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## THREE THOUSAND ATTEND MEETING

### Tobacco Growers Hear Inspiring Addresses at Elkin Meeting

Elkin, June 10.—Three thousand tobacco growers of Surry and adjoining counties holding a great mass meeting in their own co-operative warehouse here today, listened with intense interest and enthusiasm to a great address by Oliver J. Sands, executive head of the Tri-State Tobacco Association, and the reports of progress of other general district and county officials.

The great cordiality and co-operation which was shown by the town of Elkin added to the enthusiasm of the thousands of tobacco growers who were holding a meeting in their own warehouse. Attorney J. F. Hendren, who delivered the address of welcome, presented representatives of the association from Surry, Yadkin, Stokes, Iredell and Guilford counties, who brought cheering news of the progress of the sign-up campaigns.

R. A. Freeman, speaking for Surry, declared the county organization numbered 2,500 tobacco growers, while A. S. Speer spoke for 750 or more growers of Yadkin. J. M. Galloway, of Guilford, the world's largest tobacco grower, pledged himself and 224 out of his 225 tenants as signers of the five-year contract. R. E. Patterson and F. D. Williams, experts in the light and dark leaf departments, made interesting and instructive speeches on the methods of handling and selling of tobacco. Following the presentation of District Director A. L. Bunker, of the Twelfth district, J. B. Swain, district manager, presented Mr. Sands, who made one of the strongest addresses ever listened to in this section. His clear and convincing report of the plans of the association was the outstanding feature of the day, the result being the sign-up of a great number of tobacco growers who came here undecided.

Announcement was made of a similar celebration on June 24 next at Pilot Mountain, the community having pledged any assistance necessary and fullest co-operation. The attendance considering the fact that it is the busiest season of the farmer and considering the wide area represented indicates the absorbing interest this great movement is receiving by the agricultural and commercial interests.

People here in numbers from nearly every community within a radius of 40 miles. The large warehouse, formerly known as McNeers' warehouse, has been leased to the association, and plans are being worked out for handling 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds of tobacco through this pooling station. The business community here has been keenly interested in the development of this association and great cordiality has been shown to the tobacco growers of this section. The representative men of the town are to a large extent lending their influence and assistance to the growers in making of this association a great success.

## 1,000 Quarts of Liquor Seized on Transport

Norfolk, Va., June 10.—Approximately 1,000 quarts of liquor, valued at more than \$10,000, were seized by marine guards of the navy yard today in a raid on the naval transport *Sirius*, under orders of Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard. Officers and men of the ship are confined to their ship under guard.

Information came to Admiral Andrews that a strong smell of whisky was evident in cargo being unloaded from the *Sirius* on to barges along side for shipment to the naval supply station at the naval base. Waiting until the barges had been loaded, Admiral Andrews ordered a search of the contents of the shipment and then had the ship thoroughly searched by the marine guards.

Guards were placed on board the transport and alongside the vessel. The *Sirius* returned to Hampton roads about a week ago from the West Indies and has been at the navy yard since. The whisky according to information received from Admiral Andrews, was put aboard the vessel as cargo at one of the West Indian ports.

The commanding officer of the *Sirius*, according to Admiral Andrews, was detached from the vessel today and ordered to the receiving barracks at the naval base.

A board of investigation has been convened.

"Where did these eggs come from?"

"I just laid them down."

"Down, you're in a bad way."—Ghent.

## SCRAPS OF PAPER BAR PRISON CELL

### Jesse L. Armfield Thought He Was Guilty but Jury Says Not

Lexington, June 12.—Scraps of paper prevented the conviction of Jesse L. Armfield, late president of the defunct Bank of Thomasville for embezzlement of funds from the bank.

These scraps of paper represented notes left by Armfield in place of \$162,000 that was taken from the Bank of Thomasville, \$20,000 of which was there to the credit of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville as a depositor.

