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## Bold Highway Robbery Staged Four Miles North Of Town Tuesday Night

R. C. Comer, Moore County Farmer, Held Up And Robbed Of Car And Cash.

Give Victim \$4.00 To Pay His Way Home

Then Speed Away, Taking Comer's Car And \$400 In Cash—No Trace Found.

Held up by four highwaymen with drawn pistols, robbed of his Buick touring car and four hundred dollars in cash, given four one dollar bills from his own roll, and left about four miles north of Asheboro, on Highway 70, at nine o'clock Tuesday night, was the experience crowded into a brief space of time of R. C. Comer, Moore county farmer, who was enroute home from Winston-Salem.

The bold robbery, one of the most daring in recent times in this section, was staged at the bridge across the four-mile branch, the distance the name indicates north of Asheboro. The highwaymen driving in front of Mr. Comer drove their car squarely across the entrance to the bridge over the branch, and hardly had Mr. Comer stopped his Buick to keep from crashing into the standing car than four men with drawn pistols, confronted him and demanded that he crawl out and deliver up what money he had on his person.

Take Car and \$400 in Cash

Quickly searching his pockets, the highwaymen, four of them, one described as a mulatto and the other three white, found only a few dollars. Not satisfied with their finding, the mulatto took his knife and slashed open Mr. Comer's boots, in one of which he had concealed the larger part of the \$400 in cash which he had received in the afternoon for a load of tobacco which he had sold on the Winston-Salem market. This, the robbers confiscated also. Leaving Mr. Comer, two of the highwaymen climbed into their car, a Chrysler sedan, while the other two took the wheel of Mr. Comer's car. Asked by Mr. Comer if they intended to leave him stranded on the highway, one of the highwaymen asked him where he lived and how far he was from home. Comer advised them that he lived near Carthage and was many miles away from home, and, of course, without funds. Peeling off the four one dollar bills, which constituted a part of the loot, one of the highwaymen handed them to Mr. Comer and told him that would serve to pay his way home. The highwaymen then drove both cars away in the direction of Asheboro.

Mr. Comer came to Hasty's filling station, just above Asheboro, and turned in the alarm. Officers immediately got busy and notified authorities in nearby towns and cities. However, so far no trace has been obtained of those who staged the bold holdup.

Followed Comer From Winston

The highwaymen in their Chrysler had followed Mr. Comer all the way from Winston-Salem. The car would first be driven behind Mr. Comer's car for a short distance and then it would slow down, permitting Mr. Comer to pass. This kept up all the way to the place of the robbery. Mr. Comer stopped at White Hall filling station at the junction of Highways 70 and 77, about three miles north of the scene of the holdup, and stayed about fifteen minutes with the hope

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Two Shipments Of Quail

Arrive For Game Farm

Two shipments of quail have arrived for the new State game farm on the county home tract, two miles south of Asheboro. These quail were trapped in Wilkes and will be used at the farm for propagation purposes. At present they are at the Tip Top lodge, in the western part of the county, and will be kept there until provision is made for them at the game farm. Work is being pushed on the new farm, and on March 1st, W. C. Grimes, a member of the board of county commissioners and superintendent of Tip Top lodge, will take active charge of the work.

Death Claims Mr.

Braxton N. Allen

Was One Of Three Elderly Citizens Of His Community To Die In A Week.

Mr. Braxton N. Allen, 76, familiarly known as "Bud", died at his home near Holly Springs Sunday following an illness of several weeks from a stroke of paralysis, and for the last three days of his life constant hiccoughs. He had lived for more than fifty years at the old Allen home place. Mr. Allen was the last of a family of six to pass to the great beyond and was one of the three oldest citizens of his community to die within a week, the other two being Mrs. Eli Phillips and Mr. Nathan Allen.

Mr. Allen was twice married, the first time to Miss Nancy Brantley and the last time to Miss Emmica Cox. There were no children by either marriage. Mr. Allen was a birthright member of the Holly Springs church from which the funeral service was conducted Tuesday by Rev. John Allred.

