

THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL MARKETING.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The largest Co-operative Marketing Association in the southeast will continue the official business of its 60,000 members when the Directors of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association from the Carolinas and Virginia meet this week in Raleigh for their second session.

Among the 22 Directors elected by the southeast will continue the official election and the three Directors appointed by the Governors of the Carolinas and Virginia, are leading tobacco farmers, business men and bankers of the three States.

While most of the Directors are distinguished for success in farming and business in the districts which they represent, they are nevertheless the popular choice of a majority of tobacco growers from three states, with whom they have been fellow workers in organizing for fair returns by means of better marketing.

But even with leaders who are tried and true, and with banking connections of far-reaching importance, such as are now assured to the Tobacco Marketing Association, the folly or disloyalty of many members may block the best laid plans.

In this connection the first message of the tobacco growing directors of the Co-operative Marketing Association, to the thousands of members who elected them, is worth heeding at this time. "Produce economically, and we will market profitably," say the directors to the growers.

Following a year when only one-fifth of the farm products sold by American farmers were made with sufficient economy to bring a fair margin of profit for the farmer, and at a time when thousands of tobacco growers are impoverished from two disastrous years of speculative marketing, the first necessity of success for every member of the Association is economic production of food and feed upon his farm, in order that he may be sufficiently self-sustaining to make a profit from tobacco.

When the cash returns from the best of tobacco crops are spent for canned goods baled hay and store feed the tobacco grower is failing to make his living because he falls short of economic production.

Next to their losses under the outworn system of speculative markets to which they have submitted for so long, most tobacco farmers will agree that the folly of the one crop system has been their worst enemy.

To avoid the error of staking their year's labor upon one money crop again, the organized tobacco farmers are urged to so meet the present hard times with economic production of home supplies of food and feed stuff on the farm that even a small crop of tobacco will bring a profit when thousands who are now forced to buy their food and feed will raise the grain and hay at home.

Economic production, as the first step towards successful marketing should be the aim of every member of the Marketing Association.

The Big Sleet at Brim

Brim, N. C., Feb. 15, 1922.

Mr. J. E. Johnson,

Editor Mt. Airy News,
Mount Airy, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Perhaps you and others in Mount Airy and in other parts of the country would be interested to know of the big sleet that is now on the timber in this country.

Last night it began to rain and freeze to the timber and by this a. m. it was the heaviest sleet we have had for years, if ever before.

I have been a Rural Mail Carrier for the past seventeen winters and I never saw so much timber of all kinds oak, pine, peach and apple trees breaking all around. The road was full of bushes and trees. Some trees large enough for small barn logs were lapped across the road. It will take a long time to get the phone system in shape again as most all the poles and wires are broken down.

I made my whole round on horseback, would love to hear from some of Uncle Sam's mail boys who tried it today in buggy.

Will G. Lewis.

NOTICE

All stills captured by the Sheriff and his deputies will be sold at public auction for cash in front of the jail at Dobson on Monday, March 6, 1922, at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the Board.

Henry Wolfe, Clerk
to the Board of Commissioners

FOUR MEN ARE JAILED FOR ATTEMPT TO ROB KERNERSVILLE BANK

They are all Four Winston Men and Two of Them Have Records. Pistols and Nitroglycerine Found

Kernersville, Feb. 16.—Kernersville was visited by robbers early this morning, between 1 and 2 o'clock. But by the quick action of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Mustin the robbers went away empty-handed and were taken by officers before they were ten miles away. The Bank of Kernersville was the object of their burglary and directly over the bank is the central office of the town telephone system, with the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Mustin adjoining. Mrs. Mustin had been answering a telephone call and was returning to her bedroom when a car stopped in front of the bank. Two men went to the bank window and two up the steps to the living quarters of Mr. Mustin, and the car supposedly driven by the fifth man proceeded down the street for half a block. Mrs. Mustin saw the men approaching her door bringing implements of warfare and a rope evidently to tie herself and her husband.

