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## SAPPHIRE COTTON MILL MAY RE-OPEN AT AN EARLY DATE

Believed That New Organization Will Soon Start the Work

### LOCAL CITIZENS LEND AID TO MOVEMENT

Will Mean Great Relief to People Long Without Any Work at All

All indications point to the opening of the Sapphire Cotton mill within the next few days, with a full day force to be employed. Many citizens have been working on the proposition for the past several days, and the visit of a delegation of Brevard men to Greenville Wednesday resulted in what is considered assurance that the mills will open soon, and run full force as quickly as possible.

The mill has been closed down for more than a year, and its idleness has caused considerable suffering on the part of the workers, and much sacrifice on the part of business and community life. Resumption of operations of the mill will mean much to Brevard.

The Sapphire mill makes fine yarns, and is considered one of the best equipped yarn mills of the South. Ownership of the mill has been scattered throughout the eastern part of the country. More than a year ago it was thrown into the hands of a receiver, largely because of the fact that the owners of the mill lived in other sections, far removed from one another, hence the impossibility of operating the plant with any appreciable degree of concerted effort.

Under the plan of re-opening, a new corporation is to be formed, capitalization set at a low figure, and the plant owned by Brevard and Greenville people. B. E. Geer, of Greenville, is to become president of the new corporation, and his high standing in the manufacturing and financial world is sufficient guarantee of the success of the plant. Many people in Brevard have become interested in the new concern, and it was because of this manifest interest on the part of the people here that the movement has proven so promising.

Payroll of the Sapphire mill runs \$1200 to \$1400 a week, and this amount just now in the hands of the workers of that community will prove of great benefit to them and of tremendous aid to the business life of the town.

Full particulars will be given in next week's paper, as a meeting is to be held Saturday for the purpose of completing the deal.

## WILLIAM T. STOKES DIES AT AGE OF 88

Burial Made at Former Home—Was Father of Dr. R. L. Stokes of Brevard

William T. Stokes, 88 years of age, died last Thursday morning, after many months' illness at the home of his son, Dr. R. L. Stokes. Funeral services were held at the Stokes residence at 8 o'clock Friday morning, after which the body was taken to Santuc, South Carolina, and laid to rest in the Stokes family plot nearby. Rev. Paul Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, conducted the rites. Many Brevard friends of the family accompanied the remains to the South Carolina town to pay their last respects to their departed friend at the cemetery. The Brevard Undertaking company, in charge of the arrangements, transported the body in a hearse from here to Santuc, and the accompanying friends went in automobiles.

The deceased was a native of South Carolina, and a Confederate Veteran. He ran away from home when too young to enlist in the Confederacy and entered the service in a town where his age was not known. He spent the full four years in the Confederate Army, being in action when the surrender was made. Mr. Stokes was active in the original Ku Klux Klan of the late sixties and early seventies, and could tell interesting stories of the activities of that band of citizens during the period of reconstruction. Later in life he became interested in public life, and was elected to many public offices.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter: Dr. R. L. Stokes, prominent physician of Brevard; Wm. T. Stokes, of Burlington, and Mrs. H. J. McAmis, of Hendersonville.

### DONALD LEE MOORE'S SONG TO BE ON THE AIR AGAIN

Word has been received in Brevard that Donald Lee Moore's "Cradle Song" will again be on the air Thursday evening (tonight) during the "Poets' Golden Hour" of the Columbia Broadcasting system. This number was broadcast a few days ago, and was given warm praise. It is a source of gratification to the people of the community that the "Brevard boy" is again to be honored in this manner.

## REPORT PROGRESS IN EFFORT TO OPEN THE BREVARD BANK

Joint Meeting of Depositors and Stockholders Study Plans

### OPINION UNANIMOUS FOR RE-OPENING OLD BANK

Depositors Committee Submits Plan to the Directors of Closed Bank

With citizens from practically all sections of the county present, a group of stockholders and depositors of the Brevard Banking company met Monday afternoon for the purpose of devising plans whereby the bank might be re-opened for business. Several plans in concrete form were presented and given careful study. S. R. Joines was named as chairman of the meeting, and N. A. Miller was selected as secretary.