## To Form Guernsey Breeders Association At Meeting Friday

The series of meetings being held in the county this week in the interest of dairying by County Agent E. S. Millsaps, Jr., assisted by A. C. Kinsley, State College specialist, will come to a close with a meeting in the court house in Asheboro Friday afternoon, Jan. 20th, at 2 o'clock. Prior to this last meeting, eleven such gatherings will have been held in as many different places in the county. Large numbers of farmers have attended these dairy meetings, and much interest and enthusiasm has been shown in the discussion of dairying. At the Asheboro meeting tomorrow afternoon it is the purpose of the County Agent to assist in the organization of a Guernsey Breeders Association. Those interested in this are especially urged to attend.

## Mrs. Eunice Smith Died Sunday A. M.

From Infirmities Of Age—Funeral Held At Home Of Her Daughter Monday.

An Industrious Woman

Mrs. Eunice Smith, one of the elderly citizens of the community, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will D. Dickens, Sunday morning, following several weeks of indisposition from the infirmities of age. She was born and reared in Asheboro and had spent practically all her life here except for the past few years when she made extended visits to her son, Amos Smith, in High Point.

Mrs. Smith was an industrious, honest and considerate woman, always considering how she could save her family, friends and neighbors. While not a possessor of vast worldly goods, she was of the type of woman who invest in the affairs of benefit in the great hereafter. She had been identified with the local M. E. church for many years.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. C. Reavis, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Dickens, Monday at 10 a. m., after which burial followed in the plot of her son in the High Point cemetery. Mrs. Smith was the mother of several children, only the two whose names have been mentioned survive.

## Mrs. Will Thompson Dies From Pneumonia

Was Member Of West Bend Church From Which Funeral Was Held Monday.

Mrs. Will Thompson, aged 33, died at her home at West Bend, Saturday night, January 14, following an illness lasting ten days with pneumonia. Mrs. Thompson was a conscientious christian woman and a faithful member of West Bend Methodist Episcopal church. She leaves besides her husband, four children, Worth, Cline, Edith and Elmer. Wade, the seven-year-old son of the deceased, died four weeks ago also with pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted at West Bend M. E. church Monday morning at 11 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. E. C. Widenhouse, assisted by Rev. F. R. Cooper, pastor of the local Holiness church, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Staley Wins Three Contests

The Staley quintet defeated Asheboro at Rameur Monday by the score of 20 to 16, Franklinville on Wednesday, 23 to 12, and Pleasant Garden on Thursday by the score of 15 to 14. Staley is second in scoring in Randolph county, with 87 points for the season.

## Mrs. Sarah Phillips Died Friday Morning

At Home Of Her Son, A. V. Phillips—Funeral At Union Grove Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah J. Phillips, 71 years of age, widow of Eli C. Phillips, who died 18 years ago, passed away at the home of her son, A. V. Phillips, five miles south of Rameur, Friday morning after an illness of two months. She leaves three sons, B. B. Phillips, Greensboro, S. F. Phillips, Asheboro, and A. V. Phillips, Rameur, R. F. D., and one brother, John Allen, who lives at Pama, Illinois.

Mrs. Phillips was a woman of quiet, unassuming faith, considerate of her friends and neighbors. She was at all times resigned to the will of the Divine Father in whom she trusted. Her friends of years ago recall her fortitude and patience during the epidemic of diphtheria 25 years ago when she nursed her children through the dread disease, saw three of them die within a week and two of them buried in the same grave.

Funeral was held Saturday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from Union Grove Christian church, of which Mrs. Phillips had been a consistent member for fifty years. The services were in charge of Rev. John Allred, a former pastor.

## J. Clyde Cox Dies After Operation

Peritonitis Following Operation Fatal To Popular Young Man.

Funeral Wednesday

J. Clyde Cox, 29, native of Randolph county, and one of the most prominent young business men of High Point, where he located in 1919 following his graduation from State College, Raleigh, died in a High Point hospital Monday night at 7 o'clock following an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed Friday night and peritonitis set in shortly afterwards, resulting in his death. His death came as a distinct shock to his many relatives and friends throughout the State. Especially was it a shock to Asheboro people who had known the young man from childhood and with whom he had been associated from boyhood. Asheboro people were especially solicitous of the condition of his health from the moment that he entered the hospital in High Point.

