

Building And Loan Reports Successful Business Last Year

Officers and Directors Named At Recent Meeting; Gain Credited To

Despite war conditions that prevailed during most of the period and existing restrictions and material shortages, the Martin County Building and Loan Association had a very successful business last year, the stockholders were advised at their annual meeting here this week. The association financed twenty-nine new mortgage loans during the period, advancing \$125,000 to borrowers.

It was pointed out that seventeen of the nineteen new loans advanced by the organization were for new construction, mostly small homes. At the present time, the association has nearly 8,000 shares of stock in force. Of the approximately 500 shareholders, about one-fifth of them are colored citizens, the secretary, Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, pointing out that the number of colored shareholders, after holding to about a normal figure for several years, had been materially increased during the year.

In 1945, the association retired stock valued at \$108,500, and now has assets in the sum of \$548,964.61. Well over half of the assets, or \$308,572.49, is represented in mortgage loans. Approximately \$209,500 is invested in government bonds, the two items combined placing the association in splendid financial position to finance a sizable building program in the months to come.

While construction costs continue rather high and building materials are still scarce, the association is anticipating a marked increase in business this year over that handled in 1945. Prospective builders, including World War II veterans, have made tentative arrangements for loans, and just as soon as conditions undergo a little more adjustment, an extensive building boom is expected in both home and commercial construction.

Very few stockholders were in attendance upon the meeting which was held in the law offices of Attorney Wheeler Martin last Monday. They re-elected the officers and nine of the ten directors. The names of the officers: C. D. Carsarphen, president; N. C. Green, vice president; Wheeler Martin, secretary, and Mrs. Vella Andrews Wynne, treasurer. Directors are: F. J. Margolis, C. D. Carsarphen, N. C. Green, Wheeler Martin, W. C. Manning, K. B. Crawford, J. E. King, C. B. Clark, Jesse Whitley and Herbert Whitley, the latter, a veteran of World War II, having been added to the board of directors at the meeting this week.

The association will open a new stock series next month and a material increase in the sale of shares is predicted. Many people in this section have been investing in government bonds, but they are now planning to build and will turn to the association for financial help.

Gets Commendation From Fleet Admiral

Russell Roebuck, son of Sheriff and Mrs. C. B. Roebuck, was recently awarded the Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service rendered in the Pacific. Signed by C. W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, the citation reads:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy from January 1 to June 21, 1945, while serving as Communication Officer and Senior Watch Officer of a United States Destroyer. During this period his ship participated in carrier strikes on Luzon, Formosa, the Ryukyu Islands, Indochina, the South China Coast, the Bonin and Volcano Islands, and the first two strikes on Tokyo and acted as a close in fire support ship during the capture of Okinawa. Through his technical skill, practical knowledge based on long experience and devotion to duty, he was largely responsible for the excellent performance of the materiel and personnel under his cognizance. As Officer of the Deck, his quick perception and reliability materially increased his ship's efficiency in action. His courage and conduct throughout were at all times in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

Honorably discharged from the Naval Reserve a few weeks ago, Mr. Roebuck is now employed by the Branch Banking and Trust Company here.

Before going to the Pacific Theater, Lt. Roebuck saw much action in the Atlantic about the time the Americans were moving into Italy. He participated, as an officer of the U. S. S. Destroyer Knight, in several actions, including the capture of the Isle of Capri.

The young officer, in the destroyer, was preparing to see action when the war as he saw and participated in it. Despite prodding, the account is not ready for publication, but the first installment will possibly appear within the next several weeks.

County Draft Officials And Appeal Board Members Honored This Week



Martin County Draft Board officials, (left to right), R. H. Goodmon, chairman, and Dr. Jesse Ward and Joseph H. Ayers, and members of the district and county appeal boards, G. H. Harrison and Wheeler Martin, respectively, were honored at a public meeting held in Greenville last Monday afternoon when Governor R. Gregg Cherry presented them with certificates of award and medals issued at the direction of the United States Congress. The awards were made in recognition of years of voluntary service for which none of the volunteers received any cash remuneration. Although disheartened at times, every one of the five county men have continued in their positions following their appointments back in October, 1940.

Half Dozen Cases Called This Week In Mayor's Court

Linwood Speight, Completing A Sentence Recently, Headed For Roads Again

Justice John L. Hassell called half a dozen cases in his court here during the past few days, and after preliminary examinations he sent most of them on up to the higher courts for final disposition. Fighting and standing in for good measure were involved in most of the cases. Linwood "Dummy" Speight, just recently returned from the roads where he served a term for alleged larceny, is back in the courts and apparently headed for another road stretch. Speight, visiting in the home of Minnie Eubanks on White Street here last Saturday night, stands accused of stealing \$157 in cash, including a \$100 bill, from under a bed pillow in the home. A lead was established in the case early next morning when he tried to have a \$100 bill changed. He was bound over to the higher courts under bond in the sum of \$200. It is firmly believed that Speight has spent at least two-thirds of his time on the roads during the past twelve or fifteen years.

