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FARMERS SHOWING MUCH INTEREST

IN CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Many Signing Up Every Night—Schedule of Meeting Dates For Next Week.

Unusual interest is being shown by the farmers all over the county in the Cotton and Tobacco Co-operative Marketing Association and many are seeking the opportunity to sign the contracts. The meetings that are being held in different parts of the county for the purpose of explaining the two associations are being largely attended and strong interest is being shown and usually the majority of those present sign up before the speaker leaves.

The majority of the farmers realize that this is the only means of preventing a continuation of the low prices that prevailed last year and are signing up in an effort to raise the price of cotton and tobacco to where they can make a living profit, and they also realize that this is the only real businesslike method in which the two crops can be sold. The contracts of the two associations and in fact the whole structure of the associations are modeled after the methods used by the California Citrus Fruit Growers Association which has saved the farmers of that state millions of dollars in the few years it has been in operation. Just a few years ago the farmers of California were in a worse fix than the farmers of the South. There was no method used in the sale of their farm products. They were at the mercy of any speculator who cared to make money off of them and their crops were sold without any or but little grading. Practically a few of the most progressive got together and employed a man to work out a method whereby they could sell their crops at a good price and without the waste that had always attended them. Mr. Aaron Sapiro was employed to help them, he went to work organizing the farmers into a co-operative selling association he had worked out and in a few years the California farmers were selling all the crops they could raise at a much higher price than they had ever sold before.

The oranges and lemons, etc. which they are selling today are at a higher price than ever in spite of the dropping off in prices of everything else and they are among the few people who have not been hurt by the general depression. Their co-operative marketing associations and businesslike methods of selling are the only things that have prevented their sharing the heavy losses that farmers in other parts of the country have.

The N. C. Cotton and Tobacco Co-operative Marketing Associations have employed Mr. Sapiro to assist in organizing our cotton and tobacco farmers into a selling agency like the one in California and it is meeting with splendid success all over the South and here in Franklin county the farmers are taking an active interest which is shown by their signing up the contracts.

The following men will be at the places and on the dates named below to address the cotton and tobacco farmers on the subject of co-operative marketing of cotton and tobacco and every one interested is cordially invited to attend:

- New Hope, July 16 at 5 o'clock—W. M. Person.
- Youngsville, July 16 at 5 o'clock—S. A. Newell.
- Pearce, Dunns Township, July 14 8 o'clock—W. H. Yarborough.
- Wood, July 19 at 8 o'clock—F. B. McKinne.
- Sandy Creek July 18 8 o'clock—F. B. McKinne.
- Laurel, July 21 at 8 o'clock—E. H. Malone.
- Epsom, July 20 at 8 o'clock—E. H. Malone.
- Mt. Olivet, July 15 at 8 o'clock—J. C. Jones.
- Rileys, July 18 at 8 o'clock—S. A. Newell.
- Bobbitt, July 20 at 8 o'clock—S. A. Newell.
- Roberts, July 22 at 5 o'clock—W. H. Yarborough.
- Ingleisle, July 20 at 8 o'clock—W. H. Yarborough.
- Cedar Rock, July 18 at 8 o'clock—E. H. Malone.
- Flat Rock, July 19 at 8 o'clock—A. F. Johnson.

Bankers Endorse.

Louisburg, N. C., July 13, 1921. We have carefully examined the Agreement and Contract of the North Carolina Cotton Growers and Tobacco Growers Co-operative Associations, and we are convinced that in the success of these associations lies the best hope for the prosperity of the farmers of the State. The men who are organizing them are all men of experience, business ability and absolute honesty of purpose. We urgently recommend to our friends who grow tobacco or cotton that they lose no time in joining one or both of these organizations and use their influence to induce others to do likewise. We shall be glad, when the opportunity presents itself, to extend to the Associations and their members any reasonable financial support in our power. This movement represents a supreme effort upon the part of the intelligent and patriotic farmers of the South to save themselves from financial disaster and to secure a just return for the products of their skill and labor, and it is not only the duty, but to the best interest of every farmer to co-operate with them.

ENDORSES NASHVILLE ROAD.

Board of Commissioners of Nash County Pass Resolution Asking That the Nashville Road be Retained as the State Highway.

