

ORGANIZED EFFORT TO DISRUPT CO-OPERATIVE TOBACCO ASSOCIATION

CONTRACTS AGAINST IT CIRCULATED IN VA.

Petitions Claim That Instead of Being Aid to Farmers, Pool Is a Detriment—Association To Fight—Delayed Payments to Growers Causes Complaint, Though They Recently Received \$2,300,000, In Pool

Danville, August 23.—A high degree of interest was displayed in tobacco circles generally in this section today on receipt of news from Halifax county that a militant effort to relieve farmers of the obligations incurred in signing the five-year contract of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association was on foot.

Petitions are being circulated in that county among the pool members hoping that the co-operative marketing organization has not carried out what it set out to do, that instead of being an aid to the farming class it is injurious and that for this reason an inquiry be set on foot to investigate the conduct of the pool generally.

A copy of the petition was received here today. It is upon examination more in form of a contract in which the pool member who signs it agrees to advance a sum of money to swell a fund to be used for the "prosecution of proper inquiries" so that "relief may be obtained."

Foes of co-operative marketing consider the development in Halifax of high significance and termed it a "revolt". Others largely supporters of the pool refused to accept this as a blow at the organization and declared that it was merely the work of some of the disappointed members. The text of the contract which is being circulated is herewith given:

"Believing that the announced purposes of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association as operated does not work to my benefit but to my injury, I do hereby contribute the sum of \$5 to a fund to be expended in the prosecution of proper inquiries and proceedings legal or otherwise to the end that appropriate relief may be obtained for myself and other subscribers to such fund."

"The following are appointed a committee to administer said fund, viz: W. E. Hazelwood, W. S. Holt, Jr., and W. L. Seymour and they are authorized to obtain contributions to said funds to employ competent attorneys and accountants and such other persons as they think proper; to cause to be instituted such suits as the attorneys employed by them may advise, using my name as a party if deemed advisable and to do any work and all things deemed by them necessary and proper to carry out the purpose above set forth. They may add additional members to the said committee if it is found by them desirable so to do. The said committee shall fix the compensation of all persons employed by it and the compensation of the members of the said committee for their services thereunder and in connection herewith shall also be paid from said fund and shall be fixed by the following parties: W. E. Hazelwood, W. S. Holt, Jr., and W. L. Seymour."

"This is one of a number of similar subscription agreements altogether constituting one agreement between the several subscribing parties. It is expressly understood that I assume no liability other than is herein set forth and that the said committee is not authorized to incur any debt for which I shall be liable."

"All money collected for such fund shall be forthwith turned over to W. W. Sheppard, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of South Boston, treasurer of the fund, and by him deposited in the Merchants National Bank, Richmond. All disbursements shall be made by the treasurer upon the order of the said committee."

Inquiry made today at local headquarters of the marketing organization found officials preparing to combat the spread of the movement. It was stated that the officials have had knowledge of this "plot" to disrupt the organization for four weeks. E. L. Walton asserted that he had been told that it was not confined to Halifax but that the movement was being developed in Petersburg, Lynchburg, Blackstone and Danville, all key points in "pool" territory.

Diligent effort made to uncover such a movement failed. Even warehousemen professed no knowledge of such an undertaking though all appeared

DROWNED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

TAR RIVER CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Mr. Claiborne Franklin Holmes of Durham Loses Life in Bathing at "Big Boys" Swimming Hole.

Claiborne Franklin Holmes, aged 17 years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Holmes, of Durham, who was visiting in Louisburg was drowned in what is known as "big boys" swimming hole just below the intake of the Louisburg water system while in swimming with several other boys on Sunday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. His body was located and recovered about 2 o'clock after quite a long search. The body was found with the assistance of a grab hook by Mr. "Pete" Farham. Among those assisting in the diving besides Mr. Farham were Messrs D. O. Pearce, Sidney Eden, Rob Alston, Stapleton Allen and Garland Mosley. The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of W. E. White Furniture Company where it was prepared for burial, and the parents notified arriving about two hours later.

From information given the TIMES young Holmes, who was not a strong swimmer was caught by the current in mid-stream and carried to his death before aid could reach him. Attempts to save him were made, but Tar River claimed him as a victim.

The youth was one of the most popular boys of Durham. He had just completed the first year of his high school. He is the son of one of Durham's best known merchants. The funeral was held in Durham at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, with the Rev. J. T. Riddick, of Norfolk, Va., conducting the service.

SAFE ROBBERY SATURDAY NIGHT

\$275.00 Taken From Safe of R. L. Peoples Gas Filling Station

The officers of Louisburg are still looking for the party who robbed the safe of R. L. Peoples Gas Filling Station on last Saturday night, of two hundred and seventy-five dollars. From what we could learn of the robbery it seems that Mr. Peoples and Mr. Howell had put in the safe during the afternoon as much as \$275.00 and about nine o'clock Mr. Peoples went to the safe to get some change and the money was gone. They had not put on the night lock, using only the day lock, and it is possible some one was standing near by and observed how to open the safe, and later in the absence of all he proceeded to appropriate the funds.

