

Moore 16th County in Debt Percentage

Relation of Debt to Valuation is 7.9 as Against Average of 13. for All Counties

Of the hundred counties in North Carolina, Moore ranks 16th in percentage of total debt to assessed valuation. Figures made public by the State Tax Department give this county's assessed valuation at \$26,826,819, its total debt \$2,124,586, giving a percentage of 7.9.

Two far eastern counties, Carteret and Currituck, have the distinction of being the most heavily in debt and the freest from debt, respectively. The former's percentage is 38.1, the latter's 2.9. Those counties leading Moore in the table are Alleghany, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chowan, Jarrituck, Davie, Gates, Graham, Ioke, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Warren and Yadkin.

The total percentage of debt to valuation for all the counties is 13, for the ten largest counties, 13.6, for the 90 others, 12.6. The total assessed valuation for the hundred counties is given as \$2,963,302,911, the debt as \$384,900,792.

C. M. MULL NEW CHAIRMAN OF STATE PRISON BOARD

C. M. Mull, of Shelby was appointed chairman of the state prison board by Governor O. Max Gardner. Governor Gardner had previously offered Mr. Mull chairmanship of the State Highway Commission and the office of Revenue Commissioner, both of which were declined.

Mr. Mull's name, along with other members of the board, was sent to the senate for confirmation.

Although Governor Gardner desires to have a full time chairman of the board, Mr. Mull has not decided whether he will be able to give his full services to the job.

Mr. Mull is chairman of the state Democratic executive committee. He managed the recent campaign in which Governor Gardner was elected. He is a member of the house of representatives and has been considered as the governor's spokesman on the floor.

Figures Reveal Thrift On Big Increase in U. S.

People Using Savings Agencies at Greater Rate than Investment Channels

One of the most impressive features of the tremendous increase in wealth which the nation has experienced in recent years, is the fact that the masses of the people are using the saving agencies of the country to acquire wealth and property at a more rapid rate than wealth is being invested in industrial and commercial properties, comments Dr. D. D. Carroll, Dean of the School of Commerce, University of North Carolina. Figures lately released by the federal government vividly reveal the story of the average American's saving instinct. In eight key factors the percentage of increase from 1919 through 1927 is shown.

Population	13
Deposits in Savings Accounts	100
Life Insurance in Force	86
Building and Loan Association Assets	239
Building and Loan Association Members	163
Motor Vehicles Registered	206
High School Students	52
College Students	57

Dr. Carroll terms this remarkable progress. While the population has increased but 13 per cent, life insurance has increased six and one-half times as fast, savings deposits eight times as fast, building and loan membership 13 times as fast and building and loan assets 18 times as fast as population growth. The number of automobiles in use has increased three-fold. That progress has not been confined to material things is evidenced by a growth in high school and college enrollment four times faster than the growth in population.

Playing Safe
The significant fact, however, is that people are providing more generously for their own futures. Increased saving means funds to draw upon in sickness, accident, old age or death. They spell independence and freedom from worry and citizens able to take care of themselves. Saving through the building and loan the savings bank and the insurance company appeals particularly to wage earners, clerks, salaried people and the great throng with small or moderate incomes. These people cannot afford

to speculate with their savings. They should be doing what the figures show they are doing, putting their money where it will be safe, carefully handled, used to promote the upbuilding of their communities, and will be available when needed.

The amazing growth of the building and loan association testifies to another praiseworthy fact, that people are investing in homes in constantly increasing ratio. Last year the associations financed over 500,000 homes in the United States. In North Carolina between 7,000 and 8,000 new homes are built every year through first mortgage loans from the building and loan organizations.

Vass-Lakeview School Juniors Entertain in Honor of the Seniors

Nova Byrd and Melvin Cameron Win Best Costume Prizes at Masquerade

SOCIAL EVENT OF YEAR

Quite the most important social event of the school year was the masquerade party given by the junior class of the Vass-Lakeview High School last Friday evening, honoring the seniors.

The festivities began with a grand march in the auditorium and the masqueraders presented a colorful scene. There were Gypsies, Indians, Japanese, Negroes, Chinese, Spaniards, Colonial ladies, clowns, policemen, Uncle Sam, and of especial interest, a very charming young flapper who proved to be that person known as "Mr. Auman." Many of the costumes were exceptionally good, but the judges finally decided that the prizes should go to Miss Nova Byrd, a colonial lady, and Melvin Cameron, policeman. Five of the junior girls in attractive costumes delighted the crowd with an aesthetic dance.

The party again lined up, the march this time leading to the library which was in gala attire for the most important feature of the evening, the banquet. A color scheme of red and yellow, class colors, was most effectively carried out. The windows were draped with these colors, the long table was lighted with red candles, and numbers of balloons lent a festive air. Paul Thomas, president of the junior class, welcomed the guests, and Clifton Blue, president of the senior class, responded for the seniors. Chicken salad, pickles, sandwiches, ice tea, jello and whipped cream, and red and yellow mints were served and after much eating and speaking, the banquet ended amid showers of confetti and bursting of balloons. Various games were enjoyed during the remainder of this most delightful evening.

In addition to the seniors, the juniors had as their guests the high-school faculty and F. M. Dwight, a former teacher.

