

BANKS OF BONLEE AND BENNETT CLOSE

Directors Take Voluntary Action When Reserve Nears Legal Minimum — Frozen Credits Cause

By the voluntary action of the board the Banks of Bonlee and Bennett, under the same management, closed their doors Saturday morning. The corporation commission was informed and an examiner soon appeared upon the scene to take charge. An audit of the accounts will take place this week.

There is not a hint of fraud in connection with the closing of these banks. The trouble, like that of many other banks, comes over from the boom days of land prices nine or ten years ago. The banks hold about \$150,000 in slow notes, the deposits are about \$120,000.

It is thought that if reasonable time shall be given to clearing up the situation, no depositor will lose a cent. It is to be remembered in this connection that there has been a succession of bad crops in Chatham county for five years and that incomes have been at a minimum. This fact has made it all the more difficult for creditors to meet the older obligations. Unfortunately, the present crop prospects do not suggest an improvement this fall, making it all the more difficult to make immediate settlements of the outstanding notes.

Mr. C. M. Andrews is president of the combined banks, Mr. C. C. Bray, cashier of the Bonlee Bank and Mr. J. A. Purvis of the Bank of Bennett. After the examination has been made under the auspices of the Corporation Commission, the status of affairs will be clearer.

Reminder of Chatham County Farm Tour

Last week's issue of this paper carried an article having reference to the Chatham County Farm Tour. As was mentioned, this tour begins Monday, August 5 and ends, Wednesday August 7. The County Agent has mailed letters to 100 farmers in different sections of the county, asking them to notify others in their community, and bring out as many farmers as possible.

Siler City will be the stop for lunch Tuesday, August 6, and farmers in the vicinity of Siler City who wish to join the tour can do so then. Lunch is to be brought along by those attending the tour. The schedule for this tour was announced in last week's paper, and also in the letters that have been mailed out. Come out and help us make this tour a success.

Suit Against Bank Non-Suited Friday

At a continuance of the hearing by Judge Hayes of the middle district in federal court at Greensboro Friday, on motion of Wade Barber, attorney for the Bank of Pittsboro, the suit against the Bank of Pittsboro instituted by the bonding company which bonded the Stout construction company in the construction of the Bynum school building, in connection with a suit against the Chatham county board of education, was non-suited with respect to the complaint against the bank. The matter in its relation to the board of education was set for determination this week.

It is recalled that the bonding company is seeking to make the board of education responsible for money paid out to the Stout company before all the charges for material and labor were settled.

Antioch News

The Revival services will begin at Antioch the second Sunday in August, that being August the 11th. There will be all-day service on Sunday dinner on the ground.

Miss Fannie Lizzie Dowdy has returned home after spending two weeks with her sister at Durham.

Miss Minnie Steel of Durham is spending this week with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Pilkington of Durham spent the week-end with home folks.

Little Herbert Oldham of Pittsboro spent last week with grandparents.

Misses Gear and Marguerite Oldham visited relatives at Bynum recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Wheeler of Durham spent one week-end with Mrs. Wheeler's parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dowdy.

Quiet minds are generally the most happy.

Jury Pronounces That Killing Was Justified

A coroner's jury composed of B. A. Perry, F. L. May, Vander Johnson, Rom Eubanks, S. V. Perry, and Ernest Boone, empaneled by Coroner Brooks rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide in the killing of John Glover by his son Henry.

The blow to which death was due was struck on Tuesday evening, but the victim did not die till early Wednesday morning.

The Glovers lived two miles west of Pleasant Hill M. E. church, near the old Henry Fike homestead. The older man had bullied his family for many years, it seems, and was threatening to kill his wife when Henry was summoned from the field. He found his mother backed into a corner by her husband, who was threatening her with a big knife. He interfered and his father turned upon him. Henry backed back till he happened to strike the gun, the shells for which had been hidden from the father. He picked up the gun and struck John over the head. He toppled over, but got up and walked about for two or three hours. The home folk insisted upon carrying him to a doctor or sending for one. He declined to go. Later he became unconscious and Dr. Thomas of Siler City, county physician, was summoned. The man did not again become conscious, but died Wednesday morning. John was 49 years old, and Henry is 25 and married, his wife being the principal witness.

