CHARGE OF FRAUD AGAINST COOPERS

Arrest of W. B. Thos. E. And H. C. Cooper Follows The Indictment

Wilmington, August. 16 .- Lieu tenant Governor W. B. Cooper, former chairman of the board of the defunct Commercial National Bank: his brother Thomas E. Cooper, former president; Horace C. Cooper former cashier, and Clyde Lassiter. un automobile dealer, are at liberty today under bonds from \$1,000 to \$10,000 following their arrest here last night on charges of conspiracy to defraud and wreck the Commer

The specific charges Thomas E. Cooper aileges misapplication of funds and monies of the bank, and conspiracy.

Licutenant Governor Cooper is charged with conspiring with Thos E Cooper, to defraud the Commer cial bank of certain sums of maney. and misapplication of certain fund-

Horace Cooper is alleged to have misapplied funds of the bank and to have made false entries in the book's

and abetting Thomas E. Cooper in the misapplication of funds.

Thomas E. Cooper is held under two bunds of \$5,000 each, Lieuten ant Governor Cooper's bail has been fixed at \$5,000, Hornec Cooper \$8. 000 and Lassiter \$1,000.

The warrants were sworn ou by District Attorney Tucker July, 31 and served by United States Marshall Ward last night.

Closed 8 Months Ago The Commerical Naional Bank was closed on December 30, 1922, after an examination of National Bank Examiner William P. Folger. who took charge.

C. L. Williams was named receiv cr. Subsesuent to the closing of the institution he reported to the comptroller of the currency numerous a federal officials, and as a result of these reports Special Examiner H. R. Tull and assistants have been making investigation and examinations and no action against anyone was taken until this linguity was completed.

Warrants for the Coopen and Lasgiter were insued last week by United States Commissioner A. S. Willlams on affidavits made by Examiner Tull, the same having been approved by United States Attorney Tucker at Raleigh.

The warrants charge conspiracy to violate section 5209 of the federal code misapplication of funds and false entries. District Attorney Tucker has been forwarded all pa-pers in the case but, in view of the to Wilmington and the government's charges will not be presented in court until they are given to the federal grand jury in bills which are expected to be drawn at the November term.

W B. Cooper's Statement. W. H. Cooper made the following statement this afternoon:

"I returned to the city from Pres ident Harding's funeral and ran into this thing. It was the first I had heard of it. I know the government as is customary, had been investigating the affairs of the bank. As I understand the matter. I am charged with approving a worthless note for \$13,000. The records of the bank will show that the other directors approved the note along with

To be fully secured in the sum of \$8,000 should Lieutenant Governo W. B. Cooper and his son, Herac C. Cooper, fall to appear in federal court to answer the charges filed in connection with the failure of the Commercial Bank, D L. Gore, father-in-law and bondsman for the licutenant-governor, has caused the latter to execute a trust deed to the Cooper home on North Fifth Street. The deed is in favor of R. B. Shepard, an employe of Mr. Gore.

COTTON FARMERS IN

Goldman, Sach and company, today completed arrangements large loan to the Texas farm Bureau Cotton association for the purpose of assisting in the orderly marketing of the cotton crop in that

The amount of the loan was not disclosed, but it was understood it will total at least \$20,000,000 and may be substantially more, depend-

SANFORD EDITOR HAS VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Sanford, Aug. 15 .- P J. Brown ewspaper editor and manager miraculously escaped death today. when his roudster turned over, a bout three miles from town.

He was returning from Raleigh t Sanford driving about 25 miles an hour, and he reached a curve in the road, saw a wagon just in front and a car filled with women and children, passing the wagon.

Soving a collision inevitable, less he could stop, he applied the breaks and the car stopping and-denly, skidded, faced toward Raleigh and went over an embankment. He has not a bruise and the ma

chine was repaired in time for him to return to Raieigh today to take part in the marriage of Miss Flora Sholes and Solomon L. Homewood, at the church of the Good Shepherd.

DRIVES OFF BRIDGE AND KILLS TWO MEN.

