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BANK FOR DANBURY

The people of Danbury and surrounding communities need a bank, want a bank and mean to have a bank.

The business, the importance and the needs of the county seat of Stokes deserve banking facilities which are enjoyed by other communities.

Being the only county-seat in North Carolina without banking facilities, we feel justified in asking the State Banking Department to permit a bank to be operated at Danbury—PROVIDED the State banking law is complied with.

To be denied this privilege would be a contravention of our rights, and to submit to such discrimination would be a blot on the honor, the dignity, the rights, and the independence of the people of the county-seat of Stokes county.

The people of Danbury will tolerate no interference by outside interests to prevent a bank at Danbury.

LIFE ON THE LAKE

North Carolina is celebrated in the annals of States for its firsts.

We trust that among the distinguished counties of the State, Stokes may also come in for its honors due for firsts.

We unequivocally claim to be first in roosters and cats.

Frank Martin, care-keeper of Lake Stedman, owns a rooster and a cat that deserve universal recognition. Mr. Martin's rooster has no female companionship, and has taken up with the household felis which reciprocates the attachment. When the rooster scratches up food, before partaking himself he invariably calls the cat, which quickly comes and if the viand is tasteful it indulges.

Neither has the cat congenial sex or race relationships, but finds a certain kind of solace in association with the chanticleer.

Often the cat swims on the lake in the search for subsistence, and when it captures a bass, returns to the shore and there is a convivial feast.

The cat and the rooster sleep together in a convenient dog-house close to the water.

Mr. Martin has never read Baron Munchausen or Gulliver's Travels, and is unacquainted with Ripley's miracles. Therefore, until evidence to the contrary is introduced, we must at least entertain his remarkable disclosures.

REPTILES

A rattler is a gentleman snake. He warns you by his lethal horn. You are put on notice to defend yourself.

But a moccasin or a scorpion or a tarantula strikes from the dark.

A toad that feeds on the vapors of an underground hole, catches his prey unawares. He is afraid to disclose his identity. He is a sneak thief.

The writer of an anonymous letter may be likened unto the reptiles that lie in wait, too cowardly to come into the open, but too malicious to defer an opportunity to vent venom.

CHARMING VISITOR EXPECTED

The jonquil is wide open, and early peach trees are blooming.

Frogs are singing in the meadow, the robins are in the holly berries, and soon you will hear the first whippoorwill warble in the hedge.

In spite of the every-other-day cold whipping rains, the enchantress—Miss Spring—is expected daily. Next Tuesday is the date of the debut.

WHAT ARE THE LADIES LAUGHING AT?

The parade of beauty in the society pages of the Sunday papers—what on earth are the senioritas tickled about?

Soon to be wed—nearly everyone of them is laughing at something.

Is it just because the picture-taker said: "Look pleasant, please."

Or is it for the reason that they grasp this opportunity to show a contrast with that sedate state of tomorrow?

It is a sad thing to think that these smiles of the face come the years of disillusion may turn to ashes of roses in the heart.

The divorce dockets everywhere are congested.

In an old advertisement of "Perry's Pain Killer" there were pictures of "before and after taking."

Would it be inapposite to print this ad on the modern society page?

PROPOSED "SPECIAL LAW DISTRICT" FOR KING

The bill introduced in the legislature to create a "special law-enforcement district" for the community of King, will bear study.

The bill implies by its "purpose to promote more thorough and diligent enforcement of the law," etc., that there is lax enforcement. As King already has a special officer to enforce the law in that section, it would be interesting to visualize how the situation could well be improved, as the special officer already has the support and co-operation of the authorities in general in the county as well as the State highway patrol service. No one could imagine the quiet and conservative King Community as needing so much law.

But the feature of the bill that attracts most attention is that powers of taxation are to be conferred on the suggested board of three. The power of taxation is a vital and serious grant which even the federal and State constitutions are religiously careful about bestowing.

And who would think Yadkin township needed a jail?

The Reporter predicts that this bill will not make the grade through the hard-headed legislature.

AUTO ACCIDENT BILL

Before the legislature is a bill which would add 50 cents to the annual auto plate fee. To furnish funds for car accident victims.

