

Godwin Is President Of Building And Loan League For Next Year

Hickory Chosen as Convention City at Final Session of State Convention Here Today.

HENDRIX NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

Concord Man Honored by the Convention. Reports Submitted and Accepted at Final Session.

Election of officers, selection of the 1927 meeting place and reports of committees were the concluding business matters before the meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League which ended its annual convention at noon today.

Officers elected were: W. Ben Goodwin, Elizabeth City, President.

Gilbert H. Hendrix, Concord, First Vice President.

Leon Cash, Winston-Salem, Second Vice President.

O. E. Todd, Wilmington, Secretary and Treasurer.

Hickory was selected again as the next convention city, the invitation being extended by George R. Wooten. The decision to meet there was overwhelming in the contest with Durham.

Other cities extending invitations were Asheville, Pinehurst, Raleigh and Statesville.

In addition to the officers the executive committee will be composed of E. F. Allen, of Lenoir, and E. Y. Keesler, of Charlotte. Delegates chosen to represent the State League at the United States League meeting are Mr. Todd, Mr. Wooten and Mr. Goodwin.

Reports of committee were heard with interest and developed some discussion, particular interest being paid to the report of the legislative committee. Some of the recommendations of this committee, all of which were accepted, were:

That part of taxes paid by associations be used to create fund for supervision work.

That no association be allowed to make loans on property outside the county in which its offices are located except the property in adjoining counties be within 25 miles of the association offices.

That associations be permitted if they desire to create funds not in excess of five per cent. of their assets.

The Keesler memorial funds committee recommended that three trustees, Chase Bernier, G. R. Wooten and W. E. Sharpe, have supervision of the memorial funds of which the treasurer of the league shall be custodian.

The committee on bulletins recommended that the league have a bulletin printed each month as a supplement to the American Building Association News, 100 copies to be sent to persons outside the membership of the league. The report was adopted.

The resolutions committee expressed thanks for the many courtesies shown the delegates here, paying special attention to civic clubs, the newspaper and the Hotel Concord management. Officers of the league also were commended for their work during the year.

This committee recommended that the State League use its influence toward influencing the United States League to hold its 1927 convention in Asheville.

If this is done the State League will hold its meeting in Asheville at the same time.

The second day of the convention of the league ended after midnight Wednesday with a dance given by the Merchants and Manufacturers Club. More than fifty couples were present.

The dance came as the climax to a day filled with business and social activities. Two business sessions kept the visitors engaged for several hours and there was a hurried drive to Kannapolis for an inspection of the Cannon mills and then another hurried drive to the Jackson Training School where students offered a short but attractive program. Following came the banquet which lasted several hours and was featured by an excellent program and a delectable menu.

"Do Fees and Fines Promote or Retard the Growth of the Building and Loan Business?" was the subject for general discussion at the afternoon session. Talks were made by V. A. Idol, of High Point; Thomas F. Hill, of Durham, and J. E. Brinn, of Sanford.

Informal discussion of other matters also occupied the attention of the delegates at the afternoon session.

In cars furnished by local Kiwanians, Rotarians and other individuals the delegates were whisked to the town and back to the Training School. Only a portion of the giant manufacturing plant could be visited due to lack of time but in this brief space of time the delegates saw enough to understand why the mill is recognized as the largest of its kind in the world.

At the Training School the visitors showed great interest in the appearance of the students, the manner of their behavior and the records they have made. They were told that more than 85 per cent. of the students make good after leaving the school.

This statement was later used as a challenge by Leon Cash, of Winston-Salem. Speaking at the banquet several hours later Mr. Cash mentioned this splendid record and asked if the average citizen of the state of North Carolina are producing boys and young men that turn out 85 per cent. successful?

Dr. T. N. Spencer was toastmaster at the banquet, served in the assembly hall of the hotel and given by the courtesy of the three local building and loan associations. In addition to the visitors quite a number of Concord persons were guests of the associations and enjoyed to the fullest the feast of fine things offered.

