

The Farmer Needs Now To Solve Own Problems

Farmers Co-operative Association Now in Session Seeks Campaign of Intensive Education to Make the Present Laws More Effective

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1924, by The Advance) Washington, Jan. 5.—Agriculture wants no special favors and no privileges other than any class of business men or producers enjoy but simply a sympathetic administration of the laws now on the statute books.

This is the outstanding thought in the minds of most of the leaders meeting here this week in the annual session of the National Council of Farmers Co-operative Marketing Association.

Coincident with this meeting is that of the Agricultural Commission named by President Coolidge to devise ways and means to aid agriculture. If the latter listens to the co-operatives, there will be a campaign of intensive education to make the present laws more effective and to organize the farmers to solve their own problems.

The co-operatives meeting here represent more than a million farmers in about 40 states. The delegates constitute the presidents, general managers, and active workers in the various co-operative marketing associations. Wheat, corn, livestock, fruits, cotton, in fact every phase of agriculture, is involved, and every crop even to grass seed. The delegates meet primarily to exchange ideas about their common problems, to relate their experiences and to strengthen the co-operative idea. When the conclusions are reached after thorough discussion they will be presented to all concerned—the Department of Agriculture, Congressional committees, the Agricultural Commission, and the President of the United States.

The delegates are deeply interested in seeing the right kind of a man named as Secretary of Agriculture. They are not interested in the candidacy of any one but are anxious that a man who has the right economic background shall take the portfolio.

Judge R. W. Bingham of Louisville, chairman of the council, who opened the Monday meeting, pointed out that the co-operative marketing plan is a ready-made survival of all sorts of financial distress and was making real headway. He criticized Henry Ford for attacking the co-operative movement.

Carl Williams, of the Oklahoma Stockman, Oklahoma City, who is vice chairman of the council, said the real test in co-operative marketing was in educating the farmer to how the co-operative plan really works and he emphasized that co-operative marketing does not merely benefit the members of a co-operative association but all farmers, regardless of their membership in organizations of this kind.

Former Governor Lowden of Illinois revealed some of the perplexities of agriculture which it is the hope of the co-operatives to solve.

He referred to the increase in value of the principle farm crops of approximately three-quarters of a billion of dollars last year.

"To illustrate," he explained, "the corn crop was about 20 per cent smaller than the crop of the preceding year. The total value, however, exceeded that of the preceding crop by \$200,000,000.

And every one knows that the quality of this year's crop was far below the quality of the preceding crop. Much of this year's yield was soft and chaffy. And yet under a marketing system which it is claimed, is one of the most noteworthy achievements of this commercial age, the smaller crop of inferior corn was worth more in the market than the larger and superior crop of the year before.

"The cause was a cold, wet summer. It was a disastrous summer for corn but helpful to the growth of grasses in meadows and pastures. There was, therefore, a considerable increase in the production of milk, with the result that something like 100,000,000 pounds more of butter was produced in 1924 than the year before. This is but about five per cent of the total annual production of butter in the United States. It created a surplus, however, of only about 50,000,000 pounds as compared with the surplus of the year before on account of increased domestic consumption. This relatively small increase, due to the same wet days and cold nights, which so seriously injured the corn crop, resulted in a decrease in the price of butter from 30 to 25 per cent. And the price of butter, let it be remembered, largely controls the price of all other dairy products. Since the total value of dairy products upon the farm in 1924 was in the neighborhood of two and one-half billion dollars, this decrease in market price resulted in an estimated loss to the dairy farmers of a half billion dollars. It is to be wondered at that the farmers distrust the present method of marketing farm products."

Now suppose the corn growers and

HALL RESIGNS LOCAL CHARGE

To End Labors as Pastor of Calvary, Berea and Corinth after Pastorate of Nearly Six Years.

Reverend Romulus F. Hall has resigned as pastor of Berea, Corinth and Calvary Baptist churches. The resignation was tendered last Sunday and is to become effective February 1, 1925.

Rev. Mr. Hall has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church near Raleigh, of which Dr. R. T. Vann, former president of Meredith College, has been pastor for the last four years. Mr. Moriah is just a 20 minute's drive from Raleigh on the State highway leading towards Goldsboro. A new parsonage has just been completed which Mr. Hall and family will occupy the first of February.

