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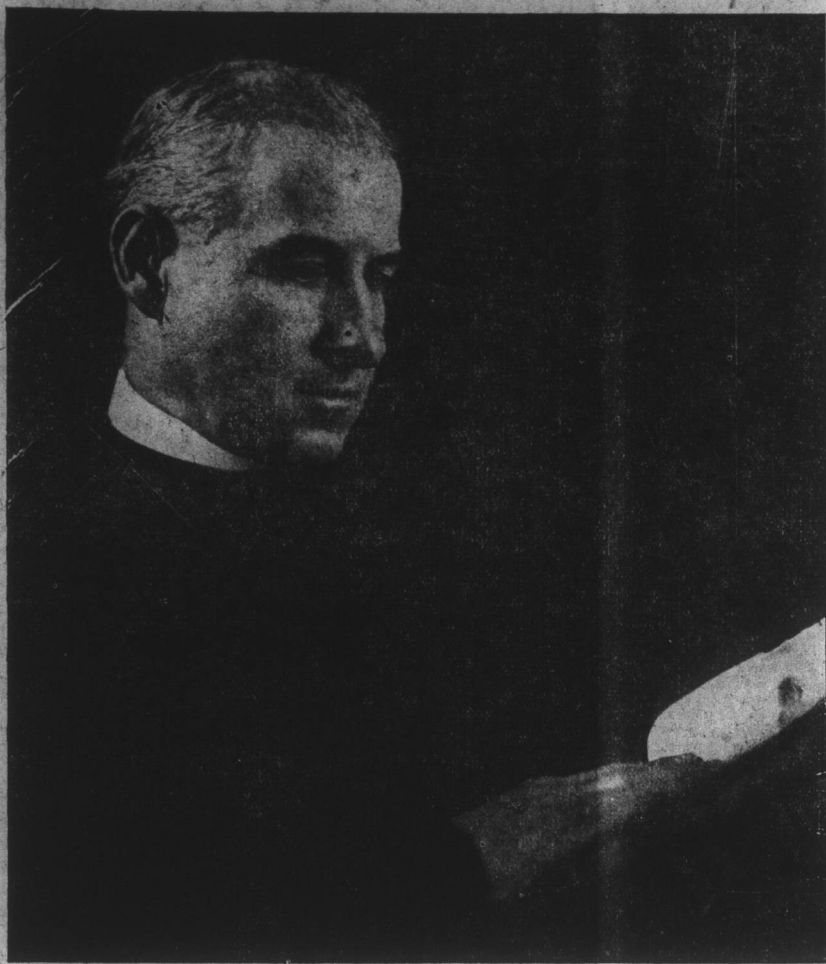
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Mr. Thomas will move to Concord January first to begin work as Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church. He will move to Concord from Lenoir where he has been successful in Church work for a number of years.

NORWOOD GETS THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

J. K. Doughton, Former President of Salisbury Bank, Comes Clear.

J. D. Norwood, former chairman of the board of directors of the People's National Bank of Salisbury, was last night in western North Carolina federal district court here found guilty on a charge of violating the national banking laws.

He was sentenced by Judge H. H. Watkins to serve three years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. His attorneys indicated that they would appeal to the federal circuit court of appeals, the seat of which is at Richmond, Va.

Appeal bond was fixed by Judge Watkins at \$15,000, and cost bond at \$250. Bond was signed by John McCanness, of Salisbury.

Doughton's case. Earlier in the day, at 1:15 in the afternoon, Judge Watkins stated that he would direct a verdict of not guilty in the case of J. K. Doughton, former president of the bank, which failed on June 8, 1923. This was done and Doughton goes clear of the six counts in the indictment upon which he and Norwood were tried separately. The judge said the evidence was not sufficient to convict Doughton.

Although Doughton is indicted separately in another case, and with M. L. Jackson, a former director of the bank, jointly in another, Frank A. Linnay, district attorney, stated that the cases go over until the next term of court for trial of criminal cases, which will be held here in June, 1926. It appears probable, from what was said, that if the appeal of Norwood fails the other cases will not come to trial.