In addition to the addresses, a solo by Mrs. H. G. Gibson, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Leslie Correll, and a reading by Miss Lorraine Blanks, were thoroughly enjoyed. Later in the evening several members from a troupe of vaudeville artists at the Concord Theatre were seen dancing in dances and other musical numbers.

At the banquet Mrs. Gibson rendered in her usual charming way, two delightful songs, "A Little Brown Bird Singing," by Hayden Wood, and "Sweet Miss Mary," by Neddinger.

C. Clinton James, president of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations, was the first and most prominent speaker of the banquet. Before beginning his prepared address Mr. James took occasion to commend North Carolinians for the progress of their state and their spirit of optimism. In his address he paid tribute to Senator Simmons, ranking senator from North Carolina, declaring that Senator Simmons ever had proved a real friend to building and loan men when aid was needed in the capital.

In concluding Mr. James paid tribute to the late Edward I. Keesler, of Charlotte, saying he would not be true to my own feelings if I did not pay tribute to Mr. Keesler, your friend and my friend.

In his address President James pointed out the marked progress of building and loan associations, predicted greater growth in the future, urged associations to take part in warft campaigns and urged campaigns of education among the rank and file so that more faith would be created in the associations, and officials of the associations would better understand their work.

"According to statistics of 1920, North Carolina ranked eighteenth in assets and memberships in the United States league," Mr. James said, "and in 1924 you had moved to sixteenth place.

In 1920 the total number of associations in the state was 141, and in 1924 it was 247. In 1920, your total membership was 58,121, and in 1924 it was 85,000. In 1920, your total assets were \$23,452,711, and in 1924, your total assets were \$70,000,000. In 1920, your gain in assets was \$3,909,771, and in 1924, the gain was \$12,130,435.

"The building and loan associations of the country have shown an average increase for the past five years of 400 per cent. while the figures are not available from the secretary's report to the present time, it is estimated that the building and loan associations throughout the country last year gained approximately \$500,000,000. I predict that by 1931, when we celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the first building and loan association in the United States."

The big problem confronting the building and loan men of the United States today is the problem of education, according to Dr. Horace P. Clark, educational director of the American Savings, Building and Loan Institute, at his address before the banquet.

In spite of the tremendous growth of these neighborhood associations, the average man in the street is not familiar with their operations, according to Dr. Clark, and one of the principal difficulties is that in the past, building and loan secretaries have been too busy with other matters to learn how to acquaint the people with their business. The need for better education, both for secretaries and through them for the general public has been recognized by the leaders in the national movement, and today systematic courses are being studied by more than 1,200 building and loan men in thirty-five local chapters of the institute which Dr. Clark heads.

A standard textbook has been written by Dr. Clark and his colleague, Frank A. Chase, who is also well known in North Carolina. This book is the basis of the course now being offered both to resident students and by correspondence. North Carolina has a splendid development of building and loan associations, but its assets of \$51,000,000 are only one sixtieth of those of the United States. Instead of one-fourty-eighth as they should be.

Dr. Clark is a college professor with a classroom as big as the nation, for his students are found in every corner of the United States. His message to the North Carolina delegates was a plea for a wider vision of the great problems that confront the business. With the increase in the business, outsiders are trying to enter it in order to line their own pockets at the expense of the members of their associations. New plans are being presented as panaceas, when as a matter of fact many of the new suggestions have been tried out years ago and found to be unsound. North

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POLICE CHIEF WAS PEPPER SUPPORTER IN LAST PRIMARY

Letter He Sent Out "Instructing" Men That He Wanted Big Pepper Vote Read Before Committee.

AUTHOR HEARD BY COMMITTEE

Letter Read After He Told Senators He Made No Effort to "Line Up" Vote For Pepper and Fisher.

