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CONVENTION OF FARM WOMEN

Expecting 1,000 to Attend Meeting at Raleigh on August 1, 2 and 3

Unusual attractions for the farm women of North Carolina are offered on the program of the Farm Women's convention which meets at State college in Raleigh in conjunction with the State Farmer's convention August 1, 2 and 3. The convention this year is a month earlier than usual and the annual assembly of farmers and farm women having been held the last two or three days in August instead of the first for a number of years past.

Plans are being made for at least one thousand farm women at this convention and with a view to arousing their interest Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state home demonstration agent, and secretary of the Farm Women's convention, has written an open letter to the farm women of North Carolina, in which she outlines in brief the program speakers.

Mrs. McKimmon writes as follows: "My dear North Carolina Farm Women:

"I should like to see every one of you present at the Farmer's and Farm Women's convention which is held in Raleigh August 1, 2, 3. Come with your husbands and brothers and make a rousing meeting of at least one thousand women. We can do it if you will tell your neighbors of the good times to be had and the good things to be heard and seen.

"The rooms at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering are free and the meals are only 50 cents each. To be comfortable you should bring along sheets, towels, and do not forget a mirror as the rooms are furnished for that sex which is not supposed to use one.

"Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Charles Schutler, one of the best speakers of the West, herself a farm woman, will talk to us of what organization has meant to the farm women of her section and what it can mean to other women. In her speech before the National Home Bureau she carried the convention by storm as she did also at the Country Life meeting in Atlanta last fall.

"There are few who would not enjoy the other part of the Tuesday afternoon program. A demonstration and talk on what good lines and harmonious colorings in dress can do for a woman. Live models will be used to demonstrate the good and bad points and the fat and thin women can see herself as other see her while she is learning how to be well dressed on a modest income.

"Wednesday morning everybody should be present when the Home Bureau through its delegates will tell how the rural women of North Carolina are organized and just what they find of interest to bring them out to the monthly or fortnightly meetings, what demonstrations and lectures on nutrition have done for the family health; what the rearrangement of the kitchen as a convenient workshop means in time saving; what they did in the classes in the way of making dress forms; learning to alter patterns planning and selecting and making a dress and how they can beautify and make comfortable a home.

"The garden, canning, and jelly-making, together with the family cow and backyard flock come in not only in the report of what they do in nutrition, but for their income earning value also. It is the butter, eggs, and canned goods money that enables many farm women to come to the convention, improve their homes, and do the thousand and one other things they could not do without it.

"Community sings will be held each night when men and women are gathered together in Pullen Hall for a social hour, and a very amusing play 'The Lion and the Lady' will be given by the Raleigh Community Players on one night of the convention.

"The joint program for men and women will include discussions on country life; the home; the church; and the school, when some distinguished speakers will take part in the discussions."

The Coin Rattled

Two brothers received a legacy of \$5,000 each, and the first thing they did was to buy a car. Joe bought a Pierce-Arrow for his \$5,000 and Jack bought a Ford for \$500. On the way home Joe looked disdainfully at the Ford and scornfully shouted to Jack: "That Ford makes an awful noise." Jack replied: "It's not the Ford rattling, it's the \$4,500 in my pocket."

EIGHT CHILDREN DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Shell Explodes, Was Found on Target Range, Brought Home as a "Souvenir."

Watertown, N. Y., July 12.—Eight children, ranging in age from 11 to 16 years of age were blown to pieces late today by the explosion of a 75 millimeter shell on the back porch of a house in Dimmick street, occupied by Edward G. Workman and William L. Salisbury.

The shell, which was owned by Mr. Workman, was one which he had kept as a souvenir and used on the rear porch to hold the door from closing. It was believed to be "dead."

The children were playing croquet in the back yard. The shell is believed to have either been set off by the hot sun or to have been struck by one of the victims with a croquet mallet. Windows within a radius of two blocks were shattered by the explosion.

Practically all of the clothing was blown off the bodies of the children. Fragments of it lodged in trees and house tops in the vicinity. The bodies were horribly mutilated but identification was possible in every instance.

One of the first physicians on the scene was Dr. F. W. Jones. Lifting a covering which had been placed over one of the forms, he recognized the body of his 12-year-old daughter Vivian, by means of an adhesive dressing he had placed on a cut on her leg barely a half hour before. He did not know his daughter was in the group and was almost overcome with grief.

The bodies of the children were found apparently at places near where they had been standing in their croquet game. Near them lay fragments of the croquet mallets. Several of the balls used in the game were blown to bits and the wickets were torn from the ground.

The shell apparently let go without warning. Two carpenters at work on a house next door to the Workman home said that a second before the detonation they had heard the voices of the children laughing at play. The two men were the first to reach the scene.

