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Officials of Bank of Vass Are Indicted

Charged with Accepting Deposits After Insolvency and Making Illegal Loans

TRIAL AT AUGUST TERM

Officers and directors of the Bank of Vass, which closed its doors on September 10th, 1931 and has been in liquidation under the State Banking department since then, were indicted on Tuesday by the Grand Jury for the May term of criminal court, in session this week at Carthage.

J. A. Keith, president of the institution; D. A. McLaughlin, cashier, and J. H. Gardner, assistant cashier, were indicted for allegedly accepting deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent.

D. A. McLaughlin, A. D. McLaughlin and P. L. Gardner were indicted for allegedly making loans to themselves and others to the amount of 20 percent of the bank's capital.

A. D. McLaughlin and Gardner were directors of the bank, as were the officers mentioned above.

Bail was fixed by Judge J. P. Harding of Charlotte, presiding at this week's term here, for appearance of the defendants at the August term of court.

Meanwhile, Charles S. Gay, liquidating agent, is offering for immediate sale the real estate owned by the closed Bank of Vass, consisting of the bank building and the Paul Joyner house in Vass. Mr. Gay is desirous of paying the depositors as early as possible, hence this offer of immediate sale.

The depositors have received one five per cent dividend since the bank closed more than twenty months ago.

Dewberry Market at Vass Opens Monday

Chadbourne Marketing Association to Have Charge of Sales of Local Crop

Monday, May 29, has been set as the date for the official opening of the Vass auction market, and all is in readiness for handling a large volume of dewberries. As was previously announced, the market will be operated by the Chadbourne Marketing Association, an organization with some thirty years experience in marketing strawberries.

Lacy Tate, secretary of the association, will have general supervision of the marketing here. H. Wallace will be the auctioneer, W. F. Smith, Jr., will be in charge of the paying office, and W. C. Edmund will assist in the selling shed. These men are from Chadbourne and are experienced in auction market business. L. H. Furr, Vass business man, will be at the shed again this year to assist with the work.

The Chadbourne Association has erected a new selling shed a short distance below the one used last year, and a paying office only a few yards away where the farmers will receive their cash as soon as the sales are made.

Enough buyers to take care of the first offerings have been here daily since Wednesday of this week, and Mr. Tate expects to have many more on the floor by Monday, the official opening date. Market reports will be received by wire daily and every effort will be made to procure top prices for the farmers. There will be no state-federal inspection of berries on this market this year, it is announced.

Crates to supply the demand will be kept in the brick tobacco warehouse, and S. W. Johnson of Chadbourne is in charge of this end of the business.

W. F. Junge Led Migration of the Pennsylvanians to the Sandhills

Born in Schleswig-Holstein, He Has Spent Many of His 80-Some Years Here

By Bion H. Butler
A feature of life in the Sandhills is the diversity of people encountered. Last week on my front porch I discussed with a man from Japan the difference between the American and the Japanese attitude of thought and habit of observation. A few days previously a visitor who was familiar with English jurisprudence, sitting in the same spot, told me his experience in the courts in London. A short time ago a man prominent in affairs told me of things in Greece, things of which he had close personal knowledge. A woman called me one day by telephone to say she had not seen me since I was at her house in Asia. A day or two ago an old time friend leaned over the desk in the postoffice and incidentally referred to the days when he was in the German army in its clash with Napoleon of France in 1870. He was W. F. Junge, one of the oldest settlers of Southern Pines, and one of the most entertaining and intelligent of its inhabitants.

Mr. Junge is some years past eighty and has lived much of his life in Moore county. He came from Schleswig-Holstein, up there on the Danish frontier of Germany soon after Germany had tied hard knots in the ears of the French in the brief war of "The Year of Slaughter." Soon after leaving the army the young man came to the United States, landing in New York. A young woman from Deutschland also came to the United States about the same time, and curiously enough they both came to the North Carolina Sandhills about the same time.

But before coming south, they went up into the wilderness of Potter county, Pennsylvania, back there where Ole Bull, the famous Norwegian violinist, had founded an enormous colony, although the Junges hit Potter county long after the time of the experiment. Mr. Junge was a miller and he found a grist mill that needed an operator and he promptly secured it and as it was the only thing of its kind and quality in the neighborhood he soon had his mill running night and day, and he prospered.

Big Real Estate Deal
A little later the marvelous oil fever of the Bradford field broke out and he went there and began teaming for the contractors. He added to his possessions, and then one day Frank Goodyear, who had been cutting timber from the vast Potter county forests which Goodyear brothers owned, suggested to Mr. Junge that he would like to arrange with him to cut that land into small tracts and sell it for farms. The oil country contractor signed up for the job, printed a big stack of circulars and went down to New York on one railroad and came back on another, leaving a liberal number of circulars at every station.