Fifty-five per cent. of all automobile wreck victims are unable to pay for their hospital treatment. So the cost must be borne by the county or the hospital as a charity case.

It seems to us that this is a good bill and ought to be passed, and that it would be to the interest of our county if our commissioners would favor it. A fee extra of 50 cents for each annual license plate would not be missed by anybody, but would build up a fund of 3 or 4 hundred thousand dollars to take care of the unfortunate victims of car smashes, by setting up the proposed N. C. Highway Accident Hospitalization fund, provided for under Senate Bill 185.

THE PASSING OF DR. TOM

The untimely death of Dr. J. Thomas Smith of Westfield marks the passing of one of the most outstanding citizens of this section of the State. He lived on the border of Stokes and Surry, and each county loved him so that both claimed him. This man's good deeds shine among the most lovable traits of the many lovable traits of old Big Creek township, Stokes county. He was a Baptist minister, and a medical doctor. Thus he became both spiritual and physical advisor to throngs of people. He was ever at the call of suffering. His smile and his ever-ready jokes made affliction easier for countless numbers of sick and discouraged persons. He was useful, progressive, sympathetic, charming. He always could see the "stars shining above the cypress trees," and his faith that saw the breaking day across the mournful marbles play was a quiet benediction to the dying.

HITLER RAMPANT AGAIN

It's becoming to be a dull month when the mad-dog of Europe is quiet.

Hitler now absorbs Slovakia. Recently he took over Austria, followed by Sudeten land.

Many statesmen believe that he has ambitions in South America where his propaganda is steadily at work and where he is establishing great radio stations. "Peaceful penetration" may be followed soon by more substantial intrusion into western hemisphere affairs.

General William Fanel, former Nazi ambassador to nationalist Spain, in a Berlin speech the other night, bitterly attacked the Monroe doctrine. He intimated that Germany would sink it.

President Roosevelt may be wrong in some of his policies, but the American people believe he is right on defense. Congress is backing him to the limit.

THE HIGH PRICE OF CONCENTRATED OBSTRUCTION

What would the du Ponts, the Morgan interests, the power trusts, the great corporations of Wall Street, pay for a bloc in the United States senate secretly sworn to obstruct or defeat every move made to help the masses.

There is a strong effort being made to heavily curtail or discontinue relief, by putting a deadline to further taxation of the rich and to largely shift the embargoes on wealth to the shoulders of the poor.

Seven or eight senators able to thwart the President in his every move to help the helpless, could command pay-checks that would make Croesus rustle uneasily in his tomb.

The move is for "economy". Suppose we start by reducing the salary of Senators from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

THE OLD FASHIONED LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

P. O. Fry, J. L. Mitchell and Moir Hawkins were here Saturday sitting as a county committee on applications of farmers to the federal crop loaning agency for loans to buy seeds and fertilizers.

One of the committee informed the Reporter that practically every applicant stated he planned an increase of 1 to 3 acres in his 1939 crop over 1938.

Eggs a few weeks ago were 35 cents and scarce. Now they may be bought at 15c to 18c.

Why this hundred per cent. fall in the price of an indispensable commodity?

Maybe those farmers who voted for uncontrolled production of tobacco had their breeches on hind part before.

SHERIFF JONES

The many friends of ex-Sheriff Charlie Jones will be pained to know that he is quite seriously ill at his home in Walnut Cove, and that he bears his trouble like a stoic philosopher and a dead-game sport. But this regret of his friends is lightened by the pleasant hope that he may yet recover and be restored to his former good health. He is not old and has a strong spirit, and this means so much on the road to recovery. Life is a serious thing, and few of us will get out of it alive. We are all under a sentence of death, with short time respites.

Here's good wishes to Mr. Jones. May he come back, and we think he will.

A DOUBTFUL FUSE

The Union Republican is advocating the union of the Baptists of North Carolina, Primitive Baptists, Freewill Baptists, and so-called Missionary Baptists. The Republican says there is no good and sufficient reason why these denominations should not "seek to reconcile their present differences and again be one communion."

The Reporter would like to hear what Watt Tuttle, Tom Tilley, John Priddy and Will Lewis would say about this.