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NEW BANK CHARTERED FOR LUMBERTON

Planters' Banking & Trust Co. Authorized to Do General Commercial and Savings Banking and Trust Business—Will be Ready for Business January 1—About 150 Leading Business Men Interested.

Lumberton is to have a new banking institution. It will be known as the Planters' Banking & Trust Co. A charter was granted this institution yesterday. The authorized capital stock is \$250,000, with \$70,000 subscribed, by about 150 leading business men of Robeson county, with some leading business men also of Scotland county N. C., and Marlboro county, S. C. These include R. R. Barnes of Barnesville, one of the wealthiest and best-known business men of Robeson; L. Shaw of St. Pauls, J. L. Townsend of McDonald, D. J. Oliver of Marietta, O. C. Spaulding of Maxton, Geo. L. Thompson and K. M. Barnes of Lumberton, the last-named being cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lumberton; and R. W. Jones, a member of the firm of McBee, Jones & Co., bankers of New York.

It is understood that this new banking institution will be patterned after the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem and that it is the intention to begin business by the first of next January. Also it is understood that the capital stock of the new bank is \$250,000, of which \$70,000 is already subscribed and that it is assured that it will begin business with a capital stock of \$100,000 or more.

PREPARING TO STORE COTTON

Preparations Being Made to Take Care of Cotton in Lumberton This Fall—Farmers Bonded Warehouse and Cotton Storage Warehouse Will Be Ready to Store Cotton.

Preparations are being made to store cotton in Lumberton this fall and to help farmers hold their cotton off the market. A meeting was held at the court house of the Cotton Storage Warehouse Co., which erected last fall for the purpose of storing cotton a building on a lot near the tobacco warehouse. Organization was formed, by electing the following officers: R. H. Crichton, president; A. E. White, vice president; T. L. Johnson, secretary-treasurer. These officers, with Mr. R. D. Caldwell, constitute the governing board. It is the intention of this board to confer at once with the owners of the Farmers Warehouse and see if arrangements can again be made to use his buildings, in addition to the other building of the Farmers' Bonded Warehouse Co. were called to meet this morning in the office of the manager of the company, Mr. L. B. Townsend, but not enough were present to hold the meeting which was postponed until September 6. This company took care of more than 3,000 bales of cotton last fall and it is expected that these two companies will co-operate in helping farmers hold their cotton off the market.

TUETONIC ALLIES MAKE PROGRESS IN EAST

Germans Make No Claims of Progress in Riga District—No Battle of Importance on Western Front—Roumanians Leaving Germany and Austria.

Press Summary.

Both Berlin and Vienna report steady progress in the investment of Brest-Litovsk the great Russian fortress which was to form the strongest link in the Muscovites' new line of defense.

The Germans have made no claims for several days of material progress in the Riga district. Petrograd has contended that so long as the Russians were able to hold their own there, Petrograd was in no danger and the escape of the main Russian armies could be cut off.

Activities on the Western front and in the Italian war theater are confined chiefly to artillery engagements.

In spite of French and British claims of important progress on the Gallipoli Peninsula the Turks admit no serious reverses on the Dardanelles front.

In the field of diplomacy the day brought forth no striking developments. American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, after calling upon Foreign Minister von Jagow to request the German official version of the attack upon the steamer Arabic was announced to the foreign office again in the afternoon and remained there a half hour, but he declined to reveal the subjects discussed.

Reports from Swiss sources state that Roumanians are leaving Germany and Austria, which is taken in London to mean that Roumania is preparing to cast its lot on the side of the Quadruple Entente.

Sweden has filed a protest with the German Foreign Office against the seizure of the steamer, Gotland, which was fired upon before being taken into Cuxhaven.

NEGRO CONFESSES ATTEMPT AT CRIMINAL ASSAULT ON SMALL GIRL

Charlotte Special, Aug. 25, to Wilmington Star.

Wyatt Bryce, a 20-year-old negro, attempted criminal assault this morning about 10 o'clock on Mary Gordon Query, the six-year-old daughter of Dr. R. Z. Query, a well known physician of Steel creek township, 70 miles from Charlotte. In a short while a number of citizens, the deputy sheriff and a number of police officers from the city were scouring a wide radius of country in Steel and Berry Hill townships in search of the negro, who was captured about 1 o'clock near the suburbs as he was making his way to Charlotte.

He confessed the crime and was rushed to the county jail, but in less than an hour was hustled into an automobile and spirited away to Satesville to prevent lynching, as feeling against him was at a high pitch. The chairman of the county commissioners, A. M. McDonald, seeing the spirit of the crowd, took it upon himself to have the man sent away.

