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BANK DEPOSITS RISE AS COTTON COMES TO DUNN

Net Increase of \$109,000
Shown Here And At Duke
Last Week

MORE THAN 1,000 BALES MARKETED IN PERIOD

Business Picks Up And Merchants View Future With Optimistic Spirit—Dunn Banks Get \$85,000 Of Total Increase In Deposits.—Much Cotton Still Out.

Bank deposits in the four banks of Duke and Dunn showed a net gain of \$109,000 from Monday morning to Saturday afternoon of last week. Most of this, of course, came from the eleven hundred bales of cotton sold in Dunn, Duke and Coats during the week, but the rest of it came from other sources that heretofore have not been so fruitful.

Of the total increase Dunn banks had \$87,000. The rest went to the Bank of Harnett of Duke, which has a branch at Coats where about 100 barrels of cotton were sold last week. Duke and Dunn combined sold approximately 1,000 bales of cotton during the week at an average of about \$8 a bale. Of this quantity Dunn sold 700 bales and Duke sold 300 bales.

That a major portion of the money paid for cotton went into banks is considered by business men to be one of the most encouraging omens for the last several months. Heretofore a large part of the money paid farmers for their cotton has been "spurious vermint." Nobody knows where it has been sunk. It hasn't come to the banks and merchants' books do not show that it has been spent for supplies nor paid on account.

This means much to the community. It means that there will be a revival of trade which has been somewhat stagnant since the new year began. It shows, too, that the community is on a solid foundation and that business men can look forward to better business.

still are thousands of bales of cotton in the surrounding country—considerably more than a million dollars worth it is said. When all of this is marketed and a large part of the indebtedness of the agricultural element is retired, the district will get its correct bearings and forge ahead at its accustomed gait.

ROYALL SELLS OWNER-SHIP IN GRAVEL PLANT

Man Who Made Great Success of the Venture Closes Out To Associates

A change in ownership of Standard Sand and Gravel Company took place this week when John A. Royall, president and majority stockholder, disposed of his interest in the concern to his associates, Gilbert C. White, John F. Wiley, of Durham, E. V. Webb, L. B. West, of Kinston. The new owners have made a slight change in title of the concern, it now being Standard Sand and Gravel Corporation. Mr. Webb succeeds Mr. Royall as a president. Mr. Webb is one of the most prominent business men of Kinston, being head of the E. V. Webb Tobacco Company, independent. Mr. White is the well-known consulting engineer. Mr. Wiley is of the Fidelity Trust Company. Mr. West is a contractor of statewide prominence. The Gravel Corporation is capitalized at half a million.

One of Mr. Royall's last acts in furthering the business interests of the Gravel Company and the up-building of the industry was the leasing of rights to a company of Baltimore manufacturers, the Core Joint Concrete Pipe Company, on a part of the Gravel Company's holdings. This company is to be furnished material for the manufacture of cement products. Machinery for the operation of this plant has been shipped. It is stated, and operation will begin in the immediate future. The Core Joint Concrete Pipe Company is the largest manufacturer of cement products in the country.

Concerning the Standard Sand and Gravel Corporation, it will be interesting to note what estimate the Bureau of Roads, Washington, D. C., places upon the outfit. Out of 350 plants of similar nature throughout the country inspected by the Bureau, the Lillington plant was stated to be the third best in the lot. This will show in some measure the thoroughness of Mr. Royall's business methods in establishing this mammoth enterprise.

It must be said in this connection, also, that the Norfolk Southern Railroad has been handling the enormous output of the Gravel Company with entire satisfaction. "We could

Apportionment of 1921 Taxes

The committees of special tax school districts and the supervisors of roads in the various townships will note that the following are the amounts credited to their districts on tax of 1921:

School
Angier No. 4, \$5,317.52.
Dunn white and colored No. 1, \$23,960.12.
Anderson Creek No. 1, Nursery, \$1,039.77; No. 2 Bethel \$149.87; No. 4 Flat, Branch \$106.99; No. 6 Cambro \$206.46.

