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LEADERS SEE OPTIMISTIC BUSINESS TREND

May Launch Joint Selling Program

MERCHANTS WILL DISCUSS PLAN AT MEETING TONIGHT

Believe It Can Be Made One Of Greatest Bargaining Events In History.

ATTENDANCE IS URGED

There will be a meeting of the local Merchants Association at the Association headquarters in the postoffice building tonight at 8 o'clock, it was announced this morning by A. K. Miller, secretary of the association. The purpose of the meeting, he said, is to lay plans for a cooperative selling campaign, to begin here at an early date, and in which every member of the association will be strongly urged to participate.

Every member of the association is asked to attend this meeting and express his views on the several matters that are expected to come up for discussion, said Mr. Miller.

While no details of the expected proposal have been announced, it is believed the merchants contemplate a two weeks selling event similar to the dollar day affairs that are held in the State's larger cities.

The campaign, it was said, embodies not a money-making scheme for the merchants but a desire on the part of the business houses to demonstrate to the people living within Sanford's trade area the great possibilities of saving money, as well as the advantages of trading here.

Sometime ago an out of town man said he liked to trade in Sanford because his stores are immaculately clean, the goods tastefully arranged, the salesmen polite and accommodated. The brand of goods offered, he continued, are among the highest class and are so handily displayed that one can easily see just what he wants at a glance. You may rest assured, he advised, that you will get a real decent service every time you go to Sanford and that there will be no specializing to any particular person or persons as everyone is treated alike. To those wishing to buy quality goods at the very lowest prices, my advice is, go to Sanford.

To demonstrate on a large scale the handsome things this gentleman said of Sanford is one of the reasons the merchants are planning the cooperative sales days event.

STAPLES TAKES CHARGE OF BANK

Former Executive Officer Named Liquidating Agent of the United Bank.

E. W. Staples, of Greensboro, formerly executive vice-president of the United Bank & Trust Co., which closed its doors last week following a run on the institution has been named as liquidating agent of the defunct institution by Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner. This bank had branches at Sanford, Burlington and Reidsville and many local people were heavy losers through its closing.

In making Mr. Staples' selection as liquidating agent, the banking commissioner pointed out that the former had been connected with the United Bank for only a few months and did not personally make but a few of the loans, the slowness to realize upon which was given as one of the reasons for the institution's collapse.

Everette, Zane & Muse, local accountants, are making an audit of the affairs of the local branch of the institution but have not yet given out a public statement relative to the condition of the Sanford bank.

The Dispatch, published at Lexington, where Mr. Staples formerly lived, said in its last issue: "Ernest Staples' bank in Greensboro closed its doors. Mr. Staples made many friends while here, some enemies. That he is an excellent technical banker, however, will be granted by almost everyone."

LOCAL DOCTOR GIVES \$10.00 CERTIFICATE

Elsewhere in this paper you will find a Ten Dollar cash certificate which will be redeemed at face value at the office of Dr. R. O. Humphrey, of Sanford, for his beneficial Mineral Baths or for other treatment according to regulations posted in his office governing this "depression" smashing program for the sick to get well.

COUNTY FATHERS DECIDE TO 'PADDLE OWN CANOE'

County Commissioners Vote Monday To Rescind Former Action; Expected To Borrow \$27,500.00 To Be Expended Upon School Administration But Unexpected Collection of Taxes Made Funds Available For Purposes—Prior Decision Cancelled Upon Motion of Commissioner Lawrence.

Lee County will not borrow any money with which to run the schools—not for the present at least. This decision was made by the county commissioners who held their regular monthly session on Monday.

At a previous meeting the commissioners went on record as favoring the floating of a loan of \$27,500.00 to be used in the administration of the county's schools. At the time the action was taken their course appeared to be imperative for it was apparent there was no other alternative if school work was to continue unhampered. Since taking this step, however, unforeseen developments have taken place which make borrowing such a sum, for the present, unnecessary. The crux of the matter is, Tax Collector Griffin made quite a few collections for taxes which several months ago did not appear probable. The Seaboard Air Line, for an instance, came across with a handsome sum which ran up into five figures. This, alone, was sufficient to keep the wolf from the door for a time for teachers. Anyhow, the matter which at that time appeared plainly vexatious, has been settled quite handsomely and Lee County goes on record as not having to borrow for some months yet.

