

Notes of Progress And Improvement In The Hustling Town of Dallas

Business Depression Has Not Daunted the Pushing, Progressive Business Men and Public-Spirited Citizens - Handsome New School Building Just Completed Is Credit to the town - Many New Residences Constructed and Improvements Added - Marked Confidence shown in the Town's Industrial and Commercial Future.

(By Mrs. Joe Gribble.)

The first annual stockholders' meeting of the Peoples' Building & Loan Association of Dallas was held in the town hall last Tuesday night with twenty-four present. Dr. S. A. Wilkins, president, presided.

The report of the business during the first year of the life of this organization and the treasurer's report was most encouraging even beyond expectations. With approximately a total of \$11,000 in loans and applications for six or seven thousand more to April 1st, by another year this should have telling effect upon the town, especially so should business revive.

Committees were appointed by the president and a thirty-day campaign is now on, hoisting for more stockholders and shares.

All the former directors were re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Joe Gribble and L. W. Holland completing the list as follows: Congressman, A. L. Bulwinkle, Dr. S. A. Wilkins, R. S. Lewis, L. D. Gribble, Ed. Ray, E. N. Queen, J. F. Puett, E. M. Rhyne, P. D. Summey, M. P. Rhyne, George Ballard, F. M. Passour, J. P. Hoffman, E. L. Houser, Mrs. Joe Gribble, L. W. Holland. Immediately following a director's meeting was held, electing officers as follows: President, Dr. S. A. Wilkins; vice-president, R. S. Lewis; secretary and treasurer, J. P. Hoffman.

You are asked to read closely the display ads on this page concerning the Building & Loan of this town and profit by what is offered by becoming a part of it.

Despite the slump in business and dullness of the times, the annual stockholders' meeting Thursday of the Dallas Bank showed the best year in the bank's history. A 6 per cent semi-annual dividend was declared and the following directors elected: L. L. Jenkins, S. N. Boyce, Dr. S. A. Wilkins, R. S. Lewis, L. D. Gribble, C. M. Robinson, L. M. Hoffman, Jr., who elected the officers as follows: president, S. N. Boyce; vice-president, Dr. S. A. Wilkins; cashier, L. M. Hoffman, Jr.

During the year 1920 more than \$200,000 was spent in new buildings, and repairs with a bright outlook for a big building year for 1921.

Dallas has every advantage which should appeal to the home seeker: good schools, good churches, beautiful locations, unexcelled for good water, good health, and according to The Gastonia Daily Gazette's report in last Friday's issue, the dream of good roads is to become a reality at once. Thus Dallas is in direct line with the Gastonia-Lincolnton State Highway which affords ample opportunity for good homes in and near Dallas where one can enjoy country life in the city, even should business be elsewhere. What is needed to make Dallas a Myers Park or a Dilworth of Gastonia is a live Chamber of Commerce or Business Men's Club to find out just what the people and town have to offer; to be a megaphone carrying the news to outsiders and a magnet to draw them in.

A list of the buildings with their approximate cost during 1920 and the contemplated buildings will give some idea as to the boom on in the town.

A handsome two-story brick veneered \$45,000 school building with a large basement and auditorium, Prof. J. B. Henson principal with a corps of ten teachers with two additions to the faculty for next year. Domestic science is now taught and the new branch of music for next year will be quite an addition to the uplift of the people and community. Pupils graduating here have attained a standard of efficiency which admits them to any high grade college without an examination.

parsonage on the main residential street, the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Vipperman, by the addition of a second story with four new rooms at a cost of \$4,500.

The erection of a handsome seven room bungalow style home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin on Tar Heel Heights at a cost of \$12,000. Mr. Martin is working toward an up-to-date truck farm, near the town and the raising of registered Berkshire Hogs. Beauty to the home and surroundings will be added with the year.

The improvements of the homes on North Bank street, R. R. Rhyne, adding two new rooms, a large porch, new flooring cost \$1,500. Mr. Charley Line, etc., \$1,500. The home gardens and beautifying the home surroundings are a noticeable feature on this street.

Many new homes bungalow style have been erected on Franconia Heights. The \$4,000 home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clemmer; the \$1,800 home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harmon; the \$1,300 home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank Rhyne; the \$4,500 home of Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Henson; remodeling the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown to the extent of \$800 or more; painting and freshening up the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Durham more than \$300 spent.

\$1,000 improvements have been made on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Latham Friday fronting the city park.

The new \$2,000 home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoffman opposite the Lutheran church.

\$500 improvements on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holland on Gastonia Street.

The colored citizens of our town are to be commended for their thrift as well as interest in cleanliness and things of interest for the upbuilding of the town in which they live. Columbus Costner, colored, has remodelled his home, adding another story spending \$1,500 or more. Charley Humphrey, colored, remodelled to the extent of \$800. Hoffman Passour, colored, spent \$1,000 placing another story to his home. \$700 home built for J. Robert Hoffman. The colored people are now working hard to raise \$1,000 by June 1st to go toward the building of a new church or toward the new \$3,000 five room school building which is soon to be built, including domestic science in the curriculum.

All of the foregoing is within the town limits. Just on the outskirts of the town, east, stands the handsome \$40,000 Long Creek Memorial Baptist church of which Dr. J. L. Vipperman is pastor and promoter, made of pressed brick with a seating capacity of 1,000, equipped throughout with the latest fixtures.

To the South on the Dallas-Gastonia road, stand two lovely homes, bungalow style. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Forlham spent \$2,000 or more on remodeling what was previously the J. D. Derr home. Mr. Forlham is a successful florist and does extensive trucking which finds a ready market either in Dallas or Gastonia. Theirs is an unusually pretty and attractive home.

The new \$1,000 home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Clemmer, into which they have just lately moved. Time will tell of the attractive surroundings here as the months pass by.

Plans are materializing for the erection of a new \$25,000 Methodist church. Several sites are under consideration by the building committee composed of Dr. S. A. Wilkins, Messrs. J. F. Puett, G. W. Dotter and H. M. Clemmer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cooke are making plans for a new \$4,000 home in the near future.

Rumors are to the effect that there is to be a new drug store in the heart of the town.

The establishment and successful operation of the local Peoples' Building & Loan Association has made possible

great many improvements and a great deal of the new construction that would have otherwise been impossible under present financial conditions.

Dallas is one of the oldest towns in Gaston county and no doubt old Dallas is known to many and needs no introduction, but there is such a thing as growing beyond recognition and it is with the new Dallas we wish to acquaint you.

The reports for the church year just ending show a grand increase in numbers, interest and financial contributions for benevolent causes in all the churches, a fact of which we are justly proud.

In all of the four denominations of the town there are five organizations for young people, missionary and aid societies for women, a brotherhood for the men of the Lutheran church and a strong sentiment for an organized Union Bible class for young men which it is hoped will soon materialize.

Dallas is fortunate in having four able and wide-awake ministers: Rev. C. N. Yount, of the Lutheran church; Rev. J. O. Ervin, of the Methodist; Rev. W. S. Hamiter, of the Presbyterian; and Rev. Dr. J. L. Vipperman, of the Dallas Baptist and Long Creek Memorial.

Approximately four hundred operatives are employed in the three flourishing cotton mills of the town, running full time night and day, the Dorothy, Monarch and Moroweb. The homes are not of the latest type of cotton mill cottages, having been built some 15, and some 30 years ago, but all have been improved and made more comfortable.

Community work is being done at the Moroweb and Monarch mills by competent and Christian women and if the art of playing together is mastered the art of working together in the mill will have become an easy matter, making for better work with greater pleasure.

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