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FARMERS MEET AND HEAR TALKS ON NEW SYSTEM

Co-Operative Marketing Is Explained To Hundreds of Farmers Here

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN BY FARMERS GATHERING

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, and L. S. Tomlinson, Officers of The State Association. Deliver The Addresses In Explanation of Process of Cooperative Marketing.

Hundreds of farmers, coming to Dunn from miles around, gathered in the Metropolitan theatre yesterday afternoon and listened attentively to speeches made by Dr. B. W. Kilgore, vice-president of the North Carolina Cotton Grower's Association, and L. S. Tomlinson, president of the association, explaining the system of co-operative marketing, and urging them to become members of the association and join in the great movement.

The big crowd of farmers began to come into town early before dinner, and showed an unusual interest in the organization, all anxious to be shown how the co-operative system works. There were farmers here from the remote edges of Harnett county and many from Cumberland, Johnston, and Sampson counties. The mass meeting had been thoroughly advertised by the local committee in charge and the low cotton prices and poor marketing conditions of the present time was responsible for one of the largest gatherings of farmers ever assembled here. The big crowd met in the theatre about three o'clock, and remained through the two speeches of Dr. Kilgore and Mr. Tomlinson, plainly showing the interest they felt in any movement that might help the farmer get more for his products.

There were a number of local citizens in the audience to hear the speeches concerning co-operative marketing, and all of Dunn's largest farmers were present. A number of merchants, bankers, professional men, and cotton buyers, heard the two forceful messages and were greatly impressed with the facts presented.

R. L. Godwin, a local well known attorney and a farmer himself, introduced Dr. B. W. Kilgore as a "scientific farmer," state chemist for twenty years, and a man well known through the pages of The Progressive Farmer and as an authority on agriculture and marketing. Mr. Gowin briefly stated the purpose of the meeting, terming it as a "call for organization, the demonstration of cold facts the exposition of a proposition."

"The co-operative marketing process is not new, is no new fad or fancy, something to do for us in these hard times," began Dr. Kilgore. "It has been used for a long time, and it has given results," he continued. Dr. Kilgore stated that co-operative marketing had been used in Denmark and other countries, and had made them prosperous. He cited an example of Denmark sending its butter clean across the waters, into this country, and right into the heart of our dairying section, where it is sold in competition with our butter. "Co-operative marketing enables them to do this," declared Dr. Kilgore.

He laid bare the cold facts of the proposition, giving a number of statistics, and citing actual examples. He showed how the system had been used so overwhelmingly successful in California, and declared that $250,000,000 worth of produce was marketed last year in that state by this process.

"There are two fundamentals of the system," explained Dr. Kilgore. "First, there is one contract for each crop, for tobacco, for peanuts, for cotton." The second fundamental, he asserted with reference to cotton marketing, "is that only growers of cotton or those who have cotton grown for them can become members of this association."

Dr. Kilgore went fully into the principles of the organization, explained the contract, showing that it was legal and a protection to bother parties concerned, and then showed how, through organization, the goods could be marketed at a better price. He explained how the "spread between buyer and spinner," is saved, and how the profit goes to the farmer. He asserted that the crops would be sold on a basis of quality and that the best graders obtainable would be hired to size up the quality. In connection with this he gave several interesting examples of how, under the present conditions, the poorer farmer or the small farmer, is often discriminated against.

Dr. Kilgore went into the question of financing the association, and showed how the associations in California were financed by the local banks, the city banks, and the Federal Reserve banks. "There is no question about financing the association," he declared. With reference to the extent of the movements he asserted that particularly every state in the agricultural section of the country were now organizing their co-operative marketing associations, and were succeeding admirably.

Thompson After Doubters

L. S. Tomlinson, president of the association, did not go so much in the facts of the proposition, but dwelt instead on removing the doubts of the farmers, and attempting to convince them to believe what he had to say. He declared there were three characters in the world, "the man who doesn't know, and knows he doesn't know; the man who knows and knows he knows; and the man that knows he knows, but doesn't know." These three characters he compared with Samson, Thomas, and Saul of Tarsus of the Bible. He then made an attack on the "doubting Thomases" and the "Saule of Tarsus" that might be in the audience.

