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BETTER TIMES DUE IN 1935

Good times and high prices will reach here in 1935, according to a business cycle and prediction chart which was evidently prepared during the War Between the States, and found in 1902 in an old desk 35 or 40 years old, and sent out by Caskey Paper company.

The chart showed that a panic would occur in 1929 as well as in 1819, 1839, 1857, 1873, 1894, and 1911. Other panics scheduled to come are in 1948, 1965, and 1982.

Years of peak prices are charted as being 1818, 1827, 1838, 1845, 1854, 1864, 1872, 1881, 1891, 1899, 1908, 1918, 1926, 1935, 1945, 1953, 1962, 1972, 1980, 1988, 1999.

The chart also shows that prices descend faster than they ascend. At the 1932 mark, prices have just crossed over the line of hard times and are on the upward side of the "better business" division. This line is also marked the line of "time to buy."

We do not have any idea who drew this chart, or from what source they based their figures, but we do know that the chart clearly shows that history repeats itself, or at least during the past 122 years, and that the chart hit it right in the past number of years that can be recalled by the present generation. Since the chart was correct in the past we see no reason for not taking stock in it for the present, and the future.

At any rate, charts or no charts, statistics or no statistics, we believe that business conditions are improving; slowly, but steadily. This belief is not based on anything but general observation and facts.

HOW POOR IS NORTH CAROLINA

We are so poor that our insurance policies of all sorts in 1931 amounted to only \$2,991,340,000. Suppose we spell that out and look at it for a moment. Two billion, nine hundred ninety-one million, three hundred forty thousand dollars is the total of the risks we paid insurance premiums on in 1931.

The premiums we paid on this volume of risks in 1931 was \$56,562,000. Which is only ten million dollars less than the total value of manufactured products of Gaston or Mecklenburg county in 1930.

For every dollar of state and local taxes paid, we spent another 60c in insurance premiums.

For every dollar of school taxes paid, we spent another \$1.20 in insurance premiums.

For every dollar of state and local taxes paid in 1928, we spent another \$1.10 on luxuries.

"Necessities are the things we can't do without and do; luxuries are the things we can do without and don't," said a graceless wag the other day.

Whatever the definition, our bill for luxuries in 1928 was sixty-six million dollars.

But that isn't all. For every dollar we spent in state and local taxes in 1931, we spent \$1.50 on automobiles and their upkeep.

Our automotive bill alone was more than the total gross cash income of the farmers of North Carolina in 1931-32—more by nearly 20 million dollars.

A people that can spend \$56,562,000 in insurance premiums, \$65,937,000 on luxuries, \$96,000,000 on motor cars, tires, repairs and replacements, license plates, gas, grease, and oil can hardly be called poor.—University News Letter.

Since the "Nuisance Tax" went into force, we are having to pay 2 cents for each paper that is mailed to the wrong address. Our readers can help us in this matter if they will notify us prior to leaving their present address. A little thought along this line would be appreciated by us.

TEN THOUSAND BANKS HAVE CLOSED IN THE UNITED STATES

More than nine hundred banks closed in the United States last year. This brings the grand total to about 10,000. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of money depositors have lost through these closings. But in almost every instance it has been the depositors who have lost. Just what the trouble actually is and why the depositors must stand this loss is not known. The bank is the servant of the people. Yet the people suffer when they fail.

This nation, with its model government, is the only nation where bank failures are so common. And in the nations where they do occur occasionally it is not the depositor who is the loser. Canada has had very few failures; Norway and Sweden have had none. Whether it is the fault of our laws is difficult to determine, but whatever the cause it must be remedied. If the entire banking system is wrong then it should be revised. If the laws governing the operation of banks are at fault then we should have new laws.

This is a matter that it is hoped will be taken up by our law-making bodies soon. It must have attention. There is some remedy and it must be applied. People are losing confidence in the entire banking structure. And it is obvious that banking is an integral part of our business life.

Taxes, tariffs, unemployment and thousands of other problems will no doubt be taken up and given the attention of our Congress and it is to be hoped that this problem, which is certainly no less important will receive the attention it deserves.—Brevard News.

PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH

Citizens who predicted that when Uncle Sam went back to 3-cent postage he was making an unwise move can now say with satisfaction: "I told you so." Only a few months have passed since the post office department raised the rate from two to three cents on a letter, yet the volume of mail has slumped so in that time that the next report of the department is pretty apt to show a larger deficit than ever. It isn't the first time it has happened.