Averasboro No. 6, Tripp, \$338.08; No. 7 Piney Grove \$369.27; No. 9 Chicora \$476.73; No. 10 Long Branch \$1,894.92.
Barbecue No. 1 Air Castle \$145.52, No. 2 Big Branch \$216.86; No. 3 Olivia \$430.18; No. 4 Pineview \$669.86; No. 5 Morris Chapel \$85.41.
Black River No. 2 Barclayville \$659.88.
Buckhorn No. 2 Macedonia \$310.78.

Grove No. 1 Ennis \$181.66; No. 2 Gregory \$185.88; No. 3 Coats \$5,976.83; No. 4 Turlington \$517.94; No. 5 Parkers \$484.89; No. 6 Sorrell \$200.27; No. 7 Penny \$105.27.
Hectors Creek No. 2 Chalybeate Springs \$591.85.
Lillington No. 1 white \$7,710.92; No. 1 colored \$265.16.
Neills Creek No. 3 Cape Fear \$372.20.

Stewarts Creek No. 1 Bunnlevel \$1,011.82.
Upper Little River No. 1 Luart \$422.50; No. 4 Patterson \$299.73; No. 5 Mt. Pisgah \$220.89; No. 6 Leaflet \$272.31; No. 8 Mammars \$454.75; No. 10 Haven Rock \$395.58; No. 11 Spring Hill \$273.42; No. 4 colored \$167.29.
Barbecue No. 2 colored \$56.10.
Total tax for special schools — \$50,555.16.

Roads
Anderson Creek, \$2,058.44.
Averasboro, \$7,345.25.
Barbecue, \$1,063.31.
Black River, \$4,284.83.
Buckhorn, \$2,325.36.
Duke, \$6,337.53.
Hectors Creek, \$3,072.72.
Grove, \$7,922.63.
Lillington, \$5,423.34.
Neills Creek, \$3,984.45.

Upper Little River, \$4,008.64.
Total tax for roads—\$54,255.60.
Total special school and roads tax—\$110,180.76.

The above are the gross amounts. Insolvencies, releases and commissions for collecting will be deducted from each amount. If the taxpayers do not settle more promptly than they have been doing, these items which will be charged back to each fund will amount to nearly 20 per cent of the amounts.

not ask for better service," said Mr. Royall, "and we could not have handled the material with greater dispatch even had we owned the railroad." This splendid service of the Norfolk Southern has been of wonderful assistance in developing the gravel mining plant to its present position of importance. Last March the news in a descriptive story of the operation of Standard Sand and Gravel Company's plant, pointed out the great demand for service that would devolve upon the Norfolk Southern.

A representative of the railroad in a conversation later with a representative of the paper stated that his road would most certainly meet the emergency. Mr. Royall testifies that it has done so.

In speaking to a representative of The News, regarding his severance of connection with the Gravel Company, Mr. Royall said:
"The company has been highly successful, and my reason for disposing of my interest to my associates is that my interests elsewhere demand so much of my time and personal attention. And in regard to my stay in this community, allow me to say that I have found it most pleasant indeed. The healthy climate the beautiful rolling country, and our surroundings in general, have been both genial and profitable to our health and happiness. We regret to leave this community. Everyone has been cordial, and our connection here has been most pleasant. We have lived in California, in Maine, and in other parts of the country, and nowhere have we been surrounded by more pleasing conditions.

"I must not forget to mention, also, that our residence in Lillington has been marked by an absence of mosquitoes and other insects that infest many places in other sections of the country. Our health has been the best of our lives while here." Praise of the salubrious climate was unstinted in Mr. Royall's farwailing remarks. People hereabouts are hoping this splendid family may decide to locate at least one of their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Royall and family are preparing to leave this week. He will go to Chicago on business in a few days.—Harnett County News.