HINES-HOLLAND, RALEIGH

We are in receipt of the following news that will be of interest to the people of this section:

Plans are being made for the opening of a Ladies New Ready to Wear Establishment in Raleigh, located on first floor of the handsome new building of the Odd Fellows Temple on Hargett street. This is one of the nicest buildings in the South. The new store will be known as Hines-Holland and will be owned and operated by Mrs. J. D. Hines, of Henderson, N. C., and Mrs. George Holland of Benson, N. C. These ladies have wide experience in the mercantile business and no doubt will enjoy a good patronage from this section. Mrs. Hines has been with the Anchor Store Company, of Henderson, for several years and is recognized as being one of the best buyers of ladies wearing apparel in the State. Mrs. Holland owns and operates the Quality Shop, of Benson. She enjoys a nice profitable business and is known to be a woman of extra fine business qualifications.

Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Holland are now in New York buying their fall stock. The opening date will be announced in this paper later.

AT WHITE LEVEL

The White Level Woman's Club will entertain Saturday night, Aug. 30, at 7:30. This entertainment will be free after which ice cream will be sold for the benefit of the school. Come and help us enjoy the fun.

WAIVES EXAMINATION

In the case of Town vs R. W. Hudson reported in the last issue of the FRANKLIN TIMES, it should have been stated that Mr. Hudson waived examination and the case went up to Recorder's Court. This is stated in justice to Mr. Hudson to show that the case was not sent over upon the evidence.

NORTH CAROLINA PUPILS RECEIVE SAFETY PRIZES

First Prize Won By Fred Smith Of Tileston School, Wilmington, For Best Safety Essay—State Honors Awarded Mrs. A. L. Thompson of Haymount School, Fayetteville For Teacher's Lesson.

Washington, August 25.—(Special.) First state prize in the national safety essay contest has been won by Fred Smith, a pupil of Tileston school, Wilmington, according to an announcement made today by the Highway Education Board. He has been presented with a gold medal and a check for fifteen dollars, while his essay will represent his State in the final elimination for one of the three national prizes, namely, a gold watch and a trip to Washington for first prize, and gold watches for second and third prizes.

Second State prize was won by Zaiden L. Smith, a pupil of the Greensboro public schools; a silver medal and a check for ten dollars have been presented her. Nine third prizes, bronze medals and checks for five dollars were presented the following pupils: J. B. Blythe, Hendersonville; Helen E. Curtis, Greensboro; Charles Prevost, Jr., Yanceyville; Vigilini Lively, Reidsville; Robert Randolph Rhodes, Hamlet; Margaret Sewers, Winston-Salem; Roy Sexton, Roper; Buna Rollins, Shelby; Donald Johnson, Emma Blair School, High Point.

The national safety campaign is conducted annually among the elementary schools of the nation, its object being to train children in habits of safety on the highways. The subject of the contest just closed was "Highway Safety Habits I Should Learn." The prizes, gifts of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, were presented to the pupils through the Honorable A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. A. L. Thompson, a teacher in Haymount school, Fayetteville, was awarded State honors in the teacher's lesson contest, a companion of the pupils' essay contest. Her lesson was entitled "Training Children in Habits of Safety on the Highways" and will represent North Carolina in the national competition for one of three grand prizes,—a check for \$500 and a trip to Washington, a check for \$300 or a check for \$200.

Names of national winners will be announced in the near future.

PURCHASES ICE PLANT

Mr. Graham Person has purchased the ice plant and business of Mr. W. T. Person on the south side of the river, according to rumors afloat Monday. We understand he will continue the business and possibly make some enlargement of it.

BERKELEY-HALL

A wedding which will be of much interest to their many friends through out this part of the State and Virginia, was quietly solemnized on Sunday afternoon August 24th, at two o'clock, when Miss Ruth Telfair Hall, daughter of Mrs. Andrew McCauley Hall, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Scott Bruce Berkeley, formerly of Danville, Va., but who for the past few years has been a resident of North Carolina. Only a few relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony which was performed at the home of the bride's mother by Rev. John Archibald McIver, pastor of the bride.

BARBECUE MONDAY

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Pauls church request us to state that they will serve barbecue on the court square next Monday. The proceeds will be used for the church.

FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

Hon. J. Loyd Horton, Presiding—Civil Term—No Cases of Public Importance

Franklin Superior Court convened on Monday morning for the regular August term of Civil Court, with his Honor J. Loyd Horton, Judge presiding. Like most other terms of civil court here with no cases of special public interest, the present term has proven of little interest so far. Judge Horton is impressing our people with his firmness and fairness in the holding of his courts and his decisions.

