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PRIZE WINNING ESSAYS

Winning Essays in the Building and Loan Essay Contest On the Subject: "How I Can Use the Building and Loan to Pay for a College Education."

(Note: Words in parentheses were inserted by the judges, either as corrections or as necessary from a standpoint of fact or grammar.)

First Prize Winner

By ROSS ZACHARY

The Building and Loan Association was organized in Macon county in 1922, with the primary object in view of helping the people of the county to build and own their own homes, and to this purpose it has contributed a great deal.

Some people are under the impression that the Building and Loan is a bank, but it is not; although closely related to one, it operates on a little different principle. The Building and Loan gathers the savings of the people week by week and month by month; these payments, which are usually small, are banked and placed to the credit of the stockholder with interest at six per cent, free from taxation. (if left in Building and Loan for six and one-half years). While the bank, on the other hand, does not wish to be bothered with such small deposits and only pays four per cent interest, not free from taxation.

The Building and Loan wishing to widen its field of helpfulness has added what might be classed as a third use, one that can be the greatest feature of all, the way to a college education.

After having made a careful study of the object, purpose and working principles of the Building and Loan Association, I find that there are several ways in which a person may use the Association to obtain a college education, but I shall only discuss one of these plans in this essay, the one in (my) opinion that will be most used by the people when they learn how the Association works along this line.

In this plan the parents must have decided, when the child was young, that they were going to give him a college education, but know that if some plan of saving is not adopted, when the time comes for him to leave for college they will not have the money. So when the child is four years old they take out four shares of Building and Loan stock, which will cost them four dollars a month. By the time the child is seventeen years of age, this is the average age of a student entering college, the stock will have a par value of approximately one thousand fifty dollars, this sum if properly handled will go a long way in securing a college education. If it only took the child through two years of college work, he will have seen by that time the great advantages offered a college graduate, and will by his own initiative find a way to finish the other two years.

After all is said and done, the best present that a parent can give a child, and one that will carry him the farthest in this world, is a good education. Education is the dominating feature of a man's life; without it he is handicapped, he is not accepted by society, the business world fails to recognize him in this day and time. A man could get along fairly well fifty years ago without an education, but now he is striving for greater achievements, and to accomplish them he must have an education.

So any parent of medium means who views this situation in its true light will strive to give his child the greatest possible advantage. (s) It is the desire of every parent that his child add some greater advancement to the progress of the world, and so he will use the Building and Loan to secure a college education for him.

Rickman Not Impressed

Mr. W. J. Jenkins brought a twin apple to the Press office Saturday of last week and while here stated that he had grown apples this year weighing more than two pounds each. Mr. Jenkins then told a story that seemed to cast some doubts upon the size of his apples. It seems that some years ago he had a tree filled with extra large apples, one 17 inches in circumference. One day Mr. Roland Rickman came along on his way to town. Mr. Jenkins being particularly proud of his big apples insisted that his neighbor stop and see them. On being shown the tree, Mr. Rickman asked what kind of apples they were. "Well," said Mr. Jenkins, "I bought the tree for a Ben Davis, but it turned out to be a Wolf River tree." Mr. Rickman then cast a judicious eye over the tree, bit off a good sized chew of Brown's Mule, and replied: "Won't do, Wolf River apples are big ones."

HIGDONVILLE TO ENTERTAIN

Higdonville School House Will Be Scene of Gay Festivities Thanksgiving Day

The school children at Higdonville, backed by the entire population of that section, are preparing to stage two celebrations at the Higdonville school on Thanksgiving Day. At 2:30 in the afternoon a prominent speaker, not yet selected, will address those assembled. There will also be games of all kinds, and a general get-together meeting of the people of the community.

At 7:30 at night the school children will stage a play entitled, "Mirth-Provoking School Room." Reports from the rehearsals would seem to indicate that there is much dramatic talent among the pupils of Higdonville school. At any rate the entire community is making preparations to attend both afternoon and night performances. No admission will be charged in the afternoon. Tickets for the night performance will cost 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds to be used to paint the school building.