Roosevelt Clark, charged with simple assault, was taxed with \$75.00 costs. Drunk and down, Jasper Williams was fined \$5 and required to pay \$6.50 costs. Losing consciousness, Williams sprawled out on the highway near the Williamston Peanut Company plant last Saturday night. Reports state that a motorist almost wrecked his car in a successful attempt to avoid running over the man.

James E. Hassell, charged with disorderly conduct and damaging personal property was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in the county court for trial.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assaulting a female, Roy Boston was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Navin Hawkins, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$200.

All the defendants except Speight posted bonds and were released.

Wreck Two Stills In Bear Grass District

Raiding in Bear Grass Township last Tuesday, County ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck assisted by Deputies Roy Peel and Julian Roebuck, wrecked two illicit liquor plants.

Although made with crude material, one of the plants was built after a modern fashion. It was equipped with a 100-gallon capacity tin kettle and oil burner, eight 50-gallon capacity fermenters, two 50-gallon capacity coolers and a large doubler. The officers poured out 300 gallons of beer.

The second plant was equipped with a small tin kettle and there was only one barrel of beer.

FREEZER LOCKER

Work on the foundation for a \$50,000 freezer locker plant on North Houghton Street here was started this week. Unofficial reports state that with fair weather prevailing and without further delay in the delivery of materials, the structure should be completed and ready for operation in early May.

CANDIDATE



Hugh G. Horton, local attorney, this week formally announced his candidacy for the State Senate from the Second Senatorial District. His candidacy is subject to the democratic primary to be held May 25.

Schools Contribute To Paralysis Fund

The infantile paralysis fund was boosted to \$1,280.13 in this county during the past few days when a few more persons made direct mail replies and several schools submitted their contributions.

Chairman L. B. Wynne, canvassing the Robersonville area today, is confident that the \$2,120 goal will be reached and passed when all reports are received. Following the splendid reports submitted by the local elementary and Biggs schools, several other schools turned in sizable collections this week.

Williamston's high school building raised \$134.68, as follows: Miss Byrum's sixth grade, \$8; Miss Whitley's 7th grade, \$16; Mrs. Hassell's 7th grade, \$8; Miss King's 8th grade, \$7.40; Miss Sasser's 8th grade, \$4.02; Mrs. White's 9th grade, \$11.51; Miss Lowery's 9th grade, \$6.15; Mrs. Evelyn Manning's 10th grade, \$55.59; Mrs. C. J. Goodman's 11th grade, \$13.01, and Sum D. Bundy, personal, \$5.

The Oak City schools raised and reported \$106.75, as follows: First grade, 85c; 4th grade, \$5.79; 5th grade, \$6.55; 6th grade, \$4.01; 7th grade, \$3.25; 8th grade, \$27.10; 9th grade, \$26.00; 10th grade, \$25.20, and 11th grade, \$8.

Four colored schools submitted the following report: Jamesville, \$10; Gold Point, \$14.20; Woolard's, \$12.64, and White Oak Springs, \$10.

A last appeal is being made to those who received requests by direct mail to reply today so the drive can be completed during the week-end.

Peanut Plant Almost Ready for Operation

Under construction since early last fall, the new plant of the Dixie Peanut Company here is almost ready for operation, according to W. C. Windley, one of the five owners. Building construction was completed weeks ago, and the last of the numerous machines are being placed, Mr. Windley stating that possibly the plant would start milling its first peanuts within a week or ten days.

Built at a cost of approximately \$100,000, the plant is one of the largest of its kind in the world. The company, organized by Messrs. Windley, John W. Brantley, and Carlisle Langley, has a large stock of farmers' stock peanuts on hand and in its first season of operation the plant is expected to run for several months.

Members Of County Draft And Appeal Boards Recognized

Awarded Certificates And Medal At Public Meeting In Greenville Monday

Martin County men, serving faithfully as members of the local draft board and as members of county and district appeal boards, were honored in public exercises at Greenville last Monday afternoon when Governor R. Gregg Cherry awarded them certificates of merit and medals issued at the direction of the United States Congress.

Those whose services were recognized are, R. H. Goodmon, chairman, and Dr. Jesse Ward and Mr. Joseph H. Ayers, members of the Martin County Draft Board; Mr. Wheeler Martin, appeal agent for this county, and Mr. G. H. Harrison, member of the district appeal board which had its headquarters in Windsor.

