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**FELICITATIONS!**

The Courier gladly takes this opportunity to extend the glad hand of welcome to Mr. Blanton and his associates following their decision to open branch banks in Forest City and Rutherfordton.

This means much for Rutherford county. Business has reached a point where it is practically at a standstill. Conditions, according to some of the old-timers, are worse than the days in the early eighties when the county had no banks. Rutherford county has a large pay-roll each week, but without banks there is no systematic way of keeping this money in circulation. The money is the life-blood of a community, and unless it is kept in circulation that community or locality soon stagnates, business degenerates and becomes dull, and as a consequence all suffer.

The banks which will open Monday are headed by some of North Carolina's outstanding business men. With a strong capital and surplus, these institutions will do much to restore public confidence. Forest City and Rutherford county will show a proper spirit of appreciation, and back the new organization to the limit.

**AN OPPORTUNITY.**

In an address by a wealthy man who has just made some substantial donations to his old home town and his old college we note some interesting thoughts. He declares that he is meeting an obligation to the town in which he got his start in life and the college that gave him his early training.

But to donate money for betterment of the community in which one gets a real start in life is something other than an obligation, it is a privilege. There is little in life that can bring greater pleasure than contributing means and work for the education of the youth of the county and the creation of happier community life.

The average man's personal requirements are limited. A few thousand dollars per year will suffice to bring all the comfort and material goods that one can use happily. What's to be done with that big balance? is a question that every man of wealth might well ask himself from time to time.

It is probable that John D. Rockefeller, Otto Kahn, Julius Rosenwald, and other wealthy benefactors of learning, art, and science, have derived more fun out of giving money to worthy causes than they ever had in making it.

And more than that they have earned the profound respect of their fellow citizens for their generosity and public spirit.

Hence the rich man who recognizes these facts has before him a rare opportunity to make for himself a unique place in the hearts of his fellow citizens.

**REVISION NEEDED.**

Much criticism has been leveled toward instruction in history in American schools in late years. Some of it emanating from political mountebanks is ridiculous. But some that has attracted less attention has come from scholars and thinkers and is therefore entitled to consideration.

The traditional historian has always shown more interest in the activities of some spectacular figure in political life than in the great sweep of economic forces that have determined the course of history. Writings about congressional battles, chicanery of politicians, and the exploits of soldiers have filled text books, while

the great captains of industry who have changed the economic and social order in which we live have gone to their graves without historical recognition.

Scholars who look back upon the civil war epoch in American life see that economics had more to do with the conflict than the debates of Calhoun, Douglas, Gary, or the spectacular adventures of John Brown or the stirring pronouncements of Henry Ward Beecher.

The inventors who conceived machines to do the work of hands and the capitalists who put those machines into practical use and thereby changed the character of our civilization from a simple, pioneer, rural society to a complex industrial order, were powerful forces in shaping the course of history. But little in courses in history in lower schools, or even in colleges, would give the reader much idea of what really took place.

The teaching of history contributes to instructed and intelligent citizenship. But if this high aim and great value is to be fully realized from the work required we feel then that marked revision in texts and in forms of instruction are in order.

The importance of the business man is not adequately recognized in chronicles of the development of our civilization.

**GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. G. W. LONG**

Rutherfordton, R-4, Feb. 17.—The following "at home" cards have been sent to friends and relatives out of the county:

Golden Wedding  
Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Long  
Tuesday, February the eighteenth from three to six o'clock.  
Longfarm

Rutherfordton, North Carolina, R-4.  
No cards having been issued in the county as all friends and relatives are requested to call during these hours.

Mrs. Long was Ulola Thompson, daughter of the late A. G. and Catherine Andrews Thompson.

Mr. Long known to the county as Sheriff Long, is the son of the late Sheriff and Mrs. A. B. Long.

Both represent two of the oldest and most prominent families of the county.

Mr. Long is now about 74 years of age and is active for one of his age. He was Sheriff of Rutherford county from 1888 to 1892 and was a member of the County Board of Education for 12 years and chairman of the board for two years. He is one of the county's best known and most highly respected citizens.

**PREPARE FOR WEEVIL EARLY THIS YEAR**

Cotton growers are beginning to realize that control of the boll weevil is a regular part of the routine in growing cotton and that to continue growing the crop at a profit, provision must be made for this work.

