

THE PEOPLES BANK RE-OPENS SATURDAY

Will Operate Under the Present Organization — Officers Express Their Appreciation of the Support and Co-Operation of the Stockholders, Depositors, Merchants Association and Citizens of the Town and Community in Making it Possible for the Bank to be Re-Opened — E. Frank Andrews, Assistant Cashier of the Greensboro Bank and Trust Company, Made Cashier

It will be good news to the people of Sanford and this community to learn that the Peoples Bank, which was closed a few weeks ago on account of the embezzlement of the former Cashier, H. C. Newbold, to the amount of \$48,000, will be re-opened for business Saturday morning, May 31st at 9 o'clock. The Express is authorized to make this statement by the officials of the bank. This is done after much hard work by President Frank Snipes, Vice-President E. L. Gavin and other officials and directors of the bank. Having complied with the conditions imposed by the State Corporation Commission, they are authorized to open the bank on the date given above.

After incessant labor almost day and night since the bank closed the officers have succeeded in getting signed by more than 90 per cent. of the depositors. There were a few small depositors scattered over the country all the way from New York to San Francisco, whose signatures it seemed almost impossible to get in any reasonable time. These will be paid in full later. Only two depositors who have deposits of appreciable amount, refused to sign the papers. The bank is now in the hands of the present officers and board of directors, who will continue to operate it. They have elected Mr. E. Frank Andrews, assistant cashier of the Greensboro Bank and Trust Company, of Greensboro, Mr. Andrews is experienced in the banking business and comes highly recommended.

The bank is now open to all support and co-operation of the depositors, Sanford Merchants Association and the business people of Sanford and this section in making it possible to re-open the bank. It is believed that when the business of the bank is adjusted and in good working order the institution will be financially stronger than ever before.

MR. McPHERSON DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

Mr. Alex McPherson, of Cameron who was brought to the Central Carolina Hospital two weeks ago for treatment, died there of pneumonia Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. As he had been critically ill for several days his death was not unexpected, but the announcement of his passing brought sadness to his many friends. The remains were carried to Cameron and the funeral held in the Presbyterian church at that place, on Wednesday, the services being conducted by Rev. M. D. McNeill. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. The interment was made in the cemetery near the church.

Mr. McPherson, who was the second child of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McPherson, was born at Cameron in 1892 and had lived till his next birthday he would have been 33 years of age. He married Miss Orene Pierce, who with four children survive. He is survived by his wife and two sisters and one brother, Mrs. W. G. Ferguson, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. J. M. Guthrie, of Cameron, and Mr. H. C. McPherson, also of Cameron. Mr. McPherson had for years been a member of the Presbyterian church and at the time of his death was a deacon and treasurer of the church. He manifested an interest in those things that go to make a better community. He will be missed in the home, in the church and in the community. His many friends join the family in lamenting his passing. Mr. McPherson was a nephew of Mrs. J. P. Monroe, of this place.

GOOD ATTRACTIONS AT NEW TEMPLE THEATRE

The new Temple Theatre is now having the best attractions ever put on at that play house. A thing of real merit was the screen "Talkie" picture entitled, "The High Society Blues." This play is put on by a bunch of real artists. The hero and heroine not only play their parts to perfection, but they have splendid voices and hold the attention of theatre goers by their beautiful singing. The entire cast is good and the quarrels between the two families represented play up human nature in a way that holds the attention of the audience. Many good attractions may be looked for at the New Temple Theatre during the next few weeks.

Candidates for Commissioner

There are 12 men in the race for the Democratic nomination for County Commissioner, John Dalrymple, of Jonesboro and R. W. Craig, of Sanford Route 4, being the last to make announcement. The list of candidates as it now stands consists of H. A. Cooper, C. H. Wicker, G. F. Johnson, Jeff D. Johnson, J. W. Knott, D. C. Lawrence, J. R. Ingram, T. F. Matthews, R. E. Shirley, E. C. Kelly, John Dalrymple and R. W. Craig.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Charge of Cruelty to Animals Prosecuted and Colored Boy Fined — Reckless Driving — Operating Car Under Influence of Whiskey — One Road Sentence of 12 Months For Violation of Probation Act — Several Cases Continued — One Case Sent up to Superior Court.

