

Goldsboro Banker New Commissioner of Banks

State Representative Gurney P. Hood Accepts Post Created by Seawell Bill

State Representative Gurney P. Hood, Goldsboro banker, has accepted the post of Commissioner of Banks, tendered him last week by Governor O. Max Gardner. He will assume his new duties after the General Assembly adjourns. Word H. Wood, Charlotte financier and member of the new Advisory Banking Commission, is acting as temporary Commissioner.

Hood is president of a chain of six industrial banks with headquarters in Goldsboro. His appointment must be confirmed by the Senate.

The new Department of Banks was created by the recently passed Seawell bill which removed banking supervision from the Corporation Commission.

"I am highly gratified that Mr. Hood accepted the position," said Governor Gardner. "No appointment I have made has been received more favorably."

Other members of the Advisory Banking Commission are Col. John F. Bruion, Wilson, and Agnew H. Bahnsen, Winston-Salem, who will serve with Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit and State Treasurer Nathan A. O'Berry, chairman of the Commission.

Hood was tendered the appointment last week just after he had left to attend a convention in Ohio. His acceptance was delayed by his absence and that of Governor Gardner who spent three days in New York signing bonds.

Hood is serving his second term in General Assembly, having also been a member of the House during the 1929 session.

ACTIVE WEEK AHEAD OF THE THISTLE CLUB

The Thistle Club will give a luncheon bridge next Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club for members and their guests. The qualifying round for the club golf championship will be played next Tuesday, when players will play eighteen holes to qualify in flights of eight, to continue at match play on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when the club championship will be decided.

Several members of the club will go to Charlotte on the 24th of this month to play in the one day invitation tournament given by the Charlotte Country Club.

The annual picnic of the club will be held in a few weeks and will be an "old fashioned picnic," to be in charge of Mrs. William Allen.

Chicago has reclaimed more than 2,000 acres of land from Lake Michigan in the last 15 years for boulevards and parkways.



"April Fool's day has gone past; You're the biggest fool at last. Up a ladder, down a tree, You're a bigger fool than me."

In the good old New England school days, this was a common retort acrimonious of the victim of an April Fool joke perpetrated on any day but the first of April.

But why April Fool, anyway? Like all widely adopted customs, this has its origin buried in the deep dark past, having been observed in India from time immemorial. There, on the last days of March it is common practice to send people on fool's errands, just why, nobody knows.

Investigators believe April Fool's Day came to Europe and thence to the New World through France in a most peculiar and interesting manner.

Any suggested change in the calendar is always opposed by a large number of "stand-putters." So, when Charles IX decreed the year should begin January 1st instead of April 1st the custom of making calls and giving presents on New Year's Day was moved back to January. But many continued the practice on April 1st, and these were ridiculed by their more progressive fellows by being made the recipients of mock presents and sent on fruitless errands on that day.

In France, an April fool is called a "poisson d'avril" (which means April fish) presumably because in the spring fish are young and easily caught.

But you will never be made an April Fool or "poisson d'avril" at the Bank of Pinehurst. There are no "fool's errands" there.

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Legislators Too Busy Talking To Do Any Thinking, Carl Goerch Maintains

From Easter Sunday to Legislative Monday is Going from the Sublime to the Ridiculous, He Says.—Politicians Prefer Detours to Paved Roads

By Carl Goerch

Talk about your contrasts!

One day we have Easter, with its beautiful anthems, gorgeous flowers, inspiring thoughts, lofty ideals and sublime significance; the next day we have the legislature again, with all of its foils and foibles. That's moving from one extreme to the other with a vengeance.

There's a reason for Easter, but it's hard to find any justifiable reason for the legislature still being in session. When we sent the boys up to Raleigh, it was with this understanding that there was only one thing in the world that we were interested in, and that was a reduction in property taxes. Prior to their election as members of the General Assembly, every last one of them was shouting from the housetops that he would tear his shirt, his soap and his red flannels in the effort to life the burden of taxation from the shoulders of the farmers. And now look at 'em!