The men brought a key which fitted in the lock but on account of an inside fastener were unable to secure an entrance. So while they were working with the door and the two below were prying open the window to the bank, Mr. Mustin, having been awakened by his wife, made several telephone connections for help from the neighborhood. Then just as he heard the window of the bank open he rang the telephone bell of the bank vigorously which did the work. The burglars fled, evidently thinking they had set off an alarm. They were tracked through the snow to where they entered their car and went in the direction of Winston-Salem. The officers there were immediately notified and they responded by meeting the car before it reached Winston. Plenty of nitroglycerine and other implements of safe breaking were found in the car. The men evidently are professionals as one or two of the party are now under bonds waiting hearings for similar offenses.

ARMFIELD JAILED

Former Banker Brought to Lexington From Mexico City

Lexington, Feb. 16.—Jesse L. Armfield, former president of the Bank of Thomasville which was closed by the state examiner on August 22, was placed in jail at Lexington last night following his failure to raise bond of \$175,000, required by the sheriff of Davidson county.

Armfield, who fled the country shortly after the bank was closed, was arrested in Mexico City, brought to Laredo, Texas, and turned over to Chief of Police George Wimberley last Sunday night. Wimberley reached Lexington with his prisoner a little after noon Wednesday and spent the afternoon in the office of Sheriff Sink. It is expected that a strong effort will be made to provide the bond.

Armfield wept in describing his experience as a fugitive, declaring that he has "been through hell." He said that no warrant was read to him by the Mexicans who arrested him and that he heard no warrant until he was turned over to the sheriff of Webb county, Tex., who turned him over to Chief Wimberley.

Only a few persons from Thomasville were present to meet Armfield. Among them was his father-in-law, C. M. Griffith, former sheriff of Davidson county. The two burst into tears when they met.

Armfield is charged with abstracting and misapplying funds of the closed bank to the amount of over \$150,000.

He is a former resident of Greensboro, where his wife now lives.

Armfield was still in jail at Lexington this morning. It is understood that some of his relatives held a conference at High Point this morning and that Z. I. Waisher, his attorney, would appear before Judge B. F. Long, at Greensboro, this afternoon to ask for a habeas corpus hearing, the object being to get the \$175,000 bond required reduced.

Medicine that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its good qualities. Try it when you have a cough or cold.

STATE LEGION TO TABOO POLITICS

Commander Tom Byrd Says Individuals Cannot Be Endorsed

Asheville, Feb. 12.—A letter explaining the attitude of the North Carolina department of the American Legion in refusing to endorse individuals for appointment under civil service regulations has been prepared by State Commander Tom Byrd.

The commander of the Tar Heel legionnaires asserts the Legion will see that every influence is brought to bear upon National officials to the end that ex-service men be given preference in appointments to post-offices, etc., other things being equal, but also explains it would be impossible for the Legion to enter politics and fight for the nomination of a man representing some particular party.

President Harding has replied to a telegram from the State commander, stating the message had been turned over to Postmaster General Hays, who advised the entire matter would be investigated. The telegram sent by Commander Byrd called the chief executive's attention to reports that political favoritism was being exerted to the detriment of ex-service men who had received higher civil service ratings.

The statement by Commander Byrd in full:

"Recently the North Carolina Department Commander has on several occasions received requests that the department officials throw themselves into local postmastership fights, lining up vigorously in support of an ex-service man, who it is claimed had received the highest civil rating under properly conducted examinations by that agency of the government. This much is known by every one, that the present Harding national administration at Washington has announced to the world that ex-service men would in all such instances receive preference. The third national convention of the American Legion held at Kansas City, October 31, to November 2, 1921, passed a resolution calling on the administration to give such preference to our ex-service men without reference to the political affiliations of the applicant.

