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ABERDEEN VOTES TO BACK TOBACCO MARKET 100%

Enthusiasm Features Meeting of Citizens Held To Discuss Plans for Season

VOTE ADVERTISING FUND

United support of Aberdeen business men and citizens was pledged the forthcoming tobacco market at an enthusiastic meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the Community House Monday evening, and the machinery set in motion to make this a record year locally.

Senator Murdoch Johnson outlined the purpose of the meeting and called on various citizens present to express their views of what should be done to stimulate the market which opens here on September 22d. Among those who spoke in favor of concerted and vigorous action this year were J. R. Page, T. D. McLean, Frank Shamburger, G. C. Seymour, Dr. A. H. McLeod, "Judge" Avery and Bion H. Butler. All maintained that the continued growth of the tobacco market is vitally essential to the welfare and upbuilding of Aberdeen, and that the market's development should be made a united effort of the citizens.

It was voted to raise through popular subscription the sum of \$500 for advertising the Aberdeen market, and Frank Shamburger was named chairman of a committee to get in the funds. Another meeting was called for next Monday night to report on progress and to make further plans for the opening of the 22d of next month.

Some Wild-Fire

In some sections of the tobacco belt much wild-fire is raising havoc with the crop. The damage seems confined to certain sections, Vass, Carthage and out the Raeford way showing most effects. But in the main the crop is passing the most satisfactory ever raised in this belt. The general average of all the leaf is of better type. Rains, which harmed that which suffers from the wild-fire, seem to have stimulated a good growth in most fields, and this is so pronounced that the tobacco men figure on an average quality so good that prices promise to be better than a year ago. The price for similar grades is running on the border markets about like a year ago, but as the quality is better in this section than last year the expectation is that the price for a full warehouse floor, day by day will show a higher total for the same number of pounds.

The warehouse men are much encouraged by the outlook as they hear from all sections that farmers are coming this way with their leaf. The signs are that a larger total of good tobacco will be sold in Aberdeen than in any previous year, and that prices will be satisfactory.

New Belt Opening

Next Tuesday, September 1, auction sales of tobacco will start on the new bright belt of the North Carolina tobacco market.

There are 18 markets in the bright belt and last season 68 warehouses were operated.

With the state of North Carolina

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McKEITHEN, WILDER BACK FROM EUROPEAN CRUISE

Edwin T. McKeithen, Jr., of Aberdeen returned Wednesday night from a cruise of European waters as a midshipman of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was aboard the U. S. S. Arkansas. The middies were gone two months and, according to Edwin, had a wonderful time. Frank Wilder, another Aberdeen youth who made the trip, also returns home this week.

AT THE MOVIES

Carolina, Southern Pines, Thurs., Fri., Sat., Aug. 27, 28, 29—"Mother's Millions" with May Robson.

Mon., Tues., Wed., Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1—"Transatlantic" with Edmund Lowe and Lois Moran.

Dixie, Aberdeen: Fri., and Sat., August 28th and 29th—Constance Bennett in "The Common Law."

Prosperous

Hemp, Oblivious of Depression To Celebrate with Fair Week of October 5

The people up around Hemp haven't heard anything about this depression business. The prosperity that has come over the neighborhood in the upper end of the county is moving the folks to plan for a fair week October 5 to 10, in the village. Farm crops have been unusually good, grain and poultry have made fine showing, fruit and similar crops are gratifying, and along with that the industries of the village and vicinity are thriving.

The Silk Mill is carrying a large payroll, with the people prosperous. Building is active. The people want a home-coming and merry-making, and a few days of old-time mixing, and a fair is projected. Paul Waddell of Carthage and Stacy Brewer of Vass, a former resident of the upper section, have been enlisted to help the game along. Exhibits prepared for the fair at Hemp can be taken the following week to the fair at Carthage, which Mr. Brewer says will be the case with many of the things offered. The state highway between Biscoe and Carthage has been finished and opened for travel, giving perfect facilities for approaching Hemp from all directions. So the folks have figured on bringing in the neighbors and making a holiday.