PAYS TO DRIVE THE CORN TO MARKET

Yes, Drive It Instead of Sending It; This Article Tells How To Do It

To show that it pays to "drive the corn to market" on the hoof rather than sell it by the bushel, the N. C. Experiment Station is conducting a feeding experiment on a large scale at Wenoona. In connection with this experiment Earl Hostetler of the office of Swine Investigation says:
"With corn shelled and loaded on the car at Wenoona, N. C., bringing only 60 cents per bushel the authorities in charge of the Black Land Branch Experiment Station at Wenoona decided to try out some method of feeding the corn that was raised on the farm and thereby obtain a better price for it.

"After considerable investigation it was found that good feeder pigs could be bought in Southern Georgia for 5 1-4 to 5 1-2 cents f. o. b., shipping point, and upon inspecting about 200 pigs collected at Valdosta, Ga., 135 pigs averaging 96 pounds each, were purchased for 5 1-2 cents per pound and shipped to Wenoona. These pigs were shipped from Valdosta on Monday, January 23, 1922, and arrived at Wenoona the following Saturday in good shape in spite of the fact that they were en route during a severe snow storm.

"Upon arrival at the Branch Station the pigs were weighed and averaged only 88 pounds, which made a shrinkage of 8 pounds per pig in transit. However, on February 1 weights were taken again and four pounds per pig were lost in transit had been recovered.

"On February 1, this group of pigs was divided into two equal lots and will be fed as follows: Lot No. 1, shelled corn and fish meal in separate compartments of self feeders; and lot No. 2, shelled corn and tankage in separate compartments of self feeders, using three six-foot self-feeders in each lot.

"We feel that this test should be of particular interest to farmers in the South, and when the pigs are sold a complete report will be given, showing the financial statement in addition to the comparative results of the different feeds. However, we realize that these feeders should have been purchased at least thirty days earlier in order to have them finished for the March 1 market which will undoubtedly be the peak for this spring."

METHODISTS PLAN FOR WORLD SUNDAY

To Make Effort on March 26 To Collect Centenary Pledges

Another significant step in the progress of Southern Methodism is the appointment of a day to be known as "World Sunday" throughout its entire connection. This decision was reached at the church wide conference on world program and missionary advance recently held in Memphis, Tenn., and came as a climax to what is said to be the most notable meeting of Methodists ever assembled.

"World's Sunday," as adopted by the 400 and more Methodist leaders in Memphis proposes to secure for the church as brilliant a record in the matter of payment of pledges as it has already attained in subscribing to the centenary movement which has claimed for the attention of that denomination for the past three years and through which something like \$50,000,000 was subscribed for missions and other causes of the church.

In a review of the work of the church through centenary channels it was shown that 90 per cent of the entire amount pledged is now due, whereas, only 40 per cent has been paid, and that unless church members in arrears come up with their payments before the meeting of the general conference in May, the church will be hindered in carrying out the enlarged program as planned under the centenary movement.

In order that at least \$4,000,000 of unpaid centenary pledges be secured within the next three months, plans have been made to call back into action all of the forces of the church in an effort to bring the payment of pledges up to date.

Sunday, March 26, has been designated as "World Sunday," when from every church and charge in the entire connection, payment of overdue centenary pledges will be the theme. During the week that follows, local centenary committees will be organized and all subscribers who are in arrears will be personally interviewed and urged to bring their payments up to date.

The idea of a "World Sunday" for Southern Methodists, when through-

At Bethesda Friends Church

The Christian Endeavor Society of Bethesda Friends Church will give a play on Friday night March 10 at 7 p. m. This play will be given in Bethesda church. It is a dramatic parable of a mother's love entitled "An Old Fashioned Mother," and is in three acts. The characters playing this are: Deborah Underhill, a mother in Israel—Estie Warren, Wilder Bill, leader of the choir—by Iola Green.

Mrs. Lewis, Miss Lela Low Sills, Isabel Simpson, the village belle—by Annie Blackman. Gloria Ann Perkins, as good as gold—by Lettie Lee. Sucey Pindle, the Widder's Mite—by Lois Dawson. John Underhill, the prodigal son—by Charlie Wagon. Charley Underhill, the elder brother—by James H. Wiley.