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CAMERON TELLS KIWANIS ABOUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Representative A. B. Cameron, back from the long session of the General Assembly where he looked after the interests of Moore county, told members of the Kiwanis Club some of his experiences in Raleigh at the club's meeting on Wednesday. The meeting was held in the new community hall at West End, an attractive building and a splendid adjunct to the social life of that section. A fine luncheon was served by the ladies of West End. M. C. McDonald, a Kiwanis alumnus, welcomed the club, and Herbert Vail, Kiwanis president, responded. Mr. Cameron's talk was much in line with his statement made to The Sentinels and published in another column of this week's Pilot.

PREPARE FOR COMMENCEMENT

Seniors of Southern Pines High School are busy rehearsing their parts for the commencement exercises to be held the week of June 5th. A complete schedule of the program will be published in next week's Pilot.

Musical Thief

Enters Home of The Misses Schwarberg in Southern Pines and Steals the Radio

A burglar with a flare for music slashed his way into the home of the Misses Schwarberg on New York avenue, Southern Pines, the other night while the owners of the house were visiting friends in Aberdeen. We say slashed his way in advisedly. He gained admission by cutting great gashes in the screen-in porch. His loot—oh, yes! He walked off with the family radio; that was all except an empty pocketbook.

18 GET DIPLOMAS, MANY WIN PRIZES AT ABERDEEN HIGH

Graduation Exercises "Broadcast" From School Auditorium on Tuesday Night

H. LEE THOMAS SPEAKER

With a stage setting to resemble a radio broadcasting station, "Station A. H. S.," eighteen Seniors of Aberdeen High School put on their graduation exercises in the school auditorium on Tuesday night before a crowd which overflowed into the corridors and filled every window sill. After the members of the graduating class had completed their exercises, H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools, with a few fitting words of congratulations and advice, presented diplomas to the following:

Flora Lee Freeman, Nell Pryor, Vera Paul, Charlene Parker, Madeline Folley, Hazel Palmer, Katharine Johnson, Mozell Darnell, Drewry Troutman, Norfleet Pleasants, Meredith Park, Jim Gailey, Allen Freeman, Fred Weaver, Raymond O'Cain, Clifton Blue, Henry Page Wilder and Jesse Carter.

Meredith Park opened the exercises by announcing through the microphone the purpose of the gathering and by calling on the various class officers for their "broadcasts." Miss Freeman gave the president's address, Miss Pryor a recitation, Miss Darnell the class poem, Raymond O'Cain the class prophecy, Drewry Troutman presented the gifts to the Seniors, Fred Weaver gave the class history, Jim Gailey the class statistics, Henry Wilder the last will and testament, and Jesse Carter the valedictory.

After the diplomas were presented Superintendent of Schools R. C. Zimmerman called upon John W. Graham, J. Vance Rowe, J. G. Farrell and Dan I. McKeithen to present the prizes awarded students for excelling in studies during the past year.

Many Prizes Awarded
Mary Margaret Burney received the \$2.50 prize given by G. C. Seymour for the child making greatest improvement in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Max Wicker received the \$2.50 prize given by Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowman to the boy showing the greatest improvement in the second, third and fourth grades. Katharine Rowe and Marjorie Brooks tied for the \$2.50 prize given by Bryan Drug Store for the girl showing greatest improvement in the second, third and fourth grades.

Carol Bowman and Helen Clarke Capps received the \$2.50 prizes given by Flinchum's, Standard Store and Sanitary Market for making the greatest improvement in Mrs. D. I. McKeithen's music class. Raymond O'Cain received the \$5.00 prize given by Dr. A. H. McLeod as a memorial to his mother for the pupils excelling in Latin. Elbridge Park received the \$5.00 prize offered by Page Trust Company for the pupil excelling in mathematics.

Fred Weaver received the medal given by the Masonic Lodge for the

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CAMERON RECITES PROBLEMS FACED BY LEGISLATURE

Fears Schools Cut May Be Too Drastic; No Funds for New Highways

FORCED INTO SALES TAX

Angus B. Cameron, Moore county's representative in the General Assembly, has issued a statement telling how he voted on various important measures during the session just adjourned and explaining the reasons that actuated him in casting his votes. This statement has been made or the information of all his constituents at the request of The Sandhills. The statement is as follows:

When the Legislature met January 4th, it was confronted with a deficit of something more than \$10,000,000. Practically every member was pledged to cooperate in removing the fifteen-cent ad valorem tax for schools, a general lightening of the burden of tax on real property, and to provide for a balanced budget. The treasury was empty, the State's credit was prostrate, and the usual sources of revenue were practically exhausted.

Economy was the slogan, committees were appointed to investigate the different departments to determine what reductions could be made, both as to number of employees and salaries, without impairing the essential service. A committee was appointed to work out a plan of reorganization, whereby the non-essential would be eliminated, and consolidations made wherever practicable.