"It will be readily apparent to all Legionnaires, who reflect a moment on this problem, that the Legion, which is non-sectarian and non-political, cannot take any hand in individual politics without eventually impairing the usefulness and influence of this great organization, therefore the department will continue to act only on matters of policy approved by the national organization, whose policies were outlined and directed by the national convention. In response to requests for actions in the cases of postmastership contests at Morehead City, Lumberton, Bakerville, etc., where ex-service men are said to have received highest ratings, and it charged the Republican organization is attempting to thwart their appointment, the Department Commander on January 27, sent to President Warren G. Harding and Postmaster General Will H. Hays the following telegram:

"Reports have come to North Carolina Department American Legion that in a few instances in North Carolina political influences are endeavoring to secure appointments to postmastership of political favorites when ex-service men have received higher civil service ratings. In view of legislation giving preference to ex-service men and your fairness to and interest in ex-service men I respectfully urge you investigate these allegations and correct same if they exist."

"The President acknowledged the telegram, saying he was calling the matter to the attention of the Postmaster General, and Postmaster General Hays advised he would investigate the matter thoroughly.

"It is the belief of the North Carolina Department that, if the administration is honest and sincere in announcing preference would be accorded the ex-service man, no effort of partisans within the ranks of the party will be able to accomplish an injustice to an ex-service man. If partisanship is to control rather than patriotism, no appeal from this department would avail.

"Therefore, the continued position of the North Carolina Department will be to keep constantly before the administration the policies for which we stand. We have stationed in Washington the personal representative of national Commander MacNicker, as well as the National Leg-

ionnaire Committee, who are carefully and closely following all such matters arising from time to time. A full report on all such matters will be made to the fourth national convention of the Legion to be held in New Orleans in October. Let every Legionnaire in North Carolina fully and impartially advise himself on all cases, where discrimination occurs, and be at the convention to give it the benefits of the real facts, where he will meet the most virile organization of young men on earth, anxious to help their "Buddies," strengthen the power and influence of our great republic and bring peace and blessings to all mankind."

Republicans Continue to Row Over Post Offices

E. E. Britton in News and Observer.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The way the Postoffice Department is "kicking around" even the shred of Civil Service left by the flim-flam "eligible list of three" executive order of President Harding is not alone exciting the just indignation of Senators and Representatives from Democratic states, but in some cases even Republicans in Congress who have been hit by the practical and political working of the order as interpreted by Postmaster General Hays are on the kicking list, for by the "eligible list" scheme men whom they have wanted to pull down jobs as postmasters have had to take a back seat, while other Republicans made good at the examinations and became annexed to the payroll. There are some Republicans who are hankering after a return to the spoils system, so that they may be enabled to pass out part of the political swag.

A case now arises in a democratic state in which the Republicans, who have the say so, are reported here as being disgruntled over the result. This is as to the postmastership at Charlotte, the eligible list of which was made public today. Received by Congressman Bulwinkle, it shows two names on the eligible list, both Republicans, father and son. First is J. D. Albright, with a rating of 82.80, and second his son, A. L. Albright, with a rating of 80. And so it happens that there was another member of the family who took the examination to get on the list, M. J. Jarrett, son-in-law of J. D. Albright. But Mr. Jarrett failed to make a rating to win a place on the eligible list, and 'out of it. So, as matters stand, Charlotte will have as its next postmaster either father J. D. Albright or son A. L. Albright. The word that reaches Washington in this matter is that there is a fuss on in Charlotte among the Republicans in the matter, that neither of the Albrights suits some one, and there may be developments in store. But Republican National Committeeman Morehead, who has Charlotte as his bailiwick, will have the final word, and will name the winner.

