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## CALIFORNIA PLAN WAS ADOPTED

### Peanut Growers Meet and Adopt California Plan of Organization

### GOOD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 29TH

### Several Advisers and Men of Experience Were Present to Aid in Organization—\$5,000 000 Maximum Capital Stock Divided into Common and Preferred Stock—One Common Stock to Each Grower.

Suffolk, Va., May 4.—The outstanding feature of the big meeting of the peanut growers in Suffolk on April 29th. was the adoption of a plan for the enlarged Peanut Exchange, based on the form of co-operative associations so successfully used in California.

The plan was drawn by Mr. Aaron Sapiro, an attorney of San Francisco, who represents many of the larger co-operative associations of Pacific Coast, and who was present to fully explain the printed plan as presented. In a straight-forward business-like manner he pointed out to the large number of growers present the great value of their getting together for the upbuilding of their industry. He not only spoke to them from the standpoint of an attorney, who has been through the thick of the fight in working out the legal problems which have confronted growers' organizations, but also as an organizer who has been a potent factor in arousing the people of that section to co-operative effort. He held the individual attention of the growers throughout his long, tedious task of explaining the proposed plan and answering the many questions presented to him.

At the conclusion of this part of the program, Mr. Stuart Lewis, local attorney for the Peanut Exchange, stated to the growers that he had gone thoroughly over every detail of the proposed plan and found that it conformed wholly to the Virginia laws. He also expressed it as his opinion that the plan was wholly workable and that its secure legal provisions would command the confidence and cooperation of the business interests of the peanut growing section.

Judge James L. McLemore of Suffolk and Hon. Frank Storey of Courtland, N. C., both expressed their hearty approval of this effort of the growers to get together, and commended the plan as one that offered a real solution of the problem of the peanut growers to market their peanuts to the best advantage.

Mr. O. B. Jeans of the Bureau of Markets at Washington was also present, and congratulated the growers on their determination to get down on a working business basis.

The growers were also most fortunate in having with them Mr. W. J. DeCourse of Fresno, California, who is the Eastern Representative of the California Raisin Association, with his headquarters in New York City. He enjoys the distinction of having been with the Raisin Association from its organization, and now holds one of the most responsible positions in their big selling force. The story that he told of the development of this association and the explanations that he made at various points during the day were of invaluable assistance to the growers in getting a clearer idea of the possibilities of working out their own salvation through co-operative efforts.

At the conclusion of the speeches, a very encouraging per cent of the (Continued on page 10)

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO SOME GOOD WRITER

### High School Pupils of County to Compete in National Contest

### Prizes for Best Essays in Connection With Ship by Truck—Good Roads Week, May 17-22. Judges Will Be Appointed by Federal Bureau of Education.

High School pupils of the country are to be given an opportunity to compete for a four-year's university scholarship to be awarded for the best essay submitted in connection with Ship by Truck—Good Roads Week, May 17 to 22, according to announcement recently made, which said that the essays will be read and the prizes awarded by judges to be appointed by the Federal Bureau of Education. "The contest, it is said, is for the purpose of focusing public attention on the necessity for good roads and the feasibility of the motor truck as a short haul medium.

According to the plans approved by Commissioner of Education, P. P. Claxton, contestant, to be eligible to compete for the national prize, first must have won one of the prizes to be awarded by various organizations and individuals in their respective communities. The national prize is to be known as the H. S. Firestone University scholarship, and will be given in any college or university chosen by the winner. All high school pupils may submit a five hundred word essay, which must be entitled "Ship by Truck and Good Roads" but if the national prize is won by any pupil other than a senior, the award will be deferred until the winner is ready to matriculate at the institution of his choice.

Judges who will make the national award will be named by Commissioner Claxton before May 22, by which time all essays must be submitted. School Superintendents and principals of high schools are being acquainted with the terms of the contest, and it is expected more than one million essays will be written upon this subject, serving to accentuate the interest and to widen the scope of discussion to be created by the Ship by Truck—Good Roads Week, during which time caravans of motor trucks will tour every section of the country.

Organizations whose members are lending the weight of their influence and activities toward the making of it a success, include the American Automobile Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Grange, the Ship by Truck Bureau, the Army, the Navy, and the churches and schools in general.

State Superintendents of Instruction are being requested to direct the contest within their commonwealth. Prizes are to be awarded in each community and will be determined by local committees.

Announcements of other national prizes to be awarded by organizations which are lending their support to the program for the week is expected to be made soon.

## SEC. MEREDITH COMING FOR FARM CONVENTION

(Special to the Herald.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 3.—The North Carolina Farmers' and Woman's Convention will be held at Raleigh on August 24, 25 and 26th, according to an announcement just issued by Clarence Poe, President, and W. F. Pate, Secretary, who say that the program as already arranged promises to make this year's convention the greatest ever held in the State. The list of speakers soon to be announced is headed by Hon. Edwin T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture, and includes other men of national prominence.