Washington, June 24.—(AP)—A letter in which Peter P. Walsh, Pittsburgh superintendent of police "instructed" members of the force that "we expect a large majority" in their respective districts for the Pepper-Fisher ticket in the recent Pennsylvania primary was produced today before the Senate campaign funds committee.

The letter was read by Chairman Reed after Walsh himself, called to the stand as a surprise witness, had insisted that no one asked him to support the pepper-Fisher coalition, and that he made no effort to "line up the forces" for the renomination of Senator Pepper and the selection of John S. Fisher for Governor.

The Police Superintendent acknowledged his signature at the end of the letter, but said it had been sent only to the detective force, who as a rule had charge of "getting out" the votes.

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL END MEETING TONIGHT

Election of Officers and Naming of Convention City Will Conclude the Program.

Raleigh, June 24.—(AP)—With a consecration service, an address by Associate Supreme Court Justice W. J. Brogden, and a sight seeing tour as the features of the day's program, the North Carolina Baptist Young Peoples Union prepared to conclude its convention tonight at Meredith College with the election of officers and the selection of the next annual meeting place.

Meredith College, seeking to have the Union meet there regularly each year, is in a lively contest with Winston-Salem and Ridgecrest for next year's gathering.

At a consecration held early this morning more than 60 young people signified their intention of devoting their lives to some special religious work. At the regular morning session the address by Judge Brogden on "Good Citizenship," and an ovation given to Perry Morgan for the past six years the general secretary of the B. Y. P. U. department for the board of missions were the features. In addition to the election of officers and selection of the convention city at the concluding session tonight, an address will be delivered by the Rev. Herman T. Stevens on "Going the Second Mile."

Woman Quits Race in Favor of Good Looking Opponent.

Augusta, June 23.—Miss Lavonia Seala, who announced her candidacy for governor several weeks ago, today withdrew in favor of "the good looking gentlemen in the race."

Miss Seala's announcement of withdrawal, made through The Augusta Herald, said in part:

"Just three weeks ago I made my announcement as a candidate for governor of Georgia.

"I will let the curtain drop for another political performance. With love and best wishes for everybody, especially to the good looking gentlemen in the race for governor of Georgia."

Store-wide Sale for Men at Browns-Cannon Company.

A big sale of everything in the store will be inaugurated Friday morning at 9 o'clock. June 25th. But read the page ad. in today's Tribune and Times for fuller particulars.

Highway Men in Session.

Wilmington, June 24.—(AP)—The sixth annual meeting of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, Inc., which operates the Atlantic Coastal Highway, was opened here this morning with approximately 150 delegates from the states from New York to Florida in attendance.

City Tax Notice!

All property on which Taxes for the year 1925, and also 1916 street assessments that expired December 1st, 1925, will be advertised and sold after July 1st, 1926.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

How Farmers Stand on Prohibition

Raleigh, N. C., June 24.—The Progressive Farmer here announces today the results of a prohibition straw vote among Southern farmers as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Percentage, Total. 1. For strict adherence to the Eighteenth Amendment... 3,309. 2. For modification of the Volstead Law to permit the sale of light wines and beer on a local option basis... 334. 3. For repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and a return to state control of the liquor problem... 867.

MORE THAN \$2,000,000 ADDITIONAL ACCRUED

To the Highway Department Up to June 1, 1926.

Raleigh, June 24.—More than 2,000,000 additional accrued to the coffers of the highway department up to June 1, 1926, than in all of the previous fiscal years of 1924-25, netting a record in the motor vehicle bureau of the department of revenue. But not only did collections show a big increase but in the highway and theft funds but a decided decrease in the expense of administration of these two funds is also noted, resulting in a net saving of \$7,691.10.

The increase in the collections, of course, is easily explained by the steadily increasing number of automobiles in the state, and the collection of the highway fund up to June 1st amounted to \$11,529,004.72 as compared with \$9,368,356.47 for the entire previous fiscal year, which is a gain of \$2,160,648.25 in eleven months as compared with the previous twelve months. It is expected that the total figures for the entire fiscal year, which ends Oct. 31, 1926, will be well over \$12,000,000.