The jury was out two hours, returning its verdict at 10:15 o'clock last night. In that time the jurors ate supper, too. They deliberated about one hour and one-half and took one general ballot, but voting three times, one time on each count in the indictment. The vote was 12 to 0 for conviction on the first three counts and 12 to 0 for not guilty on the last three counts. The first three were suf-

ferent, however, to make a guilty verdict. The first three counts of the indictment charged Norwood and Doughton with misapplying funds of the bank.

Wood and Woodsides.

The Mooreville Enterprise call attention to the fact that the arrest of Otto Wood was accomplished by Chief of Police Woodsides, of that town, single handed. He had no assistance and asked for none. Reports that Officer Woodsides was accompanied by a posse are not true elsewhere—the reports (especially the one sent from Statesville to the Charlotte Observer) that Officer Woodsides was accompanied by a posse was based on surmise, the summoning of posses being usual on such occasions, or whether somebody was trying to deprive the Mooreville officer of credit that is his due, we don't know. But it is a fact that Officer Woodsides did make the arrest unaided, and he should have the full credit. He is the more entitled to the credit for the reason that Wood had been at large for quite a spell. He had traveled in three States, according to his story. On Sunday before his arrest he flaunted himself in Wilkes county before the eyes of all beholders. The next day he drove in the open, on highway and city streets, and nobody stood out in front of him and invited him to "put 'em up" until he came within the domain of Chief Woodsides at Mooreville. Maybe the numerous other officers through whose territory Wood passed didn't get a chance. But Woodsides did get a chance and took the pains to stage the hold-up at a point where others would not be endangered by the gun battle that was expected, but there was no shooting, either because Wood is overrated as a desperado or because he knew when he faced a man. Irredell people do not have to be told that Officer Woodsides fears not the face of man. Even the super-desperado, which Wood isn't, recognize a man when they see one. But the credit to Mr. Woodsides isn't lessened

by Wood's tame submission. The Mooreville officer accomplished at first chance what no other officer had found a chance to do.

Two Men.

Monroe Enquirer. "He's the richest man in our township," I was told by his neighbors. "He has between 1,200 and 1,500 acres of land, has money in the bank, and a lot out on interest."

"That's fine," was my comment. "Guess you would miss him should he pass out?" "Not much," said one of the neighbors. "He doesn't belong to the church, takes little part in neighborhood affairs, and has always been supposed to be taxed for schools."

"Suppose he wants everything for his own family?" I surmised. "You're wrong. He works hard, and so does his family. The only pleasure the old man gets is in knowing that he has a lot of property. But when he dies his children will soon spend the money it took him a life-time to accumulate."

On another side of the county I one day last fall stopped at a home like cottage. There were several bright-eyed boys and girls in the family. I was surprised to see a radio wire strung from the house-top to a pole some distance away. They told me they heard wonderful music, lectures and sermons over their radio. I heard a piano, the player evidently having talent for music. There was an automobile in the garage at this home. Everybody, too, worked at this little farm, and they were happy. The head of the house is proud of his family. He is the rich man. The miser is the poor man.

Doughton's Acquittal.

Charlotte-Observer. It is the disclosure in the case of J. K. Doughton, who was president of the broken People's National bank in Salisbury, that he was incorporated into defensive position in the case on "inferential" evidence, and the "inference" was of so vague a character that the president judge ordered a verdict of not guilty. The case against Doughton was so weak that the judge made declaration that if the jury had returned a verdict of guilty, he would have set the verdict aside. The prosecution, itself, admitted its weakness, but was inclined to dispute the disposition of the case on the ground that while the alleged false entries were on bona-fide transactions, the defendant was aware of them. But Doughton's record was straight and the court has so made record. The result of the trial must prove gratifying to the friends of Mr. Doughton, who had, it might be stated, the confidence of the people who knew him and their sympathy in the circumstances which involved him in court proceedings.

Join Davidsonian Reporters Club.

Davidson, Dec. 18.—The Davidsonian Reporters Club recently elected to membership four men who have done commendable work in reporting for the Davidsonian, the student newspaper of the college. The men elected are: T. T. Jones, El Paso, Texas; J. D. Gwin, Lexington, Miss.; W. L. Lingle, Richmond, Va.; and A. M. Sparrow, Ransonville, N. C. Membership in this club is awarded for work in reporting for the Davidsonian, those attaining membership being selected for their efficiency in the work. From the ranks of the Reporters Club are selected the editorial staff of the Davidsonian. The recent election brings the membership of the club to thirty men, members of the three upper classes. In the spring election members of the freshman class will be elected.