Mr. Cox was the son of the late O. R. Cox and Mrs. Sarah Whitley Cox, the latter of whom makes her home in Asheboro. He was born at Cedar Falls, in Randolph county. Shortly after the birth of his son, Mr. Cox moved to Asheboro, where he made his home until his death. Clyde Cox grew to manhood in Asheboro and made many lasting friends among the people of the town, who appreciated the sterling qualities of his character and mind. In 1919, Mr. Cox went to High Point to make his home. In 1921 he was married to Miss Juanita Moffitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moffitt, themselves native of the Moffitt Mill section of Randolph county.

Mr. Cox became associated with his father-in-law in the Moffitt Underwear Company, High Point, one of the largest underwear manufacturing establishments in the south. He served as secretary of the company for five years.

Surviving are his widow and a small daughter, Sarah; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Whitley Cox, of Asheboro; one brother, Lewis Tagg Cox, of Asheboro; and four sisters, Mrs. Tom Wiles and Mrs. Clarence Cranford, of Asheboro, Mrs. James O. Walker, of Charlotte, and Mrs. T. V. Rochelle, of High Point.

The funeral service was conducted at the residence at 605 Parkway Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. George R. Brown, of Reidsville, former pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, High Point, and Rev. E. Lester Ballard, present associate pastor of the church, officiated. Burial followed in Oakwood cemetery, in the Furniture City.

## Mrs. E. E. Moffitt Enjoys Weekly Visits Of Courier

In season and out of season Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, formerly of Asheboro but for many years a resident of Richmond, Virginia, reads The Courier. During the Christmas holidays a North Carolina relative went to Richmond to visit Mrs. Moffitt and on her arrival found her reading The Courier. She has been at all times a loyal supporter of The Courier and never misses an opportunity to show interest in her native county. Mrs. Moffitt was on her way to Asheboro for "Home Comers Day" at the fair last fall but contracted cold and decided it was best to deny herself the pleasure of continuing her journey here. Mrs. Moffitt has within the past two years made substantial donations to the school library.

## Automobile Wreck North Of Town Sends Several To Hospital.

An automobile accident occurring seven miles north of Asheboro on the High Point-Winston Salem road Wednesday morning resulted in the injury of several members of the party and a badly wrecked car. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitlow, a six year old son, Miss Burnett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ryan were riding in Mr. Whitlow's Nash car from their home at Winston-Salem to Southern Pines where Mrs. Ryan was going for treatment, when the car swerved on a curve and turned over. A slight rain fell early in the morning making the concrete slick. Mr. Whitlow and Mr. Ryan secured the Memorial Hospital ambulance from Asheboro and took Mrs. Ryan on to Southern Pines, leaving the other members of the party who received rather painful, but not serious injuries, at Memorial Hospital for the day. The entire party were able to return to their homes at Winston-Salem late in the afternoon.

## Pritchard Opens A Cash And Carry Grocery Store

Mr. G. P. Pritchard, of the G. P. Pritchard Grocery and Market, has rented the front space in the building occupied by the Purty Bakery on South Fayetteville street and has opened a cash and carry grocery store. He will soon open the M-System cash and carry store in the old Brady-Hughes stand west of the railroad. The G. P. Pritchard Grocery and Market, just west of the railroad, will be continued as at present, no change having been made in the policy or the conduct of this store.

## Randolph B. & L. To Open New Series Of Shares, February 1

Is One Of The Strong Associations In County, Having 4500 Shares In Force.

The Randolph County Building and Loan Association, with central office at Asheboro, has announced the opening of a new series of shares on February 1st, next. The association has approximately 4,500 shares in force at this time. It is one of the two strong associations in the county, the other being the People's Building and Loan Association, of Asheboro. Mr. Lee M. Kearns is secretary of the Randolph association, while W. A. Bunch is secretary of the People's. Both associations have been great factors in the growth of the town and county.

Those who have been desirous of subscribing to building and loan shares will welcome this opportunity to take shares in the new Randolph series. These shares are payable \$1 per month per share, one share maturing \$100 at the end of approximately 84 months. Any number of shares from one on up may be subscribed in the new series. Mr. Kearns' office is located in the Asheboro Hardware Company's building, the entrance door being in the side of the building next to North Fayetteville street and just opposite the Ashlyn hotel entrance.