In addition to an appropriate medal, the men who served from the time Selective Service was created back in 1940 and who continue to serve, certificates, signed by Lewis D. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, and by Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, were awarded. The certificate reads:

"Certificate of Merit. In the name of the Congress of the United States, there is issued herewith the Selective Service Medal to (members of draft and appeal boards). In appreciation of your loyal and faithful adherence to duty given voluntarily and without compensation to the impartial administration of the Selective Service System, the government of these United States expresses its gratitude in the public recognition of your patriotic services."

In addition to the burdensome worries and numerous appeals made to them individually and personally, members of the county draft board spent considerable time in handling the unappreciative vet vital task. The records show that the three men attended 210 meetings from October, 1940, up until this month, that they spent right at 840 hours in those meetings interpreting the rules and regulations and weighing the evidence as impartially and fairly as anyone could weigh it. Despite the acute shortage of doctors in the county, Dr. Jesse Ward of Robersonville attended just about every meeting. Mr. Ayers of Oak City would quit his store and farm duties to attend meetings at the call of the chairman, R. H. Goodmon, who devoted just about all his time after office hours to the study of rules and regulations and hearing personal appeals.

The men attended district meetings at their own expense and were not even allowed mileage. Their task was about the most stupendous and thankless one in the book. Possibly they made some mistakes, but in those cases where bitter and uncalculated-for criticism and even threats

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways boosted the accident record figures considerably last week, but managed to steer clear of injuries and death. Property damage reported for the week was greater than it was during the first three weeks of this year.

Week	Accidents	Injuries	Deaths	Property Damage
1946 - 3	0	0	0	\$ 900
1945 - 1	0	0	0	175
Comparisons To Date				
1946 - 8	3	1	1	1,775
1945 - 3	1	0	0	325

Candidates Announce For Two Political Jobs

Curtain Raised On Politics In Second Senatorial District

Hugh G. Horton, Local Attorney, Announces His Candidacy This Week

On the quiet side for several years, politics started taking on new life in this county and district this week when Hugh G. Horton, local attorney, announced his candidacy for the State Senate from the Second Senatorial District. While his candidacy points to a shaping up of politics in the district embracing Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Washington and Martin Counties, there has been little or no activity in the other local political fields. There is some doubt if local contests will develop in this off-year election.

Other than the national and gubernatorial positions and that of register of deeds in this county, nearly every political office is open for applicants this year. In the First Congressional District, Representative Herbert Bonner this week is announcing his candidacy to succeed himself as a member of the House of Representatives.

While no one can predict what will happen in the political game, Candidate Hugh Horton is not expecting competition in his bid for a second senatorial district seat in Raleigh, Beaufort County, furnishing "Razz" Daniels of Washington for the past two terms, is not expected to put a candidate in the field this year. No official announcement has been made, but it is likely that W. R. Hampton of Plymouth will announce to succeed himself as the second senator from this district. Hyde and Tyrrell have had no native sons in the General Assembly in quite some time, and Pamlico has not offered a candidate possibly since the district was created, but as far as it can be learned no candidates have been offered by any one of the three for the positions this year.

Attorney Hugh G. Horton, after representing the county in the State House of Representatives, served the district as senator in 1941 and 1943, withdrawing at the expiration of his second term in favor of a candidate from Beaufort County.

While the political season is opening a bit later than usual in this section, many developments can follow between now and the end of the filing period for the primary to be held on May 25.

Other developments are pending on the political front and are expected to come to the surface soon.

Voluntary Ration Plan For Car Tires

Unable to meet the demand with the limited supply made available from time to time, the Sinclair Service Station here is announcing a voluntary automobile tire rationing plan. The system is being inaugurated in connection with the introduction of a new innovation advanced by the General Tire and Rubber Company.

Preliminary but thorough tests indicate that the new type of tire will run approximately 100,000 miles. It is understood that the manufacture of the new tire will be limited for a while and to effect a fair distribution and as rapidly as possible special purchase agreements. The details of the plan are being announced by the company and station operator in a series of advertisements appearing in this paper.

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Twelve Cases In Recorder's Court

Reckless Driving and Assault Cases Feature Docket Last Monday

Holding the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until almost one o'clock, Judge J. Calvin Smith called an even dozen cases and bore down in those actions involving scrapping, cutting and bottle pounding. Assaults with deadly weapon and reckless driving, including no drivers' licenses and improper lights, featured the trial docket for the day. A fair-sized crowd was in attendance, but the long, drawn-out trial of one case was too much for a few spectators and they left the courtroom well disgusted with repeated questioning and confusing and irrelevant answers.

