

# THE SANFORD EXPRESS.

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### Just Received

A large shipment of Men's and Young Men's Suits that we expected here for Easter. They are fine quality, new styles and good workmanship. Prices reasonable from \$12.50 and up.

Also received Boys Oshkosh Overalls that you have been waiting for.

Whether its work or dress clothes, shoes or furnishings we have them. Come to see us.

## STEIN BROTHERS

New Store

### This Is an Invitation

To join your account with our ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY checking accounts or with SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY saving accounts—a total of two thousand six hundred and sixty satisfied customers.

Doesn't this prove efficiency, and with deposits from six to seven hundred thousand when a dollar is real money, doesn't this prove public confidence?

SAFETY AND SERVICE

## The Bank of Sanford,

Sanford, N. C.  
S. P. Hatch, President; E. R. Buchan, Vice-President  
J. M. Ross, Cashier.

### Another Shipment This Week

Of satin and suede pumps, with the full louis and the baby louis heels.

Our new white kid and fabric pumps will be in next week

## Stroud-Hubbard Co.

LARGEST SHOE DEALERS IN LEE COUNTY

### COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Every one who has studied the present system of selling co-operative farm products is agreed that the only salvation for the farmer is through cooperative marketing.

The South today is engaged in a fight to secure a fair price for cotton and tobacco through co-operative marketing. Success means better times for every business and profession.

North Carolina has started out to sign up on five-year contracts, 50 per cent of the cotton and tobacco crops. Oklahoma and Texas are nearing their goal in sign-up campaigns for cotton, while other States are at work or ready to start.

"The present fight," says Dr. Clarence Poe, "is to give us a marketing system of, by and for the people and not for the speculators."

### L & M SEMI-PASTE PAINTS

MAKES BEST PAINT—WEARS LONGEST

Cost to you \$3.66 a Gallon when made ready to use.

Use a gallon out of any you buy, and if not the best paint made, return the balance and get all your money back.

Sold by Dealers LONGMAN & MARTINEZ, Raleigh, N. C.

### STONE AND POE SPEAK

President of Farmers Union and Editor of Progressive Farmer Discuss Measures of Vital Interest to Farmers at Rally Here Saturday

A large number of farmers from all sections of the county, attended a joint meeting of the Lee County Cotton and Tobacco Associations at the City Hill last Saturday. This rally was held for the purpose of getting farmers who have not taken the pledge to reduce the acreage, to sign up on so that the marketing contract proposition can be pushed.

President Stone, of the State Farmers' Union, made a speech to the farmers at 11 o'clock. After appealing to the farmers to organize for the purpose of protecting their own interests he went into a discussion of the Revaluation Act. Mr. Stone seems to be a conservative, fair-minded man and if the farmers will follow his advice it means better times on the farm. Mr. Stone thought a mistake was made in putting the valuation on land when prices were inflated and values fictitious. He told of the changes that were made in the Revaluation Act at the extraordinary session of the Legislature at the last session of the Legislature. Mr. Stone told the farmers to ask for a cut in the valuation of their land. He said that in some counties the cut should be greater than in others. He thought the farmers of Lee county ought to have a 50 per cent cut and the people of the town a 25 per cent cut in their land values.

In the afternoon Dr. Clarence Poe addressed the farmers and a number of the town people who were out to hear him on "The Plan and Purpose of the Cotton and Tobacco Associations, Acreage Reduction and Marketing Contract." Dr. Poe is always interesting in whatever subject he has to speak on, especially anything pertaining to agriculture and the improvement of conditions on the farm. He made it very plain why the farmers should organize to control the marketing of their products. He showed how the fruit growers of California had during the past twenty-five years pooled their crops and had a successful co-operative marketing. He thinks that if the cotton and tobacco farmers of the South will co-operate and work under the principles exemplified by the California fruit growers there is no reason why they, too, should not succeed in controlling the market and have a voice in the fixing of prices. He appealed to the business men of Sanford to help the farmers put the system in operation and make it a success. Dr. Poe said that if the manufacturers were to dump their products on the market as the farmers are now doing the prices would soon be cut down in half. It was a strong appeal to the farmers to do something to better their condition and it would have done so.

