

TOWN TOPICS

A weekly resume of opinion per-
taining to local developments in
the news.

A few chronic grouches may belly-
ache over the fact that the Town of
Sanford borrows \$45,000 from the
Reconstruction Finance Corporation for
the purpose of installing a new
water plant.

Constructive-minded and clear-
thinking people, however, will laud
Mayor Williams' skill in furthering
the project. The realization of a new
water plant, to take the place of what
a State College professor intimated
might be a cesspool of infection, will,
we believe, stand out as a major ach-
tachment and perhaps the most con-
structive accomplishment of the Wil-
liams' administration.

The fact that Mr. Williams was
able to convince the overlords of the
R. F. C. that Sanford needed this
money and could make the project a
self-liquidating one, is a tribute to
his wizardry at logic and his finan-
cial sagacity.

Pure water is as necessary for
adults as pure milk is for babies. The
Mayor plainly played a humanitarian
role.

Mayor Williams is a man of the pre-
cepts of Old Davy Crockett. Said Old
Davy, when he learned his friends
were subjecting him to criticism:
"This rule to all when I am dead; Be
sure you are right, then go ahead."

Said Joe Caldwell, the brilliant edi-
tor of the Charlotte Observer, when
he was told that he was bitterly cri-
ticized for bolting Bryan and the free
unlimited coinage of silver, in 1896:
"Now, Mr. Bryant, reach up there
and get the Bible, and open it at the
Acts, Chapter 20, verse 24, and read
what Paul said when warned that
enemies were threatening."

"Red Back" Bryant, to whom Mr.
Caldwell was talking, soon saw the
point. That verse reads: "But none
of these things move me."

Sincere and honest in his convic-
tions, that goes for Mayor Williams
too.

Speaking of Northwest Moore coun-

E. M. Underwood, came, the Pinehurst
Outlook observes:

In the northwestern corner of the
county we find Black's mill and lake;
Carthage; Deep River; Governor Wil-
liams' burying ground and homestead;
the Phillip Alston house, scarred with
Revolutionary bullet holes; Mr. Julian
T. Bishop's hunting lodge and quail
farm; the only known hard coal mine
in the south, and the old tale mine.

In the section centered around Car-
thage, one finds an old mill-stone
factory and deserted village; the high
covered bridge; the county gold mine,
the Quaker School, where spinning
and weaving are carried on as in
Colonial times; the petrified wood
area; the old cotton mill and dam at
High Falls, and Taylorsville, the
colored settlement.

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the Hon. O. Max Gardner in the
gubernatorial primary in 1920 may
be interested in the following, con-
tributed by a friend of The Express:

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if any, is there between "The Organi-
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sands of people who need their autos
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MUNICIPAL CONTESTS AROUSE CHATTER

OBSERVERS SEE
FIGHT BREWING
FOR LOCAL JOBS

Williams' Reticence Complicates
Speculations of Local Poli-
tical Deponents.

GOSSIPING IS RAMPANT

With a score or more candi-
dacies mentioned for the
positions of mayor and alder-
man the intervening
months from now until next
May are expected to turn in
their full share of the year's
quota of local color and
drama. No less than twenty-
three persons, are reported
to be receptive toward municipal
honors.

The most attractive of the two posi-
tions is apparently the office of ma-
yor for at least ten possible contend-
ers for this place have been suggested.

Will Williams Run?
In the sub-conscious mind of every
possible aspirant for the mayoralty
ship is the question: Will Williams
again make the race?

A statement from this paper lit-
tle man, now rounding out his third
term as mayor, and perhaps at the
height of his popularity, in words
like these: "I do not choose to run,"
should bring out a whole regiment
of candidates.

But—on the other hand—if he should
announce that he is a candidate for
a fourth term, then those whose sin-
ews are unaccustomed to the rough
and tumble of political warfare may
look askance upon a tilt with the in-
cumbent.

Until he makes a statement that
will either project him in the race
for a fourth term or signify his in-
tentions of retirement the local poli-
tical situation will be clouded by con-
jecture.

Looks Like Scramble.
Mentioned as likely aspirants for
the mayoralty are:

W. Banks Williams, 47-year-old mem-
ber of the board of education, an alumn-

of the University of North Carolina.

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MONEY FOR REHABILITATION LOCAL
WATER SYSTEM RECEIVED YESTERDAY

After negotiations covering
some three months with the au-
thorities in Washington, Mayor
W. R. Williams informs The Ex-
press that the \$45,000 loan from
the Federal government to ex-
tend and rehabilitate the San-
ford water system, is now in hand.
The money was received yester-
day and is now ready for use.

