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## FORMER CASHIER VICE-PRESIDENT

R. P. Holding Is Made Acting Vice-President of First and Citizens National Bank.

## C.F. GORDON CASHIER

The new board of directors of the First and Citizens National Bank at their meeting held in the banking rooms last night re-elected Mr. T. R. Hood president and Mr. N. B. Grantham vice-president. Mr. R. P. Holding, who for a number of years has been cashier of this bank, was elected acting vice-president, with Mr. C. F. Gordon as cashier. For the past year Mr. Gordon was with the Farmers Bank and Trust company but prior to that he had been with the First and Citizens for a number of years. Miss Vera Sanders and Mr. Robert Sanders were elected assistant cashiers. Other employees are: Mr. Raymond McCullers in the collecting department; Miss Ethel Barber and Mr. James Davis.

The new board of directors chosen at the stockholders meeting held yesterday afternoon at one o'clock is as follows: T. R. Hood, N. B. Grantham, W. H. Austin, L. D. Wharton, F. H. Brooks, R. P. Holding, C. M. Wilson, W. F. Grimes, C. T. Hill, J. J. Broadhurst, W. H. Lassiter, S. C. Turnage, W. M. Sanders and J. W. Smith. Present at the stockholders meeting were representatives in person of 596 shares of stock and 498 shares by proxy, making a total of 1,094 shares.

The annual report was made by the cashier, Mr. R. P. Holding, who furnished some information concerning business done and service rendered during 1925. During the past year the bank handled 3,947 loans. Checks totaling \$13,893,835.36 for the year were drawn on the bank by its customers. In addition the bank handled checks and bill of lading drafts on foreign points amounting to more than \$10,000,000. Savings and certificates of deposit customers were paid \$14,273 in interest. Two dividends during the year, on June 30 and December 23, totaled \$12,250. The old bank of Smithfield was changed into the First National Bank on April 1, 1914, and since that time this bank has paid its stockholders \$164,470 in dividends.

## ASKS MORE MONEY TO STOP RUM SMUGGLING

Washington, Jan. 9. -- (AP) -- Additional appropriations totaling nearly \$2,500,000 to supplement current funds of the coast guard and customs services, the agencies chiefly responsible for shutting off supplies of foreign liquor under the prohibition enforcement program, were requested in budget estimates transmitted to Congress today by President Coolidge.

The amount asked for the coast guard was \$9,994,000, of which \$1,235,000 was intended to provide for an immediate increase of the enlisted personnel from 7,789 to 9,369 men, and \$500,000 for repair of vessels.

An additional appropriation of \$426,000 for custom services was needed budget director, Lord explained, because of the increased expense of operating the border patrol.

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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Ah hearn yistidy Ole Tom had los' his min'. Ah alluz that a person had to have sunpin afore dey could lose it.

## Our White House Family



THE LATEST and most intimate picture of our White House family taken New Year's Day when son John was home from school. Rob Roy and Miss Prim, white collies, are now very much a part of the family circle.

## Prominent Farmer Stormy Session At Bethesda Dies B.&L. Association

### Funeral of D. L. Jones Held Sunday Afternoon In Presence of Large Crowd.

Bethesda community and Johnston county lost a valued citizen Saturday, when Mr. D. L. Jones passed away at his home. Mr. Jones had been in failing health for some months but about a week ago he became critically ill and grew worse until the end came.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home by Rev. C. A. Jenkins, of Clayton, after which interment was made in the Bethesda cemetery.

The deceased lived out his three score years and ten in Johnston county, and his entire community mourns the loss of a life well spent. He was an active church member being a member of Bethesda Baptist church; he was a member of the Masonic lodge; he was a successful farmer; and was identified with business interests in Clayton being a director of one of the Clayton banks.

The following tribute has been handed us which fittingly sets forth the worth of the man:

"Another home was made so sad Saturday afternoon when the Death Angel quietly summoned the spirit of our father, D. L. Jones, and bore his spirit to the heavenly home.

