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INDICATIONS POINT TOWARD REOPENING OF UNITED BANK

UNITED BANK TO GET NECESSARY FINANCIAL HELP

Finance Corporation Offers Full Backing To Local Institution, Recently Closed.

DAWES GIVES ASSURANCE

Washington, March 2.—Business and banking affairs in the state received attention here today in official circles. The day started with an early break fast at the Mayflower when Word H. Wood, of Charlotte and Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, of the state advisory committee, operating under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Colonel Frank Hobgood, and Ernest W. Staples, of Greensboro, and Representative Frank Hancock were the guests of Senator Morrison, Messrs. Wood and Hanes later called at the offices of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to discuss matters relating to the organization and work in the state.

Accompanied by Representative Hancock, Messrs. Hobgood and Staples spent some time at the treasury, where plans were given further consideration for reopening the United Bank and Trust Company. The visitors from Greensboro likewise conferred with General Lawson, president of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

There are a number of details that must receive attention before the actual reopening of the United Bank and Trust Company can be effected, but assurances were given by General Lawson, Mr. Mason, General Dawes, Assistant, and Jesse Jones, of Texas, in direct charge of reorganization of closed institutions, that the movement to reopen the United Bank will receive the full co-operation and whatever financial aid is necessary from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It is understood that the activities of the great federal finance corporation have already had a salutary effect in some branches of industry and banking in the state.

PITTMAN TALKS TO KIWANIANS

Lieutenant Governor of Fourth District Is Guest of His Home Club Here.

J. C. Pittman, lieutenant governor of the fourth district of Kiwanis Carolinas division, made his official visit to the Sanford club at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night.

Mr. Pittman, an enthusiastic and prominent Kiwanian, spoke to his home club on the meaning and purpose of Kiwanis, eliminating truisms from his speech by use of striking analogies.

Dr. Chas. L. Scott and John Koonce engineer in charge of this highway district, were initiated into the club, being welcomed officially by J. E. Brinn. Mr. Brinn pointed out that Kiwanis members were selected because of character and ideals, rather than from affluence or good looks. He stressed the give-and-take character building plan of Kiwanis and spoke highly of the qualifications of the incoming members. Dr. Scott and Mr. Koonce each responded appropriately. S. J. Husketh, chairman of the program committee, outlined plans for future programs, announcing that the Rev. E. McN. Potest, of Raleigh, would be here March 16th. The club voted to invite the local Rotary club to this meeting. An invitation was accepted to meet with the Lemon Springs Baptist church at an early date, the program to be under the supervision of the Agricultural Committee.

Mr. Pittman analogized the growth of Kiwanis with the progress of transportation, showing that the fundamental soundness of Kiwanis had caused it to grow from a single club to an organization of over 100,000 men in a few years. Further, that just as the needs of transportation gave birth to improvements and inventions, so the needs of communal life produced Kiwanis and other civic clubs. Whether civic clubs are worthwhile desiderata may be answered by inspecting the record of their growth in America and by considering the position of responsibility and benevolence they have assumed in our communal life.

Mr. Pittman discussed briefly the duties and opportunities of the individual Kiwanian. In pointing out that it is necessary to be active and give one's self in order to derive the full benefit of such an organization, he used as a parallelism the acorn, sacrificing its existence to become a tree, the tree dying to furnish lumber—and so on, until finally a beautiful mansion is built of the finished hardwood. He urged Kiwanians to exert themselves to contribute more potently to community and Kiwanis.

On this Friday, the 4th, the local club will attend the district meeting at Fayetteville. Lieutenant Governor Pittman requested a large attendance from his home club and members responded by promising almost a 100 per cent attendance.

ESTRANGED PAIR PATCH TROUBLES; JUDGE SHOWS WAY

Judge McPherson Shows Wisdom in Settling Differences Between Man and Wife.

LEAVE COURT ROOM HAPPY

Wife Says Husband Was Driven To Do Rash Act By Her Own Provocation.

