

# Statement of Farmers Commercial Bank

## BENSON, NORTH CAROLINA

Close of Business December 31st, 1917, to Corporation Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina.

### RESOURCES

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS .....	\$228,569.80
CUSTOMERS LIABILITY COTTON ACCEPTANCE .....	15,000.00
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS .....	173,728.12
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	\$417,297.92

### LIABILITIES

CAPITAL .....	\$50,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS .....	10,110.45
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ACCEPTANCES .....	15,000.00
DEPOSITS .....	342,187.47
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	\$417,297.92

Above statement shows largest resources ever published in the history of the bank. Having the largest Capital of any State Bank in Johnston, Harnett or Sampson Counties, the greatest amount of security is offered depositors. Makes loans on REAL ESTATE---the Mother Earth---the best security in the world. We have a connection whereby we can secure loans on real estate for any length of time from 30 days to 10 years--in any amount.

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M. T. BRITT, President  
BRADLEY JOHNSON, Vice-President

W. D. BOON, Vice-President

W. H. SLOCUMB, Cashier (With the Colors)  
H. C. DURHAM, Acting Cashier

### SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.

At the beginning of a New Year, I think it is necessary to take an inventory of our work during the past year, and look in at ourselves, and see if we have lived up to the opportunities that have been offered us. When we do this, we can say that we have fallen short of what we could have done. Since this is true, it is left only for us to do the next best thing, and that is to see to it that our school is made better this spring. In view of these facts, I should like to present the following resolutions:

1. That we see to it that every member in high school render his work to the very best of his ability.
2. That we put forth every possible effort to get the most out of the school in the way of personal improvement.
3. That we get the most out of the year 1918. It is our supreme opportunity. Let us take the advantage of it while we still have the hope of youth in our eyes and the step of youth in our tread. This is the time of our lives, if we only knew it. Let us wake up and really do something worth while this spring. We did good work in the fall, but let that be insignificant to the work we shall do this spring. "Use Your Head," is our motto.
4. To support and carry out these resolutions, we have gone further and resolved to be present at school every day without being tardy. The grade which makes one hundred per cent for a month will be released from school one hour earlier on the last Friday in the month. Good attendance is essential to good work.—L. S.

Owing to the strength and good playing of the Selma Highs, the College Scrubs were defeated in three games of basket ball during the Christmas holidays. The "Scrubs" had a star forward from the Bingham School, an expert center from Trinity, two A. and E. freshmen, and one city player. The lineup for the highs was as follows: Ray, R., center, Haynes, W. and Massey, C., forwards, Richardson, L. and Reynolds, H., guards. The lineup for the "Scrubs" was: Creech, E., Edgerton, E., Reynolds, D., Jones, K., and Creech, L.—H. R.

The Archer Literary Society met Thursday, January 10, at the usual time. This meeting, being the first of the spring term, they elected new officers as follows: President, Lillian Snipes; Vice-President, Bertha Moser; Secretary and Treasurer, Julia Ashworth; Censor, Martha Ward; Chaplain, Elizabeth Earp. There being no further business, the programme was rendered as follows: Current Events—Margaret Cameron, Play, For the Home Maker—Zilphia Fulghum and Ruth Worley. Jokes—Sydney Vinson, Reading—Ruth Worley, Debate: Resolved, that a woman can manage a home and a profession. Affirmative: Miriam Britz, Elizabeth Earp; Negative: Esther Vinson, Bertha Moser. The judges decided unanimously in favor of the negative. The subject showed a great improvement over the debates that have been given. We hope to have others even better. The next meeting will be a programme in

honor of Lee's birthday. We are going to have a special program and would enjoy having some of the patrons out at school next Thursday at 2:45 o'clock P. M.—Z. F.

The Moser Literary Society met last Thursday. The roll was first called, a business meeting was held, and then the programme was rendered as follows: How I spent the holidays—Elmore Earp; Discussion on one topic in the Independent—Oram Bailey; Improvements that the society can make this spring—Linwood Richardson; Some resolutions we should make and live up to this year—Charlie Kirby. The debate was the next thing on the programme. The query for discussion was: Resolved, That the people of Selma should agitate a bond issue to pave the streets. The debaters were as follows: Affirmative—Eula Lee and Francis Young; Negative—Joseph Temple and Wilbur Smith. The judges decided in favor of the negative. Mr. Moser thought it was one of the best debates we have had this year.—C. P. K.

### Improvements That Moser Literary Society Can Make This Spring.

1. Get the programme out two weeks ahead of time and have it posted. This will give a better opportunity for good society work.
2. Arrange a list of members for recitations and post it on the bulletin so the boys can make the necessary preparation for rendering this kind of work.
3. Arrange the debates a month ahead of time and order material from the state library on the subject. This will cause the debates to be studied, therefore giving a more intelligent discussion of the subject. The debaters will also get more improvement.
4. Arrange a list of the 10th and 11th grade boys for original composition work and have it posted on the bulletin board so that performers will have time to prepare creditable work.
5. Celebrate the birthdays of the famous men that were born during the society months.
6. Have literary programs from famous authors.
7. Each member learn some short poem or memory gem worth the effort it takes to learn it.
8. Get more "pep" in the work, and fill ourselves full of patriotism.
9. See that each member does his full duty and comes up fully prepared with his work.

