

BANKERS MEETING GREAT SUCCESS

Excellent Speaking And
Fine Spirit Mark First
Meeting of Group One

The first meeting of group one of the North Carolina Banker's Association was held in Elizabeth City yesterday.

The afternoon session was called to order by Chairman L. W. Norman of Hertford at the Southern Hotel Monday at half past three o'clock. The address of welcome was made by Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church, and this was responded to by Mr. A. B. Dunning, vice president of the bank of Martin County, at Williamston, N. C. Following this was an address by the chairman and the discussion of the session was led by Mr. J. B. Ramsey, president of the First National Bank of Rocky Mount, whose subject was 'Ways to Promote the General Welfare and Foster a Fraternal Spirit of Group One'.

Twenty four banks of the forty six in the territory comprising Group One were represented in the meeting.

L. W. Norman of the Hertford Banking Company, Hertford, N. C., was re-elected president of the Convention; C. H. Godwin of the Bank of Martin County, Williamston, was elected secretary and treasurer; and C. S. Carr, of the Greenville Banking Company, Greenville, W. L. Curtis of the Bank of Ahoskie, Ahoskie, and H. G. Kramer of the Savings Bank and Trust Company of this city were elected as advisory board. The office of vice-president was created and W. G. Gaither of this city was elected to this position.

The town of Greenville was chosen as the next place of meeting and the meetings of Group One will be held each year on February 22nd.

After adjournment the visitors were taken on an automobile ride along the river front and on a tour of inspection of the city. In the evening a banquet was given at the Southern Hotel.

Dr. O. McMullan, President of the Citizens' Bank of Elizabeth City was toast master and among those responding to toasts were: A. M. Dumay, cashier of the First National Bank of Washington, N. C. whose subject was 'National Banks and the Federal Reserve System'; H. A. Biggs, president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Williamston, who responded to the toast 'State Banks and the Federal Reserve System'; J. C. B. Ehringhaus whose subject was 'Courtesy as a Business Asset'; and P. H. Williams, president of the Savings Bank and Trust Company of this city, whose subject was 'Thrift'. Music for the banquet was provided by a male quartette consisting of J. W. Foreman, Larry Ennis Skinner, John M. Harney and H. G. Kramer.

Those attending the Convention from other towns were: A. M. Dumay of the First National Bank, Washington; B. S. Clark and Elmer H. Spruill of the Bank of Roper; R. G. Harrison of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Williamston; Jos. B. Ramsey of the First National Bank of Rocky Mount; Norman O. Warren of Greenville; J. D. Woollard of Robinsonville; W. R. Watts of Plymouth; John

CURRITUCK TO THE FRONT

Currituck, N. C. Sept. 7.—Currituck Court convened this morning at about ten thirty with Judge Cooke on the bench. The morning session was taken up with the Judge's charge to the jury.

The County Highway Commission, the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education have all been in session but the last named body is the only one which has completed its session. The board passed an order to the effect that hereafter the proceedings of its meetings be sent to The Advance for publication.

The highway commission passed yesterday in discussing the best and most feasible means of raising revenue for the building of roads in Currituck County. No decision was reached but it is safe to say that some steps will be taken to ensure at an early date a system of good roads for the county. The members of the highway commission are: E. R. Johnson, Dr. W. T. Griggs and R. G. Bagley. It is thought that the plans of the commission will take definite shape by Wednesday.

BLOOMBERG NOT GUILTY

A. E. Bloomberg, charged with embezzlement to the sum of \$6.50, was found not guilty by Judge Sawyer in police court Saturday morning.

Bloomberg came to this city to enter the employ of D. Walter Harris. Harris charged him with receiving and appropriating money paid as an advance on a suit of clothes by a negro named Harrington. Harrington claimed that he paid Bloomberg the money and another negro testified that he saw the transaction but the corroborating witness was not able to prove good character and Bloomberg was.

REVISE JURY BOX

The County Commissioners in regular session yesterday instructed the Register of Deeds to revise the jury box from this year's tax list in order that time may be saved in the selection of the jury at the various terms of court here. There have been for some time many names in the old jury box of men who were either dead or had moved away.

At the same meeting the Commissioners voted to provide a fourth month's treatment for Miss Steger in the State Sanatorium.

B. Sparrow of Washington; W. H. Woollard of Bethel; John D. Lilly of Jamesville; A. R. Dunning of Williamston; J. B. Ross of Washington; Frank H. Fagan of Rocky Mount; E. C. Rea of Edenton; J. R. McMullan of Hertford; J. L. Walker of Hertford; W. L. Curtis of Ahoskie; H. R. Cooley of Baltimore; R. B. Etheridge of Manteo; L. H. Harrison of Columbia; W. E. Stubbs of Belhaven; Clarence Latham of Plymouth; A. B. Whitfield of the Bank of Hyde; W. S. White of Belhaven; C. H. Wood of Edenton; H. M. Stearn of Belhaven; Harry A. Biggs of Williamston.