Perhaps we were at fault in making the instructions too plain and obvious. Politicians don't like a direct course about anything. You take your real, genuine, dyed-in-the-wool legislator and he'd a darn sight rather drive over detours than stick to the paved highways. Start him on with the idea in mind of buying a new suit, and he'll commence operations by going first to a hardware store and asking the price of stoves. Ask the average man what time it is, and he'll pull out his watch, glance at it, and announce; "Half past five," or whatever the hour may be. Ask a politician and he'll smile at you benignly, pull out his watch with a flourish, stare at it fixedly, clear his throat impressively and then unburden himself as follows:

"Time varies with the longitudinal position which you may occupy on the earth's surface, in accordance with the principles first announced by Arestes, ancient Egyptian philosopher, who lived long before the days of the pyramids. These pyramids were

built as monuments by certain pharaohs who wished to eternalize themselves. Other nations had somewhat similar customs, as recent excavations have revealed. I refer you specifically to Professor Whangdoodle's recent treatise which was published in one of the scientific journals. I shall be indeed glad to try and procure a copy for you."

He bows gracefully and proceeds on his way, happy with the thought he has done you a real service. As a matter of fact, you're just as much at a loss for the correct time as you were before.

That's the way the legislature has been acting. Maybe if we'd ask them to take up the Patagonian prospects for raising rhubarb or if we had requested them to provide means for feeding the catfish in the Shantung river, over in China, they would have tackled either job and wound up by reducing our taxes. But when we ask them at the outset to reduce taxes we ought to know blamed well that we're going to get everything but reduced taxes.

They're still discussing ways and means of financing the provisions of the MacLean bill. The outcome is still in doubt.

A new banking commission has been appointed at a time when most of us have absolutely nothing to put into the banks.

Most of the past week has been devoted to making speeches. In one respect, the present session of the legislature is outstanding. Most of the members can say more things that sound well and mean absolutely nothing than any other group of men I've ever seen.

I was in the senate last Friday, listening to the flow of speeches, when a certain senator from the eastern part of the State—a good friend of mine—passed by. "What do you think of the sales tax proposition?" I inquired. "Don't bother me now!" he responded. "I've got to talk. This is no time to think."

North Carolina Birthrate on Gradual Decline Since Year 1924

Negro Rate in Moore County More Than Double White, but Death Rate Greater

The recent annual report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, North Carolina State Board of Health, contains a vast amount of interesting data on births, deaths and sickness in North Carolina. The following observations from this report of 257 pages covering the year 1929 were drawn by the University of North Carolina News-Letter.

The birth rate of North Carolina appears to be on the decline. For many years we have held first place in the United States in birth rates. The year 1924 was our record year with 87,023 births, or a rate of 31.9 per thousand population. The rate has declined every year since 1924 and in 1929 was 25.9 per thousand population. Fewer people were born in 1929 than in any other year during the last decade.

The death rate has changed little or none during the last decade and a half, and varies very little from one year to another, hovering around 12 deaths annually per thousand population.

The birth and death rates by counties and by races vary considerably. In fact it is difficult to understand why the birth rate in one county is so much higher than in another, and the same with death rates. For instance Scotland has a white birth rate of 37.8 per thousand white inhabitants, and Hoke a rate of only 11.9, or less than one-third as high. Tyrrell has the highest Negro birth rate, 41.3 per thousand Negroes, Yancey the lowest with only four births per thousand Negroes. Contrary to the general impression, white and Negro birth rates in North Carolina are not far apart.

Moore county figures for 1929, are

Who is Healthiest?

Elimination Contest Planned To Determine Moore County Champion

Dr Symington and Miss Seagroves have completed their work of examining the 4-H club girls of the county, and Mrs. Ryals has announced the health champions of the various communities. They are as follows: Eureka, Mary Wicker; Vass, Catharine McMillan; Cameron, Ila Oakley; West End, Bertie Smith; Hemp, Mabel Morgan; High Falls, Frances Hussey.