## Husband Of Mary L. Parker Died Recently

Sidney Allan Poe, who was married on Sept. 31, 1927, to Miss Mary L. Parker, formerly of Rameur, Randolph county, died suddenly on January 5th, 1928, in San Diego, California. Mr. Poe had felt for several months a slight depression in his chest, but thought little of it until two months before his death when he consulted a physician and found that he had a hardening artery of the heart. He placed himself under the care of a physician and thought he was out of danger, but was suddenly taken worse on the 5th and died shortly after being stricken. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a man of strong character and of many friends.

## Colon G. Spencer Heads Big Carthage Corporation

Colon G. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Spencer, former residents of Asheboro, has been made president of the Tyson & Jones Company, at Carthage. Speaking of his elevation to this position, the Moore County News states that Mr. Spencer is known all over the Sandhill section as a business man and executive of marked ability. Spencer, says the News, is essentially a builder, and stockholders and friends of Tyson & Jones feel that the company will make great forward strides under the direction of its new president.

## Ruthless Slaughter Of Robins Stopped By Prompt Action Of Deputy Warden

Lisk Turns Back Those Who Would Kill Thousands Of Robins On Back Creek.

Federal Wardens Here

To Protect Birds Which Have Congregated Five Miles West Of Asheboro.

Ruthless slaughter of robins in the Back Creek section of Randolph county, five miles west of Asheboro, during the past few days has brought both federal and state game wardens into action. Today, federal game wardens arrived on the scene and will patrol the Back Creek section as long as the millions of robins which have come to the section remain. Last night W. C. Lisk, of Richfield, district game warden operating under State laws, was on the scene of the slaughter of the birds and turned back some thirty or forty persons who had come under cover of darkness to bag the game.

For the past few days literally millions of robins have come to the reed thickets along Back Creek. They have blackened the skies with their coming from every direction. At night they roost in the reed thickets, in tree tops, practically everywhere they can find lodgment. From whence they came or whether they are headed local folks are unable to say. But they are there.

Hardly had the robins settled in the reed thickets before their slaughter was begun. The news spread that there was fresh meat for the taking, and scores of folks the last few nights are said to have raided the thickets with lights and clubs and have killed and carried away thousands of the feathery tribe. The ground is strewn with the corpses of the birds which the killers have not taken time to pick up, so large was the supply and so great was the slaughter. It was a great temptation, and many folks fell for it.

But those who were slaughtering the birds were violating a federal statute and didn't know it. Those who have been enjoying robin pie the past day or so have been eating meat that was taken illegally and didn't know it. But they know it now. Deputy Game Warden Lisk happened to be in Asheboro when the slaughter of the birds was reported to county authorities. He immediately got

## Mrs. Sallie Rush Died Early Sunday

Heart Attack Is Fatal—Was One Of Most Highly Respected Women Of County.

Widow Of Z. F. Rush

Mrs. Sallie Elizabeth Harris Rush, widow of Z. F. Rush, died at her home on Salisbury street at six o'clock Sunday morning following an illness of less than a week of heart trouble. Mrs. Rush was one of the oldest citizens of the county, having lived a little more than four score years. She was a most active, energetic and highly conscientious woman, never failing to enter into religious, civic and political affairs. She knew the history of her county, knew her people and never lost interest in them. She had the happy faculty of giving "honor to whom honor was due," and had the courage to stand by right in face of opposition. Her keen interest and alertness was manifest to the end of her long and useful career.

She was the daughter of Jason and Lucinda Harris, of Concord township. She was educated at the New Garden Quaker school, which is now Guilford College. She was married in early life to Z. F. Rush, of Concord township, where they resided until thirty years ago when they moved their family to Asheboro. Mr. Rush was connected with the old Ross and Rush livery stables, which stood on adjoining lot and in the rear of the old court house which was replaced by the present temple of justice built in 1908.