All the fair damsels of Higdonville are preparing boxes to be sold at the box supper after the play. Cross ties and telegraph poles from the Higdonville section are rolling into Franklin in increasing numbers, and rarely does one see the head of the household handling the reins. For once in their lives the young swains are begging dad to let them drive. Likewise the boys of the Higdonville community are saving the money received from cross-ties and poles to invest in the boxes of their favorite queens. Yes, sir, folks, great gobs of money are going to be turned loose at that box supper.

Later—At the afternoon entertainment Mr. J. P. Jarrott, of Franklin, will make a talk concerning his journeys in the Holy Land. There will also be a basket ball game between the Higdonville and Owenby schools.

Commission Head Favors State-Wide Anglers' License Law

Replying to an inquiry from F. E. Curtis, of Franklin, J. K. Dixon, of Morehead City, chairman of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission Board, says that Macon county has no fish warden, and suggests that "it might be possible to get your county in line for the appointment of a fish warden if we can get a State-wide anglers' license law passed by the next legislature."

In connection with this proposed law, Mr. Dixon wrote to Mr. Curtis as follows: "The State has distributed quite a number of fish from the Morrison hatchery in the streams of Macon county for the past two years, and we think the representative from your county should co-operate with us in advocating the passage of a bill for a State-wide anglers' license in order that a way may be provided for the continuance of the hatchery work and the protection of the fish in the streams where distributions are made."

Mr. Curtis, who has been active in getting streams in this county restocked with fish, and who is interested in game and fish protection, made the letter from Mr. Dixon public.

Franklin News Items Get Wide Distribution

A Franklin news item, bearing a Franklin date line, which was recently furnished the daily press by the secretary of the chamber of commerce, appeared recently in the Omaha World-Herald. The clipping was brought back from Omaha by W. B. Lenoir, who has been visiting there, as an illustration of what widespread distribution news items frequently get, thus bringing the name "Franklin" before the newspaper reading world. Another Franklin news item, that dealing with a rainbow seen at night here, was given wide distribution. In addition to appearing in the daily papers of North Carolina, and being mentioned editorially in at least two North Carolina dailies, the item appeared on the front page of the Atlanta Journal and other out-of-State papers.

UTILITIES HEADS VISIT FRANKLIN

Commissioners From Every Section Drove to Franklin Saturday, Seeing the Mountains and Roads

Franklin was honored Saturday of last week by the visit, for a little while about noon, of approximately 30 members of the National Association of Railroad and Public Utilities Commissioners. Members of the organization, having concluded their annual convention in Asheville on Friday, drove as far west as Franklin on Saturday morning to "see the mountains," as they said.

They spoke in high terms of Franklin, of the scenery of this section, and of the beautiful roads leading into Franklin.

After a few minutes' stay here, the party returned to Asheville. On the return trip they stopped for lunch in Waynesville, home of Chairman W. T. Lee, of the North Carolina Corporation, who was a member of the party. The party included commissioners from all over the country, among them being officials from as far west as Utah and as far in the northwest as Wisconsin.

North Carolina members of the party included Mr. Lee, Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, and Miss Rebecca Merritt, stenographer in the commission office at Raleigh.

Gulf and Standard Given Permits; Fire Limits Are Extended

The Gulf Refining Company was granted a permit to erect a filling station on the Thomas corner, northwest of the courthouse, by the Board of Aldermen, at special meeting held Wednesday night of 1st week. At the same meeting, the fire limits were extended from Palmer's shop, on East Main street, to the railway station.

At a former meeting, the Board granted the Standard Oil Company permit to erect a filling station on the McCoy corner, just opposite the railway station.

