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PAGE TRUST COMPANY COMES TO SILER CITY

The Great Banking Institution Buys Citizens Loan & Trust Co. of Siler City—Augments County's Bank Resources.

BIG DAY IN SILER CITY.

Man and Friends Banquet—Robt. N. Page and Others Speak.

Purchase of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Siler City by the Page Trust Company of Aberdeen, one of the largest financial institutions in the state, was announced on Tuesday following the annual meeting of the stockholders of the former institution. The bank hereafter will be operated as a branch of the Page Company. Greatly increased banking resources for the people of Siler City and the surrounding sections of Chatham county will be provided under the absorption of the smaller institution by the Page Trust Company, which already operates branches in six towns, in addition to the main bank at Aberdeen. The branch of the Citizens Bank & Trust Company at Gulf also is included in the merger.

The taking over of the local institution by the Page Trust Company, which has a capitalization and surplus of \$350,000, and total resources of \$5,000,000, has been brought about largely by Siler City's expansion along commercial and industrial lines. According to officers of the Citizens Bank, the city and the county under the new merger will have at their disposal both increased facilities and greater banking resources drawn upon for improvements that will tend to the prosperity of the community.

There will be no change in the staff of the Siler City institution, even though it has closed its independent operation and become a branch of the Page Trust Company. The same officers and employees will remain in the bank, while local business men and others who have served on the Board of Directors will continue to exercise supervision over the affairs of the bank under the policy of management.

The directors of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company were the following: Dr. J. D. Edwards, C. B. Pitts, C. L. Brower, Jas. A. Ellis, J. G. Clark, J. M. McIver, Jr., Jas. M. Jordan, M. J. Jordan, J. S. Wrenn, W. S. Durham, A. N. Lindley, S. S. Edwards, R. F. Paschal, J. Q. Seawell, C. P. Fox.

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which it has occupied since 1907, naturally does not contain all the modern refinements and conveniences for comfort that some of the newer banks in various parts of the country do. It is, however, comfortable.

Stock of approximately 175 individuals figured in the sale yesterday, and the details of this part of the transaction are being completed as rapidly as possible.

"By merging the Citizens Bank and Trust Company with the Page Trust Company, which has a splendid reputation extending far beyond the limits of this state, we feel that we have taken a step which will benefit materially the people of Siler City and the portion of Chatham county which the Citizen Bank serves," said Mr. Seawell in discussing the taking over of the bank at the close of Tuesday's meeting.

"It is a move which will be valuable now—and one that will prove even more valuable in the years ahead.

"Siler City is growing—has been coming along fast in both an industrial and a commercial way recently. The Citizens Bank was founded on the policy of working with the people, and helping the community to progress. But the capital was limited; it was far under the capital and resources of the Page Trust Company. All the funds we had kept constantly at work for the benefit of Siler City—but we finally decided that there was room to use even more than we could command.

"It was then that we decided a consolidation with the Page Trust Company would bring greater banking resources and better facilities to this community. With that in mind, the merger was projected.

"There will be no change in policy. The same men will remain at the head of the bank, and the same staff will continue to serve our clients. This branch of the Page Company will be Siler City's home bank just as truly as it was before—with the only difference the fact that back of it will be greatly increased resources.

"At Gulf the same policy will continue. Mr. D. E. Murchison will remain in charge, and we are sure that the community will benefit from the change.

"The reputation and the progressiveness of the Citizens Bank will be increased under the new ownership—while in strength the Page Trust Company ranks among the leaders in the state.

"All in all, we are elated at the prospects for the future—visioning continuation of Siler City's growth with the bank taking a leading part in helping it along."

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Many Cases Disposed of—Murder Trial on Today—Will Bass Released.

Court convened Monday morning for the trial of criminal cases, with Judge Bond presiding and Solicitor Williams prosecuting.

Judge Bond looks well and vigorous and is expediting business.

The grand jury is composed of the following good citizens: W. H. Hadley, Headen Dark, John Womble, J. B. Mills, DeWitt Roberts, Weldon Merritt, Walter Horton, John Mills, Grady Norwood, Waverly Lassiter, J. N. Hackney, E. R. B. Lambie, Joe Gunter, J. S. Richardson, Geo. W. Brewer, John Williams, N. H. Woody, and L. Goodwin.

The following cases had been disposed of at noon Wednesday.

Eddie Alston, having liquor, submits, taxed with costs.

Bill Jordan, prayer for judgment continued till May term with order that costs be paid by that time.

Troy Richardson, liquor, nol pros with leave.

