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ELIZABETH CITY BANKS HAVE DEPOSITS OF \$1,200,000 AND RESOURCES OF \$180,000. THREE PROGRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS. CLEARING HOUSES FOR "BUSY MONEY."

The First National Bank A Leading Carolina Depository

Elizabeth City is fortunate in having among its busy men a larger number of energetic, capable and successful workers than most towns. Such men, also possessed of judgement and splendid character without an exception comprise the directorate of the First National Bank. It was in 1891 that a group of representative and progressive Pasquotank county men brought together their money and with \$50,000 organized this institution. In 1904 the capital was increased to one hundred thousand dollars. Think of it! In thirteen years' time the money financing the First National was two and a half times as much as at the inception of the institution. This bank stands forth prominently with the leading depositories of North Carolina. Money is of value only when it is busy. This bank performs just the offices that the modern monetary institution is intended for. It offers safe security for the money of individuals and organizations, pays interest on the deposits and puts the cash to work, aiding the depositor, the merchant, the manufacturer and the working man—every soul in the community.

W. G. Gaither Jr., is the cashier. He has been in that capacity for three years, and for three and a half years prior was assistant cashier. He is young man and a native of the section, having been reared eighteen miles south of Elizabeth City. He is a man of sterling character. He is a man of the kind that always attracts attention as a hustler.

The First National Bank

pays semi-annual dividends of six per cent. It has paid in dividends to its stock holders since its founding \$202,500—a little more than twice as much as its present capital. The surplus is 60,000; deposits about 500,000.00. This bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System. It is located in a splendid modern banking house on the main street, convenient to the business district. The building is a handsome three story structure, with the banking rooms on the ground floor and offices above. It was improved in 1910. About ten thousand dollars has been spent on improvements.

The directors of the First National Bank are: Chas. H. Robinson, the president, an Elizabeth City progressive; L. S. Blades, the vice-president and known to every person in the town nearly; D. B. Bradford, J. A. Kramer, P. H. Williams, E. F. Aydlett, O. F. Gilbert, J. C. Blades, C. O. Robinson, S. H. Johnson, and E. R. Daniels. Dr. L. S. Blades, the vice-president is President of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone Company, which has its general headquarters in Elizabeth City. President, Charles H. Robinson, the president, besides being president of a big wholesale dry goods store, is the president of the Elizabeth City Cotton Mill. Robinson, Blades and Gaither are one of the strongest combinations in Elizabeth City. It would be hard to get together a better qualified, more popular and more energetic trio even in the Picture City of

Northeastern North Carolina.

The Citizens Bank of Elizabeth City Has Played Part in City's Advancement

In telling the story of the present of any community it is essential that a mention be made of the banking interests, for the business of affairs of every community are dependent to a great degree upon its financial institutions.

The Citizens Bank of Elizabeth City has been established since 1899. It began business with a capital of \$25,000. In 1913 this was increased to \$50,000. It is interesting to note that its first president, Dr. O. McMullan, and vice-president W. C. Glover, two of the most prominent citizens of the Picture City, and M. R. Griffin, the first Cashier, still occupy those responsible positions. It is upon the president and the cashier of a bank that most depends as

regards the institution's prosperity. All of these gentlemen are genuinely popular, of modern tendencies, and posted on all that is new in the monetary world. Mr. Griffin's name on the bank's stationery, his fellow townsmen will tell you, is all the assurance of success and safety that the men who have invested their money in and entrusted their money to this bank need. W. C. Glover, the vice-president is a broad-minded man, a believer in the progress of Elizabeth City and one of those most instrumental in the upbuilding of the town.

The following well known men comprise the directorate: Dr. O. McMullan, W. C. Glover, M. N. Sawyer, F. M. Grice, T. P. Nash, F. F. Spence, E. M. DeFord and Noah

Barfoot. The bank is a U. S. depository for Postal Savings.

The Citizens Bank of Elizabeth City, it is stated, increased its capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000 out of the 1913 surplus. The bank has undivided profits to the sum of \$12,000. It paid in dividends prior to the doubling of the capital 15 per cent; the dividends now average eight per cent per annum.

This institution occupies its own building, a handsome structure at the corner of Poindexter and Fearing Streets. The fixtures are handsome. It is known to all business men of Elizabeth City that the Citizens

Savings Bank and Trust Company One of The Livest in The State

With a remarkable growth during all the years of its history, with a record of being identified ever with the progress and development of the town and county and with the friendship of a large and constantly growing list of patrons, the Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Elizabeth City has a bright future. Since its establishment in 1903, the men behind this institution—live, red-blooded men whose ideas are worth while and whose ideals are worthily high—have seen their efforts and clean methods produce wonderfully. The bank was organized with a capital of \$25,000. This was increased to \$40,000 when the Mercantile bank merged with it on February 1st 1915. It has paid in dividends a total of 93 per cent on the old capital. The surplus and profits are around \$35,000. Deposits total four hundred thousand dollars or more. W. T. Old, the first president, left the Savings Bank and Trust Company in 1912. He is now President of the Seaboard National Bank of Norfolk, a very important institution of the Virginia City. J. B. Flora, a prominent wholesale grocer, was the next head of the bank, serving until his death in June 1914.

