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## N. C. Building And Loan Associations Are Sound

### Not One Failed Last Year; Nearly 100,000 Shareholders in The State; Many Borrowed Money For Building And Other Purposes; "Bob" Reynolds Hot on Morrison's Trail

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
RALEIGH, Mar. 28—North Carolina Building and Loan Associations, numbering 229, "are in a sound and solvent condition although essentially non-liquid," Insurance Commissioner Dan C. Boney says in a statement reviewing the operation for 1931, during which period not one of them failed although six associations merged into voluntary liquidation, and the resources decreased only \$6,843,990.44 less than eight per cent, from \$92,192,737.69 in 1930 to \$85,348,838.25 at the end of 1931, despite the troublesome year.

The number aided through mortgage loans numbered 41,988 in 1931, the average loan being \$1,814.76 while there were 7,776 loans on stock averaging \$481.96 per loan. The average cost of homes built through building and loan aid dropped from \$2,925.48 in 1930 to \$2,439 in 1931, and the average investment per member dropped from \$918.09 to \$829.22 but the capital invested per share increased from \$47.10 to \$49.37 in the two years. The operating expense of the association remains the same, slightly more than 1 per cent on the capital invested. At the end of 1931 there were 95,208 shareholders, a decrease of 1164 in colored shareholders, and an increase of 457 in whites.

### Prisoners' Upkeep Not Large

Only 65.11 cents a day was required to feed, cloth, house guard, provide medical attention and otherwise maintain an average of nearly 4,000 prisoners worked on county highways by the State Highway Commission's prison department during the first six months of such operation, to December 31, 1931 it is shown in the first report of Sam D. Scott, prison supervisor to Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the commission. Total cost of the department was \$453,584.56

Divided into its component parts, this cost of slightly more than 85 cents a day shows only 14.23 cents a day was for food, 8.86 cents for wearing apparel camp supplies 6.01 cents a day and central office cost less than a cent a day. The biggest item was 19.20 cents a day for salaries for guards, supervisors and specialists for medical attention during the six months period. The average number of convicts for the first three months was 3,420, but for the last three months it had mounted to 4,320 the recent report shows.

### Reynolds Warm Up Things

"Cap'n Bob" Reynolds swooped down from the mountains in a flying monster not unlike a huge eagle, and with beak and talons tore into the status quo, particularly the prohibition law, the Republican party, the State's official family, the power and tobacco interests and particularly his opponent Senator Cameron Morrison in a manner characteristic of the fighting and colorful mountaineer.

He would change the liquor law, which "does not and never will" prohibit, from attempted prohibition to government control, take the tax off land and put it on liquor and thus eradicate the 40,000 bootleggers, rumrunners and racketeers, each of which he termed a saloon, in contrast to the 167 licensed saloons operating in North Carolina in 1907 before State-wide prohibition.

"Our Bob" ripped into Senator Morrison for reapproving the appointment of Frank R. McNinch, Charlotte to the Federal Power Commission, thus re-drawing "a man with a \$10,000 job for treachery to his party" by heading the Anti-Smith campaign and helping carry North Carolina for Hoover. He advised postponing balancing the budget until "we get a Democratic President on March 4," saying the Republicans would otherwise take credit and blame Democrats for the tax increases. He expressed favor for guarantee of bank deposits, payment in full the service men's insurance and a return of \$5,000,000 a year to the State from the Federal taxes collected from North Carolina.

Reynolds is looked upon as Senator Morrison's most to be feared opponent and is expected to take full advantage of the "wet" sentiment polls are showing exists in North Carolina to a degree hitherto not believed. Frank D. Grist and Thomas C. Bowie, also contestants, are busy in the bushes and on hustings.

Some of the old time heat is being generated in the gubernatorial fight, and from a source least expected.

## A Rat Loses His Life When Caught By Clam

A large wharf rat paid with his life the penalty of attempting to eat a clam in the fish house of S. W. Davis and Brother here Sunday night. The rat stuck one of his fore feet into the clam's shell which promptly closed on it and held him fast. Captain Henry Noe, when he opened up the place for business Monday morning, found the rat still alive but a prisoner. Quite a large number of people saw the rat in his unhappy predicament and it may be that some members of the rat family saw him also and took warning from his fate.

