

## Building And Loan Association Shows Fine Growth During '56

Hertford Building and Loan Association increased its assets by \$284,845, or more than 26 per cent in 1956 and now holds more savings and serves more families than at any time in its 33-year history. A. W. Hefren, president of the Association, reported today.

Mr. Hefren, in releasing the association's annual report, said the institution's steady growth was due to serving a growing number of people, and "serving them well." This is the 125th anniversary, he said, of the nation's savings and loan associations that have contributed to community thrift and home ownership by providing a safe, convenient and profitable place for savings, and by granting sound home loans.

Among the highlights of the Hertford Association's 1956 operations were the following:

- Savings increased by \$241,125 in 1956, bringing total savings to \$152,634.25.
- The number of share holders, holding serial shares and full-paid stock increased in the past year. The association's savers received a total of \$5,018.00 in dividends, an increase of more than \$1,100 over last year.
- The association expanded its home mortgage loan portfolio by \$39,493.29. Total home loans outstanding now amount to \$171,650.93.
- Reserves were increased to \$11,761.23 for contingencies and to \$5,288.86 for reserve for maturity of serial shares in the association.
- Mr. Hefren forecast continuance of a high level economy in 1957. He based his prediction on a continuing high level of capital expenditures by business and industry, increased spending by federal, state and local governments for public works, such as schools and highways, full employment, and a high rate of consumer purchases of good and services.

## Local Gridder On All-Eastern Team

Charles Johnson, tackle on the Perquimans High School football team, has been selected as a member of the All-Eastern Class A team by coaches in Eastern North Carolina, it was reported this week.

Johnson, a senior is 5 feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds, and is a member of the Beta Club and Monogram Club of the school. He is an honor student.

Young Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Johnson.

## Series Of First Aid Classes To Start January 11

Thus far, a group of 25 people have signed up for the first aid class which will begin Friday night, January 11 under the direction of Dr. David Meigs, licensed Red Cross instructor of Elizabeth City.

The course which is being sponsored by the National Security Committee of the BPW Club with Mrs. Archie T. Lane, Jr., Chairman will be held in the Municipal Building at 7:30 o'clock for two hours a week for eleven weeks. The last two weeks will be a course on first aid in atomic warfare. Following the completion of the course, certificates will be issued the members of the class successfully completing the course.

There is still room for a few more members in the class. If anyone is interested in taking the course, he is asked to contact Mrs. Lane at 2451 or Mrs. Marion Swindell at 5111.

## School Rolls Likely To Reach 47 1/2 Million Mark By 1965

Enrollment in private and public elementary and secondary schools in the U. S. is expected to increase by 11 million in less than 10 years, the Tax Foundation reports.

Projections by government departments (Commerce, and Health, Education, and Welfare), presented in the Foundation's new, ninth edition of Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1956-57, forecast a 10 per cent increase in government spending, taxation and debt, anticipate a rise from the 1956 school year's end estimate of 37 million to 47 1/2 million by 1965.

The enrollment table, one of several appearing for the first time in this 396-page volume, breaks the enrollment into "actual" and "projected" categories. In the last "actual" school year figure (1954), enrollment is fixed at about 33 million—six compared with 28 million enrolled back in 1940.

The projections anticipate that growth will be greater over the period 1955-65 kindergarten through eight grade, increasing from the 29 million estimated to be enrolled at the end of 1956's school year, to about 36 million by 1965. In the last "actual" enrollment year, 1954, 26 million were enrolled in these grades. In 1940 enrollment was 21 million.

The grade nine to twelve and "post graduate", projected enrollment will go from about eight million estimated at the end of 1956's school year, to about 12 million by 1965. In the last "actual" figure, for 1954, enrollment was over 7 million.

The projections also show that enrollment in public and private institutions of higher education may rise from the 3 million estimated at the end of 1956's school year, to about 5 million by the end of 1965. In 1940, "actual" enrollment in these institutions was 1 1/2 million.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Congressional leaders were given a preview of President Eisenhower's program for 1957 at a White House conference held New Year's day. News reports state the President will ask Congress for power to use American troops, if necessary, to stop Communist advances throughout the world. The Congressmen were also advised on domestic programs which will be proposed during the coming session of Congress.