They were greeted by a scene of utter desolation. The Workman house is of concrete and the concussion had reduced the entire rear of the house to powder. On the ground lay the eight bodies and over all a grey pall of concrete dust was beginning to settle.

Fragments of clothing were suspended from trees and housetops. Two automobile tires which had been on the back porch were blown to the roof of a building 200 feet away. Blocks of concrete were blown against neighboring houses and into the streets and surrounding yards.

The shell was what is commonly known as a "dud." The projectile had been fired from one of the six inch howitzers during target practice of the 104th field artillery at Pine Plains reservation last summer. It had not exploded by fuse or contact and lay in the sand fully charged when Mr. Workman found it and brought it home as a souvenir.

He kept it in his home during the winter and this summer used it as a weight to adjust the screen door on his rear porch.

Capt. G. H. Schumacher, construction quartermaster temporarily with the first field artillery at Madison barracks, was asked by police to inspect the remnants of the shell tonight. Captain Schumacher believes the excessive heat beating down on the projectile caused the TNT charge to expand and made the shell liable to explosion at a much less concussion than normally.

Presence of the concrete wall of the house behind the shell, Captain Schumacher said, threw the force of the explosion forward and directly against the eight children, almost as if they had been standing directly in the path of the gun. Police tonight are honeycombing the city for souvenir shells and already have found six, all of which were picked up last summer on the sands at Pine Plains. They were dropped in the Black river tonight on advice of Captain Schumacher.

THE NEXT MOVE

Said a friend to the proud father of a college graduate who had just been awarded an A. M. degree: "I suppose Robert will be looking for a Ph. D. next?" "No, he will be looking for a J. O. B."—Life.

TEN MILLION FOR COTTON GROWERS

N. C. Cotton Growers' Co-Operative Association Assured of Adequate Financial Facilities

Washington, July 12.—Backing to the extent of ten million dollars by the War Finance Corporation is assured the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association for the financing of this year's cotton crop. This is expected to provide credit for the orderly marketing of the cotton of its 27,000 members.

This announcement was made this afternoon following the visit of a delegation from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association to Washington, and at the same time the War Finance Corporation announced advances to other cotton growers' association bringing the total credits granted today up to \$24,000,000.

The advances which will be used to assist in the orderly marketing of cotton this fall were approved by the government body as follows:

Arkansas Farmers' Union Cotton Growers' Association, \$1,000,000.

Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association, \$3,000,000.

South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, \$10,000,000.

North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, \$10,000,000.

It is significant that the North Carolina association, which now has 350,000 bales of cotton pledged, got all that they asked for. Before advances for credit are made careful investigation is made by the War Finance Corporation.

The advances by the War Finance Corporation will be made through the North Carolina banks up to fifty per cent of the value of the cotton held by the association and the banks will be expected to take care of the other half. It is not expected that all of the ten million dollars will be required as it is understood that North Carolina banks are in excellent condition and will be able to take care of a large part of the necessary advances.

With the approach of the time for the marketing of the cotton crop, the co-operatives are carefully planning to avoid a congestion of the cotton markets. The North Carolina association is planning to put on an intensive drive for new members before the opening of the new crop season that will bring its total sign up to 600,000 bales.

The North Carolina association has the backing of expert financiers and no difficulty is anticipated in financing the orderly marketing of cotton in view of the action of the War Finance Corporation today.

CO-OP LEADER NOT GETTING BIG SALARY

Oliver J. Sands Severely Arraigned Men Who Fostered Rumor, Spirit of Service

Raleigh, July 8.—Oliver J. Sands, of Richmond, executive manager of Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association, and known throughout the south as president of the American National bank of Richmond, severely arraigned the men who have fostered the rumor to the effect that the chief executive of the association of 75,000 tobacco growers is receiving extravagant remuneration, in a statement given out by association headquarters.

Illustrating the spirit of service which prompts leaders of the co-operatives to undertake work in this constructive movement, Mr. Sands said:

There are some people so selfish and narrow-minded that they cannot believe that there are business men living in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina who are willing to devote their time and talents to the service of the people and their states.

"These people have stated that I am receiving large compensation for my services. This I deny. I am working in this wholly because I believe it will be of great benefit to our people, and I know that if we help the farmer we help all the people. I will receive reward in personal satisfaction and in the same manner as any other merchant and banker," said Mr. Sands, who asked, "Why is it that co-operative marketing is increasing and growing wherever it has been tried?" and pointed out that a few years ago three hundred million dollars of products were marketed through co-operative associations, and that this year more than one billion dollars worth of products will be sold by co-operative associations.

MONSTER DIRIGIBLE BUILDING IN NAVY YARD

Philadelphia Ship is Turning Out the Latest Model of Zeppelin Air Craft.