Preliminary plans for the women's program, made by Mrs. A. L. Cape-C. Morris, Secretary, include a series of events and speakers that are said to eclipse any program of previous conventions.

At the coming convention, special emphasis will be given to demonstration exhibits, according to the officers.

Reduced rates are expected to be in effect for the convention on all railroads leading to Raleigh.



HON. O. MAX GARDNER

The closing exercises of the Ahoskie High School will take place on Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 12th and 13th. The exercises on Wednesday night will be in charge of the Graduating Class—Class Day Exercises. Thursday night Hon. O. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor, will deliver the Annual Address. The public is cordially to attend.

## NOTES ON THE ORGANIZATION WORK OF THE PEANUT EXCHANGE

### Peanut Growers of Virginia and Carolina Recently Adopted California Plan and Below Are Given Suggestions on Organization Work—Profit for the Peanut Growers Means Prosperity for All.

The movement of the peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina to enlarge their Exchange so as to put them in position to market their peanuts the very best advantage is one that should appeal to every grower and to all business interests. In those peanut growing counties, where the peanut is the principal cash crop, there is no one thing of more vital importance to every interest than the growers receiving a price for their peanuts, that will insure them a reasonable profit above the cost of production.

### Peanuts Principal Cash Crop

The future prosperity of this county is so wrapped up in the peanut that the way it sells well nigh determines the measure of progress the farmers will make. If the peanut sells at a good price, then all is well; if the growers fail to make a profit on peanuts, then every business in the county suffers. In view of these conditions every grower should fall in with the movement of peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina to get their business organized on such a basis as to insure a fair profit on peanuts all the time. And other business interests will be working for their own progress and prosperity by joining hands with the growers in this great movement.

### Peanut Growers Working out their own Salvation.

The peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina are showing real business wisdom in their determination to work out their own salvation rather than to wait on State and Nation to give them relief through any legislation. Farming is a big business and must be conducted on strict business principles; if the growers expect to get anywhere they must do for themselves through their own organization. The time for the demagogue and cheap politics with the farmer has passed and he is to be congratulated that he has reached that point that he no longer listens to so much political rot and that he is now looking out for number one and de-

pending on his own efforts in cooperation with his neighbors to put the things across. This kind of independence and this spirit of cooperation will put him on a firm and lasting foundation which will then justify it as a gilt edge security. Under the proposed agreement each grower in signing his contract signs for seven years in accordance with the California plan which has been found so highly successful that the cooperative associations of that State are now able to call themselves the models for the whole country.

### Peanut Growers Basing Work on Successful Experience

California leads in co-operation and now points the way for other states to follow in their co-operative efforts. So the peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina in adopting the California plan for their Peanut Exchange are showing real business wisdom in basing their work on a plan that has been found to be highly efficient, rather than trying something new. Not only have they followed the California plan, but their own plan has been drawn by a man who has been a potent factor in the working out of the co-operative association plan in that State. They have also subjected it to critical tests of home legal talent, who pronounce it bomb proof. So with a real workable plan, based on the practical experience of many most successful associations and pronounced by legal foundation, and so secure that he will enjoy unprecedented prosperity. And more than this, the results will be so satisfactory that he will in truth be lord of what he surveys and his children will be delighted to remain on the old farm. The application of business principles to the farm will save the farmer himself and save the country for the future generations.

### All Business Interests Should Join

The peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina in making it possible for other interests to join hands in their movement to greatly enlarge their Exchange are making a wise provision for the future upbuilding of the peanut industry. While their common stock, which will have all the voting power, will be limited to one share to each grower, their preferred stock will bear eight per cent interest, and will have behind it a substantial backing that will justify it wholly to every legal provision, neither growers nor investors should hesitate to give it their full support. Even if they do not think that the plan is just what is needed, they can trust a plan that has put other organizations on the map rather than try something untried.

## SCHOOL GIRL GIVES HERTFORD HISTORY

### History of Hertford County Concisely Written and Outlined

### BY ANTOINETTE WHITE OF MURFREESBORO

### High School Girl Writes About Hertford County—Petition for Formation in 1758 by John Campbell—Has Fine Record—Several Towns Are Chartered with Ahoskie the Largest.

On December 12th., 1758, John Campbell presented a petition to the General Assembly of North Carolina asking that Hertford County should be formed from Chowan, Bertie and Northampton. A year later a similar bill was sent to the Council. It was passed December 29, 1759, and the county was given two members in the General Assembly.

Hertford got its name from Francis Seymour, Marquis of Hertford, a close friend of the famous Horace Walpole, and a brother of Lord Conway who moved in the House of Lords the repeal of the Stamp Act. The word Hertford means the "deer's ford," "bert" being the old word for deer.