In an effort to show the farmers that the proposition was all right, and that there was no money making scheme attached to it, he declared that those now promoting it were doing it with the good of the people at heart, and that the farmers would elect their own officers as soon as the organization is completed. "I can live without this thing, and I can live pretty good without it," stated Mr. Tomlinson. "I made a big sacrifice to come up here today. I left Wilson at fifteen minutes to one. I came in a Dodge roadster. I came at the rate of 75 miles per hour." He declared he was not interested in politics, and in this connection, said: "Some people say I want to go to Congress or some might say that I want to run for governor, but whoever says this is a lie. This is an opportunity, the first and the best I've ever had to do the greatest amount of good to my fellow man."

Mr. Tomlinson made his talk humorous and entertaining and spoke for more than an hour. He made his message convincing, and he attempted to explain away all doubts that any of the farmers might have, answering the various thing that the doubting Thomases might say. Picking up one of the little blue contract books, he hold it before the audience and declared, "Signing your privilege away, they say; I'll tell you what you are signing, you are signing the Declaration of Independence."

The speaker asserted that he had been a farmer, a merchant, and a cotton buyer, and he declared that he knew what he was talking about. He cited many Bible passages, and concluding his talk, declared "I believe that the Lord is in this movement, I sincerely do."

"No Numbers" On Ten Cars

In Recorder's Court yesterday ten men were up for driving without a state auto license plate. Most of these men were found guilty and fined the costs of the case, which amounts to $11. Two or three were released when they testified to working in garages and that the cars they were driving were not their property. Chief of Police Page told the court that the Dealers License Plate was becoming a nuisance, and that many people had secured these license numbers because they were cheap. There was an instance or two of this in court yesterday. He warns the dodgers of the law who are using dealer's license number, and are not licensed dealers. Chief Page has about rounded up all of the would-be evaders of the state license law, and will start on a campaign to get all those unlawfully driving with dealers numbers.

MISS CAMP WILL BE HERE MONDAY

Harnett Director of Community Service Will Give Show In Theatre

Miss Mame F. Camp, Director of Community Service in Harnett county will visit Dunn Monday.

Miss Camp will give a performance in the Metropolitan theatre Monday night at 8:30 o'clock, illustrating the work that the community service is doing in Harnett county. The five reel feature picture, "Americano," starring Douglas Fairbanks, and several educational and instructive films will be shown, in demonstration of the community service work.

The show will be given absolutely free of charge and is being put on here by the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the towspeople who are generally practically ignorant of what this department of county education is. Miss Camp, who has had a great deal of experience in this kind of work, will give a very entertaining and instructive demonstration of her work.

Miss Camp will have the meeting of the girls in the chamber of Commerce office at 5 o'clock. She hopes to have a large crowd of the Dunn girls present, and she will explain the Girl Scout movement thoroughly, and then lay open her plans for the organization of a troop here, if the proper interest is manifested.

There are already several of the girl scout troops organized in Harnett county, due to the work of Miss Camp, and all are succeeding admirably. The girls have shown a great interest in the scouting and outdoor training and physical education and Miss Camp is elated over the results. She sees no reason why there can't be an active and live organization in Dunn.

Waiter—By the way, sir, that steak you ordered—how would you like to have it?

Patient Customer—Very much, indeed!—London Mail.

EXISTING SYSTEM OF CREDIT USED

Federal Reserve Banks Will Loan To Farmers As In The Past

Washington, July 20. — Existing credit machinery of the government will be used for the present in the making of cotton loans, treasury officials said today, without the creation of supplementary cotton loan funds by private organizations.

In announcing last night that further extended for the harvesting and marketing of the coming cotton crop in whatever amount is legitimately required, the federal reserve system authorities said credit would be extended either directly through member banks or directly through non-member banks.