These scraps stand for an imposing sum of money when compared with the coin of the realm owned by the average North Carolinian, but they become more imposing still when compared with the total deposits of \$329,000 carried by the Thomasville bank when it closed its doors the twentieth day of last August.

If Armfield had known these scraps of paper would save him from a prison term, no doubt he would have remained in America. He seemed to have believed, however, that scraps of paper, worthless scraps most of them, wouldn't save his hide and so hit the grit to Mexico, where scraps of paper are less highly respected.

The story of these scraps of paper furnish a background for a story without parallel in banking annals in North Carolina. They represent the difference, according to the law of the land as interpreted at Armfield's trial, between felonious intent and lack of felonious intent.

Of course, in these modern days the psychology of the situation must be considered. The stories of Armfield's disappearance, the report of the taking of money intended to feed orphan children, the knock down and drag out methods employed to get Armfield back to his native land, the enraged expressions of a lot of angry bank depositors—all these things had contributed to a popular conception of Armfield as a devil incarnate with real horns.

So strong was the feeling against Armfield here that the prosecution doubted its ability to get a jury that could hear the case impartially. Many men had to be discharged because of their admitted feeling against the defendant.

But it turned out that Armfield wasn't a devil at all. In all respects he appeared to be very much like other men, and a very human sort of person. This disarmed much feeling at the trial in everybody's mind except Armfield's. He was confident, so the local paper reports, that he would receive the maximum sentence of thirty years in prison. So much surprised was he at his acquittal that he actually recoiled from the jury that freed him. He could not believe that they did not consider him a devil still. After all he was a mere man.

The jury was introduced to a mazy maze of legal technicalities by the expert attorneys for Armfield. His lawyers argued that since there was a note for every loan made to Armfield and the companies representing him and every one properly entered upon the books of the bank, there could have been no fraudulent intent. They rang the charges on that word, and moved for dismissal of the action when the State completed its evidence. Judge Long refused and let it go to the jury. In his charge though he was careful to tell the jurors that they must convict Armfield believe that at the time the money was taken from the bank there was an intent to defraud the bank.

## Farmer of Durham Claims Prize Cow

Durham, June 10.—E. B. Cosort, prominent farmer of this county, claims the prize cow of 1922. Thursday, according to Mr. Cosort, the cow in question gave 41 quarts of milk at one milking. Four people helped in the milking and it took two hours to complete the job. While the milking was in progress two calves attempted to maul.

Enter the scraps of paper. The State's attorneys argued that it is axiomatic that the law presumes that every man intends the natural consequences of his acts. Many of the notes were unsecured by endorsers other than Armfield or his companies and this carelessness they argued, constituted evidence of fraudulent intentions.

## Foxes Plentiful in Eastern Carolina

Kinston, June 10.—The trained packs of the local fox chase club and other hunters in this section have failed to "make a dent" in the tribe of wily Reynard after a fast season of fox hunting, and the closed season here will not be observed. The law is elastic. Where foxes are a nuisance they may be hunted at any time. Local farmers are still tendering barbecued pigs to the Kinston sportsmen whose favorite pastime is making life miserable for the foxes.

Members of the hunt club today told of a run Thursday night which could not be terminated until day-break. The dogs could not be gathered up, so many trails had been struck. The hunters were compelled to stay with the pack until 4 a. m. Numbers of fox "puppies" have been seen recently, indicating that the new crop is large.

## THE NEGRO IN AMERICA

### Census Gives Interesting Facts About Colored Race

Youths Companion:

When the first census of the United States was taken in 1790 one person in every five was a negro, or, to be exact, 19.3 per cent. Two years ago, when the fourteenth census was taken, one person in every ten was black. The facts are interesting, for they show that in spite of the well-known fecundity of the black race it is not increasing so rapidly in this country as the white race is. The white people, of course, have added millions to their number by immigration and other millions through the offspring of immigrants, whereas the colored race has had almost no increase of that sort. But the process was noticeable even before the great tide of immigration began in the forties. In the fifty years between 1790-1840 the proportion of whites in our population rose from 80.7 per cent to 83.2 per cent. In the half century between 1870 and 1920 it went from 86.2 to 89.7 per cent; that is, it rose more rapidly but not more steadily than in the earlier period. There is some reason to think that the negroes were under-enumerated in the last census—Dr. Kelly Miller of Howard University feels certain of it; but even with the revised figures that he suggests the proportion of whites would be 89.4 per cent, whereas in 1910 it was only 88.9.