Many were the expressions of pleasure from the various visitors upon the beauty of the river front, the well kept appearance of the town, the hospitality of Elizabeth City's Bankers and the organization of the convention.

MAKE APPEAL FOR DAIRYMEN

Much Discussion But no
Permanent Action taken
By Aldermen Last Night

Last night's session of the board of aldermen, which lasted for more than three hours, was spent chiefly in the discussion of the license tax.

The new license tax. Attorneys W. L. Small and George J. Spence appeared before the board in behalf of the dairymen asking for a reduction of the \$2 tax per cow. Mr. Spence pointed out to the board that the charter reads that the board 'may' levy a tax of not more than two dollars, and that, therefore, the board is at liberty to make the levy any amount under two dollars per head or to exempt the dairymen from this tax entirely. The city attorney, argued, however, that the levy had been made by a charter committee, so the board had only the right to take off the entire assessment or to let it stand as reported by the charter committee.

There was considerable debate and the board decided to reduce the tax to \$1 per cattle head, then re-considered and voted to take off the entire levy, but finally rescinded its action, leaving matters as they stood prior to last night's meeting, and adjourned to meet next Monday afternoon. The collection of license taxes will be held up until after this meeting.

ENTERTAINS FIDELIS CLASS

Mrs. R. T. Ventris entertained the Fidelis class of Blackwell Memorial church last night at her home on Road street. A large number of the class members and invited guest were present. Recitations by Miss Perry and music by Misses Goodwin and Parker added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

FOUND DEAD ON STEPS

The funeral of E. J. Mercer was conducted this morning from the home on Cherry street and the interment occurred on the family burying ground at Camden.

Mr. Mercer was found dead Sunday night on the porch of Sylvester's Grocery Store on Euclid Heights at ten thirty and it was at first believed that he had committed suicide but later examination showed that his death was the result of heart depression caused perhaps by the excessive use of alcohol and other stimulants.

Mr. Mercer was employed by the Crown Oil and Wax Company here, and is survived by his wife and three children, Rena, Janie and George, aged respectively 18, 14 and twelve years. Three half sisters and a half brother also survive him. He was forty five years of age and moved to Elizabeth City from Camden about ten years ago. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

GOOD RECORD FOR AUGUST

The City Health officer reports nine white births and one death during the month of August, eleven colored births and seven deaths.

MR. FALLS URGES COVER CROPS

And Offers Assistance to
Pasquotank Farmers in
Enriching Soil

To Pasquotank County Farmers:

The greatest agricultural assets of the south are the long growing seasons, large rainfall and mild winters that enable us to keep our soils busy the year around. But if we do not, they are a positive disadvantage, for without winter cover crops our soils are subject to washing and leaking.

It has been estimated that only one fourth of the plant food that becomes available each year is used because people have not realized that most of the insoluble plant food becomes available in the latter part of the present crop season.

This chemical change is caused by an excessive amount of heat. Thus we can very readily see that our largest portion of plant food is subject to use or loss in the fall of the year. Therefore, we should use some method to prevent this loss. To prevent such an enormous loss we should have some crops growing the entire year. In using winter legumes and other crops such as rye, oats and wheat we are able to occupy this idle space of time and prevent the loss of plant food, at the same time there can be a valuable crop produced.

With continuous use of cover crops our soil can be supplied with organic matter which will enable us to have a better soil, better crops and better livestock.

Thus we shall be able to reduce our fertilizer bill, which has been eating out our pockets from time to time, and at the same time see the improvement in texture and humus content of the soil; for organic matter results in the formation of carbonic acid which tears down the insoluble compounds of plant food.

I would like to see each and every farmer in this county sow some kind of cover crop if not more than one acre; and if preferred, some legume. I can secure bacteria free for inoculation.

Yours Truly,
G. W. FALLS,
County Agent.

BETSEY TWICE DEFEATED

The Elizabeth City baseball team was defeated Wednesday afternoon by the Sound Neck aggregation on the Sound Neck diamond by the score of 5 to 4. Elizabeth City was in the lead until the ninth when Sound Neck scored three runs. Hughes pitched for Elizabeth City fanned out sixteen men.

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| Struck out by Hughes 16, by Davis 7. Base on balls from Davis 3, from Hughes 1. Hit by pitcher Balance and Sawyer. | | | |
| Dry Ridge defeated Elizabeth City on the Dry Ridge Diamond Friday by the score of 9 to 2. | | | |
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Mrs. P. A. Parker is visiting Mrs. J. E. Moran at Edenton.

Mr. Frank W. Hollowell of Portsmouth is visiting his mother, Mrs. C. W. Hollowell at 'Bay Side'.

