

# BANK OPENING IN NEAR FUTURE PROBABLE

## MANY FINE FARMS UNDER CULTIVATION IN DEEP RIVER VALLEY SECTION COUNTY

### WESTERN SECTION OF COUNTY HAS FERTILE LANDS

While On Tour of Cemeteries Many Fine Farms Are Observed In County.

### CROPS ARE LOOKING GOOD

While on a trip with Postmaster Ralph Kennedy who visited and placed miniature flags on the graves of World War veterans in five cemeteries in the Cool Springs, Cummock, Gulf, Caribton and Pocket sections last Sunday afternoon we had an opportunity to see fields of beautiful wheat, young cotton, corn and other crops. The wheat was ripening and no doubt much of it is being harvested this week. Chatham is one of the best small grain counties in the State and produces large crops of wheat and oats, as well as rabbits. It is said that Lee county has about as many Chatham rabbits to the acre as Chatham county of the state because of the large number of rabbits shipped to markets outside of the county every winter season.

We passed through a number of very productive farms in Lee and Chatham while on the trip. The Cummock farm is one of the most productive farms in this section of the State although much of the land has been under cultivation for a century or more. Some of the best land on this historic old farm is owned by Mr. John H. Kennedy, one of Lee county's leading and most highly esteemed citizens. He has under cultivation a large field of beautiful cotton on the road near his home. The engineers who have for several months been engaged in making a soil survey of the county, find this to be very valuable soil. They have expressed the opinion that Mr. Kennedy could make a great success raising various kinds of vegetables and truck on this soil. There is also some fine tobacco land on this farm.

It was a very quiet Sunday at the Cummock and Coal Glen coal mines. The property was put up and sold at public auction a few months ago, and it was hoped that it would be bought and the mining machinery put in operation at an early date, but so far nothing has been done to develop the property.

We passed through the farm of the late Jap Jordan near Gulf on the Chatham side of the river. This farm has for many years been under cultivation and is known as one of the best farms in that county. It is now being cultivated by Ralph Jordan, son of the late Jap Jordan.

There are good farms in and around Caribton in Lee and Chatham. Mr. Martin Wilcox, a member of the board of County Commissioners, who lives at Caribton, owns and operates one of the best farms in that section. For many years it was owned by his father, the late Capt. George Wilcox. Capt. Wilcox was a good farmer and kept the place in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Martin Wilcox, politically speaking, has made a "come back." Several years ago he ran for the office of county commissioner and led the ticket. He ran for the office again last fall and was elected by a big majority.

The late George Cole, a man of high standing in the community, owned a very valuable farm which adjoins the Wilcox farm. People who knew Caribton years ago can hardly think of the place today without recalling the merchant mill which was operated on the river at that place for many years. The mill dated back to the time when very few families lived there. The mill was removed and an electric plant built by Mr. John R. McQueen. After operating it a few years Mr. McQueen sold the property to the Carolina Power and Light Company who operates it when the power is needed.

Miss Camille Carroll, who attended the Conservatory of Music in Durham has returned home. Miss Carroll sings and plays and has been much in demand during her college year. The following Sanford citizens spent the week end in Washington City: R. W. Vick, T. T. Hayes, D. B. King, C. H. Riddle and T. L. Riddle. They had a most delightful sojourn in Washington, returning home the first of the week.

### ANNUAL MEMORIAL HELD ON SUNDAY

Many Attend Memorial Service Held Sunday Afternoon In Methodist Church

Memorial services for World War veterans who died in the service and since the armistice was signed were held in Steele street Methodist church last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program, which was sponsored by members of Lee Post No. 18, American Legion, was in charge of W. T. Dowd, Commander of the Post. The program was opened by the flag and post colors being advanced during an organ prelude, and placed in front of the altar.