### Children's Savings.

More than 40,000 children under 16 years of age have savings accounts in the Los Angeles banks. They have more than \$1,000,000 on deposit, or an average of something over \$25 each. One 13-year old youngster is credited with heading the list. He has nearly \$2000 on deposit, from a beginning made with 50 cents when he was 7 years old.

Many of the Los Angeles banks make special provisions for the savings accounts of children and in addition to accepting savings accounts, teach lessons of thrift in their advertising matter. They also lend encouragement to thrift propaganda in the public schools and children's organizations.—Los Angeles Times.

### THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

By Cy Johnson.

Considerin' the fact that we haven't all been doin' our dead-level-best leads me to believe that we can overcome most of the obstacles between us and the hones-to-goodness peace that all good folks long for. And if peace is worth havin' it's worth a little extra effort or even fightin' for, don't you think so?

Work then is what it takes; extra work. Not only hand work but head work also. One without the other is loss of effort. They must go together like two horses to a plow. And work is no longer a disgrace, in fact it is a disgrace not to work and that alone will put a good many idlers to work, also those who could do more.

And that brings me to what I want to say about our farm labor problem. Our town folks can help our farmers out on the farm, in more ways than one, aside from their town duties. The retired farmer who laid himself on the shelf some years ago can limber up his rusty joints on his farm next summer in seeing that it is better managed. The town girls and boys can balance their ration of Algebra and Latin with hoeing and picking. The city women can replace the men clerks in the stores who can do farm work; for they are farm boys. The town folks can get along with fewer negro men about the place during the crop season.

The own enterprises that have been halted by the war can lend their workers to the farmer. The town can establish a labor bureau in connection with its commercial club to distribute these workers through the town as well as the country. Much work can be pooled to save labor.

The farmer himself can do much to overcome the labor shortage. He can go to town less and make the trips count when he does go. Or several farmers in the community can take turns about going to town for each other. He can so arrange his crops that they will not need to be worked all at the same time or put in more of this and less of that so as to distribute his labor. He can raise more hogs and cattle on more permanent pastures which takes much less labor than big cotton or tobacco crops. He can use more labor saving machinery. He can get ready now while things are slack for the busy season; fix fences, build sheds, make terraces, dig drainage ditches, lime land, do his hauling and many other things that take labor next summer. He can co-operate with his neighbor more. He can make use of the Township Board of Agriculture in solving these labor problems. The Farm Demonstrator can also help him.

The signs of the times are that Uncle Samuel is giving the folks a chance to solve the labor problem themselves and if they do not do so soon he will step in and do it for them.

### Goes to Join the Navy.

We learn through a correspondent that Mr. Johnnie Sasser, one of Kenly's promising young men, has gone to New York where he will begin his service in the United States Navy.

### To the Girl "Back Home."

A letter from one of my boys came to me a few days ago—there are many soldier lads in the Guards, you know—that had in it a direct New Year's message for you, so I am asking for this space to pass it along to you. It seemed to say that though this is a man's year, a grim, great, fighting, epoch-making year that will need physical strength and a force that must be almost brutal, it is also the year of the "girl back home." For this is what it says:

"We get awfully homesick sometimes, and it is then that we want most to cut loose and have a big time—not always the kind of a time you would want us to have, perhaps. It is more because we are lonesome than because we are bad. We want to forget how it feels to want to see the folks, and go to parties, and talk with the girls. But I've got a girl back home that keeps me straight, I can tell you. She writes me every week, but I just about wear one letter out before another gets here. No, she is not my sweetheart—I never had one. She is just a home girl who knows all the news, and is good and sensible and seems to catch on to just what a fellow would like to hear about. She writes to three or four of us regularly, and when we get one of her letters we feel as if we had been back on a visit, and we'd rather sit around and talk over the things she writes about than to go out for a 'big' time any day. There is a lot of fun in her letters, too, but not a bit of silly nonsense, for she isn't that sort of a girl. If the girls back home only knew it, they've got a good big job waiting for them in helping to make the camp life of the soldier-boys pleasanter and clearer and better by writing a few thousand of such letters as this between now and the time we go to France."

"So, dear "girl back home," if you have a soldier-boy of your very own, or if there are boys from your home neighborhood, as there are almost sure to be in these brave days of the New Year, don't you see how you can help? But remember that the letters must be filled with cheerful things, and good, sound sensible things and must leave out the gloom and foolishness that would only make matters worse. Many a young man has been kept straight and clean because he knew some worthy girl or noble-hearted woman believed in him. It may be your own brother who needs you, or it may be only a boy from a poor and almost unknown family in your neighborhood. The regular home letter, full of news and fun and goodwill, is the soldier's surest safeguard against those twin demons of moral destruction, homesickness and the sense of being forgotten or neglected.—Kathrine Atherton Grimes, Secretary Dixie Guards.

California raisins produced last year over 300,000,000 pounds, a quantity three times that produced in all the other raisin-producing countries combined. About 36,000,000 pounds were exported, going to Canada and England.

That man whose opinions never change has either ceased to study or lost his ability to learn. God cannot change His mind, because there is nothing for Him to learn.—Christian Index.

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## Mules

## Horses

This is to notify all our friends and customers and the public generally that Mr. Galbraith has just reached Smithfield with his second car load of mules. These mules were bought from the plantations around Mr. Galbraith's home in Tennessee. They are now ready to go to work.

Remember that you can buy mules much cheaper from us than from other parties who buy their mules of the city stock yards.

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## W. M. SANDERS

Smithfield, N. C.