When Mr. Hall leaves for his new field he will have completed a pastorate here of five years and seven months, his work here dating from June 1, 1919, when he came here from Louisville Seminary to accept the pastorate of Berea and Corinth, two strong country churches near this city. These two churches had only been having preaching twice a month up until the coming of Mr. Hall, but then they began having preaching each Sunday, Berea in the morning and Corinth in the afternoon.

In addition to the work in these two churches, Mr. Hall organized a church on Riverside Drive, now known as Calvary Baptist, and began preaching there every Sunday night. There were only 19 charter members when Calvary was organized April 10, 1921, but it now has a membership of 100.

During Mr. Hall's pastorate he has received into the membership of his churches more than 400 members. The Sunday schools at Berea and Corinth have been properly graded. Eight modern Sunday school rooms at Berea have been completed. A large annex has been added to Calvary, and a building committee at Corinth is now working on plans for the building of 16 modern Sunday school rooms. Mr. Hall has also been the director of the \$75,000,000 campaign for the Chwan Association for the past five years, and the association has raised more than \$210,000 for missions, education and benevolences.

Mr. Hall's letter of resignation to his churches reads as follows: "Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus:—Five years and seven months ago I came to Elizabeth City and became your pastor. Fresh from college and the seminary, I took up a task with you which has proved both difficult and delightful. Together we have prayed, and planned, and toiled on in the glorious work of the Kingdom. God has graciously blessed our efforts, and we have thus succeeded in accomplishing some worthwhile things in His name.

"I have seen many precious souls born into the Kingdom of God during my stay here with you, and I have also seen many of our faithful members go home to their final reward. I have touched elbows with you all in service to our Master, and I have delighted to sing with you the anthems of praise to our Lord and King. I have broken bread with many of you in your hospitable homes. I am almost like pulling my very heart strings out. But it is a long, long heart that has no turning. As I am a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ, I have no choice but to follow the voice of Him who directs my movements. Therefore, I respectfully tender my resignation as your pastor to take effect the first of February, 1925."

Mr. Hall's resignation was accepted by the churches at a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. Melick on Monday night.

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"Another Date" With Hangman



Bernard Grant, 21-year-old Chicago "back of the yards" youth, has another "date" with the hangman. He is scheduled to die Jan. 16, unless a commutation of sentence or further reprieve is forthcoming. His life was spared temporarily by Governor Lee Small last fall following a flood of letters and messages pleading with Small to remember the Loeb-Leopold decision. Grant is accused of the murder of a policeman two years ago.

More Hope Seen Now For City Zoning Commission

And an Elizabeth City of Tomorrow Bigger, Better, and More Beautiful Envisioned at Meeting of the City Council Monday Night

Elizabeth City of tomorrow—a bigger, better and more beautiful city with a park and playground, with more streets and wider streets, with water transportation from Norfolk by way of the Government owned Dismal Swamp Canal, and with a steel bridge across Chowan river linking Elizabeth City up with the rest of the State—this was the Elizabeth City envisioned Monday night at the regular meeting of the City Council.

The Council accepted the proposal of the City Manager for playgrounds, took steps toward city planning, appointed a committee to look for suitable sites for a park, appropriated \$500 for the Dismal Swamp Canal and Chowan River bridge projects, appropriated \$50 a month to the children's home and approved plans for opening new streets and extending pavement on old ones.

All requests coming before the City Fathers at their regular January meeting Monday night seemed to link up with each other, and the City Manager's report to the Council contained recommendations which met some of the requests of organizations and individuals.

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DEBT CONFERENCE NEXT ON PROGRAM

By The Associated Press

Paris, Jan. 6.—Plans for an interrelated debt conference at Brussels next March to which the United States would be invited to send a delegate are declared to have been formulated by Winston Spencer Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer.

FALLS SUGGESTS A NEW YEAR PROGRAM

Offers Ten Resolutions for Farmers Who Are Anxious for Prosperity in 1925

G. W. Falls, Pasquotank County Farm Demonstration Agent, urges Pasquotank farmers to adopt ten resolutions for 1925 and to keep on the job throughout the year.

Here are the ten: 1. A diversified system of farming. Mr. Falls explains that the farmer should diversify by planting a greater variety of crops, money and food and feed crops. He says, "I say, not to put all the eggs in one basket."

