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# FIBRE BOARD MILL TO REOPEN SOON

## WOULD AID OPENING OF SHUT BANK

### Bill Would Allow Public Funds Aid Opening Weldon Bank

The Bank of Weldon reopened for business Monday of this week, once more giving our neighboring city banking facilities which they have been without for the past several weeks. The bank opens with new officials headed by J. A. Suiter, cashier, former Rocky Mount banker.

Raleigh, March 19.—Representatives Long and Johnson of Halifax County introduced a bill in the General Assembly Saturday by which the board of county commissioners of Halifax County and the board of Trustees of the Weldon Graded School District are authorized to enter into contract with the Bank of Weldon, at Weldon, in case the Corporation Commission permits the bank to reopen, to allow funds for the two units to remain on deposit for an agreed period as a means in aiding the bank in re-opening.

The commissioners and trustees are directed to retain any collateral, guarantee, or both, they now hold securing the funds on deposit at the time the bank suspended operation, provided that amounts collected are to be credited against the deposits for which the collateral was given as security.

The agreement does not relieve the bank of any guarantors on any bond or contract previously executed as guarantee of the funds previously placed in the bank, nor relieve the bank from its duty to allow withdrawals of deposits in accordance with the terms and conditions of any contract which it may enter, as provided in the act.

The bill, as in numbers of other cases, allows the funds on deposit when the bank closed to be "frozen," that is, not subject to withdrawal, for a period agreed upon by the directors of the bank and the commissioners and trustees, in accordance with terms under which other depositors agree to let their deposits remain for a given period, thus aiding the bank in its purpose to open again for business.

Under suspended rules, the bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

Representative D. Mac Johnson was co-introducer, with W. W. Neal, of McDowell, of a bill providing that all roads hereafter constructed in North Carolina and of hard surface, shall not be less than 18 feet in width. This would prevent construction of any other 16-foot roads, or eight or nine foot roads as in some of the eastern counties.

Representative D. Mac Johnson's bill regulating the drawing of jurors for the Recorder's Court in Halifax county was ratified in the General Assembly last week and is now law.

## Julian Bell Second

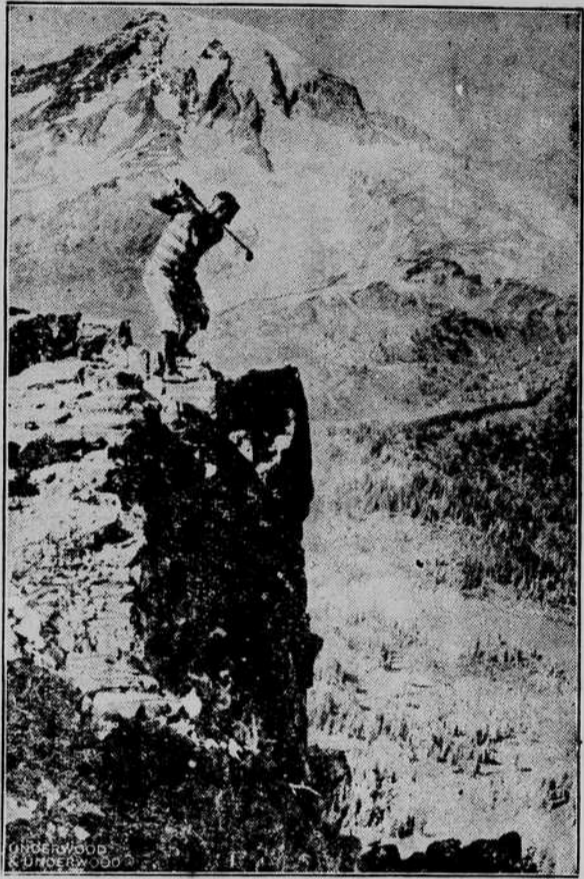
Julian Bell, star salesman for F. M. Coburn's Shoe Store, won second place in a shoe sales contest in 35 stores of the State for 1930. A Raleigh salesman beat Mr. Bell by only \$900 but the local man leads the State by a four year total. He won first place last year by a substantial margin, selling more shoes than any salesman in the 35 stores.

## JAMES W. ROSS, JUNIOR

A fine, eight pound boy was born on Friday, the Thirteenth, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ross. The young man will be christened James Wickliffe, Jr. Mother and son are doing nicely at the local hospital where they will soon be permitted visitors.

