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LOCAL B. & L. NOW LINED UP WITH HOME LOAN BANK

\$18,000 To Be Made Available by Action of Local Association

Approximately \$18,000 will be made available in the very near future to prospective home builders and owners in this section, it was announced yesterday by Mr. Wheeler Martin, of the Martin County Building & Loan Association, following the acceptance of the organization as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem.

The acceptance of the Martin County Building and Loan Association as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank gives evidence to the financial position of the local institution and its value as an important factor in the advancement of community progress. Through its membership in the Federal Bank, the institution here will have a greater lending power and will very shortly be in a position to consider additional loans to prospective builders in this community, the official said.

In announcing the acceptance of the Martin County Building and Loan Association as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem, Mr. Franklin F. Kidd, secretary and treasurer of the national organization, said:

"You are to be commended and congratulated in having an association that has stood the examination and investigation requisite for membership in such a manner as to receive the unanimous approval of its condition, the character of its management and home-financing policy as being consistent with sound and economical home financing, and with the purpose of the Act of Congress establishing the Federal Home Loan Bank System; and such approval making available to you the rights, privileges and benefits of all members under the terms of such act.

"This line of credit is available to be used for the financial advantage of your association, and it is hoped you will further the development of thrift and home ownership within your community. The officers of this bank will at all times be pleased to confer and counsel with you relative to your problems."

FUNERAL FOR LOUIS H. PEEL IS HELD SUNDAY

Prominent Farmer of Griffins Died Saturday Afternoon

Louis H. Peel, widely known farmer, died at his home in Griffins Township last Saturday afternoon at 2:30, following a stroke of paralysis suffered 10 days before. He had been in declining health for several months, but his condition was not considered critical until he suffered the last stroke. From that time until the end he never fully regained consciousness.

The son of the late Hyman and Martha Godard Peel, he was born in Griffins Township 51 years ago. He lived and farmed at the place of his birth all his life. In early manhood he was married to Miss Melinda Griffin, who, with four children, Mrs. Clarence Gurkin, Miss Tillie Gray Peel, and William and Aaron Peel, all of Griffins Township, survives. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. J. Walter Griffin, of Wilson, and two brothers, Messrs. Noah, of the United States Army, Fort Bragg, and Homer Peel, of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial followed in the family plot, near the home, the committal service by Mr. J. L. Holliday.

Baptists To Hold Series Of Services in Everetts

The Rev. Mr. Newman, Baptist minister of Bethel, will start a series of revival services in the Everetts Baptist church Monday night of next week. The minister has recently returned from a visit to Palestine and will have many interesting subjects for his sermons. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Several Communities May Join in Electrifying Plan

Heading the rural electrification program in this county, Nicholas Roberson, of Parme, is asking those citizens desirous of electrifying their communities to get in touch with him immediately for complete details in promoting the work.

It is believed that there are several communities in the county that are advantageously located for electric service at a very reasonable cost.

Many Farmers Are Applying For Georgia Marketing Cards

Approximately 150 farmers in this county have applied for Georgia tobacco cards for marketing their excess tobacco, and additional growers are applying for the slips daily, it was learned this morning from the office of the county agent. The applications, calling for an extra amount of approximately one-quarter million pounds, are being forwarded to Raleigh late today or early tomorrow. The cards should be available shortly, the agent's office said.

Many cards have been brought into this state by various people, but it isn't likely that they will be given recognition by the authorities as their identity cannot be easily established, it is understood. Realizing the risk they would run in purchasing outside cards from

unofficial sources, comparatively few farmers are buying the sales slips from those people, even though the price ranges from 2 to 3 cents a pound below the figure established by the government authorities. An application for a card will be received at the county agent's office. The application will be forwarded to Raleigh where an official card will be issued and made available to the grower immediately for a cash consideration of 5 cents a pound. This is the only way that foreign cards can be secured legally, it is understood. Farmers living in the same community, county, or section can buy or sell cards individually, but the cards must be certified at the office of the county agent in the county where the purchaser has his contract.

Pedestrian Is Killed Here Saturday Night

NEGRO WOMAN IS GIVEN 20 YEARS FOR KILLING MAN

Plea of Guilty to Second Degree Murder Accepted By Court Monday

Going on trial in the Martin County Superior Court here at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Phoebe Moore, 27-year-old colored woman, was sentenced 30 minutes later to 20 years in State prison for the murder of Sam Simmons, colored, on Church Street here last July 3. Very little evidence was offered in connection with the killing, described by Judge Devin as being murder in the first degree by every definition. A letter from Judge Clayton Moore, uncle of the woman's one-time employer, was read by Judge Devin, who explained the contents were similar to the evidence offered by the several witnesses in the case.

