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BANK OF STOKES ANNUAL MEETING

Spirit of Optimism Prevailed Among Stockholders—Dividend of 8 Per Cent. Declared.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 20.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Stokes County, operating offices at Danbury, King, Germanton and Walnut Cove, was held at the bank's office here Wednesday. A report of the institution's condition rendered by the president and the casiers of the various branches, showed an increase in deposits during the year of \$461,000.00, the total resources being at present \$1,914,000.00, with capital, surplus, and contingent reserves of \$125,000.00. The bank's statement shows no bills payable or rediscount at present and is carrying substantial cash reserves in excess of \$200,000. Profits for the past year were satisfactory and a feeling of optimism prevails among the stockholders of the bank for its continued gradual progress and success.

A dividend of 8 per cent was declared the same to be payable on March 15, 1927, to holders of stock as of December 31, 1926.

The newly elected board of directors is composed of the following: Dr. J. W. Neal, N. E. Pepper, C. C. McGee, J. H. Marshall, H. H. Leake, J. C. Carson, C. E. Davis, V. T. Grabs, while local officer managers for the various branches are D. S. Priddy, R. M. Smith, E. R. Nelson, for Danbury; S. W. Pulliam, J. W. Mitchell, C. O. Boyles, for King; E. W. Carroll, H. H. Riddle, W. H. Bynum, for Germanton; C. M. Hauser, Samuel Hairston and J. B. Woodruff, for Walnut Cove. The officers of the bank are: President, J. W. Neal, cashiers are N. E. Pepper, Danbury, H. H. Leake, King, C. C. McGee, Germanton, and C. E. Davis, Walnut Cove. All of the officers have been identified with the bank for many years and are well known to the people of Stokes and surrounding counties.

Another meeting of the directors will be held within a few days for the purpose of organizing its finance committees and formulating the plans and the policies of the bank during the coming year. A report on the assets of the Farmers Union Bank and Trust Company, which was taken over in March, 1926, by the Bank of Stokes County, at Walnut Cove, under an agreement entered into with its stockholders and approved by the Corporation Commission, shows that substantial progress is being made in the liquidation of these assets.

The final act of the stockholders meeting was the passing of resolutions lamenting the death of T. D. Meador, of Madison, who had for several years been closely identified with the business interests of Walnut Cove and whose passing is keenly felt by those citizens here who have known him in a social and business way.

TO GO AFTER STOKES TAXES

Sheriff Dunlap To Make Last Tax Round, Beginning Feb. 7—Property Will Then Be Advertised.

Sheriff J. F. Dunlap announces in this paper that he will begin a round for the collection of the 1926 taxes on Feb. 7th, making twenty-nine appointments in the county, and that after this round he will advertise for sale property on which taxes have not been paid. It is stated that it will be useless to ask for extension of time, as the taxes must be paid.

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NOT TO ACCEPT COUNTY LOANS

State Highway Commission So Decides; Reason For Action Taken.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—No more loans will be accepted from counties by the State Highway Commission for construction of highways within the counties, according to Charles Ross, assistant attorney general, who stated that the Commission felt that the purpose of the loans in facilitating road construction had been accomplished.

This means that the road construction program will be cut approximately in half during the next two years even with a 30 million dollar bond issue. With a 20 million dollar bond issue authorized by the 1925 Legislature, and approximately 15 million dollars received in loans from the counties, the Highway Commission had 35 million dollars to expend on roads during the past biennium. Around twelve million dollars of the next bond issue will be used to repay the counties, which will leave eighteen millions to be spent on highways.

Both of these figures exclude the surplus which is yearly turned over to the building fund by the Highway Commission from gasoline and license taxes after the overhead expense of the commission have been paid, the maintenance program paid for, and money set aside to retire the bonds. This amounts to about three million dollars.

These figures also exclude Federal aid which will amount to \$1,708,551 during the next year, according to the biennial report of the Highway Commission recently made to the governor. During 1926 this apportionment amounted to \$1,669,168.

A clause prohibiting the Commission from receiving loans from counties will probably be included in the bill calling for a 30 million dollar bond issue, said Mr. Ross.

D. Pearce Reid Died Jan. 11th

D. Pearce Reid, of Beaver Island township, died at his home Tuesday, January 11, after an illness of two days, age 63 years. Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Baptist church by Rev. Bud Joyce, of Sandy Ridge. Interment took place in the family burying ground. He leaves a widow, two sons, six daughters, one brother and four sisters. He will be greatly missed in his community. The deceased was a member of the Christian church and was always ready to help in church work.

Appointed Justice By Governor McLean

Col. C. K. Boyles, of the Pinnacle community, was here Thursday qualifying as Justice of the Peace under a commission sent him by Governor McLean. Mr. Boyles was accompanied by Messrs. D. F. Boyles and J. H. Sams, also fine citizens and good farmers of the Pinnacle community. The trio paid the Reporter a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Mary Williams Died Thursday

Walnut Cove, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Mary Williams died at 4:30 Thursday morning at her home in Stokesburg at the advanced age of 82 years. She had been in ill health since last June. The funeral services were held at Salem Chapel at two o'clock Friday afternoon. Interment was in the church graveyard. Mrs. Williams is survived by one daughter and one son.