Circle No. 2 of the Christian Church is giving a silver tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox, 911 Madison Street, Saturday p. m. from 2 to 4 o'clock and in the evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. The silver offering will go to the benefit of the Christian Church and Associated Charities. Everybody invited to attend.

## Making the Longest Golf Drive



This man is making the longest golf drive on record—650 yards. He is on the topmost point of Pinnacle peak in Rainier National park, Washington, 6,600 feet above sea level. In the background is the majestic Mount Rainier.

## Officers Drop In On Party After Property Owner Complains

Officers have received complaints about uninvited parties using the Ransome estate on the Weldon road for night time frolics. Sunday night, officers Dobbins and Green dropped in on one of these parties and arrested J. A. Worley, Henry Hatem, J. Thompson, J. H. Ivey and S. J. McWaters, all of near Emporia.

The boys were having liquid refreshments about this time and their car, in which some liquor was found, has been confiscated. Worley, whom officers say admitted ownership of the refreshments, was held to Superior Court on a charge of possession while the others paid fine for disorderly conduct.

The officers say they are keeping an eye on the Ransome property for other parties who have been disturbing the residents.

## Clubs Annual Meeting

The annual Spring meeting of the County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Masonic Temple at Enfield on March 26th at ten a. m. The Hardraewe Club will be in charge.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church next Sunday, March 22nd, the pastor, Alfred P. Mustian will preach at both the morning and evening services, using for morning theme, "The Cloud With a Silver Lining." His subject for the evening hour will be, "Heavenly Recognition."

Special music Sunday morning will be a male quartet singing "Crossing the Bar," and for the evening worship the choir will sing.

## POTPOURRI

### Oldest House

The oldest structure in the Western hemisphere erected by white men is in Santo Domingo. It was erected in 1500 by Diego Columbus, son of Christopher, and a large portion of its walls still stand, although in a dilapidated state. The city of Santo Domingo was founded in 1496 by Bartholomew Columbus, brother of Christopher. (© 1931, Western Newspaper Union.)

## YOUNG BOY PROHI-LAW VIOLATOR

### Horse and Buggy Latest Liquor Conveyor—Other Court News

Recorder's Court made way for Civil Court and convened Tuesday morning for one days session in the grand jury room.

The first case that Solicitor Dickens called for the morning was that of William Haislip, a seventeen year old white boy of Scotland Neck, who entered a plea of not guilty to transporting liquor for the purpose of sale. Although the evidence tended to show a rather bad reputation for the boy, Judge Daniel after much thought of the plight of this youth, due to his extreme youthfulness, and to the plea of a young Scotland Neck attorney, gave the defendant, on payment of the cost of the action a suspended sentence on a six months road assignment. The judge also instructed the defendant to appear the first Tuesday in every month for a year and to prove that he has pursued some useful occupation and that he has been of good behavior, advising the boy to attend Sunday School and Church and to stop going around with bad companions.

A vehicle new to the court in transporting liquor for purpose of sale, was introduced by two colored men of Scotland Neck, Elliot Smith and Major Cotten, an old time horse and buggy. Elliot Smith took all the blame, claiming the liquor but pled not guilty for purpose of sale, and declared that the other defendant knew nothing whatever of the presence of the intoxicating beverage. Each of them was sentenced to be confined to the common jail for 4 months. Major Cotten's judgment suspended for two years on payment of cost.

Hollis Howington pled guilty to forcefully entering upon the premises of C. C. Wilson, a white man. A verdict of guilty was rendered and the defendant was sentenced to the jail for five months to be assigned to the roads.

Johnnie Wilkins was sentenced to ten months on road for possessing and transporting liquor for the purpose of sale.

A plea of guilty was made by Billie Coleman, white man of Roanoke Rapids to possessing and transporting liquor. Prayer of judgment continued for two years on payment of cost, to be paid by third Tuesday in May.

The two colored men, Charlie Lewis and Charlie Saucer, who were up for selling stolen cigarettes were continued until the agent of the railroad could be procured. Charlie Williams pled not guilty to receiving the cigarettes and a verdict of not guilty was rendered.

George Wilkins, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon two colored women, and Judge Daniel sentenced him to twelve months in jail to be assigned to work on the roads.