Solicitor Don Gilliam readily accepted a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, reducing to a mere formality the further proceedings in the case that was reckoned by many as being one of first-degree murder in its every angle. The state asked very few questions, and the defense was limited to the statement of the plea of second-degree murder.

Judge Devin stated that the acceptance of the plea was in order as this state does not electrocute its women for capital crimes, or rather no woman has ever been electrocuted in the state, and no one wanted this woman electrocuted or hanged.

The dead man's family, a widow and two small children, and other relatives by marriage, had no comment to make in connection with the case, but they were said to be greatly interested in procuring aid from the relief office for the orphans.

A second murder case, that of Joe Wheeler James for the killing of Will Worley near here last July, is scheduled for trial this afternoon. James pleaded not guilty when the case was called yesterday, and a special venire was considered but not definitely ordered at that time by the court.

THREE WRECKS ARE REPORTED

No One Seriously Hurt in Series of Minor Wrecks Over Week-End

Three automobile crashes were reported in this section over the week-end, but no one was seriously hurt in any of them. Cicero Purvis, white man of near Hassell, was fatally hurt when struck by a car here Saturday night, however.

The first of the two accidents was reported on the Washington road Friday evening, when two Plymouth cars crashed into each other. Washington officers were said to have been chasing another car when the wreck happened. No one was hurt, according to reports reaching here, but both cars were badly damaged.

James Marriner, of Jamesville, suffered a painful injury on his forehead when his car, driven by John H. Ellison, colored, of Jamesville, and an Oldsmobile from Virginia crashed at the end of the Roanoke fill over in Bertie. Marriner was said to have been thrown from the back seat into the windshield. Marriner had only recently bought the car, a second-hand Ford sedan.

Slight damage was done to two cars near Robertsonville Sunday night in an accident, but no one was hurt.

STEPPED IN PATH OF CAR IN FRONT OF WAREHOUSES

Cicero Purvis, 68, Is Victim; Witnesses Declare Driver Of Car Not To Blame

Mr. Cicero Purvis, a member of an old and prominent family in the Hassell section of this county, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile driven by Wesley Peel, of Griffins Township, on Washington Street here last Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Sustaining injuries to the head, a broken shoulder and leg, he died a few minutes later.

Mr. Purvis, leaving the Gulf Filling Station in the warehouse district, was walking toward the Farmers Warehouse when he stepped into the path of the Peel car that was coming into town. A second car, traveling out Washington Street, met the Peel car on the curve, and it is believed that Mr. Purvis centered his attention on that machine and failed to look for a crossing safe from traffic in the other direction. He stepped into the road suddenly, the Peel car striking him before the driver hardly saw the man. The car, traveling about 20 miles an hour, Mr. Peel said, and even slower according to witnesses, did not pass over the man but dragged him for a distance of about 10 feet.

The old gentleman, 68 years old, had been in declining health for some time and was hardly able to be about, reports state.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Cora Rawls, who died about 10 years ago. He leaves seven children, four daughters, Mrs. Walter Leggett, Mrs. Ezell Briley, Misses Genevieve and Mavis Purvis, and three sons, Ralph, Andrew, and Elliott Purvis. He is also survived by two sons, Ralph, Andrew, and Elliott Purvis. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. T. Jones Taylor, of Edgecombe County; Mrs. W. A. Roberson, of Belhaven; and three brothers, H. L., E. D., and A. E. Purvis, all of the Hassell section, this county.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister of Robertsonville. Burial followed in the family cemetery where his ancestors are at rest.

WRECK VICTIM IS IN HOSPITAL

C. B. Bryan Expected To Be in Tarboro Hospital for Three Months

C. B. Bryan, critically injured in an automobile wreck on Houghton Street here last Thursday evening, was removed to a Tarboro hospital Saturday, where he is expected to recover. It was said that he would be forced to remain there for at least three months. Last reports stated that he was getting along very well. The man was removed to the hospital at the direction of his brother from Lumberton, Earl Boyce, a second victim in the wreck, was carried to Hertford by his father in an ambulance shortly before noon Friday.