Luther Lucas, colored, arrested by Sheriff Womble and Deputy John Thomas last week, after discovery by them in his home of a complete liquor-making outfit, together with a considerable amount of sugar, and some whiskey, was given twelve months on the county roads. McLaughlin, charged with reckless driving on Route 10, about three miles from Sanford, was given a fine under the impression that he had a fine stand to carry on his whiskey business.

Joe Goldston, white youth from Chatham county, was found guilty of operating a motorcycle under the influence of whiskey and also of transporting. His motor cycle was condemned for sale under the law in such cases, and prayer for judgment continued until next Tuesday. Goldston was arrested in Sanford several months ago by Deputy Mitchell, after his motor cycle had run from under him, and a small amount of whiskey was found in his pocket.

Otis Aiston, colored, was arraigned for violation of the probation law. He was caught by Officer White with a half gallon of whiskey. His case will be disposed of next Tuesday. Daniel Johnson, colored, of the Tramore section, found himself in the toils of the law on account of cruelty to a mule which he was plowing. N. C. Cole and Zimmer Simpson testified against Johnson and his brother Gilbert, stating that their attention was attracted to the manner in which Daniel was beating the mule with a board. Gilbert Johnson was discharged and Daniel fined five dollars and the costs, the fine being later stricken out.

Alvis Buchanan faced the court on a charge of operating a car under the influence of narcotics. It appeared that Alvis was on a suspended license, and his case will be heard next week, in order that the State might have some further investigation made. He was required to give a bond of \$300.

BUFFALO ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sunday, June 1, at 11 o'clock, there will be a service of special import to every member of Buffalo congregation. May we urge all members and all others who will to be present. The church of our Saviour still has a message, when heeded will bring great joy into the lives of its people. Sunday School is of very great importance. Every member of every family should be in Sunday school. If you have not been coming next Sunday will be a fine time to begin. Let all be there and take pride in making our school a success.

Auxiliary Notes.

Circle of Buffalo Auxiliary will meet Monday, June 2nd, as follows: No. 1 with Mrs. Andrews, at 3 p.m. No. 2 with Miss McNeill, at 3 p.m. No. 3 with Mrs. Ed Mansfield, at 3 o'clock. No. 4 with Miss Cornelia Brantley, at 8 o'clock.

Pocket Church.

There will be services at Pocket church, Sunday, June 1st, at 7:30. Installation Service at Euphronia. The commission of the Presbytery appointed to install Rev. J. T. Barham, pastor of the Buffalo group of churches, will complete this duty at Euphronia, Sunday, June 1st, at 3 o'clock. Dr. R. C. Gilmore, Sanford, will preach the sermon. Other members of the commission who will be present and take part in the service, are Rev. J. S. Cook, and Mr. A. A. Seawell and Mr. Watson, of Jonesboro.

Memorial at Buffalo Church.

Friday, May 30th, there are two things that should have our consideration in thinking of Memorial Day: First, revival of tender memories of dear ones gone tender within us; second, honoring names. Second and most important, a grateful attitude to the Almighty Father for His Grace that permits all life and happiness, and His promise of the united families in the dawning of the Great Eternity. The program will begin promptly at 10:30. There will be a sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. S. Golden, followed by a brief memorial. The congregation will then march to the cemetery where the memorial will be concluded. A lunch will be enjoyed from 12:30 to 2:00. All families are invited and requested to bring basket lunch. In the afternoon there will be a musical program and addresses by Rev. F. C. Hawkins, and Dr. R. C. Gilmore.

The first new crop of peaches put on the Sanford market were brought in by Mr. A. R. Rosser, of this county Wednesday. They seemed to be pretty good peaches for the early crop. It will be three or four weeks before the first crop of commercial peaches will be in to move.

SEAWELL'S PLATFORM

Briefly Gives His Views as to What Should be Done by the Next Legislature to Reduce the Tax Burden and Bring Relief to the People

The Lee County Tax Relief Association held a meeting in the City Hall last Saturday afternoon at 2:30 for the purpose of having the taxpayers of the county an opportunity to be heard on this question that is uppermost in the minds of the people of the State today. The meeting was called to order by President D. B. Teague. Citizens from all sections of the county attended the meeting and many engaged in a round table discussion on the tax problem. The only speech of the occasion was made by Mr. A. A. Seawell, who is a candidate for nomination for the House at the Democratic primary on Saturday, June 7th, in discussing the tax problem. Mr. Seawell said in part:

