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TOBACCO GROWERS' MACHINE RUNNING SMOOTHLY

News From Burley Growers in Kentucky Encouraging; 34 Important Meetings Planned

Raleigh, May 27.—Assurance that the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association has now developed all its departments to the point where every phase of marketing its hundreds of millions of pounds will give satisfaction to the 70,000 members throughout the belt, was given by the heads of warehouse and leaf departments to the board of directors of the association at its monthly meeting held in Richmond, Va., last week.

Richard E. Patterson, manager of the Leaf Department made clear the great advantage to be gained by the thousands of organized growers whose tobacco will be handled under a uniform system of grading and in large and readily salable quantities.

T. C. Watkins, director of warehouses for North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, emphasized the even distribution of marketing points throughout the belt and the advantage to the tobacco farmers of building up the home markets.

With more than a thousand new members now joining the Association every week and a series of 34 important meetings planned from May 30th to June 3rd, M. O. Wilson, secretary of the association and director of Field Service, states that from present signs North Carolina and South Carolina will follow the lead of Virginia in affecting an 80 per cent sign-up of tobacco in the Association before the markets open.

A golden torrent poured into the pockets of Kentucky Tobacco Growers last week when ten million dollars in the form of 75,000 checks was paid throughout the entire burley belt to 60,000 growers in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Three thousand more tobacco growers joined the burley pool during this second payment when the growers learned that third and final payment will soon be made by officers of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Association.

Not only will Kentucky tobacco growers gain higher prices than the unorganized farmers, who sold on the open market but according to the news from Lexington headquarters of the burley association, they will also make this additional profit after completing their first payment on the warehouses, which are to become the property of 60,000 tobacco growers.

Aaron Sapiro, who is the principal speaker at the graduating exercises of North Carolina State College this week will address the greatest mass meeting of the campaign at Washington, Farmville, New Bern, Kinston and Goldsboro.

A dispatch from Shelbyville, Kentucky, recently received at Raleigh headquarters of the Tobacco Growers' Association describes payment of the second advance to the organized farmers as follows:

"Approximately \$650,000 was distributed here today among 2,500 tobacco growers of Shelby county who are members of the Burley Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association. The payments were made at the big burley warehouse, where a force of twenty-five clerks went on duty before 7 o'clock this morning, and had completed the distribution of the 3,500 checks by 4 o'clock this afternoon.

From early morning until late this evening the streets were thronged with the largest crowd seen in Shelbyville in many years. The five banks of the city did a rushing business opening earlier and closing at a later hour than usual.

For the accommodation of the visitors the King's Daughters served dinners and luncheons in the park facing the courthouse and also at the burley warehouse. The American Legion band of fifteen pieces played throughout the day on the public square, and in the afternoon a baseball game was staged.

Dispatches from other counties of Kentucky described the gala day on which Kentucky farmers celebrated the complete success of their organization for co-operative markets.

Over 4,000 contracts have reached Raleigh headquarters in recent weeks and last week more than a thousand new members came into the association.

The landslide of new members from Eastern Carolina is rapidly gaining headway.

ENDORSE POTEAT OF WAKE FOREST

Board of Trustees Give Unanimous Approval to President

Wake Forest, May 25.—Unequivocal and unanimous endorsement of the religious views of President William Louis Poteat by the board of trustees, official representatives of the denomination of secret fraternities, heretofore banned by the college, were the outstanding events of the second day of the eighty-seventh commencement of Wake Forest college today. The commencement exercises will close tomorrow morning.

Official sanction of the views of Dr. Poteat followed extended agitation of the question of evolution in the denominational press and on the floor of the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent meeting in Jacksonville. The trustees took the position that so much criticism has been made of Dr. Poteat as to demand some official action and the vote of hearty approval was the result.

No mention is made in the resolution of the word "evolution," but the trustees state their approval of the beliefs of Dr. Poteat on what they regard as fundamental truths and enunciate those beliefs, on the basis of an interview by a committee of the trustees headed by Dr. R. T. Vann. The text of the resolution was reserved for first publication in the Biblical Recorder, organ of the denomination, but the specifications of belief are understood to include acceptance of God as the creator of all things, the deity and atonement of Christ and of the Bible as an inspired book and as the source of final authority in matters of faith and practice. The restricting clause in regard to the Bible which prevents any interpretation of the statement as acceptance of the Bible as a book of science is the nearest approach in the statement to reference to Dr. Poteat's views on evolution.

It is expected here that the official action of the board will do much to remove the doubts of some members of the denomination who have confounded Dr. Poteat's views with atheism and will relieve the fears of those who have felt there was danger of undue restriction of the teaching of science as taught in all recognized colleges and universities.