Motion to rescind the prior action was made by Dan C. Lawrence, "Watchdog of the Treasury," and seconded by Commissioner Seymour.

A matter in which there was some interest was the application of the W. T. Buchanan estate for a credit, due, it was contended, for the reason that there had been a double listing

of the Buchanan store building on Chatham street for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930. Upon motion of Commissioner Seymour, duly seconded, this matter was righted and the erroneous tax assessment placed to the credit of the estate.

Mere routine drew the attention of the board for the remainder of the session. Miss Simpson submitted a report of the activities of the home department, of which she is in charge, for the month of December.

A report of the work of the county farm demonstration department was offered by E. O. McMahan, county farm demonstrator. He also submitted a report of the county welfare work which also comes under his supervision. The outside paper list was checked and revised and the clerk was ordered to notify all agents of the new rate.

With regard to the application of John A. and Russell B. Johnson for entrance into the county home, it was ordered they may do so provided they agree to behave themselves.

It was decided to appropriate \$3.00 to the Lee county relief association to be used toward assisting those in destitute circumstances. On motion, it was ordered that Mrs. Ella E. Pickard be transferred from the State sanitarium to the Lee county hospital, it being stated that she could be treated there as well as at the sanitarium.

Mrs. Dunk Gilmore, whose husband is serving time in jail and who has several small children in need of support made application for aid.

TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's tantalizer:
IWMALL TEYLU
ILETHEAZB LRAKC
Last week's winners:
Sarah Widdifield
Johnnie Rivers

TOBACCO SALES SEASON OPENS

Volume Sold On Opening Day Gratifying To Warehousemen; Prices Same.

A volume of weed, variously estimated at from forty to fifty thousand pounds, was received on floors of Sanford's tobacco market Tuesday, marking the reopening of the sales season, suspended for the holidays.

While some of the offerings were very good the largest portion was trifling, being largely tips of exceedingly poor quality. The prices paid were low, though no lower than anyone acquainted with the weed had expected. Considering the prices paid during the fall for the quality of tobacco offered, Tuesday's sales were not below the average.

Tobaccoists report that there is still two million-odd pounds of leaf available for marketing in the belt about Sanford, a huge portion of which will probably be marketed on the floors of local warehouses. Observers of the opening day's sales on this and other markets reported that tobacco sold as good here, if not better, than at other markets.

Local warehousemen expressed themselves as being well pleased at the opening day's sales expressing pleasure at the cooperation given them by farmers of the section.

All the big companies again have their representatives on the local floors.

VESTAL THWARTS ATTEMPT TO LOOT

Daring Effort To Rob Safe At Perry's Garage Is Foiled By Marion Vestal.

Sheer nerve and determination to protect the funds of his employer, saved Perry's Garage from a daring hold-up at 10:45 Sunday night when Marion Vestal, night keeper at the garage, under the command of the intruder to hand out from the safe the company's funds, calmly opened the door of the safe but instead of handing over the cash picked up a pistol lying within the safe and turned the would-be robber. The thief dashed for the door barely in time to clamber on a Ford car in which he and his companions had rode up in, the latter of whom, frightened, had started on without waiting for the former.

Vestal said the three men drew to a stop in front of the filling station, alighted from the car, one coming in, the other two remaining on the outside. The man coming in, he said, was little more than a youth, short and stocky. He made some remark about the safe, walked in and examined it. At this juncture there was a noise on the outside and Vestal walked to the door to find the other two men apparently trying to create the impression that they were playfully attempting to rob the gas tank. He then heard a rough command. Turning around he found the safe door open and the intruder reaching on the inside of his jacket as if to pull forth a gun.

SCHOOLS OF CITY AND COUNTY OPEN

After holiday periods of about two weeks schools of Sanford and Lee County went back to work this week. Good opening attendance was reported in both the city and county schools, very little sickness being reported.

Coincident with the opening of the public schools, the colleges are also swinging back into session this week and dozens of young men and women of the city and county started back to the several colleges in the State or those farther away earlier in the week. On some of the schedules the bus lines run doubleheaders in order to accommodate the college travel.

