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## Premium Lists For Fair Ready

Premium books are now available to exhibitors who desire to enter competition at the Rocky Mount Fair, according to an announcement made today by Norman Y. Chambliss, general manager of the North Carolina Fair Operating Company. Prize money will total \$1,500, an increase of \$250 over last year's total premiums, and will be limited strictly to residents of Nash and Edgecombe counties. Premium books will be available at the fairgrounds office of the resident manager, E. J. Gordon.

Plans for the Rocky Mount fair, which will be held the week of November 2, are rapidly rounding up to shape. Heretofore, the exposition has opened the last week in September. The date this year was moved back to enable farmers to devote more time to their exhibits and indications are that a fine array of farm products will greet visitors to the Rocky Mount fair.

In charge of the agricultural exhibits is Mrs. E. J. Gordon, Nash County home demonstration agent. K. H. McIntyre of Red Oak is manager of the vocational agriculture exhibit, always a popular display at the fair.

A full week of entertainment and instruction is being arranged by Managers Chambliss and Gordon. On the midway of the Rocky Mount fair will be the Cotting-Wilson Shows, a clean, wholesome outfit featuring 29 shows and 15 rides. Grandstand entertainment will be enhanced by plenty of novelty acts and a revue.

Tuesday of fair week has been designated as the day for school children of Nash and Edgecombe counties. Children will be admitted to the grounds without charge. The day also will be observed as farmers' homecoming day, under sponsorship of the Farm Federation Bureau of Nash County.

Lucky Teeter and his Hell Drivers, which proved so popular last year, will present a brand new program of thrills on Wednesday and Friday of fair week. The death-defying stunts presented by Teeter and his aggregation of daredevils created a popular demand for a return engagement at Rocky Mt.

Harness racing will feature the arena program on Thursday and Friday. Races will be run under supervision of Joe McGraw, the veteran starter who functions at the famed Hambletonian classic and also at the North Carolina State Fair. Professional automobile races will be held Saturday afternoon to top off the gala entertainment week.

Many improvements have been made at the Rocky Mount fairgrounds, including beautification of the grounds and repairs to the fence, grandstand and race track.

## City Is Decked Out For Circus

Barnett Brothers Circus to Come Here August 12—to be Elaborate

Rocky Mount was being decked in bright circus colors today by the advertising crew of Barnett Bros., three big ring circuses which was "plastering" billboards, buildings, store windows, etc., with gaudy colored posters announcing the coming of the "big show."

The posters informed the curious public that the circus would erect its tented city here on Wednesday, August 12, for a one day engagement.

Advance notices indicate that the performance being presented by Barnett Bros., this season is one of the most elaborate that this show has ever attempted in the number of years that it has been on tour in the United States.

Clowns, acrobats, tumblers, trapeze artists, bare-back riders, aerialists, gymnasts equestriennes, tight-wire walkers, cowboys and cowgirls, besides the many trained animals, will perform in the three rings under the circus tent in an almost unending procession of thrills and feats of daring.

Miss Virginia White, daring aerialist, tops the list of headliners Barnett Bros. will bring to Rocky Mt. August 12.

This young lady completes from 75 to 100 one-armed plunges at each performance of the circus and it is this feat of endurance which is fast heading her toward stardom as one of the leading aerialists of her sex now on tour in the United States.

Two performances will be presented here. The matinee will start at 2 o'clock and the night show at 8 o'clock. Doors will be opened an hour previous to showing time.

AUTOISTS PAY \$1,111,890,690

Washington.—Taxes amounting to \$1,111,890,690 were paid by the American motorists in 1935, according to The American Petroleum Institute. Motor vehicle registration fees related items amounted to \$322,776,536; State gasoline taxes, \$616,851,671; and Federal gasoline taxes added \$172,262,483 to the total.

Increase in jobs and payrolls continued in June.

## Chest Officials To Be Selected

Officers and Directors of Community Chest To Be Named At Tuesday Meeting

Officers and directors of the Rocky Mount Community Chest will be elected at the annual meeting of the organization to be held at the Chamber of Commerce office Tuesday at 10:30 A. M.

President M. R. Robbins appointed a nominating committee which will present candidates for the various positions. Heading the committee is J. C. Braswell with E. E. Winslow and T. W. Coleman as members.

