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Friday, July 13, 1923

Whenever we think about that Alaskan trip, it almost makes us want to be president.

Well Shelby had its fight after all and we are charitable enough to hope it got \$186,000.00 worth of satisfaction out of it.

A good hot weather hint is to ponder over the splendid chance you stand of not being able to get any coal next winter.

Halifax county has listed forty million of dollars of taxable property. Forty millions is a quite respectable sum; about forty per cent of the actual value we'd hazard as a guess.

Rockefeller gives away fifteen nickels on eighty-fourth birthday—newspaper item. If this boy doesn't stop his headlong profligacy and extravagance he will yet come to want in his old age.

The stop at crossing law, if rigidly enforced, will probably be the most effective agency in the work of making the elimination of grade crossings compulsory. The railroads have probably pulled another bonehead play.

Judge Kerr announces that he never said he was opposed to the American Legion—and the citizen gulleless enough to believe that any politician anywhere ever said that or anything like it must also believe that the moon is made of green cheese.

Hank Ford is the easy winner in one of the earliest of the straw vote ballots for the presidency, but before he gets ready to move into the large white residence on Pennsylvania Avenue, he might as well reflect that the present resident was just about at the bottom of all the straw vote ballots taken in the last campaign.

With the conviction of Higginbotham, convict whipping boss, and the abolition of convict leasing and corporal punishment throughout the state, Florida has done every thing that is humanly possible to erase from her shield the stain of Martin Tabert's death. Corporal punishment is still being administered in convict camps in North Carolina, and unless it is abolished it is only a question of time until some North Carolina Higginbotham will sully the name of this state.

The Stop Law As An Irritant

The stop-at-crossings bill was before the conference committee in the latter days of the general assembly with an amendment drafted by a senator, Mr. Parker, we believe, which provided that it should not apply to tracks within the limits of municipalities. The senator's chirography leaves somewhat to be desired in the way of legibility, and the word "tracks" looked to the committee like "trucks", and so they killed the amendment. The law as it stands applies to every crossing that is not furnished with a watchman, and the railroads themselves are failing to comply with its provisions, in numerous instances.

It is a railroads' law, and the appearance is strong that it is a



law of the sort frequently passed in this state, and which reverses the motto on the great seal; an effort to accomplish something by indirect and subterfuge which it might not be feasible to do by direct.

The railroad lawyers either expected this law would settle the grade crossing question once for all, or at least hoped that it might. Commissioner Page said when it was being considered that in future, whenever an effort was made to interest a railroad company in the abolition of a crossing at grade, this act would be cited as all-sufficient; a contention which, he said, the state highway commission, for its part, had no intention of admitting.

The stop law can be enforced if an army of deputy sheriffs is employed for the purpose; or even a regiment might do it; enforced, that is, so long as the regiment was kept on duty. Its enforcement was not originally contemplated, and is a detail to which the legislators themselves gave little attention. Ostensibly, the main object was to furnish formal assurance, the assurance of the general assembly of the state, to locomotive engineers that when an automobile gets in the way at a crossing, the engineers cannot be considered as in any-wise responsible for any thing that may happen. Enforcement or non-enforcement would have nothing to do with that result.

If the railroad folks thought that this law would remove from the list of their manifold pestermets the grade crossing pestermets, they did not go far enough into the subject of the public psychology. Officers in some of the counties are seriously working at the business of enforcing the act, and there does not seem to be any practical way of stopping them. Besides, there are some people to whom a law is a law; and when for any reason a driver with a long procession of cars behind him comes to a stop, that stops the whole line.

It is not just a question, if you are driving in thick traffic, approaching a crossing, of your stopping once at the crossing; it is a question of stopping every time a car in front of you crosses; if cars are massed a dozen deep, the rearmost must stop a dozen times before getting over. And that is the way the law operates, when it does operate, over any sort of track, whether it ever has a train on it or not.

And so just in the degree in which this law is voluntarily or involuntarily observed, it is causing every day annoyance in which the public mind is directed in a new way to the subject of grade crossings. They will have to go; and the time they will have to be replaced will be when the public decides no longer to tolerate them.—Greensboro Daily News.

FARM NOTES FOR HALIFAX COUNTY
By W. O. DAVIS, County Agent, Weldon, N. C.

This week we saw an excellent

demonstration of the value of green cover crops on the farm of Mr. J. B. Whitaker near Enfield. This field was in rye last winter and the rye was turned under in time to plant cotton. The large amount of organic matter turned into the soil has acted like a sponge in taking up the spring rains and during the drought has furnished moisture enough to keep the cotton growing. This field is ahead of anything else on the plantation and Mr. Whitaker thinks the cover crop of rye and deep breaking has been the cause. Organic matter turned into the soil not only adds plant food but it also improves the physical condition of the land and makes it easier to work, helps it stand more wet weather because the organic matter takes up the water and prevents the soil from becoming saturated so quickly. In the same manner this water in the organic matter will carry the plants feeding upon it over a longer dry spell than can be done by land without organic matter.

The pig club members around Aurelian Springs are getting along nicely with their pigs. The entire lot of pigs have gained an average of 23 pounds the first thirty days. Wilbert Williams is in the lead so far. His pigs having gained 28 pounds which was the largest gain shown. Watch these boys for results.

We have seen considerable limberneck in chickens in the past ten days. This is a fatal disease unless the sick birds are attended to promptly and the cause removed. It is usually caused by the birds eating decay-

ed flesh of some kind as another dead chicken or a dead rat. Look for the cause first. After the cause has been removed give each sick chicken a teaspoonful of castor oil and in ten to fifteen minutes give each chicken a piece of gum asafetida about the size of a pea. Repeat the asafetida every two to three hours until three or four cures have been given. This is an excellent cure.