### REVALUATION REVALUED

County Commissioners and Appraisers Reduce Tax Assessment One Third on Realty in Town and County—Tax Rate Not Raised

A number of Lee county farmers were present at a joint meeting of the County Commissioners and County Board of Appraisers at the court house Tuesday to discuss and consider the question of whether or not there should be a horizontal reduction in valuations of real estate in the county. The Board of Appraisers is composed of W. S. Westerspoon, chairman; S. M. Jones and T. J. Edwards.

After a thorough discussion of the matter from every angle it was finally decided to make a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in assessments on realty in both the town and rural sections of the county. This does not include personal property. It is believed that this reduction in the assessments will not endanger the raising of sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the county under the constitutional limitation of 15 cents on the \$100 for county purposes. In fact the county has a margin of 7 cents over and above the present rate to play on before reaching the constitutional limitation. It may be necessary within the next few years to increase the tax rate to take care of the cost of improving the roads, schools and other public institutions. We cannot afford to stand still and let taxes move forward and accomplish things that are worth while.

Through the Revaluation Act, the real and personal property in Lee county was assessed last year at about 14,000,000. The realty was assessed at \$4,000,000 and the personal property at \$8,000,000. As stated above the reduction of 33 1/3 per cent in the assessments is on realty alone. This cuts the assessment on realty down to about \$2,666,667, placing the total assessments of real and personal property now in the county at about \$11,000,000. Under the Revaluation Act some people in Lee county paid less taxes than they were paying before. Now they will pay still less.

### THEY WIN IN BOTH CONTESTS

Debate Teams of the Sanford Graded School Beat Their Opponents in Debates Held Here at Dunn Friday Night—Our Teams Will Go to Chapel Hill in Contest for State Championship

A large crowd attended the debate between Sanford and Smithfield at the Sanford School Auditorium Friday night. The query debated was "Resolved, that the policy of collective bargaining through trade unions should be adopted in American industry." J. E. Brina, a member of the Board of Trustees of the school, presided. Herman King acted as secretary and J. W. McPherson as time-keeper. Messrs. J. R. Rivers, W. D. Hester and J. U. Gunter.

The Sanford team—Jack Lazarus and J. W. McPherson—defeated the affirmative side of the question, while the Smithfield team—Harry Biggs and Ervin Pittman—lost the negative side. The Sanford school sent its negative team composed of Paul Routh and William Smith to Chapel Hill to debate Dunn's affirmative team. Mr. J. S. Truitt accompanied the boys to Dunn. This triangular debate was held under the auspices of the University of North Carolina Extension Bureau.

After the speeches of the debaters were over, the judges at this place voted unanimously in favor of the Sanford team. The decision seemed to meet the approval of the entire audience as all who heard the debate said they were glad to see the Sanford boys were victorious. While the Smithfield boys argued their side of the question well, yet they were unable to bring down the argument of the Sanford team. Both Lazarus and McPherson defeated the subject with a cleverness and shrewdness that elicited the hearty applause of the audience. They were applauded by the many strong points they made in their speeches. They had thoroughly studied their subject and were prepared to meet any argument that their opponents could bring. After the debate was over the Sanford boys were congratulated by the Smithfield debaters who said that they "could not defeat a good team and a Jew."

The team that went to Dunn also won the decision over their competitors by the unanimous vote of the judges. This entitles the Sanford team to go to Chapel Hill on April 14th to enter the contest in the finals of the State championship.

On April 7th four times that Sanford boys took part in school debates at the following places: At Smithfield for our school and shows that the students are given good training in the art of speaking and debating. It is hoped that our boys will win in the final.

### CONFERENCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

There will be held in the Sanford Baptist church on Thursday and Friday of next week, April 14 and 15, a conference for organized Sunday School classes, which will be of special interest to all Sunday school workers within the bounds of the Sandy Creek Association and the country surrounding Sanford.

Mr. Harry Strickland, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of Organized Classes Work, will be the attraction of the day.

Mr. Strickland is a most engaging speaker. It will be a rare privilege to hear him. He will be accompanied by Secretary E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, who will lead some of the round-table discussions and make some addresses.