We take the following extract from the report of the Nash County Commissioners in last week's Graphic: The Board took official notice of the action of Franklin County Commissioners who are attempting to change the highway leading from Nashville to Lenoir, and the following resolutions of disapproval were adopted: Whereas, it has been called to our attention that the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County in their regular session on Monday, July 4th, passed a resolution asking the State Highway Commission to change the plan outlined in Chapter 2 of Acts of General Assembly of 1921, whereby one branch of the state highway was to be maintained between Lenoir and Nashville, and asked that this road be diverted toward Halifax, N. C. via Centerville and Wood, and.

Whereas this is in strict violation of the spirit if not the letter of the above named law, in which it is expressly stated that the Highway Commission shall not change, alter or divert any road that would disconnect county-seat with county-seat and Whereas the people of Franklin County in mass meeting assembled petitioned the said Board of Commissioners of Franklin County not to take any such action, and this by an almost unanimous voice, and Whereas, the action taken by the Franklin County Board on yesterday affects Nash county in a similar manner, if not to an equal extent.

We, therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Nash County in meeting assembled, this 5th day of July, 1921, respectfully enter our earnest protest against the above action, and hereby order a copy of these resolutions sent at once to the State Highway Commission, one copy sent to each of the papers published in the county, and one copy placed upon the minutes of this meeting.

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IN NO HURRY

Mr. J. Sprunt Hill Will Give Consideration Franklin Road Question.

The following letter from Mr. C. L. Conrad, Secretary to Mr. John Sprunt Hill, Highway Commissioner of this District to Mr. S. A. Newell, will no doubt be a source of satisfaction to many of our people:

Durham, N. C., July 6, 1921. Mr. S. A. Newell, Louisburg, N. C. Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 4th was called to Mr. Hill's attention just as he was leaving for meeting of the Highway Commission at Raleigh. Mr. Hill says there is no hurry about the controversy in Franklin County and he will give ample opportunity for full consideration of the matter. Upon his return he will write you personally about it.

Yours truly, C. L. CONRAD, Secretary.

CONTINUES WELFARE WORK

Joseph C. Jones Re-Elected Superintendent for the Next Two Years.

At a joint meeting of the Boards of County Commissioners and Education held in the rooms of the Board of Education on Monday the work of the Welfare department was continued and Mr. Joseph C. Jones, who has so efficiently filled the position as Superintendent for the past two years, was re-elected Superintendent for the next two years in accordance with the New State Law. The work and for Mr. Jones was flattering in that each proposition was carried eight to two. The salary for the next term was fixed at \$1,200.00 with \$500.00 for expenses per year. Mr. Jones has done a great work in the past and has rendered valuable assistance to many who never would have received what they were entitled to, but for his untiring efforts and we hope that the future will make it possible for him to demonstrate more fully the wisdom of the Commissioners in their actions Monday.

duce others to do likewise. We shall be glad, when the opportunity presents itself, to extend to the Associations and their members any reasonable financial support in our power. This movement represents a supreme effort upon the part of the intelligent and patriotic farmers of the South to save themselves from financial disaster and to secure a just return for the products of their skill and labor, and it is not only the duty, but to the best interest of every farmer to co-operate with them.

- Maurice S. Clifton, Cashier, C. P. Harris, President, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Louisburg, N. C.
- F. J. Beasley, Cashier, F. B. McKinne, President, First National Bank, Louisburg, N. C.
- Farmers National Bank, By H. M. Stovall, Cashier, Louisburg, N. C.

MYSTERIOUS SHIP IS ROAMING IN ATLANTIC

Unknown Steamer, Running Without Proper Lights, Falls To Answer Signals Asking Her Identity: Ship Sighted 750 Miles Southeast of Halifax Circles British Steamer and Refuses To Talk.

New York, July 12.—An unknown ship, which was violating international maritime regulations by running without proper lights and which refused to respond to signals asking her identity, was sighted last week 750 miles southeasterly from Halifax by the British steamship Croxeth Hall, which arrived yesterday from Hull and Antwerp.

According to a report made by Captain Spence of the Croxeth Hall the ship, apparently a small freighter, was first observed ahead of him, showing a stern light. The Croxeth Hall caught up with the vessel, which suddenly swerved in her course and came right at the British vessel. The stranger passed astern, went around and came up again on the opposite side.

Lights Darkened

The red and green running lights indicating the port and starboard sides of the ship were not lighted, Captain Spence reported, and as soon as the Croxeth Hall came up the single stern light disappeared. Repeated efforts to signal the stranger by flash light code and by wireless brought no answer. The vessel after running with the Croxeth Hall for a short time, turned away and disappeared.

