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Lee's Birthday, January 19.

When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity and he must lift his eyes high toward heaven to catch its summit.

He possessed every virtue of other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without oppression, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a neighbor without reproach, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile.

He was a Caesar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward.

He was obedient to authority as a servant, and royal in authority as a true king.

He was as gentle as a woman in life, modest and pure as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive to law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles.—Benj. H. Hill in Address at Atlanta, 1874.

Few people in this section yet realize the serious situation that now exists, or soon will exist, in regard to wheat and flour. There is going to be a scarcity of flour to be had before another wheat crop is harvested. The folks do not yet believe this, but it will come home to many before the haleyon June days roll by. Now is the time to begin saving the flour and eat more bread made of corn meal, or of a mixture.

They talk about meatless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesdays, but if this war lasts through 1918 there will be meatless Wednesdays and Thursdays and Fridays, unless the American farmer gets a move on and raises more hogs. The imperative demand for more stock-raising in this immediate section was never more pronounced than it is today. It is the farmer's opportunity and if he fails to rise to it, it will be his own loss.

In some sections of Johnston County there is a scarcity of pork this winter. For various and sundry reasons the people did not raise quite as many hogs in 1917 as they have in some previous years, if the reports which come to us are true. The winter has been a hard one so far and hogs have not fattened as well as in other years. Again there has been a great scarcity in the pea crop and the farmers have felt that it would not pay to feed high priced corn to hogs. These are some of the reasons that there is a seeming scarcity. In all probability we shall see next summer more bacon offered on the market than it now appears will be.

TO GUARD AGAINST WASTE.

New laws put in the making by Congress Tuesday require of the American people stricter economy of food. Such new laws, the food administration holds, are necessary to protect the millions of loyal Americans co-operating in food saving, against the wastefulness of a few individuals and of public eating houses which are said to handle probably fifty per cent of the food supply.

The bill provides that whenever the President shall find that it is essential to limit further unrestricted use, manufacture, sale or distribution of food and foodstuffs, he may by proclamation, modify, limit or discontinue their use to the extent necessary to assure an adequate supply. Any person who failed to comply with the regulations would be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punishable by a maximum \$5,000 fine, six years imprisonment or both. The law would cease to be in effect when the war is over.

DEATH OF MAJOR GARDNER.

The death of Maj. Augustus P. Gardner, which occurred at Camp Wheeler this week, has attracted nation-wide attention. For fifteen years Maj. Gardner was in Congress and was regarded a very strong man. He was one of the leading advocates of military preparedness and worked with all his force to strengthen the nation's fighting forces. When war was declared with Germany he resigned from Congress and enlisted in the army. He was more than fifty years of age, but he was a patriot who saw the great need of strong men going forth to fight the nation's battles. He was soon made a Colonel but asked to be made Major so that he could get down closer to the real work of the Army. He was stricken with pneumonia a few days ago after taking a hike with his men and death soon claimed him. He was a son-in-law of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

Maj. Gardner's patriotism ought to be a fine example to his countrymen. He has given his all. He did not have to go, but he heard his country's call for men he answered. His loss at this time is indeed a great one. His has been a life of service to his nation and the supreme sacrifice which he has made should stir the heart of every true patriot with a new love and zeal for his country.

THE POINSETTIA.

A few miles out of Greenville, S. C., among the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains, nestles an enchanting cabin half hid by shrubbery and trees. This was the home of Joel Poinsett and is known as the Poinsett Place. Years ago the owner dwelt in this cabin on the heights of his well-loved mountains. Once when travelling abroad, he discovered a beautiful flower, brought it home with him, cultivated it patiently and with love, and named it the Poinsettia. This beauty loving traveler is dead now, but his lovely flower still blooms and radiates good cheer for the world's best holiday.

The fuel situation throughout the country is getting to be so serious that the Government has ordered all manufacturing enterprises to shut down for five days beginning today, in order to save fuel. All stores, not selling food supplies are also ordered to be closed each Monday for ten weeks.