The present officers of the Savings Bank and Trust Company are: President, P. H. Williams; vice-president, E. F. Aydlett; Cashier, H. G. Kramer, and assistant cashier, W. Harney Jennings. Mr. Williams was chosen president at the death of Mr. Flora. He is a big business man in the local business world. Besides his connection with the Savings Bank and Trust Company and other enterprises, he is secretary-treasurer of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company. Vice-president Aydlett is an attorney with one of the largest practices in the state who has been mentioned prominently in a number of past campaigns as a possible candidate for governor. He has held office

since the bank was established. Geo. P. Pendleton was the first cashier. He served until September 1st, 1906, when Mr. Kramer was elected to the place. Prior to then Cashier Kramer was with the First National Bank. He is what is regarded as a "going" man. He has already "come" to the estate of big things, and has a still larger and more useful future. Assistant cashier Jennings was before coming to the Savings Bank and Trust Company, cashier of the Mercantile Bank. The growth of the Savings Bank and Trust Company, has been as steady and as rapid, as that of the community in which it is so important an institution. It has helped Elizabeth City, and the city has done the handsome thing by it in reciprocating. The deposits in 1906 were only one fourth of what they now are, a hundred thousand dollars against four hundred thousand.

The bank is installed in a Poindexter street building not owned by it. The company hopes to own its own building before long, and when it builds will erect an architectural building to itself. That is its way of doing business. There is nothing shoddy nor lacking in completion undertaken by its directorate ever. The fixtures in the present quarters are ample and attractive, and the precautions for protection are thorough as any depositor could wish.

Installed within the bank's vault is one of the largest safes in Eastern Carolina. It is of modern type and is absolutely fire and burglar proof. This is a recent addition by the bank.

The directors are E. F. Aydlett, Dr. L. S. Blades, J. W. Foreman, C. E. Kramer, J. T. McCabe, C. O. Robinson, A. Sawyer, Dr. J. H. White, A. M. Willey, P. H. Williams, J. Q. A. Wood, and W. J. Woodley.

zen's bank has played a considerable part in the advancement of the community to its present point of prominence in the list of Eastern Carolina cities. Prominent men manage the strong institution—men of established integrity whose names constitute the strongest guarantee of the fact that the splendid record already achieved will be kept inviolate in the future. In every instance when dealing with new patrons the heads of the Citizens Bank of Elizabeth City have remembered that the security of the depositor should be paramount and that courtesy should be their second thought.

Seventy-Five Thousand Overlands in One Year

A Good Record in Cars and a Still Better One in its Percentage of Satisfied Owners

Dr. M. M. Harris has the agency for the Overland automobile—an automobile with a reputation. The local agency embraces Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties. Dr. Harris has represented the popular car here two years. When he took the agency there were only two Overlands in the territory second hand machines at that. In two years' time twenty touring cars alone have been sold. He maintains a garage and repair shop to accommodate all patrons. Every machine sold during the past twenty four months has given perfect satisfaction as every purchaser nearly has assured him.

The Overland is a standard car that is growing in popularity. Seventy-five thousand are to be made this year.

The new Overland Six, a \$1,475 machine, has a wheel base of 125 inches. Most other sixes, at a similar price, have a shorter wheelbase, meaning less comfort when driving. It comfortably seats seven passengers. Most other sixes at a similar price seat but five. Those which do seat seven are cramped and uncomfortable. The forty five horse power motor is of the latest en bloc design. Most other sixes at a similar price, have a less powerful motor; also less flexibility and doubtful efficiency. It has high tension magneto ignition. The majority of other sixes at a similar price have only the ordinary not a certain battery system of ignition. It has unusually large tires, 35 inches by 4 1/2 inches all arounds with non-skids on the rear. Most other sixes have smaller tires. Also, non-skids in the rear are rare. It has the very finest grade of bright French finish long grain, genuine hand buffed leather upholstery. "Order your Overland now", is the injunction of wise autoists to people in the market. This is the best motoring season of the year, deliveries can be made promptly, and there is no pleasanter way to spend the summer vacation than by motoring.

The Overland six of the latest model is electrically started, electrically lighted, its color is royal blue with ivory white striping, it has a one man top, pockets in all doors, rain vision, ventilating-type windshield, built in full floating rear axle, demountable rims, one extra rim, a high grade magnetic speedometer and a hundred other excellent things.

Other models of the Overland sell at from \$795 to \$1,600 all prices f. o. b. Toledo.

LIVE SUCCESSFUL RETAIL MERCHANTS

The Rucker & Sheely Co., dealers in dry goods, furnishings, matings, trunks, bags, hats, caps, etc. have a good, big store and do a large business in Elizabeth City. Their stock is unusually complete, and the firm is comprised by people whom it is a pleasure to deal with.

Their business was established thirteen years ago by Messrs Rucker and Sheely. This thirteenth year is one of their luckiest, too, since the enterprise is making greater gains now than ever, in the volume of business done as well as in the public's favor.

Five years ago the firm was incorporated and moved the stock into a creditable new building, occupying two stores jointly.

The members of the company on the directorate are President J. H. Sheely, Vice President, J. W. Leland, the secretary, Miss Effie Sawyer, and the treasurer, Miss Mary Sawyer.

The Rucker and Sheely Co's stock is such as appeals to all classes of trade. Many of the people who buy goods between seasons are regular patrons. This is a modern Elizabeth City concern, and if you go into the store a rank stranger, look around a bit and start out without buying you will be told to come again, and told in such a manner that you will feel like visiting the place again.

There can't be found finer lines in the city than these people carry in stock. Usually before the magazines begin to print advertisements with pictures of certain new brands of standard wearing apparel, the patrons of this establishment are posted. The windows are always displaying something 'just out'.

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The TOMATO GIRLS and BOYS' CORN CLUBS Will make the State our pride. When they have shown what can be grown With crops DI VER S I F I E D. Hoo oo ray! Hoo oo ray! Will make the State our pride. When they have shown what can be grown With CROPS DI VER S I F I E D.