Whitakers, Aug. 16 -John Quarrells, colored driving a car, drove over the rail of a bridge between here and Glenville, a suburb of Whitakers, instantly killing himself and his brother and fatally injuring unother negro from Warrenton, whose name has not yet been learnud. It is thought that the driver had fallen to sleep and thus lost

Carl Jones has accepted a position as a salesman in M. H. Dibs ice cream palor. He began work Mon-

SERIOUS CHARGE BROUGHT BY LEE FOUR DROWN IN

Says Prominent Men Are Collecting Pensions of De-ceased Veterans

Spring Branch, (Dunn, R.1.) Aug 5.—There has intely been brought

that the devil himself might blust to be accused of. Happenings that North Carolina should not, and I be

lieve will not, allow to continue. You probably know that a certain sum of money is appropriated and paid out of the State's funds in pensions every six months for the Civil War veterans. You know some of them. The number is rapidly diminishing. That gray line, which for four years withstood the larger forces of Northern troops, swelled by the addition of hired butchers rapists and incendiaries from the four corners of the earth, is fast giving way before the invincible enemy of all ficsh-disease and time, which will shortly bring the last

sturdy old frame low in death. than try to make the last days of those faithful old soldiers comfort- and Mrs. Rogers were preparing able, and this the State is faithfully trying to do. But owing to the rapid decrease of the number of "old soldiers" by death, it seems that an occasional rovision of the pension list and re-apportioning the appropriations among those left alive would be proper. That this matter is not properly attended to is easily proven by the simple method of looking at the list of dead kept by the bureau of vital statistics and then through the pension list. Easy, ian't it?

Or to settle a local question, jus go read the inscriptions on the tombstones and then read the records kept by the clerk of the Superior court in Sampson county. You will then see why some of your neighbors can ride while you walk Three veterans who lived in khis community have been dead for several years; yet the State continue to pay each of them \$52.50 every six months. This money, the re cords show, has been collected by two well-known citizens of this com munity. Now in all fairness, I ask,

I freely admit my own ignorance with regard to the proper adjustment of such matters, but somebody knows and should took more closely TEXAS GET BIG LOAN into the use and distribution of pub-New York, Aug. 15.—A New He money. A escent grand jury was York banking syndicate, headed by informed of these things. Solicitithe Seaboard National bank and tor Powers has been informed orally, while Judge Grady was sent a pe-lite, seatly written, statement of the

condition of affairs, Now it is for you, Mr. Public, to say whether or not you will allow your servants in office to throw sway your money in this, or any other manner. If you doubt my word seized was estimated at \$5,925;

ing upon the size of the crop and of R. 1 from Dunn, were among seized and not destroyed was placed; the market price for the product. the visitors in town Wednesday. at \$5,898.

BLIND MAN SAYS HE MADE WHISKEY

Sixty-Gallon Copper Still Found In Home Of Blind Man

The unusual happened yestorday afternoon when local officers arrest ed a blindtiger who is actually blind. Tommie McLamb, who has been totally blind for a number of years, was arrested after the officers had captured a copper still of 60-gallons capacity in his home, four miles north-west of Dunn. Between four and five gallons of whiskey and two barrels of beer were also found in the blind man's home.

The still was set up for operation of the McLamb residence. The surroundings indicated that it had been in operation just a short time before the officers reached the scene. The still was a dandy copper outfit and it is thought that it had been operabuilding for several

McLamb, who is a man of som fif y summers, admitted to the offiecre that he had done what operat ing had been done, which raises the cuestion can a blind man operate whiskey still? According to the story which he told the officers, he owed some money on his farm and had decided to make and sell whiskey to pay off the indebtedness He made bond for his appearance in Federal court to answer to the charge of manufacturing whiskey.

The officers making the raid, capture and arrest were A. B. Adams special prohibition agent, and Deputies L W. Tart and Carl Matthews

OLD ROCK QUARRY

Father And Three Sons I Lives in Small Pool Of Water

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 162— Samuel W. Rogers, of Pascolet, shipping clerk of the Pascolet Manufacturing company, and his three sons were drowned in an abandoned some time this afternoon, but the tragedy was unknown until near nightfall, when the bodies of Mr. Rogers and a small son were found floating in the pool of water by a negro water boy. The child had a firm grasp upon the hair of his father's head and both were dead when liscovered.