Zeb Weaver Hunts Bear Instead of Votes

Mr. E. B. McCollum, of Proctor, spent last week end with his family in Franklin. As his guests on this trip Mr. McCollum had three friends from Johnson City, Tenn., Messrs. Jerome Dickey, Matthew Dickey and Lester Oswald, who had been bear hunting in the Smokies. Mr. McCollum reports that during the snow of ten days ago there were 60 bear hunters at one camp in the Smoky mountains. Among this number were Congressman Zebulon Weaver and his secretary. It appears that Mr. Weaver is quite a hunter. Having hunted and found about 7,000 votes above the number necessary to elect him he doesn't seem to be able to get out of the habit, so took a trip to the smokies to hunt bear. Mr. McCollum refused to commit himself as to the number of bears killed by Mr. Weaver's party, from which it is safe to assume that the pickin's were slim.

A Remarkable Exhibition

Franklin is exceedingly proud of its high school boys who composed the football team here on Armistice Day. Some of these young men had never seen a football game, and with only three short practices they held their heavier and more experienced opponents to two touchdowns. The town turned out in large numbers to see their team play and to witness the feature game between Waynesville's first team and Cornelia, Ga.

Even the visitors from Waynesville were surprised at the low score made against Franklin. The fine exhibition of courage and determination shown by the Franklin lads will probably result in a regular football team here next season.

The line-up of the Franklin team follows: FB: Don Henry LG: Wilkie RH: Raleigh Shook C: Red Stewart LH: Phil McCollum RG: Gribble QB: Billie Hames RT: Louie Young LE: Philip Newman RE: Carpenter LT: John Arrendale Sub: Anderson for Arrendale.

By selling milk to an ice-cream plant in Greensboro, one farmer in Guilford county cleared \$96 last June from five cows, \$104 in July from six cows and \$108 in August. He says such net profit is better than growing cotton and tobacco.

"Bob" Roane is Second Democrat Elected to State Senate From This District in Over Quarter Century

Waynesville Wins From Cornelia By Score of 20 to 0

Four Hundred See First Game of Football Ever Staged in County—Good Ball Played

The first football game in the history of Macon county was played on Porter field, Armistice Day. The opposing elevens being Cornelia High, of Cornelia, Ga., and Waynesville High, of Waynesville, N. C.

Before a colorful crowd of some 400 fans the Waynesville team won the toss and elected to kick off.

For the first period the boys from Georgia held the mountaineers scoreless, but the second period opened with an aerial attack that dazzled the Georgia Crackers and resulted in a touchdown for Waynesville. The extra point was added by another forward pass.

The second half opened with a continued aerial attack augmented by line plunges which netted two more touchdowns for the Waynesville team, the final score being 20 to 0 in favor of Waynesville.

Starring for Waynesville were Stall, Hyatt, Crockett and Atkins. For the Georgia boys the whole team played a remarkable game, especially the backfield.

The Georgians were outweighed by their Tar Heel opponents, but put up a clean, game fight throughout. They particularly made a snappy come-back in the final period, making substantial gains by successful use of their forward pass.

Time of periods, 12 minutes. Referee, Herman, (Carolina State) Umpire, Platt (Tusculum). Head Linesman, Galloway (Iowa State).

The line up:

WAYNESVILLE	CORNELIA	
Campbell	le	Little
Ferguson	lt	Highfill
Alley	lg	Kimsey
Davis	c	Ellard
Boyd	rg	Coffey
Garrison	rt	Harby
Hooks	re	Wofford
Hyatt	qb	Boling
Stall	fb	Birggs
Atkins	lb	Woods
Jones	rh	Londermilk

Two Men and 50 Gallons Liquor Taken Saturday

Roy Curtis, said by officers to be the man who sawed his way out of jail here about two years ago, and a man who gave his name as Scudder and his address as Fort Wayne, Ind., are in the Macon county jail as a result of their arrest with 50 gallons of liquor here about 5 o'clock Saturday morning.

Carpenter, who is said to be originally from Asheville, and to have a court record there, was under a liquor charge when he escaped here two years ago.

Chief of Police R. M. Coffey, hearing that a car loaded with liquor was coming through from Georgia, blocked the town bridge, and made the capture. Seeing that the bridge was blocked the men attempted to turn their car, but Mr. Coffey leveled his gun upon them. The 50 gallons, found in the rear of the car, was poured out in the street here Saturday.

