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STATE HAS OVER 100,000 OWNERS OF B. AND L. SHARES

Associations Earned Over \$4,500,000 for Its Patrons Last Year

BUSINESS INCREASING

Local Association Recently Paid Out \$36,100 to Shareholders; Almost 2,000,000 Shares in State

The building and loan associations in North Carolina earned in excess of \$4,500,000 for their shareholders in 1928. Only recently the Martin County Building & Loan Association of Williamston, paid out \$36,100 to its shareholders.

O. K. LaRoque, Raleigh, deputy insurance commissioner in charge of building and loan inspection, states that dividends of more than \$3,500,000 are indicated as having been paid to holders of installment stock during the 12 months and that dividends to holders of paid-up stock amounted to another million. The close of the year found over 100,000 shareholders, with approximately 1,750,000 shares in this State. Indications are that 1929 will prove a very prosperous year.

The building and loan business in North Carolina is steadily increasing, and this is in accordance with a strong upward trend throughout the country. H. F. Cellarius, of Cincinnati, secretary of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations, reports that dividend payments totaling the vast sum of \$375,000,000 were distributed to building and loan shareholders or depositors last year, and that the total number holding such shares has risen to over 12,000,000.

Pennsylvania holds the lead in this vast activity with payments in excess of \$60,000,000 distributed to 1,776,000 shareholders, while Ohio came second with earnings of over \$50,000,000 for 2,282,000 holders of shares. Other States sharing richly included New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, California, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, Kansas, Oklahoma, Washington, and Maryland.

Bankers of Group I Met Here Last Night

At a meeting of the executive committee, Group I of the North Carolina Bankers association held here last night, Elizabeth City was named as the next meeting place for the sectional organization. The meeting will be held there February 22, when bankers from all over the district will assemble to discuss banking operations and take part in the program.

Dr. John D. Biggs, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, was host to the committee and had as special guests, Messrs. C. D. Carstaphen, Jr., H. A. Bowen and E. D. McMaster. J. H. Waldrop, chairman of Greenville, presided at the session.

Program of Services at First Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. FitzGerald, Pastor Preaching service, 11 a. m., subject, "The Sacredness of Marriage." Evening service, 7:45; subject, "Fundamentals in Religion." Sunday school, 9:45. Hi-League Sunday evening 7 o'clock. Senior League Monday evening, 7:30. Prayer service Wednesday evening, 7:30.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY FIVE-REEL WESTERN

Also 2-REEL COMEDY And Serial

"PIRATES OF THE PINES" DON'T MISS IT!

RECORDER HAD TWELVE CASES

Assault and Driving Auto While Drunk Continue to Predominate

As the year wears on, the business of the county recorder's court continues unchanged from that of the past few years. The assault cases continue, and the drunken drivers have yet to be shown that they can't very well pilot their machines when the spirits are controlling gasoline power. One dozen cases were heard by Judge Bailey, and 10 of them were prosecuted by Solicitor H. O. Peel last Tuesday in the court.

Stanley Hollis, facing a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$25 and costs and given a 60-days suspended road sentence.

Linn Sanford was found guilty of driving an automobile while he was intoxicated and was fined \$50 and costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of six months. Sanford pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Thomas Mayo, found guilty on a larceny and receiving charge, appealed to the superior court when Judge Bailey pronounced a 90-day road sentence. Appeal bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Ernie Biggs Lanier and Molly Lanier were called to answer an assault charge. A nol pros resulted as to Ernie Biggs Lanier, and Molly Lanier was fined \$10 and costs. The cause was continued one week.

An 18 months sentence was meted out to Augustus Wynn, when the court found him guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Judge Bailey suspended the last 12 months of the sentence with assurance of good behavior upon the part of the defendant. Wynn appealed his case, and bond was fixed at \$300.

The case charging J. B. Swanner with passing worthless checks was sent to the recorder in Beaufort County when it was learned that the charge originated there.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Morris Gardner with stake swearing.

The case in which Walter Godard and Willie Hardison were charged with house breaking and larceny and receiving was sent to the superior court when probable cause of guilt was established.

A capias was issued in the case charging John Lewis with passing a worthless check when the defendant failed to answer to the court.

Richard Latham was found not guilty in the case charging him with assault with a deadly weapon.