A force of some 40 or 50 hands
have been busy for the past few
weeks clearing the land and mak-
ing the necessary excavations for
the construction work. About all
the contract work has been let.
A building will be constructed
for the new filters that will be
installed to take the place of
those that have become obsolete.

Piping will be laid down and a
large earthen dam constructed
about a mile from the present
plant to hold a surplus supply
of water for emergencies. A
large steam shovel will be used
for moving the mass of dirt that
will be necessary to handle in
building the lake.

Much of the building material
and other things connected with
the system have been purchased
and shipped in and is now ready
for use. Mayor Williams tells
The Express that the contract
calls for the completion of the
system by the end of May and
should the weather be favorable
it is believed that it can be com-
pleted by that time.

ANNOUNCE CUT IN
UTILITY RATES

Patrons of Carolina Power and
Light Company To Save A
Total of \$120,000.

It is stated from Raleigh that elec-
tric utility rates in North Carolina
have been reduced to effect a saving
of \$1,367,000 to the consumers by
hearings held by the State Corpora-
tion Commission. The changes were
made by the four major electrical utilities
in the State. The annual reduction
in rate revenue by companies were
listed as follows: Duke Power Com-
pany, \$957,000; Durham Public
Service Company, \$85,000; Caro-
lina Power and Light Company, \$120,
000; and the Tide Water Power Com-
pany, \$25,000. Prior to this reduc-
tion in rates were made to approxi-
mately \$200,000.

Just how much reduction in rates
this means to the people in Sanford

CLUB OBJECTIVES
ARE DISCUSSED AT
KIWANIS MEETING

Eighteenth Anniversary of In-
ternational Kiwanis Organi-
zation Observed.

Kiwanians Fall "Lack Chops"
When Huge "Cake" Turns
Out To Be A Fake.

The Sanford Kiwanis Club in its
regular weekly meeting last Friday
night at the Carolina Hotel celebra-
ted the eighteenth anniversary of the
birth of Kiwanis.

In the business part of the meet-
ing the club voted to continue to
hold the meetings at the Carolina
Hotel. The executive committee was
appointed by President J. P. Foster
to draw up resolutions in respect to
the members of the club who have
left the club since the meeting at
St. Clair.

program committee. L. H. Warrick
gave a brief history of Kiwanis In-
ternational, which was organized on
December 8, 1914. There are now
18,000 Kiwanis clubs in the United
States and Canada, with 82,500 active
members. The membership has fal-
len off to some extent during the
past few months due to the depres-
sion, notwithstanding last year was
one of the most active years in the
history of some of the clubs.

S. J. Husketh made an interesting
and instructive talk on the objects
and objectives of Kiwanis. He gave
the inspirational side of Kiwanis and
said that service was the keynote of
this great international organization.
"It teaches relativity of the value of
things in life," said the speaker.
Chairman Pittman told of the sec-
tions and divisions of Kiwanis.

A beautiful birthday cake was then
brought in covered with snow white
icing and topped with 18 candles. In
blowing out the candles Miss Louise
Futrell missed one. Brinn, who had
the cake in charge, insisted on all
assembling around President Foster
while he with a long carving knife
carved the cake. There were 25
members present and it was decided
that it should be cut into 25 pieces
of equal size. All stood ready to
"call down" President Foster should
he show partiality in the division of
the cake. Their eyes glowed with de-
lightful anticipation like the horse
when he enters the pasture for the
first time and sees the many good
things which he is about to devour.
But a disappointed expression was
seen on every face when President
Foster brought the knife down with
a flourish on the cake and found that
it would not cut. One can now al-
most feel the effects of that knife as
it rasps and slips on that "cake"
which turned out to be a tin pan. This
was one of the best jokes ever pulled
off in the history of the Kiwanis
Club. A joint debate will be held by
the club Friday night.

The earnings during 1932, it was
pointed out by Mr. Brinn, were in
excess of seven per cent as compared
to an approximate earning of 6.86
per cent in 1931. Directors and
stockholders were much gratified at
the report, attributing the fine show-
ing to the far-sight and efficiency of
the management.

Another Series Matures.
Approximately \$5,000 will be paid
out in cash, and \$8,000 devoted to
the cancellation of home mortgages
held by the association when the

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TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below
properly arranged spell the
names of two persons in San-
ford. 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:
ULAP EBIAGRRR
UJSLIU ANLE

Bill Major
Edwin Gavin

NEW SPRING GOODS ARE AT
EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Large shipments of new spring
merchandise have been and are arriv-
ing daily at Efird's department store.
Ladies' coats, dresses and millinery,
in all the season's latest styles and
colors, make Efird's store a panorama
of fashion. And the line of ladies'
new spring shoes, too, is most com-
plete. For every member of the fam-
ily, mother, father, son, daughter and
the baby, there is something at
Efird's and at lowest prices—the
lowest in the history of Efird's
stores.