The case charging Leamon James and Early May Boston held the spotlight, which was climaxed by long road sentences handed down by Judge Smith. Some weeks ago, James and Boston got in a fight down around Darons. It was not clearly stated just how the fight started, but as the argument progressed, James opened with a bottle attack on Boston's head. Boston came back strong with a big knife and in the vernacular of one of the witnesses, "He came mighty nigh laying him away for keeps." James was in a hospital for some time, lingering at the point of death for several days. Both defendants pleaded not guilty at the trial. They were adjudged guilty. Boston was sentenced to the roads for fifteen months, the court suspending all but the first ninety days upon the payment of a \$50 fine and one-half the costs. James was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the term upon the payment of the costs. James was placed on probation for fifteen months. Boston appealed to the higher court and bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.

Other proceedings in the court: Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Frank Williams was sentenced to jail for six hours and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with forcible trespass and being drunk and disorderly, Lloyd Ayers was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$15 and required to pay the cost.

In the case charging Delbert and John Leggett with an assault with a deadly weapon, John was found not guilty and Delbert was adjudged guilty only of a simple assault. He was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with shooting and crippling his neighbor's cow, Sylvester Taylor, booked on a cruelty to animals charge, pleaded guilty. He pointed out to the court that the cow had been destroying his crop. Prayer for judgment was continued until the first Monday in April.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Grady Brownfield was fined \$15.

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Two Injured In Car Mishap Wednesday

Two persons were badly but not critically hurt when their car crashed into the rear of another a short distance west of Robersonville last Wednesday evening about 8:00 o'clock. Jesse Arlie Coburn, 23-year-old colored man of Greenville, and his companion, William Dixon, 22, also of Greenville, were hurt and bruised about their faces. Coburn was badly cut over the left eye and a sizable knot was left on his head. Dixon, en route to Robersonville with Coburn to attend a veterans' dinner, was cut across the eye and nose, one report stating that doctors in the Ward clinic found it necessary to wash the man's eye, push it back into its socket and sew it in.

Ernest Whitehurst, Bethel man, was driving toward Robersonville very slowly, and his car was struck from the rear by the one driven by Coburn. One party to the accident declared that the Whitehurst car was standing still on the highway, that it was knocked off the road and caused to turn over. Arrested and charged with drunken driving, Whitehurst was not hurt. It was stated Whitehurst left the scene of the accident, but returned and was arrested there by W. S. Hunt and W. E. Saunders.

Damage to Coburn's car was estimated at \$500 by Corporal Hunt, and repairs to the car driven by Whitehurst will cost approximately \$100, it was explained.

Whitehurst was released under a \$100 bond following a preliminary hearing held here yesterday morning.

Earlier that afternoon Garland Coltrain, driving a Studebaker was sideswiped by a car driven by Arnold D. Stone of New York. Coltrain, driving on Highway 64 just this side of Fayetteville, drove on the right shoulder, but Stone, driving doing about \$50 damage to the Studebaker and about \$75 damage to his car, a 1939 Ford. No one was hurt, and Stone accepted the damages.

COMMISSIONERS

While very little business is scheduled for consideration, members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners are likely to be visited by delegations seeking better roads at the regular meeting of the body next Monday morning. No formal petitions have been presented, but it is certain that rural citizens in this county are ready to join others in a march on Raleigh in an effort to break up the political road building program and have action centered on the farm-to-market roads.

Jury men will be drawn for the March superior court, and time will be given to departmental reports and other routine matters.

Religious Leader Addresses Students

By Elwood Everett Freshman, ETC., Greenville

During the week of January 21 through 25 Baptist students of East Carolina Teachers College had the privilege and pleasure of hearing Rev. Howerton, State Student Secretary of the Baptist Student Union, bring very inspiring messages to them at different intervals. Rev. Howerton held morning watch each morning at seven o'clock, a one-hour discussion group each afternoon and each evening he delivered a message which benefitted each student in many ways.

Each topic that Rev. Howerton discussed was deeply inspirational to me, and I feel that each student who attended received some message which will help guide him on the right road of life. In his talks he emphasized the fact that youth today are putting social privileges before

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Farm Committees to Meet Here Tuesday

Meeting here next Tuesday, county and community committees of the Triple A will study plans for the 1946 farm program, including soil conservation methods and payments for the current year.

Later, possibly on Friday and Saturday of next week and not later than the 15th and 16th of this month the community committees will submit the proposed plans to the individual farmers at designated places throughout the county. Definite dates for carrying the plans to the farmers will be announced.

It is estimated that Martin farmers can earn approximately \$52,000.00 in soil building practices this year.

APPLICATIONS

The time for receiving applications for soil building payments under the 1945 Triple A program has been extended until February 15, it was announced by the office of the county farm agent this week. All farmers who have not filed their applications are asked to do so without further delay. Several hundred applications have already been forwarded to the state office in Raleigh for processing.

It is estimated that approximately 250 farmers in this county have not yet filed their applications for the 1945 soil payments.