At the conference of governors of the five federal reserve banks in the cotton growing sections of the country yesterday with the federal reserve board, Governor Strong of the New York band and representatives of New York member banks, told the board that establishment of a cotton loan fund by commercial banks throughout the country was considered at this time to be unnecessary and inadvisable. The New York bankers declared, however, that if the facilities of the federal reserve system and the war finance corporation should prove inadequate they would co-operate in the formation of a cotton loan fund to whatever amount thought necessary.

The policy of federal reserve system on cotton loans during the approaching marketing season was decided at the conference and a statement issued gave assurance of ample credit for the orderly marketing of the crop.

To Push Exports

The war finance corporation has under consideration proposals for cotton exports involving about five hundred thousand bales and twenty million dollars, Director Eugene Meyer announced today.

The export financing, he said, contemplates shipment of two hundred thousand bales from Oklahoma and three hundred thousand bales from Texas.

With the four hundred thousand bales and about the million dollars worth of cotton business already done by the corporations, Mr. Meyer said, that the completed and proposed operations of the corporation at present amounted to nine hundred thousand bales and thirty million dollars.

Mr. Meyer in a statement endorsed the action of the Federal Reserve Board in ruling that loans may be made indirectly to non-member banks on the ground that his procedure would afford great relief in the south.

"This relief to the small non-member banks in the agricultural districts, Mr. Meyer said, "and the assurance conveyed by Governor Strong of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, that, in case of need, of cotton loan funds to whatever amount the situation may demand, will be provided through banking channels together with what the war finance corporation already has done and the business now in process of negotiation, makes it clear, in my opinion, that adequate financing for the carry over of the old crop and for the orderly marketing for the new crop may be counted on."

Thomas J. Caldwell vice-president of the Federal International Banking Company of New Orleans, discussed with Mr. Meyer today a proposition for financing the export of 25,000 bales of cotton. Mr. Caldwell said that his company was preparing to take up with the corporation plans for financing the exportation of large amounts of cotton from all parts of the South.

Ex-Carolina Coach Is To Lead Harvard Frosh

Tommy Campbell, Football Coach At University In 1916 At Harvard

Tommy Campbell, the former director of athletics and head football coach at the University of North Carolina, has accepted a position as freshman coach at Harvard and right hand man to Bob Fisher, the head coach at Harvard.

Campbell won everlasting fame for himself when he led two Carolina football teams to victory over Virginia, the first time in 25 years of athletic rivalry the Tar Heels had ever won in two successive playing years.

He went to Chapel Hill in 1916, following the Doggie Trenchard regime, and taught a lot of high-class defensive football to a squad that was not especially brilliant but that through its defensive ability and through the individual running of Bill Folger fought its way to victory after victory, ending with a 7 to 0 win over Virginia in Richmond.

When the war came, Campbell went across early and saw a lot of rough service. He returned to the university in 1919 and once more led Captain "Nemo" Gokman's team to a 6 to 0 victory over Virginia before the largest crowd that ever saw an athletic contest in his state.

Following that year Campbell retired from coaching and has been working in Massachusetts ever since. Bob Fisher, the head coach at Harvard, is a close personal friend. Campbell and Fisher roomed together at college and played on the same team. When the crimson crossed the country two years ago to play California, Fisher had Campbell accompany the team for special coaching. And the personal call of Fisher and of his own university have now lured Campbell once more into the coaching game. Carolina men feel sure he will succeed. A keener coach and a finer man never drilled a squad.

CLINTON BACHELOR IN PECULIAR TRIAL

Accused of Giving Away His Estate And Heirs Are Investigating

Clinton, July 19.—A big and sensational suit looms up here. Mr. James Pugh, an old bachelor of near 90 years of age, is giving away his estate, worth possibly $75,000, just as fast as he can. P. S. Herring, a young lawyer of this town, is the recipient. It was stated some time ago that Mr. Pugh had willed Mr. Herring his property but later it evolved that he is deeding the land to him outright, and has given him checks to the value of many thousand dollars.

The heirs are Mrs. Mary Wooten, of Kinston, and her sons, Frank and Lloyd Wooten. Mrs. Wooten is Mr. Pugh's sister.