The calm wisdom of Judge Tom McPherson, who some times gives a very liberal interpretation to his understanding of the law, thereby tempering the strictness of justice with mercy, probably saved a Lee county home from being wrecked this week. Under the law, Judge McPherson might have given Wade Johnson, a white man, who was hauled before him on the charge of wife-beating a stiff severe sentence. Had the defendant been a citizen of Delaware, he would probably have been given a number of lashes on the bare back at the whipping post. Fortunately, circumstances, however, in that he was a citizen of the Old North State instead of Delaware and that he had a humane judge, with the wisdom of old Solomon, to pass upon his case, Johnson left the court room, hand in hand with his mate, both in a happy mood. Things were looking pretty bad for Johnson, who is a resident of Greenwood township, when Judge McPherson peered over his glasses at the better-half, who sat within the bar. He perceived that she was viewing the procedure with intermingled pity. She, perhaps, better than he, may decide this case, thought the Judge.

"What kind of sentence do you think I should pass upon your husband?" he asked her kindly. Holding back her tears, the woman replied she wanted her husband back at home. That she, by provoking him, had caused him to commit the rash act. It was plainly evident she preferred to live with the erring husband rather than to see him subjected to punishment.

Judge McPherson severely lectured the defendant, gave him a suspended sentence of a year, and the couple, happiness betraying its sunshine on their faces, made their exit for the home in Greenwood. Charged with temporary larceny of a car and giving bad checks, John Dorsett was sentenced to ninety days on the roads. It developed during the trial that Dorsett already was under a suspended sentence, execution of which was effective unless he kept without the county. Judge McPherson put in effect.

Sandy McLeod, colored, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to three months on the roads, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of the costs.

Banks Melver and James Headen were dismissed of a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Trial of Van Gilmore for violation of the prohibition act was discontinued until next week.

Case against Lex Wicker and Lee Everett discontinued, Wicker having not yet been apprehended by officers. The pair engaged in an affray Christmas night. A general exodus from the court room started when Solicitor Hoyle demanded Sheriff Rives to deputize every white man therein and form a posse to go in search of the absentee defendant.

Dunk reserved sentence in the case of Curt Williams, charged with forcible trespass and the transportation of whiskey.

LOCAL MARKET IS NOW MODERNIZED

Announcement of the installation of a modern refrigerated display counter in which a wide variety of perishable products may be displayed to the public, has been made by Wicker & Gilchrist, local grocery and meat merchants. This new equipment, said Mr. John D. Wicker, one of the owners of the business, will make it possible to keep perfect for their customers a variety of the best meats and vegetables and to give patrons a much quicker service.

Commenting upon this innovation, Mr. Wicker said: "We want our market to be modern and sanitary in every respect. Science is at work continuously developing methods for better sanitation. There is no place where perfect sanitation is more necessary than in the handling and display of meat. Patrons of our store are now insured the highest degree of sanitation that is humanly possible. All our meats and delicatessen lines are displayed in the perfectly refrigerated Holcomb and Hoke All-cold freezer counter.

"In addition to the most positive insurance as to the purity and wholesomeness of these food products, kept at perfect temperature by the dry cold air, the tenderness, flavor and quality is increased almost beyond belief. This expensive, modern equipment has just been installed for your benefit; your insurance; your complete satisfaction, as well as our own through the knowledge that in patronizing our store, you will realize how earnestly we strive to create the greatest factor in life—your good will."

Mrs. Talmage Smith is very ill at her home on Cross Street with malaria fever. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. W. H. White is at home from Lee Hospital much improved.

LOCAL BUILDING AND LOAN STARTS ANOTHER SERIES

Organization Has Good Year In 1931 Notwithstanding A General Depression.

1,000 SHARES OF THE GOAL

Association Reports Assets At \$317,812.05; Shareholders Are Well Pleas.

The sale of a new series of shares, which was inaugurated last Monday morning, was reported today as being favorably received by the public. Sales of shares, as was said at the office of the local Building and Loan Association, have gone beyond expectations for the first two days.

"The public is quick to grasp opportunities for investing in iron-clad securities of the building and loan type," said Mr. Brinn, and then, too, he added, "the strength with which the building and loan business in general has weathered the business depression has created in the public mind a feeling of confidence and an assurance that every dollar invested thus not only is beyond the channels of fluctuation but will insure the holder of such stock a good dividend."