Bryan, driver of the car stolen from Mr. T. B. Slade on the Main Street here, wrecked the new Ford V-8 before he had traveled a half mile. He tore down an electric light guy pole, cracked the cement doorsteps to Mr. Will Wynne's home and stopped when he struck a tree a few feet away.

JUDGE EXPLAINS LAWS IN CHARGE TO GRAND JURY

Forceful and Practical Exposition of Duties Made By Judge Devin

Martin County's two weeks of criminal and civil court was promptly opened here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, on the bench. The presiding jurist pointed out that he was prompt in his duties, and that he expected others connected in one way or another in the court to be prompt also. He explained that if a party to a criminal offense out under bond did not answer when his case was called, a capias would be issued and upon arrest the party would be placed in jail to await the convenience of the court.

The presiding jurist delivered a forceful and practical charge to the grand jury. He first outlined grand jury procedure, and then stressed the importance of obeying the laws of the land. No one law suited all the people, yet it is as much the duty of a man to obey a law that he does not want as it is for him to obey those laws he does like, Judge Devin pointed out. He said boys and girls under 16 years of age are allowed to drive automobiles, and in so doing the parents are teaching the children to become lawbreakers. The young people have the knowledge that father and mother allow them to break the law and they are too quick to add more breeches to their number of law violation. The violation might be speeding, driving drunk, or robbing and stealing, and sooner or later more serious crimes follow, giving man the idea that he is a law unto himself.

Judge Devin explained that all laws were created for the safety, peace, and happiness of the people, and said that we must obey them to obtain the desired end. It is certain, he continued, that law violations constitute the heaviest tax in our state and nation.

During his charge, Judge Devin explained his views on capital punishment. He explained that he did not believe in capital punishment for arson and burglary, but that he favored death punishment in case of rape and first-degree murder.

Names of the members of the grand jury are as follows:

W. S. Leggett, S. T. Woolard, E. R. Chesson, George H. Bailey, C. F. Godard, J. F. Gurganus, E. K. Harrell, J. W. Eubanks, H. A. Early, W. A. Vanderford, W. K. Ward, Clyde Moore, W. C. Ange, C. B. Fagan, George W. Wynn, J. A. Manning, and T. F. Davenport. S. S. Brown is foreman.

RELIGIOUS SHOW IN CHURCH HERE

Picture, "Son of Man," To Be Given in Methodist Church Tonight

"Son of Man," taken in Judea and surrounding parts of Palestine, and recognized as one of the most beautiful versions of the life of Christ, will be shown in the Methodist church here tonight at 8 o'clock.

Consisting of eight reels, the picture is not to be judged from any seen in the past, for it has never been equalled. Rev. C. T. Rogers said in announcing the engagement.

The picture was filmed by the Pathe Film Company and surpasses even the "King of Kings" in color and beauty, and more biblically inclined. Dr. E. E. Morrison, of Hillsdale, Mich., sole owner of the film and equipment, lectures in sermonettes and gives clear interpretations while pictures are running, with two standard sized moving picture projectors. There will also be electrically transcribed music, of Rod-sheaver, John McCormick, Gypsy Smith, sr., and many other noted singers, choruses and violin and organ solos.

This program has made a deep and favorable impression wherever seen and heard, it having been shown in nine churches in Raleigh and six by request, and many other churches and towns in North Carolina.

We urge the public to take advantage of this rare opportunity of seeing this great production. No admission charges, but a silver offering will be taken to defray expenses. All children are asked to accompany their parents or adult friends.

New Druggist Secured By Davis Pharmacy

Mr. C. W. Hales, registered druggist, has accepted a position with Davis Pharmacy here, entering upon his new duties yesterday. Mr. Hales succeeds Mr. Jesse Bunting, who resigned that position to enter the insurance business.

Formerly of Wendell, Mr. Hales has been employed in Roanoke Rapids for some time before accepting the position with the local firm.

Local Market Passes Three Million Mark in Leaf Sales

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Complete Criminal Docket Today; Start Church Case Tomorrow

With one of the smallest criminal dockets in years, the Martin County Superior Court slowly but systematically meted out justice yesterday and this morning with a possibility of placing the alleged criminals behind it before adjournment today. High prices prevailing for tobacco and other activities have just about overshadowed the criminal proceedings as an attraction, and unusually small crowds were in the spectators' seats yesterday and this morning even though two murder cases were on the docket. A marked increase in interest is expected tomorrow when the court is scheduled to call the famous Smithwick Creek church case before a home jury. No other cases are on the civil calendar for trial this week.