That is why it is hard to understand why our postal officials rushed headlong into it again. Business, already in a discouraged mood, resented the increased postal rate and cut down on its mailing. Private individuals are now writing fewer letters.

The saving of this cent on each letter, running into millions, is just that much the country could have made but is not getting. It takes some people, including postal officials, a lifetime to learn that it doesn't pay to be penny wise and pound foolish.—Reidsville Review.

COURT WEEK

Court week in Haywood County continues to bring an unusually large number of people to Waynesville—not because they are compelled to attend, but because they like it. A few years ago most of the attendants at court were involved in one of the many cases to be tried. Although the docket is crowded this term, it is composed of many minor cases with the exception of a few major ones. Back some years ago this would have been just the opposite. Some people hate to admit that people in this county were ever noted for their "law-breaking-ways," and others are reluctant about admitting that the citizenship of the county is steadily growing better—in spite of all these personal feelings in the matter, the records will prove that this county is improving, and the people, that years ago were branded as wild and woolly, are now refined, peace-loving, progressive citizens of a progressive and fast growing county.

85 PERCENT OF NORMAL TOBACCO CROP

County Agent Jas L. Robinson estimated last week that the tobacco crop for Haywood County would be about 85 percent normal this year as compared with crops of other years.

Mr. Robinson made a rough estimate that the total number of pounds for this county would be something near 400,000 pounds. The crop this year is said to be of much better quality than it was last year. Samples brought in by the 4-H Club boys recently indicated that this was true.

Many people complain about the little cold snap we had this week—that was something to be thankful for and not to complain about—because it helped the farmers more than it hurt the city folks. Cold weather kills insects that ruin the farmer's crop, while it has little affect upon the townspeople, except a few linger in bed longer in the mornings.

With the radiator full of alcohol and the driver full of home-brew, it is difficult to keep some cars on the straight and narrow path.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

Misses Alstaetter of Galion, Ohio are, visiting their sister, Mrs. Hugh Love.

Miss Sarah Stringfield left last week for a visit to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Christmas is just three weeks off. The holiday shopping is now beginning and the Courier will be a good index as to where to find bargains.

Miss Caperton Bowles has returned from a visit to Memphis and Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Quinlan went to Asheville today to attend the poultry and dog show.

Mr. James Atkins went over to Asheville Tuesday in the interest of the Base Ball League, which is being formed in Western North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Satterthwait, Misses Lillie and Lucile, Mr. William Cooper Satterthwait left Monday for Cuba where they will spend the winter.

The High School Athletic association organized a baseball club last Monday. Harry Schenck was elected captain and Troy Wyche was chosen manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sloan entertained a number of their friends in a charming manner at a dinner on Thanksgiving evening complimentary to Mr. John Ferguson, U. S. N. The guests were: Misses Jane Swift, Matie Love, Mary Boone, Caperton Bowles, Nan Killian, Pearl McCracken, Lillian Ferguson, Addie Sloan and Messrs. Branner Gilmer, James Atkins, Davis Ray, Jim Killian, Theo. McCracken, Hilliard Atkins, Clarence Miller, and Dr. J. R. McCracken.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

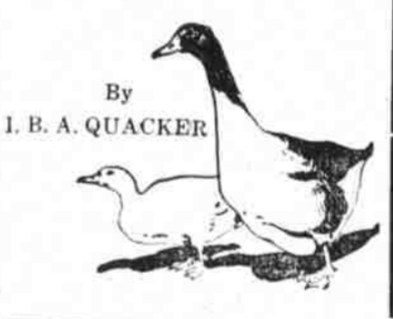
Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins are spending their honeymoon in Orlando, Fla. They are expected to return the first of the next week and will be at home to their friends at Brannercrest.

The Baptist ladies are sewing for an apron counter, or something of that nature. Anyway they have lots of aprons and a few other things besides. Where and when to be announced later.

Misses Mary Cable, Anna Boone, Elizabeth Moody, Josephine McCracken and Messrs. Carl Williams, Hugh Abel, Fred Howell, Way Kinsland, John Coble, Homer Platt, Howell and Hiram McCracken attended a "frolic" at the home of Mr. Frank Long on Pigeon last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Platt were given a surprise party and kitchen shower Tuesday evening by a number of their friends. The young people met at the home Miss Elizabeth Boone and went in a crowd to the Crawford cottage on Branner avenue. After presenting the bride and groom with cooking utensils of every kind and description, refreshments were served.