MUCH TOBACCO SEED TREATED

Seed Enough To Sow 6,000 Square Yards of Plant Beds Treated

Farmers desiring their tobacco seed treated are keeping Agent Brandon in his office much of the time at the present. Yesterday numbers of farmers called at his office with seed, asking the agent to clean and treat them. His cleaning machine was not working so well yesterday, but another one has been ordered out, and Mr. Brandon says he will be prepared within the next day or two to handle almost any quantity of the seed.

The agent has almost a bushel in his office now to be cleaned and treated. Those farmers wishing to carry their seed back with them only asked that they be treated yesterday.

Not including the seed treated yesterday, the agent has, so far this season, treated an amount that will sow around 6,000 square yards of tobacco beds.

CAPTURE STILL NEAR OAK CITY

Two Plants Destroyed, But No Liquor Found; Also Raid in Bertie

The scene of prohibition enforcement activities was shifted the early part of this week from the lower end of the county, the Free Union section, to the upper end, when Federal agents and deputies raided two miles east of Oak City last Tuesday. The day's search amounted to very little, as compared with enforcement operations carried on in other parts of the county. One still was captured and two plants were destroyed. The finished product had, as far as it could be learned, already found its way to an ever-ready market.

The few materials at the plants were destroyed and the kettle captured was brought here and added to the already large collection.

Last Wednesday the officers answered calls in Bertie County, working out of Aulander that day. Federal Agent King, head of the work here, was assisted in the raids by two agents from New Bern.

STOCKHOLDERS HOLD MEETING

President's Report Shows Local Bank Strong As Any in Country

In the president's report read before a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank here last Wednesday, the institution was stated to be one of the strongest banks in the United States. Stockholders, representing approximately 700 of the 1,000 shares of stock, were present and listened to the detailed report, in which it was stated that the bank had proceeded upon safe, sane and sound policies in its business operations during the year 1928, and that it had had one of its best years.

The institution, with the re-election of its same directors and officers, is continuing this year upon the principles in force during the past year, offering every service and consideration in keeping with safe, sound and conservative banking, it was stated.

In less than four years, the Farmers and Merchants Bank has more than doubled its deposits, an accomplishment that has received favorable comment from financiers connected with one of the country's largest banks, the National City Bank of New York. "It's not the size that counts, but the strength," stated President John D. Biggs this morning while referring to this large increase in deposits. "We have facts and figures that will undoubtedly prove the Farmers and Merchants Bank to be one of the strongest in North Carolina, the United States even, and upon this in connection with a consistent service, the institution invites the business of patrons year in and year out."

The meeting was held in the bank building with practically every section of Martin county represented. The re-election of officers and directors was unanimously carried, and stockholders expressed themselves as being well pleased with the bank's operations during 1928, and stated their confidence for another good year in the bank's business at the hands of the present officers and directors.

ORDER 10 TONS OF DYNAMITE

9,000 Pounds for Martin Farmers; Balance to Bertie and Hertford

Orders for approximately 9,000 pounds of dynamite have been placed in the hands of County Agent Brandon by farmers of Martin County. The cooperative shipment is expected here within the next 10 days or two weeks, according to the county agent. The shipment is not confined to the farmers in this county alone, but will be distributed to farmers in Bertie and Hertford Counties, according to Mr. Brandon, who stated that the orders from any one county were not sufficient to get the best price and freight rates. Farmers of Hertford County are ordering about 3,000 pounds, and Bertie farmers are buying around 8,000 pounds. At this time, it is not known to what point the shipment will be consigned, but it is thought that the car will be placed here or at Windsor.

Mr. Brandon stated yesterday that a few hundred pounds extra of the explosive materials in case that farmers neglecting to order their wants might be supplied upon the arrival of the car. This amount is limited, however, it was stated, and will be sold as orders are received.

Farmers ordering portions of the material will be notified upon the arrival of the dynamite and will be told the point of delivery, the agent said. The material will be shipped from the DuPont plants in Huntington, W. Va.

Local School "Teaches Through" on Bad Days

In an effort to safeguard the health of the pupils and at the same time carry on the work in the local school, the authorities are continuing classes through the two recess periods and dismissing the children shortly after the noon hour. While there was no rain falling yesterday or today, there was moisture in the air and a damp ground, Mr. Davis stating that it was considered better to keep the children in the rooms until time for departure than it was to allow them to run out on the wet ground during the two periods and get out later in the afternoon.

