

## DEPOSITS IN LUMBERTON BANKS OVER TWO AND QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS

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Date Last Year—Gain of \$666,017.48.

### ALL THREE BANKS IN MOST PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

Deposits in Lumberton's three banks—National Bank of Lumberton First National and Planters Bank & Trust Co.—on January 9, this year, totaled \$2,287,209.50, as compared with \$1,621,192.22 on the same date last year, a gain of \$666,017.48.

Reports of the officers of the three banks made to the stockholders at the annual meetings held Tuesday showed the banks to be in prosperous condition.

#### National Bank of Lumberton

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Lumberton all the old board of directors were re-elected. This board is composed of Messrs. A. W. McLean, L. H. Caldwell, H. B. Jennings, L. R. Varner, A. E. White, K. M. Biggs, E. J. Britt, Q. T. Williams, Stephen McIntyre and O. C. Norment. At a meeting of these directors immediately after the stockholders meeting all the old officers of the bank were re-elected. These are: president, A. W. McLean; vice-presidents, A. E. White and Stephen McIntyre; cashier, M. F. Cobb; assistant cashier, W. A. Roach.

The usual semi-annual 4 per cent. dividend was declared and \$30,000 was added to the surplus fund, bringing that fund to \$50,000, while the capital stock is \$100,000.

The report of the president showed deposits totaling \$1,133,713, as compared with \$761,485 at the same date last year.

#### First National Bank

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held in the bank building Tuesday. The report of the president to the stockholders showed the bank to be in the best condition in its history. The usual dividend was declared. The report showed deposits in the bank at the time of the meeting totaling \$703,208.70, as compared with \$505,595.22 at the same date last year, a gain of \$197,613.48.

The old board of directors was re-elected, as follows: T. L. Johnson, Chas. T. Pate, D. C. Regan, Robt. E. Lewis, A. P. McAllister, R. McArthur, H. M. McAllister. This board met immediately after the meeting of the stockholders and re-elected the old officers: president, H. M. McAllister; vice-presidents, Chas. T. Pate and T. L. Johnson; cashier, R. McArthur; assistant cashier, C. A. McArthur.

#### Planters Bank & Trust Co.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. was held Tuesday. The report of the president showed this bank to be in very fine condition, with business and resources approximately 25 per cent. larger than during the year 1921. The operations of the bank last year proved highly satisfactory to the stockholders. The usual 6 per cent. dividend was declared and \$5,000 was added to the surplus fund, making a total surplus of \$35,000. The capital of this bank is \$75,000. The president's report showed deposits totaling \$450,288, as compared with \$354,112 at the same date last year, a gain of \$96,176.

The old board of directors was re-elected. These are: K. M. Barnes, W. M. Bridges, D. D. King, R. C. Lawrence, D. J. Oliver, R. O. Pitman, R. R. Pitman, C. E. Rancke, Jr., C. B. Skipper, H. E. Stacy, G. L. Thompson, L. E. Tyner, A. Weinstein. At a meeting of the directors immediately after that of the stockholders the old officers were re-elected, as follows: president, K. M. Barnes; treasurer, R. E. Rancke, Jr.; vice-presidents, G. C. Lawrence and A. Weinstein; trust officer, Geo. L. Thompson; counsel, H. E. Stacy.

Mr. D. T. McMillan of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

## Town Taxes

One Per Cent. was added to Town Taxes remaining unpaid on January 1, 1923.

An additional one per cent. will be added to Taxes remaining unpaid on February 1, 1923, making two per cent.

J. P. RUSSELL,  
Clerk and Treasurer.

BUDDIE'S SERVICE STATION, ELM  
AND NINETEENTH STREETS.  
NEVER CLOSED.

## How to Make of Lumberton a More Beautiful Town

Plans Outlined by Mr. A. W. McLean—Public Park Should be Provided and River Front Should be Beautified—Signs and Bill-Boards Should be Regulated—Trees and Shrubs Discussed by Mr. Derick of Van Lindley Co.