North Carolina cut its highway death toll by six per cent during 1956, but the overall figures for the nation shows traffic accidents continue to reach new highs. During the New Year's holiday weekend 13 persons died from highway accidents in North Carolina.

Working under the direction of the United Nations crews have started the huge task of clearing the Suez Canal of sunken ships, wrecked bridges and other debris clogging the waterway which serves European shipping. Reports from the scene state it will take months of work to restore the canal to operation.

A brush-fire which kept California fire fighters busy for more than five days this week, after the blaze had burned over thousands of acres of land and destroyed many dwellings in the area of Malibu Beach. High winds, which fanned the flames for two days, died out and favorable weather conditions helped the firemen bring the fire under control.



UNDERGROUND PARKING garage in Stockholm, Sweden, showing two levels in this vast dual-purpose civil defense shelter which can accommodate 10,000 persons. The garage, a key unit in the largest underground shelter program in the world today, is equipped with triple electric doors at the entrance ramp to wall out blast pressures, electric generators, and a special air filter system, (Inset) to eliminate poison gas, germs and radioactive dust. (Swedish Civil Defense Photo)

## Employment Gain Shown In County For Second Quarter

New employment and wage records were set in North Carolina in the second quarter of 1956, according to a report released by Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission.

In jobs covered by the Employment Security Law, average monthly employment in April, May and June amounted to 816,400, an increase of more than 11 per cent over last year's figure.

The average weekly wage amounted to \$59.56. This was \$2.30 more than last year's average, \$57.26 more than five years ago, and 97 cents more than in the first quarter of this year.

The report noted that the advance in insured employment was influenced by the new coverage provision of the law. This provision, effective January 1 of this year, brings into the program workers in firms employing from four to seven persons. Insured employment for the second quarter included about 47 thousand workers in this group.

"While the new coverage stimulated insured employment to a level higher than normal, it did not distort the usual upward trend," the report said. By April employment had reached 812,837, rose to 814,931 in May, and soared to 821,846 by June 15.

Making adjustments for the newly insured, employment in the State in the second quarter still showed a gain of 5.1 percent over last year's total, the report said.

Second-quarter earnings of insured workers amounted to \$82,179,102. This was 27 million dollars—or 4 per cent—more than the sum earned in the first quarter.

Of the total wages paid during the quarter, the taxable portion under the Employment Security Law amounted to \$574,532,000. Worker earnings above \$3,000 are not subject to the tax. At the estimated average rate of 1.27 per cent of taxable wages, contributions exceeded \$7.3 million for the quarter.

Average employment in Perquimans County during the second quarter amounted to 550. This was a gain of 8.91 per cent, as compared with the first quarter of this year. Total wages paid in this county during the second quarter reached \$277,664, with an average weekly wage of \$38.83.

## Officials To Press Request For Stream Clearance Project

Efforts on the part of Perquimans County officials, to secure federal funds for a stream clearance program in this county will be continued, it was disclosed, following a meeting held in Washington, N. C., last Friday when representatives of the State and Federal Civil Defense Administration pointed out to some 75 officials representing 15 counties of Northeastern North Carolina the reason for delay which has developed since the program was first proposed.

Representing Perquimans County at the meeting were County Commissioners Archie T. Lane, Sr., R. L. Spivey, Warner Madre and Soil Conservationist F. A. McGowan, and Farm Agent R. M. Thompson.

Earl E. Mader, of the FCDA, explained to the county officials present at the meeting the reasons why local projects had not been approved. He explained further that the Federal Government was interested in the amount of money lost due to hurricanes of 1955, and stated local officials should prepare further information providing these figures and resubmit the proposals to FCDA. The following questions will be submitted to land owners in order to secure the needed information as to losses:

1. What actual losses at the time of the 1955 Hurricanes Connie, Diane, and Ione. Acres affected and how much it cost.
2. After Hurricanes of 1955, how many acres had to be abandoned.
3. How many acres able to plant in spring of 1956, but were unable to harvest due to wet land—Estimate of dollars involved. If able to harvest, estimate damage to crops.
4. Information for each individual stream.

Letters, containing these questions, will be prepared by local officials within the next few days and will be made available to county land owners desiring to participate in this program, and those receiving the letters are requested to answer the questions and return the letters to the Farm Agent or Registrar of Deeds as soon as possible.