Following the continuance of the case charging Ollie Page with manslaughter, Solicitor Gilliam said at noon today the criminal docket would probably be cleared this afternoon. One murder case and a few minor other charges remained on the docket for trial this afternoon. A special venire of 25 men is to report for jury service in the case charging Joe Wheeler James with killing Will Worley.

Proceedings of the court: A not-pros resulted in the case charging Buster Spruill with the theft of a 10-cent watermelon.

Leek Page, Robertsonville negro, was found guilty in the case charging him with larceny and reckless driving, and the six months sentence imposed in the county court was sustained by a similar sentence handed down by Judge Devin.

Daniel Ryan, charged with the larceny of automobile tires, was found guilty, the court sentencing him to the roads for 12 months.

Frank and Lee Speller, charged with the larceny of hogs, were found not guilty.

Leroy Smith, colored boy, pleaded guilty of breaking into and stealing money from the Harrison Wholesale company, and was sentenced to the roads for a period of 12 months. Smith was "trapped in the wholesale building one night last week by the store owners.

Hoyt Smith pleaded guilty of entering a home in the Dardens section of the county and the theft of 40 cents. He was sentenced to prison for three years.

The jury at noon had the case charging Charlie Wiggins with the larceny of a cow. Judge Devin charged the jury about the same time in the case charging Floyd Jones with the robbery of James' pressing club in Robertsonville last July. Only three other cases, Joe Wheeler James, murder; Henry Rogers, an accessory before the fact of murder, and Booker T. Hill, assault, are on the docket for trial this afternoon.

The Page case, growing out of the killing of John Leavister and Marshall Andrews near Robertsonville the evening of September 6, was continued as the defense counsel, J. C. Smith, had been employed previously to appear in a case in Durham tomorrow, and too, efforts were made to make way for the calling of the church case tomorrow morning.

MANY TO APPLY FOR RELIEF JOB

Appointment Expected To Be Made Between Now And October 1

Many applications have been received for the position of Federal Emergency Relief Administrator for this county, following the resignation of Mr. J. R. Manning a few days ago. It was unofficially learned here today, no appointment has been made, but the applications are being considered by the authorities, it was stated.

It was unofficially learned that Messrs. J. W. Hines, of Oak City; L. J. Harrison, of Williams Township; and Andrew Clark, of Everetts, have applied or are considering entering their applications for the position. Mr. Henry Green, of Bear Grass, investigating the job, is said to have retreated when he learned the salary paid by the office and the amount of work it provided.

An appointment is expected some time between now and the first of October.

Presbyterians Holding Revival at Poplar Point

Last night the Rev. J. R. Potts, of Greenville, brought the first of a series of messages in the Presbyterian Mission at Poplar Point. Mr. Potts is well remembered from last spring, at which time he conducted a successful meeting and stirred the hearts of many with his splendid sermons. He will be with us for just one week. The meeting will close next Sunday afternoon. The services begin each night at 7:45 p. m. and last but one hour. Come and join us in this series of services.

BETTER TIMES REFLECTED BY SCHOOL PUPILS

More Children Have Books Than Last Year; More Interest in Work

Higher tobacco prices, increased business activities and other factors have reflected a marked turn toward prosperity in this section, but an even greater evidence that conditions are improved was found in the faces and appearance of thousands of Martin County children entering the schools last week. The improvement was said to be amazing, bringing a new encouragement and a brighter hope for the entire section in its return to normal. Surely, with the brightening evidence found in the hundreds of school rooms, hunger and want will soon be reduced to a minimum in this, the alleged garden spot of the world.

County officials, visiting nearly all of the schools, said that the condition of the pupils' appearance had been improved, on the whole, at least 100 per cent, that even the little tots reflected a new happiness in their bright faces. Regardless of numbers, the opening last week was described as the most successful ever experienced by the schools of this county, and the success was credited to improved conditions in all lines of endeavor.

More pupils have books in the county schools already than they had all of last year, a factor that surely will aid in the instructional program. The children are better dressed, and their little hides are cleaner. Their faces are brighter and they have more life in their hearts and souls. It is a revelation to learn just how much effect a normal amount of prosperity can have in bettering conditions in the schools, the county superintendent concluded.