And Committeeman John Motley Morehead is on the scene in Washington, though it has not been possible to locate him in order to learn what he will do. But with his coming here are rumors that there will be something done in the matter of the postmastership for Morehead City. Whether he will stand pat for Cleveland L. Willis, Republican, the second man on the list of whether the fight being made by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion a behalf of Acting Postmaster Allice B. Morris, Democrat and former service man, who stood first on the list, will cause him to shift a position remains to be seen. But a guess that looks good is that Committeeman Morehead will continue to boast for the Republican. Past performances indicate that he will stay "put."

Comes now another of those frequent instances of outrages being perpetrated by the Republican Postoffice Department, which while hypocritically pretending to have some regard for the merit system let it go at pretending. The latest case is that of the postmastership at Battleboro, where Mrs. J. W. Fisher has been postmaster for more than ten years and has given fine satisfaction to the public. The examination for appointment of a new postmaster at Battleboro was held at Rocky Mount on September 24, 1921. Mrs. Fisher stood the examination and is the only "eligible." Now simply in order to get in their local Republican pet whom nobody wants, so far as anyone knows, and who is said to be the only white Republican at Battleboro, the Postoffice Department has ordered another examination to be held on February 11 in order to work in this lone white Republican as the postmaster in place of Mrs. Fisher.

Bill for Bond Issue Introduced in Virginia

Richmond, Feb. 16.—A measure providing for a \$12,000,000 bond issue for highway construction in Virginia during the next two years, endorsed by the Virginia Good Roads Association, was introduced in the state senate today, General C. C. Vaughn, Jr., of Franklin, Va., a member of the executive committee of the association, has announced.

Democrats Open Their Campaign With Attack on Republican Party

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—The Democratic congressional campaign in the middle west was opened here tonight by Chairman Hull of the national committee with an address in which he declared "aimlessness and inaction" to be the controlling policy of the Republican administration.

Speaking before the Indiana Democratic Editorial association, Chairman Hull asserted that Republican leaders "with all their falsehoods exposed and all their promises broken," were pursuing "a rudderless course while the people continue to cry out for relief." He added that "in the meantime the Lodges, the Newberry's and those of their ilk in control of the Republican party are having their frequent political Belshazzar's feasts in the nation's capital.

The Democratic chairman alluded to the arms conference at several points, at one time declaring its "proceedings and achievements" to have been "grossly exaggerated" and at another making the charge that the Republican administration through the conference had "surrendered more of our national sovereignty than has been previously surrendered in more than a hundred years."

Particular stress was laid by Mr. Hull on what he declared was the inability of the Republican administration to cope with disturbed economic conditions and in that connection he charged that Republican leaders in 1920 deceived the people by failing to point out the imminent depression.

"In my judgment," he told the Indiana Democratic editors, "cattle were never more deliberately led to slaughter nor sheep to the shambles than were the American people led over the precipice to panic conditions and terrific business demoralization by the national Republican leadership from 1918 to 1921. * * * No people, free or serf, were ever more buckeyed, flimflammed and humbugged than the American electorate by the Republican political patriots in control of their party prior to the November election in 1920. Since that election, the people following this same Republican leadership, have waltzed down the economic decline to the level of industrial panic. In this condition of almost unparalleled distress, the Republican administration while rather sheepishly admitting conditions, has no views as to causes or remedies."

"Time was," Chairman Hull declared, when the American voters believed that Republican administration and business prosperity go hand in hand," but he added, "never again will the American voter be duped by the false and hypocritical doctrine that Republican administration means prosperity."

The Democratic chairman several times referred to the address recently made by Vice-President Coolidge in Indianapolis and criticized the vice-president for what he described as his "egregious blunder" * * * in his claim of congressional economy and his deadly silence on the Newberry scandal which took place under his very nose." He then proceeded to call on the vice-president to "give his views on the merits of the Newberry case to the American people."

Republican claim of savings in governmental expenditures, he continued, was not actual but a mere paper saving.

Before entering upon his discussion of the arms conference Mr. Hull paid his respects to Senator Lodge, declaring "his tortuous course in politics is most reminding of that of Cataline, the political conspirator in the Roman senate, while his statesmanship most nearly resembles that of Aaron Burr."