Inveigement by Rev. L. D. Hayman, after which the patriotic song, "America," was rendered by congregation, Mrs. H. C. Roberts, at organ. All stood with bowed heads for 90 seconds in silent reverence for the fallen comrades. A song was rendered by a quartet composed of W. L. Jewell, W. L. Seawell, F. Y. Hanner and Dr. M. L. Matthews. A list of the names of the World War veterans buried in Lee county was read by Past Commander W. H. White. G. A. Younce, of Greensboro, speaker of the occasion, was introduced by Past Commander H. M. Jackson. Mr. Younce told of the patriotic spirit displayed by the people of this country in fighting for a principle in the various wars and of the many hardships endured by our forefathers in establishing this government. He followed this up by paying a beautiful tribute to the American soldiers who also fought in the World War to maintain that principle. He appealed to them to continue to fight so that liberty and equal rights can be guaranteed to all in time of peace. This was followed by a solo which was rendered by Leo Pendergrass, after which the congregation joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Following are the names of the World War veterans from Lee county who died in service and the cemeteries in which they are buried: Boy Foster, Grace Chapel; Marvin Lemmons, Arlington, D. C.; Lee Gaster, Buffalo cemetery; Willie Wicker, Buffalo cemetery; Cooper Moffitt, Jonesboro cemetery; Robert McPhail, St. Andrews cemetery; Lacy Perry, Center church cemetery; Robert Wicker, Buffalo cemetery; Loy Crutchfield, Center church cemetery.

Died since Armistice: Leonard Jones, Buffalo cemetery; John R. Jones, Jr., Buffalo cemetery; Walter Gilmore, Gilmore Burial Plot; John McNeill, Grace Chapel; Clarence Pickard, Cool Springs; Phil Cross, Buffalo cemetery; William P. Bridges, Posey Key, White Hill cemetery; M. L. McIver, Shallow Well; Peck Hall, Coal Glen church cemetery, Chatham county; Charles R. Freeman, Gulf Presbyterian cemetery; Carl Buie, Lemon Springs cemetery; Clarence High, Jonesboro cemetery; Clyde F. Rosser, Shallow Well cemetery; L. H. Howard, Memphis church cemetery; Carson Avant, Moore-Union cemetery; Wm. D. Harris, Arlington cemetery; H. C. Renegar, Chapel Hill cemetery; Russell Fields, Buffalo cemetery; Robert Matthews, Buffalo cemetery; Milton Stephens, Jonesboro cemetery; Gaddy Phillips, Pocket cemetery; Tom Underwood, Caribton cemetery; Dr. C. L. Scott, Buffalo cemetery; Dr. E. M. Melver, Jonesboro cemetery; W. E. Roseman, Poplar Springs cemetery; John Harrington, Jonesboro cemetery.

At the conclusion of the services at the church detachments of members of the local post and members of the auxiliary drove out to the cemeteries and placed flowers and miniature flags on the graves of the dead veterans.

### LIGHTNING STRIKES ALARM

During a thunder storm last Saturday afternoon lightning struck an electric line which connected with the fire alarm system at the City Hall, sounding the alarm. Upon sounding the alarm it was found that there was no damage to the alarm system.

Mr. J. E. Brinn, president of the State Building and Loan Association, returned Thursday night from the eastern section of the State where he had been presiding at meetings of local building and loan associations. He reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

### BROADWAY LADIES FEED KIWANIAN

Dr. Adams Speaks To Kiwanians At Broadway Meeting On Church Attendance.

The Kiwanis Club had luncheon with the ladies of the Methodist church at Broadway last Friday evening. They went to Broadway expecting to enjoy a feast and they were not disappointed. The ladies of Broadway have the reputation of being good cooks and they certainly sustained that reputation Friday evening.

Dr. G. T. Adams, the former pastor of Steele Street Methodist Church, was a guest of the club and speaker of the evening. He made a splendid talk on "The Value of Going to Church." The burden of his argument was that if preachers expect people to go to church to hear them preach they must bring them a message that is worth while. The soul as well as the body needs to be fed, but it must be fed on spiritual things. Dr. Adams (Continued On Page Eight.)

## CITY SCHOOLS BRING YEAR'S WORK TO END

The commencement exercises of the Sanford High School will close with the graduating exercises Monday night, June 5th. Dr. Horace Williams, of the Department of Philosophy of the University, will deliver the literary address on the occasion. Miss Pauline Love, the salutatorian, will welcome the audience, and the farewell message will be given by Miss Elizabeth Gilliam, valedictorian. Bibles and diplomas will be presented to the members of the finishing class.

Dr. Albert Russell, Dean of the School of Religion, Duke University, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the sanctuary of the high school. The members of the graduating class will occupy seats in front of the platform. The Freshman and Sophomore Declamation contest was held Tuesday night, the Junior and Senior Declamation contest Wednesday night and class night will be held Friday night.