"Brother John Quackenbush, a witty sepulchralist—by A. T. Dixon. Jeremiah Godwin, "Jerry," a merry heart—by O. M. Mobley. Enoch Bone, a wit and a wanderer—by James H. Warren. Quicous Todd, county sheriff—by Leamon Deane.

This play plays in act I—the Good Samaritan, act II a Mother's Love, and act III the Prodigal Son. Admission 15c. Come enjoy the time and hear one of the best church plays.

Parish School Items
Mrs. Ella E. McNeill of Fayetteville, spent the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson near Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Johnson of Duke, spent Sunday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson.

Miss Nannie McNeill, one of the teachers, visited relatives last Saturday and Sunday at Duke's Creek.

Rev. J. B. Johnson preached very appropriate sermons at Erwin's Chapel Saturday and Sunday, which were enjoyed by all who heard him.

Messrs. Clay and Richard McDonald from Wagon, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson of Duke, visited Jim Bertie Stephenson at Wagon, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Duke of Duke, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Johnson.

There will be an entertainment and picnic supper given at the Parker school Friday, March 3rd at 8 p. m. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

Behning Piano Co. Settles Affairs

Perhaps never has the piano industry appeared in a better light than in the settlement of the affairs of the Behning Piano Company, and perhaps never has a greater tribute been paid to two piano men than the one which it gave Henry and Gustav Behning. In this settlement was that true cooperative spirit which convention oratory plead for, but which is rarely shown in actual practice. Recognizing that the Behning piano is an asset to the entire industry, that its name value is inextricably intertwined with the men who created it, that through unfortunate circumstances beyond their control they had met with financial difficulties, the creditors worked hard to devise a plan by which the real assets—the piano and men who make it—might be retained by the industry, and with a thorough and of common helpfulness, they eventually worked out a plan. It is a striking recognition of the unity of the piano industry, and every one who aided in the end arrived at deserved congratulations. Let us hope that in the future when similar situations may arise, that the same spirit will be shown and the same means adopted to bring about similar solutions.—Musical Courier.

The man with three wives had better be glad they caught him before vacation time.

out the bounds of that denomination a simultaneous effort will be made for collection of centenary dues, originated with Dr. Charles C. Sealeman, pastor of the First Methodist church, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Sealeman has already demonstrated the practicability and efficiency of this plan, using Easter Sunday of last year as "World Sunday" for the church of which he is the pastor, with the result that the missionary offering for that Sunday amounted to between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

"The real receipt of the movement," said Dr. Sealeman, "could not be estimated in cash. Many who had been backward in their payments were reminded of the sacredness of the claim and came forward in a few weeks (with their money, while the seal of the church for missions was quickened by the campaign."

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS THE NEW WOMAN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Unanimous Decision Of Highest Court Rendered By Justice Brandeis Knocks Out Every Objection And Sustains Constitutionality Of National Woman Suffrage

Washington, Feb. 27.—The constitutionality of the Women Suffrage or Nineteenth amendment, was unanimously sustained today by the Supreme court in a decision rendered by Justice Brandeis.

The challenge came from the State of Maryland, where Oscar Lewis and others sought to prevent the registration of two women as qualified voters in Baltimore. Lewis and his associates contended that the Constitution of Maryland limited suffrage to men; that the legislature of Maryland had refused to ratify the Woman Suffrage amendment and that the amendment had not become a part of the Federal constitution. The Maryland State courts sustained the amendment.

The contention that an amendment to the Federal constitution relating to additions to the electors cannot be made without the consent of the State, the court disposed of by reference to the fifteenth of equal suffrage amendment, declaring that "one cannot be valid and the other invalid." It pointed out that the validity of the fifteenth amendment had been recognized for half a century.