This is a two weeks term and cases have been set up to and including next Tuesday. Once upon a time there was a motion picture film which did not announce everybody from the director general to the office boy.

OPEN 34 MARKETS IN EAST SEPT. 2ND

Co-ops Get 75 Per Cent Cash

Will Take No New Contracts For This Crop If Eastern Belt After Opening Date.

(S. D. Frissell)

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will open thirty-four markets next Tuesday, September 2, in Eastern North Carolina and at several of its receiving points in the Central Carolina Belt.

Every member of the tobacco association who delivers his 1924 crop to the cooperative floors will be enabled to receive 75 per cent of the bankers' valuation of his tobacco by means of a cash loan equal to one-half the amount of his first cash advance.

The ability of each member of the association to realize 75 per cent of the cash value of his deliveries has already resulted in bringing the association more than 500 new members from the South Carolina Belt.

The tobacco association has also increased its cash advances upon all medium and low grades of tobacco delivered by its members in South Carolina and deliveries to the association have increased each week since it began receiving the South Carolina crop on August 5. The cash receipts amounting to 75 per cent of the loan value which the associated farmers have been receiving since the association began its third year of marketing, have compared very favorably with the cash returns which other farmers got all at once for their deliveries to the auction floors.

No tobacco of the 1924 crop will be received from new members after September 2, when the association will close its membership books for this season. After that date it will receive only contracts for the 1925 and 1926 crops of Eastern Carolina tobacco having already closed its membership books in South Carolina.

Members of the tobacco association increased their deliveries to their own warehouses in Eastern North Carolina from 23,000,000 pounds in 1922 to 27,000,000 pounds in 1923 and from present indications the association will receive a larger proportion of the Eastern Belt crop this year.

The rumor that members of the tobacco association are not obligated to deliver their 1924 crop until full settlement for previous deliveries has been made, is positively denied by the association's counsel, who states that the Supreme Court of North Carolina has upheld the right of the association to demand deliveries in accordance with its contract and that the association will grant individual members an accounting when desired. Final settlement with its members will be made by the association as soon as the small remaining stocks of the 1922 crop have been sold, according to the association.

The receiving points of the association which open next Tuesday, September 2 are as follows: Aberdeen, Apex, Ayden, Burgaw, Clinton, Farmville, Fremont, Fuquay Springs, Greenville, Goldsboro, Kenly, Kinaston, Pinebluffs, Raleigh, Richlands, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Sanford, Smithfield, Snow Hill, Spring Hope, Tarboro, Washington, Vass, Wendell, Williamson, Wilson, Windsor, Wallace, Warsaw, and Zebulon.

GOVERNOR MORRISON NAMES COMMISSIONS

Governor Morrison yesterday named and the Senate confirmed the two commissions provided as a result of the recommendations of the Ship and Water Transportation Commission.

The Water Transportation Commission of seven members, which, in the event of favorable action at the polls in November, will administer an eight and a half million dollar bond issue for port development and the operation of steamship lines was confirmed by the Senate last night. The commission to negotiate and litigate for the re-possession of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad by the State, was confirmed by the Senate yesterday morning.

The Water Transportation Commission is composed of: J. A. Brown, of Chadbourne, and Arthur J. Draper, of Charlotte, for terms of two years; Wallace B. Davis, of Asheville, and Emmett H. Bellamy, of Wilmington, and George Butler, Republican, of Clinton, for terms of four years; and Alfred M. Scale, of Greensboro, and Charles S. Wallace, of Morehead City, for terms of six years.

J. A. Brown, Emmett H. Bellamy, Alfred M. Scale, and Charles S. Wallace, are the old members of the Ship and Water Transportation Commission which investigated the feasibility of port development retained on the new commission. The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Investigation Commission is composed of: T. C. Bowles, of Jefferson; J. G. McCormick, of Wilmington; E. B. Jeffers, of Greensboro; Frank Armfield, of Concord; and E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest.

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FORREST WEAVER SPEAKS

TO LARGE CROWD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Preaches First Sermon in Louisburg Thursday Night of Last Week—Makes Splendid Impression on Home People.

It is not often that a boy fourteen years old, has the desire to preach the gospel, and still less often that he has enough information about gospel themes to preach intelligently. But those who went to the Baptist church last Thursday evening, August 21st, are unanimous that one of the finest gospel appeals ever made in Louisburg fell from the lips of Forrest Weaver, a fourteen year old boy.

For the past three months, he has been a regular member of the Mooney-York-Josey Baptist Evangelistic party which has been working at various places in North Carolina. During a brief vacation in their work between revivals they dropped into Louisburg for a visit. The campaign at the Baptist church was just closing, so the pastor, Rev. J. A. McIver, invited Forrest to preach the closing sermon, and Prof. I. E. Reynolds who has been conducting the music during the meetings invited Mr. Mooney, the music director of the party, and Mr. Josey the accompanist to assist in the music.