QUACKS



Thanksgiving, and a good time was had by all, but I did all have a splendid time. I hope so, but many millions in our own country went hungry while many of us in Haywood county had too much to eat and too many things to give us what we call a good time, and did you say corn was being used for fuel and people are giving million dollar parties? but all have something to be thankful for, if not visit the hospital and think...

How long will it be until papers will be telling how many more days until Christmas...

Some teachers told me that they wished to borrow some money from those fellow-workers who voted to not finish the month out before the holidays. I'll handle all loans at a bargain. Thanks Coach Weatherby for developing the best team in the high's history. you will have a job replacing such stars as Bridges, Greenwood, Reeves, Murray, two Davis lads, Brendle, Capt. Wyatt, and Summerow. of course some of these may be back. The boys clearly outplayed Marion with all due respects to Smith, who by the way, is only a freshman, the fans no doubt realize the value of Bridges. one famous former player said that Marion would not have scored if Bridges could have remained in the game. Greenwood, Reeves, Murray, two Reeves and Khune seemed to get the most cheers Thursday. Caber stars at Weaver...

Crawford makes All-State. All-Southern. and All-American. what other town the size of Waynesville has placed as many players or college teams as this—the most beautiful town in the sky country?

"Go my only son to France. May God permit you to save your own life by running your bayonet through many Germans who left at home a wife and five children." and today, "How cruel to kill the husband of the hen and leave her to care for her five chicks..." O world, how

Do You Know Your County Officials?
FRANK DAVIS, Commissioner

Frank Davis, member of the new board of commissioners who take office next Monday, will have the distinction of being the youngest commissioner that Haywood county has ever had, and perhaps the youngest in the state.

Mr. Davis was born and reared in Iron Duff Township of this county, the son of J. S. Davis, former state Senator and Representative of this district, and a grandson of Frank M. Davis, former Representative from this county. Although this is his first public office, by heredity he is a "natural born official and politician." Long before he was old enough to vote Mr. Davis took an active part in political affairs, but his political affiliations were secondary to his study of human nature and the needs of people.

He can list no sport or activity that he calls a hobby, but prefers to talk with people he doesn't know and find out what they are thinking about and how they live, and it is because of this trait that he has been able to learn the greater part of the families in the lower part of the county and thousands over the entire county.

Mr. Davis received his education at Rock Hill High School and at Western North Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee. For two years he taught school in this county before going to work as a traveling salesman and later as chief of construction work which carried him into 45 states of the union. After six years of this work he returned home to operate the farm which he is now operating successfully.

Being the oldest child of the four children left at home with his mother, Mr. Davis set out to build up the farm to a paying basis. He is now recognized as one of the most progressive farmers and stockraisers in his township. Most of his time is devoted to stockraising and the improvement of his stock. His stock is fed entirely from feed grown on his farm. He converts his farm products into feed for his stock and then takes the manure and improves his soil and grows more feed for more stock and

LIBRARY NEWS

The following books have been presented to the Waynesville Library by the Civic League and the Board of Directors appreciates very much the interest in the Library as evidenced by this donation.

- Valley of the Stars Seltzer
- Sunset Pass Gray
- The Splendid Folly Hill
- Lamp of Fate Pedler
- Abie's Irish Rose Nichols
- Sentinel of the Desert Gregory
- Mystery of Mary Pedler
- Prophetic Marriage Deeping
- Dim Lantern Bailey
- Bethel Moffett
- Bitter Heritage Pedler
- City of Fire Hill
- Outlaws of Eden Kyme
- New Arabian Nights Stevenson

"I had to fire an old employe to-day. I felt sorry, but sentiment ain't got no place in business."

"What is your business, may I ask?"

"Oh, I manufacture all sorts of holiday and greeting cards."

First Boy: "Where you going in such a rush?"

Second Boy (in a run): "Fire alarm."

First Boy: "Where's the fire at?"

Second Boy: "Boss said he'd fire me if I wasn't back in ten minutes."

"Is your husband much of a provider, Malindy?"

"He ain't nothin' else, ma'am. He gwine to get some new furniture, providin' he gets re money; he gwine to get the money prov'lin' he go to work, providin' de job suits him. I coms the shuffling feet of college mah days!"

ALEXANDER'S QUESTION BIRD

What does R mean?
L. S. H.

Answer
R-stands for Responsibility
X-Stands for X-act prescriptions
Compounded here



Responsibility you'll find here and exact prescriptions. Upon such a foundation have we built our excellent reputation for service. This is a drug store of, for and by the grace of the people—that's how we succeed.

Alexander's Drug Store
PHONES 53-54