This mass meeting was the result of efforts put forth by many citizens during the past several days to ascertain if an acceptable plan could be found for re-opening the institution. At the request of Chairman Joines, Thos. H. Shipman told of work that had been done along this line. The first thing necessary in adopting a plan would be to obtain an agreement with out-of-town banks holding Brevard collateral. Report was made that most of such banks had expressed a desire to do all in their power to assist the community in working out of its difficult position.

Many citizens entered into the discussion of the various plans of re-opening, and while there was some difference of opinion as to the proper method, all seemed to agree that the re-opening of the bank is the most logical way out. It is believed that suitable plan can be found, because of the hearty accord on the one question of re-opening the institution. Among those taking part in the discussion, urging re-opening of the bank, were Thos. J. Wilson, R. R. Fisher, G. T. Lyday, W. L. Mull, J. H. Pickelsimer, S. R. Joines, Judson McCrary, L. E. Bagwell, and many others.

A sub-committee was appointed to draft a plan embracing suggestions that had been made at the meeting. This committee is as follows: G. H. Lyday, L. E. Bagwell, Judson McCrary, J. H. Pickelsimer, W. L. Mull and T. J. Wilson. This committee met Tuesday afternoon and began work on the plans for presentation to another meeting of the people interested.

A plan was adopted by the depositors' committee and submitted to the

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## CHARITIES BOARD AIDS 61 FAMILIES

Food, Clothing and Fuel Provided by the Associated Charities

Rev. R. L. Alexander as chairman, and all the members of the Associated Charities express keen appreciation for the splendid manner in which the community has responded to the appeal of the charity board for aid. The boxes about the grocery stores and markets have been well filled each day, while clothing and bed clothing continues to come into the Chamber of Commerce rooms. One of the ministers of the town or a member of the Associated Charities is at the Chamber of Commerce rooms every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 o'clock until noon, for the purpose of giving out the food and clothing to the people who apply for aid.

Sixty-one families are being assisted regularly, while many others are receiving temporary assistance. The tremendous good that is being done through this great work cannot even be estimated, officials of the Associated Charities assert, and continuance of the splendid support will result in still greater good.

Plans for resuming operations in the Sapphire Cotton mills dovetail with the charity work, as many people who are receiving aid are those who have had no work since the mills closed down a year ago. Resumption of work there would relieve the situation in a large degree, and reduce the necessity for these donations to a minimum.

## FIRE DESTROYED THE SINIARD HOME

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Siniard Wednesday, burning the structure to the ground and destroying practically all of the contents of the house. The house had six rooms, and was of frame construction, situated on lands adjoining the property of Camp Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Siniard were in Asheville at the time of the fire, and late Wednesday had not returned, and were not aware of the fact that their home had been consumed in flames. The fire was discovered about noon.

## Parent-Teacher Association Doing Excellent Work for Little Children

Report from Mrs. H. L. Wilson, president of the Parent-Teacher association, and the committees working with Mrs. Wilson in providing lunches for twenty undernourished children in the primary school shows that fine response had been made to an appeal made by the association last week. It will be recalled that plans were announced for providing lunches for these twenty children by voluntary effort, while the association announced that its members would provide milk for the group. Mrs. C. W. Pickelsimer was named as chairman of the committee to arrange for the lunches and set date for each volunteer to provide lunch.

Ready response from sufficient people to provide the lunches up to and including March 12 have been received by the committee and the officers of the association. Following is the schedule, with date that each volunteer has been assigned for providing the lunch for the twenty children.