Clams have been known to catch live things before this. Some years ago this newspaper carried an account of a duck that was caught by a clam in the Inland Waterway. The duck was unable to fly and was caught by some one who saw it fluttering in the water. When a clam closes its shell on an object it holds with considerable force as any one can find out by making the experiment. Many clams are eaten by gulls. It is an everyday occurrence to see a gull fly up in the air with a clam and drop it for the purpose of cracking open the shell. A favorite place for this performance is the bridge across Bogue sound.

## Newport-Vanceboro Debaters Will Contest

NEWPORT, March 31—On Friday night, April 1, what has come to be an annual forensic contest will take place in the Newport high school auditorium. Vanceboro is the opponent. This is the first year that Newport has ever debated against Vanceboro. Last year Dixon and Newport were pitted against each other and two years ago it was Atlantic and Newport that met in an argumentative contest. Both of these years Newport's affirmative and negative teams have won, thus entitling Newport to send its teams to Chapel Hill to contest for the Aycock Memorial cup. Last year Newport got into the semi-finals at the University, an hour that comes to only a few schools in the state. The original plan this year was a triangular arrangement with Dixon, Vanceboro and Newport. Dixon pulled out and it was understood that Jasper had taken its place; but it has just been learned that Jasper cannot debate, so it leaves Vanceboro and Newport to debate against each other. On Friday night Newport's negative will journey to Vanceboro to debate against the affirmative of that school there, and the negative team from Vanceboro will come to Newport. The Newport debaters are: Affirmative, Rosalie Watson and Manley Barfield, negative, Nina Bell and James Mizelle. Alternates are: Margaret Bell and Robert Jones. The subject to be discussed is: Resolved, "That the United States should adopt a system of compulsory unemployment insurance."

### Miss Styron Fills Vacancy

Miss Gertrude Styron of Davis has accepted the vacancy in the sixth grade at Newport school after the resignation of Miss Clarice Albright at the end of the state supported six months' term. Miss Styron has attended East Carolina Teachers' College, Cullowee State Normal, and Duke University, she holds an A. B. degree from the first named institution. She has taught in this county at Wiregrass and Cedar Island and in Onslow County in the Dixon High school. Newport feels itself fortunate in securing a person so well qualified to fill the unexpired term of Miss Albright.

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### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Maurice D. Lewis and Julia Guthrie, Morehead City, N. C.  
James Waite Jr., Georgetown, Texas and Lottie Nelson, Harkers Island, N. C.

### Drugs Ban Is Approved

Washington, March 30—The senate foreign relations committee today approved the Geneva convention regulating the distribution and limiting the manufacture of narcotic drugs.

## RURAL SCHOOLS PLAN TRACK MEET

### Newport And Smyrna To Contest Tomorrow (Friday) For Athletic Honors

SMYRNA, March 30—The Smyrna High School Track Team is busy these days preparing for the Carteret County Rural High School Track Meet to be held on the Smyrna athletic field at 10 o'clock on April 1. Teams from both Atlantic and Newport High Schools will participate. Superintendent J. G. Allen will present to the winning team a banner made up in the school's colors and indicating that school as the winner of the 1932 Track Meet. The public is invited.

### Seniors Win Track Events

The Senior Class Track Team overwhelmingly won the class track meet at Smyrna Friday at play period. They scored a total of 73 points while their nearest competitors, the Juniors, were bringing in 24. The Freshmen came next with 16, and the Sophomores last with a scant 4.

This gives the Seniors two class championships so far this year. Well! We might say four for both their boys' and girls' teams won the class basketball championships; and now they're repeated in track. Its a right good class!

Those winning first places in the different events for girls follow: (1) 50 yd. dash, Reva Yeomans (Sr.); (2) Basket Ball free throw, Ruth Wade (Sr.) and Louise Lewis (Fried for first place); (3) Sack race, Esther Brown and Mamie Willis, both Freshmen, tied for first place; (4) Running high jumps, Ruth Wade and Christine Fulcher, both Seniors, tied for first place; and (5) Relay, 200 yards, won by Seniors with a team composed of Reva Yeomans, Ruth Wade, Eloise Lewis, and Christine Fulcher.