The suggestion that several of the thirty-six states which ratified the nineteenth amendment had provisions

MR. ROSS EXPLAINS THE NEW CLERK LAW

Confusion Arising Regarding Number That Judgment May Be Signed Without Trial

Your article in last week's issue entitled "Clerks of Superior Court Have Increased Importance" has provoked some discussion, and has, I think, created some misunderstanding of the new law as to court procedure. In the hope that I may help to clarify the matter, I write this

the law. Each session of the Legislature since 1919 has passed some law relating to this subject, until the law had gotten into a state of confusion. The last session of the General Assembly simply condensed all these acts into one, and made some few amendments thereto.

Since 1919 summonses in Superior Court have been returnable before the Clerk, instead of to the next term, as formerly. The new act makes no change in this respect, but does provide that the officer serving the summons must in all cases deliver a copy to the defendant. Heretofore only corporations and minors had to be served with copies. Oftentimes defendants would forget the names and dates in a summons read to them, and were unable to give this necessary information to their attorneys.

Now they will have a copy. Heretofore, except in a few special cases, the defendant had twenty days after the return day named in the summons to file answer. This is still the law, unless he is served not only with copy of summons but also copy of complaint; and in that case he has only twenty days from date served instead of from return day. In case of this kind the Clerk cannot extend time to file answer. This provision limiting the Clerk's power to extend time to file answer is new law.

There are set out in the act a number of cases in which the Clerk may sign judgments; but these are all cases raising no issues of fact to be submitted to a jury—practically uncontented cases, which have always been subject to judgment upon motion either before the Clerk or the Judge—some before one and some before the other. Some people seem to have gotten the impression that the Clerk was given the power to sign judgment, and deny a man a trial. Of course this is not and could not be the law. The Legislature does not have the power to deprive a man of a trial, provided he sets up in a legal way alleged facts which constitute a valid defense to the action.

The regular session of 1921 gave the Clerk power to make necessary decrees in foreclosure proceedings where the amount of the indebtedness and the right of collection were uncontested. This provision is brought forward in the new act, and invests in the Clerk with probably more equitable jurisdiction than ever before. All acts of the Clerk in this respect are subject to review, upon proper appeal, by the Judge.

The act declares its purpose to be to simplify and expedite court procedure, and I think it will do much to accomplish this much needed reform.

BIG AUDIENCES TO SEE PAVLOVA

Coming With Orchestra And Ballet Russes March The Fourth

The privilege of attending a rehearsal of the Pavlova Ballet Russes, which comes to Raleigh on March 4, was a rather unusual experience for a Georgia newspaper writer who recently "looked in" at a morning practice of that wonderful organization.

"When the interviewer happens to light upon a rehearsal of Anna Pavlova after new triumphs in London, Paris and New York, he finds himself in the midst of a real League of Nations. The orchestra musicians are represented by seven nationalities of strings, wood, wind and brass, with a Creolo-Slovakian conductor who has the manner of a Frenchman and the accent of an Englishman—M. Theodore Stier, citizen of the world artistic.

"In the center of the stage, the flower-like Pavlova is fluttering through the air, petal-wise in a white practice costume, pausing now and again to nod approval to some particularly bright star of her great school or to call a soft word of correction or reproof, which invariably brings a smile to the eyes of the devotee rather than a frown.

"The pretty girls who surround the incomparable Pavlova in their gaily-colored dresses are of all nationalities—Polish, French, Spanish, English, Scotch, Greek, Italian, and, of course, Russian. One wonders why Pavlova calls her organization the Ballet Russes. She should really call it the Ballet International.

Pavlova herself is of course Russian, as is Laurent Novikoff, who will be her partner this season and who, it will be remembered, achieved an ovation when he made his North American debut as Pavlova's partner in 1913. Plesnowski, Vajnski, Simon Karavitski, and Danbrowski, sub-titulars in Pavlova's dancing firmament are also Russian.

The advance sale of tickets for the two Raleigh performances on March 4 indicate splendid audiences for these very unusual attractions. There will be two programs in Raleigh, entirely different, with all the electrical and musical effects arranged for the production when it's phenomenal career began at Paris with the present organization.

