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## B. AND L. SERIES SOON TO BEGIN

25th Series Expected to Continue Growth of Local Unit

While the past several series have established new records in the growth of the Martin County Building and Loan association, the 25th series, opening next month, is expected to result in a continued growth of the association, the officers declared yesterday. Several of the new homes erected here this summer were made possible with the aid of the building and loan association, and as the organization progresses so does the town and community.

That the building and loan organizations all over the South are taking an active part in the section's progress is shown by the following report, pointed out by Mr. Wheeler Martin, an officer of the local organization:

The amazing increase in building and loan activity in the southern states since 1921 is revealed by Dr. Albert S. Keister, professor of economics at North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, in a recent issue of the Manufacturers Record.

Dr. Keister describes the housing needs felt in the decentralized industrial development of the South. He tells of the response which the Building and Loan Associations have made to this need, a response which is measured in the tripling of their resources. He outlines the factors back of the vital attraction which the associations have had for home builders and savers.

In the last ten years, new money, new people and new business have flowed into a thousand cities and towns of the South. The widespread demand for housing has been met for the most part without profiteering or excessive rentals. Dr. Keister finds.

Few people realize how rapidly the building and loan associations have grown, he declares. In the United States their assets vaulted from \$2,200,000 for both 1921 and 1927 or 185 per cent increase. In the southern states the growth has been even more rapid and in eight of them reporting figures for both 1921 and 1927 the increase is 269 per cent. The North Carolina Building and Loan assets rose from \$26,000,000 in 1921 to \$91,000,000 in 1927.

The borrower finds "he can borrow a liberal percentage of the total cost and pay it back in monthly sums comparable to rent.

"To savers," he concludes, "the building and loan associations speak of the safety of the investment, the generous returns earned on savings and the ease with which ones savings may be available in case of need. Evidently their appeals have fallen on fertile ground for, as the record shows, the yield in increased resources has been several hundred-fold."

## Graf Zeppelin Starts on Trip Around the World

New York, Aug. 8.—The Graf Zeppelin, first commercial airship to attempt a flight around the North Atlantic ocean tonight and forging steadily ahead in an effort to set a new record for dirigible flight from America to Germany.

Pushing the big dirigible along at high speed throughout the day, its veteran commander, Dr. Hugo Eckner, reported to the Navy department that he was 1,180 statute miles due east of New York at dusk. Dr. Eckner gave the big ship's position as 40.35 north, 51.35 west at 7 p. m. E. S. T.

Maintaining the pace, the Graf Zeppelin should add another 350 miles to its record by midnight and be more than half way to the coast of Portugal by dawn, carrying its 22 passengers—one a woman—and 40 members of the crew towards Friedrichshafen, Germany, and the end of the first stage of a projected flight around the globe.

## Mayor Says Streets Can Be Paved By Bond Issue With No Increase in Town Taxes

### PLAN OUTLINED WOULD PAVE EIGHT STREETS

\$60,000 Bond Issue Added to Money on Hand Would Do Work

### OWNERS PAY HALF

Mayor Coburn Presents Statement Of Bonds and Interest Due, Including Proposed Issue

By R. L. COBURN, Mayor

In connection with the request that has been made by a large number of citizens of the town to have various streets paved under the contract that we have had our sidewalks paved, some are of the opinion that the Board of Commissioners would have to increase the present budget for the payment of bonds and interest on bonds.

For the reasons set out above, I have prepared a statement (presented on page two of this newspaper) showing what the town paid for the retirement of bonds and the interest on bonds during the years of 1927-28, the amount to be paid during the year of 1929, and the amounts that would become due and payable from 1930 to 1960, when the last of our bonds mature, if we are to borrow \$60,000 for the purpose of paving Houghton Street from Simmons Avenue to Williams Street (including the widening of said street from Main Street to the railroad), Watt's Street, Church Street Academy Street, Simmons Avenue, Smithwick Street, Hatton Street, and Williams Street, of which the property owners would be required to pay approximately \$54,000 in ten annual installments. This would make a total cost of paving sidewalks and streets of \$120,000. The above loan of \$60,000 would be \$5,042 more than the amount provided for in the estimate which has been prepared by our engineer.

The City Hall bonds amounting to \$13,500 have not been considered in this statement because the necessary amount to pay these bonds this year has been set aside from money we received from the Virginia Electric & Power Company.

