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IN NEW HOME.

Bank of Weldon Moved Saturday--Large Deposits On First Day--Open House.

On an elevated street corner in the town of Weldon there stood for years in the midst of a well cultivated vegetable garden and old fashioned shrubs and roses a modest six-room cottage which had been built prior to the war between the States and was one of the very best houses in the town at the period. In this house Mr. W. T. Whitfield and family lived for years. His ancestors were pioneers of Halifax county and he came to Weldon when a boy 14 years old and began work in the one and only store of the town. He was born on the day the Order of Odd Fellowship was established in the United States, was a member of the first lodge organized in North Carolina, was a Past Grand Master Mason was agent for the Southern Express Company for thirty-five years, then pensioned and died at ninety years of age.

About the beginning of the World war, this house was removed and a large three-story structure built by Mr. George C. Green of ornamental brick, concrete and steel, was erected on the site. This was purchased about one year ago by the Bank of Weldon and since that time has been occupied by the United States Post Office on part of the ground floor and various business offices above. The corner space on the ground floor, in the last few months, the purchasers have had many improvements added, an entirely new system of heating, a burglar and fire proof vault and fixtures installed and opened up for business in the new quarters on Saturday, March 21st. Up to February 1st, 1892 there had been no banking facilities in Weldon, all business was conducted through the Post Office or Express Office. The first meeting for considering the organization of a bank in the town of Weldon was held in the law office of Mr. W. E. Daniel on the 20th day of February, 1892, with W. E. Daniel, W. R. Smith, S. P. Arrington and Paul Garrett present at the meeting. After some discussion an organization was effected with W. E. Daniel, President, Dr. J. N. Ramsay, Seaboard, Vice-President, and W. R. Smith, Cashier.

The Bank of Weldon commenced business in the store room now occupied by Dudash's Market on the 20th day of August, 1892, working under a permit from the Secretary of State with R. S. Travis being added to the working force as book keeper. The bank was formally chartered by the General Assembly of 1893. On the 20th day of June 1896 Mr. Travis was elected Teller of the bank and R. T. Daniel was employed as book keeper. The bank moved into the little stone front building on Washington avenue on the afternoon of the 13th of August 1896, and Mr. Redden Bullock, now living in Rocky Mount, made the first deposit in the new banking house, the deposit consisting of a fifty dollar bill.

A few years after the bank moved into its new home, Dr. Ramsay died and Dr. H. W. Lewis, of Jackson, was elected vice-president. These officers continued to manage the bank till the Bank of Jackson was organized when Dr. Lewis resigned to accept an office with the Bank of Jackson, and W. R. Smith was made vice-president, R. S. Travis was made cashier and R. T. Daniel teller.

On the 19th day of June, 1909, R. T. Daniel resigned and John O. Drake was elected teller. A year or two afterwards R. S. Travis resigned to become President of the Weldon Bank & Trust Co., and Mr. Drake was elected cashier and L. C. Draper was elected teller. Some years afterwards Mr. Drake resigned to go with the Bank of Norfolk and Mr. Draper was elected cashier.

As the business of the bank increased and more help was required, E. H. Smith, E. A. Daniel and Miss Lessie Turilington were added to the clerical force.

In the early days of the bank's existence there were no such things as typewriters, adding machines, loose-leaf ledger and posting machines in the bank, but all business of the bank was done with pen, ink and pencils, the en-

tire clerical work falling on Travis and Daniel, and whenever an adding machine salesman would attempt to sell the bank an adding machine, Mr. Smith, the cashier, would tell him "the Bank of Weldon had no need of a mechanical adding machine since it had two human adding machines that never needed oiling and did not get out of fix."

The personnel of the bank officials has changed but the same integrity and reliability remains and the business and assets have reached a remarkable figure with a large cash surplus.

On the opening March 21st a cordial invitation was given to all friends to visit and inspect the new quarters and a prize offered to the party opening the largest savings account on that day and handsome souvenirs given to all.

The rooms were decorated with spring flowers and handsome oil paintings of the first and only president, Hon. W. E. Daniel, and the first cashier, Mr. W. R. Smith, adorned the walls. The ladies of the town assisted in receiving.

Savings Depositors.

Below we will give you a list of Savings Depositors as of Saturday, March 21st, our opening day. The \$5 gold prize goes to the largest depositor of Savings Account. We thank each one of you for these deposits:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Total, \$7,864.02.

