

Lumberton Banks Had Good Year

All the Banks of Lumberton are in Strong and Healthy Condition—Deposits of the Three Banks Reach the Handsome Total of \$1,706,832.95—Stockholders and Directors Meetings Held Tuesday.

Lumberton's three banking institutions—the National Bank of Lumberton, the First National Bank and the Planters Bank & Trust Co.—are in strong, healthy condition, according to reports made at the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors Tuesday.

The directors of the bank are: Messrs. K. M. Barnes, W. M. Bridges, R. C. Lawrence, D. J. Oliver, R. O. Pitman, R. R. Pitman, C. B. Skipper, H. E. Stacy, G. L. Thompson, L. E. Tyner, A. Weinstein and Drs. N. A. Thompson and D. D. King.

PLANTERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY HAD GOOD YEAR

Stockholders Gratified at Condition Shown by Report of President—Usual Dividend Declared—Old Officers Re-elected.

No change was made in the officials of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. Tuesday when the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors was held. The stockholders expressed themselves as being very much gratified at the results of the operation of the bank during the year 1921, and the report of the president showed the bank to be in a very satisfactory financial condition at the beginning of the new year.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN FINE CONDITION

Report of President Shows Institution Stronger Than Ever Before in Its History—Old Officers Re-elected. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Lumberton was held in the bank building Tuesday.

At a meeting of the directors the old officers were re-elected, as follows: president, H. M. McAllister; vice-presidents, T. L. Johnson, C. T. Pate; cashier, R. M. Nixon; assistant cashier, C. A. McArthur.

NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON IN FINE CONDITION.

Usual Semi-Annual Dividend Declared—Old Officers Re-elected—Deposits Total \$764,606.14.

All the old officers were re-elected by the stockholders and directors of the National Bank of Lumberton at their annual meeting Tuesday. A semi-annual 4 per cent. dividend was declared and the president's report showed the bank to be in good condition.

The directors of the bank are: president, A. W. McLean; vice-presidents, A. E. White and S. McIntyre; cashier, M. F. Cobb; assistant cashier, W. A. Roach; assistant cashier and teller, Fred H. Townsend; book-keeper and collector, Herman Crump.

The directors, who are elected by the stockholders, are: Messrs. A. W. McLean, A. E. White, S. McIntyre, H. B. Jennings, O. C. Norment, E. J. Britt, Q. T. Williams, L. H. Caldwell, L. R. Varner, K. M. Biggs.

Child Seriously Hurt by Fall

Ruby, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, who live in the eastern part of town, was painfully hurt by a fall today at noon when she fell out of a chair. The child was at the dinner table eating when she fell.

Mr. N. M. Allen of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town this morning.

Important Cotton Meeting Jan. 16

Delegates to District Convention Will be Elected at Meeting to be Held in Lumberton Monday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The cotton cooperative marketing meeting for the purpose of selecting delegates to the district convention will be held at the court house, Lumberton, January 16th, at 10:30 a. m.

Robeson is entitled to 47 delegates to the district convention which will be held in Lumberton January 18th, for the purpose of nominating directors. The directors nominated will be voted for on January 31st.

Since these delegates will nominate the directors, it is very important that every contract signer be present at the meeting Monday to help elect proper delegates.

This is the most important cotton meeting yet held. Don't fail to be present. Notify your neighbor.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstrator.

Recorder's Court

Lum Edwards Found Not Guilty of Assault—Other Cases.

Lum Edwards of Britts, township was found not guilty of assault upon a female by Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday. Jamie Seals charged Edwards, who is 65 years old, with assaulting her some six months ago.

Sandy Thompson, colored, was found not guilty of retailing. Lester Williams, colored, was fined \$15 Monday on the charge of cursing and raising a disturbance on the public highway.

Ang Brown, colored, was found guilty of an assault upon Ike Tate, also colored. Luke Britt was found guilty of assault upon his wife, judgment being suspended upon payment of the cost.

Lee-Jackson Day At Red Springs

Red Springs Chapter U. D. C. Will Hold Exercises in Graded School Auditorium—Address by Rev. T. F. Opie Followed by Dinner.

Red Springs, Jan. 9.—Attention Camp Ryan! The Red Springs chapter U. D. C., will hold the Lee-Jackson Day exercises this year in the graded school auditorium instead of at the college, as heretofore.

MRS. J. A. LOVE, President.

62,180 BALES COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON TO JANUARY 1ST

This is Only 4,328 Bales Less Than Amount Ginned to Same Date From Crop of 1920.