During the life of Mrs. Rush many changes have taken place in the county, all of which have been interesting to her. She remembered people and incidents, many times refreshing the minds of younger people.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Rose G. Rush, of Asheboro, and one son, Zeb Rush, also of Asheboro, and the following grandchildren: James, Gordon and Helen York, of Asheboro, and R. E. and R. M. Laster, of Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Rush was a faithful member of the First M. E. Church, South, of Asheboro, from which the funeral was conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Reavis, assisted by Rev. Cothran G. Smith, of the Presbyterian church.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our feeling of obligations and thanks to our neighbors and friends for the many deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy and love during the sickness and death of our dear mother.—B. B. Phillips, S. F. Phillips, A. V. Phillips.

Poultry club members from Catawba, Anson and Lincoln counties are exhibiting 18 selected birds at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show this week.

## Randolph Ranks Low In Property Value Per Capita

Stands 76th Among Counties Of State In Per Capita Wealth, Figures Show.

Figures compiled by Paul W. Wager at the University of North Carolina show that the taxable property valuations in North Carolina in 1926 reached the total of \$2,798,263,601, or \$980 per capita. Forsyth county has the greatest aggregate wealth, \$178,709,494, with Mecklenburg and Guilford rivals for second place. Buncombe has the most taxable wealth per capita, \$1,938. Clay county occupies the lowest place among the counties in taxable wealth and per capita wealth, with \$2,240,518 and \$436 respectively.

Randolph ranks 76th among the 100 counties of the State in per capita wealth, which is \$650, or \$30 below the State average, while total assessed valuations in the county in 1926 reached \$20,566,515. Davidson ranked 36th in per capita wealth with \$894, and a total valuation of \$35,203,509. Montgomery county was 17th in per capita wealth, \$1,043, with a total valuation of \$15,250,903. Chatham's total valuation was \$18,789,780, with a per capita average of \$765.

## Delay In Placing Traffic Signals

Engineers Claim Type Ordered By The Town Board Would Overload Posts.

Suggest Other Designs

It was announced some weeks ago that Asheboro was to have at least three automatic traffic signals located at three important street crossings in the town. These locations were the street intersections at Bank of Randolph, Asheboro Hardware Company and Red Star Filling Station. Order was placed for signals of the type which hang overhead directly above the center of the street intersections. They were to be placed with approval of Carolina Power & Light Company engineers. These engineers have looked the situation over, however, and will not permit the placing of the signals in these desired positions due to violation of some engineering principle which would mean the overloading of the present light poles.

The engineers recommended four signals at each intersection, which would cost more money, both for the signals and the wiring, than the one center overhead signal device. The town board is not out any money on account of the controversy which has arisen, the signals having been ordered subject to approval of their placing by engineers. Several interested citizens of the town have been asking about the signals for several days past, wondering why they have not been placed. The town board still has hopes of reaching an agreement satisfactory to both the board and the power company with reference to the placing of the signal devices and have not given up hope of having them installed at some time not far distant.

Ernest W. Trogdon, 48, died last week Was Born At Rameur—Moved To North Wilkesboro 20 Years Ago.

Ernest W. Trogdon, 48, native of Rameur, Randolph county, but resident of North Wilkesboro for over 20 years, died Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10, following a brief illness. He had been in ill health for more than a year.

Mr. Trogdon was born in Randolph county on July 21, 1880, a son of Stephen Trogdon and his wife. Twenty-six years ago he was married to Miss Elsie Jane Brady and to this union were born five children, who, with their mother, survive. They are E. H. Trogdon, Bob Trogdon, Misses Blanche and Mary Trogdon, and a small son whose name this newspaper is unable to learn. Mr. Trogdon leaves also two brothers, Clifford Trogdon, of Rameur, and George Trogdon, of Toccoa, Ga.; and two sisters, Mrs. James Cavens, of Rameur, and Mrs. Stephen Willett, of Bear Creek.

Mr. Trogdon was a faithful member of the M. E. church, a Pythian and a Mason. He was highly engaged in manufacturing and closely identified with the business life of his adopted town and county.

Those from Rameur attending Mr. Trogdon's funeral Thursday morning at the North Wilkesboro M. E. church were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Trogdon, Mrs. James Cavens and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Leonard. Mrs. Willett, of Bear Creek, also attended the funeral.

