

### Big Ben Section Has School Now

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community, a school and religious center.

Mr. Gibson took the matter up with Mr. Homer Henry, the Emergency Relief Administrator of Haywood county, and was assured that all possible assistance would be given him in this undertaking. He then consulted the county school board and found them eager to cooperate in the program. Mr. Jack Messer, the superintendent of schools, secured approval of a teacher for this school and also authority from the board of education to furnish the necessary windows, hardware and roofing for a school building. Mr. Gibson then took the matter up with Col. W. H. Stoughton, superintendent of the Boice Hardwood Lumber Company, who secured from Mr. J. W. Bell, manager of the company, permission to use any lumber from the old lumber company buildings suitable for construction of the building, also authority to erect the building in the most suitable site in the section.

The people in the Big Bend were anxious to secure a school and promised full cooperation and any assistance they could give.

A work project was made out accompanied by plans drawn by J. C. Haynes, Relief work director, was sent to the state E. R. A. This was approved and the work started. All material was transported on the abandoned railroad as far as possible, then the workers carried it on their shoulders over one-half mile, then placed it on sleds to be carried the last half miles.

The whole community helped in the work even the women and children took some part before the building was completed.

Tables were constructed of old lumber on the job and chairs were sent by the board of education. Miss Lillian Odum, of Fairmont, N. C., who is a graduate of Meredith College, at Raleigh and Baptist Training School, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., accepted the place as teacher in the Big Bend school. She studied to become a missionary in the foreign fields, but the Foreign Mission Board lacked funds to send her into this field, so she took this task which has numerous and difficult problems to be met.

Miss Odum, after going by car to Mt. Sterling, tramped about ten miles up the old railroad now overgrown with weeds, vines and bushes, through a downpour of rain to the "Cotton Patch" where the school is located.

Mr. Gibson has laid further plans for the betterment of conditions in the Big Bend which he hopes to carry out as soon as possible.

In addition to the school and Sunday school both of which are taught by Miss Odum, he hopes to establish a "Home Making School" in which proper cooking, sanitary house keeping and hygiene may be taught to adults as well as children, also a lunch room for undernourished children at the school.

For next year he has planned a garden and canning program in connection with the school to supply all vegetables needed for the school lunch room.

The plans for an addition to the building to care for the "Home Making School" have been sent to Raleigh for approval and efforts are being made to secure equipment for it through local civic organizations.

An effort is also being made to furnish the teacher's quarters so that she may be able to be located at her work this winter, instead of being compelled to walk over a mile and cross the river as well.

Mr. Gibson also has the assurance of Mr. Smith, the county farm agent, that he will cooperate in showing the people of this section better methods of farming so that they may become self-supporting.

This task undertaken by Mr. Gibson and the Relief organization is one worthy of the support of our citizens for no county should allow a group of children to be deprived of adequate educational opportunities for no matter how inaccessible or remote the section in which they live they are future citizens and the kind of citizens they become is the responsibility of the present citizenship of the county.

### BANKERS SUPPORT SOUND EXPANSION

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BANKERS universally recognize that the prime economic need of the nation is the stimulation of sound industrial and commercial activities and recent travels over a wide stretch of the country have shown me that they everywhere are making all effort possible to lend constructive financial support within the scope of their proper banking functions to promote the expansion of business activity.

Frequently in times past when our country suffered from an economic depression and consequent unemployment on a large scale, the rise of some broad new industrial development, such for instance as a new industry like the automobile industry, has been a powerful factor in stimulating a return or an accelerated growth of national prosperity. Such a movement means the creation of new wealth, the employment of large groups of people on useful lines and as a consequence the production and distribution of sound, effective purchasing power, which is a form of wholesome economic stimulant that has none of the evils of monetary inflation.

#### A New Force for Business Improvement

Perhaps we have at hand, if not the rising of a wholly new industry, a measurable equivalent in the potentialities of a widespread rebuilding and modernizing movement such as home renovating, plant remodeling, the putting of our railroads on a high speed air conditioned basis and other valuable developments in the construction field. The effects of such activities on employment and many lines of business would be most beneficial and I can repeat without reservation that we bankers are willing and eager to play our full economic part in any such constructive developments.