DREAMS BANK SHARKY; WITHDRAWS DEPOSITS

A lady of Sanford had a dream a week or two ago to the effect that the United Bank and Trust Company of this place, had failed and that a deposit she had made in the bank before was caught. She pictured herself and family in destitute circumstances with no food, fuel and money with which to buy it. When she awoke the dream proved so real that she became alarmed and tossed on her pillow the remainder of the night. She arose at an unusually early hour, and after cooking and serving breakfast came up town and going to the bank drew out the money she had placed on deposit and carried it to the Sanford postoffice where she felt that it would be safe. Dreams may not mean anything, but it would be mighty hard to convince this lady of it.

WHISKEY CASES CLUTTER COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Stiff Sentences Are Handed Out To Violators Of The Prohibition Law Here.

WHISKEY IS Poured OUT

Harnett Youth Converts Main Drag of Jonesboro Into a Modern Speedway.

The aftermath of the Christmas holidays outcropped in Lee Recorder's Court Tuesday when more than the usual quota of prohibition law violators were hauled before the bar of justice. Judge McPherson arose to the occasion by meting stern sentences to offenders and by ordering the sheriff to pour on the courthouse green a large quantity of confiscated whiskey.

In full view of a large crowd of spectators, Sheriff Rives carried out the order of the court. Many mouths watered as the fiery liquid formed a pool upon the ground. Several bystanders shrugged their shoulders and grunted that it "shore was a waste of good liquor."

And good whiskey it was on the authority of no less a personage than Judge Tom McPherson himself. The liquor, said the judge, when shaken, in the language of Wadsworth, forms "cold beads of midnight dew." This, explained the jurist, indicates good whiskey. Someone suggested to the court that the liquor be turned over to the Lee County Hospital for medicinal uses but Judge McPherson ruled to the contrary.

First case up was that of William Cox, colored, charged with having a quart of whiskey in his possession. He was disposed of with a fine of \$10 and costs.

Next up was Buck Melver, colored, alleged to have operated a car while under the influence of whiskey, "\$50 and costs," snapped Judge McPherson.

GETS TWELVE MONTHS The charge against the next offender was more serious. Jerry Murchison of the Broadway section was convicted and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. It was testified by the officers that three gallons of whiskey was found in Jerry's possession. The defendant combatted this implication with the assertion that he "found" the liquor.

Not more than 250 yards from his home, however, the officers had cut down a steamer outfit which had been rigged from a steel drum. Whiskey made from this variety of still, the Court believed, is of a bad sort, and added an extra three months to Murchison's sentence on this account.

Reliable persons of the neighborhood in which Murchison lives testified to his good character, stating however that they neither drank, or dealt in whiskey in any way.

MADE GOOD WHISKEY George and Steve White, both colored, were each sent to the roads, the former six months and the latter four months, upon conviction on whiskey charges. Several raids were made on George's farm by officers and on each trip there whiskey was unearthed. Steve claimed he had returned from New York only six weeks ago, was not engaged in the liquor business, and that he had "found" the whiskey a part of which he had placed in a trunk in which place it was uncovered by officers. Officer Co-

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NATIONAL PUBLICITY IS IN OFFING FOR SANFORD

Elevation of Sanford Insurance Man To Presidency of Julian Price Club Will Result In Nation-Wide Publicity For Sanford; White Says Honor That Has Come To Him Due To Loyalty Of Policy-Holders and To Soundness of Section's Finances Which Made Policy Renewals Possible.

In recognition of his extraordinary achievement in having secured the highest renewal record of any man in the entire organization of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. during 1931, W. H. White, of this city, was recently honored with the presidency of the Julian Price club for the year of 1932.

This distinction, the highest one in the Jefferson Standard organization, may attain, is bestowed upon one who perhaps, more than any other individual connected with the Jefferson Standard, is entitled to it. It was recently pointed out by a high official of the life insurance company that Mr. White has the highest average for renewals of any man in the entire field over an eight year period.