Mr. Brinn said the sale of 1,000 shares of the present series. At a recent meeting of the officials and shareholders of the Association, held at the Carolina Hotel, it was announced by Mr. Brinn who is secretary, that the Association's assets of December 31, 1931, are \$317,812.05. This announcement was greeted with applause by shareholders, who expressed pleasure at so splendid a record.

The old board of directors was re-elected for the next year. Members of the board are: W. A. Crabtree, E. M. ...

Following the adjournment of the meeting, a directors' meeting was held, the following officers were elected: president, ...

The delegation was totally unprepared for this and if Austin McCormick hadn't come to his rescue by pounding him on the back, A. K. Miller would have swallowed a ten-cent cigar.

In all in, it was a great meeting. Sanford got a lot of recognition and in her gameness in bidding for the convention she rated herself with cities like Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro. It's a small town, but they certainly have big ideas.

A lot of "politicizing" was in evidence, too. You couldn't turn around without running into Dick Fountain, Blucher Ehringhaus, Albert Cox, Willis Smith and Tom McNeill, active and receptive candidates for the governorship. One Sanford man said he shook hands with Dick Fountain six times and with Blucher Ehringhaus three times. Those two didn't miss anyone. And talk about smiles, no two men ever wore a more magical smile than the Lieutenant-Governor and the Gentleman from Pasquotank.

ALBERT L. COX IS HEARD HERE

A mass meeting of Lee county citizens to whom leaders of the American Legion Employment Campaign plead for cooperation in their undertaking, was held in the Temple Theatre Sunday afternoon.

In an eloquent address in which he appealed to the people of Lee to rally behind the boys in this campaign as they did back in 1917, General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, commended Lee Post No. 18 for what it had accomplished thus far in the "War-Against-Depression."

Other speakers on the program were Capt. Dan B. King, Dr. Chas. L. Scott, Joe W. Stout, W. R. Hartness, T. S. Cross and John T. McDonald. R. A. Kennedy, who presided over the meeting, announced applications had been received from over two hundred persons in need of employment. Around 20, he said, had been given work.

The invocation was rendered by Dr. G. T. Adams.

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: CSAIA ECKWIR PTNEAU NWRAGE Last week's winners: Curtis Kelly, Bill Makepeace.

SANFORD LOSES CONVENTION BUT GETS PUBLICITY

Puts Up A Real Fight Against Raleigh and Charlotte For Democratic Meeting.

GAVE BIG TOWNS A SCARE

Willard Dowell Says Free Advertising Worth \$10,000 For Sanford Alone.

Raleigh, March 1.—(Special to The Express)—Well, the big pow-wow is over, and although Sanford could not even with Clawson Williams' fluent tongue, convince that excellent body of Democrats who compose the State executive committee that a tobacco warehouse or a circus tent would suffice to house the militant hosts of Democracy next June, the free advertising that goes to the Lee capital as a result of her generous invitation, is worth at least ten thousand dollars.

Charlie Lambeth, mayor of Charlotte, who, in extending an invitation to the Democrats on behalf of his city, is credited with making the shortest speech ever made in the hall of the lower House, was so impressed with Clawson's magnetic plea in behalf of Sanford that he immediately made reservations with Ted Barrow for rooms at the Wilrik for himself and party and drove over to Sanford for the night.

Sanford's drive for the State convention brought unexpected results. The real truth is that no one who was boosting Sanford expected but one vote to be cast in her favor. Everyone was reasonably certain that the venerable Democrat, Mr. John R. Jones, who is Lee's member of the executive committee, would be for Sanford. There was some uneasiness on this score but when he was seen sitting beside of Clawson all fear was dispelled. Raleigh seemed to get all the votes until Mr. Jones' name was called and then he shouted: "Sanford." He received an ovation. From then on Raleigh got about all the votes, someone piping, "Charlotte," about every tenth vote. Satisfied with the one vote awarded their city, the Sanford delegation was prepared to depart.

The complete text of Mr. Teague's statement, is as follows: After consideration of my other duties and obligations, I have decided not to become a candidate for the State Senate.

Because of many voluntary offers of support and because of my regard for public office as an opportunity to render service, I have reached this decision with regret, and wish to thank many friends for their interest and confidence.