The following is a list of some of the topics that will be discussed: "The Place of Men and Women in the Sunday School"; "Why and How Organize Classes"; "The Class Officers and Their Duties"; "Opportunities of the Vice-Principals"; "The Organized Class in the Field of Service"; "The Department 'With a Bible in It'"; "Organizing the Big Boys and Girls"; "Round Table—'The Best Thing in My Class'"; "Round-Table—'The Biggest Problem in My Class'"; "A Federation of Organized Classes"; "Methods of Teaching Adults", etc.

The conference will begin Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and close Friday afternoon. Pastors, superintendents, teachers and all who are interested in larger and better Sunday schools are invited. Sanford will provide entertainment for those who attend the meetings.

Mr. Strickland will reach Sanford in time Wednesday evening to conduct the prayer service, though the conference will not open until Thursday morning.

The ladies of Sanford and the Sanford graded school district will please bear in mind that they will have to register before they can vote in the municipal election in May. Those living in the first ward are required to register at the Weatherspoon building. The ladies of the entire school district are also required to register at this place; second ward City Hall; third ward J. R. Kelly's shop; fourth ward McAuley's garage. The registration books will be open for the next four Saturdays on which they can register.

Mr. J. E. Brina, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sanford Building and Loan Association, set his goal 500 shares for this series. However, he now expects to do even better than that. He has booked over 500 new shares and by the time the drive closes he expects to add enough shares to make a total of 600. This is a splendid showing considering the money stringency. Our people are learning that building and loan stock is one of the safest and best investments they can make. Some have increased their stock while others have taken stock for the first time. The shares in the association now total 3,300.

Mr. J. F. Lane, who made a trip through South Carolina last week, found the planters busy engaged putting out tobacco. He says the acreage in this part of the tobacco belt will be reduced about 33 1/3 per cent. He wants to see the planters make a big cut in the acreage, but make up for it by producing the very finest grades of tobacco that it is possible to raise. He thinks there will be no trouble in selling good tobacco at good prices. The best grades put on the Sanford market last season sold at fair prices.

### JONESBORO NEWS

The Jonesboro High School debating teams won both contests last Friday night in the triangular contests of the High School Debating Union and thereby won the right to enter the eliminating rounds at the University of North Carolina, which will decide the State championship. The affirmative Jonesboro team won from Apex in Jonesboro and the negative team won from Lillington at Lillington. James Avent and Ben Avent were the affirmative debaters and Misses Henrietta Howard and Agnes Adams were the negative debaters. The judges for the debating contest in Jonesboro were Messrs. A. A. F. Seawell, E. L. Gavin and D. B. Teague, of Sanford.

Friends of Miss Leslie Buchanan have received announcement of her recent marriage to Mr. Moore, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Moore is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Buchanan of this place and has many friends here who wish her much happiness.

The residences of A. E. Kelly, Mrs. J. D. Pegram and Mrs. Myrtle McIver on Main street, are undergoing repairs and improvements and will present an attractive appearance when completed.

Mrs. Eva Acree returned last week from a visit to Mrs. D. W. Maddox, at Ashboro.

Mrs. H. V. Nelson, of Florence, S. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. R. Jerrell, on Lee street.

Mrs. R. L. Robertson and Mrs. H. A. Rives spent the first of the week with their people in Chatham county.

Miss Eulalia Bobbitt, who lives near here, celebrated her tenth birthday on Wednesday, March 30th by entertaining a number of her little friends after an hour spent in playing games the children were invited to the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Lola Benson, Bertha Avent, Fanny Brooks, Leslie Lawrence and Master James Dalrymple, Jr., and Chas. Hamilton.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District, held quarterly conference at Morris Chapel.

The Civic League is at work this week, and all parts of the town are cleaning up with some enthusiasm to make the town more sanitary and attractive. The League has placed an incinerator for use in the business section and we hope to see our town clear of rubbish and other unsightly things. Literature from the Insurance Commissioner has been distributed urging safety first in the matter of fire prevention and sanitation, so we trust everybody is getting busy and seeing to it that their premises offer no inducement to fires and ill health.