From the statement presented with this article, it is clear that it would not be necessary to increase the budget for the payment of bonds and interest on bonds. This is because we had \$60,000 to pave with, which we did not have to borrow, and of that amount and the additional \$60,000 that we would have to borrow, the property owners would be required to pay 50 per cent (exclusive of street and sidewalk intersections) in ten annual installments with interest. As a matter of fact, our appropriations for the payments of bonds and interest on bonds will continue to get smaller, and I see no reason why the present tax rate should not be reduced some practically every year for a number of years, even in the event we were to pave our streets.

It is rather strange that we should

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## REQUIRE PUPILS TO READ BIBLES

Oak City School Course of Study Lists Bible Study As Parallel Reading

According to a course of study effective in the Oak City schools during the coming terms, Bible reading will be required of all second, third, and fourth year high school pupils. The collateral reading embraces two books in the Bible during the term, each book to be twenty chapters or more. One of the books is to be chosen from the Old Testament and the second from the New.

In connection with the parallel reading program, Mr. H. M. Ainsley, the school's principal, has selected a variable and valuable list of books, one that is believed to be suitable to a large number of schools.

Reports on the readings will be requested of the pupils the second Friday in each month, and in March an examination covering the entire list will be held.

As far as it is known, the Oak City school is the only one requiring Bible reading of its pupils.

## Services Sunday At Local Christian Church

The Christian church will hold its regular services Sunday. Bible school will begin at 9:45 a. m. and church services at 11 a. m. The subject for the morning worship will be "A Christian War." The evening service will begin at 8 p. m. Following our study of the character of Jesus, the topic for Sunday evening will be "The Resurrection of Jesus."

## URGE ENFORCING SANITARY LAWS

Resolution Passed by Club Women Leads to Passing Of Ordinance

Discussing the sanitary conditions of the town, members of the local Woman's Club recently set into motion machinery requiring the inspection of milk sold within the incorporated limits of the town, and a more rigid enforcement of the present sanitary laws.

The resolutions passed by the club and presented to the board of commissioners at their meeting the early part of this week follow:

Whereas it is a recognized fact by all competent authorities that food constitutes our life; and

Whereas no community is safe unless the food consumed is sanitary;

Resolved that we form a committee, with power to act, in securing a sanitary inspection of all dairies and food markets.

Further, be it resolved that we enlist every agency, Boy Scouts, Town Commissioners, Kiwanis Club, Parent-Teacher Association, and individual in an active battle for the extermination of mice, rats, flies, and mosquitoes.

Realizing that only extreme cleanliness will accomplish the desired objective, we recommend that the City Commissioners set the proper machinery in motion to have proper inspections made and pass an ordinance that all cow and horse stables must be cleaned daily, and that the law be enforced relative to the prevention of the retention of pigs within the corporate limits of the city.

In the past two years, the town has spent, according to a recent financial audit of the town's books, \$24.75 for sanitary purposes, a sum that attracts criticism within itself. In 1927, the audit shows that \$15.50 was spent for sanitary purposes; last year only \$9.25 was spent. However, the street department force cares for much of the sanitary work, and that department, of course, is charged with the costs. Other than that carried on by the street cleaning department, the sanitary work is practically ignored. Breeding places for flies and mosquitoes are unnoticed, and many of the town's back lots are in foul condition.

## Program of Services At Baptist Church

Other than the regular Sunday school there will be no morning service at the Baptist church, it was announced this morning by one of the church's members. In the evening, the B. Y. P. U., both the intermediate and junior groups, will hold regular services. There will be no preaching service.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, the pastor, is improving in a Naval hospital at Portsmouth, and it is expected that he will be able to resume his regular church duties Sunday, August 18.

All members of the Sunday school and the B. Y. P. U. are urged to attend the services announced.

## Program of Services at Presbyterian Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m. We are to have the pleasure of hearing at our worship service Sunday, August 11, Rev. Perley Perry, of Williamston. We cordially invite all those who are not having services in their own churches Sunday to meet and worship with us. We especially invite all visitors in our city and all persons who are not connected with any church in Williamston to make our church your church.

Bear Grass

Preaching services will be held in the schoolhouse at Bear Grass Sunday, August 11, at 8 p. m. All persons reading this notice, with their friends, are invited to attend.

## County Auditor Begins Working on Tax Books

Following the determination of the 1929 tax levy by the commissioners in session here last Monday, J. Sam Gettlinger, auditor, and his office force are starting work on the tabulations and the distribution of the various rates this week. The task is one of the largest in the long list of duties connected with the office, and it will require several weeks to prepare the books, write the receipts and turn them over to the collector.

