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PRAYER FOR AND AGAINST RAIN

Lots of people are praying for dry weather, while many are praying for rain, according to statements from the papers.

It seems that in some sections there are certain religious sects which are praying for such dry weather that tobacco will die, simply because they are against the use of tobacco. Certainly, they are not to be blamed for being against tobacco. They could not be perfectly clean Christians without being against it. They must be mistaken, however, when they think that God has given them the power to change the weather conditions.

The Word of God is full of promises that He will change the heart, mind, and conscience of people who will ask in prayer for such help. Man is promised the power to change his attitude toward God, when he will be met by God Himself. But nowhere in the book is there any promise that God has given over the wind, the rain, or the seasons to man. Such ideas could be counted more than foolishness, because no man knows just when he needs rain and sunshine half so well as the God who made all things.

Again, it is an unwillingness to trust God's promise. He made the sun, the moon, the stars, all the planets, and the wind and the waters as

well as the dry land. Their movements and relations, one with another, cause the wind to blow, the sun to warm, and the rains to descend. All this was well fixed long before man was made. Now, it would be unnatural for God to change such a fine plan simply because trustless men fear they will not get abundant crops.

Prayers for rain are doubtless inspired more by selfishness and greed than they are from real fear of starvation. And, too, the fellow who has so little faith in God's promise that He will sustain us will perhaps have very little influence before the throne of God.

We do not minimize prayer nor the need for prayer, yet it is a dreadful thing to try to use it for commercial purposes in order that we may grow rich and have a good time on earth.

PENNSYLVANIA'S \$2,000,000 PRIMER

Republican politics in Pennsylvania have reached such a point that the G. O. P. is liable to be junked in that State. In the recent contest for U. S. Senator there was spent in the interest of the three candidates more than two million dollars.

This alone will probably lead to the unseating of Vare, the candidate who won in the contest, if he succeeds in the November election, at which time it may be that a coalition

COW ON TEST SHOWS NEED OF SUMMER GRAIN

For several years dairy authorities have expressed the opinion that cow owners could not rely on pasture alone for milk and make money in the long run by doing it. So far, however, this has been largely theory, and it is only very recently that real evidence has been obtained to settle the question.

For two whole years several cows have been under observation at the Larro Research Farm, Redford, Michigan, where the comparative value of grain and pasture was tested out to their complete satisfaction. The record of cow No. 76 during 1924 and 1925 is typical of the results obtained. She is an ordinary grade Holstein, a pretty good producer and as good a cow as could have been chosen for such an experiment.

Throughout her whole lactation in 1924, this cow was kept on a grain ration, with absolutely no pasture. She produced as high as 39 lbs. per day, and kept up a good, even milk flow, averaging 31 lbs. per day throughout the milking period.

Towards the end of the 1924 lactation, cow No. 76 showed an entirely normal decline in milk production. She was in splendid condition as the result of her year-round grain ration, and gave evidence of this fact by starting off her 1925 lactation by producing up to 47 lbs. of milk per day—8 lbs. higher than her performance in the preceding year.

On May 16, 1925, this cow went on pasture. For ten days her milk production moved up, but after the first stimulus of the grass tonic wore off, she fell steadily in milk as her grain ration was reduced.

Two months after she went on pasture, when she was getting only 2 lbs. of grain per day, she had fallen from 40 lbs. of milk per day to 22½ lbs. This was true though pasture was plentiful and good. She simply was not getting sufficient nourishment of the right kind, and her milk yield was cut practically in half.

The production continued to drop off until the 280th day, when she was producing only 10 lbs. daily, as against 25 lbs. daily in the previous lactation at the same time. No dairyman could ask for more convincing proof that reliance on grass alone is costly, and that a regular grain ration, with pasture throughout the summer, pays real dividends in milk production.

of the Democrats and anti-administration Republicans may defeat Vare. It all goes to prove that Coolidge is being used by the money power and that he gladly dances to their fiddling.

NITRATE OF SODA LOWEST IN SEVERAL YEARS

Contrary to the opinion of many, the price of nitrate of soda has dropped to the lowest point reached for

several years, and can now be bought for \$42.50.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce in the Coolidge Cabinet, is in part responsible for the reduction, as he made investigation of the methods of the Chilean and American importers trust, which frightened them a bit. It is reported that another cause for the drop was the overloaded speculators, who preferred to cut prices and take a loss to carrying through to another season.

JUDGE MEEKIN'S DECISION IN TOBACCO ASSOCIATION CASE

Judge J. M. Meekin placed the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in the hands of receivers Saturday, which was quite unexpected by those who had observed the line of procedure since its beginning. Still there has always been some fear of

the powerful force of the great tobacco companies, and they pressed things by many lines of procedure unceasingly. Now they will have a clear field without a single sentinel to be on the outlook for the safety of the farmer.

The creditors of the association opposed the receivership on the grounds that it would cause a serious loss to the growers, and then it is liable to affect the price of the present year's crop. Certainly, if the forces of the tobacco trust can throw 75,000,000 pounds of old tobacco on the market during this season it will depress the

1926 prices. There is a fair prospect of good prices on bright tobacco this season, if the 1925 tobacco is not thrown on the market in a rush, as the stock of old tobacco in the hands of speculators and factories is comparatively small.

While it is true that the fellow who was in the association has had a hard time, mostly by the direct squeeze of the trust and a small part by dishonest officials, he has been a great help to the fellow on the outside by holding the market up.