The present officers of the Community Chest are M. R. Robbins, president; Mrs. J. R. Bennett, vice-president; Frank S. Wilkinson, treasurer; and E. H. Austin, secretary.

On the board of directors are L. D. Thorp, W. J. Adams, F. E. Winslow, Mrs. J. A. Speight, L. T. Bulluck, and L. B. Aycock.

Each agency served by the organization's funds has a representative. At present T. A. Avera represents the Y. M. C. A., Rev. F. H. Craighill, Boy Scouts; Mrs. J. P. Whitehead, Associated Charities; E. L. Lucas, Salvation Army; and Mrs. B. H. Taylor, Girl Scouts.

The Community Chest officials are now engaged in an effort to collect the pledges made in the last drive. It is reported by the organization that unless these pledges are collected, the various agencies will suffer materially.

The officers and directors who will be elected at the meeting Tuesday will assume their positions immediately and lay all the plans for the next drive which will be held in October. The present board of directors, however, will go over the financial affairs of the welfare association.

## Scouts Planning Several Events

Board of Review, Court of Honor This Week, Swimming Meet Stated Next Week

Local Boy Scouts and their leaders were preparing for a series of events to be held here and in this immediate section within the next few weeks. Special sessions of all the Scouts together with inter-troop and intra-council athletic events were on the program.

Headlining the list of events was the court of honor, which will get underway at 7:45 o'clock Friday night in the Parish House of the church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal). T. A. Avera, chairman, asked for a "good attendance" from the parents of Scouts at the court.

Prior to the awarding court's session, the monthly board of review will convene at 5:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist church where A. T. Cronenberg, chairman, will supervise the examination of all candidates for awards at the court of honor.

Mr. Cronenberg said that there was a large number of applicants for various ranks ranging all the way from tenderfoot to Eagle Scout, who are expected to appear before the board of review and the honor court.

On August 14, the annual Rocky Mount district swimming meet will get underway at the municipal pool at 8:30 o'clock. On the following Friday night, August 21, the Scouts will go to Tarboro for the annual council swimming meet with the first place winners here competing against the winners from Wilson, Tarboro, Roanoke Rapids, Greenville, Kinston and Washington.

## Hutson Sees Half Way Price

Raleigh, July 30.—J. B. Hutson soil conservation program director for the east central region, predicted to tobacco growers they would get prices this year "about half way between what you could get without any program and what you would have gotten under the AAA and Kerr-Smith act regulations."

Hutson was head of the tobacco section of the old AAA. The tobacco growers held their special meeting in connection with Farm and Home Week and were to elect an advisory group to work on future plans to protect their interests.

Hutson said his information indicated the crop now held by manufacturers was not quite as much as this season the previous years.

He estimated stocks on hand would provide a supply for 34 months.

LOAN SHARK CONVICTED

Memphis, Tenn.—W. E. Nowell, manager of a loan company, was fined \$375 after being convicted of extorting \$20 per cent interest for a \$5 loan made to a Negro woman in 1934. The woman testified that she paid \$1 each two weeks until January of this year, a total of 520 per cent interest.

## Again Awarded Americanism Cup

Miss Mattie Shackelford Of Tarboro Wins Honors At Legion Meeting

Tarboro, Aug. 1.—For the third consecutive year, Miss Mattie T. Shackelford, Americanism officer of the Eason Tiney post of the American Legion here, has returned home from an annual State convention with the Americanism cup tucked away in her baggage.

Largely due to the activities of Miss Shackelford, Tarboro was awarded the trophy at the recent Legion convention in Asheville. The cup is given each year to the North Carolina post which has done most in the preceding 12 months to promote Americanism.

As Americanism officer of the post, Miss Shackelford had done much in the field, mainly through the local chapter of "Young Americans" which she organized and kept active.

Miss Shackelford, a registered nurse who served in front line hospitals in France during the World War and who afterwards went to Serbia and Armenia as member of a corps of American nurses, served one year as commander of the Legion post here.

Local Legionnaires claim she is the only woman in the country to have been a post commander.

## Winslow Named Federation Head

Farm Organization Names District Committee; To Seek New Members

Representatives from 57 counties met at State College to set up a permanent North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, replacing the temporary organization formed last fall.

