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# *Dictaphun*

## THE NEW DEAL REACHES MUDDY CREEK

The Bank of Muddy Creek, Tennessee, Established 1792, Capital \$15,000 and Surplus \$13,000, seizes pen in hand, per its cashier, and under date of March 23 writes to the vice-president of the Citizens Union National Bank of Louisville.

We have been trying (says the cashier) to get a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for about a month but don't seem to be able to get our papers in shape to suit them. We need a loan bad right now and our bank examiner said that you were a sensible banker and could advise us how to get the money quick \* \* \*. Our bank has lost some deposits in the last year, some for government bonds and some for postal savings, but most for ordinary living expenses. Our farmers have not done very well for the last three years and are in a bad fix \* \* \* but prospects are mighty good \* \* \*. Our county agricultural agent has worked out a plan which he has been experimenting with for several years and which sure looks good to us bankers here. His plan is for the cotton growers to stock their farms with fetid goats, a new kind of breed of goats which have been developed by the Australians. These goats will eat most anything except the cotton pod \* \* \*. Another thing is that these goats give off a very offensive smell and it has been proved that it really lessens the danger of boll weevil, as this insect is a *Anthonomus Grandis* and is of the species that breathe air, at least in the adult stage, for which purpose there is usually an internal system of trachea opening by spiracles along the sides of its body. I don't know much about the anatomy of a weevil only what Prof. Abernathy \* \* \* has stated. And another thing the goats are supposed to enrich the soil considerably. It has been found by our Experimental Station that goat manure is extremely rich in nitrogen, phosphorus, calcium and a scad of other elements, according to \* \* \* tests made \* \* \* by our Commissioner of Agriculture, a copy of which I will be glad to send you on request. These goats also produce a fine quality of wool.

Mr. Davis, we are all hard working farmers in this section, church-going and God-fearing religious citizens, mostly Baptists and we need help right now. We are coming to Louisville next Sunday to see you about a loan and about fixing up our papers. We planned to be at the Capitol Hotel and will be there Sunday morning. We won't have much time but would like for you to meet us when our bus gets there at 10 o'clock. \* \* \* We have heard a lot about you from bankers who have attended your baseball parties and they all tell us that you are a very sound banker and can give us the right kind of advice. We have also heard you are experienced in filling out all of those loan papers

and goodness knows we need some help on them. \* \* \* Can't you get us a good man to do this work as we don't have any real estate agents or lawyers (!) in our town. These appraisal forms which they sent us to be filled in is simple enough but good lord it would take us another month to fill in a couple of these. We enclose one herein and you can see for yourself the things that they want to know about a mortgage. Can you bring a typewriter to the hotel with you? We are bringing our bookkeeper with us who can write on a machine but can't take any shorthand. She can do all the writing and will save some expense. Mr. Davis, you have just got to help us out as we can't keep open much longer if we don't get some money soon. Our reserves are down to several hundred dollars now and the bank examiners are likely to come in most any time.

You had better bring a full set of all papers which we will need as the blanks which we got in Nashville may be different and we don't want any delay in getting this loan through on time.

*Editor's Note.*—There will be a lawyer in Muddy Creek just as soon as we can borrow the price of a ticket on that 10 o'clock bus.

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THIS FELLOW'S ALREADY ADMITTED HERE. WE'VE  
READ SOME OF HIS PLEADINGS

"Police Department,  
"Blank, Oklahoma, Jan. 18, 1933.

"Secretary State Bar.  
"Dear Sirs:

"I want tow Get some infermashion reards License to Practice Law I red Law years a go in mo and have had Lots of Experience with law. I have Just Served 2 years as Justice of Peace and Poliece Judg of Blank I have red Black Stone and other atharity on Law and Holey and mcgragor on Criminal Law and helped to try a number of cases and have wone them before a Justice court. Lots of my Friends want me to handle their Suits for them if just had license is it Posable For you to fernish Licence for me Please write me and tell what I must do hoping to hear from you soon I remain

"Local Jim Sabin" (that's not really his name).

"P.S. Some of these young attorney dont want me to get in the Law Bisness. I spoke to one of them and Said what about me Practicing Law Befor the Justice Court and he didnt want me to they have a late Law against it. It usto be you could Practice Law exsept before a Court of Record I havent any Thing to do now and if I had licence I could make a living out of it. They wont have me on Public work on account of my age I dont Drink or have any Imorel habits.

"Some and most people think I am a Grate orter."—*The Bar Examiner via The Brief of Phi Delta Phi.*