Dr. Thomas was present at the inquest but did not consider a post mortem necessary.

The Pleasant Hill Home-Coming Day

Members and former members of Pleasant Hill Methodist church held their annual home-coming day last Sunday. The address of welcome was made by young Albert Clark, superintendent of the Sunday school. The response was made by Mr. Geo. H. Brooks of Pittsboro, a former member. An excellent sermon was preached by Pastor Dailey. The Lord's supper was administered to many.

At 1 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served on a long table in the grove. Two hours were given for recess, in which old friends met and greeted each other. Following the recess, short talks were made by the pastor, W. H. Burke of Gibsonville, Willie Straughan, Siler City, Chas. K. Wrenn, Siler City, and T. R. Green, oldest member of the church, also by his daughter who resides in Washington City.

The music was unusually good, two choirs furnished the music, that of the home church and another whose identity the writer did not learn.

The large cemetery and grove had been beautifully cared for, for which service the audience gave a rising vote of thanks.

Some of the former members present were W. H. Burke and family of Gibsonville, Robt. Bynum and family, Raleigh, A. D. Brooks and family, Hamlet, A. R. Rives and family, Sanford, C. A. Burke and family, Reidsville, Tom D. Bynum and wife, Willie Straughan and family, Chas. A. Wrenn and wife, Siler City.

Mrs. J. B. Burke of Hickory Mountain was present with her ten children.

Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brewer and son, Robie, of Siler City, Rt. 2, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coggins and family, of Hallison, were Sunday visitors in the home of W. A. Coggins.

Mrs. S. T. Coggins, of Greensboro, is attending the Bear Creek revival and visiting relatives near here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hilliard and family, of Durham, were week-end visitors in the home of A. D. Coggins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rives, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. Rives' mother, Mrs. Jessie P. Rives, near town.

Mrs. I. M. Gilmore and sons, Walton and Leon, were Sunday visitors in the home of T. B. Beal.

C. L. Snipes, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in Watts Hospital, Durham, recently, has come to the home of his father, J. H. Snipes to recuperate.

Mrs. Emily Phillips, of Bonlee, is spending sometime with her son, R. D. Fields, on route 2.

Mrs. M. E. Saunders, of Raleigh, was visitor at her father's, J. D. Willett's, last week.

J. V. Willett is attending court this week at Pittsboro, as a juror.

T. C. Vestal, who has been living at Teer for the past few months, has moved back to his place on route 2, his friends will learn with pleasure.

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FATAL COLLISION SATURDAY NIGHT

Paul Byerly of Cumnock Dead — J. W. Freeman and Carlos McLeod of Sanford Injured

A Sanford dispatch gives the following account of a fatal collision on highway 60, near Sanford, Saturday night:

Sanford, July 28.—Paul Byerly, 20, of Cumnock, died in a hospital here at 4 o'clock this morning from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on highway 60, three miles west of this place, late Saturday night. His right shoulder was crushed, his collarbone broken and he suffered internal injuries.

The car occupied by Byerly and June and Babe Dowdy collided head-on with another in which A. A. Wagner, J. W. Freeman and Carlos McLeod, all of Sanford, were riding. Freeman received several cuts in the face and in one eye, with possible loss of eyesight. McLeod sustained a broken collarbone. Wagner, who was driving, was only slightly hurt. He is held in connection with the death of Byerly. Neither of Byerly's companions was injured. The Wagner car was en route from Greensboro to Sanford when the collision occurred.

Dr. J. F. Foster, county coroner, has summoned a jury to meet Monday morning to investigate the accident.

Moncure News

Miss Virginia Cathell, who has a position at Watt's Hospital, Durham, this summer, spent last week-end at home with her parents.

Misses Roberta and Dorothy Lambeth Thomas, who attended the summer school at Chapel Hill, returned to their homes here last Wednesday.

Mr. A. T. Daniel from Mocksville, a student at Chapel Hill this summer, was a visitor of Miss Annie Lambeth last week-end.

Misses Roberta and Dorothy Lambeth are planning to take a short course at State College, Raleigh, next week.

