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Way to Improve Rural Conditions

Co-operative Marketing Offers Farmers a Way to Help Themselves—12 Months of Good Business Instead of 90 Days.

80 PERCENT OF ROBESON TOBACCO ACREAGE SIGNED UP

"If you would change conditions in the rural districts, have decent homes with modern conveniences, the advantage of good schools and keep the boys and girls on the farm, then for God's sake get up and do something for yourself," said Mr. B. T. Leppard, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in an address at the court house here Saturday afternoon. Mr. Leppard's address dealt with the plans and purposes of co-operative marketing of farm products, especially tobacco.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. In beginning his address Mr. Leppard declared that co-operative marketing is the most important subject ever faced by the farmers. This system, he said, will uproot the old plan of selling farm commodities and tear up the play-houses of the fellows who are fighting the movement. Those who are fighting the co-operative plan intimate that the farmers, if organized, would rob each other.

12 Months Good Business

The speaker advised those who did not expect to stick to stay out of the organization. Once a contract is signed there are only two ways of getting out of the organization—to stop planting tobacco or die. He pointed out that the association has already signed up at least 75 per cent of the crop of the bright leaf belt—North and South Carolina and Virginia. This per cent was signed up by 90,000 tobacco growers in these States. The 25 per cent outside of the association will not supply the demand. The few who oppose the new system try to dictate to the farmers as to how they shall sell their tobacco. The association belongs to the farmers and will not be operated for profit for the association. The purpose of the organization is for a fair, square, legitimate business. The new plan will mean 12 months good business instead of 90 days under the old system of selling.

Farmers are entitled to the same advantages as other classes, but will never get them under the old system. The co-operative selling association came as a necessity. You cannot find a worse system than the old auction system.

Mr. Leppard told of Mr. A. W. McLean, whom he termed as one of the big men of the country, signing a contract without being solicited. He then asked if men like McLean would sign a contract if they did not know what it was.

Mr. Leppard made a clear, concise and convincing address and was listened to with interest by the more than 100 farmers and business men present.

80 Percent Signed Up

After Mr. Leppard had finished his address Mr. J. H. Mann, who has been working in Robeson county in the interest of the association for several days, made a short talk. He stated that Robeson county has already signed up 80 per cent of the tobacco acreage. He found the strongest opposition, he said, at Fairmont—the strongest leaf market south of Goldsboro. He warned against false and poisonous propaganda, which he declared was being handed out to the farmers by those opposing the organization for co-operative selling.

Mr. E. H. Crichton, local business man, made a few remarks, in which he said that he believed in the co-operative plan and thought it would remedy conditions now existing among the farmers and business men.

A large percent of those present had already signed a contract and many who had not signed before signed after the meeting. Any farmer who has not signed and wishes to do so should see Mr. J. C. Lewis, who will have charge of the two warehouses to be operated in Lumberton by the co-operative association, or Mr. H. J. Sawyer of Lumberton.

There are 11 sales warehouses in Robeson county and 8 of these will be operated by the co-operative association and 3 under the old auction system. Mr. J. D. Kyle, well-known warehouseman of Fairmont, will manage two warehouses at Proctorville for the co-operative association.

Boll Weevil Dusting Demonstration Tuesday

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the State Department of Agriculture will conduct a boll weevil dusting demonstration on Mr. A. W. McLean's farm, near Lumberton, tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Field Pasture Meeting

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, a field pasture meeting will be held on Mr. Jno. W. Ward's farm at Rowland Wednesday of this week at 2:30 p. m. The meeting will be addressed by three specialists from the State Department of Agriculture. The public is invited.

"Coop" Speaking at Broad Ridge

Cooperative Marketing of Tobacco Will be Discussed by Well-Informed Speaker—Time of Campaign in Robeson Extended—Over 80 Percent of Tobacco Acreage in Robeson Signed Up.

DEBATERS BLOCK SIDEWALKS.

A public speaking in the interest of the cooperative marketing of tobacco will be held at Broad Ridge school house Wednesday evening, June 21, at 8:30. The speaker will tell about the success of this movement in Kentucky. Farmers are urged to attend.

It was stated that the meeting in Lumberton Saturday would be the last for this county, but the campaign has been extended and will continue until the latter part of this week.