A still more remarkable fact brought out by the census is the gradual shifting of the negro population from South to North. The five states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, where the negroes are most numerous actually had thirty-seven thousand fewer black persons in 1920 than they had in 1910. The five states of New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois had three hundred and twenty thousand more. The negro, like the white man, begins to show a tendency to leave the farm for the city and the factory. With the movement, perhaps because of it, comes a diminishing colored birth rate, which according to the census authorities is not yet offset, as it is in the case of the white race, by a greatly diminished death rate. It seems reasonable to believe that the colored race will not thrive so well in the colder climate of the North and under the confining conditions of industrial life as it has thrived on the plantations of the South; but the northward drift is unmistakable. It will take a long time to make the wider distribution of the negro socially and politically apparent. No doubt there will always be more negroes in the South than in the North; but Judge Tourgee's prediction of "eight black republics" in the South is already discredited. The negro is moving out of the "Black Belt" into a wider world.

## Co-operative Marketing in Full Swing in Durham

Durham, June 10.—J. E. Bowling, recently appointed as district manager for co-operative marketing of the western district, is making a tour of the entire district, perfecting his organization. Durham county has at present a sign-up of about 70 per cent of its farmers. Meetings are being held throughout the county by local advocates of the system which are being attended by a large number of farmers. Plans are underway for another campaign to secure signatures of the farmers who have not already signed the co-operative marketing contracts. Two of the four local warehouses have been turned over to the cooperative, and will be operated under the new system this season.

## Dewberry Crop is Now Being Marketed

Sanford, June 10.—The gathering and shipping of the dewberry crop is well under way. Rain has interfered with picking and packing to some extent. It is now estimated that approximately 220 cars of berries will be gathered and shipped from the berry belt this season. The crop shows an increase of about 300 per cent over the crop of last year, and it is reported that several hundred additional acres will be planted to dewberries this fall. The crop this year is of an exceptionally fine quality and those that have been shipped sold at good prices.

"Did that patent medicine you bought cure your aunt?"

"Mercy, no! On reading the booklet that was wrapped around the bottle she got two more diseases."

## Unshaken Testimony

Time is the test of truth. And Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test in Mount Airy. No Mount Airy resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

Mrs. J. C. Harris, 306 S. Main St., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills cured me three years ago of a bad case of backache. Before I took Doan's, I couldn't stoop or straighten without getting awful pains in my kidneys and my back ached so I could hardly do my housework. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills recommended so highly, I got a box of them at the West Drug Co. (now the Julius Eldridge Drug Store) and when I had taken a few my back felt a great deal better. One box made me feel as strong as ever and I have had no trouble since."

Four years later, Mrs. Harris added: "I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly as I did before. Doan's put me in good health and I recommend them whenever I have an opportunity."

So, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Wfsa, Buffalo, N. Y.

## MaGUIRE TO CONTEST HAYMORE

### Irregularities in Stokes Precincts Leads MaGuire to Take Legal Action

Danbury Reporter, July 8.

S. A. MaGuire will contest the nomination of R. L. Haymore to the Senate in this district. MaGuire, accompanied by Sheriff Ashburn, of Surry, was here today securing affidavits regarding irregularities in the Stokes primary. N. Earl Wall, Register of Deeds of Stokes, and Odell Jones, member of the Stokes Board of Elections, made affidavits that eight precincts, to-wit: Lawsonville, Boyles, Wilson's Store, Moir, Frans, Flinty Knoll, East Sandy Ridge, and West Sandy Ridge, sent in returns unsworn to while up to this time the returns from Tilley's precinct have not been received at all. All of which is contrary to law, and against the peace and dignity of the State. Whereupon, Mr. MaGuire, whose nomination hinges upon three or four votes, declares he will take action to have the irregular returns thrown out on the ground of possible fraud.