Mr. W. H. Adams of Buie, special agent of the Census Bureau, reports under date of January 11 that there were 62,180 bales of cotton ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1921 prior to January 1, as compared with 66,508 bales ginned to the same date last year.

Giving Aid in Making Out Income Tax Returns.

Mr. John Morrison of Rockingham, district deputy State internal revenue collector, arrived yesterday morning and will be here through today for the purpose of assisting the public in making out State income tax returns. He will be at Red Springs Friday and Saturday.

Blackstone Female Institute Burned Blackstone female institute, at Blackstone, Va., was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday evening, entailing a loss of \$175,000 states a Richmond dispatch.

Members of the faculty, board of trustees and student body lost virtually all their clothing and other personal property. There was no loss of life.

NEWBERRY SAYS HANDS ARE CLEAN

Washington, Jan. 9.—Standing at his place in the Senate and speaking publicly for the first time in his own defense, Senator Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, declared today that with God as his witness he was not to this hour conscious of a single act unlawful, dishonorable or corrupt in his campaign against Henry Ford in 1918.

Money-Making Features of Club Work

Planning Program to Make Demonstration Work More Valuable to Homes of Robeson—Outlook Good for Great Year of Real Service

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district home demonstration agent, of Goldsboro, spent Wednesday here in conference with Miss Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent. The purpose of the conference was to plan a program for the entire year which would make home demonstration work a most valuable asset to the homes of Robeson county.

It was decided that during the coming year special stress would be placed upon the money-making features of club work. During January, poultry will be taken up in particular, following the special work with Mr. Oliver which Miss Andrews conducted through the clubs in December.

February gardening will be taken up in particular in the clubs making preparation for another year. Special planting of small berries as well as fruits and vegetables.

March will mark the beginning of a special series of dairy meetings, assisted by Mr. Kimmery, State dairy specialist. A better-butter contest will be put on and pure milk at home will be the slogan of the day. Home beautification, interior decoration, special marketing of home products, preserving, pickling, nutrition and individual cookery will be other features during the year. This promises to be one of the greatest years for real-service—we have ever had.

Griffith Heads Irish Free State

Dublin dispatches state that Arthur Griffith and a new cabinet have been elected by the Dail Eireann and the way has been smoothed to putting into effect the terms of the treaty creating the Irish free state. Griffith has summoned the southern parliament to meet Saturday and his cabinet has started the machinery for putting the treaty into operation.

COTTON GINNED IN N. C. 783,598 BALES

Washington, Jan. 11.—Cotton ginned prior to January 1 amounted to 7,884,272 running bales, including 123,320 round bales, counted as half bales; 30,093 bales of American Egyptian, and 3,106 bales of Sea Island. To January 1 last year 11,554,648 bales were ginned, including 202,127 round bales; 64,262 bales of American-Egyptian and 1,449 of Sea Island.

Alabama 594,335; Arizona 35,304; Arkansas 781,823; California 823,563; Florida 12,098; Georgia 317,263; Louisiana 281,773; Mississippi 811,830; Missouri 67,919; North Carolina 770,558; Tennessee 295,360; Texas 2,117,938; Virginia 16,078; all other states 8,547.

New York Lashed by Worst Gale of Winter.

New York, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—This section of the country was lashed today by the worst gale of the winter—a gale that at 2 p. m. reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour off Sandy Hook.

Ushered in with snow that later turned to hail and rain, the storm buffeted New Yorkers without mercy, carrying many across slippery sidewalks and plunging them face downward in slushy streets. Umbrellas were torn out of many a hand window glass fell tinkling into the street, mail package boxes were blown over and traffic generally hampered. Many pedestrians were injured.

Double Tragedy in Asheville Asheville, Jan. 11.—Miss Dorothy Parker, 24, prominent society girl of this city, and J. Turner Sharp, 30, of Waycross, Ga., are dead as the result of bullets said to have been fired by Sharp this morning, supposedly, the authorities say, because Miss Parker would not marry him.

The dual tragedy occurred as the two were walking in the city's most fashionable residential section. Both died within a few minutes. Miss Parker, a French instructor in the Grove Park school, was en route to her work when the shooting occurred. Sharp had been visiting the girl for about two years.

Diversified Farming Discussed

Plan for Fighting Boll Weevil—Hogs, Poultry, Cows, Pastures, Potatoes, etc.