The Robesonian is reliably informed that fully 80 percent of the tobacco acreage of Robeson has been signed up for cooperative marketing. In the Rowland and Proctorville sections it is said that 99 9-10 percent has been signed up. Barnesville section is well signed, also Fairmont, the percentage there being 70 to 75. The signers are strong around Lumberton. It is thought that by the end of this week the percentage will be considerably increased.

Interest in cooperative marketing reached such a stage here Saturday afternoon that one group of debaters blocked Elm street. It was a good-natured argument with only one man arguing against the plan. The knot of people got so thick finally that Policeman Boyle thought it advisable to give the move on order so that pedestrians could pass.

CLOSE CALL FOR DR. JOHNSON

Well-Known Lumberton Physician Knocked Unconscious and Dragged Several Feet by Ford Roadster—Suffered Sprained Wrist and Bruises But Able to Resume Practice.

Dr. T. C. Johnson, well-known Lumberton physician, had a close call late Thursday afternoon when he was run down by a Ford roadster on Elm street, the car being driven by Miss Mirtie Crawley of Raeford. He suffered a sprained right wrist and several bruises besides. While the car did not pass over Dr. Johnson's body, he was knocked down and dragged several feet before the car was stopped. He was unconscious for several minutes. The car struck Dr. Johnson soon after he stepped out of his own car, which he had parked on the East side of Elm street in front of the Lumberton bargain house. He was carried to his office in the McMillan building soon after the accident and medical attention was rendered by Drs. N. A. Thompson and J. A. Martin, who were near by. Although unable to use his right hand, Dr. Johnson has continued his practice, making a call within a few hours after he was hurt.

Columbus County Young Man Dies in Electric Chair in Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., June 16.—S. J. Kirby, Jesse Gappins and S. O. Fox, were electrocuted at the penitentiary this morning shortly after 6 o'clock for the murder of William Brazell, Columbia taxi-cab driver, near Leesville on the night of August 7, last.

A Whiteville dispatch states that Jesse Gappins was a former Columbus county boy, went to school at Chadbourne a few years ago, and is remembered by many people in that section as a bright, industrious boy who was popular with his boyhood associates. A former teacher is quoted as saying that he was a good student and had completed the 8th grade when he left Chadbourne. Whiskey and bad companions are said to have been his undoing.

Home-Coming Day at Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, June 15.—Please make following announcement also accept invitation. Hickory Grove Baptist church, Bladen county, will have home-coming day the 4th Sunday in June. This is an old mother church and she wants her children home on that day. Also former pastors and friends are invited to be with us. A special program has been arranged. Service begins at 10 a. m. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

W. D. PRIDGEN, Pastor.

—Red Springs Progress: Mrs. J. B. Black and children arrived in town on Monday night and as soon as their goods arrive the pastor of the Presbyterian church and his family will be getting ready for house keeping in the newly prepared manse.

Dr. Wicker of Elon College will lecture St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., for 2 weeks, beginning today. A special communication is called for 2 weeks for these lectures.

—Mr. John Prevatt is very sick at his home near Lowe.

—Mr. Roy Lewis of Pembroke R. 1 is a Lumberton visitor today.

Joint Stock Land Bank Will Operate in Robeson

Local Law Firm Connected With First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank—Methods of Operation and Terms of Loan Explained.

The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank is to do business in Robeson county. This fact became known when it was learned that McLean, Varner, McLean and Stacy, attorneys of Lumberton, had become connected with this institution as abstract attorneys and for the time being as its local representatives in the county. When asked for a statement as to methods of operation and terms of loan, Mr. Dickson McLean, of the above-named firm, said:

"The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank is chartered under the Federal Farm Loan act and is operated under the same Federal supervision of the Federal Farm Loan board. The present paid-in capital stock is \$250,000 and \$25,000 surplus. The bank operates very much along the same lines as does the Federal Land Bank of Columbia and under the same supervision. It makes loans only on improved agricultural lands; it does not loan on city property. The proceeds of these loans must be applied for general agricultural purposes. The loans are made direct to the borrower, and the borrower is forbidden to take stock in the bank. Any person is eligible for a loan through this institution if in addition to his other work he is at the same time actually farming.