### CLASS OF '33, SANFORD HI SCHOOL

- WILLIAM J. BRINN
- PAULINE BURGESS
- JOHN WARREN BOWERS
- FRANK M. CONDER
- CARLYLE VERNON CLARK
- GERTRUDE MONTGOMERY CRABTREE
- GENEVA FARRAR COOPER
- ELIZABETH MAIE DORSETT
- EARL GORDON FOUSHEE
- DOROTHY SHEPPARD FAIRCLOTH
- MARVIN CLEVELAND FULTON, Jr.
- SOLOMON GILMORE
- EDWARD ADOLPHUS GRIFFIN, Jr.
- WILLIAM HENRY GURLEY, Jr.
- KATHERINE ESTELLE GUNTER
- ELIZABETH HUNTER GILLIAM
- MARY HARRINGTON
- BRYANT RUBEN JOHNSON
- SIDNEY EVERETT JOHNSON
- LEVY EDWARD KELLY
- DAISY PAULINE KISSELL
- JOHN NEWTON LEDWELL
- MARY EVELYN LASSITER
- BESSIE PAULINE LOVE
- WALLACE GORDON McIVER
- MILDRED MYERS
- EDITH GRAYSON MAKEPEACE
- HERBERT SETZER McDONALD
- LESSIE LEE NALLS
- RICHARD HENRY POE, Jr.
- GUS PALMER, Jr.
- MARY ALICE POE
- SEANNIE POWERS
- NEILL THERON PATTERSON
- MYRTLE WILLIS RIDDLE
- CHARLES PALMER ROGERS, Jr.
- INEZ FREEMAN RUSSELL
- WILLIAM BRYANT REID
- WARREN JACKSON RIVES
- EDNA GLADYS STEWART
- FLORA McIVER TEAGUE
- LORIANE GWYN TYSON
- DAVID McNEILL TEAGUE
- EMERY TAYLOR USSERY, Jr.
- WILLIAM J. WRENN, Jr.
- WILLIAM WYCHE WILKINS, Jr.
- WARREN RAND WILLIAMS, Jr.
- MARY JOHN WATSON
- WILLIAM PAUL WILLIAMSON
- EARL MURDOCK WILKIE
- MARY KATHERINE WICKER
- MARY GLADYS WAKEFIELD

### LOCAL DRY FORCES MOBILIZE FOR WAR AGAINST REPEAL

Dry Forces of State Appealing To People To Think Before Voting In November

### ARE ORGANIZING LOCALLY

Many Citizens Sign Petition Declaring Themselves Against Amendment Repeal.

To the Men and Women Voters of North Carolina: On May 27, 1933, the people of North Carolina voted against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor by a majority of 44,186. We are again called upon, on Tuesday, November 7, 1933, to do battle in this righteous cause.

No family, high or low, rich or poor, has escaped the galling curse of the drink habit. It is the canker worm that has eaten into the heart of the body politic. It has made the sweet water of life bitter. The tears that have been shed by an army of mourners speak of our heads as well as our hearts.

"In the sweetest buds,  
The eating canker dwells."  
No race is exempt; especially it is injurious to the Negro workman. (Continued On Page Eight.)

### POPULAR YOUNG MAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH AT MORRIS POND FRIDAY

#### LOOKING FOR GOOD TOBACCO MARKET

Plans For Large Offerings Being Made On Local Tobacco Market This Fall.

A good tobacco market is assured for Sanford this fall. Two and maybe three warehouses will be open for handling tobacco during the season which will open some time in September. The Express is informed by a letter that Messrs. L. A. Wells and H. C. Lewis, of Danville, Va., will have charge of the Farmers' Warehouse for the season. Mr. Wells, who is an experienced tobacconist, is well known to the planters in this section, having for several years been an operator on the floor of the 3-W warehouse. Mr. Lewis who has been in the business for 15 years, has handled tobacco at Danville, Va., Fairmont, N. C., and Loris, S. C.

The 3-W warehouse will again be in charge of Mr. W. F. Wood, of this place, during the coming season. Mr. Wood is too well known to the people of Sanford and this section to need an introduction at the hands of The Express. He has engaged in the business here for a number of years and knows how to deliver the goods when it comes to handling a tobacco market.