Plans for making Lumberton a more beautiful town were outlined by Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton and Mr. R. G. Derick, field representative of the Van Lindley Co., of Greensboro, at a meeting of the Lumberton Home Demonstration club in the municipal building Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was attended by about 40 ladies and a sprinkling of men.

Mr. McLean, who was the first to speak, commended the work which Miss Martha Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, is doing throughout the county. Getting to the subject of a "More Beautiful Lumberton", Mr. McLean stated that he was interested in the civic improvement of the town and that he feared the people generally think too much about material things—making money—and too little about civic improvements. "It is a crying shame," he said, "that Lumberton has no public park." The town has made progress in a business way, but has fallen short in providing a public park, he continued. Mr. McLean thinks the citizens of the town should get busy and provide such a park. He also urged the importance of beautifying the river front in the town.

Speaking of signs and bill-boards, the speaker appealed to the ladies present to make an effort to regulate the posting of such things in town. He also expressed himself as favoring a program for beautifying spaces between streets and sidewalks.

In closing Mr. McLean stated that he had a deep interest in Lumberton and Robeson county, adding that had he not felt attached to the people of the town and county he would not have returned here to make his home.

#### Trees and Shrubs

The importance of planting trees and shrubs adapted to the locality was stressed by Mr. Derick. "Taking care of old plants is just as important as putting out new ones," said the speaker. Trees and plants need care and attention at the right time. New plants should be set in early fall or late spring for the best results.

Mr. Derick warned against placing fertilizer too close the main roots of a tree. The feed roots, he said, are farther away from the body of the tree or plant. The speaker gave numerous suggestions as to the most suitable trees for the type of soil found here.

He urged the importance of making the home surroundings attractive, adding that thought should be given future generations in planning the beautifying program.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jno. S. McNeill, president of the club, while the speakers were introduced by Miss Martha Flax Andrews.

Mr. Paul C. Lindley, president of the Van Lindley Co., had planned to address the meeting, but was unable to get here.

#### Settling With Contract Breakers

Mr. N. B. Evans, a representative of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative association, has been here since yesterday morning for the purpose of settling with members of the association who sold tobacco on the open market. He will remain here through tomorrow (Friday) and those who were notified through the mail to meet him here and have not done so are requested to see him tomorrow. Mr. Evans can be found at the Co-operative warehouse, First and Cedar streets.

A large number of farmers have already made settlement, while it is likely that suit will be brought against a few Robeson county contract breakers. Mr. Evans has found that a number of those reported as having sold tobacco on the open market delivered their crop at some other co-operative warehouse than the one designated.

Mrs. W. S. Wishart moved Monday into the McQueen residence, Fourteenth street, formerly occupied by Miss Nannie McQueen and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spruill. Mr. and Mrs. Spruill and Miss McQueen have moved to Chadbourn where Mr. Spruill is engaged in engineering work for the State Highway Commission.

## Robeson Farmers Can Grow Cotton Spite'n Weevil

Government Expert Tells How Cotton Can be Grown Under Boll Weevil Conditions—McLean Appeals to Farmers Not to Be Discouraged and Not to Give Up the Fight

### COTTON CAN AND WILL BE GROWN AS MONEY CROP

Robeson county farmers can grow cotton in spite of the boll weevil, according to Mr. J. A. Taylor, who was formerly connected with the U. S. Government laboratory located at Tallulah, La., in an address at the court house here Monday. Mr. Taylor has been acquainted with the weevil for a number of years and has made a close study of his activities.

#### Courage Required

The speaker made it plain that a farmer who attempts to grow cotton under boll weevil conditions cannot afford to do anything but his very best in the fight against the weevil. "It will take courage to win the battle against the weevil," declared Mr. Taylor.

#### Most Essential Things

Prepare the land early and well, secure the proper seed and fertilize in a way to rush the cotton to early maturity, were named by the speaker as the most essential things to do in order to grow a profitable crop of cotton in the face of the weevil. "Some plant too early in an effort to beat the weevil," continued the speaker. "Don't plant, he said, until all danger of frost is past. Have all the land to be planted in cotton right ready for planting when the right time comes and plant the whole crop as quickly as possible."

