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## LUMBERTON BANKS HAD GOOD YEAR

Three Banks of Lumberton Enjoyed Good Business Throughout the Past Year—Stockholders Much Pleased With Reports—All in Splendid Condition—Resources Total Around \$3,000,000.

Good business during the past year, with little let-up during the past three months of financial depression, was reported at the annual meeting Tuesday of the stockholders of Lumberton's three banks—First National Bank, National Bank of Lumberton and Planter's Bank and Trust Company. Stockholders of the three banks were much pleased at the reports of the officers, which showed that the banks are all in good condition, financially. The resources of the three banks total around \$3,000,000. No change was made in personnel of the directors and active officials of any of the banking institutions.

All three banks begin the new year with a splendid record and with every prospect of continued success. Reports of the individual meetings held Tuesday follow:

**National Bank of Lumberton in Excellent Condition—Profits for Past Year Over 14 per Cent—Deposits Approximately \$1,000,000 and No Money Borrowed.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Lumberton was held Tuesday. Reports of President A. W. McLean and the examining committee, of the board of directors showed the bank to be in excellent condition, profits for the past year amounting to a little over 14 per cent. The regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared.

The report showed deposits of approximately one million dollars and no money borrowed from the Federal Reserve banks or elsewhere. The stockholders passed a resolution, unanimously thanking the officers and directors of the bank for the fine showing made.

The following directors were elected: O. C. Norment, A. E. White, L. R. Varsler, H. B. Jennings, L. H. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams, S. McIntyre, A. W. McLean, K. M. Biggs, E. J. Britt.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were re-elected: A. W. McLean, president; A. E. White and Stephen McIntyre, vice-presidents; M. F. Cobb, cashier; W. A. Roach, assistant cashier; F. H. Townsend, teller; H. T. Crump, and Miss Bertha McNeill, bookkeepers; Miss Le. Pope, stenographer.

**First National Had One of Best of Its 17 Precarious Years—Resources Over \$1,000,000.**

The report of President M. M. McKay of the First National Bank of Lumberton at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the bank, held Tuesday, showed that the past year had been one of the best in the history of the institution and that the bank now has resources of more than \$1,000,000.

The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: Messrs. C. T. Pate, T. L. Johnson, R. E. Lewis, J. W. Ward, D. C. Regan, H. M. McAllister and R. McA. Nixon.

Immediately after the stockholders meeting the board of directors met and re-elected the old officers. These are H. M. McAllister, president; C. T. Pate and T. L. Johnson, vice-presidents; R. McA. Nixon, cashier; C. A. McArthur, assistant cashier.

**Best Year in History of Planter's Bank and Trust Co.—Resources \$600,000.**

The year 1920 was the best in the history of the Planter's Bank and Trust company, according to the report of Dr. N. A. Thompson, president of the bank, made to the stockholders at their annual meeting Tuesday. The directors re-elected include Dr. N. A. Thompson, Geo. L. Thompson, A. Weinstein, Dr. D. D. King, R. C. Lawrence, H. E. Stacy, W. M. Bridgers, K. M. Barnes, R. R. Pitman, R. O. Pitman, D. J. Oliver, C. B. Skipper and L. E. Tyner.

At a meeting of the directors following that of the stockholders the old officials were elected as follows: Dr. N. A. Thompson, president; R. C. Lawrence, first vice-president; A. Weinstein, second vice-president; K. M. Barnes, treasurer; G. E. Rancke, Jr., assistant treasurer and secretary; Geo. L. Thompson, trust officer; H. E. Stacy, council.

The usual annual dividend of 6 per cent, was declared and \$10,000 was added to the surplus account, making the total surplus \$30,000 and a total capital and surplus of \$105,000. The resources of the bank total \$600,000, ranking it as one of the largest in this part of the State.

## NORTH CAROLINA'S NEW GOVERNOR INSTALLED YESTERDAY



GOV. CAMERON MORRISON.