The dead are: Samuel W. Rogers, 40; Samuel W. Rogers, Jr., 13; John L. Rogers,

11: and James Rogers, five.
This was the first day of Mr. Rogers' vacation period and he took Rogers remained at the family to leave tomorrow morning for Hartsville, S. C., to visit Mrs, Rog-

ers' family.
Dr. Kerpatrick, a physician Pacolet, one of the first to reach the ary and B. Woodwork hoisted infield abandoned quarry, stated tonight that, with the assistance of others, he floated the dead father and the youngest boy to the bank and quickascertained that there was no hon

esuscitation.
The bodies of the other boys were found on the bottom of the pool and were recovered after considerable effort, Dr. Kirpatrick stated.

The bodies of the other boys, the physician said, were attired in bath ing suits, but that of the younges Rogers was only partly undressed found the full circumstances sur rounding the tragedy are unknown. The quarry is filled with clear wa-

ter and granite and occasionally has een used as a swimming pool. Mr. Rogers has been in the em ploy of the Pascolet Manufacturing company for the past 15 years.

106 DISTILLERIES AND 21 AUTOMOBILES TAKEN

Salisbury, Aug. 14.—One hun-dred and six distilleries; 1,115 galkons of spirits; 84,446 gallons of malt liquor and 21 automobiles were captured during July by federal prosibition agents operating in North Carolina, according to figures obtained today from the office here of A. B. Coltrane, prohibition director of the state.
Arrests totalling 74 were made

while 170 prosecutions were recom-mended. Value of the automobiles the total appraised value of property beized and destroyed amounted to F. P. Giles and Daniel R. Lee, \$35,975,50. The value of property

DUKE BASE MILERS .WHIP LILENGTON IN SNAPPY CONTEST

Small End of to 3 Con-test On Level Let

GRAND OLD MAN TOM SEAWELS IS A STAR

Mill Town Fellows Wallop Joe For Fourteen Filts, Although Veteran Whifs, Hime — Dor-man Gets Fluis, Home Run Into Pea-Patches Jenes Hurls Well.

(By Puddin Take.)

All the smoke of & oky Joe Cavipap Tom Seawell and his husky buddies from their lair Wednesday afternoon when Joe is a Lillington's baseball hopefuls against the Duke aggregation on the legal lot for the deciding contest of the Harnett Co. championship series. The Duke fel-lows touched Joe for fourteen hits and four runs, while the Lillington outfit was able to gather only five

Really the fellows from the county seat would have find less well had Dorman's short to to right not bounded into the pen such and been lost to the heatle grow of Parker, who was not able. I recover the sphere until Dormana slose on the phere until Dorsdan place on the heels of Nell Salmo (and crossed the pan and had his salf credited with a home run.

This untoward engifor Salmon stor that the to register of them the the first inning, just Lillingtonians were of them the funkiest of flukes. C pened in a pane; Carl Wison, drafts of Lillington from a sacrifice. Hother but James attack the service

trightfill Marry to see the threw to first. He lifted he state from the bag an instant before the ball arrived and flug the sphere to Archie Woodworth. Happy Holliday called all hands safe. Tom gave a realistic imitation of an epeloptic, but liap was obderant and the same contimued. Caviness then sacrificed the runners forward. Jones bobbled Young's grounder and Gardner crossed the plate with Lillington's third and last run.

Duke Hits Freely.

Meantime Duke had gotten next to Smoky Joe's slants for the first inning Archie Woodworth and Norris singled in succession, but Parker's shet to Wilson for the third out, McKay, first up to the second, singled, but Seawell hit into an oney double play, Blalock to Witson Me-Lamb was an easy third out. Another chance came in the third when Jones banged out a single, but Zachflies and Archie Woodworth struck

Until the fourth inning Lillington had all the luck. Duke was doing most of the hitting, but it wasn't getting anywhere. Norris came to the but in the fourth with blood in his eye. He had the bloody eye on the poe patch, but his hot line drive got no further than the pitcher's stand. where, although he muffed it. Caviness retrieved in time to eatch the run Then Pitcher Jones brought Tom home with his second hit of the ing got by him. afternoon. Zach ended Smoky Joe's agony with a fly to Wilson , Duke aving forged shead \$ to 2.

Cavinous Standies. Caviness settled down after the fourth, sithough B. Woodworth's hit and orrors by Young and Blalock in the fifth came near to spilling more bears for the former Pledmont star. With runners on second and third he them should have been handled. The fanned Parker and McKay in success old fellow hiffed nine of the opposit sion. The real damage came on the ing glassiators and issued a free pas seventh when Zachary singled and showing that the old arm with its majority of the customers. was sacrificed to second by B. Woodworth and sent 66 third on A. Woodworth and sen worth's single. With Norris at bat.