Sufficient intelligence among farm-

ers will some day cause them to have something to say about the price of their products. But as long as money governs both business and politics the farmers will have to learn much more than they now know, or he will never be able to stand against these great forces.

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TERRIBLE PAIN

Alabama Lady Tells How She Obtained Relief by Taking Cardui. Feels Fine and Enjoys Life Now, She Says.

Taladega, Ala.—Mrs. Mary Hardy, 408 Henderson Avenue, this city, says that seven years ago she "got down sick" and was unable to stand to her household.

"I have never been so weak before or since," she says. "I had a terrible pain in my side—so sore in my side and the lower part of my body."

"Across my back ached, and I was so nervous I couldn't stand up. I had just about given up when some one who came to see me began talking about Cardui. This caused me to get it. I took about two bottles before I saw much improvement."

"After this, though, I picked up right away. I slept better at night. I was hungry, enjoyed my food, and I had a desire for some time."

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An Appreciation and Notice of Candidacy

To see every voter who so kindly favored me with his or her vote in the primary on June 5th is next to impossible, so by this method and with all sincerity, I wish to express my appreciation to those who cast their vote for me. My obligation to them is to be measured in no small way, and win or not, in or out of office, I will always feel it my duty to attempt to repay the kindnesses, and to do so with the greatest of pleasures.

The second primary takes place on July 3rd and it is my hope that every voter in Martin county will visit the polls that day and cast his or her vote. I assure you that every vote accorded me will be received gratefully and the confidence will be long remembered by me.

As to service, I pledge my every effort, and if nominated and elected by the good people of this County I vouch that it will be a real pleasure for me to be able to carry out the duties of the office of sheriff.

Humbly asking every vote possible in the primary on July 3rd, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

H. Thad Roberson

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Martin County Building and Loan Association

of Williamston, N. C., made to the Insurance Commissioner at Raleigh, N. C., as required by law, for the year ending December 31st, 1925 Reorganized and Commenced Business May, 1914

President: P. B. Cone; Secretary, Treasurer, and Attorney: Wheeler Martin, All of Williamston, N. C.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash in banks	\$ 5,748.69	Installments (includes advances, but not arrears)	\$ 95,282.75
Mortgage loans	99,005.45	Full paid stock	4,000.00
Stock loans	15,102.60	Borrowed money	16,300.00
Real Estate	6,500.00	Accounts payable	1,106.02
Taxes and insurance advanced for shareholders	684.28	Profits (not including non-ledger accounts)	14,480.88
Accounts receivable	4,128.73		
Total	\$131,169.65	Total	\$131,169.65

LOSSES		PROFITS	
Interest	\$ 941.67	Interest	\$ 6,865.40
Salaries	750.00	Fines	420.71
Advertising, printing, and stationery	106.87	Fees	291.25
Taxes, licenses, and fees	302.43	Profits (not including non-ledger accounts)	9,004.49
Total losses	\$ 2,100.97	Total profits	\$ 16,581.85

APPORTIONMENT OF PROFITS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1925									
Series No.	No. Shares	Age in Weeks	Average Time	Dues to be Paid Per Share	Per Series	Equalized Investment	Profits Per Share	Profits Per Series	Value Per Share
8	264	329	165.00	82.25	21,714.00	3,582,810.00	18.27	4,823.50	100.52
9	155	277	139.90	69.25	10,733.75	1,491,991.25	12.95	2,008.65	82.20
10	376	225	113.00	55.25	21,150.00	2,389,950.00	8.56	3,217.58	64.81
11	447	173	87.00	43.25	19,332.75	1,681,949.25	5.07	2,264.38	48.32
12	258	147	74.00	36.75	9,481.50	701,681.00	3.66	944.60	40.41
13	180	121	61.00	30.25	5,445.00	382,145.00	2.49	447.17	32.74
14	336	95	48.00	23.75	7,980.00	883,040.00	1.53	515.70	25.28
15	234	68	34.50	17.00	3,978.00	137,241.00	.79	184.76	17.79
16	166	48	22.00	10.75	1,784.50	89,259.00	.32	52.86	11.07
17	421	17	9.00	4.25	1,789.25	16,103.25	.05	21.68	4.30
						103,888.75		14,480.88	

State of North Carolina; County of Martin, ss.

P. B. Cone, president; Wheeler Martin, secretary, of the Martin County Building and Loan Association, of Williamston, State of North Carolina, being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that they are the above described officers of the said Association, and that on the 31st day of December last, all the above assets were the absolute property of the said association, free and clear from any liens and claims thereon, except as above stated; and that the foregoing statement, with the schedule and explanation therein contained, assumed, or referred to, are a full and correct exhibit of all assets liabilities, incomes, and disbursements, and of the condition and affairs of the said association on the said 31st day of December last, and for the year ending on that date, according to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 12th day of April, A. D. 1926,
N. K. HARRISON, Notary Public.

P. B. CONE,
WHEELER MARTIN.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
Raleigh, N. C., April 19, 1926.

I, STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Martin County Building and Loan Association, of Williamston, N. C., filed with this department, showing the condition of said association on the 31st day of December, 1925.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

STACEY W. WADE, Insurance Commissioner.

DIRECTORS: John D. Biggs, Wheeler Martin, C. D. Carstaphen, K. B. Crawford, C. A. Harrison, P. B. Cone, B. M. Worsley