It is said that Mr. Pugh's cash was in the Kinston bank, of which a half-brother of the heirs is cashier, and that the withdrawal of the funds from this bank aroused the suspicions of the Wootens, while reports from Clinton confirmed them.

The hearing tomorrow before a justice of the peace is with a view of securing an injunction against Herring, the grantee here, as Horace would have designated him, to prevent his disposing of the property. The course of the proceeding is not known yet to your correspondent, but it may be readily predicted that there will be a hot time in the old town tomorrow.

Mr. Pugh is really a miser. He has let the old home of his father, which is situated less than two miles from the courthouse, go to wreck. He has hardly eaten enough, and when persuaded to subscribe for this county paper has paid it in 25-cent installments. Hence his unwonted benevolence has seemingly justified an investigation of his mental fitness to dispose of his property. According to report today he is a pauper.

A throng attended the hearing today before Clerk of Court Sessoms and a jury of twelve, regarding the mental competency of James N. Pugh. Mrs. Mollie Wooten, sister of Pugh, is the petitioner. She is represented by Cooper and Shaw of Kinston; Nelson, Whitfield, and Robinson of the Sampson bar, while Fowler and Cumpler, Butler and Herring, and Grady and Graham and J. D. Kerr, at present Pugh's attorney and beneficiary, P. S. Herring. It developed that Herring has bill of sale and notes secured by mortgage on the amount of $37,000 and has supposedly got thirteen thousand dollars on time deposit in First National Bank of Kinston besides a fourth interest in the Pugh homestead near Clinton.

This afternoon was consumed in the examination of Dal Wooten, president of First National Bank of Kinston, and stepson of Mrs. Wooten, Willis Briggs, of Raleigh, and Lloyd Wooten, son of Mrs. Wooten and nephew of the respondent Pugh. The inquiry will apparently occupy several days. The object of the petitioner is to have Pugh declared incompetent the transactions unified and a guardian appointed. Pugh is 82 years of age.

Sundown Prayer Given By Smithfield People

Judge Brooks Starts Movement To Break Up Bootlegging In That Section

Smithfield, July 20.—All Christian people in Johnston county have been called on to unite in common prayer at sundown each day in an effort to blot out the liquor traffic in this section completely. The call was issued at a mass meeting here Sunday afternoon, which was presided over by Judge F. H. Brooks, who declared that after ten years as judges of the county court, during which time he had tried hundreds of cases for violators of liquor laws and for drunkenness, he had come to the conclusion that the only way to stop the damnable business is to have a revival of religion.

Judge Brooks made an appeal to the people of the county several weeks ago and has received but one dissenting note, this being from Elder E. F. Pearce, of Princeton, who conceives such a movement as Judge Brooks has instituted to be a mark of a false religion. Elder Pearce, who is a member of the Primitive Baptist church, thinks it worse to be drunk on a false religion than to be intoxicated with blockade liquor.

Many strong addresses were made at the mass meeting Sunday afternoon which was largely attended and it was unanimously decided to call on the people to unite in prayers for a great revival of religion in Johnston.

NEWSPAPER WAGE SCALE IN NEW YORK TO REMAIN SAME

New York, July 20.—The present wage scale of New York newspapers printers is to continue until July 1, next as the result of ratification of an agreement by the union, announced today. The day shift will receive $55 for a 48 hours week, the night shift $58 for 48 hours and the midnight shift $61 for 42 hours.

MISS MATTIE SIMMONS OF FAYETTEVILLE DEAD

Fayetteville, July 19.—Miss Mattie Bell Simmons, aged 17 years, died in a hospital at Fayetteville Sunday evening after a lingering illness from typhoid fever. Her body was taken to Cedar Creek, Cumberland, Monday for interement. Funeral services were held at the Ballard cemetery, conducted by Rev. Scott Turner.

She is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Simmons, six brothers and three sisters.