MASONS REMOVE KU KLUX SPEAKER

Goldsboro Klansmen Stage Meeting of Their

Goldsboro, Aug. 14 .-- A stroke of strategy was nipped in the bud when the name of Judge Charles J. Orbison, of Indianapolia, was btricken from the list of speakers to be heard here at tonight's hig meeting of Sixth District Masons. It is rumored that the plan was conceived by one or two tocal members of the Ku Klux Klan, who are also mem bers of the Masonic order.

Knowing that Judge Orbicon was Kian lecturer, it is alleged that these gentlemen communicated Dr. W C. Wicker, education! field secretary for the Masons, requestion that the Judge be included in the local Mesonic meeting program, meking their request as Masons. After a number of articles concerning to night's Masonic meeting, in which Judge Orbison was festured as a Mapublished in local and State newspa pers, there appeared in Monday? News and Observer und Advertise ment stating that Judge Orbison would deliver in Raleigh Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Ealeigh Klan, the same address"-as he and which he will deliver at Klan meetings in five different cities of this State.

Dr. Wicker when informed by local Masons of the conection, imme distry cancelled Judge Orbison's proposed participation in tonight' Masonic meeting, not wishing the impression left with the public that the Mesonic order was sponsoring Kin activities. The Goldsboro Klan then arranged to have Judge Orbibeauty, to which the mabile was invited

ing the attempt to dis der the auspices and guise of Ma ry, the propaganda of the Klan.

An sudience of less than 150 per ple heard Judge Orbison deliver his address at the opera house tonight Mayor Edgar H. Bain was on the platform with the judge. Nothing spectacular developed. Intensely hot weether, which kept the few persons present in a state of extreme discomfort, probably materially reduced the attendance

tally anyway.

McKay nailed the first offering i the eighth for a single, but Seawell and McLamb struck out before Jones registered his third hit to advance grounder was copped by Byrd and McKay. Zachary went out, Bialock leaving both runners high and dry. ly in the minth, but the three follow ing batters were easy outs.

Business for Lillington picked up in the ainth when Jones threw wide a gallon in New Jersey, District of to first after making a dandy step Columbia and Maryland. to first after making a dandy stop of Blalock's grounder. Byrd struck out, but Ferrall lined out a hit Both runners advanced on Catcher Blalock's out, to Woodworth, and would have crossed the plate with the tying and winning runs had not Me Lumb made a wonderful catch of Wilson's Texas leaguer into left

It was a great little old ball game a thrilling session of the nations pastime for all the tired busicess men of Dann and the surrounding country. The presence of Tom runner at first. Then Parker shot Seawell, the veteran who was play a sharp single through the infield, to ing Chas AA ameteur base ball be followed by McKay with a short when Bud Pope was in the third fly to left. Then appeared the grade of the local schools and who mighty Seawell, swinging his wished was a seasoned player when "Old bludgeon. Thomas fouled seven Panic" Shell was a beginner, was a of Raleigh, who has acted as the balls and then clouded a counter that welcome sight to the old fellows who head of the college library for the sent Parker across for Duke's first like to see evidence that they ain't last several years. Mrs. William run While McLamb was striking so ole " Tom, as youthful as the will committee in her position as about, McKay stole home for the next youngest, was out there covering as sistant librarian. much ground as any of them. Noth-

naked statistics of the encounte thow. There are fourteen hits registered against him, but some of

YOUTH KILLED WHEN TWO AUTOS COLLIDE

Wilmington, Aug. 16 .- C. F. Wil Witmington, Aug. 16.—C. F. Wil-liams, Jr., 13 years old, died taday ten minutes after being baried from the automobile in which he was rid-ing with Walter Hutch against the windshield of another machine, which rammed the Hatch car.

The lad's jugular wein was seve ed Ifatch submitted to a transfu sion of blood in an effort to save the boy's life and is himself in serious condition.

LEAVES BABY IN HANDS OF WOMAN IN KINSTON

Goldsboro, Aug. 18-A your man giving his name as Will Her ring and his home as Goldston Sunday morning left an highten months old baby with a lady on Mc-Daniel street Kinston, saying "that he would return shody." Thirtytwo hours have passed and the me has feiled to return. He is believer to be Roy Harper, who jumped ball bond hore, as one of the wor him had two bables.

