

## BANK DEPOSITORS HOLD MEETING

**Dr. John D. Biggs Pledges Aid—Will Meet Again Next Monday.**

Rutherfordton, Dec. 23.—Dr. J. D. Biggs, liquidating agent for the banks of Rutherford county which closed Feb. 14th addressed a meeting of the depositors in the court house auditorium here Monday afternoon. The depositors were highly pleased with the attitude and seriousness of the liquidating agent to help them. Dr. Biggs stated that he wished to do all he could to help the depositors and that they were entitled to their money and he pledged every effort possible to secure it for them. He also stated that he was willing to give any information that he had available any time and invited constructive criticism.

Dr. Biggs told of some of his difficulties and stated that a special committee from the depositors could aid him. He told of one man last week who came to him and stated that he owed the bank and wanted to pay and offered him land for the debt but that he could not use the land as he had to have cash to pay the depositors. He further stated that he would appreciate any special information at any and all times that would aid him in collect-

ing what was due at the defunct banks.

One man offered to give him a mortgage on everything he had to pay his debt to the bank but the trouble was "No Cash."

Dr. Biggs stated that he was here to serve the depositors. He also stated that he had several farms for sale now. Dr. Biggs offered to assist in securing lawyers to help prosecute the cases.

### Attorneys.

It will be well for all depositors to remember that if they wish to be personally represented they must employ counsel. Attorneys W. C. McRorie and D. Z. Newton have been employed to represent the county as a depositor while B. T. Jones, County Attorney, will help them. It is expected that the State Corporation Commission will have a special attorney to represent it while the Solicitor will appear in all cases in criminal court as a general prosecutor.

### Good Suggestions.

It was suggested Monday afternoon that a per cent say 1 or 2 per cent of all money on deposit by the common depositors be set aside to be used as a fund to employ attorneys to help recover all funds possible. That would be the fairest and easiest way. The bank is sure to pay something some time to the depositors. If \$100,000 is paid back to the depositors, 1 per cent would yield \$1,000, which would likely be ample to employ a special and able attorney. Each depositor would then pay his proportionate part. The legality of this will be investigated and reported on at the next meeting.

### Meet Again January 5th.

It was decided best to meet again on Monday, Jan. 5th at 2 p. m. in the court house and to ask all depositors to meet then. No collection will be taken but some plan will be devised to proceed on then. Tell the other depositors so they can be here for the next First Monday meeting.

James Lutz, 4-H club boy of Newton, route 4, Catawba county, produced 124.6 bushels of corn and won \$79 in exhibit premiums from his club arce this year, reports county agent J. Wade Hendricks.

## GOLDEN VALLEY

Bostic, R-3, Dec. 28.—Christmas passed very quietly in this section as the roads were so bad that traveling is a difficulty. We hope that the roads will soon get so that anyone can travel with out any trouble.

Neighbors showed their friendly Christmas spirit by pounding Mr. Frank Houser who has been afflicted many years. Just he and his daughter, Miss Mennie Houser live together. They showed much appreciation for what was given them.

Also they gave Mrs. Zennie Melton and children (a widow) a pound- ing on Christmas eve. They brought her sugar, coffee, beans, flour, lard, sausage, sweet potatoes, candy, soda, soap, dresses and hose. For which she greatly thanked them all.

Mr. "Mart" Fortune of Georgia, is spending the holidays with his brothers.

Miss Nannie Melton who has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Campbell of Ruth, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Lonnie Hunt of Asheville, spent the holidays with home folks. Those visiting Mr. Frank Houser and his daughter, Miss Minnie, Saturday were, Misses Vonnie Houser, Nannie Melton, Messrs Lonnie Hunt, and J. D. Houser.

Miss Ethel Grayson who has been ill for a long time isn't any better we are sorry to note.

Mrs. Letcher Rollins has been very sick but is improving we are glad to note.

The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school gave a Christmas play and a tree Wednesday night which a big crowd enjoyed it very much.

Miss Mary Fortune of Mars Hill college, and Mr. Blaine Jones of Wake Forest college, are spending the holidays with home folks.

Mr. Howard Morrow and son, Fred, of Greenville, S. C., spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Self.

Miss Mary Fortune had as her guest on Sunday Mr. Monroe Toms.

### FAMILY REUNION SUNDAY.

Spindale, Dec. 29.—Twenty-one members of the family were present Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Griffin here. Every member of the family was invited and were present at the reunion. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and the children at home the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Northy and daughter, Jimmie Sue; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. Max Tolleson and son Bruce; Mrs. Tolleson and son, Clarence; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griffin and son, Donald Clay.

