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## Co-operative Marketing Clearly And Forcefully Presented By Sapiro

Apostle of Plan Which Has Made California Fruit Growers Rich Addresses Large Crowd of Robeson County Farmers Here—He Declares That What Has Been Done in California Can Be Done Even More Easily by Southern Farmers With Non-Perishable Products Like Cotton and Tobacco.

### MERCHANDISING OF FARM PRODUCTS VERSUS DUMPING

Co-operative marketing as it has been successfully put into operation in California, making farmers of that State prosperous and independent, and as it can be practiced to the financial independence and prosperity of cotton and tobacco farmers of the South was explained clearly, forcefully and in detail here Friday by Mr. Aaron Sapiro of California in an address at the court house. Mr. Sapiro for nearly two hours held the undivided attention of a crowd, largely composed of farmers, that filled the court room to overflowing, many standing throughout the address. He talked plain, straight business, appealing to the business sense and judgment of his audience, and he made a profound impression as he unfolded a sure and safe plan whereby farmers may get a fair return for their labors.

Not An Experiment. Mr. Sapiro made it plain at the outset that cooperative marketing is not an experiment. It was started in Europe more than 60 years ago. Denmark has the best co-operative association in the world. Where it has failed it has failed because it was tinkered with and was not stuck to. In California it was started 26 years ago. The movement is not confined to fruit. All products are marketed successfully by this system.

80,000 Growers Organized. In California 80,000 growers are organized into marketing associations. The plan is applied to all products. Through co-operative associations, California farmers sell yearly products amounting to \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000. North Carolina occupied fourth place in value of agricultural products in 1919, but North Carolina has moved from that place, it has been crowded out by California simply because of co-operative marketing in that State. California, Mr. Sapiro said, does not produce a valuable crop as North Carolina produces and it has been able to crowd this State out of fourth place simply because of superior marketing. They have had all the problems in California that North Carolina farmers have had, but now co-operative marketing touches a twenty-two distinct commodities. The plan has proved itself. There is no guess work about it; it is simply a business proposition, not complex and not difficult to understand. It has been tried when prices were going up and when prices were going down, and has stood all tests. In California in 1920-21, four out of every five farmers made a profit because of co-operative marketing.

No Crop Liens or Mortgages. In North Carolina, said the speaker, 3 out of 4 farmers have to borrow money to raise a crop—have to give crop liens. In California, out of 80,000 men in co-operatives, less than 2 per cent. have to borrow money to raise a crop. Formerly they had the same system of crop liens and mortgages that North Carolina farmers have, but they have grown out of it. Wherever cooperative marketing is used the third year crop marketing is solved and becomes profitable.

Principles Involved. For every successful co-operative, said the speaker, there have been ten failures. In the last ten years the causes of failure have been analyzed and a point has been reached where critical judgment can be passed upon the applied principles.

Organize by Commodities. It has been demonstrated that you must organize by commodities and not by localities. At first lots of associations were formed and they flooded the markets. As soon as high prices were heard of in any place, the market was glutted and prices came down, because the associations were organized locally. In 1905 they stopped selling by locals. Now in 20 districts there are 218 locals, and all products of the same kind are routed out of one exchange. The plan was a failure until it was learned that all locals had to be federated so as to equalize. Now the exchanges find out what every town can absorb and no more of that commodity is shipped to that town than it can absorb. One district is not allowed to break the market against another district.

When you are producing something, you think of localities; when selling, you must think of commodities. The primary blunder was not discovering that. It took years of time and millions of money to learn that that was the only thing that could give success.

Every association organized around a locality is a failure, and it is a crime to organize co-operative associations in the wrong way. Co-operative marketing is not a failure because some that were organized on the (Continued on page five.)

## Farmers' Meetings All Over County

Series of 72 Co-operative Marketing Meetings to be Held Throughout the County Begins Today at Maxton.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, 72 farmers' meetings in the interest of co-operative marketing will be held throughout the county during the next two weeks. The meeting places for this week are:

Maxton—today.  
Oak Grove—Tuesday, May 24.  
Spring Hill—Wednesday, May 25.  
Mt. Moriah—Thursday, May 26.  
Raemon—Friday, May 27.  
Alma—Saturday, May 28.

