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Macon's Banks

HENDERSONVILLE, one of our prosperous little mountain cities, after having two weeks' experience without banking facilities, now announces a "come-back" with a new bank small in comparison with the banks that closed their doors a few days ago, but the bank will grow since the people of the flourishing little city and surrounding community have learned to appreciate the convenience and safety in having a bank.

It would have been much easier for the people of Hendersonville and vicinity to have stood by their banks—although the cause of them having to close may not have been for lack of local support—than it will be to establish a new banking institution.

Let Franklin and Macon profit by some of our neighboring towns and be loyal to our banks at all times for they are among the leading institutions of our county.

Creative America

AMERICA'S inventive mind was never so active as during 1930, judging from Commissioner of Patents Thomas Robertson's report that the United States Patent Office is having the biggest year in its history, applications for patents on radio and talking picture equipment and on refrigerators show a marked increase over previous years. The demand for radio patents is so large that one entire division of the patent office and portions of two other divisions are needed to handle applications.

Since congress last May made certain new varieties of fruits, flowers and vegetables patentable, there has been a ready demand for plant patents, but none has been issued so far. Only plants reproduced from sprouts, as distinct from plants reproduced from seeds, come under the provision of the new law. The Department of Agriculture is lending its aid in the work of ascertaining whether the applicants have actually invented and reproduced distinct and new varieties of plants.

There are over 100,000 applications before the office awaiting action. This number is being reduced as fast as possible by the addition of examiners as authorized during the last session of congress.

Doubling Road Funds

IT IS SAID that a bill will be introduced in the next session of Congress to double the existing appropriation for road work. If the bill passes, \$350,000,000 will be available for federal aid.

The employment situation and the mid-western depression stimulated the good roads movement. The building of roads gives employment to thousands of men, many of whom at present have little or no other means of livelihood. At the same time providing the farmer with an invaluable asset. Long after the present depression is forgotten the roads will remain, and the benefits in the form of fast, year-round transportation, increased tourist travel, business for small merchants and lower motor vehicle operating costs.

The United States is fairly well supplied with main roads—North Carolina being among the lead in number of miles hard-surfaced roads—but in large agricultural areas as well as in most rural sections of our country roads are almost the same as in the "stone age" days. Mud, slush and snow are still the bane of the farmer and the outside world.

States are entitled to good roads. States are entitled to lead the federal government and to show a practical method the construction of good roads.

Prisoners

Prisoners in Marshall, Madison County, escaped from jail by knocking down a blanket over the door and sliding down a blanket. The escape took place the night after the six escaped from the jail by the same method. It is reported that they have made their escape by the same method. They were getting plenty to eat and were in a place in which to stay. Prisoners are not often allowed to work, but prisoners being mis-treated, we are of the opinion that they should be worked out where they can. At least partly pay the cost of their keep.

Prisoners who often make their escape, instead of being kept in jail when they are in keeping them.

Prisoners in county jail could be worked out where they would help to pay the cost of their keep.

How about Franklin's white way and widened streets with her small town trees removed from the sidewalks?

Let's all stop talking hard times so much and see if we don't forget about it!

This winter would be an ideal time to raz some of Franklin's old wooden shacks in the business part of town. The old lumber would make splendid fire wood.

All Franklin and Macon county citizens should join in welcoming the motorcaders on January 17. It will be a wonderful advertisement for Franklin.

The hue and cry of "Buy Something" is worthless unless you give the public reason for buying and values they cannot resist.

Today the American citizen, sitting in his home or office, can in a few minutes and at a reasonable cost be connected by telephone with a person in any one of 29 foreign countries.

Other's Comments

THE LAND OF GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

DR. CLARENCE POE, Editor of the Progressive Farmer and one of North Carolina's prominent citizens in a recent address before members of the National Grange at Rochester, N. Y., pictured the South and especially North and South Carolina and Georgia as a land of golden opportunity for young men who are interested in agriculture.

Horace Greeley's "Go West, young man," has been changed to "Go South, young man" in the opinion of Mr. Poe. He said:

"It is a land of opportunity, especially for farmers who wish to engage in dairying, cattle, hog and poultry raising. The south is the one place left where land is so cheap that, even with present prices of farm products, the ambitious young man may obtain his own home and live independently—as surely as his father went west two generations ago to get cheap land."

Commenting on Dr. Poe's address The Sandhill Citizen, published at Southern Pines, in the midst of a section that has developed more in proportion during the last two decades than any other part of the South adds that:

"In many ways, the South today, offers better opportunities to an industrious young man than the West. In spite of the low prices on cotton and tobacco this year the man who sticks to diversified farming in the south has fared better than the farmer in most sections of the country.

"Land is so cheap in Georgia and the Carolinas, and particularly so in the most fertile sections, and the longer growing season in this section gives a greater opportunity."

RETRACTION ASKED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN AN article published December 4 and other times it is stated in The Press that "With an appropriation of \$10.00 each for food, heat, bedding and other necessities of life what chance have these unfortunates (Meaning the inmates of the County Home) for any real Christmas joys?"

This statement is erroneous and is a reflection on Macon county and especially so on its officers, the county commissioners, whether done intentionally or not.