### Boys Winning First Place

(1) 100 yd. dash, Osborne Pigott (Sr.).  
(2) 220 yd. dash, Osborne Pigott (Sr.).  
(3) Running High Jump, Osborne Pigott (Sr.).  
(4) Running broad jump, Edward Nelson (Sr.).  
(5) Shot put, Burgess Davis (Sr.).  
(6) Baseball distance throw, Burgess Davis (Sr.).  
(7) Basket Ball free throw, Ronald Styron (Jr.).  
(8) Play, 1-2 mi. won by Senior team composed of Edward Nelson, Guy Daniels, Burgess Davis, and Osborne Pigott.

It is interesting to note that in the girls events there was three ties for first places; whereas, in the boys the Seniors won every first except one.

### Honor Roll Pupils

Fifty four high school pupils of Smyrna made the Honor Roll in Scholarship for the sixth month. Those pupils making a grade of 95 per cent or better on five subjects follow: Reva Lewis and Guy Roberts Willis of the Senior class and Emma Pake and Margaret Brown of the Sophomore class.

Pupils making 95 per cent or better on four subjects: Eloise Lewis, Lenora Huneycutt, Kathryn Lewis, and Annis Lewis.

On three subjects: Cleo Jarvis, Iona Willis, Alma Lois Styron and Maude Robinson.

On two subjects: Bertram Willis, Hilda Smith, Mabel Lewis, Nola Mae Willis, Lynnell Davis, Hilda Gillikin, Clara Chadwick, Blondine Lawrence, Lillian Chadwick and Louise Lewis.

On one subject: Reginald Moore, Christine Fulcher, Alma Gillikin, Rebecca Gillikin, Alberta Lewis, Cora Lewis, Marjorie Murphy, Bertha Smith, Norman Chadwick, Burgess Davis, Ralph Lewis, Elmer Smith, Ruth Whitehurst, Gladys Daniels, Sybil Davis, Evelyn Murphy, Laberta Gillikin, Eril Willis, Ethel Pake, Iva Davis, Aleeze Davis, Marshall Davis, Tamer Lewis, Mae Brandenburg, Esther Brown, Ruth Davidson, Vera Simpson, Pauline Pake, Leonda Salter, and Gray Maurice Davis.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. H. Gorham, Trustee to Geo. R. Gorham, 10 acres Morehead Township for \$1.  
N. C. Bank & Trust Co., to State of N. C. 5 acres Morehead Township, for \$1750.  
H. W. Peterson and wife to Harry L. Edwards et al 3 tracts Beaufort Township, for \$500.  
R. L. Pigott and wife to Elbert M. Chadwick, 11 acres Straits Township for \$200.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Brooks of Beaufort, Sunday, March 27, a son.

## Weaver Wins Victory In Recorder's Court

It is an old saying that a man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client but this rule evidently does not always apply. In Recorder's Court Tuesday Mr. E. S. Weaver of Beaufort appeared for himself and secured an acquittal on the charge of having given a bad check. The charge was brought by the Pender Company.

It appeared from the evidence that the defendant had been a customer of the Pender store here over a considerable period and had given a number of checks most of which were paid. The particular check in controversy was one for \$38.15 which the defendant claimed had not been presented at the bank and there was no evidence that it had been presented. He also held a receipt for \$10 paid to the Pender company superintendent. The trial was rather lengthy and brought on some pretty hot passages between the defendant and Solicitor Phillips. The charge was dismissed.

Leonard Carroll of Newport charged with driving a car while under the influence of liquor was acquitted.

F. C. Jones of Pelletier charged with obstructing a public road was convicted and fined \$15 and costs. A large number of witnesses testified that the road had been in use for many years. Leslie Rhue was the prosecuting witness. His place adjoins that of Mr. Jones and he stated that closing the road greatly inconvenienced him and his family. Attorney Luther Hamilton appearing for the defendant argues that the road was nothing more than a cart way and that it had never been declared a public road in the manner which the law provides. He gave notice of an appeal.