It has been made to appear that money has not gone to work because of the timidity of bankers rather than what is a true explanation, because business men have not had enough confidence in the business outlook to borrow the dollar from the banker and put it to work.

The basic requisite to the expansion of commercial bank loans is sound, normal business conditions on which to conduct sound, normal banking operations. The best business a bank can wish for is the opportunity to loan money to successful business men and manufacturers imbued with confidence to enter upon aggressive business enterprises and endowed with the ability to bring them to successful conclusions. Such loans mean business activity for the community, growing pay rolls and prosperity, and the banker wants to make them because to be identified with such activities not only means profits to him but, additionally, brings him the reward of good will in his community.

There is no better proof of the great desire of banks to take care of the short term requirements of the business world than to point out the abnormally low rates at which this demand is being supplied at the present time.

### BANK DEPOSITS WERE SAFEST INVESTMENTS

High Government Official Says No Investments Except U. S. Bonds Suffered as Little Loss as Deposits in Closed Banks

WASHINGTON, D. C.—No form of investments except Government bonds suffered as little loss as deposits in closed banks during the years 1931-32-33, Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, declared in a recent address.

"A point generally overlooked in connection with bank failures in this period, is that upon the whole, depositors in closed banks will get a somewhat larger percentage than has been true in bank failures over a period of say twenty-five years," Mr. Jones said. "Heretofore they have gotten about 53%, but in these wholesale bank closings, my estimate is that they will, upon the average, get about 65% of their deposits."

"Another point worthy of mention is that a depositor in a closed bank loses only a part of his deposit, while the bank stockholder loses all, plus a stock assessment."

"No form of investment, except Government bonds, has suffered as little loss as deposits in closed banks, and while I appreciate that there is little consolation in this fact, those who had their savings invested in stocks, bonds, mortgages, real estate, industrial investments, or in businesses of any kind, have had losses very much greater, and in a much larger percentage, than have depositors in closed banks."

"It is for these reasons, and others not necessary here to enumerate, that it is not possible to justify paying depositors in closed banks with the taxpayers' money."



R. S. HECHT

### Nick Dotson, 22, Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were held for Nick Dotson, age 22 years, of Alva, Harlan county, Ky., but formerly of this county, on October 2nd, at the cemetery near Platt's Creek.

The deceased became entangled in an electric wire while at work in a coal mine and met his death by electrocution.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dotson and is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Edward Dotson, Woodrow Dotson, Hubert Dotson and Mrs. D. W. McElroy, all of Haywood county; J. R. Dotson, Sam Dotson and Samuel Dotson of Thomasville, N. C.

### New Ambulance Is Bought By Garrett

In keeping with their policy of progressiveness to provide the best equipment that business permits, The Garrett Funeral Home has just purchased a specially built ambulance. The ambulance was driven from the factory here by Mr. Garrett this week.

The ambulance was built by specifications furnished by Mr. Garrett and has many outstanding features. It has an eight cylinder ninety horsepower motor, which provides ample speed and power. Its rubber cushioned mountings assure smoothness.

Special knee action wheels eliminate road jolts. A ride stabilizer prevents sway on curves and on rough roads.

The new style hydraulic brakes provide dependable safety and ease of operation.

Before placing the order for the ambulance Mr. Garrett gave the matter much thought, and since receiving the finished job considers it only another means of rendering better service.

### Bethel Students Publish A Paper

The journalism class of the Bethel High School issued the first edition of the school paper, "The Bethel Spirit," last week.

The paper consists of ten mimeographed pages, and is devoted to activities in the school and a number of outstanding essays which were written by different members of the student body.

The paper is well prepared and speaks well for the class and is a credit to the sponsors.

Mabel Wilson, is editor; Charles Osborne, is assistant editor; Mildred Hardin, business manager, and Christine Swanger has charge of circulation.

### BIG BRANCH SCHOOL STAGES INDIAN FAIR

Big Branch school had its first public meeting Friday afternoon, the form of an Indian Fair. The fair was staged after an extensive study of Indian life by grades 1-7. The children were painted and dressed to imitate Indians. They gave a short program of Indian stories, poems, songs, and original papers about Indians.

After the program a vote was taken on the grade having the best exhibit. The first grade won by a small margin. A spelling match was held between the school and the parents.