"That he had noticed that everybody wanted tax reduction, but nobody wanted to have any idea how taxes might be reduced, or where relief was coming from. He had definite program for tax reduction, which he gave: 1. The most administration of the State government had grown to scandalous proportions. Both offices and salaries should be cut down and the money saved devoted to the schools so as to reduce the local land and property tax. 2. The State should take more of the burden of public schools, as much as possible, and relieve the local tax payers. He said that nothing new to him as the record showed he had fought for it consistently when in the legislature. 3. Laws should be enacted to enable us to save economies at home. Running the County Home last year cost the county \$4,500, and there were only 10 inmates a day on an average. A law should be passed permitting the county home to be discontinued and the inmates cared for elsewhere, as in the proposed bonded hospital. The county could save at least \$3,000 this way. 4. The necessary term of court put on us by the last Legislature should be abolished. This would save the county from \$700 to \$1,000 a year. 5. The State should equalize the tax on all schools as Equalization funds. 6. Questions ought to be referred to the legislature ought to be referred to the legislature."

MR. JOHNSON STATES HIS PLATFORM.

Mr. G. F. Johnson, who has announced himself as a candidate for county commissioner subject to the action of the Democratic primary on Saturday, June 7th, in discussing the tax problem, stated in brief his platform as follows: "In order to relieve property owners of the heavy tax burden I wish to see overhead expenses of the county government reduced if it can be done without destroying or impairing efficiency in handling the affairs of the county. I think this can be done in several ways. From information that I have obtained I am of the opinion that the heavy cost of holding our courts can be material reduced. As we now have a recorder's court, it seems to me as much of the litigation growing out of crime committed in the county is handled in that court, one, if not two, of the Superior Court terms, can be discontinued. This would be a great saving, and the court dockets would not be congested. I think that in some of our salaries can be reduced in a way that will to some extent relieve the situation. I should like to see the State take over and run the public schools if it is feasible. Some changes should be made in the method of running the County Home. This institution is costing the county too much. In brief this is my platform."

POULTRY SALE JUNE 6th.

The next cooperative poultry sale in Sanford will be held on next Friday, June 6th. This sale has been closed with G. S. Mills & Co., of Greensboro. They will have trucks and coops to receive the poultry at Palmer and the tobacco warehouses. Heavy hens will sell for 20c a pound, leghorns 18c, colored broilers, two pounds and up, 30c, leghorn broilers and colored broilers, 1 1/2 to 2 pounds, 20c, roasters, 10c. Since the hatching season is over this will be a good time to dispose of the old roosters and hens that are not laying, but do not sell laying hens. It will also be a good time to sell young roosters while they bring 30c a pound, but do not sell any pullets. Keep them to lay next fall and winter.

F. W. WOODDELL DEAD

F. W. Wooddell of Cumberland County died in a hospital in Fayetteville May 23rd. Mr. Wooddell was buried in the family burying ground, the funeral being conducted by Rev. Mr. Synder, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fayetteville, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Wooddell was a good citizen and he will be missed by the people in the community where he resided. Mr. C. D. Wooddell, of Sanford a brother attended the funeral.

Albert Clark Goes to New York

Mr. Albert Clark, who has been in Aberdeen for the past three years visited his mother, Mrs. Bessie Clark, Wednesday left for New York, where he has accepted a position with the Guaranty Trust Company. This is quite a promotion for Mr. Clark and his many friends expect him to make good.

NEW VOTING PLAN WILL BE USED FOR JUNE 7 PRIMARY

Democrats Can Vote Only in Democratic Box and Republicans in Republican Box; No Loose Tickets.

Mixed tickets cannot be voted in the coming State-wide primary to be held June 7th, under the Australian ballot law passed by the last general Assembly, according to recent rulings by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt. Nor can independent voters take part in either the Republican or Democratic primaries. Voting of course, will be done in booths where the voter can mark his or her ballot in secret. The law requires a booth, three feet square and six feet high for very hundred voters or fraction thereof. The Republican tickets are blue in color and the Democratic tickets are white. Each ticket must be accounted for, also the marked sample ballots. The tickets will be larger in size than usual, about six inches wide and long enough to accommodate the names of the candidates common before the voters for nomination. May Mix in Fall.

