

TRIBUTE FROM THE BANK OF FRANKLIN

The fact that "Death loves a shining mark" was forcibly brought to the minds of the people of Franklin and Macon County when the word went forth on the morning of Dec. 6th that Jess Sloan had suddenly passed away, dying in accordance with the oft expressed wish to die in harness and in full possession of his mental and physical faculties.

Mr. Sloan was left fatherless at the age of sixteen years. The care and support of his mother and several younger brothers and sisters thus suddenly devolving upon him, right manfully did he take up the burdens and responsibilities and carry them to a successful issue. From that time he put away childish things and entered upon the full stature of manhood. He joined the Methodist Church in childhood, and from young manhood to the day of his death filled the office of steward or trustee.

For several years he was elected to, and filled with great acceptability the office of Register of Deeds of Macon County. When the Bank of Franklin was established in 1903, he became a stockholder in it, and from 1906 has been a Director. When the Macon County Bank was consolidated with the Bank of Franklin in 1911, by common consent he was elected President of the consolidated bank, to which position he has been unanimously reelected every year and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death. To this fact can be ascribed one of the main factors in the success of this bank: the People's confidence that so long as Jess Sloan was at the helm, their money was safe and would be wisely and usefully handled. No man in Macon County was ever more universally trusted and esteemed.

In view of the above, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Bank of Franklin:

First: That this Bank mourns the loss of a wise, upright, faithful and efficient President and Director, which loss it shares with all the citizens of the town and county.

Second: That this Bank tenders to the widow and children of the deceased it's profound sympathy in the loss of a loving husband and father, whose place in their lives can never be filled.

Third: That this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board, and a copy be furnished by the Cashier of this Bank to the family of the deceased.

/s/ F. S. Johnston, S. L. Rogers, Dr. S. H. Lyle; Directors