BANK OF WELDON.

"The Flapper Grandmother" is really an excellent show and will be put on by best local talent. It is not only spectacular and spontaneous but full of screams in the form of uncontrollable laughter. In fact it is so funny that even the Old Hard-boiled Folks wind up the evening by calling for "Pain Killer" to rub on their aching sides. School Auditorium Friday night.

Civic Department Meets

The Civic Department of the Woman's Club met last week in the auditorium of the graded school. Besides interesting reports received, plans were made for the regular quarterly meeting of the club and its different departments to be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday, April 1, when the district leader, Mrs. Boddie, of Henderson, will be present and address the club. The Civic Department reported important work done, one item the planting of Crepe Myrtle trees on each side of the fine new driveway lately opened and paved from Sycamore street to the cemetery. This was done by the city, and is a much needed improvement. The club is now interested in helping the colored people of the town to secure a lot for a park for their exclusive use and other important improvements.

The Book Club.

The twelfth meeting of the Book Club for the year was held in the home of Mrs. T. C. Harrison. The study in Present Day Literature for the afternoon was Quare Women by Lucy Furman. This story is an excellent characterization of the mountaineer both in talk and action, together with the humor and quaintness with which it is written makes it a delightful story.

Mrs. W. G. Suiter gave an excellent reading -- Anecdotes from Quare Women which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. W. J. Ward gave a reading, The Southern Highlander, showing where he comes from, what he is like, and how he lives.

Mrs. C. S. Vinson gave a piano selection which was enjoyed by all. Our hostess served sandwiches, Russian tea, bon bons and nuts.

Cutest, cleverest songs you've ever heard--Flapper Grandmother, Friday night, School Auditorium.

Use Foster's Croup & Pneumo Save. 25 cents per Box.

QUERY AND ANSWER COLUMN.

All Our Readers Invited To Send in Questions of Any Nature.

Autoist: Is it true that fruit is displayed at automobile shows, as I have heard it said? Ans. No. They say sometimes "lemons" are seen there.

Editor: Will you please answer in the Query and Answer column where are the Dardanelles? Ans. The Dardanelles is the powerful fortified strait between Greece and Turkey that connects the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Marmora.

L. J. Seaboard: Do married people live longer than single people? Ans. No. It just seems longer.

Query: Are there any Mohammedans in the United States and what is their bible? Ans. There are a few scattering that are followers of Mohammed, but there is no church or organization in this country. The Mohammedan bible is called the Koran.

Editor: Can you tell me what is ex-President Taft's religion. Does he hold any office now? Ans. Ex-President Taft is a Unitarian. He is now Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

A Wife, Weldon: Isn't a man a regular dog to be chewing tobacco and spitting all the time? Ans. Yes, we would call him a regular Spitz.

L. O. A., Roanoke Rapids: I would like to ask through your question column why all prize fighters get married? Ans. Just to keep in training.

Mr. Editor: Will you kindly inform us what Fiume is that the Italian government had so much trouble about? Ans. Fiume is a city on the western coast of the Adriatic Sea that was made a free state by treaty in 1920. It is 8 square miles and is governed by a president who is elected by the people.

Bible Student: Can you tell where the Judges, the Kings and the other prophets of the Bible, are buried? Ans. The Prophets are buried in the valley about two miles west of Jerusalem; the Kings in the valley two miles northwest of Jerusalem, and the Judges in the valley about four miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Query: Did Jesse James serve time in a Minnesota penitentiary or any other penal institution? Ans. No. He was never caught. Frank James his brother was caught and sentenced to a Minnesota state prison.

Mr. Editor: Where do bats build their nests and raise their young. Is it done at night? Ans. Bats do not build nests. They carry their young with them in the folds of its wings. When the mother is flitting about at night feeding on insects, she feeds her young at the same time.

L. J., Weldon: Will you please tell me what day of the week I was born, the date being March 25, 1859? Ans. March 25, 1859, was on Friday.

Mr. Editor: Is Constantinople the capital of both Turkish empire in Asia and Europe? Ans. It was the capital before the world war. In this war Turkey lost all foothold in Europe except Constantinople, a few islands in the Aegean Sea and the Derkos water supply area. The country is now a republic with the capital at Angora.