At these meetings, under the direction of County Farm Demonstrator O. O. Duke, several representatives of the State Department of Agriculture will be present to thoroughly explain the co-operative marketing contracts for cotton and tobacco and to canvass each community. The following were on hand for the meeting today: A. W. Swain, secretary of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Marketing Association; J. G. Lawton and H. H. Lawley, former demonstration agents of Richmond and Washington counties, respectively; J. B. Swain, O. G. Smith, A. O. Alford, T. Parrott, W. B. Maybee, H. H. B. Marsh, assistant State farm demonstrator, and 4 others from the State Department of Agriculture, are expected to join the campaign tomorrow, and 4 government cotton graders are also expected later.

## Lumberton Graded And H. School Finals

School Will Close May 31—Gilbert T. Stephenson Will Deliver Literary Address—Rev. Dr. J. J. Hurt Will Preach Sermon—Class Exercises Evening of May 30.

The Lumberton graded and high schools will close Tuesday, May 31. Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem will deliver the literary address on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, will preach the commencement sermon Sunday evening, May 29, at 8 o'clock. Class-day exercises will be held on Monday evening, May 30, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Certificates will be awarded those who finish the 7th grade work Friday morning, May 27 at 9 a. m. Supt. W. H. C. is anxious to have all the mothers in town interested in kindergarten work, met at the high school auditorium on that morning at 9 o'clock.

## Edens Will Trial Still In Progress

Probably Will Hold Attention of Court Through Wednesday—Jurors Summoned for This Week Will Report Thursday.

The trial in re the will of the late Miss Letitia M. Edens, which was begun Wednesday of last week, is still in progress in Superior court here. The trial will probably last through Wednesday. Jurymen for this week's term of court have been summoned to report Thursday morning. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the amount involved in the will is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

## Young Man Arrested Here for Theft of Auto in Fayetteville

A young white man who gave his name as Lee R. Springer was arrested by members of the local police force here about 3:30 Saturday morning on the charge of the larceny of an auto at Fayetteville. The auto, an Overland, belonged to the Fayetteville Insurance & Realty Co. and was stolen about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. Fayetteville officers advised the local police force to be on the lookout for the car. Springer admitted after his arrest that he stole the car. He said his home was Kansas City, Mo., and that he intended to drive the car to that place.

An officer from Fayetteville carried Springer and the auto to Fayetteville Saturday morning.

## Former Governor Catts Gives Bond in Bribery Case

Starke, Fla., dispatch May 22:—Sidney J. Catts, who served for four years as Governor of Florida, having been elected on a prohibitionist ticket, later a candidate for the United States Senate, and now under indictment by Federal and county grand juries on charges growing out of alleged misuse of his executive power, and the object of a joint legislative investigation, came here today from Jacksonville and furnished bond of \$5,000. In this, Bradford county, Mr. Catts is charged with accepting a bribe in voting for a pardon.

Mr. L. M. Oliver of Marietta was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

## Interest Continues To Grow In Revival

Attendance Increases With Every Service at Star Warehouse—Congregation Numbered Around 1,500 Last Evening—"Little Sins" Was Mr. Paul's Subject Last Evening.

Interest continues, to grow in the revival meeting which has been in progress at the Star tobacco warehouse since last Monday evening. The attendance increases at every service, the number present last evening being estimated at 1,500 or more. Rev. E. G. Willis, pastor of the North Lumberton Baptist church, preached Saturday evening. Rev. A. E. Paul, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church and field, who is doing most of the preaching, preached last evening. Services are held once daily, beginning at 7:45 p. m., preaching at 8.

The So-Called Little Sins. "Little Sins" was the subject of Mr. Paul's sermon last evening and his Scripture text was Genesis 19:20. Declaring in beginning his sermon that sin is rebellion against God, the preacher said that little sins show rebellion as much as great sins. Continuing, he said in part:

We do not have to commit great sins to show God that we are His enemies. God does not smile upon any sin. Sin is sin. Little sins show which way one is drifting. The so-called little sins are the most excusable of all sins. The temptation to commit little sins is not so great as that to commit great sins. The same law that says, thou shalt not kill says thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Much of the great crime is brought about by great provocation. The theft of one penny makes one as great a thief as if he stole a million and is less excusable.

Men grade sin according to the penalty. I wonder if God grades sin that way. It is a shock to see one man shoot another down on the streets.

Using God's Name in Vain. Yet men use the name of God in vain on the street corners and it is not considered sin. I don't know if the man who mingles God's name with oaths is not a greater sinner than the murderer. There is no provocation to use God's name in vain. The name of a yellow dog would be more appropriate to mingle with oaths than the name of God.

Why do men use the name of God in vain? To show God that they can do it, to show God that they are his enemy. They want to show Almighty God that they can do what He says not do. It shows that one has no respect for God. You would respect no man further than you would respect his name.