In high testimonial of his services to his company and to his clients, the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company expects shortly to insert a page advertisement in their own publication, the Jeffersonian, and in the Insurance Field, a nationally circulated insurance publication, congratulating Mr. White upon his magnificent accomplishment. The Jeffersonian, it is stated, circulates in twenty-six states, the District of Columbia and Port Rico. In each of the publications, the Company plans to present much favorable publicity to Sanford which will go far to place

this section in a most favorable light throughout the nation.

When interviewed by The Express, Mr. White stated that the tribute paid him by his company was in reality a tribute to his policy-holders each of whom had made it possible for him to make the record he has made.

"It not only speaks well for our policy-holders but for Sanford and this section of the State, for it is, in effect, a brief for the economic stability of the community in which this record was made," said Mr. White.

"Repayments on policy loans here for the month of December were the largest in years," continued Mr. White, "which should indicate that Sanford is fast recovering from the throes of economic upheaval. I desire to compliment our policy-holders for their splendid cooperation in enabling me to make a record and to give it as my firm opinion that we are facing a splendid year in 1932."

It may be added that Mr. White has been a member of the Julian Price club for a number of years. This, in itself, is an achievement for one in the organization inasmuch as the membership alone requires unusual services in behalf of the company on the part of one so engaged.

Mr. White expects to leave for Greensboro Friday where he will confer with officials of Jefferson Standard.

NEW OFFICIALS AT HELM OF KIWANIS

President St. Clair Announces Committee Appointments For the New Year.

New officers were installed by the Sanford Kiwanis Club at the meeting Friday evening at the Carolina Hotel and all were interested in the activities of 1931 as summarized by Secretary D. B. Teague in his yearly report. The first thing on the program after dinner had been served and several songs rendered was the initiation of Jimmie Melver, a new member, by Lieut. Gov. J. C. Pittman. In the absence of Miss Louise Futrell, music director, Miss Ruth Phillips served in a most acceptable manner at the piano.

New officers installed were President P. H. St. Clair, succeeding J. A. Overton, retiring president; Vice-President J. E. Brinn; Secretary-Treasurer D. B. Teague; District Trustee J. T. Davenport; J. A. Overton, the retiring president, welcomed President St. Clair to the head of the table in a few well chosen words and the new president in turn installed Vice-President Brinn and District Trustee Davenport. Following are the new board of directors elected at the previous meeting: S. J. Husketh, Waylon Blue, J. F. Foster, J. W. Kirkpatrick, H. F. Makepeace and J. A. Overton. These together with the officers will direct the affairs of the club.

Committees named for the year are (first named being chairman): Program—S. J. Husketh, J. A. Overton, Dr. Waylon Blue; Music—Fisher Makepeace, Miss Louise Futrell, director, H. M. Wagoner; Agriculture—J. R. Rives, Gunter Watson; Inter-club Relations—H. R. Dowd, Gilliam Anderson, J. C. Pittman; Education—J. E. Brinn, J. A. Overton, J. W. Kirkpatrick; Classification and Membership—J. A. Overton, S. W. Allen; Public Affairs—H. C. Renegar, J. E. Brinn, H. M. Wagoner, D. B. Teague; Vocational Guidance and Placement—L. E. Warrick, S. J. Husketh, W. E. Horner; Publicity—W. E. Horner, D. B. Teague; Attendance and Reception—Harold Makepeace, Jimmie Melver, D. D. Riddle, S. W. Allen.

Secretary Teague's report showed that there were many worth while things put over by the club during 1931. Some of the most worth while activities of the club were the meetings held with the farmers at a number of places in the county. Underprivileged child work and the raising of funds for charitable purposes for the Christmas season were among the things featured by the club.

Every member is urged to attend the meeting of the club at the Carolina Hotel Friday night as the club is preparing to put on the work for 1932. Every member of the club is on a committee and each committee has a work to do. Let us start out with the determination of making this the best year in the history of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Teague spent the Christmas holidays in Florida. They visited many places of interest and had a most delightful and profitable trip.

LOCAL OUTLOOK APPEARS GOOD FOR YEAR 1932

Better Times Seen Around Turn Of New Year For Lee County and Sanford.

A revival of better times are seen around the turn of the year for Sanford and Lee county, which, even in the crux of the depression, probably did not fare as bad as some other sections in North Carolina.

