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ROTARY CLUB EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE

HOW HIGH DO I SEE THE SKY?

At this very moment the future—and the present, too—depends on how each and every man is to go about answering that question. For just in the exact proportion that we have vision, hope, perspective, courage and all those other noble attributes that rise in the hearts and minds of a real worthwhile people, so will we overcome the difficulties that have today come to a climax amongst us.

Our bank has closed. And tho it is a hard blow to sustain, and one which was brought on us by a series of untoward events that have been brewing for some time, what is there to do about it? One answer as to what we should do is found on other pages of this paper—the letters of so many of our trusting little ones in their letters to Santa. About the only answer that is sensible is to "Have courage and confidence to fight on."

This is no time for blame or fault finding or criticisms or recriminations. Those who have been directly in charge of our financial affairs, it need not be said, are all true Americans of the highest and truest type and they have worked incessantly day and night to stem the inevitable. They deserve, and are getting, great commendations from those who have seen into things a little and know the facts. This is no time for blame or cowardice.

Cowardice shuts the eyes till the sky is no larger than a calf skin; shuts the eyes so that we cannot see the horse that is running away with us, shuts the eyes of the mind and chills the heart. Fear is cruel and mean. God is still in his Heaven and the sun still shines. It is not enough to stand by and hope for fair play. It is a time when each and every one must bear his share. Go to work and make another dollar to replace the one that is tied up. We have been extorted in the past years that we must either hang together or hang separately. The extortioners were wrong—if we go by present superficial appearances. We are all hanging together now but how different?

Many a great general has admitted great fear. Have said that they shook from head to foot on many a trying occasion. So we are now. But then the generals, knowing their task, fought on and on. Confidence is born of active many courage and consideration of our neighbors' troubles. Some on has said:

"Life is mainly froth and bubble,
Two things stand out like stone;
Kindness in our neighbors' trouble
And courage in our own."

John Quincy Adams said, "Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air."

It behooves every man, woman and child to dig in with a smile and carry on. Let the farmer plow his fields and attend his stock, the merchant dust his shelves and redress his windows, the teacher intensify his efforts, the professional man get a little closer to his clients, the government employees be a little more energetic—all these improvements every where they are possible, added to the already creditable work and the straits we are now in as a community will vanish so quickly that, looking back in the beginning of the new year that is just ahead, we will hardly realize that we have weathered a storm at all. As man is in his heart so his actions. And as each individual actions are so will the community he lives in be.

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Car Turns Over, Alights Right Side Up, Keeps Going On Journey

Last Sunday, a car going at a high rate of speed on the Asheville highway failed to make the curve opposite the home of Mr. E. S. Hunicutt and overturned down the embankment. Eye witnesses said that there were two women and two men in the car and that after turning over two or three times the car finally alighted on its wheels and was driven back on to the highway and on toward Asheville.

The eyewitnesses also said that various articles were thrown from the car. Among the assortment of articles were several gallons of whiskey. Only one of the occupants were injured. One of the women was cut and bruised, but was taken on by her companions.

GOVERNOR ASKS 'JUST' VALUATION

Tells Supervisors To Forget Friendship and Do Work

SPEAKS AT MEET TAX SUPERVISORS

Every Piece Of Property Should Go On Books, He Asserts

Gov. O. Max Gardner, opening a three-day school of the tax supervisors of the 100 counties of the State, Wednesday, urged the officials to "forget personal, personality and friendship" and give the State "just, fair and uniform" revaluation of property in 1931.

"I measure my words," the Governor said, "when I say that there is no more important work to be done in the State in the near future, administrative of legislative, than the work of fairly and justly revaluating real estate for tax purposes."

Pointing out the responsibility which rests on a tax supervisor, the governor said there probably always would be charges that officers "had friends to reward and enemies to punish."

"I suppose there always will be some inequalities in taxation," he continued, "but at this time I urge you to impress upon your assessors the paramount importance in the administration of their trust of these two words: justice and equality. We must go about this task with a conscientious conviction to give every owner and every piece of property an absolutely square deal."

Work not done correctly as between individuals, industrial counties or communities will result in one in-

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County Commissioners Meet With Assessors

The county board of commissioners met with the tax assessors at the county court house last Monday to assist in giving instructions. The point stressed by the commissioners to the assessors was the fact that, as there is a certain fixed amount of money to come from the property owners, it is essential to get a full and just valuation. Commissioner Chas. McClure made it clear to the assessors that, should they value the property too low that the rate of taxation would have to be raised. While on the other hand that if the property was valued too high the rate would be too low. Either extreme is injurious in that it creates an opportunity for a wrong impression to get abroad on the real status of the tax affairs.