A meeting was then held by parents and teacher. Problems of school and home were discussed. Every home was represented. Every parent of the school was there with exception of one. Every parent is backing the school with all possible means. A fine spirit of cooperation exists between school and home.

### PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Ernest Herman will open a private kindergarten on Monday, October 8th, at her residence on Boundary street. Children from 4 to 7 years of age may be entered. It has been learned, however, that only a limited number will be accepted.

Since the status of the kindergarten formerly run under the supervision of the Emergency Relief Education has been changed and only the children who cannot afford to pay will be accepted there, the announcement of Mrs. Herman's kindergarten will be received with interest.

### Edible Figs

There are two types of edible figs. One type will develop fruit without pollination and includes the White Adriatic, Black Mission and Kadota. The other type requires pollination and includes chiefly those called Callmyrna, Stanford and San Pedro. Figs are insect-pollinated plants, the pollen-bearing flowers and the edible fruit being borne on different trees. The male tree is known as the caprifig. The staminate flowers which bear the pollen are just inside the eye, and the gall flowers, which are modified female flowers, occupy the rest of the cavity of the fruit.

### Long-Used Laxative

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### Haywood Students Organize Club At Brevard College

On Wednesday, September 26, the first club to be organized in the new Brevard College was the Haywood County club. At this meeting the following officers were elected: President, Davis Rogers; Vice President, Harry Whisenhunt; Secretary and Treasurer, Emily Palmer; Chaplain, David Boyd; chairman of ways and means committee, Martha McCracken; chairman of publicity committee, Josephine Platt.

On Friday night the club met to adopt their constitution. Plans were made for the year, and the club has started with great enthusiasm.

The following students from Haywood county make up the membership of the club: Richard Queen, Queen Justice, Josephine Platt, Carmen Platt, Norman Platt, Emily Palmer, Riley Palmer, Martha McCracken, David Boyd, Eugenia Boston, Lorena Rogers, Davis Rogers, Harry Whisenhunt, and Frances Rose.

### Endemic Typhus Disease Carried by Common Mite

The source of endemic typhus contagion was first established by the public health service in 1929, with experiments on rats captured about Baltimore warehouses, in a district where the disease had been prevalent. Hitherto the disease had been confused with the European fever, which is usually spread by body lice in army camps, jails and crowded slums.

The public health service doctors found that the American form, which often broke out in sanitary homes, was spread by rat fleas, that the fleas transmitted the virus from rat to rat and that fleas who fed on the infected rats gave it to humans. Since then Department of Agriculture scientists have found it may also be transmitted by a common mite which infests rats.

The fight against these mammal-insect carried diseases, a comparatively new class of fevers which has come into prominence in the past few years, now is one of their major problems. They include the dreaded spotted fever. Endemic typhus is a milder malady than the European typhus, but still it has a mortality rate of 25 to 35 per cent when it breaks out in areas of undernourishment and crowded conditions.

It is estimated that the Norway rat alone—which may have been brought to North America on the open ships of the Norsemen—causes an annual damage in the United States of approximately \$250,000,000, or close to \$2 per person.

## COUNTY AGENT W. D. SMITH'S column

We expect to have one of the men from the tobacco division in Washington with us one day during our fair. Watch for notice of this date. All tobacco growers should be present for this meeting.

Have you made provision for plenty of winter feed? Have you a trench silo? One acre of corn in a silo is

worth more than three acres of corn for feed.

Are you planning to save all of your black walnuts? If you have not thought of saving this valuable crop think about it now, and tell your neighbor. It looks now as if we will be able to find a market for all walnuts. Let us know how many you have.



U. D. C. TO HOLD MEETING The regular meeting of the Haywood Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which was to have been held with Mrs. W. A. Hyatt on Friday afternoon, October 5th, has been postponed until the next Friday, October 12. So many members were planning to attend the zone meeting of the Methodist church to be held in Sylva that it was thought best to change the date of the meeting. All members are urged to be present as it the annual election of officers.

### REV. AND MRS HARDIN HONORED WITH PICNIC

On Friday evening Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hardin, Jr. were honored with a picnic supper at Lake Junaluska by a group of friends. The party motored to the lake at sunset and had supper and then enjoyed boating.

The guest list included, Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Lauriston Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massie, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee, Jr. Mrs. Anne Tutwiler, Mrs. Ruth Williams Rotha, and Mr. Dick Barber.

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