Notwithstanding the collapse of the United Bank & Trust Co., the new year, 1932, begins, men in close touch with local business, industry, agriculture and other enterprises sound a note of optimism for the future.

They, in effect, expressed the opinion that the city and county has found a rock bottom and is ready to build steadily and progressively on a firm foundation.

The depression, they feel, has caused the farmers to turn to an improved system of agriculture, manufacturers to give close attention to better methods and business in general to take stock of both its weaknesses and resources.

COUNTY IN FINE SHAPE The county government, it is pointed out, is in much better condition financially than many other counties and should not be materially affected by the slump. "Indications are that tax collections this year will show up remarkably well," said E. A. Griffin, county tax collector, this morning.

City officials, too, were inclined to view local conditions with a spirit of optimism. The city's finances, it was said, are in excellent shape and there promises to be material improvement in the outlook before the end of the present year.

Cheering news for the cotton producers was contained in a statement by a leading cotton authority, who deals directly with the "dirt" farmers.

He said he was convinced the price of cotton would make a "material jump" within the next three months and the farmers would be in a position to benefit. More American cotton was used at home and exported in the period from August 1 to December 15 than during the whole year of 1930, said he.

Although it is freely admitted that 1931 was accompanied by several adverse factors, there is a general disposition among leaders in the various professions and businesses of Sanford to view the coming year with purposeful resolution to make it a year of much worthy accomplishment.

WHITE VOICES HOPE When sought by The Express, W. H. White, local manager of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., and for many years a leader in Sanford progress, stated:

"I think the view of Julian Price, president of the insurance concern with which I am connected, has adopted a most sane opinion for the coming year. His statement, recently published through the press of the State, is full of courage and optimism."

Mr. Price said: "Let us face the new year with new hope, new courage and new confidence. I have every faith that better things are in store for us in the very near future. We need most to get the idea out of our heads that something terrible is going to happen. We are filled with fear of this or that taking place and so we make ourselves easy prey to any unpleasant rumor that is flying around."

"People sometimes say that I am too optimistic. My answer to that is 'Nonsense.' When we walk along the street, would it not be just as easy to make up our minds that a pleasant face, a friendly smile or hearty handclasp is waiting for us around the corner, rather than a man to hold us up. Consider the number of people who turn corners in perfect safety every day.

"We are turning the corner of a new year. Give 1932 a chance, for it has good things to offer you."

BUSINESS CRISIS PASSED J. E. Brinn, secretary-treasurer of the Sanford Building & Loan Association, is another local leader, who has failed to let pessimism get the better of him.

"Old Man Depression," says the building and loan executive, "is fast convalescing. He has been ill but his crisis has passed. His pulse will again soon be beating normally. I feel that the worst has passed for Sanford and that better days lie ahead."

"Business conditions in 1932, in my judgement," said W. L. Simmons, manager of Williams-Belk Co., "will be better than 1931. The improvement will probably be gradual but

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THE OPTIMIST'S CREED

Dr. C. L. Scott hands The Express the following bit of philosophy from the pen of Christian Larson with the request that it be boxed and given a prominent position on the front page:

PROMISE YOURSELF—To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best and expect only the best.

To be so enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

TO HOLD INQUEST FATAL ACCIDENT

Hearing In Which Local Young Lady Is Involved To Be Continued Tomorrow.

The concluding testimony of the coroner's hearing over the fatal accident beyond Pittsboro in which Miss Stella Womble lost her life last Thursday, and in which Miss Alice Ingram daughter of J. R. Ingram, prominent citizen of this city, as driver of the other car said to be in the collision, is involved, will be concluded tomorrow, according to advices reaching The Express this afternoon.

Hearings into the accident were held last Friday afternoon and Saturday at the scene of the accident. As yet there has been no charge lodged against the young Sanford woman.

According to those testifying, the two cars collided on a curve, causing the smaller car, a Ford, to crash over the highway fence and down an embankment. Miss Womble was killed instantly and her father and brother sustained serious injuries from which it was at first thought they would not recover.

At the hearing tomorrow Miss Ingram will be represented by Warren R. Williams, of this city, and by W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro. The Womble family will be represented by A. H. Graham, Hillsboro attorney.