This is a primary for the nomination of candidates and these candidates are running either as a Democrat or a Republican. Voters must, therefore, vote either a Republican or a Democratic ticket in the primary. In the fall general election when the choice of each party matches strength, a voter may select his choice from either party as the nominees will be on the same ticket. In the June 7th primary, however, a voter will be asked whether he or she wishes a Democratic or Republican ballot. Say the voter is a Republican, one Republican ballot will be handed out. In this primary there are 4 Republican candidates for U. S. Senate. The Republican voter gets his one ballot on which is printed the names of the four men aspiring to this office, the voters enter a booth, marks the ticket, choosing one of the four, hands the ticket to a Republican clerk who deposits it in a ballot box provided for Republicans alone. No Republican County Ticket. Republican candidates for county offices will not be voted on in this primary. The met in convention in the City Hall in this place recently and named a county ticket. These will be voted on in the fall general election.

As the Democratic voter approaches the election polls, he or she first sees that his or her name is on the registration books. When the name is found to be registered, a Democratic ballot is handed the voter who goes into a booth, marks the choice between the candidates, presents the ballot to the Democratic Judge who deposits it in the Democratic box. Five Democratic Ballots. While there is only one Republican ballot box—that for U. S. Senate in which there is a contest with four candidates running, Democrats will vote three ballots, each ballot going into a separate box, as follows: United States Senate. County Officers. Township Officers. Only Official Ballots Used. Only official ballots will be permitted. An official ballot is one printed under and by the authority of the county board of elections. To show that they are official, the facsimile signature of the chairman of the election board, K. E. Seymour, is printed on the reverse side of the top of the ballot will be printed "Official Democratic Ballot," as the case may be. No Extra Tickets. Heretofore candidates have been allowed to have extra ballots printed and distributed prior to voting. Under the Australian ballot system, these will not be permitted. No voter, or any one else, for that matter, is allowed to have more than one ballot and that at the time of voting, after the names has been found properly registered. Sample Ballots. Sample ballots, printed on yellow paper and marked "Sample, not to be used for voting," will be posted at the voting booths so the voters can study the names of the candidates and the system of marking before entering the booth to prepare his or her ballot. So-called independent voters will not be permitted to participate in this primary. The primary is for the two major parties to nominate their candidates, and it is one wishes to "mix tickets," by using part Republican and part Democratic, one must wait until the fall general election for that when the names of the nominees of both parties will be on the same ticket.

THIRTY-FIVE BOYS AND GIRLS GRADUATE FROM CITY SCHOOLS

Sermon to the Graduating Class on Sunday by Dr. Warren W. Way, President of St. Mary's School—Class Night Monday Night—Graduating Exercises Tuesday Night—Literary Address by Dr. W. H. Frazier, President of Queen's College—Diplomas and Bibles Awarded to Graduating Class

The commencement of the City Schools came to a close Tuesday night with the closing of the graduating class, the literary address and the awarding of the diplomas and Bibles. Most of the seats in the spacious auditorium were taken by the patrons and friends of the school who had turned out to witness the exercises by the young graduates. All seemed to be pleased with the program that was put on and realized that the members of the finishing class had had careful preparation for their several parts. The schools have closed one of the best years in their history and the young graduates are to be congratulated for the splendid showing made. There were 35 boys and girls in the graduating class. The Express is informed that quite a number of the members of the class plan to enter some college in the fall. On Sunday morning the auditorium was pretty well crowded with people hear the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Warren W. Way, President of St. Mary's School, Raleigh. The exercises opened with a prelude violin solo, by Mr. Connell. The members of the graduating class wearing caps and gowns, entered and occupied seats in front of the stage. The invocation was by Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse read the scripture lesson, and prayer was offered by Rev. T. Fred Wright. A solo, "O Divine Redeemer," was beautifully rendered by Miss Ellis. Dr. Way was introduced by Superintendent C. E. Teague, who made the announcements.

The subject of Dr. Way's sermon was from the 16th verse of the 16th chapter of St. John, "Whither Goest Thou?" It was an intensely practical sermon and the young people to follow the precepts laid down by the speaker. "Where are you going, asked the speaker. He found a fascinating work in travel and adventure but felt that the most important thing was the destination of the young people in their mission of life. He told them that if they could succeed in life they must do so some definite thing. "Where are you going, something definite to do and it is up to you to do it," said the speaker.