Maggie, South Weldon: I am a girl 18 years old, and am keeping company with a young man 21 years. He wants to marry me, but he hasn't very much money. While we both love each other, should I marry him and take a chance? Ans. Both of you are a little too young to know positively that your love is a lasting one. We would advise you to wait a couple years. However, not having 'very much money' should not be considered. Your feelings toward each other and his ability to earn money are the all-important factors to be considered.

"The Flapper Grandmother," the play for laughs. Proceeds for Music Club.

COUNTY FARM NOTES.

By W. O. Davis, County Agent, Weldon, N. C.

March 21, 1925.

One of the big problems facing Halifax county farmers this spring is the question of feed to make the 1925 crop with. A quick long feed will help out very much and the following information about a few of the quick crops may be useful: SUDAN GRASS.—Select rich land only, and seed at the rate of 20 to 30 pounds seed per acre, in rows 2 feet apart. Plant on a well prepared seed bed about May 1st to 10th. Will be ready for first cutting about July 4th. Sudan on rich land will give two to three cuttings per season and should yield three to four tons of good hay per season.

MILLET.—Plant on rich land about May 10th using 40 to 50 pounds seed per acre broadcast. Not as good as sudan. Cut just after blooming.

SORGHUM AND SOY BEANS.—Plant broadcast May 1st to 10th using 15 pounds sorghum and 3 pecks soy beans. While this mixture is not as quick as sudan it is suited to thinner lands. After first cutting sorghum will come back for a second cutting.

If there is a seed cleaner in your community have your cotton seed cleaned before planting. A good cleaner shakes out the bad seed, blows out the light ones and leaves the heavy plump seed for planting. This is one of the things that will give a good stand from the first planting. If you are interested in buying a cleaner we can give you the name and price of a good one.

Visits Weldon.

Mr. W. L. Baile, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, has been a visitor to Weldon in the interest of Eastern Carolina development.

Mr. Baile prophesies, not only for the Weldon community, but for all activities of Eastern Carolina—industrial, agricultural and commercial, a greater future than has yet been achieved in the past, and a greater financial investment by outside capital than ever before.

Mr. Baile stresses, however, the indispensable value, of every community uniting their efforts, and collaborating and co-ordinating to the best of their abilities; and that as we sow so shall we reap, not only in the waving gold of the ripened and abundant harvest, but in that prosperity and wealth that is penciled upon the skies of this community in the smoke of industries and manufactures.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Club of Weldon, will be held in the school auditorium Wednesday, April the first, at 3 o'clock. There will be the regular business transacted, also election of officers for another year and delegates appointed to attend the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which meets at Pinhurst from May the fifth to eighth, and other important matters to come before the Club. We will then have our District President, Mrs. James H. Brodie, of Henderson, to speak to our Club.

We will close with a Spring Flower program and social arranged by the Circle Department. Let us show our District President what a live, wide-awake Club we have in Weldon, by each member being present.

Be sure and remember it is first April at 3 o'clock in the School Auditorium.

Death of Dr. Morton.

We copy the following from the Franklin Times: Dr. W. B. Morton, one of Louisiana's most popular and prominent citizens and Baptist ministers died at St. Luke's hospital at Richmond, on Thursday night of last week at 10:30 o'clock from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which made its attack on Sunday morning, February 22nd, from which he never rallied. Dr. Morton was 69 years of age and leaves one son, Wilson Morton, who is in high school in Louisiana, and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Morton, who is teaching in the high school in Kinston.

Dr. Morton had many friends here who will read of his passing with real sorrow.

Play causes people to laugh who haven't laughed for years. School Auditorium Friday night.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to an evening with Frank L. Stanton at the School Auditorium, Thursday evening, April 2nd, at 8 o'clock P. M., given by the Junius Daniel Chapter U. D. C. There will be no charge for admission but an offering will be taken at the door to help in the U. D. C. Work. The public is invited.

PROGRAM:

- Reading: "Life of Frank L. Stanton" Mrs. Lee Johnson
Solo: "Jes A Wearin for You" Mrs. R. T. Daniel
Reading: "Let Miss Lendy Pass" Miss Barbour
Reading: "I Ain' Had the Measles Yit," Miss Chandler
Solo: "Sweet Miss Mary," Miss Brewer
Reading: "He Step Lak a White Man Step" Mrs. Woodal
Reading: "That Sweet Woman of Mine," Mrs. Pierce Johnson
Solo: "Sweet Miss Mary," B. G. Rodwell
Chorus: "Sweet Miss Mary," Girls of C. of C. Chapter Dixie

Mission.

