

TOWN TOPICS

A weekly resume of opinion pertaining to local developments in the news.

Wilkins and Johnson have received another car load of mules from the West and now have them in their stables ready for sale.

A line of telephones is being installed from Sanford to Carabonte to connect with the Helms Telephone system.

Mr. J. R. Tally, who has been with the Lee Furniture Co. for a number of years, has moved to Siler City.

The heavy sleet Friday night interfered with the telephone, power and light service in Sanford and this section by the weight of the ice breaking wires in places.

Express that he has decided if possible to get out from under the remnants of the Banking Loan and Trust Company, which failed seven years ago.

The board of aldermen held a meeting Tuesday night to take some action in the matter of changing the course of the branch that runs through the lot of Dr. J. P. Monroe.

Hunting season for rabbits, quail and other game, for which the season had not already closed, came to an end yesterday, Wednesday.

The Express is informed that copies of this resolution were sent to Governor Ehringhaus and the General Assembly for their consideration.

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Seek Moratorium on Lee Foreclosures

CITIZENS MEET TO ASK FOR DEBT HOLIDAY IN LEE

Paul J. Barringer Made Chairman of Organization to Request Moratorium.

SEEK AID OF GOVERNOR

A mass meeting of citizens of Lee County was held at the Court house Wednesday at 11 a. m. to discuss and put into effect some plan of holding up the foreclosure sales of mortgaged property until conditions become more normal.

J. E. Adams, of Jonesboro, called the meeting to order after which Paul Barringer, who was called to the chair, stated the object of the meeting. J. E. Adams was made secretary.

Whereas debt and interest charges are retarding productive effort, lowering prices and increasing unemployment, and before recovery it is necessary to bring this old debt and interest charge in line with the times.

"Further that we suggest on all obligations made prior to 1931 the interest charge be reduced to 1 per cent (this being in line with our ability to convert our efforts into dollars); and that a general moratorium be declared on such obligations where the 1 per cent interest is paid, this to run for at least two years.

"These suggestions are made with the welfare of the whole country in mind, realizing well that half way measures will only aggravate our condition, that so called 'relief measures' which take the load off the individual and put it on the government, while apparently necessary, do not lessen the load but are slowly undermining the stamina and integrity of our government and the morale of our citizens.

"We hereby ask the Federal Land and Joint Stock Land Banks, and all other mortgage holders to withhold foreclosure sales until conditions are more nearly normal."

The chairman was asked to appoint a committee of five to take the matter up with the Legislature and Senators Josiah W. Bailey and Robert Reynolds for their consideration.

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Finding that the first sale was of stock and not real estate, the committee did not ask for postponement. The mortgage holder of the land involved in the second sale has agreed to postpone the sale some ten days.

KIWANIANS HOLD INTERESTING MEET

Legislative Doings Discussed—To Meet With Aberdeen Club At Early Date.

The Kiwanis Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night. When President Jack Foster called for the transaction of new business following luncheon it was stated that the Aberdeen club wanted to hold a joint meeting with the Sanford club at an early date.

The first stunt pulled off was a wheelbarrow race between S. W. Allen and P. H. St. Clair. Allen was the winner. The next stunt was a race in water drinking.

The feature of the program was the resume and discussion of the merits of bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly. This part of the program was headed by W. E. Horner and J. E. Brinn.

C. R. REED HAS VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Local Citizens Is Struck By Car Saturday Night; Shows Improvement Today.

Last Saturday night while Mr. C. R. Reed, of this place, was crossing Wicker street near the Wilrik Hotel, he was struck by a car driven by Harold Gavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gavin, of this place, and knocked to the pavement.

It seems to have been an unavoidable accident. Young Gavin says he did not see him as he was blinded by the lights on the streets and cars.

Scout Director Here

Mr. O. H. Benson, National Director of Rural Scouting will be present at a meeting of the Local Council Boy Scouts of America at the Presbyterian church, Thursday, February 23rd.

All local people interested in this great boys organization are requested to be present and hear Mr. Benson who was the original organizer of the 4-H Clubs of America but is now with the Rural Division, Boys Scouts of America.

J. W. Gilliam, Chairman, Local Council, B. S. A.

Poultry Sale

The Lee Mutual Poultry Association will hold its second cooperative sale of the year in Sanford Saturday. A car will be on the Seaboard track near the passenger depot from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. to receive poultry at 10c per pound for heavy hens, 14c per pound for spring broilers, and other grades of poultry in proportion.

This car will follow the same schedule that was used in January with the car starting at Raeford and loading at Sanford and other points along the Seaboard railway as it moves towards the northern markets.

RECORDER HAD FULL DOCKET ON LAST TUESDAY

Judge McPherson Faced Heavy Docket In Local Court On Last Tuesday.

WHISKEY CAUSES TROUBLE

Jack Bridges Sent Home To Learn The Art of Being A Gentleman.

Tuesday was a busy day in Recorder's Court. Solicitor Jackson again had charge of the docket and opposed in 3 cases former Solicitor Hoyle. The former solicitor was successful in two attempts at bail but lost on the third.

Considerable interest was shown in the case of the State against Monroe. Monroe, a local man, was charged with having inflicted upon Tom Cole, also local, several severe knife wounds. Cole testified that Monroe, whom he knew well, sent word to him one Sunday morning to come to his place of business and have liquid refreshments with him.

Monroe took the stand in his own behalf, but told a different story, saying that he was lying down sleeping when Cole entered, and that the first he knew of Cole's presence was when he was rudely awakened by Cole clutching his windpipe, thereby stopping his breathing operations.