This schedule will be followed on damp days as well as on rainy ones until the influenza epidemic is passed, it was stated. This does not mean that the school will teach through the two recess periods when the weather is favorable.

REGULAR MEETING OF LOCAL MASONS TUESDAY

The regular meeting of Slawwack Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday night. Much important business will be before the lodge.

HOME AGENTS TO MEET JANUARY 29

Representative from Each Home Economics Club Is Invited

According to an announcement made yesterday by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Martin county's home demonstration agent, representatives of the various women's economics clubs in this county are invited to attend a meeting of home agents and home economics specialists in Washington the 29th of this month. As there will be several counties represented at the meeting, the number is limited one to each club. "If every club in the county will appoint a delegate to the meeting, much good will be derived as this representative can give the accounts of the meeting to other members of her club," Miss Sleeper stated.

Dr. J. H. Jeter, editor of agricultural notes and journals at State College, Raleigh, will attend the meeting and he will bring many interesting topics before the assembly. Dinner will be served at the Patrician Inn, and Miss Sleeper is anxious to get the names of those who desire to attend so that reservations might be made not later than next Tuesday.

Several women from this county have stated that they would like to attend the meeting, but their decisions are not definite at this time, the agent stated here yesterday afternoon.

COUNTY SOLONS ARE FAVORED

Committee Assignments of Peel and Everett Are Considered Very Good

With the appointment of committees almost completed and the working organization almost effected, the legislature is now getting active in other duties, and will undertake the passage of important measures within a very short time, it was stated today by Senator E. S. Peel, who is at home for the week end.

In the appointments, Martin county and this section has been greatly favored. Representative Everett is heading one of the most important committees in the House and is a member of several other important ones. He is chairman of the agriculture committee, which duty it is understood, requires the assistance of a secretary.

Senator Peel has been placed on eleven committees, several of which are included in the important list of measures to come before the legislative body, this term. He was made chairman of the committee on insane asylums and is a member of the committees on commerce, county, city and towns, courts and judicial districts, judiciary 1, military affairs, public health, roads, railroads, finance and committee on trustees for the University of North Carolina and State College.

Yesterday there were three major measures introduced in the Senate. Another highway patrol bill was introduced by Senator Blount, of Pitt. The three important measures introduced include Senator Lawrence's bill to provide revenue for schools through a tax on electricity and gas and a tax on long-distance telephone calls and telegrams and radiograms; Senator Reynolds' bill to facilitate divorce, and Senator Person's bill to repeal the State-wide primary.

For those who believe that the State should take over the operation of schools—there is already the Person bill, providing for such an action, before the Senate—Senator Lawrence's bill provides ways and means of raising at least part of the \$25,000,000 to 30 million dollars required to run the schools each year. It is another proposition to relieve the tax burden on land.

The institution of marriage, the 1927 County Government acts, the State Road system, and every State Department, Bureau and Commission would be affected should new bills introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday become law. Another proposal calls for the creation of a State Bureau of Mines and an appropriation of \$7,500 annually for its maintenance.

The House completed its organization yesterday with the announcement of the important Public Roads Committee, the State Colleges Trustees committee and additions to committees previously announced by Speaker Graham.

Presbyterian Services For Sunday Announced

The Presbyterians here will have only two services next Sunday, the Sunday school at 9:45 and the regular preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Yandell, of Tarboro, the pastor, will conduct the services. There will be no evening service. The public is invited to hear Mr. Yandell and attend the Sunday school in the Woman's Club hall.

New Theatre Here Will Be Opened Saturday, Jan. 26

The Watts Theatre, constructed at a cost of \$35,000 here, will be formally opened Saturday, January 26th, it was stated by the manager and owner, J. W. Watts, jr., yesterday. While Mr. Watts is at the present working on plans for the opening, no definite program can be announced at this time. However, the theater's manager is assuring his patrons that an appropriate program will be scheduled for the event. Experiencing delay after delay.

construction of the handsome show house is being completed just three months behind the contract schedule. Material shortages and numbers of other unforeseen factors hindered progress, but in the completion of the building, Williamston and this section has one of the finest theaters to be found in any town this size and larger. It is a credit to the town, and traveling men say it is a show house that any town would be proud to claim.

POWER COMPANY READING METERS

V. E. P. Co. Is Rounding Out Its First Month's Service Here

Light and power users here will find out within the next few days just how they are fairing at the hands of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, for the local superintendent is making his rounds, observing the meters at this time.