From the interest and attention given the job by the township assessors present, the outlook is extremely good for Macon county to get a real job of tax equalizing done this year was the opinion expressed by observers at the meeting.

Correction

In last week's issue in the ad of C. T. Bryson our printer made a mistake in the date of the closing of his sale. We had it closing December 21. It should have read December 31. We gladly make this correction in his ad elsewhere in this issue.

BOB DAVIS COON HUNTS

The news is going the rounds that Bob Davis went coon hunting the other night and upon his return reports that he got four coons out of one tree—Now who can beat that?

The Franklin Rotary Club At Its Regular Meeting Held In the Scott Griffin Hotel Wednesday Expresses Complete Confidence In the Bank of Franklin and Its Officers

Inasmuch as The Bank of Franklin has found it advisable to close its doors for the protection of depositors:

Therefore, Be it resolved that the Rotary Club of Franklin expresses its complete confidence in the honesty and integrity of the bank's officials;

Be it further resolved that the Club has complete confidence in the solvency of this bank;

Be it further resolved that the interest and co-operation of the citizenship be solicited toward the restoration of public confidence and toward the early reopening of the bank. To this end we pledge our individual and collective support to the officers and directors of the bank;

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Club, a copy furnished to the president of The Bank of Franklin and a copy be furnished to The Franklin Press for publication.

Signed:

J. A. Flanagan
R. S. Jones
J. S. Conley
Arthur A. Wood
Harold T. Sloan

A. B. Slagle
S. A. Harris
D. D. Rice
Frank I. Murray
Edw. Eaton

O. C. Bryant
Lyles Harris
J. E. Lancaster
G. L. Houk
F. S. Sloan

Franklin, N. C.,
December 13, 1930.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 70 years old and teaching the sixth grade. I want a rubber doll and a teddy bear and a pair of ten cent glasses, and four big red suckers, nuts and oranges.

From the best little girl in town.
Nora Leach.

John Rogers Called

On Wednesday the 17th of this month Mr. John Rogers of Cullowhee was called by death. The late Mr. Rogers was 63 years of age and had lived all his life in this county. He was born in Jackson county but came to this county with his parents when a baby.

The deceased was a loyal member of the Methodist church and a well thought of citizen of his neighborhood. In 1896 he married Miss Mary Hooper. He is survived by 2 boys, Frank Rogers of Jacksonville, Fla., David Rogers of Cullowhee, and two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hughes of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Lee Leach, of Franklin. One brother, D. H. Rogers, of Lisbon, Fla.

Funeral arrangements had not been arranged up till the time of going to press.

STATEMENT OF BANK OF FRANKLIN

The following is the statement of the officials of the temporarily closed Bank of Franklin as given to The Press by the cashier, Mr. H. W. Cabe. The notice posted on the bank door reads, "Bank closed temporarily for the protection of depositors. By order of the Board of Directors." In that statement is expressed the whole situation.

As is common knowledge, just a few days ago the Citizens Bank merged with the Bank of Franklin and the merger was operated as the Bank of Franklin. The last report of the condition, as of September 24 showed the combined assets and liabilities as follows:

Deposited liabilities, \$479,483.45. The bank has a combined surplus and undivided profits of \$659,665.23.

The state banking official has arrived and as soon as is possible further information will be given out.

Supervisor Franks Gives Instructions To Tax Assessors

The tax assessors for the several townships met at the county court house last Monday for instructions from Supervisor Sam Franks as to the rules and methods to be followed in making the tax assessment on the revaluation of property in the county beginning early in January next year.

The agricultural census will also be made at the same time. Either when the personal property is assessed. All three of these undertakings, the assessing of the real and personal property and the taking of the farm census are regarded as very important, it was pointed out. The property reassessment is the method by which taxes are levied equally on all taxpayers. The farm census is an inventory of the farm status, and is the foundation on which is built government assistance for the farming profession and for the individual farmer himself in planning his future operations.

Of the two fact gathering jobs, some regard the farm census as really the more important for on the facts gathered therefrom rests the future of the return from the farm labor and investment as will be seen from the following letter from the department of statistics from the Raleigh office:

After 12 years' experience the Farm Census for North Carolina is declared to be a decided success and essential in many ways.

Even incomplete reports may be adjusted into dependable indications when used with modern statistical methods. However, reports of more than 75 per cent of completeness are needed. Such may be secured without affecting the tax lists. (214,015 farms were reported this year—1930).

The tax listers' results are often better than the Federal ten-year enumerations.

The only practical and economical machinery for securing this annual farm information is through the tax assessors. All states use this agency. The information is limited to simple acres and productive livestock. Such facts are readily known by farmers (or should be).

The idea that the listers get no pay

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