## Student Program Presented Sunday Anderson Church

Approximately one hundred interested people met at Anderson Methodist Church Sunday, December 30 and heard a program in observance of Student Day, with local college students taking part.

Colleges represented were: Louisville, Mars Hill, N. C. State, W. C. Greensboro and High Point.

Julian and Kay Howell, Marilee Wallace, Jr., and Vivian Baker all gave short descriptive talks of their work and the colleges in which they are enrolled.

The Scripture lesson from the Book of Isaiah was read by Joseph Layden, Jr.

A sermon followed by Rufus Smithson, Jr., who received his license to preach at the beginning of the service. The Rev. P. M. Porter, pastor of the Anderson Church, presented the license, stating that Rufus made a perfect score in fulfilling the requirements to receive his license.

His sermon was based on the Scripture read from Isaiah, the topic being "Go Tell." His message centered around three questions: Why Go? How Go, and Where Go? He gave some very good thoughts and the program was enjoyed by all.

Music for the service was furnished by the M.Y.F. Choir of Anderson.

## Program Released For Men 17 To 26

Youths facing military service can enlist in the Army Reserve under the provisions of Section 261 of the 1955 Reserve Forces Act.

The program entitles a young man between ages 17 and 26 to enlist in the Army Reserve for a period of six years with a call to active duty for a period of two years.

Colonel H. W. Orcutt, Chief of the Third Army Recruiting District, said that after the two years of active duty a young man will serve three additional years in the Ready Reserve followed by one year in the Standby Reserve.

The Third Army Recruiting Chief said that in the Ready Reserve, a member attends prescribed military classes once each week.

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## Deadline Dates Set For Applications Of New Allotments

The final dates for filing an application for a new farm cotton, peanut and corn acreage allotment have been announced by Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager.

January 31, 1957 is the final date in which to file an application for a new farm corn allotment. Eligible farms for a new farm allotment for corn are farms on which no corn was planted during the years 1954, 1955 and 1956. Producers who have not planted corn in the past three years should call at the ASC Office and file an application by this date.

February 15, 1957 is the final date in which to file an application for a new farm cotton acreage allotment. The following conditions must be met before the application will be considered by the county ASC committee: (1) the farm must be one on which cotton was not planted during any of the years 1954, 1955 and 1956; (2) an application for cotton allotment shall be filed by the farm operator with the county committee by February 16; (3) the farm operator shall be largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood, and (4) the farm shall be the only one in the county which is owned and operated by the farm owner or operator for which a cotton allotment is established for 1957.

February 15, 1957 is the final date in which to file an application for a new farm peanut allotment. The following conditions must be met before the application for peanut allotment will be considered by the county ASC committee: (1) the farm must be one on which peanuts were not planted during any of the years 1954, 1955 and 1956; (2) an application for peanut allotment shall be filed by the farm operator and farm owner with the county committee by February 15; (3) a producer on the farm shall have had experience in growing peanuts either as a sharecropper, tenant, or as a farm operator or farm owner during at least two years of the past five years; (4) the farm operator is largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood, and (5) the farm is the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator or farm owner for which a farm allotment is established for 1957.

## Appeal For Funds Made By Sponsors Seeking MH Clinic

Sponsors seeking to establish a mental health clinic in this area today issued an appeal to residents of Perquimans County to join in the project by contributing funds to help the county raise \$750 which is the pro-rata amount needed for the establishment of the clinic.

Mrs. Jack Brinn, county treasurer for the project, reported a total of \$100 has been contributed toward the goal thus far, leaving the sum of \$650 the county must raise during the month of January.

Parent-Teacher Associations of Hertford and Central Grammar Schools, are sponsoring the project, in cooperation with a number of civic organizations in Perquimans. The groups agreed all contributions for the clinic will be received through the churches and civic clubs, since it is not possible to conduct a house to house canvass for the funds needed to provide for the proposed clinic.

Mrs. Brinn stated individuals who desire to aid in this program and who wish to contribute, funds may do so by sending donations direct to her and credit will be given to the church of the choice of the contributor.

Similar drives are expected to be conducted in Camden, Pasquotank and Chowan counties this month, since it is necessary for these counties, which will comprise the clinic district, to raise the funds required for the project by the end of this month.