Philadelphia, July 12.—A monster dirigible, the ZR-1, is being built in the aircraft factory of the Philadelphia navy yard. It is to be fully as big as that ill-fated leviathan of the air, the ZR-2, which collapsed and fell flaming into the Hull river in England last summer bringing a terrible death to more than a score of its crew.

As fast as the parts are completed here they are sent to the hanger at Lakehurst, N. J., which will be the home port of the giant airship. It is expected that by next April the ZR-1 will be ready for its first flight.

This dirigible will be the first of the Zeppelin type to have been built in this country. Commander Westervelt and his associates in the naval aircraft factory are being guided in the ZR-1 by the tragedies of similar craft.

The envelop will be 700 feet long and 85 feet in maximum diameter. It will be cigar-shaped. The cloth will be of staple back-spun cotton one inch in thickness. A specially devised varnish will make it sun and water proof. Nineteen balloons are being built in Akron, O. These will have a total gas capacity of 2,700,000 cubic feet. It is not considered likely that helium (non-inflammable gas) can be used because of the immense quantity that would be necessary.

Originally the intention was to equip the ZR-1 with seven Liberty engines capable of developing a total of 2,100 horsepower, but navy experts are experimenting with a new type of motor, the specifications of which are not being made public, but which likely will be the type used.

When the ZR-1 is completed, experts say it will have power to cruise one-third of the distance around the world without having to descend. It will have a lifting power of 85 tons. The average speed, it is estimated, will be 50 miles an hour, its maximum 75.

Quarters for the officers and the men will be along the keelway extending almost the entire length of the ship. They will have a width of eight feet and a height of seven.

Sandhills Peach Crop Will Probably Reach 1,250 Cars

Aberdeen, July 15.—The peach industry of this section is at the beginning of the busy part of the biggest year's work that has ever been in the sandhills. The early peaches have about all gone and the standard kinds such as Belles, Elbertas and Hales, are just getting ready for shipment. During the next two weeks there will be hundreds and hundreds of solid car loads going out from here; shipments going forward every day. There are about 450 crates to a car and it is expected that the crop will be more than 1,250 cars. The crop is unusually fine, the size and color being over an average.

The peach exchange here, where all of the car shipments are arranged, is a busy place and it keeps the large force of clerks hard at work to have shipments moving promptly.

Much interest is being taken in the new Peach exchange, a handsome building designed and erected solely for the co-operative selling of peaches and costing \$25,000.

A "peach show" is to be held at Hamlet soon. The peach exchange here asks everybody who is interested in the peach industry after looking at the display there to come up to headquarters of the peach industry at Aberdeen and see some peaches and the orchards and get an idea of what the business really is, in fact to get a ground floor view of it. They will welcome you and will see to it that you are shown whatever special part of the work you wish to see, together with full information in regard to anything connected with the industry. You will enjoy seeing this new and promising industry which means about a million and a half dollars to this section annually and which is constantly increasing.

The time is favorable, the roads are fine and you will be gladly welcomed whenever you come.

GIVE IT IN LIFE

If you've a rose to give
Give it in life;
If kindness you would share
Give it in life;
For when loved ones are dead
'Tis then too late to give,
So of the good you'd give,
Give it in life. —Exchange

FORD'S PLAN BEATEN IN COMMITTEE

Senate Committee on Agriculture Refuses to Report Any Plan Favorably

Washington, July 15.—The senate committee on agriculture refused today to favorably report a plan for developing the government's \$106,000,000 project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and left the question to be settled on the senate floor.

All proposals submitted to the committee, including those of Henry Ford, the Alabama Power company, and that offered by Senator Norris, committee chairman, for government development and operation were rejected by a majority of the committee.

Henry Ford's tender came the nearest to receiving a favorable report. It was rejected, 9 to 7, while the Norris proposal was voted down, 9 to 5. The other offers were disposed of without a record vote.

The plans of Senator Norris and Mr. Ford, however, will be submitted to the senate by their proponents in the form of minority recommendations from the committee. Senator Norris will make a report urging acceptance of the government ownership bill, while Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota, will present the bill he has already introduced providing for unconditional acceptance of the Ford offer.

Failure of the committee to favorably report one of the proposals was interpreted by some senate leaders as tending to bear out their predictions that the senate would not take final action before adjournment of this congress. Had the committee approved one of the plans and a majority of its members supported it for early consideration in the senate, it was said, there would have been more reason to expect the senate to act quickly.

Senators Norris and Ladd said they would offer their reports at an early date. Senator Norris expected to conclude work on his draft tomorrow and Senator Ladd said the preparation of his report would require only a few days. It was suggested that both opinions would be placed before the senate for its information next week and made available for publication at the same time.