South River News
South River, Feb. 25.—Coming to the front with a whirlwind speed, the South River five swept the Godwin team off their feet at Godwin High School Saturday afternoon February 25, and won by a score of 47 to 2.

Those playing for South River—
South River Godwin
Roland Goddie Marvin Lucas
Bill Williams Lambert Pope
Earl Matthews Perry Pope
Lester Hawley Earl Williams
Lennie Collier Thad Starling
Goddie scored 26 of South River's points, Williams following close with 15.
Referees—Mr. Marion Goddie, South River, and Mr. Marshal Henderson of Godwin.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST GROW IN INTEREST

Pastor Making Strong Appeals To People Of Dunn In Fine Sermons

THIRTY NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO CHURCH ROLL

Music Under Direction Of Casper Warren Features Meeting and Adds Much To Interest.—Mr. Johnson Hits Human Fleas Who Bite And Jump.

(By J. A. McLeod.)

With good attendance, increased interest, and splendid results the evangelistic services conducted at the First Baptist church by the pastor Rev. E. N. Johnson, are still going on. Every service has been well attended. Even at the Saturday evening service, a time when most people in town are especially busy, the congregation was large. At this writing thirty have been added to the church, twenty-seven by baptism and three by letter.

The music directed by Casper Warren is excellent. With his regular choir and his junior choir, with the congregation joining in, Casper is producing music equal to any possible under a professional music director. The Gospel is being proclaimed through song. Every sermon is a powerful one. The theme running through them all is "Saved by Grace, through Faith, for Good Works."

"Stirring up the Eagle's Nest," especially for the children, on Friday evening, was a wonderful message. As the eagle stirs up her nest when the little eagles are old enough to begin to try to fly and makes it uncomfortable for them, and then flutters her wings and catches them away from the old nest and puts her wings under them, their wings being too weak to fly alone, and bears them up; so God stirs up the consciousness of men and makes the old life unattractive and uncomfortable and then He writes them to come to Him and He will take care of them.

On Saturday evening the pastor called the roll of "Four of the Biggest Licks in Dunn," and every one answered "present." They are: First, the Devil, who is always a liar. Second, the Gossip, and this not necessarily mean a woman, for some men talk about their neighbors. Third, that person who says he loves God and hates his brother, for I says if we love Him we also love the brethren. Fourth, that person who says he loves God and does not keep His commandments, for God says if we love Him we keep His commandments.

In this sermon the pastor made a diagnosis of and prescribed a remedy for a certain disease now prevalent. This disease is known as phibitis (Hosbitena). The fellow who hops from one merchant to another and gets what he can and does not pay, he is the flea, and the person bitten is suffering from the bite. The remedy is the love of God applied to the heart of the human flea.

Sunday morning God's great spirit of forgiveness was presented, the subject being "Forgiveness." "The Message of the Cross" Sunday evening was a touching appeal of the cross and the work of Jesus as a result of the wounds inflicted on the cross. The appeal was chiefly to the doubter, Thomas; being the example "Hiding Behind a Lye, or False Hope" the pastor made plain the fact that good morals, honesty, etc., do not and cannot save; but that through Jesus only is life eternal. The subject to be discussed this (Tuesday) evening is "A Voice From Hell."

It is probable that these services will continue through the week.

New Griffith Production

"The Fall of Babylon" is the title of the new D. W. Griffith production that again brings this dramatic genius to the fore as the peer of all producers to see Mr. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" and "Hearts of the World." "The Fall of Babylon" will be shown here at the White Theatre soon.

One of the largest and most notable companies ever assembled by Mr. Griffith will enact the principal parts, the foremost players including Constance Talmadge, Tully Marshall, George Fennest, Mildred Harris, Pauline Starke, Seena Owen, Alva Rubens, Kate Bruce, Alfred Paget, Elmo Lincoln and Ruth Dunning. More than 125,000 men and women appear in the spectacle.

"Ex-Governor of Tobacco is Banished," says Mexican paper. If he's caught, Tobacco will make it hot for him.