The sheep specialist from the State College will be in the county at an early date. Farmers interested in sheep raising will be visited and their particular problems talked over. If you are interested in sheep write so I can arrange to visit you while the specialist is here.

Three Corner Los
On Hamilton Street
90'x140'
desirably located for sale at a bargain
Apply
Herald Office

A Kansas Standard.
A wise man never stands out in the rain or opens a milk bottle with his thumb.—Topeka Capital.

GO NO FARTHER
The Evidence is at Your Door
Roanoke Rapids proof is what you want and the statement of this highly respected resident will banish all doubt; H. C. Slagle, butcher and grocer; Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and they certainly are fine. It has been some time since I last took Doan's but when I did use them they certainly were fine for regulating my kidneys. The action of my kidneys wasn't normal and this bothered me considerably. When I went to lift anything I would get sharp catches through my kidneys. Usually I had a dull ache across the small of my back which tired me easily. It was Doan's Kidney Pills that relieved me of this trouble and I could then go about my work feeling fit."
Get at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv

Report of the Condition of
The Citizens Bank and Trust Company,
at Rosemary, N. C.
in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 30th, 1923.
RESOURCES
Loans and Discounts \$144,879.64
Demand Loans 16,995.78
Overdrafts, secured, None;
unsecured, \$20.41
Banking Houses, None; Furni-
ture and Fixtures, \$4,338.30 4,338.30
Revenue Stamps 38.30
Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies 24,446.04
Cash Items held over 24 hours 45.00
Checks for clearing 1,487.42
Merchandise, Store Owned 5,000.00
Total \$197,250.89
LIABILITIES
Capital Stock paid in \$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund 2,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 1,088.31
Notes and Bills rediscounted 193.90
Bills Payable NONE
Deposits subject to check 91,718.47
Time Certificates of Deposit due in less than 30 days 1,000.00
Cashier's Checks outstanding 76,250.21
Savings Deposits Total \$197,250.89
State of North Carolina, County of Halifax, July 10th, 1923.
I, F. L. Nash, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
P. L. Nash, Cashier
Correct—Attest:
A. L. Taylor, J. E. Pepper, A. L. Clark, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June, 1923.
Mamie King, Notary Public.

You Guard Against Burglars, But What About Rats?
Rats steal millions of dollars' worth of grain, chickens, eggs, etc. Destroy property and are a menace to health. If you are troubled with rats, try RAT-SNAP. It will surely kill them—prevent odors. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Comes in cakes. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Roanoke Pharmacy, Co., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
"Wife and I spent our vacation camping last summer, smell of cooking brought rats. We went to town, got some RAT-SNAP, broke up cakes, put it outside our tent. We got the rats alright—big fellows." Farmers, storekeepers, housewives, should use RAT-SNAP. Three sizes: 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Roanoke Pharmacy, Co., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

NO. 5767 Reserve District No 5
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROANOKE RAPIDS AT ROANOKE RAPIDS
In the State of North Carolina, at the close of business JUNE 30, 1923

Resources

1. Loans and discounts including redemptions, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in Item 4).....	\$419,149.86	\$419,149.86
2. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED: a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value).....	100,000.00	100,000.00
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any).....	500.00	500.00
3. OTHER BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, ETC.: a. Banking House, \$28,987.50; Furniture and fixtures, \$11,067.50.....	40,055.00	40,055.00
b. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	1,867.88	1,867.88
c. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	22,867.78	22,867.78
d. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	73,660.23	73,660.23
e. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 2, 3, and 10).....	896,885.47	896,885.47
f. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	3,275.91	3,275.91
16. Other assets, if any.....	992,008.96	992,008.96
Total.....		\$1,902,008.96

Liabilities

17. Capital stock paid in.....	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
18. Surplus fund.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
19. Undivided profits.....	1,088.31	1,088.31
c. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	\$ 22,220.24	\$ 22,220.24
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....	19,425.50	19,425.50
21. Certified checks outstanding.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
22. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
23. Total of Items 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.....	\$1,276.78	\$1,276.78
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days).....	\$19,886.66	\$19,886.66
26. Individual deposits subject to check.....	82,881.84	82,881.84
27. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank of safety fund.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
28. Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.....	\$355,008.60	\$355,008.60
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days or more notice and postal savings).....	45,550.00	45,550.00
32. Certificates of Deposits (other than for money borrowed).....	150,109.11	150,109.11
33. Other time deposits.....	250,867.44	250,867.44
34. Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34 and 35.....	450,526.55	450,526.55
35. Bills Payable (including all obligations representing money borrowed other than redemptions).....	50,000.00	50,000.00
36. Notes and bills rediscounted, including acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank.....	48,835.04	48,835.04
37. Liabilities other than those above stated.....	1,275.91	1,275.91
Total.....		\$1,902,008.96

State of North Carolina, County of Halifax, ss.
I, W. T. COUNCILL, President, of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. T. COUNCILL, President.
CORRECT—Attest:
C. A. WYCHE, L. G. SHELL, J. T. STAINBACK, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1923.
Meta B. Jones, Notary Public.
My commission expires February 17, 1924.

Home Economy

There is only one sensible and practical way to handle your household expenses, and that is by giving checks in payment of all bills

The method eliminates the foolish waste of money because you have a record of every dollar you spent, and it further provides you an unquestioned receipt for every bill you pay.

Why not talk this vital subject over tonight, and then drop in here and we will show you how easy it is to open a joint account for handling your home finances.

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Member of the Federal Reserve System
W. T. COUNCILL, Pres. S. F. PATTERSON, V-Pres. T. W. M. LONG, V.-Pres. & Cashier
R. L. COOPER, and G. W. EATON, Asst. Cashiers