NEW FARM LOANS
SOON AVAILABLE
FOR LEE FARMERS

E. P. Welch, Field Agent For
Credit Corporation, Con-
fers Here Tuesday.

LOANS OF FOUR TYPES

Necessary Committees For The
Handling of Local Appli-
cations To Be Set Up

A number of farmers are inter-
ested in the new type crop produc-
tion loans which will be available this
year through the Regional Agricul-
tural Credit Corporation of Raleigh.
John P. Steadman, former State treas-
urer, is executive vice president of
the Raleigh institution. The bank, or
corporation, is already functioning
and expects to be able to take care
of the legitimate requirements of
farmers this year.

Mr. E. P. Welch, Field Agent for
the Corporation, was in the county
Tuesday and conferred with some of
our local people relative to setting
up the necessary committees for
handling applications in Lee County.

Loans of 4 types are available
through this concern to farmers who
have other security to offer with a
crop lien. These are crop production,
livestock, poultry and commodity
loans. These loans are intended for
people who ordinarily could obtain a
loan from a bank. A rate of 5 1-2
per cent interest is charged, plus one
per cent inspection cost and other in-
cidental expense for preparing the
papers, preparing the title and regis-
tering, total cost of which, it is es-
timated, will not exceed 7 1-2 per
cent, as compared to 10 to 11 per
cent for the cost of loans obtained
through the Intermediate Credit Cor-
poration.

Based On Four Points.
All loans must be fully and ade-
quately secured, and the loan to the
individual is based on 4 considera-
tions: 1, character of the borrower;
2, collateral—livestock, farming im-
plements or other things to make
the loan good as security regard-
less of the outcome of the crop.

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Makepeace Causes Tremor
Among Educational Realm

BANKRUPT SALE OF COAL
PROPERTY WEDNESDAY

Property of the Carolina Coal
and By-Products Co., consisting
of approximately 850 acres of
land in fee simple on both sides
of Deep River in Lee and Cham-
ham counties and the mineral
rights on approximately 3,800
acres contiguous and adjoining
said property, housing facilities,
machinery and equipment, a small
locomotive, three miles of railroad
and office furniture and fixtures,
will be auctioned, under bank-
ruptcy proceedings, at Cumcock
at twelve o'clock noon Wednesday.
It is understood that several
parties are interested in pur-
chasing this mine with a view to
the resumption of operations.
The Goldston Twins, of Siler
City, famed auctioneers, will be
in charge of the sale.

PREDICT HEAVY
TOBACCO CROP

McMahan Says Much More Seed
Being Cleaned By Him
Than Year Ago.

The farmers in upper Hargett coun-
ty seem to be preparing for an un-
usually large acreage in tobacco this
year. The farm agent in that coun-
ty has released tobacco seed for
more than 300 farmers during the
past few days and the job seems to
be just beginning. County Demos-
tration Agent E. O. McMahan, of
this county, has up to this time clean-
ed up more seed than he cleaned up
on this date last year, but he thinks
that is because the farmers want to
make sure of having plenty of plants
and not because they expect to put
out a greater acreage than last year.
Some planters have already put out
their tobacco beds. Some planters
are waiting for the seed to come.

SELECTION OF NEW POSTMASTERS
MAY FALL ON LOCAL LEADERSHIP

SEED LOAN BILL
PASSES CONGRESS
Bill Introduced By Representa-
tive Lindsay Warren, of
North Carolina.

It will be of interest to the farm-
ers of this section to learn that a
seed loan bill for 1933 was passed in
the lower House of Congress last
week, and it is expected that it will
pass the Senate and be sent to the
President for his signature within the
next few days. The bill, introduced
by Representative Warren, of this
State, who said that failure to pass
the bill would mean disaster for the
farmer. "He asserted that the new
regional agricultural credit corpo-
rations were almost worthless under
the ruling prescribed by the Recon-
struction Corporation and that no average
farmer could secure loans from them
on account of the security demanded.

Much land that was under cultiva-
tion in Lee county a few years ago is
now idle due to the depression that
has hit agriculture, as well as all
other interests a hard blow. A citi-
zen of this county says he can cover
a distance of eight miles in one direc-
tion to Sanford and continue to walk
in sage fields the entire distance.

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LEE DEMOCRATIC
COMMITTEE HEADS
HAVE MUCH POWER

Chairman Hoyle and Executive
Committee Will Have Big
Say In Patronage.