The conditions existing in the schools last year and the year before and which were such to almost bring disrepute to a civilized people, have been reduced to a minimum, a survey of the schools this year shows.

ALLIGATOR GETS LOOSE AT DEPOT

Broke Out of Box Saturday and Is Not Found Until Sunday Morning

A Georgia alligator, measuring about three feet in length, broke out of his box in the railroad station here last Saturday and escaped capture until the following morning. During a greater part of Saturday station employees and others searched for the alligator, but he was not seen until the following morning, when he was found on a low shelf in the station office. He is believed to have spent Saturday near the feet of the employees, but none of them was hurt and no damage was done to the property.

The alligator, bought by George L. Roberson, was shipped here from Georgia in a small and light box. When the alligator was found Sunday morning, young Roberson caught him by the tail, placed him in a box and left for his father's market on the Washington road.

Last of Cotton Tax Free Warrants Sent to Raleigh

All applications filed by Martin County farmers for tax-free cotton warrants have been forwarded to Raleigh, where State and Federal employees will determine allotments for the county and individual farmers. Many of the applications were forwarded to the Raleigh office several days ago, and authorities there have already started setting up allotments for Martin farmers, it is understood. Just how much, if any, the allotments established by the authorities in Raleigh will vary from contract figures is not known. It is believed, however, they will vary but little where authentic facts and figures were furnished by the farmers.

ALREADY MORE MONEY PAID OUT THAN LAST YEAR

Market Sold Over Million Pounds Last Week To Break All Records

Recognized as one of the best in the country, the Williamston Tobacco market is establishing new records almost weekly. These records clearly indicate that the market is out to make one of the best records in its history and one that will compare favorably with any in the entire country.

In eighteen selling days the market paid out this season more money than was paid out all last year. Last season total receipts amounted to \$679,680 as compared with \$788,533.20 so far this season, an increase of \$108,853.20 in the 18 selling days this year over the entire receipts last season. Selling 3,031,920 pounds until today, the market is in line to sell several million pounds more of the golden weed this season than it did last year. Already the sales are about three-fifths of the entire total of last season, when 4,800,000 pounds were sold here.

The increased sales despite a short crop are evidence a plenty that the market here maintains one of the best selling organizations to be found anywhere, that the farmers from far and near are turning to the market in greater numbers and are getting good results.

Sales continue heavy on the local market, the three warehouses establishing an all-time record last week when they sold over one million pounds of tobacco for an average of over 26 cents a pound, including sales of damaged tobacco and large quantities of tips and other inferior types. Yesterday, the sales amounted to 263,238 pounds and brought \$68,240.40, an average right at 26 cents.

Estimates place the poundage today at 170,000 pounds with prices continuing about the same as they were yesterday.

Farmers from 12 counties, some of them making their first visits to the market, are coming here in increased numbers almost daily. The market and its operations are the talk of this section, and things continue to look up-and-up.

LOCAL CONCERNS TO BE IN 'MOVIES'

Pictures Will Also Be Made Of Streets, Buildings and Two Schools

Through the efforts of Manager Watts, of the Watts Theatre, the civic and industrial activities of Williamston will be the theme of a motion picture that will be produced here.

The producers, who are making productions of a similar nature in a number of Carolina towns, have sent a location expert to Williamston, and for the next week or ten days he will be busy making preliminary arrangements for the photographing of the production.

As soon as the location work is completed, one of the mobile studio units of the producers will come to Williamston with cameramen, directors, and thousands of candlepower studio arc lights and the actual work of "shooting" the scenes will begin.

Streets, public buildings, churches, and historical points of interest will be covered and the mayor and city officials, civic and fraternal organizations and our schools will be invited to participate.

A section of the film will be devoted to the industrial activities and one of the interesting parts of this section of the production will be the making of a newspaper, the scenes being taken in the plant of the Enterprise and will depict the many operations necessary to convert a bit of news into the paper you read.

When completed, the film will be shown as a special feature in the Watts Theatre and will then remain here in Williamston a permanent historical record of our town in 1934.

Local Football Team To Meet Ayden Next Week

Williamston's high school football team will open the season here Friday of next week when Ayden sends its scrappy eleven over to do battle with the Greensies. The following Friday, October 5, Scotland Neck will meet the Green Wave on the local field. Losing five regulars last year, Coach James Peters is manufacturing what might be termed a new team this season. And while the coach makes no predictions for his squad, he assures the fans some interesting contests.