Dude Towns pled not guilty to transporting liquor for purpose of sale. Judgment was suspended for two years on payment of cost, on a eight months road assignment.

The case of Pleasant and Nelson Staton, which was remanded from the Superior Court. Nol pros as to Nelson Staton. Nelson Staton or the prosecuting witness cannot be found. Bond of Pleasant Staton to be discharged on the amount of \$25, a nol pros as to Pleasant Staton also.

## Found By Herald Ad

Mrs. J. A. Dickens of Weldon was shopping here last Wednesday afternoon and lost her pocketbook near the Rosemary postoffice. Thursday afternoon, she advertised the loss in The Herald. Friday noon, W. A. White brought the lost purse to this office. Mrs. Dickens was notified Friday afternoon and Saturday morning retrieved that which she had lost.

And some folks still say it doesn't pay to advertise.

Miss Martha Jane Hanchey of Warsaw visited friends here Sunday.

## World's Prettiest



Little Miss Townsend of Chicago, who was selected by the judges as the first prize winner in the International Child Beauty contest staged in Budapest, Hungary.

## BULL-RIDER BEHIND THE BARS AGAIN

### Bad Negro Is Charged With Thefts; Chief Tells of Arrest

Willie "Bull-Rider" Jones, bad negro of the Lincoln Heights section, has run afoul of the law again and is once more in custody charged with various and sundry thefts.

After an investigation by Chief Dobbins and Officer Carl Green, lasting several days, when stolen articles were found hidden in various places in the colored part of South Rosemary and the Heights, Bull-Rider was arrested Monday by officer Green and railroad detective Buck Wilson.

The Negro admitted he knew of the stolen goods but denied all connection with the thefts. Several box cars on the Seaboard between here and Summit were broken in last week and the articles are now being checked. Officers believe part of them are those found by them.

Other stolen goods resemble those taken from the store of S. T. Thomas at Airie. Officers think Bull-Rider may know something about both robberies.

The Negro has a long list of convictions to his credit, headed by murder, and has also been convicted of everything from larceny and bootlegging to vagrancy. He was convicted of killing a colored woman several years ago.

Harking back to some of his delinquencies, Chief Dobbins told the other night of a happening just a week before Bull-Rider killed the Negro woman. The Chief had a warrant for his arrest on a vagrancy charge but had not been able to catch up with him. One day, the Chief arrested some bootleggers with a load of liquor and as he brought them in he saw Bull-Rider at the Junction. He called him over and told the Negro to help him look after the liquor. "Yas-Suh," said Bull-Rider and jumped up by the Chief. When they reached the business section, the Chief ordered the Negro to take the liquor in a store and give it to the merchant to put in his safe. The Negro willingly complied. Chief then told him to ride on down to the jail and help him put the prisoners away.

This also pleased Bull-Rider who now considered himself a full fledged deputy. They put the men in jail and Chief Dobbins then told the Negro to go back into a cell and close the door so he could test out the lock. "Yas-Suh," he said and the minute he stepped in the cell, the Chief threw the bolts and started away. "Heah, Chief, you done forgot and locked me in here," yelled Bull-Rider.

"Sure," answered the Chief, "I got a warrant for your arrest."

"Well, \_\_\_\_\_," said Bull-Rider, "Ah been thrown in jail, knocked in Jail, dragged into jail, but this is the first time ah has ever been talked into jail."

## WILL START OPERATION IN ABOUT THIRTY DAYS FULL TIME IS REPORT

### Bought by Hopewell Men Who Plan Full Time Operation, Employing Some Fifty Men—Closed For Months

## LEGION IS AFTER NEW MEMBERS

### War Veterans of Local Post in Midst of Membership Drive

The drive of new members being waged in this community by the local Post in participating in the Aerial Round Up of the American Legion is making good progress and gives promise of success in reaching the quota of seventy five which will give Dmaask Post the largest membership in its history.

The membership committee reported 67 new members following the first three days of the drive. Members of the committee have gone about the job with enthusiasm, and the contact they have had with the veterans of the community, and the service they have been able to lend them is well worth while, had not a member been signed up.

Upon the conclusion of the membership effort which will be Thursday night, the local post of the Legion will send its membership cards by courier to Raleigh Friday morning where they will be tabulated by State Commander Con Johnson or his personal representative and then carried by airplane to State Headquarters at Mooresville, N. C.

