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BANKING FACILITIES FOR A COUNTY-SEAT.

Danbury is probably the only county-seat in the State of North Carolina without banking facilities.

The people of Danbury, some 300 souls, together with the citizens living in a large scope of contiguous territory, numbering into thousands, must go 10 miles to the south, 32 miles to the west, 22 miles to the north, or 25 miles to the east—to get change, cash a check, obtain a loan or deposit money to transact their financial affairs.

This means great inconvenience, delay, expense and risk.

These people have endured this situation for nearly NINE YEARS.

Do the people of Danbury and community deserve this discrimination in these modern times when every community in the State enjoys the convenience of close-by banking facilities?

At the county seat of Stokes there are located the offices of the Sheriff of the county with its multiplicity of cash transactions; the Clerk of the Court, handling many thousands of dollars; the Register of Deeds, daily visited by throngs of people with important transactions; the county auditor, the county agricultural agent; the superintendent of schools; the welfare and relief office and headquarters; the administrator of seed and feed loans extended by the federal government; seven attorneys-at-law; one or more physicians; a high school and its faculty; a newspaper and publishing plant; 3 filling stations; 2 garages; five or six mercantile stores; one or more cafes; several hotels, boarding houses or apartment houses; the postoffice; the jail; one furniture manufacturing establishment; several contractors and builders or engineers; three churches with their religious organizations; other smaller industries or trades. Nearby and a part of the community, a CCC camp of more than 200 patrons of the Danbury postoffice; a State and federal park with its many officials and attaches, patrons of the Danbury postoffice; nearby the County Home, and closely by the State highway camp with an investment of more than \$40,000; also one of the largest and best equipped funeral and burial associations in the State, carrying upwards of 7,000 members.

Yet all this community, not to mention several thousand citizens within a radius of several miles of Danbury, are without—and have been without for nearly nine years—banking facilities which other sections of the State enjoy.

From six to eight terms of court per year are held at Danbury, the county-seat of Stokes; regular monthly meetings of the various boards, State and

federal, are held; special meetings occur almost daily, attended by throngs of citizens.

The need of a bank at Danbury is urgent.

Shall we have one?

KEEPING HISTORY INTACT

From indications everywhere wild tobacco production will romp throughout all the belts this year, and in all its sinister aspects.

Raleigh, N. C. State College extension experts say reports point to a general heavy increase of acreage and a bumper crop.

Fertilizer companies report they have sold twice as much plant bed guano this year than last.

The Danbury Reporter has interviewed many Stokes farmers. Practically every one admits his acreage will be much larger than last year, some as high as 100 per cent.

Many new tobacco barns have been built. Much new ground is being cleared, many old fields reclaimed.

All this points to lower prices for the great staple next fall. The law of supply and demand—which is unvarying like the tide that eternally laps the shore—is flouted. No one is so blind as he who will not see.

The majority of Stokes county tobacco farmers favor curbing uncontrolled production which history shows brings disaster to the farmers. Uncontrolled production means lean warehouse bills, and a strangled profit.

But there were enough malcontents to defeat the will of the majority, thanks to the liberality of the crop administration which required a two-thirds majority before imposing restrictions on the farmers.

The public has recently been reading the learned lectures of Mr. W. R. Petree, a leader in thought and action in Meadows township, Stokes county. He is a bell-wether among the farmers, and when he takes snuff many of them sneeze. Mr. Petree rejoices at the "victory" of the non-conformists. He expatiates on the evils of control as coming from a "bunch of Washington politicians" (meaning the agricultural administration) who have, he says, "practically bankrupted the government."

Mr. Petree's readers would no doubt be much edified if he would publish the total proceeds (per acre) of his own tobacco crops for three or four years immediately prior to any effort that was made by the "bankrupters" of the government to help the cause of the tobacco farmer. And then furnish, comparatively, the total receipts (per acre) from his crops of tobacco for the years immediately following the "bankrupters'" efforts to raise prices. Say figures for 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, then follow with figures for 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938.

Mr. Petree will no doubt be pleased to have this opportunity to demonstrate the "soundness" of his position—that the more eggs the old hen is allowed to lay, the higher price her fruit will command, and he will also have a fair chance to dispel the generally accepted theory that he is animated far less by a sincere solicitude for his neighbor farmers than by his political prejudices.

U. S. SENATORS

Our "most potent, grave and reverend seigneurs" — they are a marvelous bunch, don't you think?

Often as silly as school boys of the 7th grade.

Who will say that it is not indeed fortunate that there are as few jackasses in the dignified chamber as Clark of Missouri and some others who have been pushing a motion to make public the government's innermost secrets regarding its foreign policy and preparations for national defense? Thus to furnish foreign hostile capitals with information and advantage, to our national discomfiture in case of war.

Is there an unsophisticated member of the North Carolina legislature with as little sense?

Then take the case of the President's appointment of a judge in Virginia whose eminent fitness was everywhere recognized, but who was turned down by an overwhelming majority of the Senate on the ground that he was "personally obnoxious" to Glass and Byrd, two of the most blatant obstructionists in the Senate simply because they hate Roosevelt.

PARK AND CCC CAMP IN DANGER

The public spirited citizens of Stokes county will be seriously concerned over the danger now threatening our CCC camp and the State park adjacent. Unless the legislature appropriates \$45,000 for the maintenance of the CCC camps and the completion of the four State parks, one of which is Hanging Rock park, the CCC camps may be removed, and this will mean the parks cannot be finished, at least this year.

Hanging Rock park is said to be one of the most favored parks of all the federal and State parks in any of the states.

In the future it is destined to be a most valuable asset to Stokes county. The government has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in building it. It will be little short of a crime for the legislature, which has appropriated \$250,000 for advertising the State's resources and attractions, to fail to save the parks.

Up to this time the legislative budget committee has refused to appropriate the CCC and park money.

WANTED—A BUS LINE

A daily jitney or bus service from Stuart, Va., to Winston-Salem and return, via Lawsonville, Danbury and Walnut Cove is a business investment that will pay big dividends.

This is needed. It will be patronized by people without automobiles and by people with automobiles, who will find it will be less expense to ride the bus than take the responsibility of using their own machines.

GOLD STAR SUBSCRIBER

P. H. Young of Sandy Ridge was in to see the Reporter Monday. Mr. Young is 86 years of age, and is the Reporter's Gold Star subscriber, having been a patron of this paper since its first issue, Jan. 25, 1872, 67 years ago.

If any newspaper in North Carolina can beat this, please report.