Mrs. J. W. Wright, of Jamesville, was a business visitor here this morning.

## 15,000 GALLONS OF BEER CAPTURED

Revenue Agents Also Get Two Operators and Three Stills

The capture of approximately 15,000 gallons of beer featured the work of revenue agents in this section this week when the officers trapped two operators, took six gallons of liquor and brought in three copper stills.

Wednesday, Federal Agent Street, Sheriff Roebuck and deputies went to the Free Union section where they captured a 100-gallon capacity still, six gallons of liquor, two axes, two buckets and a keg. Approximately 1,800 gallons of beer were turned on the ground. David Brooks, an old colored man, was busily engaged firing the still when the officers arrived. He told the officers the still belonged to Joe James, that he was being paid for operating the plant. At the hearing, Brooks claimed the still, stating that James had sold and delivered sugar to him at the still. Probable cause appearing in the case, the commissioner held Brooks under a \$300 bond for his appearance in the next term of Federal court.

Yesterday, the officers returned to the same section and found business progressing rapidly. A still of 150-gallon capacity was captured and 1,250 gallons of beer were turned out. The still was idle at the time, but Sanford Gordon and a friend were preparing to remove the plant. Gordon fell into the hands of the law while his friend and helper made his escape in a mule and cart. Gordon is being held for the next session of the recorder's court here.

Continuing their search, the officers found a still running full blast, but the operators made their escape when they heard the agents tearing up a plant a short distance away. No liquor was found and the beer, 950 gallons, was turned out.

At a last plant the officers found 11,500 gallons of beer, a number of jugs, all empty, and 30 fermenters. The beer captured and destroyed during the day, it is estimated, would have turned out 1,500 gallons of liquor which at the general market price, would have sold for \$3,750.

## MARTIN LOSES TWO TO BERTIE

Bulls Practically Sew Up Second Half Honors by Double Win Here

Bertie County's aggregation walked away with honors and practically iced the second half of the Bright Belt League here Wednesday afternoon when Martin suffered defeat, losing the first by the close margin of 7 to 6 and dropping the second by a 4-to-2 score.

In the first game, the visitors touched Gardner for five runs in the first stanza while the locals could count only once. Grimes, of Gold Point, relieved Gardner and it was nothing and nothing from then to the seventh, when the visitors annexed another run.

In the eighth the locals rallied to push four runs across. With two men on bases, Roberson, of Robersonville, went in as a pinch hitter and knocked the ball over the new school building for a home run. Bertie made another in the ninth, and Martin threatened to even the score or even win the contest in the same frame. There were three men on bases and no outs, but only one run was made, the visitors tightening in the pinches to retire the side.

In the second game, the locals got off to a splendid start. Cherry, on the mound for the Monks, fanned two and first base was not reached in the first inning. Victory was forecasted for the Monks when Roebuck made a hit, followed by Piephoff's, and another by Hood. J. Brown was out on a high fly. Roebuck counted on Vance Roberson's single; Gaylord went out as Brown did, and Whitehurst retired the side when he knocked a high fly. The four hits netted only one run. In the second inning, Bertie made three hits and two runs.

The locals scored their second and last run in the second when Spivey led off with a single. Taylor, running for him, scored on Roebuck's hit. One out followed later by a double play retired the side. Windsor scored again in the third, making a last marker in the sixth.

Whitehead, for the visitors, had a perfect day at bat, walking once and getting six hits out of his six official appearances at the plate, several of them going for extra bases.

Both games were well played, Bertie getting the breaks to win the first. The afternoon's play was witnessed by approximately 500 fans.

Rev. D. W. Arnold will preach at Maple Grove

Rev. D. W. Arnold will preach at the Maple Grove church next week, beginning Tuesday evening, it was announced here this morning.

## New Insurance Rating Saves \$6,000 Annually in Premiums

### EVERETTS BOY DIES IN HOSPITAL

Hubert Moore, 20, Succumbs After Operation for Appendicitis

Hubert Moore, 20 years old, of near Everetts, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Wednesday afternoon, following an attack of appendicitis suffered the Saturday before. He was carried to the hospital soon after the attack, but the operation was not performed until 10 o'clock Sunday morning, a time said to be too late to save the young man's life.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence of his father, Mr. Whit Moore, near Everetts, by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville. Interment followed in the family cemetery on the home farm.

A father, step-mother, a brother, Dallas Moore, and a half-brother, of Everetts, survive. Mrs. Moore, the boy's mother, died several years ago.

