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## RATE EARNED ON BUILDING & LOAN STOCK WAS 7.02%

Report of W. O. Sparrow, Secretary, Shows That Association Is in Sound Shape

### SERIES MATURES FEB. 1ST

The return on shares of the Orange County Building and Loan Association in 1932 was 7.02 per cent. This fact was announced to the stockholders at their annual meeting last Friday evening in the Bank of Chapel Hill.

Since the shares are tax-free, the return of the 7.02 per cent was net.

The shares in the series of October 1, 1926, will mature next Wednesday, February 1. By that time they may have earned a small premium over the face value of \$100 each; if so, of course the holder will receive this premium.

Since its organization in 1920 the association has made mortgage loans to a total of \$792,500 for the construction or improvement of 224 homes. Most of these homes are within the limits of Chapel Hill; a few are in the outskirts and the nearby country.

Total installments paid in since 1920 amounts to \$722,808.50, and profits paid on matured shares in this period amount to \$66,955.97.

J. T. Dobbins was chairman of the stockholders' meeting and Bonner Sawyer was secretary. W. O. Sparrow, secretary of the Association, presented the balance sheet, the income and expenses.

## Keen Interest in Opera

Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" Will Be Shown on Screen Here Monday

Letters have come to E. C. Smith, manager of the Carolina theatre, from people in Raleigh, Greensboro, and other places who say they are coming to Chapel Hill Monday to see and hear the opera, "Pagliacci."

This production has not been in North Carolina before except once—at a musical festival in Asheville last summer. In the cities of the North it has drawn great crowds. "In New York and elsewhere tickets to 'Pagliacci' have sold for \$1.50 and sometimes more," said Mr. Smith yesterday, "but it will be given here Monday at the regular prices, 30 cents in the afternoon and 35 cents in the evening."

The screen version of Leoncavallo's opera was made under the direction of Fortune Gallo, director of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company. The leading roles are sung by Bertini, Alba Novella, Interrante, Curci, and Mario Valle. The members of the chorus of 100 and the orchestra of 64 were selected from the Metropolitan Opera Company, the New York Philharmonic, and the San Carlo company.

## Steel Tower on Campus

A steel tower that seems to be about 100 feet high has been erected, as a temporary structure, on the campus between the South building and the library. It is used by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in connection with a triangular system of mapping. One tower is at Duke University and the other near Hillsboro.

## Supporters of Education to Hold Mass Meeting in Raleigh Tuesday

In response to a call from a group of the state's leading citizens, men and women from all over North Carolina who are interested in protecting education will go to Raleigh for a mass meeting at 2:30 next Tuesday afternoon in the City Auditorium.

This project was inspired by the proposal made to the legislature by the state budget bureau, for ruinous reductions in the appropriations for the schools and colleges, and by the apparent intention, on the part of many of the legislative leaders, to base the appropriations upon this proposal.

The budget bureau's recommendations, if carried through, would impose upon public school teachers and school officers a further salary reduction in addition to the 10 per cent reduction made two years ago; would reduce the appropriations to the University and other institutions to little more than half of the amounts voted by the 1931 legislature; and would compel the abandonment of some of the most important activities of both the schools and the higher institutions.

Enlightened opinion in North Carolina is rising against the assault upon education. The

adversaries of the slashing policy do not take the position, of course, that the schools and colleges should bear none of the brunt of the financial depression; they realize that all public services have to suffer, but they demand that education shall not be made to shoulder an excessive share of the burden.

Chapel Hill is expected to send a large delegation to the mass meeting in Raleigh. Anybody who has a car in which people may be taken to Raleigh, and anybody who has not a car and wants to go, is asked to communicate with C. E. McIntosh (telephone 4701).

At the meeting of the newly organized Chapel Hill Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday evening, Clarence Heer reviewed the condition of the state's finances and the budget bureau's proposals looking to a curtailment of the educational program.

Under the budget bureau's plan, two and a half million dollars would be lopped off the appropriations for the public schools, and most of this reduction would fall upon the salaries of teachers and administrative officers. The University would

## Planes Land Here

And I. M. Tull Flies to Air Tourney in Miami, Florida

Three airplanes from afar have landed at the Chapel Hill airport within the last week.

Two came in Saturday from New York, one piloted by Rausch and the other by Roy Ennis. John D. Kratzer of Pennsylvania came in Monday with a passenger, Miss Rachel Page.

I. M. Tull, director general of the airport and Chapel Hill's only resident aviator, attended the Florida air tourney last week. He flew from here to Miami in seven hours and 35 minutes. While he was in Florida he saw Miss Christine Lantz, his pupil here last year, make her first solo flight.

## Storm Interferes with Hogan-Butler Goose Hunt

The air was so still and balmy that Milton E. Hogan and George P. Butler, on the boat that plies between Atlantic and Ocracoke Island, sat out upon the deck. As they smoked and chatted they gazed over the placid waters of Pamlico Sound and congratulated themselves upon the fine weather they were going to have for hunting wild geese.

When the boat stopped at Portsmouth they disembarked, got into a launch that had been sent to meet them, and were taken to a hunting lodge on an island in the sound.

In a little while they were ensconced in a stake blind; that is, a little box mounted on four stakes that stuck up out of the water. With their guns in hand and with an abundant array of decoys, they were ready for the geese. Of a sudden a cloud blotted out the sun; other clouds came hurrying to join it, and presently the skies were hidden behind one solid cloud, growing thicker and darker every minute. A breeze sprang up and grew into a wind. The water, recently so smooth and quiet, foamed and churned.

