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BANK OF FREMONT BECOMES UNIT OF BRANCH BANK

Fremont, Feb. 3.—The Bank of Fremont, operated here for the last 33 years, Monday became the Fremont branch of the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

Jack L. Satchwell, formerly teller with the Goldsboro bank of the Branch Banking and Trust Company, is the new officer in charge.

Cutlar Lee, who opened the Bank of Fremont here in 1900 and has been its president until today, remains with the institution under the change.

F. M. Watson, who was cashier under the old bank, will also remain under the change.

"We sold out to them," said Mr. Lee, "and are certain that the Branch Bank will give Fremont full, adequate and complete banking facilities."

Under the arrangement in effect today with Mr. Satchwell as manager the Branch Bank takes over the assets and assumes the liabilities of the Bank of Fremont.

Mr. Satchwell will move his family to Fremont in about a month.

H. D. Bateman of Wilson, is president of the Branch Banking and Trust Company which maintains branches at Elm City, Selma, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Williamston, Plymouth, Kinston, New Bern, Faison, Warsaw, Wallace and Trenton.

GROWERS OF PEANUTS ASK ASSISTANCE

Two Hundred Meet At Jackson, Send Delegation To Washington

Jackson, Feb. 8.—After hearing the opinion voiced by several present that peanut farmers of North Carolina and Virginia are courting disaster if peanuts are left from the farm bill in Congress, 200 peanut farmers representing nine peanut counties of Virginia in a meeting here this afternoon unanimously appointed a committee to confer in Washington with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace as soon as a hearing can be arranged concerning his views on what the department can offer peanut farmers if peanuts are not included in the farm bill.

The committee, to be composed of presidents of the various county Farm Bureaus, the directors of the State Peanut Stabilization Corporation, the State Peanut Committee and E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, with county farm agents being invited to act in advisory capacity, was delegated with full power of discretion to do what they think best after discussing the matter with Secretary Wallace.

The consensus was that an active fight should be made to include peanuts in the farm bill or secure a separate peanut control bill if the Department of Agriculture could not offer assurance that peanut farmers would be aided without a separate farm bill for peanuts.

Should Stay On Highway

We are carrying in our issue this week a statement from Honorable A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue and Supervisor of the Highway Patrol relative to the sad deplorable number of deaths and traffic accidents upon our public highways in North Carolina. This is indeed a sad sad picture and we agree with him that it is a problem of major importance to be faced.

We are glad that new instructions to the highway patrolmen has been prepared and that they will give more time to the supervision of the roads.

The patrol has had to spend too much time collecting taxes for the state, they have had very little time to give to patrolling the roads. We believe it may well, he said, that not more than 10 percent of their time has been given to road supervision and we say this without any criticism of the patrolmen for they have been required to be revenue collectors and license distributors rather than perform the duty which the legislation intended for them to assume. We are indeed glad that the Commissioner of Revenue has seen fit to order them to the roads and hope they will be relieved of the duty as tax collectors, so they may stay on the Highway.

MANY ANNOUNCE FOR OFFICE

We notice from the press reports that there will be much activity in political circles for the various judicial offices throughout the state. We believe that it has been reported that there will be around 12 judicial contests, this is a healthy sign. If we are to maintain any kind of democracy the people have got to take an interest in government, and it is always a healthy sign when the people think enough of their offices to want them and are willing to enter into honorable contest for these offices. The trouble with the country today there has been so much centralization in government, so much central control, so much appointing, and the people have had so little part in all of it that it is indeed wholesome to see these candidates file for office and submit their cause to the judgment of the people. Every member of the Supreme Court got his job by appointment, except one and more than 80 percent of the Superior Court Judges have received their jobs by appointment rather than by election by the people.

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent)

FILIBUSTER WINS

After being laid aside for a few days, while the Senate acted on the Administration housing bill, the anti-lynching bill was before the Senate again last week. Apparently hopelessly blasted when the Senate the chances of final passage were refused by a vote of 51 to 37 to apply cloture, which would have restricted debate. The motion for cloture failed to secure a majority when a two thirds majority was necessary to cut off the flow of oratory that continued to roll from Southern Senators, determined to prevent passage of the bill.