Tobacco Sales Show Big Increase for Year

Mebane with \$22. Average price Led All State Markets. Estimates Exceeded

The final sales reports indicate about 25,000,000 more pounds of tobacco was produced in North Carolina than was estimated even in December at 475,000,000 pounds. The warehouses actually handled about 484,100,000 pounds or 12,000,000 more than the previous year's record crop.

It is said that on the Danville, Va., tobacco market fully one-third of the sales are made up of North Carolina production. Thus North Carolina had approximately 500,000,000 pounds of bright leaf tobacco produced within its borders for the crop year of 1928. Greenville and Wilson markets together increase their farmers' sales by almost 17,000,000 pounds, which is a sizeable quantity for two medium markets to sell altogether.

Mebane's \$22.08 average price led the state. Fuquay Springs came second. These two markets usually hold first places. Greenville led on the 10,000,000 pound class markets. The state average was \$18.78 for 1928 and \$22.00 for the previous season's total sales. This indicates slightly more than these averages for the exclusive farmers' sales.

There was an increase of two houses shown in the 151 operating during the past season. The average per house was about 3,200,000 pounds. The 43 markets averaged 11,280,000 pounds. The old bright belt sold 156,777,577 pounds at an average of \$18.15. The new (eastern) belt handled 280,737,672 pounds, averaging \$20.03 for the farmers' sales, while the South Carolina belt, including markets in Columbus, Bladen and

Alumni Banquet Nets \$77 for Eureka Club

Women Vote to Donate \$50 for Library Books for Farm Life School

The Eureka Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting in the club house Wednesday afternoon, March 6th. The president, Mrs. Z. V. Blue, had charge of the business meeting.

Sixteen members were present. Under unfinished business the cleaning of the school grounds was planned. A report from the treasurer showed \$77.00 cleared on the Sandhill Farm Life school alumni banquet. Fifty dollars of this amount went to the school to buy library books. Six table cloths were bought for club use and a committee was appointed to buy curtain material for the club house. Plans were made to clean up the club house and make it a pleasant place to meet.

The club voted to help our new school alumni president in every way possible to keep old students posted on our school life. An appeal was made to the club for help in supplying household equipment to a colored family who lost their home and all its contents on the afternoon of the club meeting.

The Hancock school bill was discussed and a protest signed.

Prior to the business meeting of the club, Mrs. W. S. Rlays presented Miss Solmon, from the educational department of the Singer Sewing Machine company, who gave a very useful demonstration of all the different attachments of sewing machines. This part of the meeting was very profitable as well as interesting for club members will later make garments to prove their own skill with these attachments. The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon, April 3, at 2:00 o'clock. Members will answer roll call by describing a dress owned and enjoyed in the long ago. Our home agent will help solve problems. The business session will discuss the buying of silver and dishes for club use for women will serve supper.

Robeson counties, sold 43,584,614 pounds at \$14.18 per hundred weight.

The total, including resales, amounted to 536,984,236 pounds on which the average price is based. Greenville has the most warehouses (nine) with Wilson and Winston-Salem tying with eight each.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY BUYS BREWER GAS STATION

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has purchased the Brewer Service station just outside Southern Pines on the Aberdeen road and will establish there one of its branch wholesale and retail gasoline stations. The property will be improved and beautified, and maintained in the same manner as all Standard Oil depots. It is understood that Mr. Brewer will remain as local manager. Possession will be taken by the new owners on April 1st.

See "That's One on Bill"

given at Mt. Pleasant school Friday, March 22. Uncle Jim wants Bill to marry Mab, but Bill has plans of his own. How Uncle Jim is drawn into the net of matrimony himself keeps everyone laughing.

Admission, 15 and 25 c.

RACES

8th Annual 7 Furlong Running Race for the President's Cup.

5th Annual Springtime 5 Furlong and 5th Annual Getaway 5 1-2 Furlong Races

7th Annual Peach Blossom Pace

6th Annual Spring Trot

THE LAST RACE DAY OF THE SEASON



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At Pinehurst, Friday, March 22nd
Matinee at 3:00 Night at 8:15

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At So. Pines, Friday and Saturday
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William Boyd and Lupe Valez in D. W. Griffith's United Artists Production, "LADY OF THE PAVEMENTS"

At Pinehurst (Silent) Monday, March 25th
Matinee at 3.00

At So. Pines (Sound) Monday and Tuesday
March 25th, and 26th
Matinee Tuesday at 3.00

S. S. Van Dine's famous mystery story, "THE CANARY MURDER CASE" with William Powell and Louise Brooks

At Pinehurst, Wednesday, March 27th
Matinee at 3.00

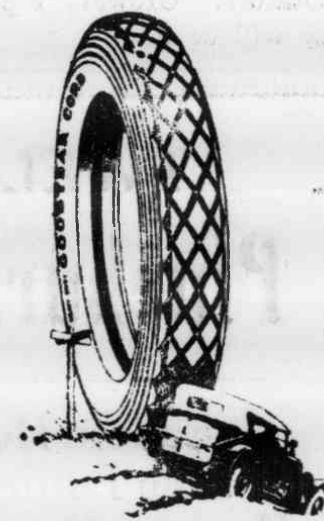
The All-Talking, all Laughing Picture "THE HOME TOWNERS"

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At So. Pines, Wednesday and Thursday
March 27th and 28th
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