MaGuire has retained Attorney J. W. Hall to represent his interests here in the matter.

## Last of St. Louis Mounds is Being Obliterated

St. Louis, June 10.—The last of the famous mounds, which skirted the Mississippi river in north St. Louis, and which gave this city the sobriquet, "The Mound City," is being levelled to make way for an ice plant.

This last of the old mounds, which are supposed to have been built in prehistoric times, is about 500 feet in length and about 30 feet wide.

The excavating forces report that spears, arrow heads and peculiarly shaped pebbles are found in the mounds, which in times past have been the sites of homes of early Louisians.

When St. Louis was founded there were 27 of these mounds leading from the little city on what was called by scientists the "second bank" of the river. They were striking parts of the landscape in the neighborhood and impressed visitors to the place. When the city became a small town the mounds caused it to be called the "Mound City," although the growth of the town has obliterated most of the traces of the artificial earth works.

## Hides Porch From Autoists

Postmaster Lester T. Smith of Layton, N. J., has a big front porch on his house, which is on Bingman's road at a point where there is a sharp curve, and for many years he has sat there in the evenings and smoked his pipe without anything happening to him. But Monday he was having a smoke when an automobile came around the bend and skidded, smashing into the porch and wrecking one end of it.

The automobilist paid for the damage and went on his way and the postmaster sent for a carpenter, who worked all night putting a new end on the porch. The postmaster went out to have another smoke, but he had hardly tilted his chair back and lighted his pipe when another automobile came whizzing around the curve and skidded.

Once more the machine crashed into the porch and wrecked an end of it. But Smith was not hurt, and he got out of the debris in time to collect from the automobilist, who paid and drove on. Then the postmaster called for the carpenter and gave orders, but not for a new front porch. He told the carpenter to tear down the front porch and build one on the rear of the house.—Newton N. J., Dispatch.

## Fell 56 Feet and is Killed

Statesville, June 10.—William Goforth, 23, of this city, who while painting a smokestack for the Grier Cotton Mill company at Wilkesboro, fell from the stack to the roof, a distance of 56 feet, breaking almost every bone in his body, died here yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock. Funeral was conducted by Rev. C. S. Cashwell from the home of Mrs. John Goforth, mother of the deceased, in West Statesville, this afternoon and burial was in Oakdale cemetery. Mr. Goforth is survived by his wife and one child, his wife residing in Winston-Salem.

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## MOTOR LICENSE FOR 1923

### Color is Green and White—Everybody Including City, County and State Officials Must Have License Number.

Raleigh News and Observer:

Fifteen hundred green and white automobile license tags for 1923-25 went out to early applicants yesterday, beginning the twelfth annual relicensing of motor vehicles in the State, and a force of 50 clerks will be kept busy for the next two months registering and licensing the 200,000 motor vehicles in North Carolina.

Breaks were included largely in the numbers that went out yesterday, unusual numbers that have been requested for years and years by motorists. No. 1 went for the ninth consecutive year to Thos. B. Wilder, of Aberdeen, a brother-in-law of Highway Commissioner Frank Page. No. 13 and 1313 went to Senator Mark Squires in Caldwell.

Every automobile, motor truck and cycle in North Carolina will have a tag issued by the State this year, whether the vehicle is owned by the State, county or municipality. The special session of the General Assembly did away with the special license plates that came into vogue a year ago, and police departments street departments, and the like will disappear, even to the resplendent brass plate on the rear of the Governor's car.