Plans for diversified farming as a matter of combating the boll weevil were discussed before a meeting of the agricultural committee from the various townships by Mr. E. W. Gaither of Goldsboro here yesterday. Hog and poultry raising, a family milk cow, soy beans, sweet potatoes and permanent pastures were among the things recommended. Mr. Gaither is district farm demonstration agent and the plans suggested by him will be stressed by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Geo. A. Boone Passed Away Tuesday—Funeral Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. George Albert Boone, whose death occurred Tuesday at 3 p. m., was conducted from the Boone home, four miles from Lumberton on the Carthage road, yesterday at 3 p. m. Rev. D. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which deceased had long been a member, conducted the funeral. The Lumberton male quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, C. B. Skipper, Ed B. Freeman and J. Pope Stephens, furnished music, rendering "Nearer My God to Thee," "Beautiful Land" and "Abide With Me." The funeral was attended by a large number, many from Lumberton being present. Beautiful floral offerings covered the grave, interment being made in the family cemetery, near the home. The pallbearers were Messrs. L. H. Caldwell, K. M. Biggs, W. H. Humphrey, L. C. Townsend, D. D. French and David H. Fuller.

Deceased would have been 69 years old next April. He had been in poor health for 2 years, the immediate cause of his death being heart failure brought on by grippe. He is survived by his widow and 6 children—Mrs. G. P. Stanley of Greenville, S. C.; Miss Viola Boone, who teaches at Fairmont; Miss Ethel Boone, who is a stenographer in Wilmington; Miss Dorcas and Messrs. James and Claude, who live at the home place. One sister, Mrs. J. C. Paul, and 2 brothers, Messrs. Jas. W. and J. A. Boone, who live in the same neighborhood, also survive.

Mr. R. R. Barnes of Bloomingdale Died Monday—Funeral Tuesday.

Mr. R. R. Barnes, aged 65 years, of the Bloomingdale section, near Orrum, died at his home Monday at 3 p. m. of Bright's disease. The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday at 3 p. m. by Rev. R. A. Hedgpath of Lumberton, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Deceased had been confined to his home for about 4 weeks. He is survived by his widow, 5 daughters—Mrs. Mortice Sealey of Center, Messdames D. R. Rhodes, Rowland, Floyd, Theodosia Walters and Kape Horne, all of the Bloomingdale section—and 4 sons—Messrs. Simeon, Arday and Carmen, who live at the home place, and Mr. N. S. Barnes of Atlanta, Ga. Also surviving are several sisters and brothers.

Deceased was a son of the late J. D. Barnes, who was the oldest man in that section when he died last spring.

Beaman Singletary Mr. Beaman Singletary, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Singletary of Marion, S. C., died early Tuesday morning of pneumonia. The remains were interred in the family cemetery, near Bellamy, yesterday at 2 p. m. Mr. Singletary and family formerly lived here.

TOWNSHIP PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS NEXT WEEK

Correspondence of The Robesonian Shannon—C. C. Carter's, Tuesday January 17, 10:30 a. m. Lumber Bridge—T. G. Balfour's, Tuesday January 17, 1:30 p. m. Saddletree—Arch McNeill's, Thursday January 19, 10:30 a. m. Rennert—A. C. McGoogan's, Thursday January 19, 1:30 p. m. Gaddys—C. W. McArthur's, Friday January 20, 10:30 a. m. Rowland—Asa Ammons', Friday January 20, 1:30 p. m.

On account of the large number of permanent pastures to be sown the latter part of February and March, very little individual pruning will be done this season. A demonstration will be given in each township so you should attend this for your information.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstrator.

Mr. R. C. Lawrence is spending the day in Wilmington on legal business. Messrs. A. D. Evans and Rowland Willoughby of R. 3, St. Pauls, are among the visitors in town today.

Robbers Enter Store in Parkton

One Negro Captured in the Store by Chief Beard While Another Negro Escaped—Mayor McCormick Declares War on Loafers—Parkton Girls and Boys Defeat St. Pauls in Basketball—New Store Opened—Personal Mention.

Parkton Jan. 10.—Parkton boys and girls returned from St. Pauls rejoicing today over a double-header victory in the first of the series of basketball games to decide the championship of Robeson county. The Parkton boys threw goals at will, finding practically no interference from their opponents. The whole team showed excellent passing, accuracy in shooting goals, while Armstrong, Blount and McNatt put up an impregnable defense. Farrell was the team and captain Moore and Williamson had no difficulty in carrying the ball down the floor. Wright, a substitute, played well in the few minutes he was in the game.

The girls showed a complete reversal of form since their last game with St. Pauls, and while the game was close, there was little doubt as to the final outcome. Mary Brown and Lois Council played the best game, but each member of the team played extremely well.

Chief C. L. Beard was on duty at that hour and in making his rounds discovered the large plate glass of the front door was broken in. He immediately rushed to the Parkton cafe, where Mr. R. T. Furdage was called for quick assistance. As the lights had been switched off the store was all dark, so party of the second part with only his flash light and gun made his way through the broken door and party of the first part was to guard the door while party of the second part thoroughly searched down one side of the large store and found one of the robbers hid behind the door in the office.