Collections of the theft fund in 1924-25 over the full twelve month period to June 1st, amounted to \$130,387.50, which represented a gain of \$17,148.27. The total net gain in collections of both highway and theft funds for the eleven month period is \$2,177,796.52.

And now comes the surprising part. With the decided increase in collections, it would naturally be expected that additional help would be necessary in the office to take care of this increase. But this evidently was not the case, judging from the records of the department. For while it cost \$287,296.26 to collect the smaller fund in 1924-25, the expense of collecting the larger sum was reduced to \$278,131.10 in the fiscal year of 1925-26 up to June 1st, at decrease of \$11,165.16.

A slight increase in the cost of the collection of the theft fund was noted—\$3,474.00—but this was more than compensated by the gain of \$17,148.27 in collections.

EDMUND GREER LOSES HIS LIFE IN WATER

Lenoir Youth Drowns in Lake Broyhill While Playing in the Water With Four Other Youths.

Hickory, June 23.—Edmund Greer, aged 15, was drowned this afternoon at Lake Broyhill, south of Lenoir, while playing in the water with four other youths of about the same age. None of the boys could swim and when young Greer ventured into deep water he was unable to save himself.

In an effort to rescue his comrade, Hayden Land almost lost his life.

Aid was summoned by the boys but it was a half hour or more before the body was recovered by Frederick Dula, who dived into the lake and brought it to shore.

State Forester Sebron, who has a wide reputation as life saver, and two doctors of Lenoir worked for over two hours in an effort to resuscitate the lifeless body.

Greer was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Greer, of east Lenoir.

Hearing on Jesse Wyatt Petition.

Raleigh, June 24.—It will probably be several days or a week before Governor A. W. McLean makes any decision with regard to the petition for a parole for Jesse Wyatt, former Raleigh police officer, serving a term in State prison for the killing of S. S. Holt, Smithfield attorney, on July 1, 1925. Governor McLean indicated today.

Hearing of the petition was held before the governor Tuesday afternoon, but no action was taken, and he declined to discuss the case.

Wyatt and some other officers were out watching for an automobile which was believed to be transporting liquor. A car passed them and failed to halt when ordered to do so. Wyatt fired after the car, as a signal, he claimed. When the car was finally overtaken and stopped. Holt was found to be fatally wounded.

The Eucharistic Congress.

Mundelein, Ill., June 24.—(AP)—In nature's great sanctuary flooded by brilliant sun the last rites of the 28th international eucharistic congress were celebrated today before throngs numbering in hundreds of thousands.

Before a huge altar enshrouded in silk and velvet overlooking from the top of the grass carpeted hill, the two-mile sweep of the lake, Cardinal Bonzano celebrated solemn pontifical mass under the fairest skies of the congress.

Laymen of Central Methodist Church will hold a banquet at the Church tonight at 7 o'clock. Dr. Barnett, of Nashville, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

Unless the pitching staff shows an early and marked improvement the Washington Senator soon will be out of the pennant race for this year.

THE COTTON MARKET

Generally Favorable View of Weather Conditions and Crop Progress.

New York, June 24.—(AP)—The cotton market opened today at a decline of 3 to 13 points in response to easier Liverpool cables, a generally favorable view of weather conditions and probable crop progress in the South.

Considerable liquidation of July developed in preparation for possible necessities tomorrow, that delivery settling off to 17.76 while December declined off to 16.42 at the start. Covering at these figures which appeared to be inspired by failure of favorable new crop reports to bring in more selling pressure, however, rallied the market toward the end of the first hour, July sold up to 17.84 or within five points of yesterday's quotations, while the new crop months just about recovered.

Early sales, December selling at 16.49. A private crop report pointed to a decrease of 5 per cent in the acreage placing the condition at 77.7 per cent, and the indicated yield at 15,700,000 bales allowing for 3 per cent. abandonment of acreage.