About two-thirds of the original cost of establishing the clinic will be supplied by state and federal sources, it has been reported, in the event the four cooperating counties furnish the remainder of the money.

It has been reported, since the clinic has been established, its continuous operational expenses will be sought through county budgets, thereby eliminating the need for fund drives annually.

The proposed clinic idea has been given approval by most of the civic groups of the county, and now the sponsors urge the public to back the project by contributing funds immediately.

## Recorder's Court Heard Five Cases Last Thursday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess on Tuesday, December 25, and January 1, in observance of the holidays, but a special session was conducted Thursday last week at which time the court disposed of five cases listed on the docket.

Jesse Ormand, Negro, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon was ordered to pay the doctor's bill of Odessa Modlin, Negro; prayer for judgment was continued and the defendant placed on good behavior for 12 months.

Clinton Lee White, charged with reckless driving, failed to appear to answer the charge and the court ordered his bond forfeited.

A fine of \$6 and costs of court were taxed against Nicholas Stanley who submitted to a charge of speeding.

Fred Revell, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Arthur Jones was fined \$125 and costs after being found guilty on charges of driving drunk and driving without a license.

## 1957 Auto License Plates Put On Sale Tuesday This Week

Automobile license plates for 1957 went on sale Tuesday morning of this week at the Carolina Motor Club office located at 102 East Water Street in Edenton and at some 80 other offices of the Carolina Motor Club throughout the State, as well as at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh.

Application cards have been mailed to all owners and must be presented on applying for the new license tags. Only one license plate will be sold in 1957 to be attached to the rear of each vehicle. No special numbers may be reserved for anyone, according to the ruling of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Miss Goldie Layton, Branch Manager, pointed out that all owners of out-of-state motor vehicles are required to obtain inspection certificates from any North Carolina State Highway Patrol before applying for North Carolina license. Miss Layton urges the purchase early to avoid the rush. Office hours are from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., with the exception of Saturdays when the hours are from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon. Special attention is called to the fact that no license plates will be issued after 4:00 P. M.

This year's license plates are yellow numerals on a black background and again carry the advice "Drive Safely," which was first placed on the tags by State Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt in 1954.

Vehicles must display the new tags after midnight of February 15 as usual, the State Highway Patrol will be on the lookout for vehicles without them.

## Plans Pushed For Fourth National Scout Jamboree

Boy Scout officials report excellent progress in preparing the site at historic Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for the Fourth National Jamboree to be held next July 12 to 18.

A 1,500-acre tent city will house more than 50,000 Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders from all parts of the nation and some from other lands. It will have its own water, electricity and telephone exchange, post offices, and other services for the largest gathering of boys in the western hemisphere.

About one hundred special trains and hundreds of buses will transport Scouts to the Jamboree. Railroads are giving jamboree participants special railroad rates and assisting in planning routes so that Scouts may visit leading cities and scenic spots before and after the jamboree.

Contingents will arrive during the three days before the jamboree's opening date, July 12. Three days will be needed to speed the Scouts home after the jamboree closes the evening of July 18.

The jamboree campers will be at least twelve years old, holding second class rank or higher. The jamboree is a self-sustaining enterprise made possible by the fifty dollar jamboree fee paid by each participant.

National, state, and local health and protective agencies are cooperating to give the jamboree a health and safety record better than the average city of 50,000 population. Doctors from home areas will travel and live with the contingents. Each jamboree Scout and Explorer is checked by a physician.

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## Masons To Install New Officers At Meeting Tuesday

Officers, elected last month to head the Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & M., will be installed at services in the lodge rooms on Tuesday night, January 8, it was reported here today.

Elective officers to be installed are: John Decker, Master; Russell Baker, senior warden; Cecil E. Winslow, junior warden; Elijah White, treasurer; and J. S. Bass, secretary.

Appointive officers to be installed are: Jack Symons, senior deacon; Jarvis Ward, junior deacon; Hazel Jackson and Dick Brewer, stewards; C. S. Shoupe, chaplain, and D. R. Trueblood, tyler.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend the installation services, and visiting Masons are invited to attend.

## County Boards To Meet Next Monday

The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education will hold their January meetings next Monday. The Commissioners will meet during the day, beginning at 10 A. M., while the Board of Education will meet at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the superintendent of schools.