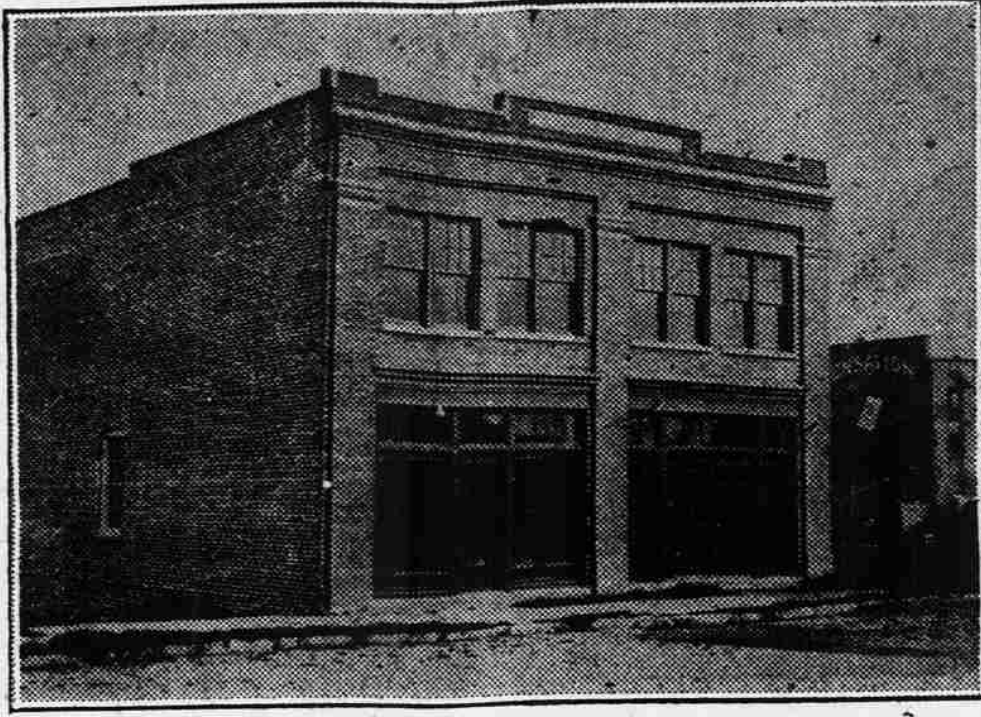


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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 81,458.04
Overdrafts, unsecured	473.42
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds	258.02
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	4,000.00
Banking House, \$3,500; Furniture & Fixtures, \$1,250;	4,750.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	23,280.84
Cash Items held over 24 hours	1,272.10
TOTAL	\$115,492.42

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	728.82
Bills Payable	15,000.00
Deposits subject to check	55,374.16
Time Certificates of Deposit	23,916.02
Cashier's Checks outstanding	473.42
TOTAL	\$115,492.42

State of North Carolina—County of Tyrrell, July 12th, 1919.
I, Judson L. Walker, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JUDSON L. WALKER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14 day of July, 1919.
W. A. YERBY, Notary Public.
D. O. NEWBERRY,
A. L. WALKER,
W. A. YERBY,
Directors.

AMERICA NEEDS A NEW POLITICAL ALIGNMENT

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hopes is easier—import one! But there are sturdy Americans who cannot be classified in any of these groups. They want a party and a ballot-box, standing somewhere between the Democratic-Republican box and the Socialist box, through which they can express their honest thought and register their convictions upon the public questions of their day. They want to escape the compulsion of saying Ja wohl to every official utterance on pain of being investigated by some Overman Committee or misrepresented by some mendacious newspaper.

Such a demand will without doubt encounter the cry of Bolshevism. How can it hope to escape, when a minister huris the word at those who advocate Sunday baseball; when the temperance fanatic huris the same word at the opponent of prohibition; when United States Senators scully the intellectual traditions of American parliamentary debate by shrieking Prussianism and Soviet rule at the Federal Suffrage Amendment; when one can hardly lift one's voice in protest against the most noxious evil without being classed with criminals and bomb-throwers? "It is an ancient trick," said the great American, Phillips Brooks: "even the Inquisitors, as they led their victims to the stake, clothed them in the skins and heads of wild beasts, that the on-lookers might forget they were men and hoot them with free consciences, as if they were fiends."