NEWLY EQUIPPED DIXIE THEATRE TO OPEN TO PUBLIC

First Performance With New Sound System and Feature Films Tonight, Friday

THREE SHOWS EACH DAY

After a long period of inactivity, the Dixie Theatre of Aberdeen opens tonight, Friday, at 7:30 p. m. under the new management of E. S. Holloman and J. C. White of Charlotte.

The Western Electric sound system has been installed, assuring patrons the latest in talkie equipment. New and up-to-date pictures featuring the most popular stars will be shown. It is stated that all the largest producers have been contracted with for the new pictures to be produced during the seasons of 1931 and 1932.

The policy will be four pictures per week. These to be run Monday and Tuesday, one picture Wednesday and one Thursday and Friday, with a new program for Saturday.

The admission prices will be: Matinee, Adults 30c, night, 40c. The admission for children will be 10 cents at all times.

Matinee shows will start at 3:15 every afternoon, with doors opening at 3:00 p. m., so that all will have ample time to purchase tickets and get seats before the performance starts. These matinees will be given daily until further notice. The night shows will start at 7:30 p. m. with doors open at 7:15. Two shows will be run each night.

There will be no matinee performance today, Friday, the opening show starting at 7:30.

SEABOARD OFFICIALS HERE TO PLAN GOLF TOURNEY

Three officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, J. C. Wroton, R. T. Etheridge and W. D. Simpson were guests of the Parkview in Southern Pines this week. Mr. Wroton is chairman of the tournament committee of the Seaboard Golf Association and Mr. Etheridge is secretary and treasurer of the organization. Their visit was the final consultation with officers of the Country Club prior to the big meet of next week.

U. S. No. 1 will be completed as an all-paved route from Maine to Florida prior to the date of the celebration.

IMPETUS GIVEN BROILER RAISING IN MEETING HERE

Dr. Orton of Statesville Gives Poultry Association Pointers on Successful Production

BIG LOCAL POSSIBILITIES

Profitable broiler production was the keynote of the round table discussion, led by Dr. Orton of Statesville, which featured the third meeting of the Moore County Poultry Association held in the Community House at Aberdeen last Friday night.

One of the first questions asked Dr. Orton was in regard to battery brooding and brought forth the comment that in his opinion it was successful as a method of broiler production within certain limitations. He called particular attention to the fact that most battery brooders are overrated as to capacity and emphasized the danger of overcrowding. In the course of his remarks on battery brooding he spoke of some successful home-made battery brooders which he thought might meet the needs of local poultrymen.

Upon being asked to name the best breed for broiler production purposes Dr. Orton declined to name any in particular but did point out some of the advantages and disadvantages of some of the breeds most used for the purpose. He said that where broilers were to be raised on a commercial scale he preferred a cross bred chicken, preferably the cross obtained by mating either brown or white leghorn hens to a Cornish cockerel. This cross, he stated, gave an easily hatched egg, a chick strong in vitality, quick feathering and heavy breast and thighs.

The importance of fattening and finishing broilers properly was stressed, and in this connection the speaker said that the feeding of semi-solid buttermilk during the fattening period of seven or eight days, along with a well-balanced fattening ration, gave the best results.

Big Market Possibilities

R. L. Mayfield, vocational teacher at the Vass-Lakeview School, pointed out the great local market afforded by the hotels of the section during the months of January and February, and said that this market would provide an outlet for around two hundred broilers a week during the height of the season. It was announced that Mrs. Worsham would start operating her hatchery any time this month or next that enough eggs were available. It was pointed out that there was necessity for prompt action if local poultrymen expected to supply the local market this season.

The association was welcomed to Aberdeen by G. C. Seymour, county

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Further Postponement of Tax Sales Talked

Advocates Claim Another Month Would Aid Farmers in Meet- ing Obligations

Possible further postponement of county tax sales for an additional month is expected to come before the Board of County Commissioners at their next meeting. Advocates of the scheme say the farmers by that time will have some money from sales of tobacco, cotton and other things with which they can pay their taxes, and that the sales will be materially lessened. That involves other things, for one the early collection of this year's taxes, as the new book is not delivered until the old one is closed. The legality of further postponement is being looked into.