The early settlers were French, Irish, Scotch and Scotch-Irish. The area of the county is 345 square miles and the length north and south about twenty-two miles. It lies in the Coastal Plain. It is bounded on the north by the Virginia line; on the east by the Chowan River, which separates it from Gates and Chowan Counties; on the south by Bertie County; and on the west by Northampton County. The chief industries are lumbering and agriculture.

In 1779 when Gates County was formed all of the territory of Hertford north of the Chowan River was given to Gates. This took away some of our best citizens.

William Murfree and Henry Winborne were the first members in the Colonial General Assembly from the county. James Jones of Hertford was a member of Governor Dobb's Council and one of the leading men in the province.

Mr. Wheeler in his history of the State says "The Constitution of North Carolina was believed to be the production of Thomas Jones, Thomas Burke and Richard Caswell. But this is disputed by Hardy Murphy Banks who sternly claims that it was written by William Murfree, one of the members from Hertford County."

When the war began between America and the mother country, Hertford furnished ten companies of soldiers. Colonel Murfree, one of the County's distinguished men, led the North Carolina troops in the campaigns into New York and Pennsylvania. He took the fort at Stony Point, which was thought to be an impossibility.

On February 26, 1825, Marquis de LaFayette, the young French General in the American Army, visited the county. He was received with a grand reception and people from afar came to meet this wonderful man.

On the night of August 22, 1830 the courthouse at Winton and many valuable records were burned. This was done by Wright Aelen, whose purpose was to get rid of a paper held against him. He did not destroy it because it was in Murfreesboro.

In 1794 the Hertford Academy, the first incorporated school in the county, was located in Murfreesboro. Later on this property was bought by Mrs. James Banks and was made also a school for girls. In 1820, Samuel

## FORMER PASTOR THINKS AHOSKIE THE PLACE FOR CHOWAN COLLEGE

(The HERALD received the following communication from Rev. C. L. Dowell, former pastor of the Ahoskie Baptist Church, one day this week.)

Franklinton, N. C., May 2nd. Dear Editors:

We are gratified to have noticed a marked improvement in the "Herald."

We especially commend the thoughtful article of Miss Inez Benthall on the removal of Chowan College. It seems to us fair, business-like and illuminating. Each of the towns bidding for Chowan College is good, but, if the institution is to be retained within the limits of the two associations, Ahoskie is the logical place for it.

It is a young, growing town; full of bouyancy; progressive in spirit and will appreciate and patronize the college. Ahoskie will soon be a city. No other place in that section is more accessible, or will more loyally support and helpfully advertise Chowan College.

Having been pastor of the Baptist Church there for seven years, and knowing the people and surrounding country, I think I may thus speak.

With best wishes,  
C. L. DOWELL.

## HERTFORD COUNTY FAIR ON OCTOBER 12-15, 1920

(Special to the Herald)

At a recent meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Fair Secretaries in Norfolk a regular circuit was arranged and dates decided upon. The date decided upon for the Hertford County Fair was October 12th to 15th. Five fairs came in on the circuit in the order named below: Woodland, October 5-8, Winton, October 12-15; Edenton October 19-22; Elizabeth City October 26-29; Smithfield November 2-5, 1920.

By a circuit in this manner all the fairs concerned get much better contracts with carnival companies and free attractions, thus enabling them to offer more attractions than ever before. Premium lists for the Hertford County Fair will go to press by May 20th, and will be mailed out as soon thereafter as is possible. Any request for information regarding the Fair should be addressed to the president or Secretary of the Fair Association at Winton, North Carolina.

H. L. MILLER, Secretary.

Nicholson of Maney's Neck established a high school near Buckhorn Academy. Professors John Kimberly and J. H. Picot were noted instructors of the Academy at Buckhorn. In 1843 the people of Harrelsville established the Union Academy, a school of high grade. The Baptists of the Chowan Association established the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, now Chowan College, at Murfreesboro in 1848. The first president was Rev. Martin Rudolph Forey.

Wesleyan Female College, also in Murfreesboro, was established by the Methodists. The buildings were two times burned and not rebuilt after the last fire in 1893.

When the Civil War began Hertford County furnished a company of soldiers known as the "Hertford Light Infantry." This company was captured by the Federals at Hatteras and kept awhile as prisoners. During this war the courthouse was again destroyed and every house in Winton except a log cabin and the Methodist Church. This was done by three of the warships of the Union navy which fired bomb shells on the town and later set fire to it.

Winton, the county seat, is named for the Wynns family. It is beautifully situated on the Chowan River and is 155 miles northeast of Raleigh. It was incorporated in 1768.

Murfreesboro was founded on the 6th of January, 1787; Harrelsville was incorporated in 1883; Union in 1889; and Mapleton in 1901. Ahoskie, incorporated in 1893, has grown to be the largest town in the county. It is favorably located on the Atlantic Coast Line and is a tobacco center.