"The people are already concluding," he went on, "that it would have been far wiser to have the affairs of the nation directed by the common sense and practical statesmanship of a Democratic administration than by the boasted Republican 'best minds' which, the public are now viewing as another Republican myth." Their so-called best minds in profession have become mollycoddles in performance. In 1919, intolerant and inflated Republicans cried, 'Oh, for a Root or a Lodge at Versailles, they would have successfully driven through the treaty proceedings within 60 days,' and yet Root, Lodge and all of them spent three months with England, France, Japan, Italy and China in the recent small disarmament conference with one 200th part of the task of Versailles, and came out third best. Japan walked off with the highest honors, and England second.

"Viewing the present morass and

chaos into which American thought and business have been drawn by selfish Republican politics," concluded Mr. Hull, "it is clear that the first need of the country is the development of a sound public opinion that will give intelligent and active support to legislators and congressmen in the enactment of wise remedial legislation: that will support legislative bodies in guarding the treasuries against extravagance; that will cooperate with legislative bodies in the preparation and enactment of comprehensive, sound and equitable systems of taxation, that will stand between legislative bodies and the demagogue, who is a greater menace than the I. W. W., the bolshevik or the anarchist; that will every two years seek the cleanest, ablest men for office, insist on their candidacy, and actively aid in their nomination and election. The second great need of the country is to substitute political honesty for the gross Republican dishonesty practiced by their leaders since 1918. This latter the Democrats propose to do and challenge the Republicans to do likewise."

SMALL CHANCE OF NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDINGS IN N. C.

Thomasville, Mt. Airy and Greensboro Will Have to Wait Long Time, It Seems

Washington, Feb. 17.—John W. Lambert, of Thomasville, was here Wednesday to ask Congressman Hammer to do what he can to have additional money appropriated for a new postoffice building at Thomasville. The last public buildings bill carried an appropriation of \$65,000. The lot had already been purchased. But at the request of the then secretary of the Treasury McAdoo the construction was postponed pending an additional appropriation of \$35,000. McAdoo believing that the town should have a larger building than the original amount appropriated.

Since that time no public buildings bill has been reported by Congress. It is not known just when another bill will be passed, certainly not during the present session. Therefore it looks like Thomasville, Greensboro and Mt. Airy must wait a long time before they will realize their hopes of new postoffice buildings. Annually Major Stedman introduces a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for Greensboro and a smaller sum for Mount Airy. Just as regular the committee pigeon-holes the measure and there they remain.

Lambert, who is one of Thomasville's leading business men said that business conditions thruout North Carolina and Virginia are not improving. He spent several days in Richmond, but found Richmond merchants are not in the market for furniture, or anything else to an interesting degree. The furniture business he said is just as badly crippled by hard times as is the cotton industry.

Col. Tom Vanderford of Salisbury George Penny and J. M. Millikin of Greensboro are here looking after their real estate interests. Many Tar Heels are getting the habit of trading in Washington real estate and some of the really big deals put over during the last year have been with North Carolina.

Officials to Assist in Making Out Tax Returns

At the places and on the dates stated below, both a United States Agent and a United States Deputy Collector will be on hand to assist tax payers in making out individual income tax returns, as well as corporation income tax returns, and all others.

Lenoir, Feb. 15th and 17th, Wednesday and Thursday.
Statesville, Feb. 16th and 17th, Thursday and Friday.
Mount Airy, March 1st, Wednesday.
North Wilkesboro, March 2nd, and 3rd, Thursday and Friday.
Winston-Salem, March 4th, to 15th inclusive.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of W. N. Brown, deceased, late of Surry county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to undersigned at his office in Mount Airy, N. C., on or before the 15th day of January 1922, at which time they will be placed in list of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 15th day of Jan. 1922.

I. W. Harlow, Executor of W. N. Brown, deceased.