2. Use certified or best obtainable seed. This will eliminate all danger of infesting the farm with diseases, and getting poor stand and low yields.

3. Use pure bred livestock. Good improved livestock require no more feed and attention and give greater returns. Farmers using pure-bred livestock make more money than those using scrubs. They do not follow their example and grow the best.

4. Keep only productive animals. This keeps livestock at the highest point of efficiency.

5. Cull poultry for production. Eliminate all non-profitable fowls.

6. A good family cow for each family. This cow should produce four gallons or more of milk, testing four to 5 per cent of butter fat. Plenty of milk gives your children opportunity to develop mentally and physically.

7. Provide good permanent pastures. A good permanent pasture is essential to production of good livestock at reasonable figures.

8. Plant home orchards and care for them. Plenty of good fruit is needed on every farm. Large and small fruits, ripening at different times will give a continuous supply.

9. Beautify grounds and improve buildings. Plant shade-trees and lawns. Repair and paint buildings, making the farm home an attractive place to live.

10. Co-operate in making your community the best place to live. Work together. Help each other. Life is short at the longest. Make things more desirable for those who follow you.

MORE DIVERSIFICATION IN GEORGIA NEXT YEAR

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Diversification in agriculture will be more general in this section this year than ever before and there is a substantial industrial development assured by the installation of cheap hydro-electric power. Tobacco, peanuts, apples and peaches will be cultivated on an extensive scale as money crops. Cotton is not likely to show any decrease in acreage, or let up in intensive cultivation. There will be more labor available for farms and farm land prices are advancing. The textile industry here is showing marked improvement and new plants are being projected in the cheap power belt. Local merchants have profited largely by recent sales at cut prices, unloading large stocks of clothing.

SAYS MEANS FEIGNS ILLNESS AVOID TRIAL

New York, Jan. 6.—Gaston Means is feigning illness to avoid trial on charge of conspiracy to obstruct Federal justice. Federal Judge Lindley was told by Special Assistant United States Attorney Todd today.

Special Attorney Todd told the court that Government operatives called upon Means at his home at Concord, North Carolina, last night and reported to him that the former Government agent was apparently in good health, despite the telegraphic statement of a Concord physician yesterday that Means was seriously ill and in need of an immediate operation.

LAYMEN CONDUCT SERVICE PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 O'CLOCK AT CITY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

The annual meeting of all ministers and the presiding Elder in this Methodist district will be held at City Road Methodist Church Thursday beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

SEEKS PUT POUND ON A GOLD PARITY

Washington, Jan. 6.—Washington officials have been informed that the hitherto unexplained visit to New York of Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England, is in connection with a proposal by which the British government would restore the pound sterling to its gold parity in the near future.

COTTON REPORT

New York, Jan. 6.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 23.50, March 23.54, May 24.13, July 24.20, Oct. 23.57.

New York, Jan. 6.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 24.20, an advance of 25 points. Futures, closing bid, Jan. 23.72, Mar. 24.04, May 24.22, July 24.47, Oct. 23.86.

Many Problems Confront State Solons This Year

Taxation, Education, Road Improvement, and Prison Conditions All to be Considered by General Assembly in Session to Begin Wednesday This Week

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Faced with many problems of great interest in taxation, education, road improvement, prison conditions and many other issues, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina will formally convene here tomorrow at noon. Among the first matters which will be presented for its consideration will be the report of the State Board of Elections on the last General Election. During the first ten days of the session the result of the motions will be confirmed.

Governor Cameron Morrison will read his final message to the body. Governor-elect Angus W. McLean will be inaugurated and his initial address to the law-making body will be delivered.

Though the session does not get under way until tomorrow, both Senate and House will hold caucuses tonight, the Senate to name a president-protem and the House to elect a speaker. Edgar W. Pharr, it appeared, will be named for the speakership, the Mecklenburg legislator being unopposed so far as is known for the position. The outcome of the election in the Senate this afternoon was in doubt and half a dozen men had been suggested to fill the position of protem-president. The caucus of the Democratic party during the session is also expected to be indicated at tonight's caucuses.