Scudder, officers said, claimed that he was innocent, simply having taken advantage of an opportunity to ride with Carpenter from Clayton, Ga., to Asheville.

That was the second liquor car captured here last week.

Save the Gizzard

The goose that laid the golden eggs has become famous, but the Cherokee Scout, usually a most reliable newspaper, has now placed the lowly chicken on a similar pedestal. According to the Scout, one "Henry Dockery who operates a retail grocery and feed business just across Valley River" recently killed a chicken for his table. On opening the gizzard he found three perfectly good dimes. It seems that Mr. Dockery ate the gizzard and saved the dimes.

It's a safe bet that the chicken in question never visited Macon county, therefore it will be a waste of time for our citizens to examine the gizzard of every chicken killed in this county.

The election to the State Senate from the thirty-third district of R. J. ("Bob") Roane, mountaineer merchant and one-time sheriff, was unusual in more respects than one.

Mr. Roane was chosen, of course, on November 2, but in the face of conflicting claims advanced by him and his opponent, Henry G. Robertson, of Franklin, Republican incumbent, it was not possible to definitely determine the result until the district board of canvassers met in Andrews last week and announced that Roane had been chosen by the narrow margin of 49 votes. More than 16,000 were cast in the district.

Then, to further enliven post-election interest in the balloting a fortnight ago, came the announcement that there would be a contest. Mr. Robertson asserts that the "correct official" vote gave him a majority of 12 votes. He filed notice of protest with the board of canvassers, and when the General Assembly convenes in Raleigh in January, he will appear before a senate committee to fight for the seat he occupied two years ago, he has announced.

But Mr. Roane's election was unusual—not so much because of the close vote or of the prospect of a contest—but primarily because it is the second time in over a quarter of a century—28 years to be exact—that this district has failed to elect a Republican. G. B. Walker, of Andrews, elected four years ago, is the only thirty-third district Democrat who has occupied a State senate seat since 1898.

Four of the five counties in the district are normally Republican, and in this year of political upsets in the mountain counties, each of the five gave one or more Republican candidates majorities.

And not one of them named a Democratic representative!

And that, perhaps, is the really unique feature of the Roane victory. Every county in the district elected a Republican to the lower house, but he secured a majority despite this fact.

Unless Robertson is successful in his fight for the seat, "Bob" Roane will be the lone Democrat in the General Assembly from the thirty-third district: from all that section of North Carolina that lies west of the Cowees.

Quite a political feat, people here say. And if "Bob" makes as smart a legislator as he has proven himself a vote-getter, they add, he ought to be able to get about anything he wants when he goes to Raleigh.

For, it is suggested, his success at the polls, under such adverse circumstances, coupled with his position as the single Democrat from the extreme west, will place him in an unusually strategic position with the party organization.

Born and reared in Macon county, Mr. Roane is a product of the mountains. He is probably typical of his section, for he is physically big, deliberate in manner, and has a reputation for honesty and fair dealing. He is partner in "the big" store of his home village of Whittier, in Swain county, and spends his time there when he isn't engaged in politics. On one of the few occasions when Swain has given a Democrat a majority, it elected him sheriff.

Sylva High Has New Publication

An attractive new member of the family of Western North Carolina publications is the Central News, published at Sylva. It is a monthly journal, published by the journalism class of the Central high school of Sylva.

The sheet is well edited, well printed, and generally attractive. Its appearance, no doubt, will stir other high schools in the section to similar effort.

Four More Grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hunnicutt, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Crawford, are the proudest folks in town. Yes, they are grandparents and are celebrating the arrival last Saturday of their first granddaughter, Inez Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Crawford. Since the arrival of his nine pound daughter Gilmer has been bragging about the improvement of the coming generation over the preceding ones. At last accounts both mother and baby were getting along nicely.

Good yields of molasses are reported from some counties. One farmer in Montgomery county produced 393 1-2 gallons of fine syrup from one and one-half acres.