J. E. Winslow, of Greenville, outstanding farm leader and acting chairman of the temporary organization, was elected president. W. F. Woodruff, of Nashville, was elected vice-president.

Edwin A. O'Neil, militant president of the national organization, spoke briefly to the delegates, imploring them to help in raising the income of the North Carolina farmer.

Farmers north of the Mason-Dixon line are willing and anxious to cooperate with you in bringing about better conditions," he declared, "if you will only give them a chance."

Four Districts  
The State has been divided up into four districts. An executive committee, composed of representatives from each of these districts, was selected at the meeting.

From the Northeast sector, those elected were: W. W. Watson, Lake Landing; Alfonza Edwards, Hookerton; W. F. Woodruff, Nashville; and J. E. Winslow, Greenville.

Southeastern members of the committee are: J. R. Morris, Wilmington; A. J. Whitley, Smithfield; and J. D. Johnson, Garland.

Those from the Northwest district are: R. F. Shaw, Greensboro; C. T. Hall, Wadesboro; and J. L. Christian, Surry County.

From the Southwest district, the following were elected: J. M. Wilcox, Sanford; W. S. Patterson, Stony Point; and J. G. Crawford, Coolemeade.

Membership Drive  
President Winslow announced that the executive committee would meet about August 10 to perfect plans for a membership drive, and to select a permanent secretary and treasurer.

Since its inception in North Carolina last fall, beginning with a mass meeting in Greenville at which O'Neil delivered a bristling address urging tobacco farmers to organize, the aggressive Farm Bureau has spread rapidly all over North Carolina. Officers hope to organize permanent associations in each of the State's 100 counties.

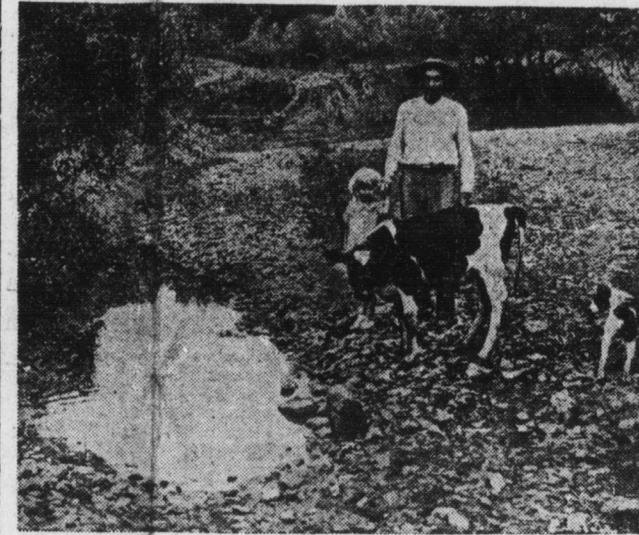
## Turn Down Grading Plan

Smithfield, Aug. 1.—A majority of the tobacco growers who voted on the referendum of mandatory government grading of tobacco on the Smithfield market, favored the plan, but under the act of Congress a market cannot be designated for the grading service unless two-thirds of the farmers voting in a referendum favor it. As there was not that proportion favoring it, Smithfield will not have that service.

The defeat of the plan followed a vigorous campaign waged against it by local warehousemen, who declared that a fair trial of government grading on the market here four years ago had proved that the service was of no benefit to the farmers.

Tobacco farmers in 19 market areas in the United States have voted this summer on the mandatory government grading of tobacco and to date the grading plan has been favored in every area except one.

## Down to the Last Small Puddle



Dried up by the drought, all that remains of this stream on a farm near Louisville, Ky., is this small puddle of water which must serve the wants of the farmer and his child, and his cattle pictured beside it.

## Edgecombe Entitled To Road Refund

The last Legislature passed a joint resolution directing the Governor to appoint a commission to investigate the claims of Counties for money spent and advanced to build roads which go to make up the Highway system of North Carolina. These Counties are having to pay bonds for these roads, which form a part of the Highway system, while the 2 cent gasoline tax, which was first levied for the benefit of the Counties has been taken over by the State, while the counties have been left the burden of paying these bonds.