One dollar is the fee that will be charged for State, county and city cars, and with each application must come certification that the car is actually owned by the State, county or city. No privately owned automobiles operated by public officials will be licensed under public licensees. The fee charged will cover the cost of the license.

Approximately 148,000 passenger cars, 15,000 trucks, 1,400 motor cycles and 90 dealers have been licensed during the year that is drawing to an end, or a total of about 165,000 automobiles. Licenses for the ensuing year are expected to approach the 200,000 mark. Receipts from all sources during the year \$3,000,000.

One thousand special licenses have been ordered for the State highway commission, numbered from 1 to 1,000. They are duplicates of the regular plates, except the letter H stenciled in one end. The first hundred will be used for service cars and the remaining 900 distributed among the maintenance and engineering cars, in the nine districts. Numbers from 100 to 199 will go to the First District, 200 to 299 to the Second District, and so on.

## Wants An Armenian Child to "Mother," Writes Child

Raleigh, June 10.—A request from a ten-year old school girl of Linwood, to be given an Armenian child to "mother," has just been received by Col. George H. Bellamy, state chairman of the near east relief.

Little Beatrice Crump, of this Davidson county town, hearing of the countless orphans in the famine-stricken and Turk-ridden Bible lands, wrote to Colonel Bellamy and asked that they "ship" her a child to take care of.

"I am writing to ask you will you please ship me one of the little Armenian children," she wrote. "I will be as good as a mother to her, school her and send her to Sunday school. Beatrice Crump."

Colonel Bellamy was forced to write, as in all cases where personal adoptions are requested, that the charter from Congress under which the near east relief operates prevents the unfortunate children being sent out of the orphanages of Armenia.

## SIGN UP CLOSES AS HOUSES OPEN

### Growers Who Wait Will be Obligated to Depend on Auction System.

Raleigh, June 10.—Tobacco growers who wait and see what the auction system will do for the farmers again this year will be obliged to trust the sale of their 1922 crop to the auction warehouses according to today's announcement from Raleigh headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association.

The opening of the hundred and seventy-five warehouses of the association will mark the end of the opportunity which farmers now have to sign up this year's crop with the organized growers.

Six thousand new members, thirty million pounds of tobacco and one hundred and seventy-five warehouses have been added within three months to the association which is now the largest co-operative association in the United States, with over 72,000 growers.

Several eastern North Carolina counties have now passed an 80 per cent sign-up and intense campaigning continues by warehousemen of the association to bring the average sign-up to 75 per cent of the tobacco raised in eastern North Carolina.

Thousands of farmers from six western North Carolina counties gathered at Elkin yesterday to celebrate with Surry county growers the sign-up of close to 90 per cent of their tobacco and welcome Oliver J. Sands, executive manager of the association of tobacco growers.

## RECORD CROP IN VIRGINIA

### Farmers Don't Appear to be Afraid of Overproduction—Crop in South Carolina

Danville, June 5.—The crop conditions in this section of Virginia are exceptionally good.

The wheat crop is one of the largest seen in years and uniformly good. Harvesting will begin in about two weeks.

The tobacco farmers have practically completed their task of planting out the crop.

This year there has been a succession of good seasons, warm rains propitious for transplanting the tobacco shoots from the beds to the field.

Few tobacco men remember when virtually the entire crop was planted out before June and it augurs an exceptionally early harvest barring prolonged unseasonable weather.

The crop of tobacco is a tremendous one. This is accounted for in some measure by the fact that the tobacco growers believe now that the co-operative sales method has been perfected, the more tobacco they raise the more money they will get. Last year the cry was "shorter acreage and better tobacco" but this year at least this teaching is being forgotten and a record crop is in view.

In South Carolina the crop is so advanced that "topping" will begin within a fortnight.

Interest in the fate of the new "pool" organization is still intense with proponents and advocates engaging in more or less constant arguments.

Everybody appears to have agreed the new plan works in practice and there is now a period of watchful now that it remains to be seen how waiting for the crop to come in.

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