OUR COTTON MILLS TO RUN.

They Use Hydro-Electric Power and Will Be Permitted To Operate Plants Under Ruling of State Fuel Administrator.

The cotton mills and other concerns in Johnston County do not have to close down under the order of U. S. Fuel Administrator Garfield. They use hydro-electric power and their running will not lessen the use of coal in the least. They would have to keep their plants warm and if they were to close down they would use just as much fuel as if they were to run. Under the ruling of State Fuel Administrator McAlister all concerns using the hydro-electric power may continue to run.

The Ivanhoe Manufacturing plant at Smithfield has plenty of coal to run for many weeks without having a pound shipped in, but if they were using coal to operate their machinery they would have to close like other plants.

The mills in Selma and Clayton which use the hydro-electric power will be permitted to run.

Names of Soldier Boys Wanted.

Only a few have sent in any of the names of the Johnston County soldier boys now in the service of the United States. We shall be glad for the friends and relatives of the boys who have volunteered and who have been drafted into the service of their country to send in their names to us, giving their home post office address, the place where they are now, and the branch of the service they are in. We want to publish all the names of the men from Johnston County who are in the Army and Navy. There are between four hundred and five hundred men from Johnston County now in the service of their country and to have their names published in a single issue of The Smithfield Herald will be serving the public and be recording history at the same time.

The relatives and friends of those from Johnston serving in the Army or Navy will confer a favor by furnishing us the information asked for above.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Board of Directors Re-Elected Monday. Mr. Aycock Made Vice-President and Cashier. Mr. Robert P. Holding, of Wake Forest, Named as Assistant Cashier.

The Bank of Smithfield, now The First National Bank of Smithfield, first opened for business March 1, 1898, not quite twenty years ago. Since that day this institution has had the confidence and support of the people of this section, and has grown until today, it stands as the first financial institution of the county. It was the forerunner of the banks of Johnston County which now number thirteen.

For the past few years the bank has been operating with a capital of \$50,000. The business has grown to such an extent that the stockholders in their regular annual meeting held last Monday decided to increase the capital stock to \$75,000. A cash dividend of 60 per cent was declared, pay-

able at once which reduced the stock value to \$120. After increasing the capital stock to \$75,000 the sum of \$15,000 was passed over to the surplus fund.

The First National has always been in capable hands. Its board of directors have at all times been among the leading business men of this section. They are men who are safe and conservative and their management of the institution has been conducted along such lines that it has at all times attracted to it a large number of depositors and given it a large volume of business. Here is a list of the names of the board as re-elected last Monday:



R. N. AYCOCK,
Vice-President and Cashier The First National Bank.

W. H. Austin, Smithfield.
J. H. B. Tomlinson, Smithfield.
J. D. Underwood, Smithfield.
N. B. Grantham, Smithfield.
B. B. Adams, Four Oaks.
T. R. Hood, Smithfield.
J. J. Broadhurst, Smithfield.
F. H. Brooks, Smithfield.
F. K. Broadhurst, Smithfield.
J. D. Spiers, Smithfield.
R. N. Aycock, Smithfield.

The board of directors met Monday evening in the banking room and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
T. R. Hood, President.
N. B. Grantham, Vice President.
R. N. Aycock, V-Pres. and Cashier.
C. V. Johnson and Robert Powell Holding, Assistant Cashiers.

The bank still retains its present

wanted. Mr. Aycock's conduct of the business since he first came has shown how wise the directors were in their choice. He is affable and capable, painstaking and accurate, popular and accommodating, ready at all times to greet his customers with a smile. He will be found in the bank daily giving his best attention to the institution and its customers.

The new Assistant Cashier, Mr. Robert P. Holding, who is the son of Mr. T. E. Holding, Cashier of the Bank of Wake Forest, comes here from Morehead City where he has held the position of Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Morehead City for the past several months. He is a man of sterling character and ability. He is an alumnus of Wake Forest College where he spent five years, taking the A. B. Degree in his fourth year and Law Degree in his fifth. Mr. Holding has had much banking experience in his father's bank at Wake Forest.