## Cam. Morrison Becomes Governor

Simple Inaugural Ceremonies Witnessed by Tremendous Crowd—In Address New Governor Calls for Law Enforcement, Care of Unfortunates, Public Health Work, Education and Roads.

Cameron Morrison of Charlotte was inaugurated 18th Governor of North Carolina in the city auditorium in Raleigh yesterday, the ceremony of severe simplicity being witnessed by a tremendous crowd. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark of the Supreme court of the State.

In his inaugural address Governor Morrison asked for the banishment of discord and differences and for cooperation of all the people of the State in carrying out a program of law enforcement, greater care of defectives, broader public health work and education, and a State system of roads.

## COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

65,523 Bales Ginned to Jan. 1, as Compared With 62,125 Bales Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

There were 65,523 bales of cotton, counting round and half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1920, prior to Jan. 1. As compared with 62,125 bales ginned to Jan. 1, 1920. J. A. MCLEOD, Special Agent.

## MEETING IN INTEREST OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FRIDAY NIGHT

Prof. John J. Blaine, State Superintendent of Schools, will speak at a meeting of the school board of Lumberton on Friday night, January 14, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Lumberton high school. Prof. Blaine was for twenty years superintendent of the Wilmington city schools and has been a lifelong student of architecture and schoolhouse planning. He has given much time to the study of art, and took painting under the late William M. Chase and Charles W. Hawthorne of New York. No man in the State is better acquainted with school conditions and school problems than Prof. Blaine.

The meeting is to be under the auspices of the Woman's Club. Mr. R. C. Lawrence will speak on "Our Present School Needs" and Mr. H. E. Stacy will speak on "Recreation and Athletics as a Part of the School Program." Mrs. Leslie Carlyle will sing.

Supt. Cale is offering a half-holiday to every pupil who prevails upon both her or his parents, or either father or mother and another person, to attend this meeting. It is not necessary for the child to attend in order to win the prize.

## Tode McKinnon Gives Bond.

Tode McKinnon, colored, was bound over to the Superior court on the charge of shooting another negro named Bethea at St. Pauls some ten days ago, by Recorder Jno. S. Butler of St. Pauls Monday. Bethea's condition is improving and it is thought he will recover. McKinnon made bond for his appearance in Superior court.

## Business is Picking Up.

There are many indications that business is "picking up." More freight is being shipped over the railroads of late and the cotton mills are receiving more inquiries and orders than for several months. Then one thing not to be overlooked is the advance in the price of cotton during the past week. Things are looking considerably brighter. Don't you think so?

## WORK ON NEW 'PHONE SYSTEM HAS BEGUN

Bell Company Has Begun Work on Long-Promised Change to Common Battery System—Bid Farewell to Sausage-Grinders in About 3 Months—Also Re-modeling Branch Building for Office.

Lumberton is soon to have the common battery telephone system. The Southern Bell Telephone company already has a force of hands at work here placing new poles and making ready for the change of systems and it is expected that the work will be completed in about three months.

All telephone poles will be moved off Elm Street from the union station to Sixth Street and the feed lines will enter from the rear of buildings located on Elm and Chestnut streets. New 'phones will be put in every business and residence where 'phones are used and when the new system has been installed it will no longer be necessary to turn the crank to get central. All the new 'phones will be installed before the old ones are removed and the town will only be out of telephone service a few hours when the change is made from one system to the other, according to Mr. C. C. Rogers, manager of the local Southern Bell exchange.

Work has also been begun on remodeling the building purchased by the Bell people a year ago from Mr. J. A. Branch on Chestnut street. When the building has been put in shape the office and exchange will be moved from the White & Gough building to this building.

Officials of the Southern Bell company have been promising this need of improvement in Lumberton for many years and it would probably have been installed earlier except for conditions resulting from the world war.

## RECORDER'S COURT

Young Boys up for Robbing Freight Car—Other Cases.