WASH BRYANT IS FINED $50. COSTS

Attorneys Appeal When Defendant Is Found Guilty Of Assault On Son

Washington Bryant, a white farmer, charged with assault on his son, Sam Bryant which is said to have occurred last Friday, was fined $50 and costs when tried in Recorder's court Thursday. His attorneys gave notice of appeal to Superior court, and Bryant was put under a $100 bond for his appearance then.

Sam, eighteen year old son of Bryant, who swore out the warrant against his father, claiming that he had been beaten unmercifully by him, was put on the stand, and told the tale that he had related to the authorities when he had his father arrested.

The boy stated that Friday he was over at Ab Porter's home, which is located about a mile east of Duke, when his father drove up in an automobile in the company of another white man, L. B. Bolton. He said that his father called him out to the car, accused him of stealing his liquor still, and asked him where it was. When he denied stealing his still, he was called a liar by his father, and knocked flat of his back beaten up thoroughly and told to get in the car, where Bolton held a gun on him, according to the testimony of young Bryant. When he arrived home he was tied and locked in the meat house the boy stated, and he added that his father declared he would keep him there two weeks. He said that he remained there for half a day before he loosed himself and was able to escape.

When cross examined, Sam Bryant said that he had been gone from his father's home for about five days when the assault occurred. When asked if he had stolen shirts and other articles from his father, he denied it. He was asked if his father hit him after he was carried from Porter's house, and he replied that he beat him up again when his home was reached. He declared that he was then tied and thrown in the meat house, where he remained until he was able to free himself.

Mrs. Porter testified that she was home at the time of the alleged occurrence, and stated that she saw Wash Bryant knock down the boy, and put him in the car. She said that she was unable to hear the conversation.

When Bryant was put on the stand he proceeded into an explanation of what took place some time prior to the alleged assault, saying that his son had been staying away from home, stealing his shirts and everything else he could get his hands on, but the testimony was declared incompetent by the court, and he was asked to state only what happened at the time of the incident Friday.

Bryant states that he drove up to Porter's house and was met at the car by his son, whom he reprimanded for staying off from home, and declared that he would teach him a lesson. He denied asking him if he had stolen his still, but said that he did get after him for stealing other things from him. He admitted slapping the boy one time, and said that the boy fell to the ground, but he denied tying him or having Bolton hold a gun on him, as testified by Sam.

After leaving the house, Bryant continued, he carried Sam home, and locked him up in the meat house. He admitted threatening to keep him there two weeks, "to teach him a lesson," he explained, but he said that he was going to release him that day but the boy got out on his own accord.

When cross examined, Bryant steadily denied accusing his son of stealing his still and of even having a still. N. A. Townsend, prosecuting attorney for the state, said that he would not go into the past record of Bryant, that being already well known.

Sam Bryant still retained a few of the marks which he declared he received when his father assaulted him, and he said that he was afraid of his father. He said that he had been back to his home only once since the incident occurred and that he went then when his father was in Duke, and for the purpose of getting his clothes.

E. F. Young, James Best, and C. L. Guy appearing for the defendant, gave notice of appeal when the verdict of the court was rendered.

In a peace warrant, sworn out by D. L. Ennis on W. C. Murchison, a case was not made out, according to the decision of the court, and the suit was labelled "frivolous." Mr. Ennis was made to pay the costs of the case, which owing to an unusual large number of witnesses summoned from out of the county by Ennis himself, amounted to over $50.

Ennis attempted to prove that Murchison, who lives in the same house with him, had threatened his life on several occasions and he declared he was afraid of the man. But the court failed to see that Murchison had shown himself to be dangerous and ruled the man not guilty.

Dowcy McLamb was found not guilty on the charge of stealing a bicycle, when it was proved that he came in possession of the bicycle by a legal purchase, knowing nothing of how the man he bought it from secured it. He was released when the state failed to make out a case against him.

CHAMBER AT SMITHFIELD NOW AFTER NEW MEMBERS

Smithfield, July 19.—The Chamber of Commerce held an enthusiastic membership committee meeting Monday night. Ways and means by which this organization may become one of the State's active co-workers was discussed. It was planned to launch a campaign to raise the membership by at least fifty. This campaign will start Tuesday morning.

