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## We Are Proud of This Record

WORDS fail us in attempting to say what we think should be said in commendation of the people of Macon county for their splendid response to the appeal of the Red Cross for funds to relieve the suffering caused by the tornado at Gainesville last week.

This county's quota was set at $\$ 300$ ), but that amount had already been received before the local Red Cross chapter had been informed of this goal Contributions poured in all last week and continued to come in this week. Yesterday a check for $\$ 259.36$ from the employes of the Ritter Lumber Company, many of whom had contributed a full day's wages, swelled the fund to nearly $\$ 9(0)$ three times the county's quota.

This indeed is a record to be proud of. It is the finest manifestation of a generous and wholesome public spirit that the editor of this newspaper has seen in his five years of residence in this county.

## Our Hat Is Off to Gainesville

Ianyone is dubious about the future of Cainesville, Ga., he is all wet. It would take more than a tornado to ruin that town. Even if a flood should sweep down upon it and bury it a thousand fathoms, we feel quite sure the business men of the town would emerge in an ark, and, when the waters had subsided, would be found doing business and serving the public at their accustomed places.
Hardly had the smoke died away from the fires which followed the tornado before Gainesville be gan planning to rebuild. The town's come-back spirit is is reflected by the Gainesville News, which, with the assistance of the Atlanta Journal, was published as usual last week, albeit a few days late. The News shop was right in the midst of the devastated area and like other buildings in the vicinity was turned into a shambles. Undaunted, Hardy and sons, publishers, carried on the old tradition: "The paper must come out." And no makeshift was it, but 10 pages chuck full of news and advertisements. Of course, tornado news and pictures predominated; but Editor Hardy, instead of emphasizing the sorry plight of his community, wisely played up its plans for rebuilding.
The advertisements were in this strain: "Open for Business as Usual"-"Gainesville Will Rebuild""We Have Opened Temporary Quarters"-and one merchant, spared by the wrath of the winds, told his patrons, "Fortunately, We Have Never ClosedYou Can Get Anything We Have Whether You Have the Cash or Not.

The forward-looking citizens already are talking about widening streets and building a new and better courthouse.

Such spirit as this cannot be downed. For Gainesville we predict a bright future. From the hopeless looking pile of debris that marked that town's place on the map last week will rise a city even more beautiful than the charming community we used to know.

## This Fellow McDonald

A
FEW years ago Ralph W. McDonald was a total stranger to woman who pays sales tax knows he is trying to get elected governor by promising to abolisll this levy and soak the rich a little more. "It won't work; he'll bankrupt the state," cry Clyde Hooey and Sandy Graham, with various officials, including statistical Alten Maxwell, Revenue Commissioner, adding their voices to the chorus.
Some rainy day before the primary rolis around we are going whether this about or is the impractical sinston-Salem knows what he is talking Meanwhile we are having lots of fun watching the show. Hooey who should be governor by political inheritance, and Graham, who

TICKLISH MOMENTS
by A. B

ha 1 be governor because his name is Gratham, are certainly hav about the track, refusing to pay any attention to the rules of the

Just now it looks like anybody's race, and we are not going to venure a prediction or voice a preference. Frankly, we haven't
made up our mind. But to our way of thinking, Mr. McDonald is Cartainly exercising a fine influence on the Democratic party in North Carolina. If it were not for such as he cropping up now and then,
it would be mighty easy for the party, at least as far as state politics is concerned, to lapse into a smug complacency revolting ven to good Democrats.

## LETTER-PRESS

CONCERNING OUR SCHOOLS
Editor of Franklin Press:
Will you please permit me space
in your paper for few
with them morning and night, from
their homes to the bus line in your paper for a few words?
I suppose all of you have heard are better than one, if one IS sheep's head. Well, it may be true
in some cases, but I actully lieve that it would have been better if only the sheep's head had been
working by itself when some of although it would be being made the poor sheep's be too unjust for such rotten, unfair to blame school laws as some we have at the present time.
of the makers of these laws, and
would like to clasp their hands and lead them over some of the roads
of six or eight of our Wester North Carolina countics. They could were not blind, and if blind the cound feel sufficiently to be con-
vinced that our scliool laws are
not based they do not, and cannot give jusAs long as any law does our state every boy, girl, man and woman he same equal chance, then that law is rotten, therefore our con because they have in are not just doing so at present, and continure as long as they exist, to deprive getting any further in schoirls o the seventh grade, because the than does not allow the cause the law teacher to teach higher than the The law do
way whatsoever for provide any is so unfortumate as to chive owho up.
dren who ride busses of the chil of them have to wall because some to get to the bus line, and sometimes they have to stand semeral minutes in rain, snow, and cold
waiting for the waiting for the bus to arrive home so early and get must leave late that they must carry a
cause it compels them to put
from ten to twelve hours and
some cases, even more time th that, eashe, school more time than It is unfair to the children in rutal sections barents of children have to leave so early and get home so late that so early and any time to help their parents do any work at all, and it deprives the child of a lot of practical experience which is, I think, a most es-
sential thing in the boy or girl.
The consolidated school takes the Government is spending whille the lollars trying to get them back There is another state law that of citizens of the state-- hat hatreds few years ustice is there in makings. What payers of the state, pay out the ands of dollars to get new thou or their children, when they book book books that are good? If day, why would it noin a child to tonother ten or fifteen years hence
see no justice housands of dollars out. It takes the hands of the and puts it into panies. It seems, in the pushing commust have been this case, that this law doing the figuting when seems to was passed. At least it Whats just to fill ap of little What about it? Do you a FEW Justice?
There
the consolidated school I condemn happensod in this school laws for, It and in my own community county Ciildren up school laws compels all age to go to school foen years a and well, but what. That's all groo get at is this: Ther am trying to ny community whe was a boy in eventh grade who finished the took the grade the age of the
quairited to enter hi ane compulsory schoo any? No, because
school law put him school, and gave transportation
The consolidated sct rotten because they and girls from all to the towns and most of them when up to seek some kin ment in consolidated chit ed hundreds of country homes and t ployment in towis
I believe in a sood cases, the real blam be placed on conso laws, because in the brings the country to seek employment ates and in many ca find employment, wh had some to crimina at his con educated have comnty school would have been job on the farm.
I have looked at the school laws from angles and I cant see where there has very murch stronger the sheen used in the passing of such laws. In the case of the county knows the co six and a half miles in rainy weather is much a boy 13 years old to Did the consolidate give the little fellow tho others? Do you call Was the boy to be bla his parents? No. reason under heaven only a SEVENTH GR laws, except the conso illustration of the many ilar to this.
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hurely wron boys and girls of our have laws and human hem that will give and taxpayers their est rights. It CAN be not start
Franklin,

Laugh From the from a joyous heart, kindness there can