Claud Smith, Pink Little and Evans Williams, all of East Lumberton, were found guilty of robbing a freight car while the car was sidetracked in the southern part of town by Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday afternoon. Prayer for judgment was continued upon condition that the defendants appear before the court the first Monday in each month for a year and show good behavior.

The defendants are young boys and this being their first offense, Mr. R. C. Lawrence, council for the railroad company, recommended the above stated judgment. They took some beads, smoking tobacco and other merchandise said to be worth \$15 from the car.

John Smith, colored, was presented in Recorder's court yesterday when he was found guilty of robbing two bad quilts from Mr. J. E. Law on 5th Street. Claud Smith, who lives about 1/2 mile north of Lumberton, was found not guilty of robbing a suitcase.

J. T. Perry will be fined \$10 and cost for exceeding the speed limit. C. B. Meares plead guilty of being drunk. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost, the defendant making a bond in the sum of \$100 to show good behavior for the next six months.

Pate Locklear, Indian, was fined \$10 and cost on the charge of assault upon his wife.

Bunyan Herring was found not guilty of removing baggage with intent to defraud the proprietor of a rooming house.

## Mike Herring Begins Six Months Road Sentence

Jetter Stephens Has not Sufficiently Recovered from Wounds to Go to Roads.

Mike Herring of "Pea Ridge" section began Tuesday a 6-months' road sentence, the commitment having been signed by Recorder David H. Fuller. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Herring was arrested on capias, he having failed to leave for other parts, as ordered under a judgment rendered by former Recorder E. M. Britt when found guilty of manufacturing whiskey.

Jetter Stephens, who was found guilty of the same charge, and allowed to go under like judgment, is in jail. He will probably be sent to the roads when he sufficiently recovers from his wounds received when shot in the left leg with buck shot when held up by a band of negroes in the suburbs of Boardman on the night of December 31, last.

Messrs. J. I. and N. A. Townsend, H. H. Stanley, and I. V. Britt of the Ten Mile section were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

## TWO IMPORTANT FARMERS MEETINGS

Ex-Governor Manning of South Carolina is Expected to Address Meetings in Lumberton and Red Springs Saturday—He Will Tell About Plan of American Exports and Imports Corporation for Marketing Cotton—Dr. G. M. Pate Will Report on Farmers' Meeting in Raleigh This Week.

Two meetings of interest to farmers will be held in the county Saturday of this week—one in the court house here at 11 a. m. and another at Red Springs at 3 p. m. The meetings have been called by Dr. G. M. Pate, chairman of the Robeson division of the American Cotton association, for the purpose of discussing the program of the American Products Export and Import corporation.

This is a Southern organization endorsed by the Governors of all the cotton growing States. Ex-Governor Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, president of the organization, is expected to address the meetings. It will be to the interest of every man who is interested in cotton to attend one of these meetings.

Dr. Pate will tell of the plans of the North Carolina division of the American Cotton association, having attended in Raleigh this week a meeting of the State division.

## Annual Meeting Confederate Veterans

Members of Camp Pope Called to Meet Here Lee-Jackson Day, January 19—Dinner will be Served by Daughters.

The annual meeting of Confederate veterans will be held here on January 19, Lee-Jackson day, and dinner will be served by local Daughters of the confederacy. Commander M. G. McKenzie has issued the following in order:

Headquarters Camp Willis H. Pope No. 1707—January 12, 1921. To Members of Camp Willis H. Pope, United Confederate Veterans of Robeson County:

You are hereby requested to meet in the court house in Lumberton on Wednesday, January 19—Lee-Jackson Day—at 11 o'clock a. m. The object of the meeting is the election of officers, the payment of dues and the proper honoring of the heroes of the Lost Cause.

All Confederate Veterans of the county and sons and daughters of veterans are cordially invited to meet with us.

The usual dinner will be served by the U. D. C. M. G. MCKENZIE, Commander. ROBERT CHAFFIN, Adjt.