The wisdom of enlarging the jurisdiction of Judge Humber's court to take from the Superior Court further small cases is likely to be presented to the commissioners at the next meeting.

Take it all around, not many critics have had the audacity to intimate that the commissioners are not earning the thirty or forty dollars a year they are paid in salary.

MUCH OPPOSITION TO SCHOOL PLAN FOUND IN COUNTY

Southern Pines and Pinehurst Want To Retain Control of Their Institutions

UPPER END UP IN ARMS

In sounding out sentiment with regard to the proposed taking over of special school districts by the county, The Pilot finds considerable opposition to the plan.

Ralph Chandler, of the Southern Pines school board, says that when a somewhat similar project was proposed some time ago the sentiment against merging Southern Pines schools with the county schools was vigorously opposed. Not enough members of the board are in Southern Pines now to get an official expression of opinion, but Mr. Chandler says he thinks the prevailing attitude is that local control of its schools will suit that district better than county control, as conditions in Southern Pines are different than in most of the county.

The Pinehurst sections appears to be averse to surrendering its authority and individuality if such a course can be avoided, although Pinehurst is not in a separate charter district, but in a separate tax district. But Pinehurst wants its own particular high-class type of long term schools, and has been willing to pay for what it gets.

Reprisals Threatened

In the north end of the county a different reason opposes the proposition, as many of the folks up that way think they cannot pay for more than a six-months term, and that they should not be brought into the general county unit with the special districts with bonds and debts permitted to pass their obligations along to the whole county to share in the payment. Argument that is used to balance that protest is that ultimately new school houses will be built in some of the upper districts with county funds to offset the school houses that will be taken over, along with their debts, from the special tax districts.

The feeling is so pronounced in some sections that it threatens to get into politics, and north of the river the statement was heard that if the movement was carried out the Democrats of the lower side of the county will have to come to the river with a majority of a thousand votes at next election or be murdered by Republican votes in the north, supplemented by the votes of disgruntled Democrats.

The commissioners and the school board are not disposed to talk of the situation, but they are trying to work out what looks like a difficult task, and which has stirred the county more than anything since the stock law war several years ago, a memorable event in Moore county's history.

Plan Big Celebration of U. S. 1 Completion

Gov. Roosevelt of New York May Be Principal Speaker at Cheraw Sept. 17

Dr. L. B. McBrayer and Shields Cameron attended a meeting of the committee in charge of the U. S. No. 1 celebration, at Cheraw last week as representatives of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and reported at the Chamber meeting on Tuesday of this week that big plans for a big affair at Cheraw September 17th are under way. An effort is being made to have Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York there as the principal speaker.

The local Chamber of Commerce has been asked to sponsor a contest for a beauty contest to be held in connection with the celebration of U. S. 1's completion, the winner to be crowned "Miss U. S. 1" at the celebration. Pretty girls from towns along the famous highway will compete at Cheraw for the honor. The plans for the selection of the representatives of the Sandhills are now being formulated, to be announced later.

School Board Proposes County Assume Debts of Special Districts

Would Transfer to County General School Fund Annual Debt Payments of All School Taxing Districts

Resolutions

Adopted by School Board Favoring County Assuming School District Debts

The following resolutions are taken from the minutes of the Moore County Board of Education, adopted at a meeting on Friday, August 7, 1931.

"Whereas certain special school taxing districts in Moore County are heavily burdened with local school house debt, and whereas certain of these districts have defaulted in the payment of said debt obligations, thereby impairing the credit of the county, and whereas about 1,000 school children from districts free from local school house debt are attending school in the aforesaid special school taxing districts, using buildings and equipment erected and provided from funds derived from special school taxes collected exclusively in said special school taxing districts, and whereas there is considerable complaint on the part of certain tax payers of said special school taxing districts against the existing inequality of local tax burden for equal educational advantages, and whereas there is great need for simplifying the process of local school administration and supervision, as well as further equalizing public educational opportunity and the local school tax burden, now, therefore, be it resolved.