But America is too rich in traditions of freedom to allow these passing symptoms of war-hysteria to dictate the way out of this, our greatest national crisis. Our nation knows the strength of reaction in post-war periods. Why should it not know? As Barrett Wendell told the French, America was founded in England in the defeat of pre-revolutionary idealism in 1625-1650. Our British fathers thought that the Great Rebellion would secure to them their ideals. They pinned their hopes to Cromwell. Cromwell tried, Cromwell failed. Their hopes turned to ashes. Reaction, the continuity of life, the habits of men, the back-pull of ancient institution conquered everything but their buoyant faith. What the revolution could not accomplish for them they would achieve for themselves. And so they came over here to work out the problem of human liberty and establish institutions which should always subordinate the state to the welfare of the individual citizen. They had enough of self-appointed spokesmen; they would speak for them selves—and they did. They became a thinking, writing, town-meeting-going people. They knew what it was to be priest-ridden; so they took good care never to be press-ridden. They met every crisis through public discussion. Human and intolerant at times, they were yet remarkably free from our modern infidelity that fears lest the truth be bad. They felt they were founding a nation which should always be as Jefferson hoped for the University of Virginia: "This institution will be based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind. For here we are not afraid to follow truth, wherever it may lead, even to tolerate any error, so long as reason is left free to combat it." This is the soul of the real America. Its every creature—the school, the court, the church, the press, the Constitution—is rooted and grounded in public discussion and created for the purpose of making that discussion free as air.

It has been an unhappy accident of our national life that has produced but one major party, the party of stability and order, which has to a large degree dispensed with the public discussion of national issues. But we have entered the greatest crisis of our nation's life. The issues we confront are of moment to every citizen. Once we were thrilled by the idea of a square deal; but now we want a new deal. Then the demand was for a third party; now the demand is for a second party. What some Americans really want is to discuss issues—they are tired of bickering over personalities. They recognize the sound philosophy in that familiar advertisement: "Take a box of candy home to your wife; that's the way you got her, and that's the way to keep her." So in this crisis, when the future of democracy is uncertain, they say: "Let discussion be earnest, honest, and widespread; that's the way we got

liberty, and that is the only way to keep it. Without it democracy is a name without meaning."

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NEWS OF HERTFORD

Hertford, N. C., July 17, 1919.

Plans are being completed for larger operations by the Eastern Peanut Co., Hertford, N. C., whose business is supplying direct to the consumer the finest selected peanuts, shelled and unshelled, in small quantities for the home use. The Eastern Peanut Co. is a new enterprise, being started last winter by Mr. H. C. Sullivan, carrying out an idea that most people like good things to eat, and especially good peanuts, and would buy them if they only knew where to get them. From this idea a good business has developed and his hundreds of satisfied customers all over the United States is evidence that "Pride o' Perquimans" peanuts are par excellent of any peanuts ever marketed.

A Patriotic Social was conducted at the Methodist Parsonage last Tuesday evening by Mrs. W. E. North. The lawn was illuminated by Japanese lanterns and the house was decorated with flags and bunting. The form of entertainment was "Big Blue Institute." It consisted of four tables one for the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. At the tables certain questions were asked, the key to the answers at three of them were either red, white or blue and at the other table the word nation was the key. After passing this "quiz" the students were next given problems in Arithmetic and Geometry. After this a musical medley was rendered by Miss

Kate Blanchard. The medley was composed of well known songs and the students were required to guess the names of the pieces. The party then remained no longer in classes but were conducted in pairs into a room and given one minute to look at 47 articles and nine minutes to write down as many as they could remember. A lesson to the old bachelors was given in the art of emptying bottles. He who emptied his bottle first was given the privilege of talking to the lady of his choice for five minutes. A silver offering ended the program.