Campaign Begins Today

As a result of a canvass started this morning for co-operative marketing association members, following the big mass meeting held here yesterday afternoon, at which hundreds of farmers of this section attended, between two and three thousand bales are already assured for the co-operative market. The men that joined the association today as a starter for the big drive to be carried on for weeks, are the leading farmers in the Dunn section. A. W. Swain, campaign manager, and his crops of assistants, will remain in Harnett county for about three weeks, and he declares that he will have the county solid for co-operative marketing before he leaves. The local committee and the officers of the state association were highly pleased with the meeting yesterday and the great amount of interest manifested by the farmers.

PROBABLE CAUSE COURT'S VERDICT

Wash Bryant Tried Before U. S. Commissioner On Blockade Charge

On a charge of blockading, tried before United States Commissioner, E. T. Lee, here yesterday, Wash Bryant was found guilty of "probable cause," and when his attorneys appealed for him, was placed under a $500 bond.

Deputy Harper testified to having found last Friday about a hundred yards from Bryant's house, in the company of Sheriff Jernigan, and patrolmen Nipper and Langley, a four gallon jug over half full of corn whiskey. He stated that a further search was made, and that about two hundred yards from Bryant's old house the officers discovered a still furnace, 300 gallons of beer, five one gallon jugs, one four gallon jug one three gallon jug, a pile of fat lightwood a tin bucket, and two ten gallon kegs, one containing low wines. He also said that there was a hole digger, or shovel used to dig up the still.

When cross examined, the officer could not swear that any of the liquor, memories to the distilling plant was found on Bryant's land, but said that he was informed that the land was the property of Wash Bryant.

Langley and Nipper was also put on the stand and testified to the same facts that Harper did. They said that there was a path leading down to the woods, and that the still plant looked as if it had been in recent use.

C. L. Guy, appearing for the defense, declared that the officers did not find anything illegal on the Bryant land, and that the government had failed to make out a case. But the evidence impressed the court into giving a verdict of "probable cause," and Bryant's attorneys gave notice of an appeal. Bryant was required to put up $500 bond.

Mothers And Kiddies Enjoy A Great Outing

Fayetteville Attorney Turns Country Estate Over To Youngsters For Day

Fayetteville, July 20.—One of the most thoroughly enjoyed affairs of the kind in local annals was the community outing given mothers and children of Fayetteville and vicinity yesterday at "Cabin John" the beautiful country place of John A. Oates, overlooking Carver's Falls on the Cape Fear river. The outing was planned especially for the mothers and children who are seldom furnished the opportunity of enjoying a day in the country and was taken advantage of by 500 youngsters and their mothers.

The day was as perfect as the setting for the picnic, nature seeming to co-operate for the success of the outing heartily as the men and women of Fayetteville who made it possible. It was the first day in two weeks on which rain had not fallen. The country home of Mr. Oates, who was the prime mover in giving the outing, is an ideal place for such a fete, the house turned over to the pleasure seekers, being situated on lofty precipice overlooking the falls, the sides of the precipices covered with vines and the house surrounded by a grove of pines, the whole constituting a really beautiful spot, unsurpassed in all this section. The estate embraces the land on each side of the river for a mile north and south.

CLERK A. A. McDONALD NOW IN WATTS HOSPITAL

Lillington, July 18.—Clerk of Superior Court Arthur A. McDonald left for Durham Monday to enter Watts hospital for an operation for appendicitis. Mr. McDonald has suffered two or three attacks resembling appendicitis, and up advice of physicians he decided to undergo an operation. He had just returned from the annual convention of the Superior Court Clerk's Association at Wrightsville Beach when he suffered another attack. He is secretary-treasurer of the association being re-elected this year.

Wife (opening basket) — I've had two hats sent home, dear, so that you can choose. I myself like this one, but if you prefer the other, why I'll keep them both.—Toronto Telegram.