"Our father was born in the year 1855. His life was spent in Johnston county. He lived to the ripe old age of seventy years, nine months and twenty-two days.

"When he was seventeen years of age he married Delia Johnson, to this union was born nine children, four of them dying in infancy, five still living: Miss Mamie Jones, who lived with him at the old home until his death; Mrs. J. C. Ennis and D. H. Jones, who live in Smithfield; Mrs. G. A. Smith, of Clayton, and Norman Jones, of Wilson's Mills.

"Our father was a member of Bethesda Baptist church. He loved his church and was a loyal member. Several years ago when the question arose about building a new church at Bethesda he was one of its largest supporters. He was a regular attendant at all the services. He loved righteousness, sobriety and truth.

"A good man is gone from this community. He will be missed in

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### Adjourn Until Feb. 8th, When A Board of Directors Will Be Elected.

The stockholders meeting of the Building and Loan association which was called for yesterday at nine-thirty o'clock, adjourned after a stormy session until February 8 at which time a board of directors will be elected.

Quite a number of stockholders were present in person and enough were represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. W. W. Jordan, president, called the meeting to order. H. B. Marrow was then made temporary chairman and the routine of business was disposed of including the report of the past year's business read by the secretary, J. J. Broadhurst.

Everything went smoothly until the matter of electing a board of directors came up. Two boards were nominated but owing to dissatisfaction which arose, the election of the directors was deferred until February 8. The following is Board No. 1 which was placed in nomination by W. N. Holt: N. B. Grantham, R. R. Holt, H. B. Marrow, W. S. Ragsdale, F. H. Brooks, J. H. Abell and W. W. Jordan. The reporter was unable to get the personnel of Board No. 2, placed in nomination by C. S. Broadhurst. According to our information, the dissatisfaction over voting for these boards arose over whether or not only persons present should vote or whether proxies held should be used.

### Colored Woman Dead

Rebecca Sanders, colored, who came here from New Bern Sunday to see her son, died Sunday night following a stroke of apoplexy with which she was taken on the way. She arrived here Sunday afternoon about one o'clock in an automobile. It is said that she became suddenly ill soon after passing Goldsboro, and was in an almost speechless condition when she reached Smithfield. A physician was summoned and it was found she had suffered a stroke of apoplexy. She was about sixty-five years of age. The body was sent back to New Bern yesterday for burial.

The boom in Florida has spread to the sightseeing bus. It is estimated that 200 buses now show Florida to the visitor without a thought of selling him a double lot in a newly opened subdivision.

## Ford's Orchestra In Radio Program

### Old Fashioned Dance Orchestra May Be Heard This Week At Young Co.

Henry Ford has begun a movement to revive old fashioned dances like the Virginia Reel, quadrilles, etc., and he plans to further his designs during this week Jan. 12-16 by providing a radio concert which features old time dance music to be put on by Ford dealers all over the country.

The Young Motor company, Ford dealers here, have installed two radios in their show room, and this evening and on Friday evening from eight until eleven o'clock a radio program will be put on by Henry Ford's old fashioned dance orchestra. The programs for these evenings are as follows:

### TUESDAY

Two-Step, "Mulligan's Guards" Medley.  
Sicilian Circle, "Come Haste to the Wedding" Medley.  
Old Time Waltz, "Rippling Waves."  
Plain Quadrille, "Ticknor's Quadrille."  
Cymbalom Solo, Musetta's Waltz Song from "La Boheme" by Puccini.  
Scottische, "Old Southern Scottische."  
Dulcimer Solo, Jige and Reels.  
Virginia Reel, "Larry O'Gaff."  
Heel and Toe Polka, "Jennie Lind" and "Richmond" Polkas.