Leffie Davis, colored truck driver of Beaufort was convicted on the charge of an assault with a deadly weapon. It appeared that he and Clyde Everett got into an argument about the merits of attending church and that after some words they separated and Leffie went to his home and got his pistol and witnesses said pointed it at Everett. Leffie said that Everett had a knife and that he got the pistol for the purpose of self defense. Attorney Wheatly representing the defendant said he thought both of the men were guilty of disorderly conduct and asked the court to be as lenient as possible with his client. Judge Davis decided that Leffie was guilty but as he had a good reputation he would suspend judgment on payment of costs.

Moses Fisher, Negro of the Core Creek section, who has been in court several times had a hearing as to whether he should serve a three months suspended sentence or not. He was tried some months ago for assaulting his wife and convicted. His wife who is one of the most voluble witnesses that has ever been in the courthouse, poured forth a torrent of words about the way Mose had been treating her and his doom was sealed. He must serve his sentence.

## ALL DEFENDANTS CONVICTED IN CITY POLICE COURT

A clean sweep was made in Police Court Friday afternoon. Every defendant was convicted or submitted to the charge against him. Each defendant was given the same sentence, \$2.50 and costs.

Charlie, "Whiskey" Chadwick, colored, was tried on the charge of reckless driving. Hettie Ann Rhodes and her daughter Maggie testified that he tried to run over them with a car. He denied the accusation but Mayor Taylor said he thought he was guilty of disorderly conduct and so found.

James Fulford, fighting, plead not guilty. He was accused of hitting James Collins and was convicted.

George Kirby colored, charged with fighting plead not guilty but was convicted.

Nelson Williams and Arthur Chadwick, colored, had a friendly fight which cost them \$2.50 each.

Earl Huggins and John Wolfe plead guilty to the charge of drunkenness.

## D. J. GODWIN APPOINTED TO PROTECT ROOKERY

D. J. Godwin of Beaufort has been appointed by the Audubon Society to look after the heron rookery at Lenoxville this year. Mr. Godwin has accepted the appointment. Every year a large number of these birds nest in the trees near the point and rear their young. It is necessary that they shall not be molested in any way in order that they may not be frightened away.

Thirty-four kinds of destructive insects are estimated to cause an annual loss of \$900,000,000 to crops and property in the United States each year.

## Washi Snaps

Carrie Broughton  
Care State Library

Taken by The Helm News Service

Washington, D. C. March 28 — By the overwhelming and surprising vote of 223 to 153 the House voted out of the tax revision bill the proposed 2.25 per cent manufacturers' sales tax. Not more than forty Democrats stood by the leaders of their party in favoring the proposal. As soon as the result of the vote became known Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic floor leader, suggested that the Senate withhold action on the tax bill until after the national convention. His proposal contemplated a recess of Congress during June until after July 4 when the Senate would reconvene. Senator Robinson maintained it was apparent that the tax bill could not reach the Senate floor until the middle of May, leaving only about two weeks for its consideration before the scheduled adjournment. Senator Watson, of Indiana, the Republican leader, dissented from the view that the bill would be delayed so long. Everything would be done, he said, to expedite the measure, so that it could be passed before the adjournment in June.

When the House of Representatives struck the manufacturers' sales levy from the Ways and Means Committee's tax bill, the whole of Congress, for the first time in years, passed out of the control of either of the two major political parties. For several sessions, due to the presence of a bloc of progressive Republicans, the Senate has been ruled by a coalition majority. It has now been joined by the House. On economic measures, especially, it will heretofore be impossible for the nominal leadership of the Seventy-second Congress — Democratic in the House and Republican in the Senate — to lay down programs with any certainty of enactment.

At least a third and possibly half of the 223 votes which defeated the sales tax can be looked upon as an expression of extreme conservatism. The major portion of the opposition to the sales tax is part of a nationwide tax rebellion. Locally, throughout the country, the rebellion is against taxes collected by towns, counties, cities and states. It is a rebellion against a certain kind of taxes, taxes on lands, goods and other "tangibles," because this is, in the main, the only kind of taxation that local governments practice. This rebellion is general throughout the country. Office holders and politicians everywhere are terrorized by it. The sentiment against heavy local taxes and heavy cost of local government is the most conspicuous present manifestation of politics in the United States.