GOVERNOR TALKS ON ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

No Room For Criminals In This State, He Tells Negroes

Greensboro, May 25.—Urging the negro race in North Carolina to "A vigilant championship of law and order," Governor Cameron Morrison, speaking at the commencement exercises of the Agricultural and Technical College here this afternoon, declared that the time has come when the criminals of both races must realize that there is no room for them in this State.

"It is not enough for the colored man merely to submit to the law," said the Governor, "but he should revere and respect it, for through it is your strength and safety at all times. I appeal to you to fall in line with those in authority in this State to aid in driving out law violators. No matter whether white or black all must come to book in North Carolina and let the criminals know that this is no place for them."

Indirectly answering the charge that he was antagonistic to the negro race, the Governor said: "This Governor of yours that some would have you believe hated you bitterly fought with all his might and obtained greater appropriations for the colored institutions in the State at the last session of the General Assembly. I made the fight for your college here and I tell you now that I dedicate myself anew to do whatever I can in making A. and T. the glory of your race."

A bridge has been designed to span the Hudson river at New York which will be the most important gateway to the West. Its lower deck will carry 12 railroad tracks, its upper deck roadway, two and a half times as wide as Fifth Avenue, will take care of 17 streams of vehicles. There will still be room on the upper deck for four surface car lines and two sidewalks. Although the bridge will cost \$130,000,000 it is believed it will pay for itself by cutting the cost of bringing goods across the Hudson from \$2.25 to 50 cents a ton.

A horse, 51 years old, is living at Catawissa, Pennsylvania. He is the property of a minister who has owned him for 35 years. The horse is believed to be the oldest in existence.

FORD'S OFFER BEST MADE COMMITTEE

House to Get Report Next Week; Ford's Offer Not Just What Committee Wants

Wash., May 26.—A comprehensive plan for the development of all government properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., probably will be reported to Congress by the House military committee next week, it was announced on good authority after the committee had discussed proposals for the Muscle Shoals development in executive session.

Members of the committee declined to comment publicly upon the plan under discussion, but it was learned the prevailing attitude of the members was to provide for development of the nitrate fertilizer by water power and other activities for which the government's projects might be utilized in peace times as well as providing for nitrates in the event of war.

Attention was directed to the different proposals.

Proposal of the Alabama Power company, it was said, contemplated only the development of power. That made by Charles L. Parsons would establish a chemical industry. The offers of Henry Ford and Frederick Engstrom, it was explained, were the only two which contemplated the development of power nitrate and fertilizer industries. Some objection was made in the committee today it was understood to the Engstrom proposal on the ground that it called for a cost plus collection agreement, to which there was decided opposition. The Ford offer alone came nearest to complying with the committee's ideas. That offer has been considered paragraph by paragraph during the committee's executive deliberations and with the modifications the committee has voted is believed in some authoritative quarters as the basis for the plan the committee will report to Congress at an early date.

Committee members were careful to explain, however, that the offer could be accepted by any individual or interest, and was not restricted to any single interest.

Expedition Starts to Salvage Gold of Lost Steamer

London, May 22.—What will probably rank as the most successful submarine treasure-seeking expedition ever inaugurated is now on the point of leaving Portsmouth Dockyard to resume operations. This particular venture is managed by the Admiralty and the Treasury jointly, and its business is to recover the gold bullion which went to the bottom in the steamship *Laurentic* when she was torpedoed in Lough Swilly during the war.

Already some 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 pounds worth of gold has been salvaged. There yet remains 2,000,000 more of it lying at the bottom of the sea, and the salvage ship *Racer* is going out in search of this "balance."

Modern methods of submarine treasure-hunting are very different from those that used to be in vogue. It is no longer necessary to use hand pumps to furnish divers with air while they are below. From the ship's air-compressing plant which keeps up 100-lb. pressure, the divers are "fed." As the air goes to them it passes through the ordinary hand pumps and by the scale of these the attendants can tell whether the divers are being correctly supplied. While he is working under the water the diver keeps in touch with those in the ship by means of a telephone, the cable of which is also his lifeline. Nor does he have to do the laborious tasks which used to fall upon him. Wreckage is lifted by a "grab" dropped down from the ship.

In addition to air-compressing plant, a powerful alternating current installation, an air chamber through which divers pass after a long dip, and various other special features, a salvage ship carries a well-fitted workshop.

Candidates Given But Little Time to Speak

Lumberton, May 25.—Forty-odd candidates spoke here tonight in less than as many minutes at the reception to all county candidates given by the Goats club. Their speeches were cut short for them by the novel method of a dump-cart, the candidates being precipitated headlong by the time they had told their name and the name of the office they were running for. The dumping included U. A. Sinclair, candidate for Judge, two candidates for the legislature and one for the State Senate.

BAILEY TALKS ON TENANT FARMERS

Only Cure is to Find a Way for Ownership of Land on Which They Work

Chapel Hill, May 23.—Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, former collector of internal revenue, addressed the North Carolina Club of the University last night on "Farm Tenancy, Its Origin, Its Causes and Its Cure."