### FRIDAY

Two-Step, "Golden Slipper" Medley.  
Old Time Waltz, Medley.  
Virginia Reel, "Irish Washerwoman," "White Cockade," "Marching Through Georgia."  
Dulcimer Solo, Jigs and Reels.  
Varsouvienne, Hartford and Dunham's Medley.  
Plain Quadrille, Bancroft's.  
Cymbalom Solo, "Traumeri" by Schuman.  
The Lancers, "Oriental."  
Rye Waltz, "Rye Waltz."  
Contra Dance, "Money Musk."  
The selections of old fashioned dance numbers as arranged in the two programs will be broadcast from the Ford Motor company exhibition, 1710 Broadway, at 54th Street, New York City, through WEA, New York and the following stations:

WEEL, Boston; WCAE, Pittsboro; WEAR, Cleveland; WOC, Davenport; WGN, Chicago; KSD, St. Louis; WDWF, Providence; WGR, Buffalo; WWJ, Detroit; WCCO, Minneapolis--St. Paul; WTAG, Worcester; \*WFI, Philadelphia; \*WSAI, Cincinnati; \*\*WOO, Philadelphia; \*\*WCAP, Washington.

\*Tuesday only.  
\*\*Friday only.

## State Prisoners Make Record Cotton Crop; Over 2,500 Bales

Raleigh, Jan. 9. -- Record-breaking cotton crop and biggest population in state prison history marked the annual report of the state prison board today in a sitting filled with routine but dashed with interest nevertheless.

The state is feeding 1,416 prisoners as of January 1, 1926. Of these there are 202 able bodied men who are available for any hard work. The cotton crop is 2,500 bales. The cash deficit is approximately \$240,000 for the year. But the cotton has not been marketed and when it is sold it would seem that 2,500 bales will easily wipe out the debt for the year.

The board was expected to do something in the case of Basil Hedgecock, High Point banker, who mixed up his last week with booze and was flung from high grade A to low grade C.

Unless the directors intervene, the financier of the Caledonia farm is good for another two years or so. Hedgecock, who is a fine accountant, most too fine for his own good, has been a very useful man at the Halifax farm, but he has been returned to Raleigh and is now a disfranchised citizen.

## STATE COMMANDER STEVENS TO BE HERE

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening at the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock. At this time State Commander Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, will be present. A chicken supper will be served at the Capital cafe immediately after the meeting. All members of the local Post and any interested in joining will be welcomed at the supper.

S. E. HOGWOOD, Adjutant.

## FARMERS BANK HAS GOOD YEAR

### F. C. Sweeney Is Elected Cashier At Directors Meeting Held Last Night.

### R. C. GILLETT, PRES.

Smithfield's youngest bank, the Farmers Bank and Trust company, organized just four years ago, has closed the year's business with a splendid report. Figures show last year's business to be much better than the previous year. During 1925 this bank put \$3,500 or twenty per cent of its capital stock in the surplus fund besides paying two four per cent dividends, one on July 1 and one on December 25.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution was held yesterday afternoon with 291 shares of the 352 represented. One hundred forty-nine shares were represented in person and 142 by proxy. Only one change was made in the board of directors. W. R. Sanders, who is now located in Raleigh, was succeeded by Geo. T. Scott. Other directors re-elected were R. C. Gillett, W. H. Flowers, James D. Parker, D. W. Peterson, C. L. Sanders, W. N. Holt, R. L. Fitzgerald, J. E. Woodall, W. T. Holland, C. Davis and Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald.

At a meeting of the new board of directors last night, Mr. R. C. Gillett, who has been president since the organization of the bank, was re-elected. Mr. R. L. Fitzgerald was elected vice-president. Mr. F. C. Sweeney, who has been for a number of years with the First and Citizens National Bank, was elected cashier. Mr. Sweeney has been in Smithfield for the past six years, having been with the Citizens National Bank before it was merged with the First National. Mr. H. A. Brown, formerly of Selma, was elected assistant cashier, and other employees are: Miss Neta Ennis and Miss Ruby Woodall.

## Scout Committees In A Conference

### Scout Executive Rivers Outlines Duties; T. C. Young General Chairman Johnston District.

Heads of the various committees for the Johnston County District of the Tuscarora Council of Boy Scouts were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Young at a four course dinner Friday evening. Mr. Young is second vice president of the district and at the meeting Friday he was made general chairman of the district.