Farmers Get \$90 a Month in 1932.

About half of the farmers in the United States received less than \$90 a month in 1922 by way of return on the money and labor thely invested in the business of furnishing the country with agricultural products, according to Nathan Strans Jr., chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the New York State Senate The average farmer's lucon in 1922 was \$1,211, compared with

GAS PRICE CUTS HIT THIS STATE

ced; Price Stashing War Still Goes On

Now York, Aug. 15.—The ga line price cutting war that has be leader-with far annual time in M

retail prices were reduced in some states 6.6 cents a gallon, spread yes-terday to the entire Atlantic Sea-

Led by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, four large oil com-

cents a gallon in the tank wagon price of gasoline.

The wholesale price after the reduction will average 19.1-2 cents a gallon and the retail price 23.

The cuts do not bring prices in the Seahoard states to the pre-war been the case in Western and South-

ern states, but further reductions are expected if the price of crude oil drops as has been predicted in

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey announced a reduction the tank w of two cents a gallon in West Vir-ginia, North Carolina and South Carolina and Virginia, and one cent

The Gulf Refining Company later extended its one cent reduction to New York and New England, making its price 19 1-2 cents a gallon. Following the lead of the Standard Oil Company, the Texas Company also announced cuts in Virginia, West Virginia. North and South Carolina, the reductions ranging from one cent in some districts to 2 in others.

GULLEDGE IS NEW COLLEGE LIBRARIAN

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—James Ratliff Gulledge, a native of Anson coun-ty has been elected librarian at State college. Dr. E. C. Brooks an notinced today. He will assume his new duties September I, succeeding Mrs. Charlotte M. Williamson Mr. Gulledge comes to the college

with fine training and experience a a time when the institution is under the young brother of Archie Wood- going a market expansion in its worth in action. The kid was there library facilities to keep pace will with the willow and figured in the the growth in other departments run getting.

He was prepared for college in the graded schools of Albemarie, where he spent his boyhood, and at Weav erville college. Entering Trinity college in the fall of 1911, he was graduated with the class of 1915. receiving the degree, A. B.

Woodworth; struck out by Cavi Zach attempted to steal home. The pitched ball and the runner arrived with Lillington, there were many simultaneously, but Nevris bunted the ball. Nerris forget to run, but he saved Zach's hide for the winning of local sympathy was with Duke, 1 hour and 56 minutes.

SINCLAIR DIRECTS M'BRAYER INOURY

He did bot m

pitude in the viole of Mr. McBrayer and the of some of his staff. The renot yet been transmitted by the Governor, it is understood here. The

WOMAN KILLED IN **AUTO ACCIDENT**

Chadbourn Lady Killed When Car is Wrocked-Two Others Injured

Lumberton, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Lea-tie McCumbee, Chadbourn, is dead tie McCumbee, Chadbourn, is dead; J. C. Carter, her brother-in-law is in a sanitorium here, badly injured and a small boy is being treated in Chadbourn as a result of an auto-nobile wreck which occurred on the Wildcat highway five miles west of Chadbourn, Columbus county, this ifternoon about 4:30.

According to Carter, the accidsecurred on the main highway as he was traveling at a moderate rate of speed when the steering gear west wrong and the car turned turtle. wrong and the car turned turtle. When he got out from under the vreckage he saw Mrs. McCombee ying in the middle of the road still

A big car containing C. M. Grady, J. B. Person and A. J. Branson, of Fayetteville, came up just after the inte of the acident and brought the woman on to Lumberton to the hospial but she had died on the way. A fracture at the base of the brain aused death.

BROWN PLEADS GUILTY TO IMMORALITY CHARGE

Greensboro, Aug. 14.— Paul B. Brown, of Danville, Va., Monday was fined \$500 in municipal court on a charge of immoralic arising from his connection wis Mrs. L. B. Groves, also of Dan ville, who shot and killed hersel in a room that was occupied by Brown in the O. Henry hotel her Saturday evening. Brown pleads Saturday evening. Brown ple guilty to the immorality charge was absent when the woman a ber life. The woman's hur Monday took the body to Ha son, her old home, for berial.

Bill Westbrook, who Sampson county, was bound over be Federal court by U. S. Committee of the Charge of a stacturing and having wise in possession. His bond was fine \$100, which he furnished.