

Optimists Favor Bond Issue

The Optimist Club last night passed a resolution endorsing the State Ports bond issue which will be voted on in the November 7th election.

The Resolution set forth that the State Ports cause monthly revenue in excess of One Million Dollars to be dumped into the economy of North Carolina. This figure should almost double with the planned expansion of port facilities at Wilmington and Morehead City.

Many industries all over North Carolina are now taking advantage of the port facilities, thus saving shipping costs which they are able to pass on to the consumer.

It was brought out at the meeting that of the Thirteen and One-half Million Dollars bond issue, about nine-tenths of this would, in effect, be paid by expected profits from port operations and that shortly thereafter, the state should be realizing a surplus, which, in effect means that revenues from the port would be paying for the expansion.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's Coastal and Inland Waterways represent one of the state's greatest natural physical assets; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is recognized as the leading Southern state in agricultural and industrial growth, yet state ports grow and development lags behind neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, future industrial and agricultural growth is directly dependent on the ability to move the products to other states; and

WHEREAS, a Twelve Million Dollar initial state investment has grown to a Thirteen and One-half Million Dollar plant and

is producing a monthly revenue in excess of a million dollars; and

WHEREAS, port growth has reached the point where it is necessary to expand to accommodate present demands as well as close the gap in the lag behind our neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, state owned ports benefit rather than compete with Free Enterprise,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF KINGS MOUNTAIN favors passage of the Thirteen and One-half Million Dollar bond issue to be voted upon on November 7, 1961; and that notice of this action be furnished to the press media.

APPROVED by the membership this 19th day of October, 1961.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF KINGS MOUNTAIN
By Dean Payne, President

Home Loan Activity Drops

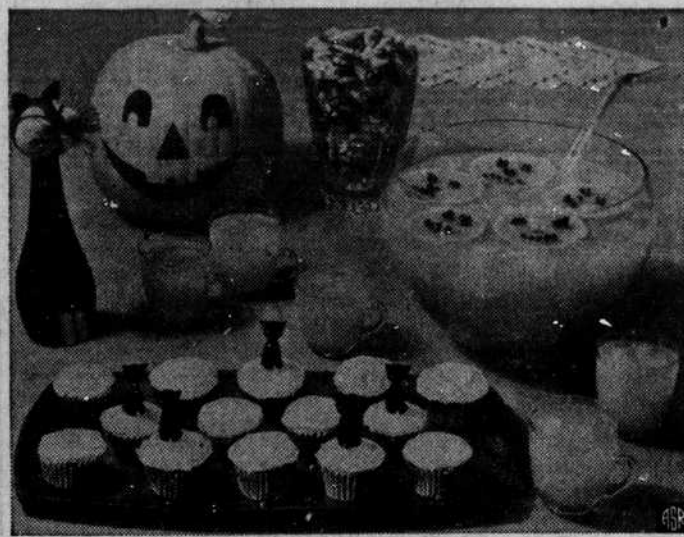
GI home loan activity decreased across the board during September, the Veterans Administration reported today, but a decline at this time of year is usual. Activity last month was higher than in September, 1960.

VA starts totaled 516 down from 584 in August. Appraisal requests for proposed units were down from 456 in August to 402 in September. Appraisal requests for existing units were down to 114 in September from 118 in August.

Applications for home loan guaranty dropped from 299 in August to 247 in September.

The Saturn rocket is held in position for fueling and calibrating of instruments by a steel gantry crane as tall as a 30-story building, which requires 2,300 tons of steel framing.

Happy Halloween!



Halloween, the evening preceding Allhallows or All Saints' Day, has always been one of the favorite holidays of the younger folk. On a clear night they may be able to see the witches astride their brooms, and the black cats stealing across the path!

Planning a Halloween party? Hobgoblin Punch and Orange Cupcakes are two quick tricks for treating the kids. The punch is both refreshing and nourishing with its high vitamin C content. Float orange slices in the punch bowl, but first let the children have fun decorating them with clove "faces."

Hobgoblin Punch

- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 2 cups cider
- 1/4 cup sugar (optional)
- 6 cups Florida orange juice
- Orange slices
- Cloves

Heat spices and cider to boiling point. Remove from heat; stir in sugar if desired. Cool. Add orange juice. Serve chilled with ice cubes and clove-studded orange slices as decoration. Yield: 2 quarts (16 1/2-cup servings).

Halloween Orange Cupcakes

- 1 package spice cake mix
- Florida orange juice
- 1 package white seven-minute frosting mix
- 1 tablespoon grated Florida orange rind
- Food coloring (optional)

Prepare spice cake mix according to package directions, substituting orange juice for the required liquid. Turn into small paper-lined cupcake pans and bake according to directions for cupcakes. Cool. Prepare seven-minute frosting mix, substituting orange juice for liquid called for and adding 1 tablespoon grated Florida orange rind. Add food coloring to tint orange if desired. Spread over cupcake tops and decorate with candy Halloween figures. Yield: Approximately 3 dozen.

Christmas Club 1961 Savings At Billion Mark

Today Edward F. Dorset, president of Christmas Club a Corporation, announced that for the first time Christmas Club savings have passed the one and a half billion mark. The 1961 Club accumulation will be a huge one billion, five hundred and ten million, four hundred and sixty thousand dollars and checks for this sum will shortly be mailed to cover over thirteen million Christmas Club members by some 8,800 banks and savings institutions.