Sparta Man Killed and Body Thrown in Pond

Winston-Salem July 14.—A report came from Alleghany county that Thomas Wagoner, a young man living near Sparta, was murdered Monday night and his body thrown in the pond of the Sparta Roller Mill, where it was found late Tuesday afternoon. According to information received here, Wagoner was last seen in company with two young men Monday afternoon, riding in an automobile.

His failure to return home Monday night created suspicion and search was instituted Tuesday, the result being that the body was found in the pond. The car was found alone in the woods near the pond. The names of the two men seen with Wagoner were not learned, though it is reported that they are known and that officers expect to make arrests in a few days.

It is learned that the parties had arranged to transfer their residence, either temporarily or permanently, in the State of Maryland, that they were short of funds, etc., and it is believed that Wagoner, who is reported to have had eighty dollars in his pockets, was robbed before or after the murder.

Costly Campaigns

Mr. Pinchot, who was recently nominated for Governor by the Republicans of Pennsylvania, has filed according to law a statement of the expenses of his campaign in which he places his outlay at \$93,000. It is another illustration of the lavish way in which money can be spent "legitimately" in primary campaigns, for no one accuses Mr. Pinchot of spending anything for corrupting the electorate. It is pointed out that, if Mr. Pinchot had merely mailed a post card to each Republican voter to apprise him of his candidacy, it would have cost him nearly \$20,000. Senator Pepper's campaign expenses were reported as \$58,000. On the other hand, Col. S. W. Brookhart, who was nominated by the Republicans of Iowa for United States Senator, reports that he spent only \$453.98 on his campaign. Colonel Brookhart, who defeated five other candidates, is regarded as the most radical of the lot in his political ideas.

BANKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Statesville Cashier Takes His Life When Big Shortage is Discovered

Statesville, July 13.—C. E. Pennington, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Statesville, late tonight fired a bullet through his head in his home here and died 45 minutes later. The tragedy followed announcement today of a shortage of approximately \$85,000 in the accounts of Cashier John W. Guy, Sr.

Pennington, it was said at his home following the tragedy, had been seated on the front porch with his wife and child and some neighbors, but excused himself and went upstairs. After a few minutes a shot was heard and he was found on his bed with a bullet hole in his temple. Notes addressed to friends apparently having been hurriedly written, tonight were found in the room in all of which he expressed sorrow because of the situation at the bank, and in a note to his wife declared further that his own books and accounts all were straight, but intimated, according to Mrs. Pennington, that he had known for some time that all was not well in the bank.

Shortage of Long Standing

Statesville, July 13.—Upon examination of the books of the First National bank of Statesville, the national bank examiner today found a shortage of approximately \$85,000 in the accounts of Cashier John W. Guy, Sr.

Upon receiving this information the officers and directors took hold of the situation and made provision to protect all patrons against any loss.

The condition of the bank came as a surprise both to the public and to the directors. Twice this year an examiner had been over the affairs of the institution and reported everything all right. The shortage, it is said, extends over a period of years. With the report made to the controller of the currency of the Federal Reserve Bank, the bank's total resources of \$954,233.36.

President R. A. Cooper assumed the duties as cashier and the bank is being operated as usual. The directors state that the stock in this bank is absolutely worth 100 cents on the dollar and the depositors are fully protected against any loss whatever.

Shopmen at Spencer Get Checks For June

Spencer, July 15.—Pay checks for the last half of the month of June were handed out today to the striking railroad shopmen and were gladly received. The pay day was a heavy one as the shops had been running on full time and all the men make good checks. The expected strike had caused every employe to make all the time he could before the call to quit came. The checks were handed out at the freight depot in Salisbury which obviated the necessity for the men to go to the shops where a number of men are at work night and day. In addition to the shop pay roll which is said to have been about \$40,000 for the past two weeks, the road men and other departments were also paid off as usual today and it is estimated that the pay roll for the fortnight aggregated something like \$200,000 for all the employes whose time is kept at Spencer. On July 30 the shopmen will have pay coming to them for two and three quarter hours time made July 1, the day the strike took place.

Warns Preacher to Keep Silent

Spencer, July 14.—The State Federation of Labor through its president Jas. F. Barrett today offered a reward of three hundred dollars for information necessary to convict the reprobate who wrote an anonymous letter to Rev. Tom P. Jimison, pastor of Spencer Methodist church, on July 12th. The letter was mailed in Salisbury and contains threats of bodily harm against the minister. The letter is said to be in direct violation of the postal laws.

It is declared the threats were inspired because of Rev. Mr. Jimison's interest in the striking railroad shopmen. One statement in the anonymous letter warns the minister that the sooner he gets out of the community the better it will be for all concerned. Rev. Mr. Jimison refuses to be scared a bit, but rather rejoices in the effectiveness of his fight for the railroad craftsmen.

"How does water get into the watermelon?" The seed is planted in the spring.