Last Friday afternoon Jonesboro High School representatives in the triangular debate went to Lillington to meet their representatives. They were given a cordial welcome by Supt. Broom and faculty and made to feel at home in the girls building during their stay. The visitors were taken in charge by Misses Steele and Moore, who carried them over to see the well equipped school building. The workshop, domestic science room and laboratories for agriculture and chemistry seemed to be all one could desire for a progressive school. At eight o'clock the exercises began with a piano solo, followed by a vocal duet by Misses Center and O'Quinn; after which the query was announced. Miss Edwina Steele of the Lillington team led for the affirmative, followed by Miss Agnes Adams for the negative on Jonesboro team, then in turn by Misses Baggett and Howard. During the intermission for rejoining writing, the audience was entertained by musical selections and a declamation ably rendered by Master Reed Ross. Ten minutes of rebuttal and the debate was over. The arguments by each team was so fine the judges must have found it difficult to render a decision. A moments silence and then the negative had won. The junior class of Jonesboro had motored over to hear their class mate debate. They with their chaperones and the debaters were entertained royally at a reception given by Misses Steele and Baggett at the home of Mr. H. L. Steele, able editor of the Harnett County News. Needless to say the party returned to Jonesboro voting Lillington, her people and her school, aptend in every way.

### LEECOURT

Lee Superior Court is still in session and will hardly adjourn before the end of the week. The civil docket has claimed the attention of the court all this week. Below we give some of the criminal cases that were tried last week.

State vs. Perry Johnson, A. J. Riggsbee, Wes Parsons, W. S. Powers, Gurney Hilliard and Walter Clark. Defendants pleaded guilty of gambling. Fined \$10.00 each.

State vs. L. B. Ellis. Plead guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Ben Bute. Guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Guy Clark. Defendant pleads guilty of assault. Fined \$10 and costs.

State vs. Pat Hall. Called and failed.

State vs. Ben Watson. Plead guilty of assault. Fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Bill March. Not guilty.

State vs. Millard Douglas. Guilty. Twelve months in jail with privilege of working on the Chatham county roads.

State vs. J. R. Campbell. Defendant enters plea of nolo contendere for simple trespass. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. A. B. Cole. Not pros.

State vs. Roy Watson. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Joe Hudson. Not guilty.

State vs. John Hudson. Not guilty.

State vs. Ben May. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. D. M. Holt. Defendant discharged and costs charged against J. F. Mackenno, prosecuting witness.

State vs. William Henry Beaves. Not pros with leave.

State vs. Bill Marsh. Sentenced to jail two months, to be assigned to roads of Chatham county.

State vs. Curley Taylor. Defendant fined \$100 and costs.

State vs. Jesse Williams. Sentenced to Chatham roads.

State vs. Frank Johnson. Called and failed.

State vs. Budd. Guilty. Fined \$15.

State vs. C. J. Dickens. Before jury is drawn solicitor announces that he will not ask for verdict of murder in the first degree but for verdict of second degree manslaughter. Defendant pleads guilty of assault and battery. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs. Mr. Dickens is in Raleigh. Mr. Dickens was tried upon the charge of being responsible for the death of Miss Smith, who was shot by a trap gun at his store three miles north of this place one night several months ago. Mr. Dickens had the trap gun set to protect himself against thieves. When he opened the door on the night that the young lady was shot to get something for a party of young people in a car in front of the store, the gun was discharged, the lead penetrating Miss Smith's neck, causing her death soon after she was carried to the Central Carolina Hospital.

Mr. Adolphus Griffin is now in the New York market buying goods for his firm.

### MAYWOOD INN BURNED

The Maywood Inn, the principal hotel of the town was totally destroyed by fire at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. It is not known how the fire originated. It seems that it started in the kitchen and was first discovered by the cook, who was sleeping in an adjoining room. She made her escape by crawling through a window. She lost all her possessions.

When Mr. John McIntosh, who operated the hotel, was aroused, he attempted to turn in the alarm by calling up the central office, but failed to get any response. Mrs. McIntosh also repeatedly tried to call a central, but without result.