The seating capacity of the auditorium was taxed Monday night by those who had turned out to witness the class day exercises. The following program was put on: Prologue—By means of which we welcome you and lead you into Part 2. Our Garden of Memories of Tomorrow From which we take you directly to Part 3. Which tells of the meeting between the Senior Class and the Giver of Gifts. In Part 4. The Senior Class realizes the extent of the loss entailed by the school and attempts to make up for it by numerous legacies bequeathed jointly and individually to those who are left behind. To which part the Class of 1936 makes so bold as to give the name of The Dear Departed. Part 5. Epilogue—"By means of which we bid you all 'Good Night.'" This was one of the best programs of the kind ever put on by the school. It was a history of the finishing class from the time the boys and girls entered school. They made many good hits during the rendering of the program which was greatly enjoyed by all present. It was put on under the direction of Miss Helen Derrick, teacher of English. The prologue was by Miss Esther Deaton, who bade the audience welcome to the garden of memories. The history and prophecy were dramatized in two parts. Both were introduced by songs sung by Miss Elizabeth McCormick, assisted by Miss Jane Clark, Maxine Buchanan and Margaret Currie. Miss Charlotte McNair and Lemuel Dowdy, representing the senior class, appeared before George Seymour, recorder of deeds, who represented Father Time, and who recited the class history. Harold Gavin and John Reeves pantomimed a debate; Miss Felma Andrews, Thomas Glass and Harold G. Gavin gave a comic skit. From the recorder of deeds the seniors went to the spirit of tomorrow to ascertain what lay ahead for the class. Miss Mildred Reeves was Spirit of Tomorrow. Following this the Giftoarians, John Reeves and Rebecca Wright, entered with a basket containing appropriate gifts for each member of the class. The last will and testament was read at a mock faculty meeting at which time the "teachers" expressed the sorrow and regrets for the departed class. In this scene Harold Gavin was testator and Lemuel Dowdy impersonating the high school principal, J. S. Trutt, and the following impersonated the teachers: Pauline Way, Margaret Palmer, Elizabeth McCormick, Margaret Currie, Clayborne Wicker, Mabel Gunter, Frances Wagner, Maxine Buchanan, Thomas Glass, Bernice Seawell.

EXCITING MYSTERY AT NEW TEMPLE THEATRE

An adaptation of S. S. Van Dine's best seller, "The Bishop Murder Case," will give a lot of people a "hair raising" good time at the Temple Theatre, as a result of a cleverly contrived story and convincing portrayals by such prominent Cinema favorites as Basil Rathbone, Leila Hyams, Roland Young, Alec B. Francis, George Marion, and Nick Grinde and David Burton, jointly responsible for the direction of the all-talking thriller, have done a capable job with good material, for there is never a lag in the suspense and action of the exciting Van Dine story which starts off with making you suspect three men as being involved in the murder of "Cock Robin" but fools you in having the three men themselves killed off by the mysterious "bishop."

What distinguishes this Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production from other mystery plays is that it spurns the use of such obvious devices as the finding of cigarette butts of the same brand as those used by the suspect; forged finger prints; the dog that does not bark, and thereby reveals that the intruder is familiar; the final pinning of the murder on a twin or double of the suspect. Among the original ideas in the film is the side of each of the victims together with a jering note couched in "Moth or Goose" rhyme. Rathbone as the detective Philo Vance, gives an entirely believable portrayal; Miss Hyams, as capable an actress as she is beautiful, has a leading feminine role of Belle Dillard; Young, fresh from "Unholy Night," gives another of his inimitable performances. The remaining members of a large cast live up to the precedent set by the principals. "The Bishop Murder Case" may well be recommended as the best of its type of play produced thus far this season. At the New Temple Theater Wednesday only.

BOONE TRAIL MARKER UNVEILED

The Boone Trail marker, which was recently constructed on Route No. 60 in the park near the union passenger station, was unveiled at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, following the close of the commencement of the Sanford High School. The program was in charge of District Attorney, E. L. Gavin. A sketch of Daniel Boone, the great pioneer, which was written by John Hayes Hammond, was read by Dorothy Susan Cooper, a descendant of Boone. The marker was then unveiled by four small girls members of the 3rd grade in Melver Grammar school, Gertrude Fore, Nellie Rives, Catherine Gunter and Edith Lessery after which it was draped with the flag, the national colors. 24 girls carried flags and 24 boys torches. The marker was presented to the town by Mr. J. Hampton Rich, managing director of the Boone Trail Highway and Memorial Association, Inc. Mayor W. R. Williams was the program to receive the marker. This is one of a large number of markers that have been erected on or near Boone Trail. They are to be planted about these markers to give them an evergreen setting.