AMONG TRANSGRESSORS

Failure to Pay Dog Tax Cost Owner \$5.95 Extra—Found Guilty of Forgery—Young White Boy Convicted of Serious Charge But the Court Was Merciful—Young White Man Will Be Tried Tomorrow on Charge of Criminal Assault.

The following cases have been disposed of before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson:

Heck Gavin, colored, yesterday, charged with failure to pay the city license on a dog. He was found guilty of the charge and taxed with the cost of the case, which amounted to \$5.95. Gavin had paid \$2 of the tax on the dog but had failed to pay the remaining \$3. The license cost him \$8.95 in all.

Lloyd James was before the recorder, Tuesday on the charge of forgery. He was found guilty and was bound over to the Superior Court. He was committed to jail upon failure to give a \$300 justified bond. He is charged with forging a pay slip for \$6 at the Dresden cotton mill here a few days ago. He is said to have made the slip out and signed a fictitious name to it and secured the money without any trouble.

Clarence Odum, a young white boy of the Raft Swamp section, was before the recorder this morning charged with stealing 3 hams from Mr. L. E. Tyner of the same community. He was found guilty of the charge and judgment was continued upon payment of the cost, Odum to pay Mr. Tyner for the hams and appear before Mr. Johnson once every 3 months for 2 years and show that he had been behaving himself. If he fails to conduct himself uprightly altogether he will be brought before Recorder Johnson and a road sentence will be given him without any other trial. This sentence was given him on account of the people of the Raft Swamp section. Mr. Tyner and 42 other citizens of the Raft Swamp section recommended that the sentence be as light as possible as he was a young man and this was his first offense. Odum is said to have gotten the hams out of Mr. J. H. Wishart but had not received pay for them. They were lying on a barrel in the rear of the store and Odum came in with a ham of his own in a sack and upon seeing the other hams he is said to have taken them also and put them in his sack and carried them to Gilmore & Martin's store, where he sold them but never returned to get his money for them.

The case of the State against Arch Lovett, a young white man who lives near McDonald, charged with assault with intent to rape upon Miss Annie Scott, who lives in the same community will be tried before Recorder Johnson tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

ANOTHER STILL CAPTURED

65-Gallon Outfit Nabbed—Third Still Captured in Howellsville During Past Week.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy Sheriff Arch Prevatt and United States Deputy Austin Smith captured a 65-gallon all-copper still in Howellsville township yesterday. No one was at the still at the time of the capture and there is no clue as to who the proprietors are. They did not find any of the real "juice" and only a small amount of beer. The still did not look as if it had been used lately and it is thought that it had just been removed to this place and been set up for operation. Sheriff Lewis said that it was one of the finest stills that he has ever seen. This makes the third still that has been captured in Howellsville during the past week. As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, two were captured Thursday of last week.

COTTON SITUATION NOT DESPERATE

Placing of Cotton on Contraband List Creates Situation Calling for Intelligent Leadership—Southern Bankers Urged to Make Concessions to Finance Crop—Harding Predicts International Competition for American Cotton.

Birmingham, Ala., Dispatch, Aug. 25.

W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, told the Alabama Merchants' Association here that the placing of cotton on the contraband list by the Allies did not create a desperate situation, but rather one calling for intelligent leadership. He urged Southern bankers to make concessions to finance the crop and predicted there would be international competition for the American crop, despite the fact that it was contraband. Mr. Harding handled, for the Reserve Board, the arrangements for the hundred million dollar cotton loan fund. He explained to the Alabama merchants, however, that he was not speaking tonight for the Federal board but was giving his personal views.

"Germany," said Mr. Harding, "is as anxious to have cotton as the Allies are to prevent her. It is not conceivable that there may be evidences before very long of international competition for the possession of the South's great staple. It is the intention of the Reserve Board that large quantities for foreign account and storage in Southern warehouses, to be shipped out as needed and as opportunities for shipment arise.

"No one has ever accused the Germans of being lacking in far-sightedness. They are already looking forward to what will happen when peace is restored, and that they will make a supreme effort to recover their lost trade with other nations cannot be doubted. It is reasonable to believe that they would look with complacency upon the absolute control of the cotton market by the mills of England and America, permitting them to secure their supplies of cotton at very low prices and defer their own purchases until after peace is made and take the chances of securing then their own stocks at much higher prices? Is it not reasonable to believe that they will arrange to buy cotton as the spinners of other nations buy it and can they not easily arrange to have their cotton stored in this country for their account until they can transport it to their own shores?"