There is a possibility that there will be three warehouses in operation here during the season. Parties were here recently looking over the situation with a view to opening the warehouse formerly run by Tilley Bros. on the opposite corner from the 3-W warehouse. It will probably be known in a few days as to what will be done about the matter.

Mr. A. K. Miller, who presided over the bank meeting at the Wilrik Hotel Wednesday night, suggested that a delegation of citizens of Sanford be sent to the big tobacco concerns to make arrangements for handling all grades on the warehouse floors at this place this fall. This was not done last year and the market was hurt by it. A delegation will probably call on the tobacco concerns in a few days to arrange this matter.

#### LETTERS CARRIERS HAVE GOOD MEET

Rural Carriers Have Successful Meet Here On Tuesday; Elect New Officers.

The Central Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association held their regular May 30th meeting in Steele street Methodist church. This association is composed of carriers in the following counties: Lee, Chatham, Moore, Montgomery, and Harnett.

The Willing Workers of Deep River School, led by Mrs. J. W. Jackson, of Moncure, rendered several selections, after which the ladies of the Auxiliary retired to an adjoining room to hold a business meeting. The carriers also held a business meeting. Adjourment was taken for dinner about 12:30 and a delightful picnic dinner was enjoyed on the church grounds.

In the afternoon the ladies went to the theatre, tickets being furnished by the Sanford Carriers.

The Carriers continued their business meeting in the afternoon and elected the following officers and delegates to the State convention which is to be held in Charlotte July 3rd and 4th:

President, Alonzo Blue, Carthage; Vice presidents, which include one from each county: Lee, W. O. Yarbrough, Jonesboro; Moore, W. T. Blue, Carthage; Harnett, Merrett Burns, Dunn; Montgomery, E. A. Morgan, Star; Chatham, J. H. Stone, Siler City; Secretary and Treasurer, L. D. Bynum, Siler City. Delegates to State Convention: L. L. Thomas, J. W. Moore, M. C. Wilder, J. W. Moncure, and E. A. Morgan.

### YOUNG MAN LOSES LIFE AT MORRIS POND ON FRIDAY

Body Is Recovered Too Late To Be Resuscitated; Entire Community Shocked.

#### FUNERAL IS HELD SUNDAY

The people of Sanford were saddened last Friday upon learning of the tragic death of John Allen Bryant, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bryant, of this place, which occurred by drowning at Morris pond, a few miles below Jonesboro that afternoon about 2 o'clock. Young Bryant went with a party of young people from Sanford to Morris pond for the purpose of taking a swim. He was the first to enter the water and upon wading some little distance from the bank he stepped in a hole where the water was over his head and as he was unable to swim, went down. Upon realizing that the boy was drowning J. P. Brannon, who was also in the water, and Miss Johnnie Jean Rivers, who was on the bank, jumped in and attempted to rescue him, but failed. J. D. Morris, who has the management of the pond, finally succeeded in recovering the body. Dr. Waylon Iuse, who was called to the scene by telephone, arrived a few minutes later to find him dead. Efforts were made to resuscitate him, but to no avail. It is believed by some that he died from a heart attack. His tragic death cast a gloom over the entire town and community.

The funeral services were held at the home of his parents on Elm street Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of Steele street Methodist church, assisted by Dr. G. T. Adams, former pastor of the church, and Rev. Frank C. Hawkin, pastor of the First Baptist church. A large concourse of people from this and other places, attended the funeral. At the conclusion of the services at the home the remains were borne to Buffalo cemetery for interment. The grave was covered with a collection of lovely floral designs. The pall bearers were John B. King, J. P. Brannon, John McKernan, Jr., James King, Leo Bowers, and Bill Makepeace.

John Allen Bryant was born in Yadin county and moved with his parents to Sanford a few years ago where they have since made their home. He was a member of the Junior class in the Sanford High School and was very popular with his school mates. He was a good student and took a high stand in his classes. A few days before his death he talked to his mother about going to the University after finishing in the Sanford High School. He was planning for the future and had an ambition to get an education. He will be sadly missed, especially by his devoted parents and brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters and four brothers, Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Chester, S. C.; Mrs. Robert Siceloff, of High Point; Oscar and Bennett Bryant, of Elcentro, California; and Olla and Arch Bryant, of Sanford.