A Preaching Mission will be conducted by the Rector, at Grace Episcopal Church, beginning Sunday night at 8 o'clock p. m., Mar. 29th. There will be the usual Sunday services next Sunday but the Mission proper will begin at the evening service.

The mission will last for two weeks, services being held daily at 10 a. m., 5 p. m., and 8 p. m. The morning and afternoon services will be prayer services only consisting of the regular order of morning and evening prayer without sermon. The night services will consist of a short informal prayer service with sermon by the Rector. On Thursday night, April 2nd, the Ven. Morrison Bethea, Archdeacon of the Convocation of Raleigh, will be present and preach. The public are cordially invited to be present.

C. of C.

The Eva Davis Chapter C. of C. held their regular meeting on Thursday last with Miss Mary Letha Barnes as hostess, and Miss Hazel Grant presiding. After the usual preliminaries, the study of Confederate Generals was resumed. The President read a sketch of Col. John S. Mosby and Miss Percy Williams read something from the life of General Fitzhugh Lee, Miss Mary Jane Zollinger gave a piano selection and Dixie was sung by the Chapter. Hot chocolate, wafers and mints were served and much enjoyed.

Electric Line.

There is a large delegation of workmen here preparatory to building a transmission line from Thelma to Norfolk. Iron towers and concrete will be used in the construction of the line and when completed, power will be transmitted to various points. It is a big undertaking and will take quite a long time to complete the job.

Destroyed By Fire

The Schleicher Lumber Mills at Hollister were totally destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. Loss is estimated at \$150,000. We learn the plant was partially covered by insurance.

Flapper Grandmother.

A treat is in store for Weldon and surrounding towns on March 27th, when the big home talent musical comedy, "The Flapper Grandmother" will be presented at the School Auditorium.

The Music Club who are sponsoring the show are fortunate in securing the services of Miss Dyle, a director of the Wayne, Sewell Co., of Atlanta, Ga., to coach the play. Rehearsals are being held daily and everything is shaping up for a big show on Friday night.

Collision

There was a collision Friday afternoon between a truck loaded with school children and a car belonging to Mr. M. Fried, also loaded with school children. The truck and car were slightly damaged, but none of the occupants were injured.

Thunder Storm.

This section was visited last Sunday night by a regular summer thunder storm. It thundered loud and long and then there was a regular downpour of rain.

A Sale

The Fidelis Class of the Weldon Baptist Church will have a sale Saturday, March 28th, at the old Bank building. Sandwiches, hot coffee, weenies and ice cream will be served. Every one cordially invited. Open at 11 a. m.

"The Flapper Grandmother," Tickets going fast. Benefit Music Club.

Own Your Own Garage. When you come home in the car late on a cold winter night you appreciate the convenience of your own garage. Your car is safer in a private garage, providing it is fireproof. Comfort and safety can both be yours by building one with concrete. And it will not be expensive, for Portland Cement is the cheapest manufactured commodity. Your building material dealer can furnish you with good ideas for garages built of concrete made with Atlas Portland Cement. THE STANDARD BY WHICH ALL OTHERS ARE MEASURED.



J. P. TAYLOR, Registered Optometrist, EMPORIA, VA. There are lots of people who see very little that is going on around about them, there are others who see well but suffer pain and discomfort both caused by defective eyes. Properly fitted glasses will give almost instant relief.

Notice! BILLS for light and power for month of Mar. 1925 NOW DUE should be paid promptly by check to the Roanoke Rapids Power Co., at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Or at Weldon Bank & Trust Co., Weldon, N. C. No discount allowed after the 10th of the month. J. T. CHASE, General Manager. PHONES: 31--Weldon 161-Roanoke Rapids. FERTILIZERS FOR SALE--I have for sale fertilizers of all kinds. Also Lime. Write, see or Phone 93 L. T. GARNER, Weldon, N. C. FARMS and Town Property wanted. 3 per cent. commission. Write for blank. SMITH FARM AGENCY, 1407 W. York Street, Philadelphia. 2 26 8t