- January
- Tuesday 20—Mrs. H. Perry.
  - Wednesday 21—Mrs. Mac Allison.
  - Thursday 22—Mrs. R. Long, Mrs. R. W. Everett.
  - Friday 23—Mrs. W. H. Duckworth, Mrs. E. S. English.
  - Monday 26—Mrs. J. B. Jones, Mrs. Waite Reed.
  - Tuesday 27—Mrs. Jess Pickelsimer, Mrs. A. B. Galloway.
  - Wednesday 28—Mrs. C. Poole, Mrs. Chas. Pickelsimer.
  - Thursday 29—Mrs. Fred Zachary.
  - Friday 30—Mrs. M. M. Feester.
- February
- Monday 2—Mrs. O. H. Orr, Mrs. A. H. Harris.
  - Tuesday 3—Mrs. B. Nicholson, Mrs. Pettit.
  - Wednesday 4—Mrs. Harold Norwood.
  - Thursday 5—Mrs. C. O. Robinson.
  - Friday 6—Mrs. J. F. Barrett.
  - Monday 9—Mrs. Schachner.
  - Tuesday 10—Mrs. B. J. Sitton.
  - Wednesday 11—Mrs. D. F. Moore.
  - Thursday 12—Mrs. O. L. Erwin.
  - Friday 13—Mrs. R. Long, Mrs. R. W. Everett.
  - Monday 16—Mrs. Hinton McLeod.
  - Tuesday 17—Mrs. Terry, Mrs. T. C. Galloway.
  - Wednesday 18—Mrs. Paul Hartwell.
  - Thursday 19—Mrs. B. F. Beasley.

- Friday 20—Mrs. Thos. Teague.
  - Monday 23—Mrs. Jess Pickelsimer, Mrs. A. B. Galloway.
  - Tuesday 24—Mrs. A. N. Jenkins.
  - Wednesday 25—Mrs. C. Poole, Mrs. Chas. Pickelsimer.
  - Thursday 26—Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Brinkman.
  - Friday 27—Mrs. Ralph Fisher.
- March
- Monday 2—Mrs. L. Pushell.
  - Tuesday 3—Mrs. O. H. Orr, Mrs. A. H. Harris.
  - Wednesday 4—Mrs. A. H. Kizer.
  - Thursday 5—Mrs. R. L. Stokes.
  - Friday 6—Mrs. H. E. Erwin.
  - Monday 9—Mrs. H. L. Wilson.
  - Tuesday 10—Mrs. Marie Bice.
  - Wednesday 11—Mrs. J. F. Winton.
  - Thursday 12—Mrs. A. N. Hinton.

There are twelve children in the elementary school who are being provided with daily lunch and milk. Volunteers have been secured for these twelve lunches up to and including February 12. The Parent-Teacher association will welcome volunteers in providing lunches for these twelve children. Any one desiring to provide these lunches for one day is asked to communicate with the committee chairman, Mrs. C. W. Pickelsimer, or the president, Mrs. H. L. Wilson.

Following is the list of volunteers who will provide lunch for these elementary school children on the day allotted each one:

- January
- Tuesday 27—Mrs. H. L. Wilson.
  - Wednesday 28—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ruffy.
  - Thursday 29—Miss Ruth Cantrell.
  - Friday 30—Mrs. Roscoe Nicholson.
- February
- Monday 2—Mrs. Albert Ky.
  - Tuesday 3—Mrs. H. Case, Mrs. Joe Lyday.
  - Wednesday 4—Mrs. N. Morris.
  - Thursday 5—Mrs. Paul Smathers.
  - Friday 6—Mrs. Wike, Mrs. J. E. Waters.
  - Monday 9—Mrs. C. L. Newland.
  - Tuesday 10—Mrs. C. L. Newland.
  - Wednesday 11—Mrs. B. Summey.
  - Thursday 12—Mrs. B. Summey.

The association is emphatic in its expressions of gratitude to the people for the splendid response made in providing these lunches, and to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. S. Silverstein, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. S. P. Verner for their gifts of milk for the children.

## TAX REDUCTION BY GOVERNOR'S PLAN

New Road Law Would Take Road Tax Off All Property

Brevard News Bureau Raleigh, Jan. 28.

Representative W. M. Henry, of Transylvania county, is in the "cutting" mood and has displayed his feelings in at least three instances. After getting through a bill to abolish the General County Court of Transylvania, he started through another to allow the county commissioners to disburse the funds derived from a tax levied to maintain the court. The bill was referred to the Finance committee.

Representative Henry then introduced a bill to decrease the number of county commissioners from five to three, and another to decrease the salary of the treasurer of Transylvania from \$2,600 to \$1,800.