## Farmers Favor Cutting Cotton Acreage

The Food Crops, Best Fertilizer and Economy Also on Program Favorable Farmers Meeting Here Tomorrow—American Cotton Association Will be Done in Robeson.

Reduce the cotton acreage, about 10 per cent, use less commercial fertilizer and economize. The above sentence contains in a nutshell the program approved by the farmers who attended a meeting of the Robeson division of the American Cotton association here yesterday afternoon. Quite a number of farmers attended the meeting, which was addressed by Mr. Clayton Ross, secretary of the Parkton township division of the association.

Mr. Ross told of the organization that has recently been perfected in Cumberland county and Parkton township, Robeson county, and explained the plans of the organization. A number of the farmers present at the meeting yesterday told of their plans for the present year, and a 11 declared that age, use less commercial fertilizer and grow more foodstuffs.

Some organization work in the interest of the American Cotton association will be done in Robeson at an early date, the work to be done largely through the county board of agriculture.

## Pruning Demonstrations Next Week

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, will give pruning demonstrations at the following places next weeks: Thompson township at G. M. Pate's, Monday.

Red Springs township, at D. M. McKay's, Tuesday.

Ornum township, at G. C. Atkinson's, Wednesday. Parkton township, at M. R. Tolar's, Thursday. Back Swamp township, at D. H. Britt's, Friday.

## General Assembly

Salary Increase Voted For Constitutional Officers—Attorney General \$4,000—Superintendent of Schools \$5,000 and Rest Will Receive \$4,500 Each.

A bill providing increases in the salaries of the constitutional State officers became law Tuesday when it was passed by both houses of the General Assembly.

The House, which first considered the bill, passed it by a vote of 65 to 14 as it came from the committee, two Republicans voting for the bill. The Senate passed it by a vote of 27 to 20, the solid Republican strength furnishing the majority of the opposition.

Under the bill as finally adopted each of the officers affected will carry the following salaries: Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$5,000; Secretary of State, \$4,500; Treasurer, \$4,500; Auditor, \$4,500; Attorney General, \$4,000.

The increase was \$1,000 in the case of each except the Auditor, whose increase was \$1,500. The salary of the Attorney General was fixed lower than the others because he does not have to devote his entire time to the work.

Representative McArthur of Robeson voted against the bill, Representative Jenkins and Senator Varsler voting for it.

McSwain of Cleveland offered in the House Tuesday a bill to limit all State officers to two terms.

Miss Clement of Buncombe, the only woman member, offered a bill in the House Tuesday providing for privacy in voting, calling for a booth where the voter may retire and vote unobserved.

Besides chairmanship of finance, Senator Varsler is a member of committees on propositions and grievances, public health, public roads, railroad, Senate expenditures.

A bill to abolish the office of State architect and return the work done under his direction to the competitive basis in force before the office was created by the General Assembly of 1914, was offered in the House by its youngest member, M. B. Glover of Nash. J. A. Salter, of Raleigh has held the office of State architect at a salary of \$5,000 the year, devoting only a part his time to the work.

Representative Darden introduced in the House Monday a bill to repeal the discount given for early payment of taxes and to discontinue the penalties attached to delayed payment.

The chairmanship of the committees announced Monday are distributed as follows: Insurance, J. Elmer Long, of Alamance; insane asylums, Leon S. Brassfield, of Wake; Caswell game laws, L. M. Blue, Scotland; institutions for the deaf, C. E. Carpenter, Scotland; institutions for the blind, W. R. Walker, Rockingham; immigration, T. W. Williams, Wilson; fish, fisheries and shell fish, Luther Hamilton, Carteret; finance, L. R. Varsler, Robeson; Federal relations, R. H. Jones, Edgecombe; election law, Solomon Gilbert, Rockingham; officers of 1848, C. E. Carpenter, Scotland.

Both of Robeson county's members of the State assembly, Representative J. D. Jones and Senator Varsler, have been appointed to the House of Representatives.