Some time soon an elimination contest will be held to select one from this group to be county champions will compete for district honors, and at the State short course in Raleigh next summer, the state health queen will be chosen from among the district winners and crowned with appropriate ceremonies.

as follows: Birth rate per 1,000 inhabitants: White—15.7; Negro—33.4. Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants: White — 8.3; Negro — 14.4. Infant death rate per 1,000 live births, both races: 56.6.

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Mrs. M. H. Martin and two children, Frances and Edward from Reading, Pa., who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bergendahl returned to their home Friday, Mrs. Bergendahl accompanying them home.

Mrs. B. E. Patterson and daughters, Sarah and Rebecca and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis Maples spent Sunday with Mrs. A. J. Keith on Cameron Route 1.

Clyde Thomas from Siler City visited relatives in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Maness and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dunk Monroe near Carthage.

Mr. Charles Gillis entertained a number of friends at a dance Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McNeill and Mrs. Jno. McMillan went to Society Hill, S. C., last Friday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Margaret Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sessoms and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Sessoms.

Mrs. W. L. Parker who has been spending the winter with relatives at Dunn, has returned to his home here.

Miss Essie Parker who teaches at Dunn and Miss Alice of Jonesboro spent the week-end at their home here.

NIAGARA

Robert Smith, Jr., went to Raleigh Sunday to accept a position for a few months.

Roy Smith of East Hebron, New Hampshire arrived Tuesday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Smith.

Miss Nettie Williams and Miss Pierson are spending the week on a tour in and about Charleston, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ordway of Boston, Mass., were guests the past week of Miss Harriet Gay.

Mrs. Jane Morgan left Wednesday for a visit among relatives in Durham and Chapel Hill.

Grady Snipes of Chatham county visited Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Snipes on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. B. Franklin left the first of the week for a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Turnley, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gullede, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Loving and daughter, Miss Lucile, also Ira Turnley of Cameron were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dutton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Blake and Mrs. Carl Thompson motored to Fayetteville on Tuesday.

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at Aberdeen, North Carolina, to the Corporation Commission. At the Close of Business on the 25th Day of March, 1931.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$4,100,709.99
Overdrafts	12,034.64
United States Bonds	88,005.98
North Carolina Bonds	201,866.10
County and Municipal Bonds	163,500.00
All Other Stocks and Bonds	73,542.00
Banking Houses	81,171.61
Furniture and Fixtures	80,348.38
Cash in Vault and Amounts Due from Approved Depository Banks	760,591.16
Checks for Clearing and Transit Items	21,715.09
Due from Banks (Not Approved Depositories)	6,493.15
Cash Items (Items Held Over 24 Hours)	16,828.06
Listed Securities	202,471.49
Total	\$5,809,277.65

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid In	400,000.00
Surplus Fund	125,000.00
Undivided Profits (Net Amount)	33,404.70
Reserved for Interest	48,496.03
Reserved for Taxes	2,100.00
Reserved for Depreciation	58,761.24
Unearned Interest	1,705.17
Demand Deposits Due Banks	46,425.71
Other Deposits Subject to Check	2,695,785.36
Deposits Due State of North Carolina and Any Official Thereof:	
Secured \$309,832.75	309,832.75
Other Deposits Secured by a Pledge of Assets or Depository Bond	5,000.00
Demand Certificates of Deposit (Due in Less Than 30 Days)	79,263.03
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	30,939.63
Certified Checks Outstanding	25,263.88
Time Certificates of Deposit (Due on or After 30 Days)	383,587.88
Savings Deposits (Due on or After 30 Days)	1,563,564.19
Expense Vouchers Outstanding	148.08
Total	\$5,809,277.65

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF MOORE.

Robert N. Page, President, Ralph W. Page, Director of the Page Trust Company each personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of April, 1931.
FRANCIS PLEASANTS, Notary Public.
By commission expires Feb. 1, 1932.
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