Cotton futures opened steady. July 17.80; Oct. 16.48; Dec. 16.42; Jan. 16.16; March 16.37.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN

Two Men and Woman Who Are Alleged to Have Kidnapped Evangelist Are Being Sought.

Douglas, Ariz., June 24.—(AP)—The search for two men and a woman whom Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson said kidnaped her at Ocean Park on May 18th and held her captive in Mexico until she escaped Tuesday, was continued through the country south of the international boundary.

Identification Made. Douglas, Ariz., June 24.—(AP)—Identification of the woman brought to a hospital here yesterday, from Agua Prieta across the line in Mexico, as Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, missing since May 18th, was made this morning by Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, her mother. Mrs. Kennedy arrived from Los Angeles and went immediately to the hospital where she greeted her daughter.

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Convicted on a Smell, Roy Sigmon Is Free on a Smell—Other Cases.

Raleigh, June 24.—Convicted on a smell, Roy Sigmon today is free on a smell—other cases. Applications on the part of six other prisoners for paroles were denied.

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The judge stated that he gave him the sentence that he did in order that he might have treatment for the excessive use of drugs and liquor; that he now appears to be completely cured, and that in view of his good record as a prisoner, he was entitled to parole.

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Applications for clemency for the following were denied: Oscar Williams, Pitt county; Robert Jones, Brunswick; Walter Almond, Gaston; Robert Reap, Catawba; Clarence Carswell, Burke, and James Hanhook, Durham.

Ask Assembly to Put Uniforms on Deputy Sheriffs.

Raleigh, June 23.—The next general assembly may put deputy sheriffs and rural officers in uniform if suggestions from official state circles, prompted by the constant reports of automobiles searched or fired upon, win favor with the legislators.

Notwithstanding frequent warnings from court officials and state and county authorities, the use of fire arms by officers in attempting to halt automobiles suspected of law violations is still largely practiced, complaints received here indicate. Scarcely two weeks past that the office of Governor McLean does not receive a report of a car fired upon, or halted and searched without a warrant by men in civilian garb, the reports usually accompany requests for any investigation.

Conference on the New Uses for Cotton.

Montgomery, Ala., June 24.—Other states will be represented at the conference for new use for cotton to be held at Birmingham July 1st, according to Edward A. O'Neal, president of the Alabama farm bureau federation. The conference was at first intended only for Alabama farmers and manufacturers, he said, but the movement has created more than state-wide interest, and representatives from several other states will be in attendance.

BASEBALL

TWO BIG GAMES

Gibson Ball Park

Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th. GIBSON vs. KANNAPOLIS. All Games Called at 3:30.

CONFERENCE ENTERS UPON FINAL DAY OF ITS DELIBERATIONS

This Morning the Reynolda Conference at Winston-Salem Was Opened by Dr. D. Clay Lilly.

THREE ADDRESSES WERE MADE TODAY

Afternoon Session Was Given Over to Summarizing the Accomplishments of Conference.

Winston-Salem, June 24.—(AP)—This morning the Reynolda conference entered upon the final days of its deliberations. The session was opened at 10 o'clock by Dr. D. Clay Lilly, the director, and the first speaker was Dr. W. O. Shewmaker, of the department of Bible in Southwestern University, at Memphis, Tenn., speaking on economy.

George W. Richards, president of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, was the next speaker, taking for his subject civic and political matters to be included in the curriculum of religious education. The third address of the morning was by Dr. Robert Kelley, executive secretary of the council of church boards of education in New York, who talked on "The State's Stake in Religious Education."

Dr. J. I. Foust, president of the North Carolina College for Women, spoke on the "Fixing of Objects and Adopting Theories and Programs to the Tax Supported Schools" and the session was closed by the address by Dr. O. D. Foster, on the fixing of programs to schools and colleges other than those tax supported.

The afternoon session was given over to summarizing the accomplishments of the conference. The members of the conference were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Lilly today at noon at a luncheon.