### Pruning Apple Trees Produces Quality Fruit

Pruning as a part of the management program in an apple orchard does not always increase the number of bushels to the tree, but it does make a difference in the quantity which will grade out as first class apples.

"The profits from an apple orchard always depend on the number of baskets, boxes or barrels which contain apples of uniform size, well colored and free from blemishes," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State college. "Thick bushy trees afford protection to insects and diseases and shield them from contact with spray materials. The highest percentage of cull apples is nearly always harvested from that part of the tree which has not been thinned or is left unpruned. Apple trees of this kind should be opened up so that it will be easy to cover the fruit and leaves in all parts of the tree."

As to cost of pruning, Mr. Niswonger says two orchards in the Brushy mountains, one containing 2,500 trees and the other 600 trees, spent \$57.75 and \$8.75, respectively, a year during the past two years. The trees in the first orchard were from 8 to 20 years of age and the latter from 6 to 14 years old. These costs cover the labor in hauling the brush from the orchard as well as the actual work of pruning.

The main object in pruning a bearing apple tree is to maintain a well balanced top and the even distribution of fruit spurs. In the young tree, the purpose is to develop a well balanced top that will fruit uniformly, says Mr. Niswonger.

## UNION TRUST CO. IS STATE DEPOSITORY

Rutherfordton, Dec. 29.—The people of this section will be interested to learn that the State Revenue Department has designated the Union Trust Co., of this city as a depository for State Automobile license funds which are being sold here now at the City Hall by the Hunter Auto Co. This shows that the State and the Hunter Auto Co., recognizes the Union Trust Co., as safe and sound banking institution. It shows confidence in the local bank.

Last year over \$52,000 was taken in by the Hunter Auto Co., on the sale of automobile license plates and it is likely that a similar amount will be handled this year.

### To Cover State With Farm Message

A program of farm meetings for the purpose of carrying facts about the agricultural outlook and the need of food and feedstuffs production in North Carolina next season has been arranged by the agricultural extension service of State college to cover every county in North Carolina during January and February.

Five teams of extension specialists will go to work during the week beginning January 5 and starting in the coastal counties will work gradually westward towards the Tennessee line. Five meetings a day will be held. In these meetings, the speakers will present facts about the present production of food and feed supplies, will show how far the county is from being self-supporting, and will outline the program embodied in the adopted slogan, "Farm to Make a Living in 1931."

Dean I. O. Schaub says the campaign will be in charge of the district agents in their respective groups of counties. The local home and farm agents will arrange the meetings and give them local notice. Leading key farmers, bankers and business men of all kinds will be invited.

There will be no guess work in the facts to be given, says Mr. Schaub. Already the economists are working out the need of a family

or a livestock unit for feed and food for one year. The home demonstration people are also at work on facts about more complete diets which may be prepared from foodstuffs produced at home.

Mr. Schaub says it is not enough next year to reduce the acreage to cotton and tobacco. The crops that may be raised in place of these two must receive attention. The need of local markets must be studied and above all else, if there is a lack of home-grown supplies, this must be remedied.

### That Waferlike Slimness

Soda Fountain Bos—Did you buy that bread I sent you out for?  
Clerk—Yessir, I bought these loaves that are already cut.  
Bos—All right, get busy and slice them.—Life.

### Me, Too, Sonny

"Mimimy, you bought sister a piano, so buy me a bicycle."  
"What for?"  
"So that I can go riding while she practices."—Bush Humor.

### Micappld

"I like that schoolgirl complexion."  
"Yes?"  
"But the average schoolgirl doesn't know how to apply it."

### Safety First

"Darling, look at those lovely diamonds in that window. The sparkle almost blinds me."  
"Yes, let us go on."—Herold.

### As a Last Resort

"Miss Oldham has taken up astronomy."  
"How strange! Perhaps she has heard that there is a man in the moon."

**Official Limitations**  
First Office Boy—Don't you ever have a day off for your grandmother's funeral?  
Second Office Boy—What! And me working for the registrar of births and deaths!—Inverness Courier.

**In the Air**  
Jimmie—My father doesn't keep pigs in our back yard any more.  
Eddie—How is that?  
Jimmie—The neighbors got wind of it.—Pathfinder Magazine.

**It's a Funny Game**  
"I'm surprised at you, losing your temper at bridge!"  
"My dear girl, that was all I had left to lose."—The Humorist.

**In Keeping**  
"What is this?"  
"A bulldog pistol."  
"Now I understand what is meant by a pistol's bark."

Hatchery owners and poultrymen of the State will meet at the Guilford county court house on Friday, January 2, to consider forming a North Carolina Hatchery Association.

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