If you are a former service man and have not signed up in the Legion for 1931, do it now! If you have not been approached, send Adjutant Alfred Martin at Rosemary Drug Co. Let's reach that quota and go over if possible.

Members of the local post gathered Saturday night and heard the radio program from Charlotte as the high spot in the Round Up of new members for 1931. After the radio program, the members heard Marvin Anderton give his winning speech on "The American Legion."

Young Anderton goes to Raleigh this Friday night to compete in the State finals after winning out in three preliminary contests.

John Fisher led the list, getting a total of fourteen new members up until last night.

Here is a sample of individual work done by local Legion members. One man sent this letter to his friends.

### COMRADE:

Do you know that thousands of our Buddies who stood beside us in the Great War need everything done for them that can possibly be done?

Do you know that many hundreds of these same fellows are flat on their back in hospitals absolutely helpless?

Do you know that there are many other thousands needing hospital treatment who cannot get it because the government has not provided enough hospital space to take care of them?

Do you know that these men are looking to YOU and I to see that the right thing is done for them? WELL, WHAT ARE YOU AND I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The American Legion can answer all these questions. The American Legion has always pledged its entire membership to work without ceasing for the welfare of the disabled man. Say, how about you and I joining up? Come up to see me at the Rosemary post office. I'd like to talk the whole matter over with you. I'll be looking for you.

CARL CHURCHILL, Service Officer,

The Roanoke Fibre Board Company mill plant and property has been purchased by Mr. Curtis Karstromer and others of Hopewell, according to local reports, and those who have talked with these gentlemen here on Saturday say they plan to have the mill in operation within thirty days.

The mill, which manufactures box board, discontinued operation a year ago, throwing some fifty men out of work. General business conditions were said to be the reasons for the shut-down.

Later, the property was bought by the C. L. La Boiteaux Company of Cincinnati and the president of that company, Mr. Seaman, was here Saturday and made final arrangements for the sale of the property to the gentlemen named above.

Mr. Karstromer is a prominent real estate man and contractor in Hopewell, where he owns much property, it is said. He will probably move here later to look after the business affairs of the new organization.

The management of the plant will probably be under the direction of Mr. Uno Frykland, who has been employed by the Hummell-Ross Co. of Hopewell. Mr. Frykland is a native of Sweden and has been in the pulp and paper business all his life.

As is natural, the entire community is much interested in the new project and looks forward eagerly to the opening of the mill. From 35 to 50 men will be employed when the plant is in full operation, most of the operations being handled by machinery. It will take about a month to get the plant in readiness for actual work. The present equipment is for the manufacture of box board and is not known if the new owners plan any other product at this time.

This property is the site of the first mill ever built here, according to several old timers. About 1896, John Armstrong Chaloner built the mill as a knitting mill. The architect was Stanford White, famous N. Y. architect who was murdered several years ago. In 1909, the Roanoke Fibre Board Co. bought it and changed it to a board mill. W. H. Parsons and Howard Whittemore of New York and the Edwards brothers of Hartsville, S. C. reorganized the company which was bought in 1921 by F. M. Brown and others.

A fire ten years ago destroyed the building and part of the machinery and the plant now contains modern equipment, some of which was installed in recent years. The property is located at the approach of the new bridge across the Roanoke River and the new owners will fix up the outside of the buildings so as to make a pleasing effect to strangers entering the city from the North.

## What Is Cotton?

"Cotton is the overcoat of a seed that is planted and grown in the Southern States to keep the producer broke and the buyer crazy. The fibre varies in color and weight and the man who can guess the nearest length of the fibre is called a cotton man by the public, a fool by the farmer and a poor business man by his creditors."

"The price of cotton is fixed in New York and goes up when you have sold and down when you have bought. A buyer working for a group of mills was sent to New York to watch the cotton market and after a few days' deliberation wired his firm to this effect: 'Some think it will go up, some think it will go down... I do, too. Whatever you do will be wrong. Act at once.'"

"Cotton is planted in the spring, mortgaged in the summer and left in the field in winter."

There are other definitions, but none better.

Mrs. David Traynham has as her house guest her sister, Miss Kathleen Craddock.

**Father Sage Says:**

Don't be too sure it's a compliment if you are told you sing like a bird. The screech owl is a bird.