When the stranger was sighted the weather was rough, but not so thick that the vessel could not be seen clearly by the British captain. His first thought was it might be one of the ice patrol ships, but failure to answer signals and absence of regulation lights disproved this theory.

Agents Puzzled

Agents of the line, while admitting they were puzzled at the unusual occurrence, said they did not connect it with recent unverified reports that a mystery ship with piratical intent was operating off the Atlantic Coast.

Hines-Smith.

Henderson, July 2.—The Methodist church here was the scene of a beautiful wedding Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock, when Miss Leola Smith was united in marriage to Mr. John Daniel Hines, of Henderson. Rev. E. M. Hall, the local pastor, officiated.

Promptly at the appointed hour the wedding march from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's wedding march were beautifully rendered by Miss Wilhelmina Utley, who also played other appropriate selections during the ceremony. "To You," "At Dawning," and "Endearing Young Charms" were beautifully sung by Mrs. E. M. Hall.

Mrs. Milton Smith was name of honor. She was beautifully attired in white tulle and carried a bouquet of roses and sweet peas. The bride's maids were Miss Nan Hines, of Louisburg, sister of the groom; Miss Eva Moore of Henderson, and Miss Maude Johnson of Benson. Little Misses Merle Johnson and Sue Ryals acted as flower girls, while little Miss Leta Gold Johnson was ring bearer.

The ushers were: Mr. Alex Clifton of Louisburg, Mr. J. H. Best of Henderson, Mr. Roy Smith and Mr. Milton Smith, of Benson, the best man being Mr. J. H. Mitchell of Raleigh. The bride was given away by Mr. Chas. Johnson, her brother-in-law.

The bride looked charming in a blue traveling suit with accessories to match and carrying a bouquet of orchids and sweet peas. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left on their touring car for Raleigh, where they boarded a train for Winston-Salem. A Hudson speedster, a gift of the groom to the bride, was awaiting them there to take them to Asheville where they will remain until August first.

The bride is a daughter of the late William Henry Smith of Johnston county and is well known and popular with a host of friends throughout the State. For the past three years she has made her home in Henderson where she was a buyer for the ladies ready-to-wear department of the Anchor Stores. The groom is a prominent automobile dealer of Henderson, being a member of the firm of Hines-Hodges Motor Company, of Louisburg and Henderson.

The popularity of both the bride and groom was attested by the many handsome wedding gifts they received. The out-of-town guests were: Mr. J. H. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowden of Raleigh; Mr. Alex Clifton, Mr. J. H. Best and Miss Nan Hines of Louisburg; Miss Eva Moore and Mr. Claude Collins of Henderson.

Heard Complaints.

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday as a Board of Equalization as required by law, to hear complaints about land values in Franklin county. Quite a number of citizens of the county were before the Board. In each case the facts as reported were received for more full investigation and action by the Board later.

MR. HILL ASSURES A HEARING

TO PEOPLE IN FRANKLIN ON ROAD QUESTION.

Also Makes Suggestions Will Give Hearing If People Want It.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. C. L. H. Stallinga, Secretary Cedar Rock Township Road Trustees, received by the TIMES Wednesday from Highway Commissioner, John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, relative to the road question in Franklin County:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of July 9th with copy of petition presented to the County Commissioners of Franklin County, signed by a large number of citizens against the taking off the map of the State Highway System the road from Louisburg to Castalia, a distance of 14 1-2 miles. I will thank you to assure the signers of this petition that this matter will receive a great deal of very careful consideration by me, and that the road in question, from Louisburg to Castalia, will continue to remain on the map of the State Highway System for the present. Although I have been served with a request from the Board of County Commissioners, the road governing body of Franklin County, to take this road from Louisburg to Castalia off the map and substitute therefor a road from Louisburg to Centerville, I shall proceed very slowly in this matter.

At the informal conference which I held with the Board of County Commissioners in Louisburg on June 28th, I was informed that there would be no serious objection to this change, but receipt of such a large petition as you have sent to me, and protest of Mr. W. A. Hart, Road Commissioner of the First District, against making this change are sufficient evidence to make any fair minded man hold up this matter until it can be thoroughly considered and conclusion reached that will be satisfactory to the great bulk of the citizens of Franklin County and to the State Highway Commission. The next meeting of the Highway Commission will be about the 20th of September, hence, there is no hurry about deciding this matter.

