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The Bank

THE only bank in a community occupies an important place in the life of its citizens. There are close personal ties between the officials and those whom the bank serves. All that goes to strengthen those ties serves the common welfare. The bank is peculiarly an institution that must walk a chalk line between its responsibility to its depositors and the borrowing public who keep the stream of the bank's life flowing.

The bank should be a democratic institution, in that it is usually owned by the people themselves; yet the government supervises the business and guarantees the deposits. The taxes of the people as a whole pay for this supervision.

A bank to be successful must be a very human institution and yet practise prudence in risks run with the depositors' money. There must be a high integrity, and also good judgment that must decide on the integrity of character of the borrower.

The bank is called upon too, to practise those larger virtues that many do not credit to a money institution. Today, for instance, we are reminded that it is pure patriotism on the part of the banks to urge you to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps. Both citizen and banker must carry an added responsibility in these troubled times, in both the selling and buying of government securities. This nation is being asked to practise thrift for the sake of national defense and for the lean years that are bound to follow this period of violence and destruction. The nation is looking to the banks to take the lead in thrift education.

The Bank of Franklin is fortunate to have secured a modern, permanent building at this time. It will tend to strengthen the whole financial structure in fair weather or foul. As an institution serving the economic welfare of the community, this building is a valuable asset. It is also a symbol of a people's cooperation and mutual confidence that makes for progress and a fuller life of all.

The County Squire

Others will be grateful with us to Mr. Gilmer Jones for the following appreciation of an old friend and eloquent tribute to an office that has become traditional.

WITH the passing of the late George Carpenter ended the regime of the old country 'squire, as we once knew him. His former position with its dignity and prestige is no longer an institution. It is now a tradition.

Those of us who have passed the half century mark in our lives can well remember the prominent part played by the county 'squire in the development of the rural mountain section of our State. So great was the importance and dignity attached to this office at one time (though none of us can now recall that day) that the administration of the entire affairs of the county was placed in the hands of its justices of peace. There are among the ancient records of our courthouse the records of the proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

There are many who still remember the country 'squire, not only as a judge who tried civil and criminal causes, but as the dignitary who presided at all local gatherings, the draftsman of deeds and wills, the arbiter of local confusion; the legal adviser of all. As our section of the state began to shake off the ways of its pioneer days, and to assume the form of a commercial as well as an agricultural region, and with the growth of our present complex political and legal systems, however, the office of the county 'squire began to lose in prestige and dignity.

But Judge Carpenter, or "Uncle George" as he became to be better known, was a country 'squire of the old school who refused to surrender any of the dignity that was accorded to the office in days gone by, and continued to be the kindly arbiter who poured oil upon the waters of confusion whenever the opportunity presented itself for him to do so. At the sacrifice of the fees he would have gotten, many an irate would-be-litigant was induced by him to return home and make peace with his neighbor rather than drag him into court. And after process had been issued by him, even through the trial and up to the time judgment was to be rendered, he was ever on the alert for an opportunity towards settlement by compromise.

No one can recall his ever having uttered a harsh or unkind word to, or about, his fellow man. But all who knew him do recall his genial good nature, his kindness, his generosity, and his hard common sense and keen sense of fairness when sitting as a magistrate. Yes, Judge Carpenter, for 40 years, had been an institution. And it is hoped that his gentleness of character, his kindness, and keen sense of justice will always be a tradition among us.

GIVE HIM A CHANCE



Press Comment

GO AHEAD SIGNAL FOR THE FONTANA DAM
(Asheville Times)

The prolonged delays on the proposed Fontana dam surely are ended. Tuesday, Nov. 25, the subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee approved the project; the parent committee is expected in the near future to indorse the recommendation.

This project is now separated from the controversy not yet settled over the Douglas Dam, the construction of which would flood valuable farm lands near Dandridge, Tenn. The decision as to the latter should not affect the building of the great dam on the Little Tennessee River at Fontana, on the boundary of Swain and Graham counties.

The people of this Western North Carolina area have looked forward over months and years to the beginning of work on the Fontana dam. It will mean employment on large scale over a considerable stretch of time, with direct and indirect spending of money which will benefit the whole territory.

Clippings

A REAL MAN

A real man never talks about what the world owes him, the happiness he deserves, the chance he ought to have, and all that. All that he claims is the right to live and play the man.

A real man is just as honest alone in the dark, in his own room, as he is in public. A real man does not want pulls, tips and favors. He wants work and honest wages.

A real man is loyal to his friends and guards their reputation as his own.

A real man is dependable. His simple word is as good as his Bible oath.

A real man does not want something for nothing, so the "get-rich-quick" people cannot use him.

A real man never hunts danger, and never dodges it when he ought to meet it.

A real man is—well, he is an honest man, the finest, best, noblest, most refreshing thing to be found on all the green earth—unless it is a real woman.

—Arthor unknown.

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN

Sunday W. A. Keener returned to Farmer, Tenn., after spending the weekend with his people.

Monday Ennis Mashburn, who has been working in the Angel clinic for months, underwent an operation of the stomach.

Miss Nettie Henderson has made her home on Peeks Creek more attractive by re-flooring, painting porches, concrete steps and built-in cabinets.

Mrs. Walter McCoy of Suit, N. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Keener of Pine Grove.

POOR "OSCAR"

The most-rescued figure in the entire United States Navy is "Oscar," the dummy that is constantly being thrown overboard at unannounced times by the Master-at-Arms. "Oscar's" sole purpose is to serve as the leading figure in the dramas of man-overboard drills that are held with such frequency that members of the crew become familiar with their emergency duties as do the life guards at Coney Island.

A U. S. battleship underway at the speed of 20 knots per hour can, under ordinary conditions, rescue a seaman who has fallen overboard in less than four and a half minutes.

West's Mill

Mrs. J. L. Bryson who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roper visited their son, Paul, who has been in an Asheville hospital for six weeks last Sunday. Paul is improving.

Mrs. Kansie Bryson, of Saginaw, Mich., who has spent several months here with relatives, left Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Bryson in Atlanta, Ga., after which she will return home. She was accompanied to Atlanta by her sister, Mrs. W. W. Potts, of Bryson City.

J. L. West, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. West, underwent an operation for the removal of his appendix at Angel Clinic last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mattock, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rickman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore attended the funeral of their brother and uncle, J. C. Mason, at Cowarts, last Sunday.

Carr Rickmon, of Canton, Ohio, spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rickman. On his return he was accompanied by Lem Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Holbrooks were called to Weynesville last week on account of the death of Mrs. Holbrooks' father, Mr. Ferguson.

Cullasaja

By MRS. VERNON BRYSON

Mrs. Sam Bryson was visiting her mother, Mrs. M. M. Pierson, and sister, Mrs. Pink Henson, at Norton last Sunday.

Mrs. Clinton Suttle, Mrs. Vernon Bryson, and Lois Clark, spent the latter part of last week in Marion.

Margaret Corbin, of Otto spent last weekend here with Mrs. Mildred Krom.

Joe Bryson, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bryson.

Joe Clark who is attending Rabun Gap school, spent last weekend with his uncle, J. L. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennis Gregory returned to their home in Michigan, last Monday, after a week's visit to Mrs. Gregory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Gregory.

Mrs. B. J. Hurst spent last Sunday visiting her son, George and Mrs. Hurst, at Leatherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Clark have moved to Mrs. Jonathan Morgan's home.

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