Mrs. C. D. Orrell and daughter, Miss Barbara of Yemassee, S. C., are visiting Mrs. Orrell's mother, Mrs. Barbara Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poe and children of Pittsboro, Mr. and Mrs. John Linder and children of Durham, and Mrs. Mary Lambeth and son, R. L. of Sanford, and Mrs. Julia Stedman spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman.

Miss Hetty Womble has returned from a visit to friends in New York City.

Mr. G. E. O'Neal, manager of Montgomery Ward & Co., Raleigh, was in town one day last week on business.

Mr. W. W. Stedman attended the farmers convention at Raleigh last week. He stated that it was the best meeting that they have had in several years.

Miss Rosemary Stack of Winston-Salem spent last week-end with Miss Ruth Stedman.

The revival at the Baptist church here will begin Wednesday night of this week. Rev. T. Y. Seymore, the pastor, will do the preaching and Mr. Walters will lead the singing.

Miss Margaret Strickland celebrated her fifteenth birthday by giving her friends a party at her home last Friday evening.

Mr. R. H. Wicker, who was traveling in a car on Pea Ridge road right after a rain one morning last week, skidded off the road into the ditch, and struck a rock bank, when he struck the bank his left hand was caught between the car and bank and mangled his hand, especially his fingers, badly.

Miss Annie Elizabeth Cox of Laurinburg spent several days with Miss Mary Bland last week.

The Epworth League met last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock with the president, Miss Camelia Stedman present, who called the meeting to order. The secretary, Mr. Lewis Burns, was also present. After the preliminaries and devotional the meeting was turned over to Miss Catherine Thomas, the leader for the evening, who read the lesson and made splendid comments on the lesson, subject of which was, "God Cares for His Children." Then a duet, "In the Garden," was sung by Misses Emma Lee Mann and Dorothy Lambeth which was enjoyed by all. After singing "Can the World See Jesus in You?" by the large crowd of young people, the meeting closed with prayer.

At the business meeting of the League, they decided to carry the musical program given at Moncure several weeks ago, to Pittsboro next Saturday night, at 8:15 o'clock, August 3rd, 1929. The public is cordially invited.

STRIKE CASE MOVED TO MECKLENBURG

Trial of 15 Gaston Strikers for the Murder of Police Chief Moved from Gastonia

The fifteen Gastonia strikers, arraigned Monday for the murder of Chief of Police Aderholt of Gastonia, will be tried in Mecklenburg county superior court at a special term called for the purpose, which probably will convene on August 19, and will be presided over by Judge M. V. Barnhill.

Judge Barnhill, assigned by Governor Gardner to hold the special term at Gastonia, on Tuesday ordered the trial removed from Gaston county. He had previously stated emphatically that he would not try the case before a Gaston jury. In his order changing venue the judge said that he believed that the defendants could be given a fair trial in Gaston county, but that sentiment was so strong about the case he did not want any apparent unfairness. Petition of the defense for removal of the case from Gaston was vigorously contested by the state and private prosecution.

As soon as the removal order was issued, Solicitor Carpenter announced that he would try to get the case set peremptorily for the regular Mecklenburg term August 26 with Judge Shaw presiding. When Governor Gardner was communicated with, however, he said that he would call a special term just as quickly as possible, and he wanted Judge Barnhill to preside. Under the law two weeks must elapse between the drawing of a jury and starting the trial. If the special term is ordered any time before Monday, a jury can be drawn then and the trial start on August 19.

The case has attracted world-wide attention. Telegrams were received from several European countries and from all sections of the United States, from communist organizations and labor unions protesting against the "railroading" of the defendants. New York newspapers and all the big press associations had special correspondents at Gastonia. Metropolitan papers have discussed the case editorially, and every mention of Judge Barnhill has been favorable. The judge in his charge to the grand jury Monday declared that the defendants were to be tried for murder and conspiracy to murder, and that their political or religious belief or lack of belief would have no bearing on the case.

Solicitor Carpenter stated Monday that he would ask for a second degree verdict for the three women defendants and first degree for the twelve men. Immediately attorneys for the defense made application for bail for the women prisoners.