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Lead Irish



Here are Notre Dame's dual captains for the 1926 football eleven, Eugene Edwards, quarterback, and Tom Hearndon, halfback. The election resulted in a deadlock, so the members of the team decided the two should rotate the honor. Both are redheads and each is a junior.

Is North Carolina Too Poor to Educate Her Children?

Winston-Salem Journal. When confronted with the eight-months school issue Governor McLean promptly shifted the discussion to taxes. It is well that he did. One of the cold, hard facts that all of us who favor increasing the school term from six to eight months in this commonwealth must face is the fact that it will take more money. And the only source of revenue for public schools in North Carolina is the tax levy.

"I favor doing everything possible for the educational advancement of the state but I have not yet studied this proposition sufficiently to be ready to take a position on it," stated the governor. "This proposition involves questions of taxation and the ability of the state, and the counties to pay that must be given serious consideration," he added. The governor was talking to the executive committee of the North Carolina Education Association, whose members had asked for a conference on the eight-months school term. Educational leaders of the state and the teachers on the firing line have long since learned that the six-months term is a failure. They know that the only hope of further educational progress in this commonwealth lies in the longer term.

We shall not pause here to give any of the many arguments that can be made in favor of the eight-months term. We merely desire in this connection to call attention to the important question raised by Governor McLean. Is North Carolina too poor to give her children educational advantages equal to those enjoyed by children in other progressive states of the union? Is North Carolina too poverty-stricken to give the children of the rural sections a school term that means only justice for them? Is North Carolina willing to say that she is satisfied to let half of her children have an eight-months school and the other half have only six months?

As Governor McLean proceeds with the study of this vital problem, other thoughtful men and women who have the best interests of their state at heart should put their heads to work on it, too. Is it not up to the people of North Carolina to find a way to raise money for a better public school system? Can North Carolina afford not to strain a point, if necessary, to make an investment in the lives of her children?

Will Participate in Junior Speaking Contest.

Davidson, Dec. 18.—In the recent preliminary tryouts six members of the Junior Class were selected to speak in the Junior Speaking Contest to be held during the Spring holidays. This contest takes place annually and is one of the outstanding speaking events of the year.

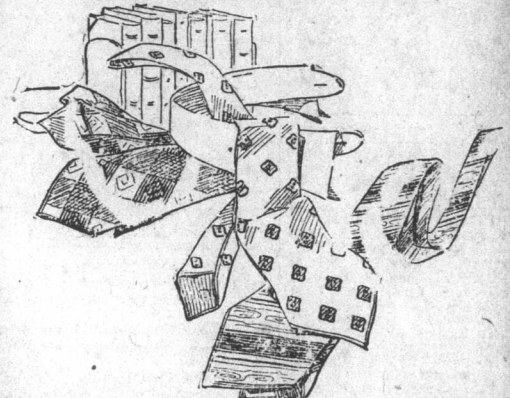
The men elected, with subjects chosen by each, follow: D. H. Stewart, Dothan, Ala., "Choice of a Leader"; C. G. Davis, Wilmar, Ark., "Loyalty and World Power"; L. M. McCutchen, St. Charles, S. C., "The Opportunity of America"; T. G. McCutchen, Florence, S. C., "Intellectual Egotism"; C. W. Williams, Montgomery, Ala., "A Man of God"; W. C. Ogden, Mobile, Ala., "The Viking."

"Well, Harry, what are you doing nowadays?" "O. I am writing for the periodicals." "That's a thankless sort of a job, isn't it?" "Bless your heart, no! Almost everything I write is returned with thanks."

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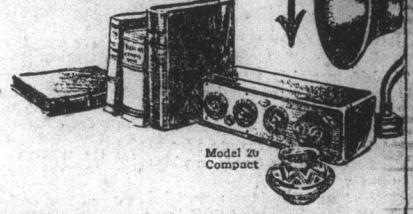
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