If any large number of people of Franklin County want a public hearing I will be glad to come to Louisburg some time before the next meeting of the Highway Commission and hold such public hearing so that every citizen of the County can have full opportunity to express his sentiments. My own opinion, however, is that very little is to be accomplished by a public hearing of this kind at this time in Franklin County. Unfortunately for your County, the roads constituting parts of the State Highway System in Franklin County, in most cases, tend to take trade away from Louisburg instead of bringing trade to Louisburg, the market center of the County. I observed this unfortunate condition and stated to your County Commissioners that your people ought to study this proposition carefully and, if possible, devise some plan that would make Louisburg the market center for the County just as practically all other county seats in North Carolina have been made market centers of those counties. Failure to work out such a plan will, in my judgment, result in great injury to your County in the course of the next ten to fifty years. Three other counties in my District rejected the State Highway map, and, after patiently studying the needs of these counties, a plan was worked out for changing the roads on the map so as to meet the wishes of the people of the county in a harmonious and satisfactory manner.

As Highway Commissioner for Fourth District it is my duty to do all in my power to satisfy the people of Franklin County and give them a system of roads that will best serve the interests of the State and interests of the people of the County. I believe that the road from Louisburg, via Centerville, to Halifax will open up a very large area, the inhabitants of which, in the very nature of things, will go to Louisburg as a trade center, and some day I hope to make some effort to open this through line from Louisburg to Halifax for the benefit not only of Franklin County but of Halifax County and all counties in the North-eastern part of North Carolina. The mileage of the State Highway System is now limited to approximately 5500 miles and already measurements of roads on map show about 6200 miles, or 700 miles more than the Legislature provided for. It is impossible, therefore, for me, at this time, to make any strenuous effort to add new road from Louisburg to Halifax and add about forty-five miles more to the State mileage.

As a temporary solution of this difficult problem in Franklin County, I suggest that you and other leaders in your County hold a conference and agree upon some concerted action. Why not get together and join with the County Commissioners of Halifax County and extend the road from Centerville in a northeasterly direction crossing into Halifax County so as to join the Halifax County Road about three miles from Ransum's Crossing?

The following resolution was passed by the men present at the meeting in the capital:

Resolved, That this conference of business men approve co-operative marketing as a means that has been successful elsewhere where tried for years in marketing more intelligently and profitably agricultural products and increasing agricultural prosperity and the prosperity of all other lines of business in agricultural States like North Carolina and pledge our support to the movement for co-operative marketing of cotton and tobacco in this State.

Opening Game of Tar River League Stopped by Rain.

The opening game of the Tar River Base Ball League was called off Wednesday afternoon in Louisburg when rain stopped the game between Justice and Louisburg in the second inning of which seemed that would have been a good game. Neither team had scored at that time. Louisburg has a good team and before the season is over she will bear watching. These two teams will play a double-header on Justice's next appearance here.

Louisburg has three games to play away from home before Wednesday, July 27th when Castalia will play in Louisburg. Quite a good crowd was out to witness the opening game and be sure and keep this up and give the boys your support. The next game in Louisburg will be played at the Franklin County Fair Grounds.

School Extension Schedule.

- Friday, July 15—Wood.
- Saturday, July 16—Mapleville.
- Monday, July 18—
- Tuesday, July 19—Cedar Rock.
- Wednesday, July 20—Seven Paths.
- Thursday, July 21—Sandy Creek.
- Friday, July 22—Bunn.

Ready to Help

Oh, doctor, I am suffering so much I want to die! You did perfectly right to call me.—The American Legion Weekly.

If you will make this proposition a great County proposition and push it through to a successful conclusion, you will, in my opinion, have conferred upon Louisburg the greatest single blessing that can be brought to this thriving town by the building of any system of roads.

Yours truly, John Sprunt Hill, Highway Com. Fourth District.

F. B. MCKINNE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Business and Professional Men's Organization—Endorse Farmer's Co-operative Marketing Plans.

The following article is the report of a meeting of business and professional men held in Raleigh on Wednesday of last week, taken from the News-Observer of Thursday, July 7th.

Business and professional men representing all sections of the State where tobacco and cotton are produced, gathered yesterday morning in the House of Representatives to discuss co-operative marketing and perfected an organization to promote the project.

E. B. Crow, of Raleigh, presided and introduced Dr. B. W. Kilgore who explained the meaning of the co-operative movement which is now sweeping the South. He told how growers and business men had prospered through cooperative marketing in California where the same principles of business organization as contained in the present North Carolina associations, were first applied 25 years ago. In contrasting conditions in California and North Carolina Dr. Kilgore stated that there is today a gap of a generation between North Carolina farms and towns. Because farmers are prosperous in California land values are high and the State is able to raise enough taxes to build concrete roads and schools and churches.