We are glad to make the following extract from The Morehead City Coaster:

"Mr. Holding is of a reserved and gentle disposition, efficient and with plenty of initiative in his work, he is proving to be a valuable asset to his bank. Socially he is quite popular and readily makes new friends. In fact the officials of the bank feel that they have in Mr. Holding a young man well worth their pride."

Death of Senator Brady.
Senator James H. Brady, of Idaho, died at his home in Washington City Sunday. He was born in Pennsylvania 56 years ago. He moved to Kansas when a boy. He was educated in the Kansas Normal College, taught school three years and later engaged in newspaper work. He moved to Idaho in 1895 and soon became prominent in Republican politics. He was elected Governor of his State in 1908 and at the close of his term was elected United States Senator. He was again elected 1914 for the term ending in 1921.

What is Poetry?
Pure poetry is the vibrant expression of everything clearly delicate and unattached with surface sentiment in the emotions of men toward themselves and nature. That pursuit of poetry which has as its basis the wrongs of the poor or the utterance of the broader emotional surges of humanity, may have an undying place in literature, but it cannot be the basis of a separate art. The distinct social message or sermon, no matter how right or much needed it may be, is only of a utilitarian or corrective value, although it may rise to tremendous heights of clear prose strength. True poetry is the entertaining of delicately imaginative plateaus, unconnected with human beliefs or fundamental human feelings.—New Republic.

Mr. Hood, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Grantham have been connected with the bank for several years. They are efficient force all of whom are well known to the people of this section. The bank is thoroughly equipped to serve its patrons in the most satisfactory manner, having recently installed the latest improved posting and statement machine for keeping accounts and rendering monthly statements to its customers.

all well and favorably known in this section of the State as men of sterling business quality and upright character. Mr. Aycock, who begins his fifth year with the institution has been elected as one of the Vice-Presidents, still retaining his position as Cashier of the First National. He was born and reared on a farm in Johnston County. His father, the late B. L. Aycock, was one of the substantial citizens of his section and raised a family of children who have been an honor to their parents. It is seldom that a farmer raises five boys to be bankers, but at one time five of the Aycock boys were all engaged in banking: J. W. at Rocky Mount, E. O. at Smithfield, E. H. at Rockingham, R. N. at New Bern, and L. B. at Fayetteville. Four years ago when Mr. James H. Abell resigned as Cashier of The Bank of Smithfield, the board of directors began to look around and found that Richard N. Aycock, who was then cashier of The Bank of Morehead City, was the man they

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
At Selma, in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of business on December 31, 1917.

| Resources. | |
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| Loans and discounts | \$182,356.31 |
| Overdrafts, unsecured | 408.00 |
| U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation | 10,000.00 |
| Liberty Loan Bonds | 4,720.00 |
| Stock of Federal Reserve Bank | 900.00 |
| Value of Banking House | 10,652.10 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 3,042.30 |
| Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank | 17,021.47 |
| Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks | 41,901.47 |
| Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items | 247.92 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer | 500.00 |
| Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due | 250.00 |
| Total | \$271,999.57 |
| Liabilities. | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 2,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | \$4,862.23 |
| Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid | 2,540.11 |
| | 2,322.12 |
| Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned | 250.00 |
| Circulating notes outstanding | 9,600.00 |
| Bank Deposits | 19,000.00 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | \$156,948.16 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 423.12 |
| Dividends unpaid | 907.50 |
| Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) | 50,548.67 |
| Total | \$271,999.57 |

State of North Carolina, County of Johnston.
I, G. W. Evans, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
G. W. EVANS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan., 1918.
M. R. WALL, Notary Public.
My Commission Expires Oct. 6, 1918.
Correct—Attest:
P. C. WORLEY,
W. E. SMITH,
W. A. EDGERTON.
Directors.

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