You may go to torment for the little sins of omission as well as for the sins you commit. If I had to go to hell I would as soon go there for great sins as little ones. The little sins are the most dangerous of all sin. The little things that we cannot see kill most of the people. Men who look upon their sins as being small do not go to God for cleansing. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseeth from all sin, both great and small.

## REQUEST OF GRADUATE CLASS

Graduating Class of High School Requests That No Gifts or Flowers be Presented Publicly During Commencement.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The graduating class of the Lumberton high school of 1920-21 respectfully requests that no gifts or flowers be given publicly during their commencement exercises. If gifts are brought to any of the exercises they may be turned over to the commencement marshals or delivered personally afterward. The Senior class suggests that this plan be a precedent for future graduating classes. A full program of the commencement exercises will appear in Thursday's Robesonian.

## Finance Act Held Invalid in Injunction Case

Finding the municipal finance act of 1921 invalid so far as its taxing provisions are concerned, because the final roll call by which it was passed in the Senate was not entered upon the Senate Journal, Judge George W. Connor yesterday granted an injunction against the municipal authorities of Raleigh, restraining them from issuing bonds and levying a tax under the provisions of the invalid act.

Appeal was entered by the defendant municipal officials and the cause will be taken to the Supreme Court and heard by special order next Wednesday morning. Upon the decision of the higher court will be determined the status of North Carolina cities as to finances, whether the new law is operative despite the defective journal entry, or whether the cities of the State will be forced back on the provisions.—Raleigh News and Observer.

## Cotton Stands Are Bad Generally

Many Robeson farmers have recently re-planted their cotton and the stands are bad generally. The continued cool weather has resulted in much of the cotton dying after it sprouted.

## Flora Macdonald College Finals

All in Order for Coming of Hundreds of Alumnae for Home Coming Week Celebration—Special Souvenir Booklet Prepared—Special Meeting of Scottish Society Wednesday—Art Collection Open to Public.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, May 20.—Flora Macdonald college is putting herself in order to receive the hundreds of alumnae who are returning for the Home-Coming Week celebration. The first ones to come will arrive Saturday night and from then on every train will bring its full quota of graduates and former students. The "old girls" will return from as far south as Florida and as far North as New York State, and almost every year from ninety six to twenty will be represented. A special 24-page souvenir booklet, with the cover page designed by Miss Marjorie Colison, Charleston, S. C., containing the official programs for the entire week, has been prepared.

On Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. D. H. Scanlon, pastor First Presbyterian church, Durham, and special music will be rendered by the college choral association under the direction of Dean C. Ardell, Jr. The vesper service, 7:30 p. m. Sunday in the Woodland theatre will attract many, and at 8 o'clock Dr. Scanlon will preach to the Y. W. C. A. of the college in the First Presbyterian church. Mr. J. P. McNeill, Florence, S. C., acting president of the Scottish Society of America, has called a special meeting of the organization for Wednesday, May 25th, at 3 p. m. The J. Kennedy Tod \$25,000 art collection, made up of thirty seven paintings, will again be placed on exhibition in the college gym and will be open to the public during the commencement exercises.

## Annual Session of 11th District U. D. C.

Interesting and Instructive Program Rendered—Official Report of Meeting Held in Lumberton.

Reported for The Robesonian. The annual session of the Eleventh District of The United Daughters of the Confederacy met in Lumberton Wednesday, May 18th. Mrs. L. T. Townsend, president Alfred Rowland Chapter of Lumberton, presiding. Chapters represented were Fayetteville, St. Paul, Whiteville, Red Springs, Dunn and Lumberton.

The following attractive, interesting and instructive program was rendered, in which the Alfred Rowland Children's Chapter, sixty young daughters dressed in white with red ties, furnished the music: Song—America. Invocation—Rev. Dr. Beaman. Address of Welcome—Mrs. N. A. McLean.

Response—Mrs. J. H. Anderson, State recording secretary. Song—A Southern Soldier's Uniform, by Little Miss Isabel Gray, youngest daughter present. Greetings from Woman's Club—Mrs. J. J. Goodwin. Greetings from Research Club—Mrs. H. M. Baker. Greetings, from Economics Club—Miss Andrews, home demonstration agent.

Solo—It is better to laugh than to sighing, Mammy's Song—by Mrs. L. P. Stack. Essay—Stonewall Jackson—Miss Biggs. Solo—The Swallows, Willie's Prayer—Mrs. Martin.