There were two schools of thought in that body. One advocated most drastic cuts even to the extent of eliminating or shutting down some departments and closing the public schools for a period of two years, if necessary, to balance the budget. The other advocated strictest economy at every point, but felt that it would be false economy to destroy or let go to waste those things which had been built up through the years at considerable cost and were serving a good and useful purpose, and we felt that, while every possible economy should be practiced in operating the schools, the children were entitled to their opportunity, and to cut the schools below the point of essential efficiency would be an irreparable wrong, not only to the children, but to the State as well. It soon became evident that a compromise was the only solution. It also became evident that some form of sales tax was inevitable.

Sales Tax Only Solution
The appropriations committee worked long and diligently in an effort to reduce appropriations to the lowest possible limit consistent with efficient functioning of the departments and institutions. The House rejected the committee's report, and by amendments, cut down a number of items. The Senate rejected most of the House amendments, and restored most of the items to the committee figures, even raising a few. The House refused to concur in the Senate amendments. A conference committee was appointed. In due course of time the conference committee submitted a compromise report which, after considerable debate, was adopted. This compromise report carried in it provisions for an eight months State supported school to be financed by a sales tax, and the elimination of local ad valorem tax for that purpose.

In round numbers the 1933 appropriations were:

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MASS MEETING TONIGHT TO PLAN NEW ABERDEEN DAM

A mass meeting of citizens of Aberdeen has been called for tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock to hear plans for the rebuilding of the Aberdeen dam and to arrange for proper supervision of the recreational features once the lake is filled. Work of grading and cleaning up the bathing beach has been completed by the unemployed and everything is in readiness for the water except the important essential, the dam. It is understood that funds for this purpose have been raised, provided supervision of the bathing beach is arranged.

Plans Set in Motion for Orderly Liquidation of Page Trust Company

Commissioner Hood Believes Depositors Greatly Benefitted by New Merger Proposal

20% DIVIDEND RETAINED

In accordance with plans for the liquidation of the three large State banking systems involved in the plan of reorganization approved last week by Gurney P. Hood, State Superintendent of Banks, S. J. Hinsdale Asheville liquidating agent took charge of the Page Trust Company's fourteen offices, including Aberdeen and Carthage, this week. Local assistant conservators were named for each branch, Dan I. McKeithen for the Aberdeen office and P. K. Kennedy for the Carthage office.

Formal notice is being given depositors this week of the complete reorganization plans for a new bank to take over selected assets of the Page Trust, the North Carolina Bank & Trust Company and the Independence Trust Company of Charlotte. Plans are finally worked out for the merger of the three banks into a State bank with initial capital and paid-in surplus of \$1,500,000 were approved by Commissioner Hood last week.

Objectional features of original plans have been eliminated and only a few objections have been filed, while none of the various depositors' or stockholders' committees have objected, Commissioner Hood states.

Depositors Benefitted
Approval was given, Commissioner Hood said, because he feels that the depositors of the banks will be greatly benefitted when plans become effective. These plans provide for a 100 per cent assessment of stockholders; a waiver by the R. F. C. of its rights to share in the first distributions to depositors of 20 per cent; distribution of all available cash to depositors; sale of selected assets to the new bank and distribution of proceeds to depositors; no assets of the old bank are encumbered by pledge or lien of any kind to the new banks; after organization, all assets of the old bank will be available for distribution to creditors and depositors of the old bank.

The plan, Mr. Hood points out, does not provide direct or immediate relief for the present stockholders, but there is a fair chance for ultimate benefit to them. It provides for orderly liquidation without the loss which accompanies forced liquidation. Particularly beneficial will be the early provision of banking facilities for communities now without them.

The banks will continue to receive deposits, holding them for immediate withdrawal, and will continue under restrictions until reorganized. Depositors will not be subject to action of the liquidating agent, which will be named merely for levying the stock assessment. Depositors will select the majority of the members of the new board, which will liquidate the old banks, the depositors thus directing and controlling the liquidation, with aid and advice from Commissioner Hood and his department. Due notice will be given to depositors, creditors, stockholders and others interested in each community in which one of the banks is located, Mr. Hood states.

Highlights of the plan included in Hood's statement follow:

- 1. A 100-per cent assessment of the stockholders.
2. A waiver by the Reconstruction Finance corporation of its right to share in its first distribution or distributions to the depositors in the sum of 20 per cent.
3. To distribute all available cash to the depositors and provide for the sale of selected assets to the new bank and distribution of the proceeds among depositors.
4. None of the assets of the old bank will be encumbered by pledge of lien to the new bank, and all proceeds derived from assets of the old bank will be available for its depositors.
5. The plan does not provide any direct relief for stockholders, but it

Good Market
Hugh Archy Cameron, head of the Upchurch Mills at Raeford, has been introducing some novelties there in his methods, and as the big mill farmers can bring in their oats, corn, wheat, soja beans and anything that will make feed and have it worked up into any kind of barnyard bill of fare that mules, cattle, hogs or poultry can call for. This makes a market for a lot of local farm stuff and supplies the local farm needs. Properly balanced feeds of all sorts for all the farm stock is made at the mill which

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