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The Opening of "Evil Days."

(By International News Service) The Little Book, June 25. The opening of "evil days" in the game of hide-and-seek in the liquor business is bringing mental and physical torture to prohibition enforcement agents.

Physical discomfort ranging from insect wets to slow death from snake bite is all part of the liquor law enforcement game now that summer has begun, according to the agents.

"It's not so much the rebellion of the liquor distillers and transporters," one agent explained, "as it is the terror spread through the wooded wilderness of the interior country by ticks, chiggers, rattlesnakes, copper heads, black gnats and mosquitoes."

Deficiency Bill Reported.

Washington, June 24.—(AP)—Carrying a total of \$43,372,000, of which \$14,156,000 is for new public building throughout the country, the second deficiency appropriation bill was reported to the house today by its appropriations committee.

Ambassador Jay III.

Buenos Aires, June 24.—(AP)—Peter Augustus Jay, United States ambassador, is critically ill with bronchitis-pneumonia. Three physicians are in attendance on him.

Alaska's Fur Production Nearly Hundred Million.

Seattle, June 23.—(AP)—Furs shipped from Alaska to the United States since its purchase in 1867 have been appraised at \$98,800,000. The value of last year's output was \$3,000,000. Ninety percent of the world's fur seals and in a herd owned by the United States government in the Pribilof Islands, of the coast of Alaska. The herd number approximately 700,000. Government sales of fur seal skins during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, totaled \$528,823.

Coley's Body Will Be Taken to Rockwell For Burial.

Salisbury, June 22.—Claude Coley, youthful aviator, who died today at Norfolk from injuries received yesterday when his airplane crashed while he was carrying a passenger from Norfolk to Elizabeth City, was a former Salisbury boy and his body will be brought here tomorrow. The body will be taken to an aunt's, Mrs. Paul Best, at Rockwell, and the funeral will be conducted from Oregon church Wednesday afternoon.

Snapshots photographers taken under water are now being used for the study of the rolling of ships.

Mystery



Sylvia Gaines, of Lynnfield, Mass., was mysteriously beaten to death while visiting her father near Seattle, Wash.

ENGLISH WOMAN IS HANGED FOR DEATH OF ANOTHER WOMAN

Mrs. Lois Colvert Hanged in Strangeway Jail For the Murder and Robbery of Landlady.

MANY PETITIONS ASKED FOR MERCY

Home Secretary Said He Found No Grounds to Ask King to Interfere With Court's Order.

Manchester, England, June 24.—(AP)—Inside the grey walls of Strangeway jail a woman, the mother of three children, one of them a baby, was hanged this morning.

Mrs. Lois Colvert, 33 years old, was executed for strangling her landlady, Mrs. Lillie Waterhouse, and then robbing her. To the end the constabulary woman asserted that she was innocent.

Thousands of persons had petitioned the Home Secretary Sir William Joynson Hicks for clemency. Sir William said he found no grounds to justify his in asking the King to interfere with the due course of the law. Among those most energetic in circulating petitions was Mrs. Colvert's husband from whom she was separated at the time of the murder. Mrs. Colvert was taken into custody April 2nd, and the sentence of death was imposed May 7th. Prior to her sentencing she appealed for a stay of execution on the ground that she soon again was to become a mother. A jury of women was empaneled to investigate her claim. The medical evidence did not support it.

The last execution of a woman in England took place in 1923, when Mrs. Edith Thompson, convicted with Richard F. Bywaters, was hanged for complicity in the murder of her husband.

PROMINENT RABBI DIES IN ASHEVILLE

Canadian Rabbi Falls Dead While Delivering an Address.

Asheville, June 23.—Herbert J. Samuel, 42, rabbi of the congregation of Temple Emanuel, Montreal, Canada, fell dead here this afternoon a few minutes after delivering an address before the central conference of American rabbis in convention here.

Physicians tonight ascribed Rabbi Samuel's death