Follow directions and handle the incubator correctly if the best hatch of livable chicks is to be secured, say poultry workers.

J. N. LASLEY DIED SUNDAY NIGHT

Was Well Known Citizen of Stokes—Aged 76 Years—Funeral Tuesday At Home Of Deceased.

Joseph N. Lasley, who resided six miles east of Danbury, died at his home Sunday night after an extended illness.

Mr. Lasley who was 76 years of age, was a well known citizen of the county and a good man. He was always interested in public affairs and kept posted on the happenings in the nation at all times.

The deceased had long been a member of the M. E. Church, being one of the first to enroll on the church register at Davis Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Mr. N. A. Martin, of Danbury, and by three sons and one daughter, as follows: Theodore and James Lasley, of the Meadows community, and J. P. Lasley, of Woodbury, N. J., Mrs. J. Walter Lackey, of Lawsonville.

The funeral and burial were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. R. Hutcherson, of Walnut Cove, conducting the services.

Mrs. Covington Dies Near Walnut Cove

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary A. Covington, 60 years old, wife of Robert Covington, who died Saturday afternoon at the home on Walnut Cove Route 1, after illness of two weeks, was held Monday afternoon with a short service at the home at noon. Services proper were held at 2 o'clock at Chestnut Grove Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rev. H. B. Johnson, and Rev. O. E. Ward conducted the services with interment in the church graveyard.

Mrs. Covington had lived for many years at Walnut Cove where she was a good friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed in the community. She is survived by her husband; 5 sons, J. M. King, of Okanogan, Wash., H. L., of Winston-Salem, S. D. Covington, of Reidsville, W. H. and Robert Covington, of Walnut Cove, and J. E. Covington, of Siler City, six daughters, Mrs. J. D. Hall, Mrs. Della Robertson, Mrs. Bryant Sizemore, all of King Route 1, Mrs. Roy Fuller and Mrs. Malley Tuttle, and Miss Elsie Covington, all of Walnut Cove, Route 1; one sister, Mrs. Rufus Bennett, of King, and several grandchildren.

News Items Of Smithtown Section

Lawsonville, Jan. 24.—Misses Bessie Corn and Lola Collins spent Tuesday night with Misses Lola and Nealie Martin. W. R. Stovall and son Reid, visited at the home of H. T. Corn on Wednesday evening. Quite a large crowd gathered at Smithtown school Thursday evening to attend the musical concert given by Ernest Thompson. Miss Emily Woody spent Friday night with her friend Miss Margaret Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Moir Heath, of Stuart, Va., were the guests of Miss Margaret Hill Sunday afternoon. Misses Kate Knight, Jessie Fralin and Hunter Knight visited at the home of H. T. Corn Sunday. Misses Lola and Nealie Martin spent Thursday night with friends at the home of H. T. Corn. Carlos Priddy visited Miss Ruth Lawrence Saturday afternoon. Willie Amos, of Sandy Ridge, was visitor at the home of Cutler Hill during the week end. Miss Emily Woody and Jess Amos, visited Miss Winnie Ague, of Buffalo, Sunday afternoon.

Former Stokes Boy Here From California

Alger Owen, of Los Angeles, California, is visiting his brother, Dr. E. W. Owen, here this week. Mr. Owen, who is a son of former county Commissioner, J. I. Owen, has been residing in California seven years. He drove through in his car, arriving here Saturday. The trip required ten days. Mr. Owen holds a responsible position with the Santa Fe railway.

Noting that the State license number on Mr. Owen's car was above a million, he was asked as to the number of cars registered in California. He stated that there were more than a million and a half passenger cars in his State in addition to probably half as many trucks. The price of a Ford license there is only \$3.00, while gasoline is 18 cents per gallon, with a tax of 2 cents per gallon on it.

Andrew Carruthers of Waukegan was branded on the back with a flatiron in the hands of his wife when he failed to get up at her call, and he had her arrested.

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WESTFIELD TO HAVE NEW CHURCH

Dr. J. T. Smith Is Improving—Wells Nearly All Dry—Booze Is Very Scarce.

Westfield, Jan. 17.—Westfield begins the new year under more favorable conditions than the year just passed, more coons and more of almost everything than last year.

The sale of the tobacco crop has been in the main very satisfactory, and about 20 per cent yet unsold, considerable preparation has already been made for the new crop and if possible more will be planted than before.

The First Baptist church sold the old church building yesterday for a good price to be removed in thirty days to make room for the new one which will be built at once.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter have completed and moved in their new home, a very complete and desirable place with water and electric lights.

The poultry business is still booming and results quite satisfactory.

The Ladies Aid Society met yesterday at Mrs. S. P. Christian's home on East Broadway.

Nearly all our wells are dry and not very much booze, has never been so little.

About three inches of snow, and Saturday night was our coldest, but we have plenty of wood and coal. Pilot Mountain coal dealers deliver here at \$10.60 per ton.