Long before time for the meeting to begin the church was packed to overflowing. Boys and girls covered the pulpit platform; the aisles were so full of chairs that it was almost impossible to pass between; every available space was filled with people. When the chairs were all taken the rest stood. Even the side rooms were filled. The streets were crowded in each direction for blocks with parked cars. The vestibule and steps were crowded with people struggling to get in and



FORREST WEAVER 14-year old preacher

It is estimated that at least two hundred people were turned away—among these last being the editor of this paper.

The opening musical program was of the highest order. Mr. Josey is a composer of gospel music and a great master at the piano. His playing will not soon be forgotten by those who heard him. Mr. Mooney is an accomplished xylophone artist and the piano and xylophone duets of gospel hymns were greatly appreciated. Mr. Mooney also sang a baritone solo and assisted Prof. Reynolds in a quartette.

But the real feature of the evening, the event for which the people really came, was to hear Forrest Weaver preach the gospel in his home town and to his own home folks and friends. They had read of his success elsewhere and they were anxious to see and to hear for themselves.

He rose to read his scriptures lesson. Every eye was upon him. He was dressed as a fourteen year old boy should be in short trousers and looked the boy he really is. But there was no sign of nervousness about him. He

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TWO YOUNG MEN KILLED IN WRECK NEAR HENDERSON

MEET INSTANT DEATH WHEN MACHINE SKIDS

C. L. Wiggins and Lawrence H. Hilliard, Both of Norlina, Were En Route to Louisburg; Both Employed As Railroad Men; Both Badly Crushed

Henderson, Aug. 24.—Two young men, C. L. Wiggins and Lawrence H. Hilliard, both of Norlina, were killed almost instantly at an early hour today when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on the main highway from Henderson to Raleigh. The tragedy occurred twelve miles south of this city, less than a quarter of a mile north of the Tar River bridge.

There is a very sharp curve in the road at the point where the automobile overturned. One theory is that the car probably skidded on the curve and shot over a three-foot embankment into a field, where it encountered another shallow embankment thrown up by the farmer to prevent washing of the land, and it was upon this, it is understood, that the machine overturned.

Pinned Under Wreckage. Wiggins and Hilliard were both pinned beneath the wreckage, and both were dead when found. An old negro farmer, who lives on the top of a hill a few hundred yards distant, saw the overturned car from his home and discovered the tragedy when he went to investigate. The wreckage was easily visible from his home, it is said, although he did not see the accident, which is believed to have occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Both bodies were scarred and lacerated to some extent, but it is the belief that internal injuries caused death. Both bodies were still warm when discovered by the old darkey, who gave the alarm. The men were picked up and brought to a local undertaking establishment, where they were prepared for burial. The body of Wiggins will be sent to Norlina this evening on the present, on account of a serious illness in his family, and fears that the shock of the sudden death might prove more serious to the patient.

Wiggins and Hilliard apparently left their home in Norlina early today. They stopped at a filling station a mile north of this city and replenished their supply of gasoline and oil. They told the keeper of the filling station they were going to Louisburg, and continued on their way, it was said, about 4:30 o'clock. It requires from a half to three-quarters of an hour to make the run from Henderson to the river bridge, and it is supposed that the accident occurred shortly after 5 o'clock.

Both Railroad Men. Hilliard was firing on the train that operates between Louisburg and Frank Linton, and Wiggins was a brakeman on a shifter at Norlina. He worked on the shifter in the Henderson yards until a week or so ago, and he, as well as Hilliard, was rather well known in Henderson.

The car in which they were riding was a five passenger Studebaker, and it was badly damaged in the smashup. The top was demolished, the windshield broken, and the steering wheel stripped. It was salvaged and brought to a Henderson garage, and will require considerable repairs to put it into operation. It is said to have been the property of Hilliard, and he is believed to have been driving at the time of the accident.

A small quantity of whiskey in a bottle was taken from the shirt bosom of one of the men by a Henderson policeman, he reported, and another report is that a small bottle containing whiskey was found in one of the pockets in the car.

Met Instant Death. When found, the bodies were pinned beneath the automobile, the feet of both men protruding through the windshield. The men are thought to have met with instant death, as there was no sign of life when they were removed from the wreckage. The exact manner and cause of the crash probably will never be known, since there were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

Both Wiggins and Hilliard were said to be about 21 or 22 years old, neither was married. Their parents are residents of Norlina.

In addition to the news about the head and face, Hilliard had a terrible blow in the chest as shown in the photograph taken by the coroner, the force of the impact at the time the machine came to a halt.

News of the accident quickly spread about the city, and the scene of the wreck was visited by hundreds of persons during the day. There are too many boys who want to draw up the plans and specifications and leave the execution to George.