Mr. M. G. McKenzie, veteran, brought greetings from Camp Willis Pope, giving us many beautiful and touching reminiscences, closing his remarks with strong praise for the Daughters of the Confederacy. Song—Our Stars and Bars will Live Forever.

A beautiful and delicious luncheon was then served and enjoyed by all. Afternoon Session. The afternoon session opened with "My Old Kentucky Home". Miss Cornelia McMillan, district director, in a pleasing manner outlined the work for the year, and disposed to the usual business.

A letter from Mrs. Wilson, State president, with greetings, expressing her regret at her inability to attend, was read.

Good report, from all chapters were then read, showing splendid work. \$37 was subscribed to the vacuum cleaner fund for Woman's Confederate Home. Mrs. McEachin was selected to succeed Miss Eloise McGill as custodian of the Flora Macdonald scholarship fund. Miss Katherine Robinson of Fayetteville, Mrs. L. T. Townsend of Lumberton, committee appointed to assist her.

The present officers, Miss McMillan, of Red Springs, district director, Mrs. N. A. Townsend, of Dunn, secretary, were re-elected.

Upon the invitation of Miss Sallie Purdie, of Dunn, the district voted to hold its next annual meeting in Dunn. Mrs. J. H. Anderson extended thanks to the people of Lumberton for their cordial hospitality with a beautiful and appropriate toast. A rising vote of appreciation was given the director and her work.

## Parkton High School Finals

Graduating Class of Ten Gave Class Exercises and a Play—Both Reached High Mark of Excellence—Seventh Grade Certificates Presented—Faculty Re-elected.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, May 20.—It was not decided until two weeks ago whether the graded school would really hold a commencement this season or not. It costs both money and some valuable time to hold a real commencement, so the faculty decided to just have two nights' exercises with the graduating class, and Rev. J. L. Jenkins consented only on last Friday to preach the annual sermon to the graduating class, which headed last Sunday morning at the auditorium at 11 o'clock. His subject was "The parting of the ways," Josh. 3:4. "Ye have not passed this way before." He delivered one of the strongest and most appropriate sermons we have heard in many moons, thrilling his hearers from beginning to the close, and it could be heard from scores of that large and attentive audience that Parkton need not solicit big preachers, elsewhere, as we have them locally. He was commended by all.

At the above-mentioned time, the most able preachers in this section. We only fear some larger field will sooner or later claim him.

We feel like we should briefly mention his splendid sermon at the Baptist church Sunday night, as he announced Sunday that he would use as his subject Sunday night, "What's the matter with Parkton." By the appointed hour the church was packed to its capacity, and immediately after announcing his text he said, "If some of you expect you have come to a skinning frolic, you will be disappointed." "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth and press forward toward the mark," etc. The speaker scored selfishness, and said we are not neighborly as we should be. I only regret space and time forbids fuller details, but suffice it to say if the people of our town would follow his advice we would need no attorney, but would work the Golden Rule every time. We have this to say: the man or woman that was not hit was not there.

Graduating Exercises. This brings us to Wednesday night's graduating exercises of a class of ten, as follows: Viola McDonald, Agnes Lancaster, Louise Garris, Lila Hayes, Burline Godwin, Milton Thomason, Alvery Wright, Clyde Council, Ben Herndon, Bartlett Hall.

First was a splendid chorus by high school girls—"The Nightingale and the Rose"; violin solo—"Traumerie"—Sarah McCormick; violin solo—"Melodie in F"—Louise Joye, accompanied by Miss Annie Williamson.

The graduating exercises were carried out in a creditable manner, each person taking active part and each performing her or his part well. Only wish every speech could appear in print.

The diplomas were delivered by Prof. E. T. Hines and the charge of his brief address to the class was most fitting. He said that their lives now were like a checker board, that he used this illustration as checkers seemed to be a prominent game in our town at present. "You should take the right move," he said, "and after you reach the Kingdom you can move in different directions, but be sure you reach the Kingdom."

If the class of 1921 follow their principal's advice they will undoubtedly succeed well in life.

## Play by Graduating Class

Thursday night opened with chorus by high school girls—"Hark to the Mandolin"—which was thrilling; then the play by the graduating class, entitled "Hazel Adams".

John Adams—Bartlett Hall. Basil Northcote—Milton Thomason. John Easterbrook, George Beatty—Ben Herndon. Joe—Alvery Wright. Mose—Clyde Council. Mrs. Adams—Agnes Lancaster. Hazel Adams—Burline Godwin. Chloe—Viola McDonald.