The importance of taking care of the young cotton plants and forcing early growth through the proper fertilization was stressed by Mr. Taylor. The crop must be kept clear of grass and weeds. "You cannot grow cotton and hay in the same field under boll weevil conditions," said the speaker.

#### Poisoning

In discussing the matter of poisoning, Mr. Taylor advised a close watch of the activity of the weevils. When they attack the crop early it is best to apply calcium arsenate. While it is not always necessary to use the poison at all, the wise farmer has his poison and machines ready to use when needed. Mr. Taylor pointed out the fact that weevils do not begin to migrate until about August 1. Before this time they do not travel from one cotton field to another. A farmer has only to fight his own crop of weevils.

An effort should be made to secure a perfect stand of cotton under boll weevil conditions, said the speaker.

Mr. Taylor was given rapt attention by the several hundred farmers present, and no doubt his advice will mean money to the cotton growers who heard him.

#### Brain Power Must Be Used

Mr. A. W. McLean introduced the speaker and aside from his introductory remarks he also told of some things he had learned from a study of the weevil and from farmers who have grown cotton successfully in competition with the weevil. He appealed to the farmers not to become discouraged and give up the fight. He thinks it absurd to think of giving up cotton-growing in Robeson county as a money crop. In his opinion, the weevil can best be overcome by proper preparing of the land, using improved seed and rapid cultivation. He advocates the use of nitrate of soda when the cotton is planted and just after it has been "chopped". Continuing, Mr. McLean said brain power must be added to man power in order to grow cotton profitably under boll weevil conditions. In closing he declared that the boll weevil can and will be overcome.

#### Make Farm Self-Sustaining

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, appealed to the farmers to make the farm self-sustaining and not to depend upon growing cotton to buy corn, meat and other things which can be produced on the farms of Robeson county.

#### Checks for Cotton Co-ops

Mr. F. W. Risher, a representative of the Co-operative Cotton Marketing association, was present at the meeting. He appealed to members who had not received their second payment on cotton turned over to the association not to become impatient. He told of the tremendous amount of work in grading the cotton and the task of making out and mailing 20,000 individual checks. "Those who have not yet received their checks will get them immediately," he said.

## Cotton and Tobacco Co-ops Will Meet in Lumberton Jan. 16

Joint Meeting of Community Leaders and Grower Members—Officers to be Elected—Plan of Co-operative Marketing and Farm Improvement Conferences.

By O. O. Dukes, County Farm Demonstrator.

The Robeson County Cotton and Tobacco Growers associations will hold a joint meeting of community leaders and grower-members at Lumberton in the courthouse Tuesday, January 16th, at 11 a. m. This meeting, held under the leadership of the two cooperative associations and O. O. Dukes, county farm agent, is for the purpose of electing county cooperative marketing officers and the consideration of cooperative marketing and other farm problems for the county in 1923.

Dr. C. T. Pate of Purvis and O. O. Dukes of Lumberton will conduct the meeting. C. C. Zimmerman of Raleigh will be here representing the headquarters of the two associations. A county chairman, a vice-chairman for each association, a secretary and a county executive committee will be elected. In addition, a county advisory committee for the purpose of organizing cooperative local where such have not already organized will be appointed by the county officers.

This joint plan of cooperative marketing and farm improvement conferences for Robeson county is as follows:

Each school district has its marketing or agricultural local which meets every two weeks. The officers of these locals and certain other delegates form the county unit, which meets at the courthouse every third Tuesday of each month. At these county meetings, methods of boll weevil and tobacco wildfire control, cooperative marketing and other farm problems are discussed. The local officers carry these plans back and the locals put them into effect. Every week a news letter from the cotton and tobacco associations is sent the local chairman. At the next meeting the local discusses the news and thereby each grower gets the facts concerning his associations.

A large representative attendance is expected at the courthouse Tuesday the 16th at 11 a. m.

### AMERICAN TROOPS ORDERED HOME FROM GERMANY

Withdrawal of 1,000 American Troops from Rhine Ordered by President Harding.

Washington, Jan. 10. (Associated Press.)—Withdrawal of the American troops from the Rhine was ordered today by President Harding.