COMMISSION REDUCES TAXES

To the Tax Payers of Pasquotank County:

The Corporation Commission at its recent session in Raleigh reduced the values placed upon real estate in Pasquotank County 5 per cent.

This is the result of the fight made at the mass meetings in this county. Pasquotank County is the only County in the state whose real estate was valued too high and is the only one the Corporation Commission has reduced. The people of the County are to be congratulated. It will save the tax payers of Pasquotank between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

T. B. Wilson.

BEACH PARTY AT POWELLS POINT

Powell's Point, September 4. Miss Ivor Bray of Shiloh and Miss Madeline Dalton of Norfolk were guests of honor at a delightful beach party given last week by Mr. Charles Wright at Powell's Point. The other members of the party were: Misses Blanche Harmon, Annie Newbern, Lela Harmon, Sarah Newbern, Janie O'Neal, and Margaret Barnard, Messrs. Duke Fisher, Norman Hughes, Bryan Fisher, and Thomas Forbes. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newbern Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gray and Rev. V. A. Royal.

CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

The First Baptist Baraca class at a business meeting Sunday elected the following officers for the coming six months: Jas. G. Gregory, teacher; C. A. Cooke, Assistant teacher; J. W. Wilcox, President; W. T. Love, Jr., Vice President; Frank Tatem, Secretary; Boush Leigh, Assistant Secretary; Kenyon Baily, Treasurer, and John Spruill, reporter.

GOOD CROWD AT CAMDEN PICNIC

H. C. Ferebee of Camden was in the city Saturday and reported a large crowd at the Camden Farmers Picnic on Arneuse Creek last Wednesday with an address by Dr. Templeton, vice president of the State Farmer's Union and a big basket dinner.

CHEAPER LIME FOR FARMERS

County Farm Demonstration agent Falls had a busy week with the farmers of the upper part of the county last week. Farmers in Newland Township are said to be inoculating their hogs against hog cholera very generally now.

Mr. Falls is expressing considerable satisfaction in that he has been able to call to the attention of the farmers of this county the fact that they have been paying too high a price for lime. Pasquotank farmers have been purchasing their supply from Virginia cities, seemingly unadvised that the last legislature had appropriated fifty thousand dollars to enable farmers to secure lime at cost. Mr. Falls has written State Farm Demonstration agent Hudson to find out what amount is available at this time for the county. He expects to get the ground limestone to be able to get the ground limestone at about \$1.50 per ton whereas farmers have been paying nearly four times that amount for the shell lime for use on the lands in this part of the state, the shell lime being too strong for the soil here.

WAR PICTURES TOMORROW NIGHT

Thrilling History of Great
Struggle to be Shown at
Alkrama in Five Reels

The first pictures of the European War seen in Elizabeth City will be shown at the Alkrama Wednesday night of this week. These pictures will be of interest to every one and the ten cents admission price guarantees a full house.

The first reel will show the movements of troops and progress of the campaign from the beginning of the war last August until the first of December with scenes in London, Berlin and Brussels at the outbreak of the titanic struggle. King Albert of Belgium at the head of his troops and the Belgians entrenching themselves to meet the German advance will be a part of the thrilling drama.

The onward march of the Germans, the tragic change of place of amusement and gaiety into refugees, the bread line, soldiers in the trenches, and the occupation of Brussels are among features of the second part of the film production, while the third reel takes up the story of fighting in the East, featuring Von Kluck's great turning movement which resulted in the German retreat to the Aisne.

The fourth reel shows Canadian troops going to England's aid, and scenes from Belgium, England and Germany. The fifth shows the destruction of the beautiful cathedral of Rheims and the sixth brings the story on almost to the present time.

From an educational standpoint these pictures should be seen by everybody, and no movie 'thriller' can compare with them in the interest which these scenes from the great war command.

HAD FINGERS SAWED OFF

J. H. Luton, a young white man, about twenty two years old and married, who lives on Simonds Creek in this county, had three fingers of his left hand sawed off Friday while operating a wood saw.

Luton is owner of a small circular wood saw operated by a gasoline engine. The whole outfit is on wheels and at this season Luton is busy sawing winter wood for his patrons all over the county. Friday he was at work in town when the accident occurred. Luton was taken at once to the city Drug store where Dr. McMullan dressed the wound.

Splendid Scenic Display

As previously noted in these columns, 'The Winning of Barbara Worth', a highly successful stage production of Harold Bell Wright's widely read story, with a large New York Company, and splendid scenic equipment, is to be played at The Colonial Theatre, Norfolk, Va. September 20. Judging by the thorough advertising methods employed, it is quite evident that the performance is one of unusual excellence. It is said that a number of theatre parties have been formed and will attend from here if the weather is favorable. sep 13 1t

See our window display of pencils and holders. For a few days only 10c each.

LOUIS SELIG
Leading Jeweler adv.