The hunters had to go back to

## Chapel Hill Chaff

"Among the strange maladies that afflict mankind are arithomania—the uncontrollable desire to count things; batophobia—the constant fear that something will fall on you; and ergophobia—the morbid fear or hatred of work."

This information comes in the form of a clipping sent by some person unknown to me. Beneath the clipping, which is pasted on a sheet of white paper, is written this message: "You may have ergophobia." I do not recognize the handwriting, but from the fact that the envelope bears the postmark, "Washington Bridge Station, New York," which is near New York University, I suspect either Oliver Towles or Thorndike Saville. Well, whoever he is, his surmise is correct.

Some of the friends of Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Jr., were robbed of a delicious dinner one evening last week. It came about this way:

T. F. Hickerson, John Watson, and Tom Noe were going in Mr. Watson's car to the convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers in New York. Mr. Hickerson telephoned to Mrs. Wilson.

"Come along with us," he said. "It's a good chance for you to visit your grandson."

"I can't possibly do it," she said. "I've got guests coming in to dinner this evening."

But after she had hung up the receiver she had a second thought about the trip to New York, and a third thought, and many more, all in the course of a few minutes. The result of all this serious thinking was that she called Mr. Hickerson and told him she had changed her mind. The importance of feasting her friends had diminished.

## Store Aids Loan Fund

The Stetson "D" store sent President Graham Wednesday a check for \$125.28 for the student loan fund. This was in accordance with the offer the store had made to contribute to the fund 5 per cent of its sales.

## The Government Denies Recognition to Wright And to North Carolina For First Plane Flight

"Scientific Clique" Has Done Injustice to Inventor and Is Responsible for Fact That Aviation's Most Precious Relic Now Rests in a Museum in England

Unless secret influences in Washington are exposed and their decisions upset, a permanent injustice will be inflicted upon the state of North Carolina and upon Orville Wright, who with his brother Wilbur invented the first heavier-than-air flying machine.

The Wright airplane made its initial flight, with Orville aboard, at Kitty Hawk, N. C., December 17, 1903. This fact is not in doubt. It is commemorated at Kitty Hawk by a giant monument dedicated last year, for which Congress appropriated \$250,000. Yet the Wrights are to be deprived of the credit for their achievement, and North Carolina history is to be falsified, if the acts of the Washington "scientific clique" are allowed to stand longer unchallenged.

The official records of scientific developments kept by the United States Government are in care of the National Museum under the direction of the nationally chartered Smithsonian Institution. These records not only fail to credit the Wrights with the original flight, but are so phrased that the first flight in a heavier-than-air machine is attributed to Professor S. P. Langley, late secretary of the Institution. Repeated efforts have been made to force a correction, in vain. Those who are behind the Smithsonian management have stood by the error, despite the informed opinion of the world.

What difference does this make, someone may inquire, since the world knows and histories have declared that the first flight was made by the Wright machine in North Carolina?

Just this difference: The National Museum is the place where historians hereafter—the H. G. Wellses of the future—must get their official scientific data sponsored by the United States Government. It is the only final source of such information. Current histories, many of which have given due credit to the Wrights, will go out of print, turn to dust, but the Smithsonian records will endure indefinitely.

It is the duty of the Senators and Congressmen from North Carolina to see that the error is corrected and the persons responsible for it forced to recognize the truth, which they have suppressed all these years.

The most spectacular result of the mis-statements is the fact that the original Wright airplane, the most valuable single relic of aviation in America, now reposes in the South Kensington Museum of London. If Orville Wright dies before the injustice to himself and his brother is officially ended, the historic exhibit will remain in England forever.

It is not a complicated story—this monster injustice of the century. Professor Langley, a pioneer in the study of aviation, whose discoveries as far as they went have received all praise from the Wrights, attempted to fly his machine and fell into the Potomac River near Washington. His second effort and the plane's final collapse in the river was on December 8, 1903, nine

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## No Vice-President Yet

Election of Officer for the University Postponed by Trustees

At their meeting Tuesday in Raleigh the trustees voted to postpone the election of a vice-president of the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University. The meeting was held in the Governor's office, and he presided.

A special committee had recommended the election of Louis R. Wilson, now in Chicago. The general supposition is that the trustees' reason for not proceeding with the election was the University's desperate financial situation. The board authorized President Graham to make temporary provision for the assistance that the vice-president was to render him.

## Fire at Murchison Home

Clothing which Mrs. C. T. Murchison was cleaning with gasoline, in the garage in the basement of her home, took fire Monday afternoon. Several garments were destroyed, but Mrs. Murchison escaped without injury. The fire company responded promptly to a call and extinguished the blaze. A large crowd gathered.

## Hearing Next Week

Mr. Graham to Present University's Case to Legislative Committee

The hearing for the University before the appropriations committee of the legislature has been set for next Wednesday, February 1.

President Graham, who has been ordered by his physician to remain at home until that day, will present to the committee a thorough analysis of the University's situation and will appeal for a revision upward of the figure (\$390,000) recommended by the budget bureau as the maintenance fund for next year.

Since the budget bureau's report came out there have been rumors from Raleigh of still other designs against the University. Certain legislators are said to be planning to propose the abolition of some of the divisions of the institution—among them the medical school—and the reduction in the number of professors in the higher ranks.

On the same day that Mr. Graham appears before the committee, Julius I. Foust and E. C. Brooks will appear to speak for the N. C. C. W. in Greensboro and the State College in Raleigh. The budget bureau has recommended that their appropriations be cut to about the same extent as the University's.