There is a lot of antique furniture at the Sanford Furniture Repair Shop on Moore street. Among the old furniture there for sale or to be repaired, is an office desk, supposed to be more than 100 years old, now owned by Mr. Joe D. Smith, formerly of this place, but now of Jonesboro. The top of this old desk was made of walnut and is in a good state of preservation. On the side of this desk was pasted a court calendar dated 1824, 109 years ago. There is a hall rack in this lot of furniture thought to be at least 200 years old.

#### EFIRD'S JUNE SALE

Perhaps the biggest sale that Efirnd has ever put on at this place is now being held at their store on Steele street, having opened this morning. It will continue through the month of June. Many good bargains can be found in this up-to-date dry goods store. The best way to find out about these hundreds of bargains in every line of goods is to go see them for yourself. This is the best way to be convinced that we are giving you facts. You will find the salesladies and salesmen ready to show the goods and quote the prices. Come in and take a look even if you are not prepared to make purchases. You will find a glad welcome at this store at all times.

### DISAGREEMENT IS CAST ASIDE AFTER LONG DISCUSSION

Sanford Representatives To Raleigh Meeting Report Plan To Local Depositors.

#### GIVE CLEAR EXPLANATION

As the plans made known by J. G. Pittman and Senator T. S. Cross, who were delegated at a meeting of depositors of the Page Trust Company, at the Wilrik Hotel last Monday morning to go to Raleigh, that morning and attend a meeting of delegates from the several offices of the Page Trust Company, and report back at a second meeting Wednesday night, the matter of establishing a bank in Sanford has taken a new turn. After many of the details in connection with the proposed bank were presented for consideration many of those who were opposed to organizing the new bank are now in favor of it. They now see the matter in an entirely new light. There no longer seems to be any doubt that a new bank will be organized. They realize that if we are to have a bank it must be through this new organization. With the exception of perhaps one man, who heard the report as presented in a very intelligent manner by these two gentlemen, there seems to be no objection to going ahead with the organization.

In the matter of the Page Trust Company some depositors at Raleigh and Hamlet have filed objections, but these are not sufficient to block the reorganization of the institution. It seems to be generally conceded that the plan proposed offers the very best opportunity for depositors to receive the largest dividends. The new bank will be under a new name, with new people in charge, controlled by depositors of the old bank, and supervised by the Commissioner of Banks of North Carolina and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which is to furnish half the capital for the new bank. In addition to this the bank is expected to eventually be brought under the new National Banking laws by which deposits will be guaranteed by the government.

A stock assessment of 100 per cent has been ordered on all the old stockholders and this money will be placed to the credit of the old bank and used by it in purchasing the stock in the new bank to offset that part of the new stock bought and paid for in cash by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Immediately the new bank is organized the old bank will pay a dividend of twenty per cent to its depositors and other dividends as fast as the liquidating committee can turn assets into cash. This process will be in the hands of a committee, the majority of which represents and is selected from depositors. The committee will be composed of seven men, four of whom will be elected by the depositors, two by the stockholders and one by other creditors, probably the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. All will operate under the supervision of the State Commissioner of Banks.

Mr. Pittman who quoted a lot of data showing how the new organization will be set up and operated, stated that the plan is similar to the plan adopted in Detroit, Mich. and some other cities. Groups of depositors in each unit will be called upon to meet and nominate five depositors, who when elected by the depositors, will meet with similar groups and elect the four depositors who will be members of the board that will have full charge of the liquidation and also represent the depositors of the old bank in the new.

The plan of liquidation is unique in that for the first time it puts the liquidation of a closed bank in the hands of the depositors themselves. After hearing the plan of reorganization explained by Mr. Pittman and Senator Cross and discussed from every angle by many of those present it was unanimously approved. Following are the names of those who voted to set up the new organization as planned:

J. E. Brinn, T. T. Hayes, Dr. J. I. Neal, R. E. Bobbitt, Dr. F. W. McCracken, W. L. Simmons, B. Cole, Jr. It will continue through the month of June. Many good bargains can be found in this up-to-date dry goods store. The best way to find out about these hundreds of bargains in every line of goods is to go see them for yourself. This is the best way to be convinced that we are giving you facts. You will find the salesladies and salesmen ready to show the goods and quote the prices. Come in and take a look even if you are not prepared to make purchases. You will find a glad welcome at this store at all times.

(Continued On Page Eight.)