Honor Gavin And Jenkins Citizens of Jonesboro and Sanford, mostly Democrats, joined together in a banquet Monday evening at the Wilkirk hotel, in Sanford, in honor of E. L. Gavin, fellow townsman of the Sanfordites, who was recently appointed U. S. attorney for the middle N. C. district, and J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City, new middle district marshal. Joe Stout, former Randolphian, was one of the speakers. He stated that he had never attended a meeting before to honor a Republican, but was glad of the opportunity to pay tribute to his fellow townsmen.

Mrs. Ada King and niece, of Greensboro, were in Asheboro Sunday visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. King left Monday for Texas, where she goes to make an extended visit to her daughter in San Antonio and place in Dallas.

The sixth annual short course for practical poultry growers will be held at State College during the week of January 23 to 28.

## Pender's To Make It Hard On Thieves

Robbers Will Have Hard Time Carrying Off These Larger Money Boxes.

Pender's cash and carry grocery stores have been victimized so many times in recent months by the acts of thieves who invariably carry off the small safes in the stores that the management of the D. Pender Grocery Company has decided to install larger iron safes in their many places of business. The safes which have been in use are small enough and sufficiently light for two men to carry. The new safes will weigh approximately a thousand pounds and no two men will be able to carry them away. It has been the custom of thieves robbing these stores to carry the safe away a safe distance and break the lock with sledge hammers, take the contents and leave the safe. This happened in Asheboro once and in many other towns and cities in the State, the latest having been at Lexington not many weeks ago.

Methodist Protestant Church (Rev. J. E. Pritchard, Pastor) 9:45 A. M. Sunday school, Mr. W. L. Ward, Supt. 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. preaching by the pastor. 6 P. M. Christian Endeavor, Senior, Intermediate and Junior. Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to all the services.

Services At The M. E. Church Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. L. D. Williams, superintendent. "The Synchpasy of Christ" will be the subject of the sermon by the pastor at 11:00 a. m.

Dr. S. B. Turrentine, President of Greensboro College for Women will preach for us at the evening hour. There will be special music at both services.

The Sunset Reading Circle will meet with Mrs. A. M. Ferree, 113 N. Church street, Monday at 8:00 p. m.

Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The Boy Scouts will meet Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to our services.

## Randolph Banks Make Good Gain During Past Year

Gain In Resources Alone Over \$300,000—Surplus Funds Increase.

8 Banks In County

Three Are Located In Asheboro And Five At Other Points In Randolph.

Annual meetings of the stockholders of the eight banks in Randolph county have been held and the usual dividends have been declared. Reports of officers of the banks to their stockholders indicate that the banks in the county have passed through a year of steady growth. Seven of the banks in the county are State banks, operating under supervision of the State banking laws, while one, the First National, in Asheboro, is a national bank, the only institution of its kind in Randolph.

Three of the banks, First National, Bank of Randolph, and Asheboro Bank and Trust Company, are located in Asheboro. The First National has passed the million mark in total resources. The Bank of Randolph is the oldest of the eight banks in the county, while the Asheboro Bank and Trust Company is the latest arrival in banking circles in Asheboro. The other five banks are located at the following places: Bank of Liberty, at Liberty; Bank of Rameur, at Rameur; Bank of Seagrave, at Seagrave; Peoples Bank, at Candler; and Bank of Coleridge, at Coleridge.

The total capital stock of all eight banks reached \$222,500, while surplus funds reached \$206,700, or about equal to the capital stock. Resources of all the eight banks amounted to \$3,576,170.71. Deposits of all kinds amounted to \$3,018,504.23, while loans amounted to \$2,227,908.05. Figures the same date last year show: Capital stock, \$218,900; surplus, \$203,400; total resources, \$3,239,953.32; loans, \$2,072,216.35; and deposits approximately two and three quarters of a million dollars.

These figures in themselves indicate a steady growth of the county's banks in every department during the past twelve months. Deposits increased a quarter of a million dollars and there was corresponding growth all along the line.

Perhaps in no other section of the State do banks and bankers enjoy the confidence of the public as in Randolph. Banks in this county, while not as large as banks in the larger cities, perhaps, have always been able to weather financial storms and have been bulwarks of safety and stability whatever conditions of business have been. The stability of the banks has reflected itself in the steady growth and prosperity of the county as a whole.

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