President Wilson, in a letter read by Mr. Harding, expressed confidence that banks in the agricultural regions, the South particularly, would content themselves with not exceeding two per cent above the rate they themselves pay on money for meeting the cotton problem and said the cotton producers should expect what they have a right to expect from the banks.

BOY CRUSHED UNDER WAGON

Wagon Loaded With Brick Passed Over Body of Colored Boy and Death Resulted—Colored "Divider of the Word" Must Serve on Chain Gang 12 Months.

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Aug. 25—Vinson McKay, a 14-year-old colored boy, was so badly crushed under a wagon loaded with brick passed over his body near McDonald late Monday afternoon that he died in a few hours. He was hauling brick from McDonald to a farm near Fairmont when the mules he was driving became frightened and proceeded to run away, throwing him off the wagon under the wheels, which passed over his body with the above result.

Twelve months on the roads, nine for forcement and adultery and three for jumping a board bill, was the sentence imposed upon Rev. Owen F. Henry, a colored divider of the Word, by Recorder A. E. Floyd Tuesday afternoon. Susan Smith, also colored, drew a sentence of 6 months in jail at the same time for living with the "Reverend" Henry without license. Henry owned having a wife and two children in other parts and Susan said she had a sure enough husband in South Carolina. Henry has recently held a number of meetings throughout these parts but he will have to "serve the Lawd" in the gang for twelve months.

WILL GIVE FULL SATISFACTION TO UNITED STATES

If Commander of Submarine Exceeded Instructions in Sinking Arabic German Government Will Give Complete Satisfaction to U. S.

Berlin Dispatch, Aug. 25.

If the commander of a German submarine exceeded his instructions in sinking the steamer Arabic, the German government will give full satisfaction to the United States, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg informed the Associated Press correspondent, in an interview this evening.

The Imperial chancellor made the following statement of Germany's position on the sinking of the Arabic: "As long as the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Arabic have not been fully cleared up, it is impossible for me to make a definite statement. Thus far we have received no report about it. Now we do not even know whether the sinking of the ship was caused by a mine or by a torpedo fired from a German submarine, nor do we know whether, in this latter case the Arabic herself may not by her actions, perhaps, have justified proceedings of the commander of the submarine.

"Only after all these circumstances have been cleared up, will it be possible to say whether the commander of one of our submarines went beyond his instructions, in which case the Imperial government would hesitate to give such complete satisfaction to the United States as would conform to the friendly relations existing between both governments."

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

Miss Lannie Oliver Entertains the G. W. Club—Sunday School Convention—Series of Meetings Begins at Methodist Church Sunday Night—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, Aug. 25—Miss Lannie Oliver delightfully entertained the G. W. Club last Friday p. m. from 4:30 to 8:30 in honor of her guest Mrs. W. H. Oliver. The home was as usual very inviting and comfortable. The guests were met by the hostess and ushered into the living room, where they were presented to the guest of honor. After the business session and reading of current events the afternoon was spent in social entertainment. Several beautiful musical selections were skillfully rendered by the hostess on the piano while Mrs. Oliver sweetly sang. Other guests at this meeting were Misses Lula and Anne Page, who also rendered some beautiful musical selections. Miss Anne piano and Miss Lula voice. Delicious cream and cake were served.

Quite a number of guests from here attended the Robeson circuit Sunday school convention which was held at Bethesda Aug. 15th. This was one of the greatest and best conventions that has ever been held on the circuit. The next convention comes to Marietta. Mr. J. S. Oliver, pastor of the Methodist church, presided. Mr. W. Mac Oliver is vice president and Mr. W. Cole is secretary. The executive committee is composed of Mr. Ben F. Wade, Miss Rachel Oliver, and Miss Ola Johnson. We hope to have a very helpful meeting here in 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Oliver of Raleigh are visiting Mr. Oliver's mother, Mrs. Janie Oliver.

Miss Nona Oliver and sister, Mrs. Fannie McArthur from near Rowland, left Sunday for Montreat, where they will spend some time. Little Miss Irma Edmundson of Newland, who has spent the summer with relatives near Page's Mills, went with them as far as Morganton.

Mr. W. Mac Oliver went Sunday afternoon to Charlotte. He was met there by Mrs. Oliver who has spent several weeks with her relatives in Hickory. They came home Tuesday morning.