CRAWFORD IN THE INSURANCE FIELD AT ELIZABETH CITY

J. I. Crawford, for the past three years assistant cashier of the Brevard Banking company, has been made district manager of the Equitable Assurance Society, with headquarters in Elizabeth City. He has already moved his family to that pretty city, and is now actively engaged in his new work. Mr. Crawford was extremely popular in Brevard, and he and Mrs. Crawford had so endeared themselves to the people of the community that genuine regret is expressed because of their going.

Figures recently compiled show that the average property levy in the 100 counties of North Carolina for road maintenance amounts to 19 1/2 cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The chief executive's plan would mean, translated into terms of property tax reduction, that a load amounting to approximately \$6,000,000 per year would be lifted from the shoulders of landowners.

The proposed plan, according to its proponents, goes further than merely making a suggestion, it recommends definite means by which the necessary funds may be raised to effect this relief. The suggestion is that the levy on gasoline be increased from 5 to 6 cents per gallon, and that the added revenue, together with the one cent increase made by the General Assembly of 1929, be used for the maintenance of the county roads. The two-cent tax, it is pointed out, will provide sufficient funds for the purpose.

Those who favor the plan point out that the change will in no way affect the continuation of maintenance of the primary State Highway system nor with the orderly retirement of interest and debt requirements of bond issues previously issued for highway construction since it will take only the amount of increase in the gasoline tax made after the state Highway program was launched in 1921.

### EASTERN STAR MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Members of the Eastern Star are asked to be present at the meeting on next Tuesday evening at 7:30, when candidates for admission are expected to be present.

## REPORT APPROVED IN PART BY BOARD OF THE M.E. CHURCH

Wickersham Document Is To Be Given Further Study by Organization

### BOARD HAPPY BECAUSE REPORT OPPOSES REPEAL

Says Law Enforcement Is Bigger Than Prohibition Enforcement

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church will not comment at length on the recommendations of the Wickersham Commission in regard to prohibition enforcement until after there has been adequate time to study intensively the entire report.

The Board wishes to say that in its opinion it is of the highest importance to keep in mind that the question of law observance and enforcement is very much larger than the question of prohibition enforcement. It is believed that many of those monetarily interested in organized crime have attempted to use discussion of prohibition enforcement as a smoke screen to obscure the necessity for public interest in the reform of police methods, judicial procedure and other matters relating directly to the control of criminal activities.

As a matter of principle, the secretaries of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals find themselves in agreement with and strongly approve the conclusions and recommendation of the Commission in the following particulars:

1. Opposition to repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment or restoration of the saloon.
2. Opposition to governmental participation in the liquor business.
3. Opposition to so-called modification of the Prohibition Act to permit wines and beer.
4. Cooperation of the states is essential to proper enforcement and public opinion should in several states demand such cooperation.
5. Prohibition enforcement is in stockholders and directors of the closed institution, which is declared by many citizens to be a most feasible plan of re-opening the bank. This plan was presented to the bank group Wednesday, and it is believed that a reply will be made at an early date.

Practically all people who have expressed their views seem to be in favor of re-opening the bank, resuming business, and permit the institution and the community to make

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## BANK MAKES FINE RECORD LAST YEAR

Pisgah Industrial Bank In Annual Meeting—Officers Elected for Year

Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pisgah Industrial Bank was held Monday of this week, and election of officers was made. J. H. Pickelsimer was re-elected president; Lewis P. Hamlin, vice president, and Oliver H. Orr was named as cashier. These officers, with R. L. Nicholson, H. A. Plummer and Dr. E. S. English constitute the new board of directors.

Report was made for the year's work, it is said, and was considered as a most excellent showing in view of the hard year that 1930 proved to be in the banking business, generally speaking. All departments showed excellent results, the report states, there being a noticeable gain in the amounts of investment certificates held by the citizens of the town and county. Five per cent interest is paid by the Pisgah Bank for all money deposited for these investment certificates, which, in general banking terms, are known as time certificates.

The Pisgah Bank makes loans to be paid back in installments, weekly or monthly, and this department made good record during 1930.