"LITTLE" BUSINESS

Following his conference with big business men, the President saw to it that small business men were invited to Washington for a conference and a chance to put themselves on the record. It is undoubtedly a fact that many so-called small business men, in many so-called small cities, are worried by threatened competition from bigger companies. For this reason they hesitate to make improvements and hold down inventories to as small a volume as possible.

As one such business man said to the writer last week, these small merchants, wholesalers and operators of independent business ventures, have a keen fear of an invasion of their field by a highly centralized group, which will know them under. Some of them insist that present methods of stock selling, plus convenient bankruptcies, enable big concerns to crush out competition, even at a loss. Then the inside boys reorganize and take the field for good inasmuch as the small business man has lost his capital in the fight and has no source from which to get additional funds. The picture may be a little bit hard to catch but there are many readers of this column who will understand exactly what the "little" business man had in mind.

HOUSING BILL

The first piece of major legislation to go to the White House was the housing bill, sent to the President last week when the Senate, by a close vote, eliminated the much-debated "prevailing wage" amendment sponsored by Senator Lodge. The President had already directed the RFC to set aside \$50,000,000 to invest in large-scale mortgage associations and inasmuch as the associations can lend twenty times their capital this insures at least a billion dollars for housing loans. The FHA will insure mortgages covering 90 per cent. on homes costing up to \$6,000 and 80 per cent. of the additional cost up to \$10,000. Down payments will have to be ten per cent. and the borrower will have 25 years in which to pay the balance.

GREETINGS TO SPAIN

Twenty-six Senators and thirty-four members of the House have transmitted a message of greeting and sympathy to the Spanish Cortes, meeting at Barcelona, and praised the fight that the loyalist members of the Spanish parliament are making to "save the democratic institutions" of the Spanish Republic from its enemies, "both within and without Spain." Party lines were disregarded, with six Republican Senators and two Republicans in the House, and one Progressive joining a number of Democrats in signing the document made public by the Spanish Embassy.

BORAH'S WARNING

The foreign policy of the United States will be thoroughly debated in the Senate. Last week discussion got off to a good start when Senator Borah warned that the nation was risking war by permitting the world to believe that it was in an alliance with Great Britain and that the two powers are building up their navies under a "tacit alliance." The result, according to the Idahoan, was a world "practically gone mad" in an

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PARAGRAPHS For Busy Folks

FIRESTONE IS DEAD

Harvey S. Firestone, rubber magnate of Akron, Ohio, and titular head of the great organization that bears his name, died in sleep at his Florida home Monday. Death was attributed to the formation of a blood clot on one of the main arteries leading from his heart. Funeral services were arranged for him later in the week from his Akron home.

SAVE EDENTON RECORDS

Again refusing to allow the State Historical Commission to take over its priceless records, Chowan county moved this week to repair the vault in which they are stored so that they will be safe in Edenton. Efforts are being made to have the historical commission repair some of these records that are in need of it.

IS IT A STRIKE?

For the second time within a week the old adage that "they seldom did and never resign" which has been applied to Congressmen as well as other well paid government employees has received a knock-out blow. For two Congressmen have signified that they will retire at the completion of their terms. These two men, J. Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, representing the eighth district, and W. B. Umstead, of Durham, representing the fifth. Both could have been reasonably sure of reelection.

"LOTTA LIKKER" IS RIGHT

Four garbage cans were required to hold the empty whiskey bottles after a recent dance in the Municipal auditorium in Raleigh in which only colored people took part. White dancers, so authorities say, leave on an average of one garbage can full of bottles. Reason—the colored dancers were not allowed to leave the building on, "pass out," while white dancers do most of their drinking in cars. Anyway, it's a lot of liquor.

INDIGNANT

Tarboro business men held an indignation meeting recently because a news story used the word, "filthy," in referring to the condition of Edgcombe eating houses. They claimed that conditions, while not up to par, did not deserve such a harsh word.

DIMES

President Roosevelt's Infantile paralysis fund was increased by \$1,000 dollars Tuesday when Senator Overton, of Louisiana presented 10,000 dimes contributed by persons in Central Louisiana.