Light and power customers have been forecasting the amount of their bills for some time now, and where it is certain that there will be a decrease of almost one-half in the bills for house lights as compared with charges made by the town, there is said to be room for debate as to the possible decrease in power rates. The decrease is debatable especially in the case of the small power user's bill.

As far as it is known at this time, the new company has not yet established an office here, but, at the same time, light and power users can rest assured that a place for the settlement of bills will be provided when the times comes, without fail.

Many of the meters were read for the first time by the power company the 18th and 19th of last month, bringing the peak load of business into its hands. During Christmas time light customers generally use more "juice" than at any time during the year, so to get a fair comparison, bills for a similar period will have to be pulled from the files for use in determining the savings.

COUNTY AGENTS IN MEET HERE

Work of Past Year Is Reviewed and Plans Made For 1929

Four county demonstration agents, headed by E. Troy Ferguson, district agent of Raleigh, met in the office of County Agent Brandon here yesterday when plans for their year's work were discussed and prepared.

Mr. Ferguson reviewed the reports of the agents for the past year and offered suggestions for bettering the work in certain instances for the coming year. In mapping out their work, plans were formulated for the agents' activities during the entire year, covering practically every detail coming under the direction of the agriculturists.

The work done in this county during the year 1928 was highly commended by the district agent, and in preparing the schedule of events for the current year, club work was included. This phase of the work will be outlined by Mr. Brandon, and carried out on a similar basis as was the work carried on several seasons ago.

During the past two or three years, very little attention has been given this work in the demonstration field, Mr. Brandon centering his activities on general farm work and problems confronting the farmer.

E. F. Arnold, representing Pitt county; E. P. Welch, representing Beaufort; R. E. Dunning, representing Washington county and T. B. Brandon, of this county, were the agents attending the meeting from this section, while Mr. Ferguson, of Raleigh, attended and led the discussions.

Baptists Announce Services for Sunday

"Shall We Know Each Other in Another World?" will be the sermon subject for Sunday night, and the hour is 7:30 o'clock. This is a matter which has probably occurred to every one, and whatever light the Scriptures may throw on it needs to be emphasized.

The pastor will preach at the morning hour. But there will be no mid-week service Wednesday evening, as the pastor plans to be out of town.

Mrs. Harper Holliday will sing a special solo at the morning service.

At Sunday morning's service the congregation will be asked to determine who shall be invited to conduct the mid-winter school of music which the church plans to put on before Easter. Definite announcement about the school will be made, then, in a short time.

TOBACCO MEET IN JAMESVILLE

Second Meeting of Growers To Be Held Monday; Other News

The second meeting of tobacco growers in the Jamesville community will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Those interested in fertilizing, diseases common to this section, plant bed preparation, or any phase of tobacco growing are requested to be present at this meeting.

It is the candid belief of Prof. W. T. Overby that the tobacco growers will be able to get better prices and better crops of tobacco by a practice of a little preparation, growth and care.

The first of these meetings was held last Monday night. Much interest was shown by the large number of growers present.

P. T. A. To Meet Tuesday

The first Parent-Teachers meeting of the Jamesville school for the new year will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium. There is a picture given to the grade having the most parents present. The ninth grade has won the right to keep the picture each time so far, but if its members are to retain this coveted reward for the next month, they must overcome some strong opposition.

Attendance Falling Off

The Jamesville school attendance has fallen off considerably during this week. There are many cases of flu and several cases of pneumonia. It is hoped by school officials and parents that the climax of the epidemic has been reached and that the school work will go on without further interference. Principal A. L. Pollock stated yesterday.

TAX COLLECTION TOTALS \$120,671.66

Is Below Record of Collections for Same Period Last Year

While county tax collections are progressing very well, they are lagging behind those made last year in a corresponding period, it was learned yesterday in the office of Sheriff A. L. Roebuck. The collections up to yesterday amounted to \$120,671.66, as compared with \$131,964.04 for the same period last year, Deputy S. H. Grimes stated. Mr. Grimes stated that this amount had been paid by the property owners in the county without any solicitations having been made, and that the difference of \$11,292.38 in the collections for the two years is not as great as it appears, since the entire collection for the year amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

With the passing of only a few more months the last call will be made, and as has ever been the case, that call will find many napping. The deputy is not discouraged with the collections, however, and with the payments continuing as well as they have gone forward during the past few months, it is his belief that the last call will not find many unpaid accounts.