Senator Varsler of Robeson county, one of the four members of the assembly from Robeson county, will represent the county in the General Assembly of 1921.

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## FUNERAL OF MAXTON WORLD WAR HERO

Remains of Arthur Medlin Given Military Burial in Home Cemetery MAXTON, Jan. 11.—The remains of Arthur Medlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Medlin of this place, arrived here from Hoboken, N. J., Saturday morning, and the funeral service was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Medlin lost his life in France in the fall of 1918.

Hundreds of people attended the funeral to pay the last tribute of respect to this young soldier. The members of the Liberty post of the American Legion, wearing their uniforms, gave the body a military burial. The services at the Presbyterian church were conducted by Rev. E. L. Siler and Rev. J. A. Hornady. Mrs. Siler made a most impressive and comforting talk, and the choir sang sweetly "A-bide With Me," and "Peace, Perfect Peace."

The pallbearers were Henry A. McKinnon, J. E. Carpenter and G. H. McLean of the army, and Dan Martin, Charles Carrowan and Arvin McEachern of the navy. All of the members of the legion marched to the cemetery. After a short burial service the firing squad fired three volleys over the grave and taps sounded.

## Home-Made Whiskey Still Captured

A home-made whiskey still was captured about one and a half miles north of town in the river swamp Monday afternoon by Rural Police-man A. R. Pitman. The plant was made of two galvanized tubs and other accessories and was a 20-gallon capacity outfit. John Smith, who lives near Lumberton, was arrested, having been seen near the still, but was found not guilty of operating the still when given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller.

## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 14 cents the pound; strict middling, 15 cents.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Monday night in the town hall at 7:30.

—There will be a regular meeting of the Eastern Star this evening at 7:30 in the Masonic hall. All members are urged to be present.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin county health officer is attending in Raleigh a conference of county health officers of the State. He is expected home tomorrow night.

—Mrs. L. R. Varsler, who had been a patient at the Thompson hospital for two weeks, was able to return the first of the week to her home on East Fifth street.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Bishop Jenkins and Donie Ivey; Neill Archie Maxwell and Lillian Marie Gibson; John Welch and Dora Gibson.

—There has been no school in the advanced 6th grade in the graded school since Monday at noon on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Eulalia McGill.

—Noted improvement has been made in the streets of Lumberton since the town purchased a 5-ton tractor several weeks ago. Many of the streets have been plowed up and put in good condition.

—Rev. W. L. Maness and Mr. C. D. Williamson, both of Parkton, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Maness is now serving his fourth year as pastor of the Parkton circuit and this was his first visit to Lumberton.

—Receipts for the local postoffice for the year 1920 totaled \$19,635.95. The receipts for the year 1919 totaled \$17,522.21—a gain of \$2,113.74 over the previous year. The total receipts for the year 1916 was \$14,163.35, or \$4,472.60 less than the receipts for 1920.

—Mr. G. W. Bass and family have moved from Lumberton to Lake View, S. C., where Mr. Bass has opened a shoe repair shop. He had been with Mr. W. F. Edwards in his shoe shop here for two years. Mr. Bass was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune soon yesterday to Raleigh, where last evening he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina association, of which committee he is a member. He is expected to attend to a meeting of the association.

—The male basketball team of the Lumberton high school defeated the Laurinburg high school team at Laurinburg yesterday afternoon by the score 16 to 11. The line-up of the locals was: Barker, left forward; Bryan, right forward; Britt and Hodgph, center; Weinstein, left guard; Pope, right guard.

—A free for all fight took place at a basketball game between the Lumberton high school team and the Laurinburg high school team at Laurinburg yesterday afternoon. The result was a draw, 16 to 16. The boys all played well, but the boys all missed their free throws and much much.

—The members of the Robeson County High School Athletic Association, who were serving in the military service, were given a special dinner at the home of the Robeson County High School Athletic Association, at Lumberton, on Tuesday evening.

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