Good supplies of mountain produce passes here going South.

Westfield rejoices that Dr. Smith is so improved that he can make some calls, but still his office has from twenty to thirty patients every day.

The birds of all kinds have been very scarce, in fact I have seen nothing but an English sparrow this winter.

MATTHEWS AND RAY ARE MOVED

Two Dry Agents Will Now Operate From Elkin In Making Raids—Dettor To Help.

Elkin, Jan. 20.—Dry Agents Parks Ray and W. C. Matthews have been moved by Administrator R. Q. Merrick to Elkin, it was learned here today. Agent Matthews has been raiding from Mt. Airy and Mr. Ray has also been in the work at a point nearer the mountains.

Dry Agent D. C. Dettor, who lives at Jonesville, is to continue his work here, it being understood that the three officers will work out from Elkin into the adjoining counties of Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany in addition to the county of Surry.

PROHIBITION GAINING SAYS N. C. DIRECTOR

Home-Brew Craze Dying Out, Declares Merrick, And People Disgusted With Liquor Being Sold.

Charlotte, Jan. 20.—Pointing to a general improvement in prohibition conditions in the entire country, R. Q. Merrick, administrator for the North Carolina and Virginia districts, declares that much progress is being made in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment.

"While I have been in my present place too short a period of time to say with any certainty what is happening in this district, I believe we are making progress," he said.

The administrator was in Charlotte conferring with agents from the western district of this State.

"Prohibition is a slow process. Naturally it cannot be accomplished in a day. When the law came I said that in 25 years the country would be dry."

That there is less drinking today than ever before, is the administrator's belief.

As proof, he points to the improvement of conditions in the slums sections of the larger cities. The Bowery, in New York, was cited as one example.

"In the old days, one wouldn't have dared to walk in that section. Today there is no danger. Social workers told me that there was all the difference in the world."

Among the more wealthy people Mr. Merrick thinks there is an improvement, too.

"There's more talk about drinking than formerly, but not more drinking," he declared.

WESLEY N. VEST PASSES AT KING

Four Births Recorded Past Week—Lights To Be Turned On In Three Weeks—Lot Sale Is Held.

King, N. C., Jan. 24.—Wesley N. Vest, aged 89 years, 11 months and 11 days, died Monday night at his home two miles south of town after a short illness with pneumonia. He is survived by three sons, Edwin and John H. Vest, of Charlotte, and Squire Vest, of Winston-Salem, also two daughters, Mrs. John S. D. Pulliam, of King, and Mrs. R. A. Helsabeck, of Tobaccoville, and several grand children and great-grand children. The deceased was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this community. The interment was conducted from Antioch church of which he had been a member for many years.

The following births were recorded here last week: Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Smith, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Spainhour, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Kirby, a son and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jones, a daughter.

The Fulk Hardware Co. has purchased the hardware store of Pell-Mitchell Co. at Pilot Mountain. They have also purchased the interest of Pell-Mitchell in the Piedmont Hardware Company of this place. Mr. Elmer M. Hauser has retained his interest and will remain in his present position as manager of the business.

W. P. Holt, of Greensboro, put on a lot sale here Saturday, selling about fifty resident lots in West King.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, of Roanoke, Va., are spending a few days with relatives here.

Tom Garner, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here today. Roy Southern, of Lemon City, Florida, is spending a few days with relatives and friends here. Mr. Southern talks interestingly of the peninsular state.

R. B. Delp has purchased from O. T. Fowler a business lot on east main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webster and Mrs. Cora Webster, of Madison, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Webster, who resides here.

Dan White, of Roanoke, Va., spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Charles E. Carroll spent Sunday in High Point.

Charles W. Patterson, of Pilot Mountain, is here today attending to some business matters.

Work on the new lines preparatory to lighting King, Rural Hall, Dalton and Pinnacle is being pushed along at a rapid rate by the Southern Public Utilities Co. and it is believed that King will have lights within the next two or three weeks.

George Neal, of Walnut Cove, is here today attending to some business matters.

Mrs. Laurie Hill and daughters, Misses Anna Bynum and Pamela, were guests of relatives in town Sunday.

The "Crews" dwelling, which has been vacant for some time, is undergoing repairs, and will be occupied in the near future.

Germanton basketball team played Tuesday night against Old Town team. Germanton won as usual.

Another game was played at the school building Saturday night. Guilford Freshmen being the visiting team. The Germanton boys defeated the visitors, the score being 36 to 8.

This will be a good year to know more about how to grade tobacco. The State College of Agriculture is offering a free short course on the subject on February 8, 9 and 10.

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Stokes Man Makes Good Tobacco Sale

Drew Mabe, of Meadows, was a visitor here today. Mr. Mabe sold a load of tobacco on the Winston-Salem market Tuesday for the following prices: 34 pounds at 23; 64 at 24; 254 at 36; 506 at 54; 40 at 53; 130 at 63; 164 at 53; 54 at 35; 110 at 37; 220 at 45.

Sugar Tariff And The Farmer

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