In announcing this decision, the State Dept. said that the President deemed the time expedient for the recall of the forces now at Coblenz.

The American forces remaining in that area number one thousand men and it was intimated that the withdrawal order would be carried out as soon as the American commander, Major-General Allen, could make the necessary arrangements for winding up finally the affairs of the army of occupation.

As an intimation that no time would be lost, it was made known that the transport St. Mihiel would leave New York today or tomorrow to bring home the bulk of the Rhine forces. A few small detachments will be left for a short time to close out final settlements involved in the withdrawal.

Officials of the State Department and War Department refused flatly to make any explanation of the decision to recall Major-General Allen and his forces, other than to repeat that it was considered expedient to complete at this time American withdrawal from Europe.

### FRENCH TROOPS ENTERED RUHR THIS MORNING

Coblenz, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French troops will occupy Essen at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) morning.

Mulheim, Jan. 10.—(11:30 p. m.)—French patrols already are filtering through the bridgehead in the area of occupation. Closing in on Essen and Bochum, they have reached Mulheim.

The Belgians are advancing through Ruhrort, waiting for the French. Paris, Jan. 10.—France will go into the Ruhr tomorrow morning, tanks, troops, airplanes and engineers are ready.

Essen will bow to the French in the early morning hours, and Premier Poincare when he appears in parliament tomorrow will tell not what he plans to do, but what he has done.

## St. Paul News

Mrs. Frank Townsend Succumbs to Influenza—A Number of Mild Cases of Flu—Movements of the People.

By Bess G. Johnson

St. Pauls, Jan. 9.—First one and then another is falling victims of influenza, it seems, altho' in some cases it is rather light. Still it is not to be desired. Supt. and Mrs. T. S. Teague have a light case.

The death Sunday night of Mrs. Frank Townsend was indeed sad, death occurring about 3 o'clock. Both Mr. and Mrs. Townsend and his aged mother have had flu, the mother still being very ill. The funeral services were held at 11 o'clock this a. m. at the 1st Baptist church, of which she was a member. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Page, conducted the service, assisted by Dr. E. C. Murray, interment being made in the new cemetery near town.

Deceased was Miss Mamie Carter of Fayetteville, prior to her marriage, and was about 30 years of age at the time of her death. She was a good woman who was liked by all with whom she came in contact. Surviving are her husband and 3 children, the baby being about 12 months old, besides other family connections. We have been informed that her people, the Carters, would take the children. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral we note Rev. B. Townsend, State evangelist, who was a recent visitor in the home of a brother, Mr. L. H. Townsend.

In our hurry last week we inadvertently overlooked a few of our "ites," whom we intended mentioning. Among the holiday visitors from Chapel Hill, Mr. Wesley Watts of near town was overlooked.

We are anxious for any news in and around St. Pauls. That includes you R. F. D. folks as well as "ye town."

In the little contest just closed in securing subscriptions in the Review-Citizen campaign, we were the winner of a nice little wrist watch, which we appreciate. While not dreaming of entering the contest, we were nominated and gotten into it in "spite," with no thoughts of course of really winning the coveted prizes. We were glad to be of any assistance we could and to the friends who so kindly stood by us do we most deeply tender our appreciation. Your kind words and encouragement shall ever be treasured deep in our heart for "many a year."

The many friends of Miss Sallie Hughes are glad to have her return from a visit among relatives in Columbia, S. C.

Miss Sallie McEachern of Hamer, S. C., recently was a week-end guest of Miss Anna McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Neill McNeill and 3 little sons, David, Marion and Claud, spent Sunday, week with his people near town. They were former St. Paul residents, the 2 latter little boys being twins.

Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buies was expected out near Seawell's mill last Sunday to reorganize a Sunday school much to the delight of the folks on R. F. D. 2.

Mrs. W. A. Nutting and little son arrived Sunday p. m. after a pleasant visit home.

Miss Josephine Evans returned Saturday to her work at Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan King and kids from Sanford were week-end guests of her sister Mrs. N. A. McEachern.