Party of the second part flashed his light in his face with his gun in hand and ordered hands up, which was responded to, marching him up the aisle of the store. Meanwhile the other robber made his escape through the same front door and left in high gear for parts unknown. The prisoner was immediately taken to St. Pauls for safe keeping till today, when he was taken to Lumberton jail.

We were advised that no shots were fired during the arrest. During the scuffle parties of the first part and parties of the third part came in contact with a beautiful upright showcase, and crushed its face badly.

Mr. W. J. McCabe, the fourth party, showed up with only an empty breechloader, and stood speechless only to see the second robber vanish from his sight. The robbers are strangers in our town. Something doing all the while, believe me, but Mayor McCormick says he is going to put an end of negroes loafing in this town, day or night—or any other color—and he is right. There are plenty of jobs, if they want them. Most every farmer needs stumps and wood cut, etc.

Mr. J. D. Gillis is now occupying his former residence in town. Mr. J. Q. Parnell has moved this week into his new bungalow, while Mr. J. D. Gillis and family are now occupying his former residence in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Roach have moved to Red Springs. We are sorry to lose these good people. Mr. T. W. Thompson left Monday morning for a business trip to Charlotte.

Boy Shot Burglar But He Escaped

Burglar Entered Home of Mr. John Briggers at Elrod—Intruder Screamed and Fell When Geo. Bridger Fired on Him But Escaped. Special to The Robesonian.

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Miss R. D. Buie of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. M. Shepherd of Orrum was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mrs. M. J. Boucher, who had been a guest since Christmas at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, left last night for her home in Washington, D. C.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. J. W. Bullock is erecting a 5-room residence on Seneca street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tuton moved Tuesday into their new home on North Pine street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver F. Nance moved Tuesday into their new residence, East Seventh street.

—Farmers generally have made much headway in preparing for another crop during the last few weeks.

—Regular review of Lumbert test No. 18, Maccabees, Friday evening at 7:45. All Maccabees are urged to be present.

—Order of the Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting this evening at 7:30 in the Masonic hall. All members are requested to be present.

—Mr. M. A. Geddle and family moved Tuesday into the residence on North Chestnut street that he purchased some time ago from Mr. J. W. Griffin.

—The graded school building was entered again Monday night. Somebody seems determined to make it entirely unsafe to leave anything in that building over night that is not nailed down.

—Mr. Vernon Townsend of the U. S. navy arrived Tuesday and will spend a 20 days' furlough here with his mother, Mrs. F. C. Townsend. Mr. Townsend has been stationed on the Great Lakes for some time.

—Messrs. Mack Miller and Yates Gaddy of R. 1, Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Gaddy came to Lumberton to see his father, Mr. J. W. Gaddy, who is undergoing treatment at the Thompson hospital.

—Ye olde tyme concert will be put on by local talent at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening of next week, beginning at 8 o'clock. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, the proceeds to be used in purchasing song books for the schools. An interesting and entertaining program is promised.

—The chapel exercises at the high school auditorium tomorrow morning will include a short talk by Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, on "Why Have a Robesonian?" As has been stated in The Robesonian, some local business will be represented at the exercises each Friday morning.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Robeson County Medical society was held in the municipal building here yesterday afternoon. An interesting paper treating upon the subject of "Middle Ear Infection" was read by Dr. R. S. Beam, local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

—Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district home demonstration agent, and Mr. E. W. Gaither, district farm demonstration agent, both of Goldsboro, spent yesterday here in conference with Miss Martha Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstration agent. Plans were outlined for the work of both agents in Robeson this year, the work to be done co-operatively.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ABANDONMENT CAMP BRAGG

Washington, Jan. 10.—Either Camp Bragg or Camp Knox should be abandoned by the Federal government, a subcommittee of the house military affairs committee recommended today.

"We desire to point out specifically," said the report, "the fact that at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., there is included in the artillery range 120,454.03 acres of land, a large portion of which we are advised is of some value for agricultural purposes.

"This particular camp was located practically after the world war was over. For the sake of argument it may be conceded that an artillery range should be located in the southeastern part of our country, but your committee feels that that argument is answered by the establishment of such a range at Camp Knox, Ky., with an acreage of 30,264.

"Surely it is not necessary to have two great artillery ranges located in the same section of the country, and we most emphatically recommend that one of these fields be sold in the interest of economy and sane military preparedness."

On the present writing it looks bad for Camp Bragg, because Kentucky is more inclined to be Republican—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

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