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The names of those who have been mentioned in connection with the office, put they have not stated whether or not they will be a candidate at the municipal election in May.

FORUM ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

New Set of Officers To Serve Six Months Is Elected By Young Men's Club.

The Tar Heel Forum met at the Wilrik Hotel Tuesday night and among the business matters transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing six months.

President, E. S. Harris; 1st Vice President, Mack Stout; 2nd vice president, W. D. Gregson; Sec-Treas., Wendell Chaffin; Executive Committee, E. M. Underwood, chairman; James Melver, Clarence Crabtree, E. S. Harris, Wendell Chaffin.

Juniors In Special Meet

The members of the Jr. O. U. A. M., in Lee county, are looking forward with much interest to their general get-together meeting, which is to be held with Sanford Council, No. 111, in Sanford on Thursday night, February 23rd, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The following program has been arranged for the occasion: Deputy State Councillor, D. B. Teague, Presiding. Music—By the Moose Band and Orchestra, Sanford. Purpose of the Meeting—D. B. Teague Address—Service to Our Order—Chas. F. Tankersley, Jr., District Deputy State Councillor, Henderson. Presented by T. L. Riddle. Address—J. F. Deaton, District Deputy State Councillor, 17th District, Aberdeen. Presented by S. J. Husketh.

FARM EXCHANGE FORMED

NEW CREDIT CORPORATION WILL OFFER AID TO LEE FARMERS

J. C. Pittman, attorney of this city, has been designated as attorney for Lee County whose certificate of title for liens, chattels and mortgages will be accepted by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, of Raleigh, for loans to be made to the people of this county.

Mr. Stedman also announces that E. O. McMahan, County Demonstration Agent, has agreed to aid those of this county seeking to borrow money from the corporation in making out their applications in proper form, thus facilitating the preliminary work and helping to save time and eliminate "red tape" in getting loans through.

Fees for attorneys, paid by the applicants, are limited to one-half of one per cent of the loan, with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$12.50, on chattels and liens, while the fees on real property will be governed by the amount of work involved in preparing the abstract and mortgage.

LOCAL ATTORNEY TO ENTER RACE

First Candidate To Announce For Office of Mayor At May Election.

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BANK AFFAIRS IN HAND OF AGENT

W. W. Woodley, Jr., Appointed Liquidating Agent By Bank Commissioner.

It was briefly stated in The Express last week that the United Bank and Trust Company, headquarters in Greensboro, had failed and closed its doors.

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ANNUAL PROGRAM IS DISCUSSED AT FARM MEET HERE

About 200 Farmers and Farm Women Hold Important Meet On Wednesday

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

About 200 farmers and farm women of Lee County met in the Sanford Town Hall Wednesday afternoon at the call of the Lee County Board of Agriculture and the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs to discuss plans for a farming program and to organize a barter exchange throughout the county.

Out-of-county speakers at this meeting were Mr. C. A. Sheffield, Assistant Director of Extension work at State College, and Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, District Home Demonstration agent Local people who spoke were County Agent E. O. McMahan, Miss Cornelia Simpson, Home Demonstration Agent, Mr. J. F. Womble, and Mr. C. R. Hall, of the Deep River community, Mr. J. E. Adams, of Jonesboro, and Mr. J. R. Sanders, of Sanford.

Mr. Sheffield emphasized the importance of a farming program that would enable farm people to grow their supplies on the farm. Mr. McMahan said that it was the duty of every citizen of the county to help in the movement now underway to have every family that has been receiving Federal Relief grow a garden and other food so that they will not need help in the future.

Change for the whole county arrangements were made to have a marketing committee in each community under the auspices of the Home Demonstration clubs and the Granges. Bulletin boards will be provided for posting notices at some public place in each community and one has been set up at the court house to serve the whole county. Mr. E. D. Nall said that he would provide another one at some place in Sanford. This type of exchange will fill a particular need at this time when people have so little money to buy with but have surpluses of some products that they would like to swap for things they need.

POSTOFFICE SITE YET UNDECIDED

Selection of Building Site Narrows To Two Steel Street Locations.

An inspector from Washington was here the first of the week inspecting and surveying sites for the new post office building that will be constructed here in the near future. As only two lots were surveyed with a view to selecting the site, the Smith lot on the corner of Chatham and Melver streets has been eliminated and will not figure in the selection.

The only two sites now considered, so we are informed, is the lot on the corner of Steele and Cole streets, on the opposite side of the street from Steele street Methodist church, and the lot owned by Dr. J. P. Monroe on the corner of Steele and Gordon streets. This inspector after pricing land looking the lots over returned to Washington without having made known his decision in the matter. The owners of the property and people of the town are kept guessing as to where the official lightning from Washington will strike.

FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Home demonstration club women and friends had a great treat Wednesday morning when more than 150 women from eighteen communities gathered at the Town Hall to hear Mrs. Frances Young Cline of the General Foods Corporation, of New York, demonstrate various dishes.

Mrs. Cline is a most skillful demonstrator and came to Sanford under the auspices of Miss Cornelia Simpson, Home Demonstration Agent and the County Council.

The members of the Home Demonstration Clubs manifested much interest in the program put on by Mrs. Cline and gained much information that will be a great help to them in their domestic work in the home.

POULTRY SALE

The E. E. Eller Produce Co. will hold another Sale at Palmer and Reeves Stable on Saturday, Feb. 25. They will pay spot cash with some grades of poultry bringin' as high as 15c pound. Watch for advertisement in this publication next week. For information see or write Ray Bullis.