John Cameron Loses Petition for Pardon

Governor Gardner on Saturday made public his decision refusing petition of John A. Cameron for pardon from state prison. Cameron is the man who 16 years ago killed Policeman Oakes at Raeford, was tried and sentenced to 20 years, served two years and escaped. He went to Alabama where he engaged in turpentine trade and prospered. Last fall some one "turned him up" to North Carolina authorities, hoping to get the reward. Statute limitations had canceled the reward and the informer got nothing, but Cameron was brought back to prison. He almost immediately made application for pardon, and his petition was endorsed by every state officer in Alabama, many other prominent citizens there and in North Carolina. Payment of \$10,000 to the Oakes estate silenced their opposition.

The petition was referred to Executive Counsel Townsend and Judge Townsend's report is made a part of the Governor's statement denying the petition. The judge found that the crime committed 16 years ago was a most dastardly one, that Cameron has been drinking and is not free from a criminal court record in Alabama, and that whatever punishment he might have suffered by reason of his exile from the state was voluntary and that the state of North Carolina had not been compensated for the crime he committed. The point also is emphasized that prisoners are told that if they obey the prison rules they stand a chance for pardon or parole, whereas if they attempt to escape no petition for clemency will be considered.

The decision, while blocking his hopes at this time, does not utterly shut the door of hope in Cameron's face. He is told that if his prison record later justifies it another petition may result in his release.

1700 PRISONERS OF NEW YORK REVOLT

Seventeen hundred inmates of the state prison at Auburn, N. Y., attempted to escape Sunday. A general riot resulted, during which two prisoners were killed, a number injured and four guards shot. Fire started during the melee damaged the prison a quarter of a million dollars. Eight prisoners made good their escape.

HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY NOT JUST USUAL DAY

John R. Voorhis, grand sachem of Tammany, observed his 100th birthday Saturday. Although he had said that he would make it just a usual day, his friends would not permit that and nearly the whole day was taken up receiving congratulations and gifts from friends.

S. C. School Faculty Contains New Names

The following clipping from last week's Siler City News shows quite a new line-up in the faculty of the Siler City school:

Prof. J. L. Duncan, the new superintendent of the school here announces that the faculty for the coming year is complete. Most of the teachers are the same as last year but there are a few changes.

Primary teachers are as follows: Miss Pearl Tilley, Miss Margaret Malloy, Miss Ellen Johnson, Mrs. Edwin T. Noel and Miss Frances Knox. Grammar grade teachers are: Miss Janie Cunningham, Miss Nancy Crews, Miss Virginia Murchison, Miss Frances Rawley, Miss Christine Huttaff, and Miss Julia Barclay. The high school faculty is composed of Supt. J. L. Duncan, Principal Paul Braxton, Mr. Speight Alred, Miss Ora Belle Pace, Miss Sadie Holleman, Miss Sadie Winstead.

Miss Geneva Yeargin will again teach music.

At an early date the grades and subjects to be taught by each teacher will be given.

Professor Duncan plans to move his family here about the fifteenth of August, but will make frequent visits here between now and then.

HOME-COMING DAY AT MERONEY M. E. CHURCH

Next Sunday, August 4th, will be home-coming day at Meroney M. E. church, three and one half miles northeast of here. The forenoon will be taken for preaching service, while the afternoon will be given over to the home comers for short talks. A male quartet from Burlington will be present to sing during both services.

The revival will begin at this place on this day. Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., of Ramseur, will do the preaching.

Those who come from a distance will not find a one-room structure as in former days, but will see two wings extending from the sides near the rear—each containing two Sunday school rooms. But the outside work is expected to be finished before this service.

All former pastors, former members and former attendants are urged to attend this service.

TERRELL B. BEAL, Church Secretary

DEWEY ELLINGTON DEAD

Relatives and friends were sadly shocked last Thursday when the news came that Mr. Dewey Ellington had died in Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh. He was taken ill in Apex and was carried to Raleigh. Dewey was 19 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellington. A few years ago he joined New Hill Baptist church. He was a good quiet young man and all are saddened by his departure.

The funeral was held at New Elam Christian church Friday at 11 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cowan of Apex. He was laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

OTHER NEW HILL ITEMS

Mrs. Addie Webster was really surprised last Sunday when all her children and grandchildren came to her home to celebrate her 57th birthday anniversary. At the noon hour a delicious dinner was greatly enjoyed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Webster and daughter, Louise, and Betty Dan of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Webster and daughter, Evelyn, and Miss Mary Webster of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beckwith and daughter, Myrtle, and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Beckwith and son, Curtis Webster.