The conference held Friday evening was one of the most important to be held in the county in connection with the Boy Scout work. A new organization for the Tuscarora Council is being perfected. The Tuscarora Council comprises five counties, Johnston county being one of three districts formed in the territory. Five towns in Johnston county have scout troops namely, Kenly, Selma, Princeton, Smithfield and Benson. The scout executive, Mr. W. W. Rivers, with headquarters at Goldsboro, under the new arrangement spends two days out of each week with the troops in Johnston county. He is desirous that other troops be organized in the county and that the scout work continue to grow as it has in the last two or three years.

The new organization calls for eight committees in each district and the chairman of these committees were invited to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Young Friday evening as follows: Finance, Dr. I. M. Mayerberg, of Selma; Court of Honor, W. H. Myers, of Smithfield; Publicity, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Smithfield; Camping, F. H. Brooks, Smithfield; Training, M. P. Young, Princeton; Reading, G. T. Whitley, Kenly; Civic Service, Dr. Geo. D. Vick, Selma; Troop Organization, Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, Selma. Mr. Fred Waters, scout commissioner, Tuscarora Council, was also present on this occasion. Owing to the inclement weather, Judge D. H. Bland, president of the council, and Leslie Weil, National Council Representative, both of Goldsboro, were unable to be present.

Mr. Rivers, the scout executive, was on hand and outlined the duties of each committee. Each chairman will appoint other members of his committee at an early date, and the scout work is expected to go forward in a more systematic manner than ever before. The meeting Friday evening was very enthusiastic and plans were discussed whereby scouting should mean more than it ever has to the youth of Johnston county.

A public rally is being planned to be held at an early date, when a demonstration of scout work will be made. Scout troops throughout the county will participate. The Goldsboro and Kinston districts are planning similar rallies.

## NEGROES REPORT ON HOSPITAL DRIVE

Amount raised to date, \$578.82. Next tag day, January 23.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was not a full attendance at the teachers meeting in Smithfield on January 9. However, the following schools reported:

Short Journey, Mrs. J. G. Smith, \$3.50.  
St. Amanda, Mrs. Virginia D. Cooper, \$2.00.  
White Oak, Miss Bell, \$13.00.

The following persons, having visited the hospital under construction, became interested in selling hospital tags to help equip the negro wards: Mrs. Mary Cotler, Selma, \$1.00, and Mrs. Hattie Leach, Selma, \$10.00.

LAURA J. A. KING, Supervisor Negro Schools.

Widespread use of sightseeing and touring buses is reported in New York City, where 367 cars are employed in this work. Other cities with sightseeing activities of major importance are Los Angeles, Washington, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Detroit, and Atlantic City.

## Berlin's Bride



ELLEN MACKAY, daughter of Clarence H. Mackay, head of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company started society by suddenly becoming the bride of Irving Berlin, song writer, last week.

## Songs Factors In Courtship

No doubt it will interest the readers to know that the song hits we have all been signing for the last year or so were factors in this unique courtship.

Irving Berlin, a Jewish immigrant boy from Russia; a beer waiter in "Nigger Mike's" place on the Bowery, later one of the first cabaret entertainers there—but today worth a million or two and without doubt America's premier popular song genius had many obstacles to overcome in marrying Ellen Mackay, daughter of one of America's proudest and wealthiest families. He was opposed to the very end by the father, Clarence Mackay—and as this is written—is still unforgiven.

But love—and Berlin's harmony won the maiden's heart after more than two years of conquest; First, Berlin wrote:

"ALL ALONE, I'm so all alone—There is no one else but you. All alone by the telephone. Waiting for a ring, a ting-a-ling. I'm all alone every evening. All alone, feeling blue. Wond'ring where you are—and how you are—and if you are—all alone too.

Then Miss Mackay sailed for Europe—trying to please dad—and Berlin's song appeared:

"What'll I do—when you are far away—and I am feeling blue—"

Miss Mackay returned from Europe—and another Berlin song appeared. The popular, "REMEMBER—have you forgot to remember."