HERBERT HOOVER ACCEPTS DUNN'S FAIR INVITATION

Secretary of Commerce Will Speak On Last Day of Harnett Fair

MR. HOOVER HAS NEVER YET SPOKEN IN SOUTH

Invitation Extended By T. L. Riddle, Secretary of Fair Association, Through Congressmen Lyon and Brinson and Senator Simmons — Acceptance Last Tuesday.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of Commerce, has accepted an invitation to speak at the Harnett County fair, which will be held here October 11 to 15th, inclusive. The invitation was extended Mr. Hoover by T. L. Riddle, Secretary of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association, through Congressman S. M. Brinson, Congressman Homer L. Lyon, and Senator Simmons, and was accepted by Mr. Hoover Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Riddle was notified of the secretary's acceptance Wednesday morning by telegrams from Representative H. L. Lyon and Senator F. M. Simmons. The telegram from Representative Lyon was as follows: "Secretary Hoover will speak in Dunn on Saturday, October fifteenth."

The invitation was extended Secretary Hoover to speak on one of the dates between October 11 and 14th but the secretary was able to accept only the date of the 15th which is the day following the original dates of the fair. The wire from Senator Simmons explains this fully:

"Am glad to advise that in conference in company with Congressman Lyon and Congressman Brinson Secretary Hoover this afternoon accepted our invitation to visit and speak at your agricultural fair in October, and set the date for his coming as October fifteenth. Your letter stated any day would do from eleventh to fourteenth, but fifteenth is only day Mr. Hoover could accept, and I assume you can arrange this matter of date. The secretary will come unless some great public exigency should arise to prevent.

Fair Entertainment

The officers of the fair association were very much elated Wednesday over the news that Secretary Hoover had accepted the invitation to speak here at he Harnett fair. Secretary Riddle stated that the fair would be extended one day in order to get Mr. Hoover's speech on the program. The dates of the fair will be from October 11th, through the 14th, instead of through the 14th, as originally planned. "Saturday will be Jubilee Day," stated Mr. Riddle, in discussion of the plans of the fair.

The extension of the fair will make Harnett's third annual agricultural fair nearly a week in length. The period of the fair will be exactly six days, according to the latest change. Secretary Hoover will speak on the last day, which will, perhaps, be the biggest day of all, according to the plans of the promoters.

First Speech South

This is the first invitation that Secretary Hoover has accepted to speak in the South, and the city and county deserve to be congratulated on the secretary's acceptance. In connection with this the Greensboro Daily News carried the following story in Wednesday's issue:

"Washington, July 19. — Herbert Hoover, the secretary of commerce, today accepted his first invitation to visit one of the southern state and deliver an address. Representatives Brinson and Lyon, of North Carolina, and Frank A. Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, called upon Secretary Hoover this evening and asked him to speak at the Harnett cunty agricultural fair at Dunn, October 15. Mr. Hoover accepted and told the Tar Heel callers that the acceptance might be taken at full value unless some great contingency arises to keep him in Washington on that date. The Dunn address of Mr. Hoover, the first he will deliver in the south, will be a compliment to North Carolina, as he has turned down numerous requests since he entered the cabinet.

The fair promoters are indebted to Senator Simmons, Representative Lyon, and Congressman Brinson, for securing Secretary Hoover to speak here on October 15th. Mr. Hoover is a man that has shown himself to be one of the smartest in the cabinet, and he will be heard with much interest by thousands of people here on the big day of Harnett's third agricultural fair.

Wallace First Asked

Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, was first extended an invitation to speak here by the fair association through Representative Lyon. In reply to the invitation Secretary Wallace informed Mr. Riddle that it would be impossible for him to be here, owing to other engagements and the fact that his busie t months are just ahead of him. He thanked the association for its invitation, however, and expressed a desire that the fair will be a success. His letter written to Secretary Riddle, in part, reads: "While I cannot promise to be with you at Dunn I assure you I appreciate your courtesy, and extend my best wishes for a successful fair."

Immediately after Mr. Wallace wrote his regrets Mr. Riddle wrote to Representative Simmons and asked him, in the company of Representative Lyons and Congressman Brinson, to extend Herbert Hoover, Sec-

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