In his opinion, Mr. Bailey said the cure for the present deplorable condition was simply this: That there should be found some way in which tenants of the "cropper" type could come into ownership of the land they work. He did not go into detail as to just how this end should be achieved, but he reminded his hearers that Denmark and New Zealand had found the way and had prospered exceedingly in consequence.

"There are today 600,000 souls in the grip of the system of farm tenancy of the 'cropper' type in North Carolina," said Mr. Bailey. "It is a disgrace to our civilization. It is really the only serious problem we have. If we can settle this question of the farmers, you'll not have any trouble getting all the subsidies you need for good roads and education and all sorts of public improvements."

"North Carolina cannot expect to go ahead fast until this condition is cured. Poverty with hope can not only be endured—it may even be the cause and inspiration of noble achievement. But poverty without hope is utterly degrading, there is not one good thing about it. And it is poverty of the direst, most hopeless kind under which these 600,000 suffer."

"Three hundred thousand of them move every year, and half of these are white people. Men don't move without a cause."

"If these were Europeans it would be bad—we ought to feel sorry for them and want to help them. If they were Chinamen it would be terrible. But, God Almighty! these men are Anglo-Saxon, the same blood as you or me."

"Now and then I hear some one say how shiftless and dirty, and untrustworthy, these 'croppers' are, how it is useless to try to do anything for them. I say that to think of them as undeserving our help is treachery—treachery not only to the commonwealth but to civilization and decency. Give them food—give them enough bread to eat, and their children milk to drink, and out of their ranks will come lawyers and doctors and college presidents and legislators and senators, saints and sages. The stuff is in them, and it will come out if only we give them a chance."

In discussing remedies, Mr. Bailey said that the demand for labor in the mills of North Carolina was helping to keep down the number of tenant farmers, but this could absorb only a part of them. Something more than that was needed, and that something more was the conversion of the tenant into owner.

"We are not going to be hopeless about the solution of the problem," he concluded. "We are not going to give up. A commonwealth in which hard-working men can't maintain a reasonable hope of getting ahead can't be said to be civilized, and we are not going to let the present disgraceful condition continue. This new state of ours, this new age, is going to see to it that every man who works hard shall have his chance."

In the course of his talk Mr. Bailey paid a most enthusiastic tribute to the University News Letter, issued by E. C. Branson, and the students under him. Of all publications he received, he said, this was the one which he felt the strongest impulse to preserve.

Rockingham Growers to Build Warehouse

Reidsville, May 25.—The committee of nine named at the meeting of citizens here Wednesday morning to provide warehouse facilities for a receiving plant in Reidsville for the tobacco growers' cooperative association, met and organized for work. The committee speedily got down to work and the results of its first meeting were: The organization of a stock company with an authorized capital of \$100,000 to buy land and build and equip a receiving plant in Reidsville. The name of the company is the Reidsville Cooperative Warehouse Company. Shares of the par value of \$50 each. The committee subscribed for \$1,200 worth of stock on the spot in order to facilitate getting a charter. I. R. Humphreys was named a committee of one to prepare the application for a charter and send it to Raleigh at once.

DOCTOR SEES CHANGE IN MEDICAL PRACTICE

Public Dissatisfied With Service That Aims Only at Cure, Not Prevention

St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—That a transition from individual to organized medical practice is spreading widely was asserted here tonight by Dr. George E. de Schweinitz, president of the American Medical Association, in his presidential address before the opening meeting of the annual session.

That reform of the curriculum of the undergraduate medical school is urgently needed, that rural districts are apparently being drained of doctors, and that the public is dissatisfied "with a service which is devoted only to the cure of maladies and the mending of injuries," were other assertions in the address.

The speaker, remarking that clinics, health centers, and community hospitals are developing to supply communities which are not in contact with hospital and laboratory facilities, and have encountered some opposition, said, "It is useless to disregard the fact, that in the words of a thoughtful medical writer, a transition from individual to organized practice has begun, and that the movement spreads widely. The solution of this problem, he continued, "must be undertaken with the protection of the rights of the general practitioner as a paramount duty. But the general practitioner, properly unwilling to submit to the abrogation of professional work, must also not be unwilling, intelligently and in a spirit of co-operation, to recognize the desires, the demands, if you choose, of the people among whom he lives to have at their disposal the same advantages which pertain to those who dwell in larger centers."

"The public is not satisfied with a service which is devoted only to the cure of maladies and the mending of injuries, but is very much alive to the advantages of the prevention of disease and the conservation of health; and; he, the practitioner should be equally alive to his opportunity to secure leadership in such movements, a leadership which is his to hold and to maintain, provided he approaches the problem in a spirit of co-operation and with a resolute will to win."