### JAMES HENRY WARD DEAD

Prominent Citizen of Batts Store Section Victim of Heart Failure

James Henry Ward, 72 years old, was found dead in bed at his home near Batts store on the Washington road early yesterday morning, his death, attributable to heart failure, coming as a shock to his family and friends. Although Mr. Ward had heart trouble and suffered other complications for several years, he was apparently as well as usual the day before when he drove his automobile around the neighborhood and attended to his regular duties. He retired about his usual hour and so far as it is known he was not sick during the night. His failure to arise at the usual time caused his wife to visit the room, where she found him dead, apparently dying a short while before.

The son of the late Joshua L. and Louisa Hodges Ward, James Henry was born and reared on the farm, where he labored long hours from early youth up to the day before his death for a livelihood. Few men have followed their work more closely than did Mr. Ward. In connection with his farm work, he engaged in the timber business, and at the time of his death he owned and operated two lumber mills. He had been advised by his physician not to work, but he ignored the advice and often stood at the rever and ran a saw all during the day.

He was noted for his neighborliness and his kind disposition. During the past several years he had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church and during that time he was very active in its work.

The funeral was held at the home this morning and interment followed in the family cemetery at the home place.

Mr. Ward was married twice, first to Miss Ellen Griffin, who died several years ago. By this marriage eight children, Burroughs, John Simon, and Williamston, Mrs. Mary L. Stalls, Mrs. Annie Gray Cherry, and Mrs. Bettie Coltraine, survive. A number of years ago he married Miss Eunice Rogers, who survives. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Perry, of Williamston; and Mrs. Addie Edwards, of High Point; one brother, J. W. Ward, of Jamesville. He had 31 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

### HERTFORD AND MARTIN TIE, 2-2

Play Thirteen Inning Without Decision Here Thursday

A new record was set up in the Bright Leaf Belt League here yesterday afternoon when the Hertford Hares and the Martin Monks went 13 rounds to stop at 2-all. Breaks for either side were few and far between, but the locals' chance to score presented itself several times just to be turned down a majority of the time.

The Monks started the scoring with one marker in the first frame. Hertford evened the situation in the second and the game was evenly balanced until the eighth when the visitors pushed another run across. The locals tied the score in the ninth, and then during four more innings the deadlock remained unbroken. Gardner improved as the game progressed and in the last few innings of play, he retired the sides in rapid order.

### RECORDER HAS TWELVE CASES

Two Fines Imposed; Several Cases Continued; One Appeal Noted

A round dozen cases were called in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, several being continued for hearing later in the month. Two fines were imposed, and one appeal to a higher court was made.

John H. Taylor, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of not guilty, and after examining the evidence the court found him guilty of a simple affray. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Early Boston plead guilty to an assault on a female and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Ernest Harrison with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week.

Two cases against W. E. Bunting, one charging him with threatening to kill and the second charging a violation of the liquor laws, were continued one week.

Tom Nicholson, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, entered a plea of nolo contendere, the court accepting the plea and imposing a nine months road sentence. An appeal was effected, the court fixing bond in the sum of \$300.

A capias was issued when John McCray Covington, charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated, was called and failed.

J. C. Wynn, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, plead not guilty, the court after examining the evidence found him guilty of disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs by the defendant.

The case charging Gus Purvis with disorderly conduct and assault with a deadly weapon, was heard and continued one week. A similar action was followed in the case charging Tom Scott with disorderly conduct.

No disposition resulted in the case charging Horace Thomas with larceny and receiving.

### NEGRO LAWYER IN TOILS OF LAW

Counsel for Percy Miller To Be Heard on Perjury Charge in Windsor

Charged with subornation of perjury, A. Escoffery colored lawyer of Durham, will be given a hearing in Windsor tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock as a result of affidavits alleged to have been procured by him in connection with the trial of Percy Miller, convicted slayer of P. H. White, Windsor policeman. The hearing will be held before Justice of the Peace P. T. Perry.

The affidavits causing the arrest of Escoffery were signed by Lem Pritchard, of Bertie, main witness for the State in Miller's trial, before Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, jr., local notary. Pritchard is awaiting the hearing in the Bertie jail being unable to raise a bond of \$5,000. Escoffery is out on a \$2,000 bond.

Escoffery procured, it is alleged, the affidavit from Pritchard that the evidence given on the trial in the Superior Court was false; and that he was forced to testify to what he did by the solicitor and attorneys appearing for the prosecution and Deputy Sheriff Askew.