She had not—the Catholic girl married the Jewish boy last Monday.

What will Berlin's next song hit be?

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## TOUR TO WAIT FOR BETTER WEATHER

Kinston, Jan. 9. -- Announcement is made by President John W. Holmes, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, that the Industrial Tour, planned to begin Tuesday, January 12, has been postponed on account of the weather conditions. A dozen or more towns had entered representatives for this industrial tour through the Piedmont section, which would have made it a big success. A later date will be set and it is believed with better weather conditions an even larger representation will be assembled for the trip. It will probably be held the first part of March.

## Moving To Massachusetts

Selma, Jan. 6. -- Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitaker and little son have hosts of friends in Selma who regret to see them move from this city. During the Christmas holidays Mr. Whitaker received a message announcing the sudden and unexpected death of his mother. They left at once to attend the funeral and while there the aged father persuaded them to return to Fairhaven, Mass., and make their home with him. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker had identified themselves with the church work of Selma as well as the social and civic life and will be sorely missed. The best wishes of our people go with them.

## Prominent Couple Marry In Wilson

### Mr. Thos. S. Ragsdale of This City Weds Miss Caroline Edmondson

Wilson, Jan. 8. -- One of the most beautiful home weddings that ever occurred in Wilson took place Wednesday night at eight-thirty o'clock at the home of Dr. J. R. Edmondson when Miss Caroline Edmondson became the bride of Mr. Thomas Smith Ragsdale of Smithfield.

Only the relatives and a very few of the friends of the families witnessed the ceremony. When Mr. Edmondson, accompanied by Miss Lucile Magette, began the ever-moving Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, all eyes were turned toward the stair-case down which the young bride must come. First were the ushers, Mr. James Edmondson, the brother of the bride; Mr. Hugh Ragsdale, of Smithfield, the brother of the groom; Mr. James T. McCraw; and Mr. Russell Thompson. Miss Elizabeth Connor, wearing a beautiful white georgette dress embroidered in crystal and pearls, and carrying an arm bouquet of roses shading from light to pink to deep red, served as maid of honor. The best man was Mr. George Ragsdale of Smithfield, brother of the groom. The mother of the bride, Mrs. J. R. Edmondson, clad in gold satin beaded and banded in shades of blue, gold, red, and crystal, and carrying a beautiful shawl bouquet of Parma violets and orange-colored roses, was matron of honor. Dr. Edmondson gave the bride away.

In a bow of green and white against a background of palms and ivy, illuminated by the soft glow of two seven-branched chandeliers, Mr. E. L. Flanagan performed the simple but impressive ring ceremony.

The bride's gown was a picture dress of white satin with a wide fold of tulle at the bottom of the bouffant skirt. Her train was lined with peach pink crepe, giving a color note which was echoed in the background of the embroidered ornament of crystal, sequins, and pearls at the front of the waist. Her veil was of bride's illusion, and her beautiful and becoming head-dress of pearls. The only jewel worn on the bride's gown was a pin set with a coral rose, which had been worn by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Fulmore, at her own wedding. The bride's bouquet was exquisite; it was a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, white lilac, pink-tinted gardenias, and maiden-hair fern, showered with bits of the valley and sweetest roses.

After the wedding the many friends of the young couple and their two families were received at the home. Receiving in the front hall were Mr. and Mrs. Selby Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. H. Moseley Fussey and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Myatt introduced the guests to the receiving line; Dr. and Mrs. Edmondson; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ragsdale; Mrs. Fulmore, the grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Ragsdale, of Smithfield, the mother of the groom; Miss Elizabeth Connor and Mr. George Ragsdale of Smithfield, the maid of honor and best man; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bethea of Dillon, S. C.; and

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## The Mirror

### IS THIS YOU?

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

You passed in front of Hill's Ice Cream store at 6:45 p. m. Monday. You wore black shoes and black chiffon hose; a brown coat with fur collar and you had a red rose in your coat lapel.