Dr. de Schweinitz said a recent investigation showed that properly conducted preventive medicine increased the number of people applying to the co-operation practitioner for treatment, and made his work simpler and more effective. He added that rural hospitals would draw young doctors to regions where they were needed.

Dr. de Schweinitz told of methods being devised to keep country doctors in touch with medical developments. He mentioned particularly state university extension courses for this purpose.

HOHENZOLLERN GIFT IS OPPOSED

Workmen Point Out Sum Wilhelm Has Already Received

Berlin, May 22.—The Independent Socialist Party here continues to raise a storm of protests against the Prussian Government's alleged intention to award the exiled Hohenzollerns "compensation" to the extent of 200,000,000 paper marks as settlement for the numerous palaces, estates and other property they owned in Germany.

At the protest meeting held in the Berlin working class districts last night, angry orators declared that the former Kaiser, apart from much furniture, silver and linen, has already received 70,000,000 marks actual cash, but that owing to his customary extravagance, which exile does not seem to have remedied, was now in penurious condition.

It was mentioned that Wilhelm Hohenzollern had just written to his Berlin friends declaring that "it is scandalous that while profiteers squander money throughout Germany I and my family must live in comparative want." Even the majority of the Socialists who do not share the views of extremists on the question have notified their intention of urging in the Reichstag that "taxation for the last three years must be deducted from any lump sum of compensation allotted to the Hohenzollerns."

Alexandre Dumas, Toussaint L'Ouverture, Rene Maran, and many other writers and scholars of France are of Negro descent.—X

SHELL SHOCKED, FORGOT THE GIRL HE WAS TO WED

War Veteran, With Lost Memory, Married One He Had Met But Once

Lincoln, Neb., May 24.—The recurrence of an attack of shell shock caused Thurman K. Williamson, World War veteran, to forget entirely that he was pledged to marry a Sioux City, Ia., girl, and to wed another girl whom he had met but once. This was at Deer Lodge Mont., a year ago.

The District Court here, at Williamson's request has annulled the Montana marriage, leaving him free to keep his former pledge. The Sioux City romance was incubated after Williamson's return from the war. Both he and the girl are Catholics, and as Williamson had contracted an unfortunate marriage in his early youth and had been legally freed, it was necessary to wait for a dispensation from Rome before the ceremony could be performed.

Meanwhile Williamson went to Montana, where he was made an Under Sheriff at Deer Lodge. While there he kept up a constant correspondence with his fiancée, and all of his spare time was put in building a house for their joint occupancy when all obstacles had been cleared away. Williamson developed into an expert in running down bootleggers and is one of the raids was compelled, in self-defense, to kill a negro.

Brooding over this brought a recurrence of his old army trouble, the result of shell shock. Apparently the attack came upon him suddenly. He had but mailed a letter to his sweetheart, in which he outlined the plans he had made for their early reunion, when memory left him. He met on the street a girl to whom he had been introduced but a short time before, and proposed marriage. She accepted him, and he hurried her to a Justice of the Peace. His aberration was again manifested when, just as the Justice was about to sign the certificate, he reached over and tore it up. Then he turned his back on the girl, marched out of the room and promptly forgot all about her. He never lived with her.

These details were necessarily furnished by friends of standing in Deer Lodge, to whom the girl he had wedded and promptly scorned turned for aid and explanation. The affair ended his usefulness as an officer in Montana, and he came to Lincoln and entered the State University as a student in mechanical engineering. He is doing this as a Federal Government vocational pupil, and is part of his reward for the distinctive service that he performed in the war but which left him open to attacks such as the one that caused a sensation in Montana.

Officials from Deer Lodge corroborated Williamson's story in every detail. They said that he was a quiet and gentlemanly chap, and not at all inclined to the sensationalism that marked his marriage there. The instructors at the State University gave testimony to his brilliance as a student. The court thereupon annulled the Montana marriage.

The dispensation from Rome had meanwhile reached Williamson, and now that all legal obstacles are removed, he is going over to Sioux City as soon as his intended fixes the date and marry her.

President Refuses to Appoint Judge Bynum

Wash., May 17.—Judge W. B. Bynum, of Greensboro will not be named Circuit Judge in the fourth district or to any other federal judgeship. This was made plain to Senator Overman today by President Harding, who informed the junior North Carolina senator that he had definitely decided not to appoint any man to the federal bench who has reached the age of sixty years.

The information given at the White House is that Judge Bynum is now 62 years old and therefore not eligible for appointment as a federal judge, according to the rules laid down by President Harding.

Isaac Meekins, of Elizabeth City, seems the best chance the Republicans now have of landing a North Carolinian on the federal bench. Mr. Meekins is already a candidate to succeed Judge Connor, should the latter retire, or should the President decide that the court does not demand an additional judge. In such an eventuality it is believed that Mr. Meekins stands the best chance of landing the job.