Mr. L. D. Chappell is suffering serious injuries as a result of a runaway last Friday. The buggy was torn completely to pieces and Mr. Chappell was pitched on his head. His jaw was broken and his back badly bruised. Dr. Newby is in attendance.

On last Thursday the Baptist Sunday School had their usual summer picnic down at Mr. Charlie Hobbs. The Judson Memorial Class had charge of the entertainment and the verdict of those present makes it evident that they proved themselves efficient. The morning was given over to games while the afternoon was devoted to swimming.

First Lieut. H. G. Winslow, recently returned from overseas is now spending a short leave of absence with his people here. Lieut. Winslow was licensed to practice law just before America entered the war, and after war was declared he answered the first call for volunteers. As soon as he obtains his discharge he will locate

here and needless to say we all wish him well.
—Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell of Norfolk Va. has been "holding forth" at the Baptist church for the past four Sundays. Dr. Blackwell is supplying a vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. H. C. Carter. A large audience has been enjoying the unusual pulpit wit of Dr. Blackwell.

EDWARD O. HOOPER DEAD

Mr. Edward O. Hooper, aged 80 years, died at his home at 108 Dyer street Sunday afternoon at about five o'clock after a week's illness following a stroke of cerebral apoplexy.

The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon at the home by Rev. J. M. Ormond, his pastor, and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. Hooper is survived by his wife Mrs. Edward O. Hooper; by two daughters, Mrs. N. W. Dally and Mrs. D. M. Pugh of this city; and by two sons, E. O. Hooper, Jr., of Seagull and J. A. Hooper of this city.
Mr. Hooper was for thirty-five years a member of the Coast Guard. For twenty-eight years he was the keeper of the Little Kennekeet station. When he retired ten years ago he moved to Elizabeth City to live.
He was a member of the Masonic Order and was buried with Masonic honors.

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There are a great many styles for you to inspect. Some of them are given brief descriptions in the following items. You will find them marked at tempting prices.

Sport Dresses, \$29.75

An attractive sport dress is made of gray crepe de chine in the jacket model. The front and lower part of the jacket are heavily embroidered in navy soutache. The dress is finished with ecru lace collars and cuffs. The skirt is plain. A smart costume at \$39.75.

Georgette Dresses, \$19.75

Stylish dresses for the misses are made of georgette in either light gray or tan, with a full waist and a round neck. The wide girde and cuffs are trimmed with red and white beads. The skirt is a straight line model, finished with 5-inch wide tucks. A charming misses' dress at \$19.75.

Georgette Dresses, \$25.

A youthful frock of georgette is shown in rose, green and canary, and is made with a ruffle-covered skirt and a collar and belt of self material. Any of these dresses makes a most correct garment for the junior miss. They are priced at \$25 each.

Crepe de Chine Dress, \$45

A very serviceable dress is made of navy crepe de chine, with a vestee of plaited georgette and a collarless waist with an apron effect tunic. It is trimmed with clever acorn shaped buttons covered with self material. A becoming gown at \$45.

Afternoon Dresses, \$55

An appropriate afternoon dress, made of fine quality georgette in the long-waisted bodice effect, heavily beaded. There is a straight line over skirt finished with a crushed satin girde. Distinctive model at \$55.

Tricolette Dress, \$55

An unusually stylish tailored model is made of splendid quality navy tricolette, with a collar and sash of self material. The tunic skirt has extended pockets at the sides. A different dress at \$55.

Georgette Dress, \$59.75

A very smart afternoon dress is made of navy georgette over tan and navy pussy willow taffeta. The overwaist is finished with pipings and buttons of taffeta, and large flowing sleeves. The tunic is trimmed with three large tucks. The price is \$59.75.

Taffeta and Lace Dress, \$75

Another afternoon dress is made of black taffeta and lace over a tight-fitting foundation of tan habatai silk. The sleeve and hip ruchings are of taffeta, the latter emphasizing the extreme fullness of the overskirt. The draped girde is finished with a rose. A handsome attire at \$75.

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