

Bring your Tobacco to Fairmont; Sell it at Fairmont Warehouses and Trade with Fairmont Merchants

BANK OF FAIRMONT

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On the second floor are the stock and composition rooms. The Wilson Printing Co. is prepared to handle almost anything in the line of printing from a visiting card to a wedding invitation.
As the years go by the plant continues to grow and enlarge. The Messenger has recently changed to a semi-weekly in order to get the news fresher to its patrons. "Progress" is the watchword of The Wilson Printing Co.

holders now represent practically the original purchasers, and the present board of directors consisting of:
Dr. J. P. Brown, Physician and real estate,
A. S. Thompson, Farmer,
F. L. Blue, Fire Insurance,
A. J. Floyd, Merchant and farmer,
R. O. Pittman, Farmer,
N. W. Jenkins, Farmer,



F. L. Blue, Cashier.

J. D. McLean, Merchant, has five of the original seven Directors, and the two changes were made because of the sale of stock and death, and the present officers:

Dr. J. P. Brown, President,
A. S. Thompson, Vice-Pres.,
F. L. Blue, Cashier, are the

same officers originally elected in 1904, the only change made during these years, being only an exchange of places between the President and Vice President. At the last meeting of the stockholders, the first of this year, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the officers for the good work accomplished during the past year. The President very generously announced that if any praises were due, they should be bestowed upon the Cashier as he had done the work, and deserved the encomiums, thus showing that the officers are pleasing the stockholders, and that no jealousy or bickering exists among the officers.

The Bank of Fairmont was organized and opened for the convenience of the people, and for the good of the town and community, and not for the purpose of making money for the stockholders, and this policy and purpose has been rigidly adhered to; and in building up a stronger and better Bank, and giving depositors greater security, he stockholders have been paid in an annual cash dividend of 6 per cent, the balance of the profits being carried to the credit of Undivided Profit Account and to a permanent surplus fund. It has grown from year to year until today, the bank has a plus fund as large as its stock with a good amount of credit of undivided profits. Each share of stock is worth more than \$210, and the

of the Bank twice as great as when the Bank was organized, therefore, we can easily see why a standing offer of \$200 per share made last fall failed to purchase a single share of stock. The Bank has made good profits from the beginning, because it has been doing a good business all the time, and especially because the expense has been kept down to the minimum. No salary is paid except to the Cashier and bookkeeper; the President and Vice President giving their time without pay, for the good of the Bank and for the town. The Bank has never had to pay high rent and now the dividends seem larger than they actually are because they are declared on a \$10,000 capital with a \$21,000 investment. The town of Fairmont is proud of its Bank and every encouragement is given to it by the people. The officers and directors are citizens, and have been, most of them, for life, of the town of Fairmont, and are honored, trusted and respected by all the people.

The Bank of Fairmont has been one of the greatest factors in making Fairmont the hustling town that she is. During its few years of existence it has made 2264 loans amounting to \$1,007,782.95. It has financed the building of a great many of the brick stores in town, while numbers of homes have been built through the help of this good Bank, and it has always helped the poor and needy as well as the prosperous. It has never had any pets or shown any preference in making loans; furnishing the money just as readily to build the annex to Alice Ashley's humble cottage, as to the Trustees of the First Baptist church, to help build their handsome \$12,000 brick building. The Bank's ability to handle big things was amply demonstrated last fall, when it furnished the money and paid for more than 3,000,000 pounds of high priced tobacco inside of sixty days.

The Bank of Fairmont is here to stay. While it is living in a leased home at present, it owns the Thompson corner, the finest location in Fairmont for a bank and on which it will build a handsome home some of these days. We therefore look upon it as our bank, and cheerfully and gladly recommend to you the Bank of Fairmont as a safe place to deposit your money and a place where you will receive prompt and courteous attention at all times.

F. L. BLUE, Cashier

Mr. F. L. Blue Cashier of the bank of Fairmont since his advent in to the business and economic life of the town in 1904 has been vitally connected with every phase of the town development and progress. It was through his untiring efforts during his time as mayor that the name of Ashpole was discarded and the name Fairmont substituted an event that was epochal in its character. He is the cardinal factor in the active management of the bank and the banks success is his unstinted endorsement as a business man.

He was born in 71st township, Cumberland Co., North Carolina, (now Hoke Co.) on the 18th day of February, 1875. Being the second "oldest child in a family of eleven boys and two girls, he educated himself in Lumber Bridge High School

Racford Institute, and a two years' special course at Wake Forest College, taking the B.L. degree from that institution in 1898 and located at Red Springs, but soon moved to Laurinburg, N. C. where, for a short time he practiced law, before the State courts, and also before the Federal court at Wilmington.

During 1899, through Congressman Jno. D. Belamy, he was appointed to a good position in the Census Department at Washington, D. C., from lower Richmond County, N. C., but, a long spell of typhoid fever, with a relapse, prevented his accepting the position, but during his sickness was elected Secretary of the Scotland Cotton Mills at Laurinburg; worked for the cotton mills and Mr. John F. McNair for about two years; came to Ashpole as bookkeeper for the Southeastern Lumber Co., in February, 1902; after two years with the Southeastern Lumber Co. and Bush & Rayner, he accepted the position (that he now holds) Cashier of the Bank of Ashpole, now the Bank of Fairmont, entered the Murchison National Bank of Wilmington where he worked until time for the opening of the Bank of Ashpole.

Thus, we see, that he entered upon his duties as Cashier with all the educational advantages and practical experience necessary for a successful cashier of any bank, therefore, we might readily anticipate a successful career for the

BANK OF FAIRMONT.

DEPOSIT Your Tobacco Checks
With the Bank of Fairmont.

Wilson Printing Company Job Printers and Publishers of The Fairmont Messenger

The Fairmont Messenger was first published in 1898. It was then enlarged to an 8-page, 6-column sheet. After running under many difficulties, financial impediments being the main thing, the Wilson Bros. began work on a new concrete building in which to house their growing plant. May 5, 1911, they moved into the new building, not quite completed, but sufficient to cut out the rents which were ever pushing them.

A few months before moving the boys installed an Omaha Folder attachment to this press, which is working nicely now. In the fall of 1913 a water system was installed in the plant. This system is known as the "Rural Automatic Pump." This is

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The New Concrete Home of the Wilson Printing Company

P. R. Floyd



Store of P. R. Floyd

Mr. P. R. Floyd, proprietor of the firm of P. R. Floyd, general merchandise, although a young man himself is one of the town's oldest merchants and one of the most successful. He was born and reared near Fairmont and came to the town in 1901 to engage in business with Mr. H. S. Floyd in 1902. He went into business for himself in the building where Dr. Stephens is now located. In 1906 he came to the I. M. Thompson building and began business in the handsome store shown above. The store handles a general line

of merchandise and handles a specially complete line of shoes. Since coming to Fairmont Mr. Floyd has been identified with the younger men of Fairmont who have done so much toward its development and the growth of his store reflects the high esteem in which he is held. For a number of years Mr. Floyd has been town clerk and has filled the position well. This enterprising firm sells almost everything. Their shoe department carries the best brands it is possible to carry. For fancy groceries and high

PERCY H. WILSON
Business Manager of the
Fairmont Messenger.
The concern was composed of Messrs. Percy H. and Lawrence Wilson, aged 16 and 15 respectively.
Up to the time of this change the Messenger had been printed on a Washington Handpress—regular man filling machine. By August Messrs. Wilson in-