President Hoover was keenly disappointed when the news reached him that the House had defeated the proposed sales tax. He expressed this disappointment to Silas H. Strawn, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who was conferring with him at the time. Later the President conferred briefly with Ogden L. Mills, Secretary of the Treasury, and representative Snell, New York, Republican House leader on the tax situation. It was his thought, it was said that the bill should be sent back to the Ways and Means Committee to be redrafted in its entirety.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will make a voluntary report on one of the pending resolutions involving repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution and thereby provide for a Senate vote upon that issue. Assurances to this effect were given Senator Tydings, of Maryland, and in response to that voluntary offer the Marylander promised not to press a motion to discharge the committee from consideration of the repeal measure. This motion was to be supported by a petition signed by more than thirty Senators.

The growing number of American flag vessels on the high seas as a result of the Merchant Marine act of 1928 was emphasized by President Hoover in a message sent to those in charge of the launching of the new S. S. Santa Rosa at Kentucky, N. J. The launching of the new vessel, President Hoover pointed out, marks a revival of the shipbuilding industry. Orders for forty-five new vessels totalling 500,000 tons have been placed while nineteen vessels of 160,000 tons are being reconditioned. A large reduction in money hoarding and rapid slowing down of bank failures in recent weeks were shown in figures made public by Secretary

## CYCLONE WRECKS ATLANTIC HOMES

### Thousands of Dollars Damage Done To Dwellings And Other Buildings

The month of March certainly lived up to its reputation in this part of the country this year. With the exception of only three or four days the weather for the whole month has been stormy, cold or rainy and some times all three. Two violent storms, about two weeks apart struck this section doing considerable damage to property such as boats, houses, crops and so on. It is hard to tell how much damage the two storms did in this county but it certainly amounted to a good many thousands of dollars. Fortunately no lives were lost in either storm.

The town of Atlantic fared worse than any other place in the county in Monday's storm. Following a hard southwest wind which had been blowing all night and which became violent along in the early morning, a cyclone struck a part of Atlantic, utterly demolishing one two story dwelling and badly damaging nine other dwellings. A considerable number of outhouses such as stables, garages and the like were blown down or damaged and many trees were blown down or broken. A boat belonging to Luther Smith was sunk. The roof of the Primitive Baptist church was partly blown off.

The two story dwelling of Clem Fulcher in which he and his 18 year old son William Henry, daughters Glennie 16 and Giula eight years old were sleeping, crashed like an egg shell. Most of the furniture in the house was ruined also. The oldest daughter got a small cut on her face but the others were not injured. It seems a miracle that they were not all killed.

The home of Mrs. Rena Bullock was blown off its foundations, windows were broken and it was otherwise damaged. Somewhat similar damage was done to the dwelling of Augustine Robinson, Wallace Robinson, Mrs. Isaiah Hamilton, George Hamilton, Ira Hamilton, Mason Hamilton, Dennis Robinson, Guy Morris. The total damage to houses must run into a good many thousand dollars. There was no insurance against storms.

Mr. J. R. Morris telegraphed news of the disaster to U. S. Senators Bailey and Morrison and Representative Abernethy asking for Red Cross assistance. The News understands that a Red Cross man has been to Atlantic to investigate conditions.

## MR. E. P. CLIFTON BACK WITH ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

Mr. E. P. Clifton, well-known to Beaufort people as well as Carteret County, is again with St. Paul's School, and in charge of the work. Mr. Clifton is a splendid furniture man having worked for years in one of the leading furniture factories in High Point, where he specialized in upholstering and refinishing antiques. Mr. Clifton will have a class in the work shop, and will also have time to devote to his trade.

## TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, April 1	
5:01 a. m.	10:19 a. m.
5:22 p. m.	11:09 p. m.
Saturday, April 2	
5:48 a. m.	11:26 a. m.
6:09 p. m.	11:54 p. m.
Sunday, April 3	
6:30 a. m.	12:13 a. m.
6:49 p. m.	12:29 p. m.
Monday, April 4	
7:08 a. m.	12:55 a. m.
7:26 p. m.	1:05 p. m.
Tuesday, April 5	
7:43 a. m.	1:31 a. m.
8:00 p. m.	1:34 p. m.
Wednesday, April 6	
8:16 a. m.	2:06 a. m.
8:32 p. m.	2:05 p. m.
Thursday, April 7	
8:49 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
9:05 p. m.	2:35 p. m.