Anger Economics Club Elects New Officers

Meeting for the first time in the new year, the Anger economics club last Tuesday elected officers and commenced an extensive program of work outlined for the coming months. Mrs. C. R. Ange was elected to head the work of the club during the year, and Mrs. Bertha Ange was made vice president. Mrs. Willie Gardner is the club's new secretary, and Mrs. Ben Ange will serve as news reporter.

Following the election of officers, the women, assisted by the county home demonstration agent, prepared a part breakfast meal. A new cereal, creamed potatoes and cocoa, was served. Mrs. Allie Ange was hostess to the club.

Baptist Services At Jamesville Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular services in the Jamesville Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening, it was announced here yesterday morning. The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock and the night service at 7:30. The public is invited to each of the services.

GIVE SCHEDULE FOR POULTRY CAR SHIPMENTS

Four Cars Will Be Shipped From Martin County This Year

FIRST IN FEBRUARY

Expect Shipments This Year To Surpass Previous Records; 34,954 Pounds Shipped in 1928

County Agent T. B. Brandon, cooperating with the State Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Markets, is planning to make four poultry shipments from Martin this year, according to a tentative shipping schedule prepared recently. The first of the shipments is scheduled for February 5, 6, and 7. According to the plans this year, the poultry car, handled over the Atlantic Coast Line, will make three stops in this county, staying one day each at Jamesville, Williamston, and Robersonville. The first stop will be made at Jamesville, the second here, on the 6th, and the third at Robersonville, on the 7th.

A second car will be loaded in the county the 5th, 6th, and 7th of March, the first loadings to be made at Jamesville. In April a third car is scheduled to cover the three places, the 9th, 10th, and 11th. Then on May 7, 8, and 9, the fourth and last car of the season will be loaded, according to the present plans of Mr. Brandon and the cooperatives.

Mr. Brandon stated yesterday afternoon that the shipments this year would, in all probability, surpass those of last year, when 34,954 pounds were loaded and shipped by Martin County farmers. The present outlook for prices is much better than it was at this time last season, and the agent says the farmers are likely to receive the best prices for their poultry this year than has been the case in several seasons. Colored hens are now selling at the car door for 23 cents the pound, with a rise expected a little later on in the season.

Last year the three carloads shipped from this county brought to the farmers at the doors nearly \$7,000; to be exact, \$6,898.28.

Bethel and Scotland Neck will also make shipments in the same cars stopping in this county. In all, 71 towns in practically all the counties in this section are planning to ship poultry this year to the northern markets. A few shipments have already been made, but the majority will start rolling the early part of next month, when shipments from the State will total around 100 carloads for the 30-day period.

Mr. Brandon is urging all the farmers in this county to start fattening the old "boarders," ready for the first shipment the early part of next month.

SELL \$160 WORTH CHRISTMAS SEALS

Colored Schools of County Very Active in Fight On Tuberculosis

Each year that passes finds the colored schools of Martin County active in the sale of tuberculosis seals to help in the fight against the great white plague. Three-fourths of the amount raised for this purpose remain in the county, one-fourth being sent to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association at Southern Pines. The amount of seals received by Supervisor Gray was \$200, these being apportioned to the various schools through the county. The final checking showed that \$161.02 had been received from the 1928-29 sale. Of this amount \$40.26 will be sent to the association.

Those schools selling the full amount of seals and placing funds in hands of the treasurer here are: Williamston, Hassell, Goose Nest, Poplar Point, Keys, James, Robersonville, Bowers, Woolards, Smithwick Creek, Williams Lower, Smith, Burroughs, Jamesville, Jones, Biggs, Parmele Training School. Several schools have reported a part of their quota, but do not appear on the honor roll here.

Episcopal Services Sunday Afternoon

The only preaching service in the Church of the Advent here Sunday will be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, it was stated by the rector, Rev. A. H. Marshall, yesterday. The church school will meet at 9:45, the minister said in making his announcements.

In order to fill his appointments on the third Sunday, the Rev. M. Marshall finds it necessary to conduct one of the services in the afternoon. This is the first Sunday this year that the afternoon service has been scheduled, and the minister is urging all the members to attend. A special invitation is also extended the public, Mr. Marshall stating that he was anxious to have a large congregation at this, the first afternoon service that has been announced for the church here since he has been its rector.