### ANOTHER MEETING OF SPORTSMEN CALLED FOR JAN. 17.

Those Interested in Forming Robeson Branch of State Game and Fish Development League Asked to Meet at Court House Here Next Wednesday.

Reported for The Robesonian.

A number of local sportsmen met in the court house Wednesday at the call of Jno. S. McNeill to consider organization of a Robeson county branch of the recently formed North Carolina Game and Fish Development league. A much larger number was prevented from being present and it was decided to call another meeting at the same place, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 3.30 p. m., and advertise it thoroughly so that sportsmen from all parts of the county would attend.

Mr. McNeill stated a representative of the league had offered to come here and he will be invited to address the meeting Wednesday and tell about plans already under way for conservation of the State's game resources. It is hoped that every man in the county interested in better hunting and fishing will keep in mind the time of the meeting and make it a point to be present.

Mr. J. T. Webb of R. 1, St. Paul, was in town Tuesday.

## Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington  
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 26 3-8 cents the pound.

### Items of Local News

—Mr. L. T. Britt and family moved Tuesday from St. Pauls to Wendell, Wake county.

—At least six aeroplanes, flying north at high altitude, have passed over Lumberton today.

—Army recruits for service in Honolulu will be accepted at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville.

—A play, "The Merchant of Venice", will be given at Carolina college, Maxton, Monday evening, January 15.

—Persons desiring to get State income tax return blanks can get same from County Auditor A. V. G. Wishart.

—Mr. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section killed a hog Monday that tipped the scales at 850 pounds, dressed.

—Mr. J. Ellie Walters has accepted a position in the sales department of the W. R. Tyner Auto company, succeeding Mr. M. D. Powers.

—The condition of Mrs. W. L. Parham, who underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium Saturday of last week, is reported as favorable.

—Monday, January 15, closes the open season for killing quail in Robeson county. The open season now runs for two months, beginning November 15.

—Odge Barnes and Robert Allen, a colored couple, were married in The Robesonian office at 2 of the clock this afternoon, Justice F. Grover Britt officiated.

—The regular meeting of the Lumberton Business and Professional Woman's club has been postponed from this evening until Friday evening, January 19.

—Mr. R. M. Phillips has purchased the grocery business formerly conducted by Messrs. Ivey and Wilkerson, Second and Chippewa streets. Mr. Phillips will continue the business.

—Miss Elizabeth Jennings left Tuesday morning for Danville, Va., to resume her studies at Randolph-Macon Institute, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jennings.

—Mrs. Kate T. Brown moved Monday from a farm, one mile north-east of town which she recently sold to Mr. W. J. Ritter, into a residence on North Chestnut street, which she purchased from Mr. J. L. Williamson.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held in the Legion hall this evening at 7:30. All members are urged to be present, as some important matters will be considered.

—Only two defendants have faced Recorder W. B. Ivey this week. These were George Key and James Tate, negroes, charged with engaging in a fight at Kingsdale Sunday afternoon. Judgment was continued for 12 months upon paying a fine of \$10 each.

—Miss Effie Thomas and Wm. L. Thomas were married in the court house Monday, Justice L. R. Stephens officiated. The bride is a native of Metts, Ga., while the groom has been employed at the local office of the American Railway Express Co. for several months.

—Mr. W. H. Shooter, Sr. had his hands painfully burned early this morning in extinguishing the cloth of his 3-year-old grand-son, which caught from an open grate at the Shooter home, Eighth street. The child escaped with only a slight burn on the left ear.

—Inside improvements being made at the Lorraine hotel are making the rooms and halls look fresh and attractive as they did when the hotel was opened for service seven years ago. All cracks caused by the settling of the building are being filled in and rooms and halls are being repainted. The work has been in progress for the past two months. Manager Dunham expects to have the work completed in about two weeks. More attractive rooms than those that have been completed would be hard to find.

—Mr. W. L. Jenkins of the Barnesville section was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

### LYON OFFERS BILL FOR LUMBERTON POSTOFFICE

Congressman Lyon has introduced in the House of Congress a bill providing for erection of a postoffice building in Lumberton on the site purchased by the government for that purpose some years ago.