The play was rendered with the best of taste and grace. We never will forget it, especially Joe, Mose and Chloe, who really excelled the darkey. We have never seen any play rendered that brought forth more hearty applause.

Seventh Grade Certificates. The following of the Seventh grade received certificates: Jack Everett, Ora Everett, Mandie Faircloth, Louise Sikes, Elizabeth Hughes, Louise Wright, William Wright, Alfred Campbell, Gladis Godwin, Isabel Blount, Sarah Cobb, Leila McClamb, Georgia Thaggard, Sarah McCormick, Ester Lancaster, Myram Herndon, Maggie McDonald.

Quite a number of names were read of those having not missed a single day nor never tardy, but space forbids. We have been advised that the entire faculty have been re-elected. We cannot say how many will accept, but we sincerely trust they will all accept. We will miss them badly during vacation days.

This brief report is not a complete

## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, Friday afternoon, to Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Folger, a daughter.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank W. Johnson and Ina Lynch.

—Born, Saturday morning at the Thompson hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Currie of R. 7, Lumberton, a son.

—Mrs. Willis Parker, who was seriously hurt in a runaway a week ago yesterday, was able to leave the Thompson hospital today.

—Mr. E. C. Wooten, traveling representative of the Wilmington Star, spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton in the interest of his paper.

—Beginning today, Virginia & Carolina Southern passenger train No. 78, Lumberton to Hope Mills, will leave at 8:40 p. m. instead of 8:50, as heretofore.

—Policeman Vance McGill, who was shot and dangerously wounded by negro bootleggers a month ago, was able to leave the Thompson hospital today.

—The direction of Mrs. S. L. Laffie will be given in the high school auditorium, Tuesday night, May 24th, at 8:30. The public is invited to attend.

—Mr. W. E. Bell, of The Robesonian's mechanical force, spent the week-end at Raleigh, where his brother, Mr. J. A. Bell, was married on Saturday afternoon. The bride was Miss Sallie Pou of Raleigh.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton and three children, Sarah, Ruth and Jack, returned last evening from Rocky Mount, where they went Wednesday of last week to visit Mrs. Hamilton's sister, Mrs. T. H. Valandingham, who is seriously ill.

—Dr. R. S. Beam, local eye, nose, ear and throat specialist, and Dr. T. C. Johnson, practicing Lumberton physician, have recently been appointed by Governor Cameron Morrison as members of the visiting medical staff of the State hospital at Raleigh. There is no remuneration for this work.

—There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this evening at 7:30 at the municipal building to consider proposed highway construction through the county. All members are urged to be present. The meeting is called for 7:30 in order to get through before the preaching hour at the Star warehouse.

—Mr. M. E. Page of the White Pond section sent to The Robesonian office Saturday a sample of mulberries with seed cane grown on them. The grains are grown on mulberries like they grow on the cob but the mulberries are the usual size. The reason given for this is that the cane patch was near the mulberry orchard.

—Mrs. R. H. Willis of Elizabeth City and Miss Annie Blanchard of Hertford are guests at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blanchard, near Pembroke. Mrs. Willis is the wife of the presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district. Miss Blanchard is a member of the faculty of the Charlotte city schools.

—Mr. Herbert Mercer, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mercer of R. 5, Lumberton, recently has his right arm amputated at the Baker sanatorium as a result of being accidentally shot while rabbit hunting. The arm was amputated just below the elbow and Mr. Mercer's condition is reported as favorable. His gun was accidentally discharged.

## Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador Leaflet Ready.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador Leaflet for 1921-1924 of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina has been prepared by Mrs. I. P. Hedgpath, junior superintendent of Robeson association.

This leaflet contains the plans for these organizations and every Sunbeam and R. A. leader is requested to write our state secretary, Miss Elsie Hunter, 215-16 Recorder building Raleigh, N. C., and get this leaflet at once.

Miss Margaret Odum of Pembroke was among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Mr. Jos. Allen of St. Pauls, R. 4, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

report as we would like to see published, as we have not the time to report athletics. Our school has put out the best high school baseball team of the county and has won more games, although lost one game with Wagram town team Tuesday.

The following shriners and Masons attended in Raleigh yesterday: Capt. B. A. McDonald, J. M. Johnson, Dan McMillan, J. C. Lancaster, F. N. Fisher and family, P. H. Fisher and family, J. D. and Pem McCormick, M. China, Leon Perry, Floyd Lancaster. All report a great and good time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Novell, the 17th, a fine son; and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Farnell, on the 20th, a 10 1-2 pound boy; to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wright on the 15th, a 10-pound boy.