L. M. Petty, making liquor, nol pros with leave, not captured.

Charley Purvis, liquor, nol pros with leave.

J. A. Lanier, liquor, nol pros.

J. T. Sander, liquor, nol pros.

W. T. Roberts, forgery, nol pros.

Eum Grimes, forgery, nol pros.

Walter Clegg, transporting liquor, submits, \$25, and costs.

H. H. Gordon, forgery, nol pros.

Henry Potts, c. c. w., submits; \$50 and costs.

Winfield Thomas, c. c. w., submits; \$50 and costs.

Paul C. Tally, having whiskey, submits; \$25 and costs.

Dink Marsh, transporting liquor; submits; \$25 and costs.

Tom Scurlock, transporting liquor; submits; \$25 and costs.

G. L. Savage, reckless driving, \$10, and costs.

R. B. Fearington relieved of further responsibility as bondsman for Dee Fearington.

Dewey Budd, liquor, submits; not yet sentenced.

Loomis Johnson, murder, not guilty. Second trial. Convicted at first, but new trial granted by supreme court.

Ben McDaniel, liquor, \$25 and costs.

Clinton Riddle, liquor, \$100 and costs, being ex-soldier probably kept Riddle from roads.

Ben Thomas, liquor and c. c. w., \$75 and costs.

Margaret Goldston, having dring of liquor, costs.

Claud Thompson, liquor, \$10 and costs.

Jim Cotten, driving while drunk, \$50 and costs.

Jim Cotten, liquor, not guilty.

Oliver Marsh and Cora Bailey, f. and a., Marsh to roads 4 months, and prayer for judgment continued as to Cora Bailey.

John Farris, breaking into gin, 6 months on road.

Ed Thomas, possession of liquor, submits; \$100 and costs.

Rencher Campbell, liquor, \$100 and costs, ex-soldier record, lightened penalty.

A special venire of fifty were summoned Wednesday for the trial of Julius Andrews, a Hadley township negro, for the murder of his wife. The case is set for today.

Will Bass, placed in jail two weeks ago on suspicion of killing Ellis Marsh of Bear Creek township, who disappeared three years ago, was released on habeas corpus proceedings brought by Walter Siler.

Big Values at Woody Bros.

It is a pleasure to call attention to the big values being offered by the good firm of Woody Bros., Siler City, in their After Inventory Sale. See advertisement.

at the coming of the Page Trust Company into the town and county! and were very complimentary to Mr. J. Q. Seawell, who is credited with having put the Loan and Trust Co. on its feet when its fortunes had been ebbing.

The editor of The Record was guest and can truthfully say it was an exceedingly pleasant occasion. The people of Siler City are most genial and congenial, and a spirit of good will seemed to dominate.

In addition to Mr. R. N. Page, Vice-President Nicholson of the Page Trust Co., Mr. Jones, cashier of the Sanford branch, were present.

CAROLINA NEWS.

Cummock, Rt. 1, Jan. 12.—The radio is becoming a very popular means of entertainment in Carolina Community. Two homes have radios installed now, those being Mr. J. P. Sharpe, and Mr. E. C. Hart. It is a real treat to the people of the community to be able to hear musical numbers, lectures on various subjects, speeches and sermons in the various cities having broadcasting stations.

Mr. C. G. Sharpe has been sick with grippe but has improved sufficiently to be back at his store.

Mrs. C. G. Sharpe has also had an attack of grippe.

Mr. Jim May of Pittsboro and Mr. Minter Johnson and Miss Margaret Johnson of near Asbury, visited Miss Nellie Stinson at the home of Mr. A. F. Gunter Friday evening.

The honor roll of Carolina school for December was as follows:

First grade—Elizabeth Burke, Allen Mart.

Second grade—Annie Rogers.

Third grade—Mildred Hart, Loomis Burne.

Fifth grade—Buie McIver, Raymond Elkins.

Sixth grade—Vallie Dixon, Marguerite Oldham, Mattie Poe, Wilson Burke, Allen McIver, Karen Rives, Edna Dowdy, Leslie McIver, Elvin Elkins.

Eighth grade—Geanie Oldham, Annie Mae Dixon.

The average daily attendance for the month was 46.

OUR BEAR CREEK LETTER.

Bear Creek, Jan. 12.—G. W. Burke, while hauling logs last week, had the misfortune to turn over the log cart. He sustained a broken wrist, but is improving nicely.

C. G. Sharpe was on the sick list last week but has improved.

Mrs. Georgia Blair visited her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Burns, of Cummock, Rt. 1, last week.