1. That the Moore County Board of Education go on record as favoring a thorough investigation by the Board of County Commissioners of the proposition of assuming and paying from the general county school debt service fund the remaining special district schoolhouse indebtedness of all the rural school districts of the county, thereby abolishing all special district school taxes for debt service, and that of all charter districts desiring to surrender their charter and join the rural school system.

2. That the County Superintendent of Schools be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each member of the Board of County Commissioners."

Garner Home Struck Twice by Lightning

Mother and Child Have Narrow Escape When Streak Plays Around Their Iron Bed

During a severe electric storm which occurred one night last week, the home of Hugh Garner out the Carthage way from Vass was struck twice by lightning. Much damage was done to the building, and members of the family were badly frightened but received no serious injury.

Mr. Garner was at a tobacco barn near the home, and members of the family had retired. His mother and one of the children were lying on an iron bed near a window when the first thunderbolt came. The lightning came through the window, ran completely around the iron bed, melting one of the locks, and jumped to the floor, tearing a hole in it. It is reported that it also set fire to the soot in the chimney. It seems almost miraculous that Mrs. Garner and the child escaped injury.

Mr. Garner, realizing that the house had been struck, hastened to see the extent of the damage. After he reached the house, the building was struck the second time, but on the opposite side. Holes were torn in the roof, bricks were knocked from a chimney and other damage done.

A. S. Higgins and Frank Maples ticked off a net of 68 to win the best ball of pair, medal play, tournament held by the Pinehurst Summer Golf Club last week. Full handicaps were allotted.

EQUALIZATION PROJECT

Plan Would Lower Taxes on About Two-Thirds of Property of County but Deprive One-Third of Full Benefit of Tax Cut Provided by Recent Legislature.

A tough nut to crack has been put up to the Board of Commissioners of Moore county by the County Board of Education. It came in the form of resolutions adopted at a recent meeting and the long and short of it is, to transfer to the county as a whole the annual debt payments due, and in some instances in default, from the special school taxing districts of the several townships of the county, to make these obligations a part of the county general school fund.

The toughness of the nut is due to the fact that the proposed scheme, though lowering taxes on about two-thirds of the property of the county, would keep the other one-third from receiving the full benefit of such tax reduction as the recent General Assembly provided. And this, naturally, is not pleasing to the residents of the townships involved.

Proponents of the plan cite as a precedent in their favor that the county highway system was first built on the township or district plan, each township voting its own bonds for road construction. These townships road bonds were later transferred to the county general road fund, and this is just what it is proposed to do with the school indebtedness of the various townships.

Equalization Problems

Under the State six months school law, there is a uniform reduction in all school districts here of 29 cents. As the county rate under the 1930 debt plan was 56 cents for each district, this leaves 27 cents as the county rate required under the present plan. But the district and county rate combined under 1930 requirements varied according to the indebtedness of the various school districts, and whereas Aberdeen has an annual indebtedness of \$15,121.75, Glendon, McRae, Carthage, Mt. Holly, Putnam and Roseland have no annual debt payments to meet. Whereas the district and county rate combined in Aberdeen last year was \$1.16, the rate under the proposed change would be 79 cents, a saving of 37 cents, while the saving in the case of the other districts mentioned above would be but 7 cents.

That some rearrangement of the present system seems equitable and necessary appears to be pretty much the consensus of opinion, as there are a number of factors involved which are concededly unfair. One of these is the fact that children residing in territory not contributing any local tax toward building debts are attending schools in special taxing districts, in buildings erected from funds derived from local or State Loan district taxes. Delving into the records The Pilot finds the following:

Unfairness Cited

At Eureka—25 children from Summer Hill section.

Carthage—100 children from Springfield, Wade Spring and White Hill sections.

West End—120 children from Bensalem, Big Oak, Samarcand and Pinecrest sections.

Carthage—210 children from Bethlehem, Mt. Holly, Priest Hill, Pine-wood, Horseshoe, Glendon, Putnam, Hallison, Plank Road and Springfield communities.

Aberdeen—50 children from Rose-land.

Hemp—250 children from Buffalo, Tory Hill, Mt. Carmel, Maness in Bensalem, Maness in Sheffield, East

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