The solicitor and other attorneys named in the affidavits brand the charge as absolutely false, and have announced that they will spare no effort in bringing all the facts to light regarding the same.

It is reported that since the arrest of Pritchard he says that he did not know what the contents of the affidavit he signed were; that his testimony at the trial was true, and that he was induced to sign the same by the attorney for Miller.

The criminal action against Escoffery and Pritchard is expected to result in the most sensational trial held in Windsor in recent years outside the trial of Miller several months ago.

### Carolians Spent Over \$5,000,000 for Cars in July

North Carolinians bought 7,795 automobiles in July at a cost of \$5,856,000, according to Sprague Silver of the automobile division of the State Department of Revenue. The sales established a record and more cars were paid for with cash than has been the case in any other month since the title law went into effect in 1928.

Ford led with 3,563 sales, Chevrolet second with 2,170.

### CUT IN RATES AMOUNTS TO 18 OR 20 PER CENT

Few Slight Increases in Rates Made on Special Risks

EFFECTIVE ON JULY 29

New Lower Rating Due Principally to Purchase of New Truck by Town Authorities

The 18 or 20 per cent reduction in local fire insurance premiums forecasted at the town officials were considering the purchase of a new fire truck, thereby effecting a change in rates from third to second-class, was made certain this week upon the receipt of the new rate book here. While there are one or two increases in special risks, the decreases in regular risks outnumber them probably 75 to 1. The rate on the R. S. Critcher & Sons mill is believed to show the most marked increase, the rate there being raised from \$9.24 to \$13.38. One or two other special risks were increased, but the increase amounted to only a few cents.

Reviewing the decrease, or the savings made possible in meeting the second-class requirements, a very favorable turn for premium holders is evident. It would require days, probably, to make a complete survey of the new rate as compared with the old and determine the savings in their entirety. However, to determine a fairly sound and reasonable estimate of the savings made possible by the change in rates, several comparisons were made.

The old rate effective on the dwelling of Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen was \$1.08 per \$100 insurance; the new rate is 68 cents on the \$100 insurance, a saving of 40 cents on the \$100 insurance. The rate on the household contents was reduced from \$1.20 to 80 cents, a saving of 40 cents on the \$100.

Where the Enterprise Publishing Company once paid a rate of \$1.64 on its building, the new rate calls for only 85 cents, a 79-cent drop. The rate on contents was decreased from \$2.04 to \$1.30, a 74-cent saving on the \$100 valuation, saving incidentally the firm around \$100 on its insurance each year.

The rate on the building housing the Clark Drug Store, was decreased from \$1.09 to 84 cents; while the rate on contents fell from \$1.54 to \$1.27, a saving on the last item of 27 cents.

The rate on the apartment building is \$1.75, no comparison being available at this time. The contents rate, however, dropped from \$3.60 to \$2.15, a saving of \$1.45 on the \$100 insurance. The old wooden building to the west of the apartments is said to be the cause of the unusually high rate there.

A drop from 52 cents to 29 is recorded on Mr. G. H. Harrison's home on Main Street. The rate on contents was dropped from 64 to 40 cents.

On his home, Mr. W. T. Meadows gets a 58-cent rate as compared with the old one of 95 cents. The contents rate was dropped from \$1.07 to 71 cents.

Another marked drop in the rates is that on the new Planters Warehouse as compared with the one on the old Brick Warehouse which it replaces. The rate fell from \$3.60 to \$1.10.

Other comparisons of rates on all types of buildings in all sections of the town have been made, and the reductions are in keeping with the promised decrease at the time the change was proposed. To meet the requirements, a very small increase in the expense of the fire department has been necessary other than the purchase of the new truck. Firemen's quarters have been arranged and hired men are on duty at night, while two are at the station during the day. The alarm system is electrically equipped and operated by hand buttons, the alarms being handled by telephone connections.

With the new rate in effect, Chief Henry D. Harrison, who studied the rates in the two classes and started a drive for a better rating, stated yesterday that fire insurance policyholders here will save around \$6,000 annually.

### Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

The Everetts Modern Woodmen camp will hold its regular meeting in the hall here next Monday night, when the officers will discuss the features of the district meeting to be held in Wilson in September. Delegates to the district meeting will be elected at the next Monday meeting, it was stated yesterday. Several important matters will be placed before the meeting, according to an announcement made by the camp's secretary yesterday.

The members are urged to attend the meet next Monday.

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