The fact is that Macon county gives to each inmate of the County Home, good shoes, comfortable clothing, good comfortable beds, an attendant physician at \$500 per year, and also all medicines needed, inclusive of their tobaccos, and in case of death a decent burial and if requested to be buried away at other places, a decent funeral, and in addition to all these \$10.00 per month for groceries, and the use of the county farm, also, and our inmates cost the county about \$20 each per month and are well cared for.

The article is wrong in its make up and is a reflection on the county and its officers and libelous in its nature and a retraction is requested.

CHARLES H. McCLURE

For the County Commissioners.

Editor's Note—This paper has no ill feeling toward anyone, and it isn't its purpose to arouse a disturbance between no individual or group of individuals—as has before been stated. We merely gave an outline of the Grand Jury's report editorially, and laid the blame on no one group of men but on the people as a body. We omitted the sentence stating that the commissioners had not visited the Home in two years. We mentioned no one's name. We published the article with the sole purpose of arousing the sympathy of Macon's citizen, hoping that conditions would be bettered.

THE GIFT APPROPRIATE

As it is about time to do our Christmas shopping we find that our list includes the following: A reducing belt for Paul Whiteman, some cough drops for the WJZ staff, a football manual for Graham McNamee, to about 25 shrieking radio sopranos a pail of freshly picked raspberries, and a bound volume of Pathfinders for the last 36 years to some of the boys who get out the gags for those New York shows. —The Pathfinder.

opportunity to grow diversified crops. An ambitious farmer in the south can very nearly make his own living on the farm without counting his cash crop. Clarence Poe is right when he calls the south the land of golden opportunity." —News-Herald.

"STABLE prices are the thing, most needed now," opines one of those high-pressure boys. Why talk of stable prices after the stable has been converted into a garage? —The Pathfinder.

One thing this country needs right now is a silent gear shift for the politician who is changing attitudes on the 18th amendment. —The Pathfinder.

SOCIAL

Hunnicut-Purdy

Mrs. Bertha Hunnicutt of Franklin and Mr. W. B. Purdy of Roper, N. C., were quietly married in Clayton, Ga., Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Purdy will be remembered here as Miss Bertha Thomas before her marriage to Mr. Hunnicutt. She has been proprietress of the Key City Cafe for the past several months. Mr. Purdy is a senior railroad man and is interested in several large poultry farms in North Carolina and northern states.

Mr. and Mrs. Purdy will leave here about the first of the year to make their home in Seaford, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Love Given Shower

A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Higdon at their apartments on Iotia street for Mrs. Pauline Snyder Love which was quite a surprise to Mrs. Love.

About thirty were present, and many who could not be there in person were there by proxy. So many nice and useful things were presented to the newly wed that all the older folks there passed a motion that they would get married again, so they could have a shower.

Mrs. Lester Conley and Miss Fay Brown had charge of the punch bowl and punch which was a main feature of the occasion and Mrs. Higdon deserves the thanks of all present for her cordial hospitality.

Methodist Church Notes

Next Sunday morning Mr. Ervin will preach at the Methodist church on the theme "Christmas—Pagan Holiday Or Christian Holy Day?" A special anthem will be rendered by the choir.

At the evening hour Mr. Ervin will preach the second sermon in a parable series. The subject will be "Doers of the Word," and the parable upon which the sermon will be based is the parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders. This series should prove to be very interesting.

The Epworth League meets as usual at 6:45 p. m. Mary Snyder, the second department superintendent, will be in charge of the program. All the young people of the church are cordially invited to attend this service.

Mr. Ervin will hold the regular second Sunday preaching service at Carson's Chapel next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

The Sunday School and Epworth League are putting on a Christmas pageant on the night of December 21. This pageant promises to be very beautiful and impressive.

A chiropractor is a fellow who knows all the best joints.

Christmas Issue

The Press will go out in Christmas edition next week, and as we will have to increase the number of pages we will call on our advertisers earlier than usual and will appreciate their co-operation in letting us have their ads at the earliest moment possible.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 8.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old for Christmas I want you to bring me a little red wagon, cap, buster shells, watch, and some oranges, candy and nuts.

Your little boy, R. L. Carpenter. P. S. Santa, don't forget other little girls and boys.

Bethel School, Franklin, Dec. 8.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 10 years old. I am in the first grade and I am telling you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a doll bed, a doll carriage, some oranges, nuts, pears, raisins, a pair of shoes, some candy, and a good story book. Be sure and not forget other little girls and boys.

Your little girl, Jessie Talent.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 1.

Dear Santa Claus: I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me.

I want a doll, and a doll carriage, candy, nuts, apples, oranges, raisins, pears, doll bed.

I want a good story book. Be sure and not forget the other little girls and boys.

Your little friend, Hazel Estes.

Prentiss, Dec. 3.

Dear Santa Claus: Will drop you a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a story book, a ball, some candy and oranges.

Please, dear Santa, remember the little orphans that have no father or mother.

With love, Wilson Ledford.

Prentiss, N. C., Dec. 3.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 5 years old. I want you to bring me a big sleepy doll, new dress, apples, oranges, candy, bananas and lots of good things. Santa, don't forget my baby sister. Bring her a rubber doll. I will get mother to leave the door open so you can get in. As we have big fires, and you might burn your toes. Yours truly, Marie Ledford.

Franklin, N. C., Dec. 3.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little cowboy suit, a little toy automobile, a pair of high topped shoes to wear to school, also some candy, nuts and oranges.

Please don't forget to take all the other little girls and boys something. Your friend, Logan Allen, Jr.

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