

# THE BANK OF AURORA

AURORA, N. C.

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RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and Discounts ..... \$ 20,046.90	Capital Stock ..... \$ 10,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures ..... 3,435.00	Surplus and Profits ..... 6,455.65
Due from Banks ..... 81,167.57	Cashier's Checks Outstanding ..... 417.13
Cash on Hand ..... 8,261.55	Certified Checks Outstanding ..... 31.23
	Deposits ..... 96,007.01
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### EFFECT OF GOOD ROADS.

To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of roads, specialists of the office of Public Roads and Rural-Engineering of the department made economic surveys in eight counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1914, inclusive. This study of the increase in the values of farm land in the eight counties reveals the interesting fact that following the improvement of the main trunk roads the increase in the market value of tillable farm land served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements. The increase in values in those instances which were recorded ranged from 63 per cent to 80 per cent in Spotsylvania County, Va.; 75 to 80 in Dinwiddie County, Va.; 70 to 80 in Lee County, Va.; 75 to 100 in Wise County, Va.; 90 to 100 in Franklin County, N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas County, Ala.; 25 to 50 in Lauderdale County, Miss.; and from 50 to 100 in Manatee County, Fla. The estimates of increase were based for the most part upon the territory within a distance of 1 mile on each side of the roads improved. In Spotsylvania County a careful record was made in 1910 of 35 farms located on the road selected for improvement. Of the 7 farms sold in 1912 the prices actually paid show increases of from 37 to 116 per cent over the 1910 valuation. The average value after the roads were improved was \$28.26 per acre, as compared with \$17.31 previous to the improvement. In 1913 four transfers of farm land were on the basis of \$30.11 per acre, whereas the properties were listed in 1910 at only \$13.89 per acre. It appears that the 1,451 acres sold in 1914 increased in value \$23,500, or 80 per cent, or from \$24.46 to \$44.10 per acre. In Dinwiddie County, Va., the actual price of 43 farms sold or offered for sale from 1907 to 1914 ranged in price from \$8.33 to \$43.74 per acre before the roads were built, and from \$24.70 to \$73.60 per acre after the roads were improved. In Lee County, Va., a study of eight tracts along the roads before and after improvement indicated that their properties increased about \$23 per acre, or about 70 per cent. In Wise County, Va., a study of eight representative farms located on roads showed that they increased in value from an average of \$49.66 per acre before improvement to \$79.44 after the roads were improved. There were increases in valuation in other sections of from \$60 to \$90 or even \$100 per acre.

In Franklin County, N. Y., the figures seem to indicate that the change from earth, sandy, and loam roads to bituminous macadam was followed by increases averaging \$12.50 per acre, or about 30.7 per cent. In Dallas County, Ala., careful investigation seemed to indicate that road improvement has added at least \$5 to each acre of land within a half mile of improved roads. Tracts sold at from \$8 to \$10 per acre were sold again after road improvement at from \$30 to \$25 per acre. In Lauderdale County, Miss., the total assessed valuation of real property outside of the city was \$2,757,546. This increased in 1914 after road improvement to \$3,183,809, or 15.4 per cent. Local real estate men place the increase in land values on account of improved roads at from 25 to 50 per cent. In Manatee County, Fla., careful study of sales and real estate records indicated that the improvement of roads has added from 15 to 100 per cent, or at least \$15 per acre, to the selling price of all lands within one-half mile of improved roads. This would give a total of \$611,000, or more than twice the value of the bonds issued.

The blessed old tub gave a jurch. I thought it was goodbye to earth. It was only some German dead and wounded we had skidded into. Rain of bullets sounded like hundreds of rivets being driven into the tank's hide. We got to like the regular rhythm of it. Hearier strumming on our keyboard. Machine gun at it. There was a tremendous thud along about this time. Whole outfit thought we were done for. Only some unwanted obstacles along an enemy parapet. Some Hunns tried the rushing dodge. Their rushing days are over. Wednesday—Early start. Roughest voyage yet. Waves of fire seemed to break over us. Party of Germans came to meet us outside the trenches. Thought it was the Mayor and village notables coming to give us a warm welcome. Mistaken. They let fly with machine guns. Then they tried boarding tactics. We laughed. Tank reception party dispersed in cloud of smoke. Only remaining member fat old gentleman threw himself down before us with many signs of submission. Thursday—Passed down village street of wrecked houses. Hunns rushed out of cellars and dug out. One blighter rushed at us with clubbed rifle. Made terrible swipe at tank. Hurt himself more than us. Had nice joy ride after a bevy of fleeing Germans. All fat men. Friday—Early afloat. Usual shower of bullets. Got right across a trench. Enemy tried to run but couldn't. Threw up the sponge. One cheeky chap said he didn't think it was fair to use such fighting machines. We asked him if he thought we ought to get the Kaiser's permission to use the tanks. Didn't see the joke. Took about 200 prisoners. Killed and wounded as many more. Tired out. Saturday—Out before breakfast. Terrible crash first thing. Thought we had encountered wandering world. Weathered storm. Report. Enemy preparing for surprise attack. Our surprise came. Waddled into their ambush. Never saw men so frightened. Only few chaps stayed behind. Went snorting after them wherever we could find them. Later strong detachments tried to make their way back. We lined up across road gave them hot time. Every time they tried to rush we ripped their ranks to bits. They finally gave up. Sunday—Frightening Germans continued. Landed out death as you might vamp out music from a hurdy hurdy. Fritz got fits. No fight left in him. Prisoners scared to death. Some of them acted as though they believed we used our tanks for mak-sausages out of prisoners.

### ONE OF CREW TELLS WHAT FIGHTING FROM TANK IS LIKE

(By United Press)  
London, Oct. 26.—(By Mail)—A young Australian soldier, wounded while serving as one of the crew in a "tank" has given the world the first real story of what happens when this newest engine of war goes into action. His diary of a week's work in an armored juggernaut follows:  
Monday—Out for the first time. Strange sensation. Bullets rained like hail on a galvanized roof. Suddenly gave a terrible lurch. Look-out said we were astride an enemy trench. "Give 'em Hell" was the order. We did. The frightened Germans ran like rabbits but were shot down in bunches. Machine-guns started vicious rattle on our "hide." Not the least impression. Moved on and caught another German detachment. Cut their ranks to ribbons. Prisoners very curious stared at us wide-eyed. First day's experience not pleasant. "Tank" sickness is as bad as sea-sickness.  
Tuesday—Off for another cruise. Peppering began at once. Thought the old tank was going to drown in the shower of bullets. Silly blighters thought they could rush the tank like a fort. We fired at them point blank. We spat at them venomously.

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