I hope we can nominate and elect men to the Legislature who will vote and work to relieve property of any taxes for the support of the six months school term. That is the first big item to consider.

The next big problem before the next Legislature will undoubtedly be to balance the budget, that is make income meet expenses. That must be done in perfectly clear. The rub will come in deciding how the budget shall be balanced.

If property is relieved of all tax for the six months school term, as I confidently believe it must and will be, that will cut down the present revenue from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000, it is estimated. Then to catch up the deficit that is running at present will call for another million and a half dollars, making a total of around \$5,000,000 of new revenue to be found or that amount of expenses to be cut.

NEW YORKER LAUDS NEW LEE HOSPITAL

Dr. Harold Hayes Visits Here To Consult Drs. Knight and Sowers On Case.

Dr. Harold Hayes, of New York, one of the country's leading eye specialists, was called in consultation by Drs. Knight and Sowers to see Mrs. Nat Bass, who sustained serious injuries in an automobile wreck near here recently. He came by airplane to Washington where darkness forced him down late Saturday evening. Arriving by train Sunday morning, he returned with Mrs. Bass Sunday night. She will be taken to Park West Hospital in New York for special treatment. In addition to a fractured skull, it is feared she may lose the sight of one eye.

Dr. Hayes was astounded at the beauty and furnishings of the new Lee County hospital. He stated the Park West hospital in New York City cost him over \$600,000 and only cares for 75 patients, whereas the local hospital cares for 50 patients and only cost \$125,000, equipped. He stated that Mrs. Bass could not have received better treatment had she been in New York when the accident occurred.

Gordon Buie, of Asheboro, is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Robert Sanders, at her home on Hickory Avenue.

Lama Lucille and Nancy Grey Sanders, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders, are improving after being quite ill for the past week.

Withdrawal of Teague Leaves Cross Lone Senatorial Aspirant

TEAGUE NOT TO MAKE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SENATE

Sanford Attorney Withdraws Name From Consideration—Leaves Cross.

ISSUES A STATEMENT

Withdrawal of his name from consideration as a candidate for the State senate, for which he has been regarded for some months as a receptive candidate, was announced this morning by D. B. Teague, local attorney. In a lengthy statement to The Express, Mr. Teague says "because of my regard for public office as an opportunity to render service, I have reached this decision with regret."

MAKEPEACE WILL HEAD LEE CAMP

Reappointed Chairman of Lee For 1932 Citizens Military Training Camp.

Fisher Makepeace, of this city, has been reappointed chairman for Lee county for the 1932 Citizens Military Training Camp. Colonel James M. Litaiker, of Winston-Salem, has been named District Chief, and General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, has been designated civilian aide for the state.

The camps this year open June 14, but Colonel Little expects the quota for the respective counties to be filled before the first of March. In this connection, he has urged that the number of recruits be increased to 100,000.

Some observers here ventured the opinion that Cross, with his views, which paralleled those of Josephus Daniels, will not encounter any opposition. Others are inclined to view the situation as too early at this time to remove others, whose names have been brought forward in discussion.

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Expenses are further cut by the burden of it will fall on the public school system. So it seems clear that the big question in balancing the budget will be whether to further cut down on the public schools or to find new sources of revenue. It is certain that our homes and farms and small and distressed business organizations cannot be further taxed but must be relieved. So the issue resolves itself largely into the question whether big and prosperous business and wealth shall be further taxed or the schools shall be made the goat.

I believe new sources of revenue can be found to balance the State's finances and carry on the schools if the members of the Legislature go at it determined to do so. Those big and prosperous corporations that are enjoying the greatest prosperity in their history can bear a substantial part of the burden. There seems no reason why the stocks of so-called foreign corporations, but which are in fact domestic corporations, should not be put back on the tax books. Inheritance taxes on big estates can be increased. Income taxes can go up. There are other sources of legitimate taxation. It will be a question of whether we put the dollar above the child and his chance in life.

The platform of every candidate for the Legislature on these and other questions should, in my opinion, be known before we cast a vote. The only assurance we can have as to how a candidate will vote after he is elected is his assurance and pledge.

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