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**For Your Own Good,  
Buy B. & L. Stock**

Excellent progress is reported by the canvassers who are soliciting subscriptions for the eighth series of stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, which is exactly as it should be. This organization has the promise of becoming one of the greatest assets the town can possibly have, both in promoting home building and ownership and in providing a safe, convenient method of systematically saving small amounts of money.

The progress of a new building and loan association, such as the one here, is necessarily slow for the first few years of its existence. As the purpose and workings of the organization become better known, it will continue to grow and its stockholders increase, because the strongest boosters of building and loan are those who have had some experience with it.

The local association has already loaned about \$18,000 right here in the community for the building and repairing of homes. These loans are amply secured by the first mortgages on real estate it has helped to develop, based on conservative valuations.

In addition to the loans it has made, the association is making it possible for its stockholders to lay up small amounts weekly at the rate of 25 cents per share. This stock will mature at \$100 per share in six and one-half years, equivalent to a net return of 5 per cent. In addition to that, the stock is non-taxable; and, in the event the investor needs his money, it is always available through

either of two plans. He can get out all he has paid in, less 25 cents per share withdrawal fee, or he can borrow up to 90 per cent of the amount paid by putting up his stock certificates as collateral. In the latter event, the interest accumulated on his stock is protected, making the net interest he pays for his loan about 3 per cent, considerably lower than the rate available through any other source available to the average man.

The building and loan plan of saving should particularly appeal to the small business man for a number of reasons. The weekly payments are very small, the term before maturity relatively short, and the policies of the organization are directed entirely by local people for the benefit of local interests.

For instance, a merchant subscribes for 10 shares of stock. His payments total \$2.50 each week. After paying on it for a short while he may have an opportunity to pick up a special lot of merchandise at a bargain. He can go to the building and loan and withdraw his money, or he can put up his stock certificate for a loan to take advantage of the opportunity. In either event, the association is a big help to him, because it is doubtful he would have saved that \$2.50 a week otherwise. If he continues his payments for the full six and a half years, when he will have paid in a little over \$800, his stock matures and he gets a check for \$1,000.

The same thing applies to small manufacturers, many of whom carry stock to take care of machinery replacements. Or the stock may be bought to provide a college education for children, to provide funds for an extended vacation, or for any other purpose. All this in addition to its principal purpose, that of building or buying homes. It is one plan where everybody wins; and in the whole history of such organizations in North Carolina, there have been only two or three failures.

The Plymouth Building & Loan Association is a community undertaking, and for that reason alone it deserves our support. Even so, those who wish further recommendations will find them without number if they take the time to investigate. However much the association may need us, we are in far greater need of it, and we should show our appreciation by subscribing for stock as liberally as we can.



"Time To Bait Our Hook"

**Liberty Hard To Define**

The fellow who speeds his car along the streets and highways, endangering the life and property of others, declares his liberty has been thwarted when cops pick him up and carry him before the courts.

Abraham Lincoln, during the Civil War, pointed out the difficulty of defining the word "Liberty" when he said in a Baltimore speech:

"The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty, especially as the sheep was a black one. Plainly, the sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of the word Liberty; and precisely the same difference prevails today among us human creatures."

**Know Your State**

*State Post Pilot, Southport*  
How well do you know your State? Few citizens of North Carolina know a great deal about it. For their benefit, here are some interesting figures on population, which we recently gleaned from North Carolina Labor and Industry, monthly bulletin of the N. C. Department of Labor:

North Carolina ranks 12th among the States in population. In the last ten years it has increased 23.9 per cent as compared with 16.1 per cent for the country as a whole.

The State is first in per cent of native born white population (99.7). It is first in size of the average family (4.9 persons).

Per cent of the population: White, 70.5; Negro 29; and other races, 0.5. The population is classified as 70.4 per cent rural and 29.6 per cent as urban; 50.5 per cent live on farms;

25.5 per cent in cities of 2,500 or more and 24.1 per cent in towns of less than 2,500.

Thirty-six per cent, or 1,140,971, were gainfully employed in 1930 in the following occupations: Agriculture, 499,957; manufacturing and mechanical industries, 290,719; domestic and personal service, 103,451; trade, 87,476; professional, 51,993; transportation, 50,564; clerical occupations, 33,352; public service, 11,688; forestry and fishing, 9,031; and mining, 2,740.

**Enlisting God**

*Christian Science Monitor*  
The head of the German army ended his orders at the beginning of hostilities with these words: "Forward with God for Germany," repeating the phrase used by the Kaiser at the start of the World War.