J. Wesley Oldham has moved from Goldston, Rt. 1, to F. W. Burns' place near H. C. Watkin's. We gladly welcome Mr. Oldham.

Mrs. Ruffin Holt has taken a turn for the worse and he end seems very near. The following visited her last week: C. W. Holt, wife and children, Alma, Jack and Mack, of Kernersville; A. P. Holt of Salisbury; Mrs. J. M. Yarborough Jonesboro; Mrs. W. Williams and son, Wilbur, of Sanford; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Gilmore Pittsboro, Rt. 3.

Mr. Editor, you made some mistakes in my evolution piece last week. I said "the same writer (Moses) wrote both the account of creation and the commandment about the Sabbath." You had it "some writer," which, I think, destroyed my point.

Second, you had "shone" in the following sentence, when it should have been "shave."

"We should make our theories conform to the Bible rather than shave the Bible down to fit our theories."

PHIL.

WALTER D. SILER LED.

Mr. Walter D. Siler went to Raleigh Monday to the meeting of the Presidential Electors at the call of Governor Morrison.

The official vote for Presidential Electors for North Carolina, as recently announced from the Governor's office, discloses the fact John W. Davis carried the state by a majority of more than ninety two thousand votes, and that Mr. Walter D. Siler of Pittsboro received the highest vote of any of the Democratic candidates for Elector, the number received by each of the Democratic Electors being as follows:

- Walter D. Siler, 284,270.
- D. F. Giles, 284,098.
- H. R. Leary, 284,095.
- J. H. Matthews, 283,951.
- W. A. Brown, 283,785.
- Thos. W. Ruffin, 284,076.
- F. W. Hancock, Jr., 284,097.
- Murchison Walker, 284,092.
- K. R. Hoyle, 283,771.
- J. M. Boyette, 283,773.
- Geo. W. Wilson, 283,776.
- C. C. Buchanan, 283,702.

Mr. Siler was appointed to carry the North Carolina vote to Washington and left directly for the capital city.

Would Build Huge Hospital at Oteen. Washington, Jan. 9.—Construction of a permanent fire proof hospital for veterans bureau patients on a tract owned by the Federal government at Oteen, N. C., at a cost of \$1,500,000 is expected to be introduced by the House of Representatives.

SEC. HUGHES RESIGNS.

Several Changes in President Coolidge's Official Family.

Without warning to the public Secretary of State Hughes resigned a few days ago and almost instantly Frank B. Kellogg, at present ambassador to Great Britain, was named as his successor. That meant a vacancy in the ambassadorship and it is said that ambassador Houghton at Berlin is likely to succeed Kellogg, and then the German ambassadorship will be open. The sooner the president fills a vacancy with a senatorial "lama duck," the sooner this official game of "puss wants a corner" will be ended.

But a similar rigamarole is going on as a result of the retirement of Justice McKenna, Attorney-General Stone was appointed to the vacant position on the supreme bench, and now Charles Warren of Michigan, formerly minister to Mexico and Japan, is to succeed Stone. It is thought that Justice Holmes will also retire from the supreme court, while there may be other vacancies in the cabinet at the beginning of the new term.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR BANK F PITTSBORO.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Bank of Pittsboro, held the other day, resulted in the reelection of all the former directors and officers. The bank has had a prosperous year under its capable management as was evidenced in a substantial way by the payment of a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. Mr. A. H. London is president, Mr. J. L. Griffin, cashier, W. L. Farrell, assistant cashier, and Thos. Morgan, bookkeeper. The directors are as follows: J. B. Atwater, E. R. Hinton, B. M. Poe, W. M. Eubanks, R. J. Johnson, C. D. Moore, Dan L. Bell, W. H. Ferguson, L. N. Womble, Wade Barber, M. T. Williams, A. H. London, W. L. London, W. L. Farrell, Jas. L. Griffin.

This is the oldest bank in the county, having been organized in 1901. The report in another column shows deposits of \$223,238.95, of which about \$80,000 are time deposits.

RE-ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

The stockholders of the Farmers Bank met January 3 and reelected the former board of directors in full as follows: A. M. Riddle, T. M. Bland, W. F. Bland, C. C. Hall, W. W. Langley, J. M. Garner, J. B. Fearington, B. A. Perry, R. C. Griffin, T. L. Burns, and A. B. Roberson. T. M. Bland, who has successfully served as president since the organization of the bank in 1919, was unanimously reelected, as were A. C. Ray, vice-president, V. R. Johnson, cashier and E. E. Williams, assistant cashier.

The profits were left with the bank, no dividend being declared, but the item of undivided profits in the statement on another page indicates a good year.