The commission has been appointed and has requested the counties which have claims to file their claims with the commission.

Edgecombe is one of the Counties that has bonded itself heavily for roads which have been taken over by the highway and form a part of the State Highway System. The road from Rocky Mount to Pinetops which cost around \$350,000 is one of these roads. The road from Leggetts to Tarboro; the road leading from Tarboro to Oak City; the road leading from Tarboro toward Pinetops, by way of Wiggins Cross Road. These roads were built by the county and the bonds are still outstanding and unpaid for their construction. It is expected that the County Commissioners will present Edgecombe's claim before the commission. Edgecombe would have a splendid tax rate, but for the payment of these bonds and at the time of the construction of these roads, the county expected to get its part of the gasoline tax to pay the interest and sinking funds on the bonds.

## THE BAR EXAMINATION

The examination for admittance to the bar for the practice of law is being held this week in Raleigh. The results of the examination have not been announced. The former examinations by the bar committee have been such as to cause many of the lawyers, old practitioners, to wonder if the committee was not undertaking to limit the number of lawyers rather than pass on the qualification of the applicant to practice law.

We feel and have always felt that this committee should not have anything to do with the number of lawyers, but their sole duty is to examine into the applicant's qualifications, both morally and educationally.

We still insist that the first qualification of a lawyer should be his character and the second his learning. A very learned lawyer who lacks character is a very dangerous instrumentality at large. The examination should be to test the applicant's ability to practice law and not to limit the number.

## Hospital Will Be Huge Amount of Air-Conditioned Liquor Is Sold

Air-conditioned operating rooms were envisaged today for a local hospital along with announcement of awarding a contract for the work to a local concern. The work, if the contract is carried out, will be finished within about two weeks.

Officials of the Park View hospital today disclosed work will soon get underway for air-conditioning their two operating rooms here, and they will have a system of fans to send out the hot air from the sterilizing room nearby. The air will be dehumidified, it was shown, thus making the amount of anaesthetics given smaller than before.

With a local firm doing the job, the staff expressed the hope work will be finished by the middle of the month.

This will be the only hospital of the immediate section so equipped, it was shown. A Richmond, Va., hospital is similarly equipped, and a Tarboro hospital is making use of the air-conditioning system to some extent.

58,000 MORE GST JOBS

Washington.—According to a report by the Labor Department, there was an increase of 58,000 from May to June in the number of workers employed in industry. June was the fourth consecutive month to show employment gains in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing industry.

## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

### Georgia Tobacco Prices Pleasing

Averages Reported Higher Than Last Year: Range Up To 50 Cents A Pound

Tifton, Ga., Aug. 4.—The first 19-36 tobacco auctions in the nation began today in South Georgia and growers reported prices good.

Offerings were heavy in each of the 15 market cities. Some markets had the heaviest offerings in the history of the crop which since the World War has become one of South Georgia's greatest and most profitable agricultural products.

The Georgia crop brought \$13,582,912 in 1935. Some warehousemen predicted the 1936 crop would do even better.

Opening prices ranged from 5 cents a pound for trash grades to more than 50 cents a pound for choice tobaccos.

Warehouses throughout the belt were jammed. Much tobacco remained on wagons and trucks and in storage buildings. It will be sold later in the week.

Double crews were put to work at many warehouses, giving work to hundreds of persons.

Busy Places  
Opening of the auctions turned the tobacco market towns—Aled, Baxley, Blackshear, Douglas, Hahira, Hazlehurst, Metter, Moultrie, Nashville, Pellham, Statesboro, Tifton, Valdosta, Vadalia and Waycross—into the busiest cities in the state.

### Liberty League States Position

Denies Being Ally of Republican Party; Has No Love For The New Deal

Washington, Aug. 5.—The American Liberty League, which has protested much of the New Deal in the past two years, announced tonight "it will endorse no candidate or party, in the Presidential campaign."

"The league is neither an adjunct nor an ally of the Republican party," said a statement by the league's executive committee in redefining the position to be held between now and November.

"It is not an adjunct of the Democratic party, even though many of its principles harmonize with the excellent platform adopted by that party in 1932 and proclaimed as a covenant with the people to be faithfully kept."

"Certainly the league is not an adjunct of the New Deal party which for the moment has unsurpassed control of the party of Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland and Wilson."