The report of the Budget Commission, which will be the outstanding report presented to the body, it is indicated, will not be ready before the first week in February or perhaps later. The Budget Commission is facing a task of trimming the requests of departments for administration and maintenance and of institutions for the same purposes and for permanent improvements sharply. If its indicated course is followed, the Commission, in announcing the figures of the requests made of it, stated that for every dollar it would show an incoming dollar of revenue. The institutions are asking \$17,000,000 for permanent improvements and approximately \$23,000,000 is requested by institutions for maintenance and administration. These figures represent an increase of approximately \$9,000,000 in the requests for administration and maintenance and the total for permanent improvements equals that appropriated during the last four years for this purpose.

When the Budget Commission's report is transmitted to the General Assembly, that body will face the issue of whether or not to abide by the agreement made in 1921 that during the following six years the State would expend twenty millions on permanent improvements at institutions. If this agreement is kept, there will be a total available for this Legislature to apportion of \$3,000,000.

Educational advancement will be one of the outstanding issues before the Legislature. Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen has transmitted to the Budget Commission a comprehensive program for state education and the various colleges of the State have also outlined wide programs to the Legislature, that body will be required to handle a situation that is said to hold great potentialities for the future educational program of North Carolina.

Highways will claim considerable attention as the lawmakers during this session. The State bond issues of \$65,000,000, appropriated in 1921 and 1923, have been expended and the Highway mendment for further bond issues for this purpose, The Commission, however, has indicated that it stands ready to furnish full data. The Commission has made no recommendation as to any, and all members of the body, the sentiment of the Legislature is said to be favorable to a continuation of the highway building program and it is believed that a bill empowering an additional bond issue for this purpose will be presented early in the session. A similar legislative proposal places the amount of the bond issue will be asked at from \$20,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

In addition to the Budget Commission report various other reports are expected to be laid before the lawmakers by various committees and commissions which have been working during the interim period.

The Prison Commission will make a report on the condition of the State prison and state penal institutions and it is said that the report will show that North Carolina has a prison system comparable with other Southern States, except Alabama. It is said that the report also will assert that a great deal of the criticism which has been directed at the State Prison operation has been caused not by the conditions there but by conditions at various county jails.

A recommendation is expected in which the state camps will be supervised by a prison board, but this is not definite. It is expected also that if this recommendation is adopted, it will probably make have not been outlined by the Financial Education Commission. This Commission has been inquiring into methods of financing educational programs followed in other states.

WILL THE CITY OWN ITS GAS?

This Question Now Before City Fathers—Committee Named to Investigate Availability of Proposition.

Is Elizabeth City to acquire the properties of the Southern Gas Improvement Company? This is another big question for the City Council to answer and at the regular session Monday night a committee from the Council was asked to look into the advisability and the possibility of the purchase by the city of the properties of the gas company.

The action of the Council came following a motion made by L. W. Anderson that the matter be looked into. It was Mr. Anderson's opinion that since the city had launched a water plant that it might be advisable also to include the gas plants.

At any rate a committee composed of Councilmen Foreman, Anderson and E. J. Cohoon will investigate the matter and make a report at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

It was intimated by several members of the Council that information had come to them that the Southern Gas Improvement Company would be willing to sell the properties of the gas plant here.

Mr. Foreman voted against looking into the purchase of the gas plants with the explanation that he felt that the city had all the load it could carry.

VESSEL OF RUM ROW IS BELIEVED LOST

Atlantic City, Jan. 6.—The finding of wreckage floating in the ocean off Seagriff, indicating the possible loss of one of the liquor-laden vessels of rum row during the northeast gale last week, was reported by one of the Coast Guard patrol boats today.

CITY COUNCIL TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Will Consider Proposed Changes in City Charter in Morning Session at 10 O'clock

With so much business before the City Council on Monday night, the body voted for a called session on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the consideration of changes in the city's charter.

Further modification of the city law was not proposed at Monday night's session of the Council. Neither was any reference made to a law against horse-drawn vehicles operating in the city without lights after dark.

The regular meeting will be brought up at the special meeting Wednesday night when the Council heard the City Manager's report and those interested in the law regulating ownership of cows or in an ordinance prohibiting the driving of teams in the city limits after dark without lights, probably felt that they would stand a better chance with the Council if they waited for some subsequent meeting.