Miss Joyce Jones of Wilmington left Tuesday. She had for several days been the guest of Mrs. O. Leon Henley.

Miss Helen Oliver is visiting relatives near Rowland. She left Sunday with her cousin Mr. J. O. McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramseur and family and Mrs. Sellers and daughters Misses Elizabeth and Kathleen, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Oliver, have returned to their homes at King's Mountain and Sellers, respectively.

Mrs. Foster Graham of Florence spent last week with her sister Mrs. W. P. Oliver. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Graham attended the funeral of their brother-in-law Mr. John P. McNeill. Miss Dovie Frank left Saturday for Raleigh after spending some time here with her sister Mrs. Lu. Hayes.

A series of meetings will begin at the Methodist church on next Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. B. E. Stanfield will be assisted by Rev. J. A. Dailey of Durham.

GIN, GRIST AND SAW MILL BURNED

Gin, Grist and Saw Mill Burned in Saddle Tree.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a gin, grist mill and saw mill belonging to Mr. M. S. Humphrey, about 10 miles of Lumberton in the Saddle Tree section Tuesday night. The loss is estimated to be about \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

It is a puzzle how the fire started, as there had not been any fire in the building since Friday. Mr. Humphrey was near the building when he discovered the fire but was unable to do anything as the building was falling in. Mr. Humphrey said that some one had been stealing meal from the mill for some time and it is probable that the thief or thieves entered it Tuesday night and got a lot of meal and etc., and then set fire to the building.

GOOD BASEBALL GAMES ON LOCAL GROUNDS

There will be good baseball games on the local grounds today, tomorrow and Saturday between the Red Springs and Lumberton teams, the two best teams in Eastern Carolina. Mr. Glazier for Red Springs and Mr. Pool for Lumberton will pitch this afternoon and it will be a fast game. Each of these games will be well worth seeing and no lover of the sport hereabouts should miss them.

DO YOU WANT YOUR EYES TREATED PROPERLY?

Then if so, our ability and expert service is at your command. Glasses fitted for all defects of sight, by one who is licensed to do so by State Board Examination. DR. PARKER, Optometrist, LUMBERTON, N. C.

UP PHILADELPHUS WAY

Much Complaint About Road From Red Springs to Lumberton—Sheriff Lewis Will be in Race Again—Farmers Busy—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Aug. 25—We hear much complaint about the condition of the road leading from Red Springs to Lumberton down in the Raft Swamp section. We endorse all The Robesonian had to say concerning this piece of road. It certainly ought to be attended to.

The many friends of Sheriff R. E. Lewis through this section are glad to know that he will again be a candidate for the office he now ably fills.

The farmers through this section are all busy harvesting their fodder to soon commence gathering cotton. Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brown and Miss Amanda are expected home today from Montreat, where they have been spending the last two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Steed spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ashley.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey spent Saturday at Fayetteville.

Misses Janie and Annie Humphrey and W. H. Brown spent Sunday at the home of Miss Jeanette Johnson, near Wagram.

Miss Estelle Steede and Herbert Steede spent a few days at the home of Mrs. H. B. Ashley recently.

Miss Ruby Melvin is spending a while at the home of Mr. Lacy Johnson near Lumber Bridge.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Discussing Price for Gathering Crops—Political Pot Simmering—Cotton Opening Fast—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. I.), Aug. 24—Very much discussion is given these days in regard to the new cotton rule. It is very contrasting in some respects. It really looks like the farmer cannot give more than 40 cents per hundred, and receive from 4 to 7 cents for cotton; and on the other hand, the pickers say they cannot pick at that price and live. Petitions are being circulated, but are not signed by many.

Well, the political pots are simmering and the candidates are beginning to stuff the mail boxes full of literature, though very few of our people have said who they were in favor of. No doubt but somebody is going to get their pants torn in the "bloody sixth".

Many are pulling fodder, while others are not through with tobacco yet.

Cotton is opening just about as fast as you please and lots say they will hold it for a fair price.

Messrs. W. V. and C. W. Branch spent Monday in Lumberton.

Mr. R. M. Shooter, who had been spending some time here, has returned to Conway.

Misses Jane and Nan Butler spent Wednesday with Mrs. C. M. Martin of Center.

W. V. B.

ALL KILLED BUT ONE

All But One of Family Killed As Result of Feud—Graham County Man Murdered—Bloodhounds Pick Suspects Out of Sheriff's Posses.

Asheville Dispatch, Aug. 25.