The committee, of which Alfred E. Smith is a leading member, said the league "will continue to emphasize the protection of the rights of the masses which the Constitution affords and it will be true to the pledge embodied in its charter to uphold and defend the Constitution and the courts created to interpret it."

No Contributions  
"It has not and will not contribute to any campaign fund," the statement concluded.

Its issuance coincided with preparation by another member of the committee and a friend of Smith's, former Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts, to attend the meeting of anti-Roosevelt Democrats called for Friday in Detroit. Smith was invited to attend, but said today in New York that previous engagements would keep him there.

In a statement today at Westfield, Mass., Ely said the Detroit conference would discuss a plan for those Democrats who do not believe the New Deal is administering the country for the best interests of the people.

ACCOMPLISHES AIM

Blackwell, Okla.—Max Hawkins was determined to visit the hospital where his sister, Mary Ellouse, had gone to have her tonsils removed, although his parents refused to let him go. He fell from a porch, broke his arm and had to be taken to the hospital. Max said he did it "just so he could get in the hospital."

NO ARGUMENT ANY LONGER RECOVERY AND POLITICS COUGHLIN'S FAST TALK ANTI'S TO CONFER LONDON'S ACCEPTANCE LABOR LEADERS CRITICAL KANSAS RELIEF CONTEST INCOME TAXES IMPORTANT THE TARIFF AN ISSUE

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

There is no longer any argument about improved business conditions. The depression is, for the most part, behind the nation and industry is going into a period of continuous recovery. Corporate statements reflect increased earnings and there are other distinct grounds for the optimistic attitude to the future no wend in business circles.

The National Chamber of Commerce concludes that 1936 will be "the best year in physical volume of business" since 1929. Building construction in six months was 75 per cent ahead of last year, consumption in several lines is back to the 1929 level and freight shows substantial gains. Employment in manufacture, according to Labor Bureau records, is the largest since the fall of 1930 and the Chamber estimates that the Autumn stimulus will put it close to the 1927 and 1928 point. Incidentally, steel makers are planning wages for overtime, showing how they regard the prospects.

The question arises, what effect will this recovery have on the political outlook? Usually, as everyone knows, good business helps the party in power and bad business hurts it. Without participating in the partisan debate over the question whether administration policies have helped or hindered recovery, it might be noted, as an amazing factor, that despite the improvement in business conditions there is no enthusiasm for the President in business and financial circles. The big leaders are against the administration and many smaller business men throughout the nation will be influenced by their example.

It is obvious however, that the recovery underway has, at least, put a crimp in the prospects of parties and politicians hoping to capitalize on unrest. How effective this obstacle will be in preventing the development of wild-eyed support for crazy remedies remains to be seen. It depends upon the extent of employment, the efficacy of relief generally, and the condition of the agricultural class when the voters go to the polls.

The Rev. Coughlin is addressing large crowds wherever he goes but seems to be unlucky in speech. After his initial breach, calling the President a "liar," the paragon was quoted in the newspapers as urging farmers to repudiate their debts. His apology to the Chief Executive and his denial that he was correctly quoted in regard to debts will not remove the impression that the radio priest is losing some of his balance in the heat of his emotion. While he is undoubtedly making a strong appeal to some portion of the voters there are little indications that his campaign for Rep. Lemke will get very far at the polls. This situation may change as the campaign goes along, but for the present the third party threatens to do little nationally, although in some States the combination of Townsend, Coughlin, Smith and Lemke may be the decisive balance between the Democrats and Republicans.

Interesting is the announcement that anti-Roosevelt Democrats will stage a conference soon to discuss how best to oppose the President. Any reader who has kept up with national politics in the slightest measure will have no hesitation in naming those "associated" and "invited." James A. Reed, of Missouri; Joseph B. Ely, of Massachusetts; Bainbridge Colby and others will be there. As this is written no announcement has come about Al Smith, but our guess is that the "Happy Warrior" will get the chance to make another speech. If it falls as flat as his Liberty League dinner oration the Democrats supporting the President will probably want to do something to help the gathering along. It has been noted that, immediately after the Smith oratorical effort at the dinner, the Liberty League faded from the political picture as an effect.

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