Miss Francis Goodwin is spending a week in Durham with Misses Helen and Francis Goodwin.

Miss Rose Sturdivant spent last week in Pittsboro with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sturdivant.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Drake and John and Robert Drake of Wilson were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake.

Mrs. Gordon Copeland and children of Durham are visiting Mrs. J. A. Thomas.

NEGRO LEADER DIES

Dr. Albert W. Pegues, dean of the theological department of Shaw University, negro Baptist college, at Raleigh, died Sunday. He was 70 years old and was a native of Macfarland, Chesterfield county, South Carolina. He was recognized as one of the outstanding leaders of his race in this state and was widely respected throughout the whole country.

The greatest of all wastes is the waste of time.

PUGH REUNION HAS INTERESTED CROWD

About 300 Persons Hear Talks by Dr. W. T. Whitsett and James R. Rives — Officers Are Elected

(From the Greensboro News)

With approximately 300 members of the Pugh family, together with relatives and friends, in attendance, the fifth annual reunion of that family yesterday at Guilford Battleground proved a distinctly enjoyable event. The program was said to be exceptionally interesting. Those in attendance were from Guilford, Randolph, Wake, Chatham and Lee counties.

R. L. Pugh, of Bonlee, president of the Pugh association, presided. He welcomed the visitors in happy fashion. James R. Rives, of Sanford, spoke interestingly, emphasizing the friendliness and comradeship which have always characterized the Pugh family. He also spoke the invocation.

The president of the association presented Dr. W. T. Whitsett, of Whitsett, who was heard attentively as he traced the genealogy of the Pughs back to Wales. Members of the family, he showed, came to North Carolina in quest of religious freedom. They also were favorably impressed because of the opportunities afforded for development on the new continent. Attention was called to the fact that a number of the Pughs served in the American army in the Revolutionary war, one of them, James Pugh, having been executed, along with six other patriots, by the royal governor because he was identified with the Alamance Regulators in 1771. In commemoration of their patriotic service a monument has been erected at Guilford Battleground, it was recalled.

Picnic dinner was served on the ground and constituted one of the pleasing features of the occasion. Happy reminiscences were exchanged in the afternoon with good fellowship a dominant factor.

R. L. Pugh was re-elected president of the Pugh association. B. O. Pugh, of Greensboro, was chosen secretary for the new year, succeeding Mrs. Frank R. Knight, of route 4, Sanford. Time and place for the 1930 reunion will be determined by a special committee composed of E. A. Pugh, of Greensboro; C. R. Gilmore, of Siler City, and A. R. Pugh, of Bonlee. Much sentiment for the selection of Pullen park, Raleigh, as the place of the reunion next year was evidenced.

Brown's Chapel News

Our Sunday school will go on its annual picnic next Wednesday, August 7. Hope a good crowd will go.

Wallace Marshall broke both bones in an arm Sunday when cranking a Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Raleigh, accompanied by another Mr. Smith spent a while with Mrs. Smith's brother C. H. Lutterloh.

Mrs. H. F. Durham had a call a few days ago from her sister Mrs. Evie Burns of Sanford, and her daughter Miss Irene, a professional nurse of Raleigh and son, Emory, of Orangeburg, S. C., and four grandchildren of Mrs. Burns.

Mr. Emory Dark spent last week helping Mr. Frank Perry hauling at Lexington.

The first load of watermelons in this section came from Mr. Z. L. Dark's forty-acre island farm in Haw River.

General Jack Frost will have to clean the crops in this community.

Grain turnovers through the threshers passing through this community are rather poor, though doubtless as good as we deserve.

Sheriff Blair, W. M. and J. J. Perry and C. H. Lutterloh recently made a raid in the Gum Springs section, seizing a 60-gallon still and pouring out some beer on the Fletcher Mann estate, near the old Richardson place owned by H. F. Durham. If any criticism it is for not getting the man.

A few men and women are really interested enough in our coming revival meeting to begin to hold a prayer meeting. The first was held Sunday afternoon and the next will be held the second Sunday afternoon, with Mr. M. T. Lindsey conducting it.

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