The insurance department, in charge of Messrs. F. E. Shuford and T. H. Galloway, made rapid gains during the year, the report showed, and paid several losses during that time.

The Pisgah Bank is proving of great value to the community, especially during the past several weeks. Pay checks for the various industrial concerns have been cashed by the workmen at the Pisgah, as have the highway checks on the road work going on. Then, too, the business houses of the town have found ready accommodations at the bank in making change.

Plans are being made for increased business activities during the year 1931. The general trend of business upward, with the growing popularity of the Pisgah Bank, give sufficient evidence of a continued steady growth. The rate of interest which the Pisgah Bank pays on its time certificates, or investment certificates as they are called in industrial banks, is somewhat larger than depositors can obtain in many other places, hence the growing business along these lines.

## 6-MONTHS' SCHOOL TERM IS BIG ISSUE BEFORE THE SOLONS

Body Seems Determined to Have State Pay School Costs

### WOULD REDUCE TAXES ON LAND IS THE AGREEMENT

One Bill Proposes to Cut Salaries of School Teachers Ten Per Cent

Brevard News Bureau Raleigh, Jan. 28.

State operation and maintenance of the constitutional six months school term was unquestionable the most important proposal before the N. C. General Assembly the past week and gives promise of taking leading position this week, although numbers of important pieces of legislation have been placed before that body.

The proponents of the bill embodying the fixing of a state policy of operation of the term, legislation for which is to be proposed later, overwhelmingly won in the first skirmish before the joint sessions of House and Senate Education committees, and, unless signs fail, the bill will pass both houses, although some of the committee members voting for it voiced reservations. The bill was set for a special order in the House Monday night and in the Senate Tuesday of this week. A lively skirmish is expected before the bill becomes a law.

Those supporting the measure, known as the Lindsey-Young bill, argue this is the most effective method of reducing taxes, since schools are more costly than all other county activities. If the state takes over the schools, taxes can be reduced and the burden largely removed, they state, referring to the supposed constitutional provision requiring the state to operate the schools.

The only note of warning was issued by the only school man speaking before the committee vote, T. Wingate Andrews, High Point, former president of the state teacher organization, who said a policy which maintains no relation between the amount spent for schools and taxes paid was unsound and he feared loss of local interest. State Supt. A. T. Allen, who did not speak, also warns that if the six months law proposed is adopted, many small districts now operating eight months with equalizing and extended term aid, will be forced to reduce the length of terms or levy more taxes. The matter of revenue is worrying some of the legislators.

The Educational Commission's eight months school bill has not appeared.

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## COMPLETE AUDIT OF BANK AFFAIRS

Report of Bank Examiner Gone to Raleigh for Inspection by Department

Audit of the books and affairs of the Brevard Banking company, closed on December 15, is now complete, and the report has been sent to Raleigh for inspection. It is said that about two weeks will be required for this examination, after which the report will be returned to Brevard, and a copy filed with the clerk of the court. The bank examiner's department has been in charge of affairs of the bank since its closing, and directed the auditors in their work. Mr. Woodley, liquidating agent, is now in charge of the institution.

Many people, it is said, have been paying their notes at the bank, since Mr. Woodley has been there. Many of the notes that were in other banks as collateral for money borrowed by the Brevard bank have been returned here, it is said, while other notes are still in distant banks.

County officials are awaiting copy of the report before they can do much with county affairs, because of the huge sum of county funds tied in the closed bank. The same applies to the town of Brevard, while business houses and individuals await the report with varying degrees of anxiety.

### SIMPSON IN CHARGE OF YOUNG PEOPLES' CHOIR

Announcement is made that Leonard Simpson has agreed to take charge of the Young Peoples' Choir of the Brevard Baptist church. All young people who wish to serve the church by singing in the choir are urged to attend a meeting this Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and join in the practice.

### CORN ADVANCES TO 75 CENTS A BUSHEL HERE

Corn has advanced to 75 cents a bushel on the Brevard market, according to an announcement in today's Brevard News as shown in the market list prices of the B. and B. Feed and Seed company. This concern is offering 75 cents a bushel cash for corn, which is a decided advance over what the market has been for the past several weeks.