Trailed by bloodhounds for twelve miles through the Smokey Mountain country, Hardy Wiggins and Merritt Miller of Cherokee county, were captured by sheriff's posses today and lodged in Graham county jail at Robbinsville, 70 miles from this city, charged with the murder of P. L. Phillips, a wealthy farmer, near Topton, Graham county, last Monday morning.

The deceased was the fourth member of the Phillips family to meet a violent death, his wife and two children having been murdered last May. It is alleged by Ed Williams, who it fell at large.

Wiggins and Miller, the men arrested today, were picked out of sheriff's posses and attacked by two bloodhounds after the animals had been carried from Asheville to Topton, a distance of 60 miles, on a special train. At Topton the dogs picked up a trail and followed it until they came upon the posse which was searching the country for Phillip's slayers. Both men denied their guilt, saying that they had joined the posse to aid in the search for the murderers of Phillips.

The wiping out of the Phillips family is said to have been the aftermath of a distilling feud.

—Mr. M. A. Duncan who has been making his home in Rockingham for several months, has moved his family back to the Lumberton cotton mill, where they formerly lived.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Executive Committee of County Farmers Union Meets Next Wednesday—Important Business.

Mr. D. H. Britt of route 6 from Lumberton, president of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union, is in town today and asks The Robesonian to state that a meeting of the executive committee of the Union will be held at the court house in Lumberton Wednesday of next week at 10 o'clock a. m. Important business is to be transacted and every member of the committee is urged to attend this meeting.

HAITI HAS UNTIL TONIGHT TO SIGN TREATY GIVING U. S. FINANCIAL PROTECTORATE

Washington Dispatch, Aug. 25.

Word came from Port au Prince today that Charge Davis of the American legation, had extended until tomorrow night the time for action by the Haitian Parliament on the proposed treaty to establish for ten years an American financial protectorate over the island republic.

Noon today had been fixed by the 'Charge as the time by which he would expect approval of the treaty drafts submitted by the United States. The Haitians protested vigorously, however, against a limit on debate in parliament and the extension was granted.

HARTFORD, KY. AUG. 25—THE LONG STRUGGLE OF THE AUTHORITIES WITH LAWLESSNESS IN THIS PORTION OF WESTERN KENTUCKY CIRCUIT HERE TODAY WHEN THREE SCORE PERSONS WERE PLACED ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED OUTRAGES. WHEN TRIAL ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY TWO MEN HAD PLEADED GUILTY, NINE OTHERS WERE ON TRIAL AND 53 WERE AWAITING A HEARING.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, August 25, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather, with seasonal temperatures, is indicated for the week, although occasionally local thundershowers may occur over the southern portion of the districts.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Wm. T. Andrews and Annie E. Lewis.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Caldwell, Miss Annie Ruth and Master Robert Caldwell motored to Raleigh yesterday. They are expected home tonight.

—Mr. Ira Mullis, civil engineer, who spent several days at headquarters in Lumberton, left Tuesday evening for Reidsville. Mr. Mullis is supervising the construction of a road in Rockingham county.

—Prof. G. E. Lineberry, president of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, spent Tuesday and yesterday in Lumberton, leaving last evening for Monroe. He is pleased with the prospects for students for his college.

—Master Burke Martin, 12 years old, who lives near Boardman, sent to "Happy Jack", of The Robesonian's staff, a dandy big potato the other day. It was brought in by Mr. E. L. Phillips, who also lives near Boardman. This item was inadvertently omitted from Monday's paper, when it should have appeared.

—Mr. W. H. Brown, The Robesonian's correspondent up Philadelphia and Buie way, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. Mr. Brown says that the fall term at Philadelphia high and farm-life school will begin September 7. He says also that cotton is opening fast and that picking will begin in his neighborhood next week.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley and daughter, Miss Evelyn, and sons Mr. Elwood and Master Ralph, and Miss Minnie Lennon left Tuesday morning in Mr. Whaley's auto for Hendersonville, where Mr. and Mrs. Whaley's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tebeau, live. They will spend a week or ten days in the mountains. Mr. Whaley intended also to visit Atlanta, Ga., on business before returning home.

—Where, oh where, are to be seen the elegant movies that were to advertise Lumberton so elegantly to the outside world? It is understood that the entire deal has been called off and that Lumberton must wait some time yet before figuring in the movies. In the meantime, The Robesonian is advertising Lumberton to the outside world twice a week and the outside world is going to judge the town largely by the way merchants support or fail to support a newspaper that is working 52 weeks in the year for the good of the town.