COMPOSED OF TWELVE MEN

Twelve men, composing the
county Democratic executive
committee, will have a great
deal to say about the dispensa-
tion of federal patronage in Lee
county, according to the opinion
of informed sources here. These
men are:

K. R. Hoyle, chairman Lee county
Democratic executive committee; J.
W. Stout, Sanford; S. A. Wicker,
Sanford; E. L. Gunther, Cumcock;
H. E. Boyd, Deep River; T. L. Perry,
Greenwood No. 1; J. W. Walker,
Greenwood No. 2; J. A. Dalrymple,
Jonesboro; W. Carl Buchanan, Broad-
way; T. H. Yarborough, Gum Springs;
J. M. McPherson, East Pocket; R. L.
Cole, West Pocket.

Under the present arrangement for
dispensing federal patronage in North
Carolina, Senators Bailey and Rey-
nolds will name the federal court at-
torneys and assistants, marshals and

STOCKHOLDERS OF UNITED BANK, IN
ANNUAL MEETING, ELECT DIRECTORS

Expressions of hopefulness
over the 1933 outlook for the
United Bank & Trust Co. found
frequency around the huge
hogany table at which stock-
holders and directors of the in-
stitution sat in the first meeting
of the year, held in Greensboro
last week.

Stockholders were present
from the four units of the bank,
Sanford, Greensboro, Reidsville
and Burlington.

The stockholders unanimously
re-elected the general board of
directors for the coming year.
Their names, as follows:
O. P. Makepeace, of this city;

SOLON PROPOSES
RADICAL CHANGE
SCHOOL SYSTEM

Double-Barrelled Attack On Pre-
sent Set Up Launched In
General Assembly.

WOULD REDUCE EXPENSE

It is stated from Raleigh that a
double-barrelled attack on the present
set-up of public school administration
in North Carolina's 100 counties was
launched in the General Assembly on
Tuesday. Senator Ingram, of Ran-
dolph and Representative O. P. Make-
peace, of Lee, introduced identical
bills in the House and Senate to
abolish the office of county superin-
tendent of schools, county boards of
education, and rural supervisors in
each of the counties. Their proposal
would substitute 30 division superin-
tendents and 30 division superin-
tendents for the present system. Some
few special charter school districts,
including the State's larger cities,
would be left as they now are.

The Ingram-Makepeace measure,
which calls for abolition of all
county superintendents and super-
visors, substituting therefor 30 super-
intendents and supervisors within a
like number of districts, is estimated
by its authors to provide a saving of
\$429,392 per year.

Total Costs
The present total cost of public
school supervision according to fig-
ures read to the Senate by Senator
Ingram, is \$714,041.86 while under
the district plan the cost is estimated at
\$284,649.54.

The author of the school economy
plan in a statement said, "It is be-
lieved that without savings effected
by this act, along with proposed and
talked of economies in school admini-
stration, it will be impossible to pre-
vent drastic cuts in the salaries of
overhead expense."

Not to Cut Pay.

The reorganization bill would not
touch the salaries of teachers or effect
in any way the teacher-load in class-
rooms.

Under provisions of the Ingram bill,
which would become effective April
1, of this year, Division Boards of
Education would be named "in the
same manner as now prescribed by
law" and would elect a Division Su-
perintendent of Schools, subject to
the approval of State Board of Equali-
zation. The Superintendent of each
district would organize his office with
an assistant and "sufficient clerical
assistance" also subject to the State
Board of Equalization.

Expense Schedule.
Salaries of the thirty superintendents
would range from \$2,150 to \$4,500
according to the size of the district
and would total \$94,900.

Salaries of the thirty assistants
would range from \$1,500 to \$2,300
and would total \$48,500.

Clerical expense is also graduated
to a total of \$76,000.

There is a travel allowance for
superintendents and assistants of
\$37,200 and per diem and travel of
division boards would approximate
\$12,032. Office rent and expense make
up the balance of the \$311,649 total
estimated by the Randolph Senator.

The bill provides that the charter
systems of Asheville, Durham, Win-
ston-Salem, Gastonia, Greensboro,
High Point, Rocky Mount and Ra-
leigh "shall have authority to con-
tinue their operation as at present
maintained."

Terms of district superintendents
would run for a period of two years
and offices would be centrally located
from the standpoint of highway ac-
cessibility, but "shall not be located
in any county courthouse."

This new school bill sets territorial
divisions for establishment of each
of the thirty districts. Division No.
14 will be composed of Lee, Moore
and Chatham.

SUPERIOR COURT

Although court will open as sched-
uled Monday, with Judge Thomas J.
Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding, the
presence of the jurymen, who had
previously been notified to appear
Monday, will not be required before
Tuesday, announced Clerk of Court
W. Carter Watson this morning.

Sheriff Ernest White was busily
engaged in so notifying the jurors
this morning. Matters for which a
jury is not required will be consid-
ered Monday.