The head of the Polish State, in a similar manifesto, urged his people to fight with assurance, thinking of the "rightness of the cause" and "confidence in the justice of God."

The story is told of Abraham Lincoln that a friend once asked him: "Do you think God is on our side?" He replied, "I'm much more concerned to be on God's side."

Is there here a key for every individual who today seeks a right course amid war's confusions. When God's support is claimed for conflicting human aims, a clear and certain sense of right will uphold him who seeks, not to enlist Deity, but first to know and do His will. His eternal purposes are not turned aside by mortal designs. Unchanging Love is not involved in hateful conflict. His children can enlist His help only to achieve His purposes, only as they express His nature. In whatever human course they take that must be their first concern.

**Rambling R...About**  
By THE RAMBLER

**Hunting Season—**

October first seems to kind of usher in the hunting season in these parts. Of course, the season for dove shooting opened some time ago, but most sportsmen wait for October, which usually brings a little hunting weather, before they start out to do their shooting. And this is one year when the weather man seems to have kept up with the calendar. Sunday morning was bright and sunny and clear; but after that summer thundershower in the afternoon, the bottom seemed to drop right of the thermometer and by Monday morning, it was downright chilly. As a rule, we can figure on some very pleasant weather during this month, but the way things have started out we'll be needing overcoats before Thanksgiving—even the New Deal Thanksgiving on November 23. All of which probably presages something, maybe a hard winter, maybe an easy one. Ask us about the middle of March, and we'll give you the low down on what it was all about.

**Be Careful Now—**

The principal item for consideration by huntsmen right now is the squirrel, open season on which begins the first. Every day you see parties of men armed with shotguns snooping about the woods where game is reported plentiful, or scarce, depending on whether the fellow doing the hunting there before had any luck. Incidentally, some of the boys had better be armed before they venture into the woods where there may be squirrels, because probably the latter always consider it is open season on nuts; and there's no way of telling how a squirrel feel you classified.

A great many sportsmen wait until the quail and rabbit season opens—this year about the last of November. That is when the dogs take to the fields, and many and varied will be the tall tales brought back about this or that dog's ability and intelligence, in addition to stories about the prowess of the hunter. Only last winter one of our local devotees of quail shooting was bragging about his bird dog to a friend who accompanied him on a hunt. "That's a wonderful dog I have, Jim," he said, "remarkably intelligent."

"Yeah," said his friend, "I noticed he gets behind a tree every time you shoot."

**Geared Down—**

And then there were a couple of strangers in these parts who were slightly critical about how slow we folks are. "This is the slowest place I ever saw," said one of them. "Nobody ever seems to be in a hurry." "That's right," said the other fel-

low. "I just saw a dog chasing a rabbit, and they were both walking."

**Man's Closest Friend—**

Kidding aside, folks do set a lot of store by their dogs, regardless of how worthless they may appear to other people. The quickest way in the world to start a fight is to abuse another fellow's pup. This was brought to mind when we recently ran across an excerpt from "Eulogy To a Dog," which Percy Arps—somewhat of a bird-dog fancier himself—had stuck on the window of his drug store. This excerpt was taken from a speech to the jury made by the late United States Senator George Graham Vest, of Missouri, when he was employed to defend a man accused of shooting another who kicked his dog. For the benefit of those who may not have read the entire address of Senator Vest at that time, we reprint it as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads.

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him,

the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.

"When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his grave-side will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

**Simple Deduction—**

Although we doubt it, the editor of the Whiteville News Reporter may be doing some of our young boys and girls an injustice in writing: "When a young man begins calling his girl 'Honey,' it's a two-to-one bet he's 'nectar'."

There were 2765 inmates of 80 county homes in North Carolina in April, 1939.

**"Clean Up or Close Up" Action!**

The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee was organized for the purpose of cooperating with state and local law enforcement officials in helping to eliminate those retail outlets which permit law violations behind the respectability of legal beer licenses.

Wayne County authorities in September revoked the licenses of five retail outlets because of improper conduct of their establishments.

Wilmington officials closed an outlet after attention had been called to its operation in violation of the law.

A Mecklenburg County license was revoked and another license was surrendered following our petition to the County Commissioners.

It is our desire to continue cooperation such as this with the constituted law enforcement agencies of the state, its counties and its municipalities in bringing about conditions of which the industry, the authorities and the public may be justly proud.

You can help us by restricting your patronage to the places that obey the law.

**Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee**

Suite 813-17 Commercial Building, Raleigh, N. C.  
Colonel Edgar H. Bain, State Director

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