JUDGE BONE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Judge W. H. Bone of Nashville, has announced this week that he will be a candidate in the June primary for the nomination of Judge of the Second Judicial District. This makes two candidates for this office, I. T. Valentine gave notice of his candidacy several months back and prior to the appointment of Judge M. E. Barnhill to the Supreme Court. Judge Bone was appointed Judge by Governor Hoey.

Protests Large Corporate Salaries

(By Robert W. Winston)

One of the chief causes of the present discontent is undoubtedly high salaries paid corporate officials. As will be recalled, the main defense of the sit-down strikers was this, that the companies asking mandatory injunctions to remove the strikers, had come into Equity with unclean hands. The companies were wasting their assets in excessive salaries.

In order to remove this evil, I recently wrote Robert Doughton to place an income tax of 100 per cent upon the excess of salaries above \$75,000 a year. This plan should remove one source of popular ill-will. It is wise to inflame the popular mind by allowing anyone to make more, as a salary, than the President of the United States?

In this critical period of our national life it occurs to me that we, one and all, should strive for peace, good-will and brotherly love. Let me, therefore, add one soothing word in conclusion. It relates to Sloan's salary, of which so much has been written. His is the largest salary in America and he is the president of General Motors. Sloan's gross salary is \$561,311. Deduct for U. S. income tax \$351,314.14 and for State income tax \$44,654.88, and the actual amount received by Sloan will be \$165,341.98.

In God's name I implore the American people to compose themselves.

Farm record books kept by Jackson County growers show a 100 per cent improvement over those of the preceding year, reports H. R. Clapp, assistant farm agent.

Columbus County strawberry growers are interested in thinning their pines because the practice provides more straw for mulching the berries

MONOXIDE WIPES OUT DARE FAMILY

Five Buried On Roanoke Island After Tragedy In Norfolk Sunday Manteo, Feb. 8.—Four members of one family, dead of monoxide gas poison as they slept in their house in Norfolk, were brought home to Roanoke Island this afternoon and buried in adjoining graves in a little cemetery at the south end of the island, and the body of the fifth victim, a cousin and lodger with them in their home in Norfolk, was buried among his own people in the cemetery at Manteo.

Schools were suspended and business shut down for the hours of the funeral, since the five who were dead were related to almost every inhabitant of the island. The caskets were opened at the graves and hundreds of relatives, dazed by the magnitude of the tragedy that had wiped out the entire family of close relatives, natives of this close-knit island, passed by them.

Buried in the little cemetery at the Wanchese end of the island were Mr. and Mrs. David F. O'Neil and their 7-year-old daughter, Goldie, and Mrs. O'Neil's sister, Mrs. Effie May Alojasin, who lived with them in Norfolk.

Buried in Manteo services preceding the services for the four, was Lloyd Hayman, youngest son of the veteran keeper of old Fort Raleigh and cousin of the O'Neils, who lived with them in Norfolk and who died with them when leaking gas wiped out the family Sunday.

Arriving on Roanoke Island a few minutes before 1 o'clock the funeral cortege halted briefly at the western end of the bridge, one of the four hearses bearing the bodies turned into Manteo, and simple funeral services were held for Lloyd Hayman.

Three other hearses waited at the end of the bridge crossway until the funeral party returned, and then proceeded to Wanchese, where a throng-packed island highway was in waiting.

The services were brief, the local choir sang "Shall We Gather at the River," and the burial service was read by the Rev. Rush W. Loving, pastor of the Spurgeon Memorial church in Norfolk. He was assisted in the prayer by the Rev. James W. Sneen, pastor of the Wanchese church.

Growers attending the Tobacco Short Course at State College last week numbered about 150 a day for the four days with 83 registering for the entire week.

COMMISSIONER MAXWELL TALKS ABOUT ACCIDENTS

OFFICE OF TREASURER ABOLISHED

Auditor's Office To Handle Treasurer's Work—Annual Audits Suggested

There will be no Nash county treasurer after the first of the month of December, 1938, Nash county commissioners decided in their monthly meeting in Nashville.

The commissioners abolished the office of county treasurer, effective at the expiration of the term of J. T. Taylor the present treasurer.

Abolishing the office of county treasurer had been considered by the commissioners for some time. Modern accounting and banking methods had made the office, which was once important, unnecessary, the board of commissioners concluded.

