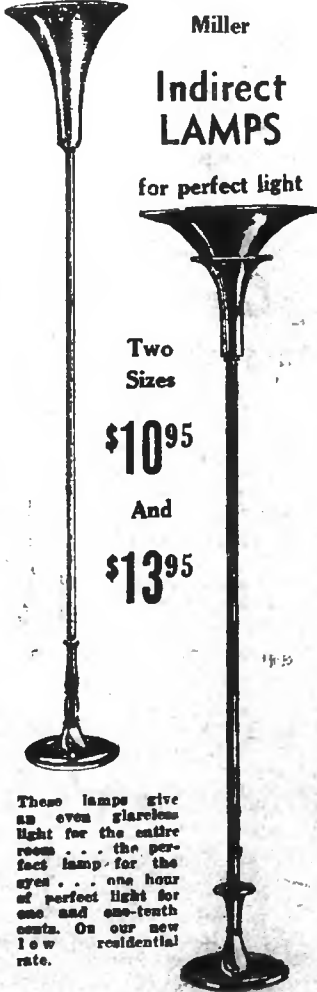
connection with alleged violations of state bank laws.

After the Tennessee court's decision, the Leas asked to make a bond, fixed by the court at \$20,000 each, pending action by the United States supreme court on their application for a review.

Tragic New Year
New Orleans, Jan. 1.—New Orleans reported one slaying, 161 arrests for drunkenness, 26 persons treated at hospitals for burns and other injuries caused by fireworks, 10 people injured in automobile accidents and four arrests for drunken driving, two of them women, as a result of the big new year celebration that was featured by a rousing reception in Canal street.

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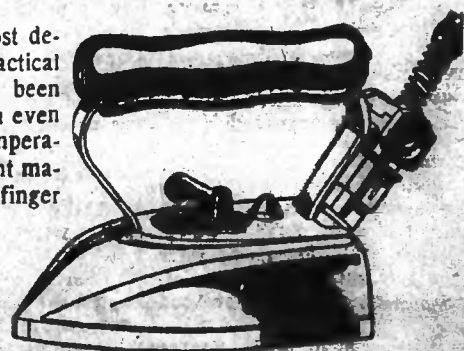
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