Mr. Dorset called attention to the fact that the members now receiving their checks joined the Club last November and December, months that were considered as the bottom of the recession. "It's evident," said he, "that the American people had confidence in the strength of our economy and were ahead of some business and government leaders in anticipating the recovery. After all it took courage to start a savings program when not even nation-

al leaders were sure of the economy."

The 1961 accumulation represented savings in all 50 states and the average was \$112.00 per member compared to \$110.00 per member in the 1960 Club. A recent survey by Club a Corporation showed that the total will be as follows:

Christmas Purchases	30%	\$ 453,138,000
Savings and Investment		
for Future Use	42%	634,393,200
Taxes	17%	256,778,200
Year-end Bills	5%	75,523,000
Miscellaneous	6%	90,627,600
		\$1,510,460,000

The year 1961 marks the tenth successive year that the Club disbursements have exceeded a Billion Dollars and the 1961 accumulation, following the trend of the past several years, is about 3.9 percent larger than in 1960.

New York led the 50 states with 2,652,959 members and \$305,407,064 in savings. Pennsylvania was second with 1,681,195 members and savings of \$201,229,371. New Jersey with 1,148,940 savers who saved \$154,415,150 shared third place. It took courage to start a savings program when not even nation-

Student Group Is Appointed

Governor Terry Sanford recently appointed a Student Committee for a Better North Carolina as a result of widespread interest following his selection of a Citizens Committee for a Better North Carolina during the last week of September.

Representing Appalachian State Teachers College on this committee are Bill Mauldin, President of the Student Body, Dale Gaddy, Editor of the Appalachian, and Jerry Starnes, Treasurer of the Student Council. Mauldin is from Concord, N. C., Gaddy is from Asheville, and Starnes is from Candler, N. C.

All state supported colleges and universities were represented on the committee.

Governor Sanford appointed Dr. Leo Jenkins, President of East Carolina College as advisor to the Committee and Bill Harris, President of the Student Body at the University of North Carolina, as Chairman of the Committee.

The plans of the Committee include the setting up in each of the institutions represented of a Speakers Bureau which will consist of some twenty five students who will make themselves available to speak in the surrounding counties to high schools and civic organizations. A post card campaign in which each student will be asked to mail a post card to a friend or parent which stresses the importance of the passage of the bond issue. The issue will also be stressed on radio and TV. A "Marathon for Education" in which students from different schools will carry a lighted torch from either end of the state to Raleigh will also take place.

Governor Sanford expressed the wish that the bond campaign be the only first issue to be considered by the Committee.

The record leaves no doubt that steelworkers spend many of their working years with the same company. In 1960 those holding jobs with the same steel company for 10 years or more constituted 63 per cent of the wage employees in the industry. A record of 25 years or more with the same company was held by 15 per cent.

Steel shipments for use in making containers in 1960 totaled 6.4 million tons. This volume represented nine per cent of all shipments during the year.

'61 Cotton Crop Progress Noted

RALEIGH — The 1961 cotton crop in North Carolina has made a remarkable recovery quantity wise and is superior in quality and character to the crop in many other states. It is the best cotton this state has produced in recent years. There is keen interest in the crop by cotton merchants and cotton mill buyers in all sections of the state.

"Favorable growing weather since mid-summer and good harvest weather up to now partially accounts for the phenomenal recovery and quality of our 1961 cotton crop" is the opinion of F. H. Heideberg, executive vice president of the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association. "In late July the prospect for the crop was very dim."

"However," he added, "good farming practices from the start of the season including selection and use of good seed, proper fertilization, and excellent boll weevil control measures made the recovery possible. There is no other way to account for the general recovery of this crop, and the high quality of it."

"The quality of the current crop is reflected in both good color and staple length. Sixty seven per cent of all bales classed by the USDA Raleigh office have been of middling grade or above in white and light spotted grade through October 13. The average staple length for the crop up to now is slightly under an inch and a sixteenth."

The N. C. Department of Agriculture Fiber Testing Laboratory report for the week ending October 6 shows the level of fitness of North Carolina cotton to be in the range necessary for the manufacture of high quality cotton products.

Reports from Piedmont counties indicate strong mill buying. In recent days cotton merchants and cotton mill buyers who have been indifferent to North Carolina cotton in recent years have shown intensified interest in eastern North Carolina cotton. Several major cotton mills in the state are presently running current crop Tarheel cotton.

Alsey B. Johnson of the Johnson Cotton Company in Dunn puts it this way, "We have a nice piece of cotton to offer the mills this year."

The North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association through its Quality and Marketing Improvement Committee has taken a leading role in cotton quality improvement in the state both in research developments and improved marketing facilities.

Founders Day Program Set

Judy Watterson, a senior at Kings Mountain high school has been named DAR citizen of the month.

Only girls of an accredited public high school are eligible for this recognition. They must possess to an outstanding degree these qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

The recommended method of selection is that the students of the senior class elect three girls possessing the required qualifications. From these three the DAR committee selects one who becomes the Good Citizen of her school.

After school authorities have selected the Good Citizen she is to answer the State Questionnaire.

Each chapter sends all completed questionnaires to the District Director. She will give each contestant's entry number for

Lutehrans Set Special Service

The Festival of the Reformation will be observed Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. There will be special music by both Junior and Senior Chorus.

Next week, October 30 - November 3, the Pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, will speak on the morning devotions over WKMT at 9 a. m. His general theme for these devotions will be "People And Principles."

The Luther League will have a party Sunday at 6 p. m. at the church, and all Leaguers are invited to participate.

identification and select three qualified judges to choose the district winner by evaluating the entries which are identified only by number.

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