CAN A FORD CLIMB A TREE?

It has been said that a Ford car will carry you anywhere you want to go and bring you back. Mr. Buck Campbell had some experience last week that is out of the unusual. While on his way home or somewhere else his tin Lizzie became unmanageable and started up a high embankment. The car went up all right without doing any damage, but when it reached the top of the bank the Ford started for a tree, but Mr. Campbell turned the car and it struck a stump and turned over. He was not hurt but the top of the car was badly broken.

DECEMBER MINUTES OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY

Contributed. The regular December meeting of the Winnie Davis Chapter U. D. C. was held with Mrs. Harry Jordan.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was made. Lists of sweets which were sent to the Old Ladies' Home and Old Soldiers' Home reported. There were no reports from Credential nor badge committees.

An interesting letter was read asking our local chapter to endorse the name Winnie Davis to be placed on the Roll of Honor in the Acropolis at Washington. Motion was made unanimously favoring this. Motion was made and carried that we send cards to each Confederate Soldier and sweets to those very sick or feeble. A special relief committee was appointed.

ed composed of Mrs. W. D. Siler, chairman, Mesdames A. H. London, W. M. Eubanks, Harry Jordan, R. A. Glenn, Lee Farrell, Chas. Neal and Miss Evelyn Alston. Following suggestion of Mrs. J. R. Milliken, 'twas decided that each daughter send Christmas card to Mrs. Rom Eubanks.

Note was read from Mr. M. T. Williams and family, expressing their appreciation of flowers sent recently.

Mrs. B. M. Poe told us in a very interesting manner about her visit to Stone Mountain.

There being no further business, motion for adjournment was made. The hostess assisted by Miss Hattie Alston, served delicious sandwiches, coffee, salted nuts and stuffed dates.

Some Vital Statistics.

Mrs. R. H. Hayes, recorder of vital statistics for Center township and the town of Pittsboro furnishes the Record with the following facts:

Births in Pittsboro in 1924, 21.
Births in Pittsboro in 1923, 21.
Deaths in Pittsboro in 1924, 21.
Deaths in Pittsboro in 1923, 17.
Of the births in 1924, 10 were white and 11 colored.

Births in Center township in 1924, 66. Deaths in Center township in 1924, 37.

Births in Center township in 1923, 52. Deaths in Center township in 1923, 41.

Of the 1924 births in Center township 25 were white and 41 colored. The foregoing indicates that the colored population is more prolific than the whites.

Party to be Held at White Cross.

The teacher at White Cross school asks us to state that there will be a party at that school on the evening of January 17th from 7 to 9 o'clock, to which the public is invited. Games will be played and various contests held among which will be a "spelling contest" between the spellers of the old Webster blue back speller days and the younger set.

String music will be furnished to add to the enjoyment of the occasion. An admission fee of only ten cents will be charged.

The public is invited to be present.

Passes Through With Bride.

Old friends of Mr. L. L. Lea, a native of Chatham, will be interested to know that he has passed into himself a wife. Mr. Lea passed through Pittsboro Monday with his bride of three days on their way to Florida.

Mr. Lea has lived at Lovingson, Va., the last twenty-five years. He and his brother, W. B. Lea, are merchants and orchardists. They have 3500 apple trees.

The bride was Miss Reba Fitzpatrick, daughter of Judge Thos. P. Fitzpatrick, of Arrington, Va.

Off They Went.

The Record frequently calls attention to your label, and last week called particular attention to the fact that those subscribers marked "Dec. 24" would get that paper only unless they renewed. Now many are labeled "Jan. 25." Let them renew before Feb. 1, please, or they will go off. Take advantage of the big premium offer and get the paper practically free. The premium is worth close to if not quite, the \$2.00 you have to pay for the paper a year and the premium.

CHATHAM GETS BIG SHARE.

Chatham has probably more than its share of jobs in the Legislature. Besides Representative Wade Barber Pittsboro has three drawing pay. They are Mr. J. D. Griffin, C. S. C. veteran, Willie Morgan and Lee Powell, the last two named serving as pages. In addition, Mr. R. G. Perry, of Hadley township, is senate librarian. Mr. Perry had to be home this week as a witness in the murder case from his community.

Lee-Jackson Celebration.

There will be a celebration at the Pittsboro school next Monday at 2:30 p. m., of the birthdays of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. Mr. J. L. Griffin will speak on Lee, and Supl. Thompson on Jackson. A program including music, will be rendered by the school. Everybody is invited.

After this program there will be an important meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Several Pittsborians attended the inauguration yesterday.