## CONFIDENCE

Confidence cannot be bought. The faith a com munity places in a bank must be the result of long yeats of careful management and fair deating, of wherencer to a policy that makes SAFETY and PROTE (TION as well as DEPENDARLE ASSISTANCE for depositors of FIRST importance.

Organized in 1905 with the late Demmis S.-Higes as President and Frank F. Fagan and A. I). Mizelle ats Cashier and Assistant Cashier the Farmers and Mereh ants has been a success from the beginning.

Having passed through the panics of 1907 and 1911 and through the past twelve months, which have been the worst in the history of banking in the Thited States, without one blemish upon its fair name we fed we have the confidence of the people of this commumity.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank has paid a regu lar dividend to its share holders each year of its existence. In 1917 every dollar of the original investment of each share holder was returned to them with a resular ten per cent dividend.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank is the only busi ness organization in Williamston with any considerable number of shareholders which hits mark at suceess for any length of time. Truly the Farmers and Merchants has been operated in the interest of all the people.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank is poud of its record. It is proul of the confidence the home follis have in it. It values this confidence more than any other asset it has. It respectfully solicits a continuance of the patronage of all the people as long as it lives up to its record.

The Farmers and Merchants being interested in your welfare ask YOU to begin this day to make your self independent by depositing your money in bank which enjoys the confidence of all the people Bring your tobacco checks to this bank no matter what bank they are drawn on. We will be glad to accept checks on deposit or give you the casll for them.

## $\longrightarrow$ THE <br> Farmers \& Merchants Bank

Williamston, N . C.

The Bank that Backs the Farmer