The transactions handled by the county treasurer will be transferred to the county auditor's office when the treasurer's office is abolished.

The addition of one clerk in the auditor's office will be all that is necessary to effect the change, the commissioners believe.

Abolishing the office of treasurer will save Nash County about \$1,800 a year, estimated R. K. Gay, chairman of the county commissioners.

Just completing its first audit in 10 years, Nash county should have annual audits, the commissioners agreed, and Chairman Gay suggested that the board expects to authorize audits annually in the future.

Plant Diseases Cost Huge Sum

Thousands of dollars are lost annually in Nash County from cotton and tobacco diseases according to J. S. Sugg, County Farm Agent. Mr. Sugg stated that many farmers are taking advantage of the newer methods of disease control but the majority are following in the footsteps of their ancestors and are failing to get advantage of the control methods which have been discovered through scientific research of the experiment stations throughout the nation.

He announces that Dr. Luther Shaw, Extension Plant Pathologist of State College and L. T. Weeks, Extension Tobacco Specialist, will be in Nashville to discuss tobacco and cotton diseases on Friday night, February 11 at 7:30 P. M. The meeting will be held in the Nash County Court Room and a large group of farmers are expected to attend. All farmers in Nash County are cordially invited to come and hear these plant diseases discussed and the methods which are used in combating the diseases.

The average income returns for treating cotton seed alone according to actual experimental results in 1937 figured \$11.27 per acre on those acres where treated cotton seed were planted. The cost of treating them was 25c per acre. There are other disease control methods which have produced equally as startling figures.

THREATENS REPORTER

John G. Thomas, Wilson correspondent for a number of daily papers, and reporter for the Wilson Times, was warned over the telephone to "lay off the numbers racket." No threat was made as to what would happen if he didn't do as ordered. Whatever it was, it will have to happen, for Thomas' regular article on this form of fraud appeared in the Times as usual.

Commissioner Maxwell Talks Of State's Highway Deaths And Asks Reduction

Editor's note: The following article on highway deaths in North Carolina, pointing out that the death rate in this State more than doubles the average of the 10 best states, should make North Carolinians ask "What's wrong with us," said its author.

I like to talk and write about North Carolina "firsts." Here is a North Carolina "worst" and one that is within our power to correct.

At least we are worse than 42 other states; slightly better than the seven worst states; a little more than twice as bad as the average of the 10 best states; and 25 per cent worse than the national average.

If I were trying to alibi I would raise the question as to whether the 10 states shown in white as "best" states have as complete a system of accident reports as we have. They probably do not. But there could not be a percentage of inaccuracy that would change the picture materially. At any rate that is the bad kind of national advertising the State is receiving. The map is put out and broadcast by the National Safety Council, covering records of the first 10 months of 1937.

We do know that 1,123 human lives were snapped out on our highways in 1937, and 7,990 additional injuries running from temporary to permanent. We know that the property loss in itself was appalling.

What To Do About It? What can you and I do about it? What ought you and I do about it?

I admit that my responsibility is somewhat greater than the average citizen's.

The law has placed in my general supervision a highway patrol of 121 men, with full equipment for policing highways; a radio system to flash the news and head off reckless drivers, and a license law with power of revocation for proper cause. Still there has yet been no receptive diminution of fatal accidents, even when related to increasing vehicle registration and gasoline consumption.

Apparently our people are becoming more and more mindful of this shameful record—this daily menace to the life of every citizen—as municipal organizations give more thought to traffic regulations; as local safety councils are organized; as chambers of commerce and civic clubs put on safety campaigns, and as safety training goes into the public schools, and is preached from pulpits.

Juniors Meet At Lillington

Lillington, N. C., Jan. 27.—The local Chapter of the Junior Order United American Mechanics had an enjoyable meeting here Thursday night. The program was very interesting and the supper and music and the whole affair was highly successful and thoroughly appreciated by the local and the attendants from surrounding Councils. The District Deputy Jno. W. Jernigan, of Fayetteville and other State Council Officials were also in attendance and all soundly and thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the meeting was well planned and successful.

CONDEMN SCHOOL

A Lenoir County grand jury recently condemned as unsafe the La-Grange Grammar School Building. This is the oldest school structure in the county, having been built in 1906.

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