"If we do not get a fair price for agricultural products we can't build any good roads, schools or churches," L. S. Tomlinson, of Wilson, told the business men. "It takes money to build roads and make improvements and in a State like North Carolina all money comes from agriculture." Mr. Tomlinson said he was for co-operative marketing because it was a community proposition and not just a farmer's problem.

The business and professional men perfected an organization and elected the following officers: F. B. McKinne, Louisburg, president; H. F. Pearce, Warsaw, first vice president; W. L. Farson, second vice president; A. W. Swain, secretary, and E. B. Crow, L. S. Tomlinson and Clarence Poe, members of the executive committee. These men were instructed to appoint a large committee of leading business and professional men to serve in their own district in pushing the campaign for the co-operative marketing of cotton and tobacco. This committee announced that the big committee to cover the State will be ready within the next few days.

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Which?

(By Dr. R. S. Bailey, Health Officer Vance County) Just let some one mention a bedbug or louse To folks who are clean or refined, They will shudder with horror and clean up the house. Till never a bug can you find.

Yet the esthetic creatures who feel so disgraced When such vermin are found in the home, Will slap at a house-fly in languid distaste, Or let it contentedly roam.

Yet bedbugs and lice carry little disease, Only two that we actually know, Relapsing, the typhus, both on the decrease, Excepting in "Poverty Row."

Of all the disgusting, the nasty insects Whose presence should rouse our fears, The fly is the filthiest thing that infects Bringing death to this valley of tears.

Then train up the children at home and at school That the fly is the greatest of foes; That to fail to destroy them is acting the fool. Whose folly will sit up his woe.

If we are going to be Europe's fire department we may as well have some fire inspectors on the job.—Brooklyn Eagle.

CLARENCE POE SPEAKS

TO LARGE CROWD IN COURT HOUSE

Explains The Cotton and Tobacco Co-operative Marketing Association—Sen. McKinne Makes Introduction.

To a Courthouse full of people on last Saturday morning, Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor of the Progressive Farmer, made a most telling speech in the interest of the Co-operative Marketing Associations for Cotton and Tobacco.

The speaker was introduced by Senator F. B. McKinne, who in a few well chosen and complimentary remarks presented Dr. Poe, as the editor of the greatest Farm paper in America, and as a man, though young in years is old in experience.

Dr. Poe began by saying that he was here to talk business to the farmers on a very important matter. Reciting his boyhood days on the farm to prove to the farmers that he could see the problems of the farmers from their view point, he proceeded to give a most convincing argument in favor of the Co-operative Marketing Associations for Cotton and Tobacco. "Co-operative Marketing is only a system of merchandising cotton and tobacco instead of the present system of dumping the crop, representing a years efforts, on the market in a few weeks as it is now done," declared Dr. Poe. Emphasizing the present condition of the farmer, which represented everything else except freedom, he said the farmer could only ask two questions. When he went to sell he would ask "What will you give?" and when he went to buy "What will you take." He pointed with pride to the fact that cotton and tobacco were the greatest agricultural enterprises and the manufacturing of them the greatest industry in North Carolina, he compared the buying and selling systems. Showing that the manufacturers were united in a co-operative business both in buying and selling. He then pointed to the labor unions for further proof of the effectiveness of organization.

Through comparison with the California organizations applying them to North Carolina conditions he showed how the farmer would get paid for the superior cotton staple he raised, how the different prices for two piles of tobacco of the same grade would be eliminated by the new system. His address was interesting and instructive, giving a lot of information that was sought for and much enjoyed by quite a large number.

Senator F. B. McKinne, President of the First National Bank, showing his interest in the new system and in the farmers of Franklin county made a proposition that all those who wanted to join the associations and could not raise the money otherwise the First National Bank would loan them the money till December 1st on a bankable note for only the clerical cost which was 27 cents.

Mr. C. P. Harris, President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and one of the biggest farmers in Franklin county, in endorsing the movement said "we have got to do something and this is the best thing in sight."

Mr. J. T. Inscow, a former Representative from Franklin and also a substantial farmer gave his hearty endorsement of the Co-operative plan. At the conclusion of the meeting quite a large number of farmers went forward and signed the contracts. It is interesting to note that practically all farmers who are signing the contracts are signing both.

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