Mr. G. M. Lewis, who lives on Wicker street, discovered the fire and gave the alarm by firing a pistol. Police Officer Turner hearing the report of the pistol, hurried to that part of town and when he discovered the fire rushed to the City Hall and turned in the alarm by ringing the fire bell. When the fire department reached the scene the fire had gained such headway that they found it impossible to save the hotel and devoted much of their energy to saving other property. The building burned like a tinder-box. It is thought that had the alarm been promptly turned in when the fire was first discovered the building could have been saved with slight damage.

The telephone operator states that he heard the pistol shots and went to the window and saw the flames and smoke in the neighborhood of Wilkins-Ricks street. While he was at the window the fire bell began to ring. At that time no one had called over the telephone. Immediately after the fire bell rang it seemed to him that practically every number on the switch board rang, and he answered them as fast as he could.

The hotel was crowded with guests, but fortunately they all escaped without injury. However, in the excitement some lost clothing and other personal property. One traveling man lost a watch and another a sum of money. Very little furniture was saved.

Although the fire occurred at a late hour when everybody was asleep a large crowd was soon attracted to the scene. While the store of Wilkins Ricks Company, in a few feet of the burning building, was in danger, the thick brick wall saved it from the flames. The building in which Gilchrist's meat market and Tullock's pressing club are located, caught fire, but the flames were extinguished before any damage was done.

The hotel was owned by Mr. T. M. Cross. He carried \$2,500 insurance on the building and Mr. McIntosh \$1,000 on the furniture. This will not cover the loss. Years ago this hotel was built on Moore street by Mr. T. E. White, who has since moved to Raleigh. Several years ago the building was moved to Steele street.

Some time last year the Sanford Hotel was destroyed by fire and is now being re-built. However, it will be some time before it can be opened to the public. In the meantime the Market House, the Tullock Hotel and the numerous boarding houses and cafes will take care of the situation.

### PAINT UP! Clean up!

Screen your house. We've got what you need in paints, varnishes, Kalsomines and sreen goods at the right prices.

Also Oil Mops Scrub Brushes, Floor Oils, Furniture Polishes, etc.

Everything Needed for painting and cleaning.

## Lee Hardware Co.

### A Strong Defense

An account in this live bank is a strong defense against any misfortune or unforeseen crisis.

Accounts large or small cordially welcomed.

4 PERCENT PAID ON SAVINGS

## Banking Loan and Trust Co.,

Sanford, N. C.

R. E. CARRINGTON, President. W. W. ROBARDS, Vice-President. J. W. CUNNINGHAM, Cashier.

JONEBORO BRANCH  
I. P. Lassiter, Cashier

MONCURE BRANCH  
J. K. Barnes, Cashier

Capital and Profits \$50,000 00 Resources Over \$800,000 00

### One More Chance

We have decided to run our reduction sale five days longer and Saturday, April 9th will be your last chance to buy high grade, up-to-date Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., at

### Twenty-Five Per Cent Off

These goods have not been reduced in price by the manufacturers, except Sterling Silver. It is off a little. We want you to take advantage of this reduction sale. We can use the money and you will be saving money your purchase.

We will take war savings stamps or liberty bonds.

## W. F. CHEARS

THE JEWELER  
It's what we say it is

### NOTICE

## FLOUR OF QUALITY

Rose Maid Self Rising and Southern Beauty Plain

Every sack guaranteed

Ask your grocer for a sack

Manufactured by the

## Seaboard Milling Co.,

SANFORD, N. C.

### Jewelry Here for Every One

Pins, Cuff-links, Rings, LaValieres, Chains, Cameos, Diamond Set Platinum Bar Pins, Pearl Necklaces for the ladies, Watches, Eglins, Waltham, Hamilton and other makes. All are priced most reasonably considering the quality and workmanship, and better still.

25 per cent reduction will be given for the next few days on all above mentioned goods.

This is really an unusual opportunity to secure high-class goods—25 per cent less than usual prices.

We also have a new and complete line of Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens. Also leads for all kinds of Everhart pencils. Come to see us. You are welcome whether you buy or not.

### TALKING MACHINES AND RECORDS

We have a few Talking machines left that we are closing at 40 per cent reduction, and a few hundred \$1.00 records at 40 cents each. This is your opportunity to buy talking machines and records.

## J. P. Coulter Company

Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing a Specialty