"We are receiving hundreds of requests from all parts of the cotton growing section asking for definite information about the boll weevil," says C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. "Manufacturers of dusting machinery and calcium arsenate tell us that they are receiving orders and indications are that a number of dusting outfits will be sold throughout the State this season. Those who buy these expensive implements must keep in mind one important fact. Dusting must be done exactly right or no results will be obtained."

Mr. Brannon says that in most farm operations there is no exact way of doing things. One must use his own judgment within certain limits about how he shall plow, cultivate, apply fertilizers or harvest; but, when it comes to poisoning the boll weevil by dusting, there is only one way and growers should not jump into weevil control without being adequately equipped and fully informed. Much money has been wasted in the past because poisoning has not been done right. Yet the methods have been standardized since 1917 and are both practical and efficient.

There are a number of North Carolina cotton growers who have poisoned successfully and have produced good crops of cotton despite ravages by the weevil. Mr. Brannon offers to send detailed information about how this is done to any grower who will write him for the information.

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**Some Banking History And 1903 Panic**

Interlachen, Fla., Feb. 12.—Just forty years ago past January the firm of Carpenter and Morrow opened Rutherford county's first bank, under the firm name of Capenter and Morrow, Merchants and Bankers. For three years this banking business did business and withstood the panic of 1893. Did not bust while most of the banks in the state did bust.

Soon after that date the firm of Carpenter and Morrow, by mutual consent, was dissolved. K. J. Carpenter and J. L. Taylor formed a partnership and took over the goods department of the firm of Carpenter and Morrow. I took over the banking department, built where Miller brothers now have a hardware store, in Rutherfordton, and named my part of the business, The Bank of Rutherfordton.

Later I organized it as a corporation under that name, and ran it till 1903, when I sold most of my stock in it and left the management of it to others. In the mean time I organized the Bank of Blacksburg, and was president of both banks but did not work in either. For the reason, I had began the practice of law and that took all my time. Either in 1905 or 1906, it closed its doors by order of the Bank examiner. There was consternation in the old town, bad as it is now. The bank had busted they said all over the county. It did but it had a man behind it and as the depositors pulled their hair and wrung their hands wondered if they would ever get their money. Soon their fears left them for that man who started it put out the word that all depositors would be paid and they were in ten days after they said it was busted.

I am way down here in Florida and as the beautiful sunshine shimmers past my window as I write, I wonder if in this day of great (?) progress if there is a man behind the banks there that will step in and see that all depositors are paid in full, and then pay every stockholder every dollar of his stock back. That is what I did then, I hope the management of these banks follow suit. Certainly they should in this progressive (?) day. But alas and alack, I fear that some who were stockholders and drew salaries from the banks may have sold, given or otherwise disposed of their stock so that now they will not have to pay amount of that stock to save depositors. I have some of the stock in those banks, and was warned long ago to sell or give it away, but I am no "slacker". I have still got the stock and ready to pay if it comes to that. I hope to be home in a few days, if hell has broke loose in Georgia, (Rutherford County), I will be there ere long, to do what I may to help out. I have been saying for some time a lot of this so-called modern progress is bustation. The six bank pops seems to sustain my view or contention. Well, Mr. Hoover arrived and caught a big fish first trip out. Weather here fine and Florida going fine. Six hundred thousand visitors so far this season.

—D. F. MORROW.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Library Club held its second meeting Tuesday morning, February 4. The following officers were elected:

President, Lee Ellen Tate; Secretary and Treasurer, Gladys Long; Typist (Honorary member), Alice Owens; Publicity Committee, Chairman, Olema Philbeck; Joe Neal and Sara Robbins; Program Committee, Chairman, Sara Bridges; Dorothy Doggett, and Mary Henson.

A very interesting program was prepared by the program committee, the chairman of which was Eunice Hardin.

Roll Call (answered by a quotation from favorite poem).

Jokes, Olema Philbeck; How Library Science Benefits Me, Lee Ellen Tate; Reading, Sara Bridges; Short Story, Gladys Long; Original Poem, Eunice Hardin; Benjamin Franklin, Mary Henson.

The objectives of the club for this semester are:

1. The study of current literature, science, and general information;
2. The promotion of a deeper interest in our library;
3. The publication of a handbook on the use of the C. S. H. S. Library.

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