"The bank will accept applications for loans from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Loans cannot be made in excess of fifty per cent of the appraised value of the land and twenty per cent of the appraised insurable value of the buildings such appraisals being made by officials of the Government. The interest rate is six per cent, payable semi-annually, to which is added one per cent to amortize or kill off the debt over a period of 33 years. In other words, for seven per cent interest and principal are paid in 33 years and the debt is discharged. Repayment of principal may be made at any time under regulations issued by the Farm Loan board. The borrower through this bank is responsible alone for his own debt. There are no commissions that may be charged under the law, nor are there renewals."

OFFICIAL COUNT REVEALS NO CHANGES IN PRIMARY RESULTS

Second Primary Ordered to be Held July 1 in Several Districts.

Official returns of the June 3rd primary as announced by the State board of elections Thursday show the following vote in the Ninth judicial district:

For judge: Neill A. Sinclair, 7,950; Henry L. Cook, 6,416.

For solicitor: T. A. McNeill, 6,484; J. E. Carpenter, 3,994; E. S. Smith, 3,696. Second primary between McNeill and Carpenter.

The official count did not disturb any of the previously announced results. The protest against the nomination of Judge E. H. Cranmer in the 8th judicial failed to show up. W. T. Lee's majority for corporation commissioner over A. C. Avery was 20,268. A second race is to be staged in the 3rd congressional July 1 between C. L. Abernethy and Matt D. Allen; in the 6th judicial between K. A. Grady and G. R. Ward; and solicitors' contests in the 1st, 9th and 13th. The vote in the 13th district for solicitor was: Phillips, 6,503; Russell, 3,560; Nash (incumbent), 3,169; Tarleton, 1,009. Second primary between Phillips and Russell.

Thomasville Orphanage School to be Enlarged.

At graduation exercises of the Thomasville orphanage school at Thomasville Wednesday President F. B. Hobgood announced that the board of trustees purpose the erection of 2 or 3 additional buildings, including a kindergarten and a dormitory which will provide for the accommodation of 200 additional children next session. Diplomas were issued to 29 graduates, among whom were 8 boys.

Formal Strike Notice Served on Railroad Labor Board.

Cincinnati, June 15.—Formal notice was served tonight on the railroad labor board by the chiefs of 10 railroad unions of their intention to go through with a strike in event one is authorized by the 1,225,000 workers whose wages are to be reduced July 1 on orders of the board.

—Members of the primary department of the First Presbyterian church will have their annual picnic Thursday afternoon. The parents and children are expected to be at the church at 5 o'clock.

—Mr. R. M. White Pembroke R. 1 was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

—Mr. W. C. Prevatt and daughter, Miss Mattie, of Lumberton R. 6, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

—Miss Eva McCaskias of Fayetteville spent the week-end at the home of her friend Miss Carrie Edmund.

Revival Begins Tonight at 1st Baptist

Dr. W. M. Vines of Norfolk Will Do the Preaching—Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, a series of revival services will begin at the First Baptist church this evening. Services will be held twice daily—11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church of Norfolk, Va., will do the preaching. Many of the stores in town will close for the morning service. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

Gary Prigden of New Bern Elected President—High Point Next Convention City.

The State Baptist Young People's Union convention, in session at New Bern since last Tuesday evening, closed Thursday night. The next session will be held in High Point, beginning Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in June, 1923. Gary G. Prigden of New Bern was elected president. The attendance at New Bern was the largest in the history of the union, more than 1,100 being present. The constitution was so changed that in future only 2 delegates from each union can be appointed. Any church without a union is entitled to two delegates. Each city union and associational union is entitled to one delegate. The city union of Wilmington received the banner for making the best record during the year. The Tabernacle church of New Bern received the senior banner, having made 100 per cent. The First church of New Bern, which received the banner last year, also made 100 per cent this year, but the Tabernacle had the advantage in extra work done. The school banner went to Mars Hill college, which has 6 unions, each having made 100 per cent. Wake Forest college was a close second with 99 1-3 per cent. The junior banner went to the Wadesboro union, which made 100 per cent.

State University Honors Governor Morrison.

At commencement exercises Wednesday the university of North Carolina conferred honorary degrees upon the following:

Doctor of laws: Governor Cameron Morrison; David Franklin Huston, born in Monroe, N. C.; William Robt. Webb, born in Person county; William Preston Bynum of Greensboro, a graduate of Trinity; doctor of pharmacy: Edwin Victor Zoeller, born in New York and trained in youth at Tarboro, N. C.; doctor of divinity: Charles Edward Maddy, a native of Orange county.

In conferring the degree upon Gov. Morrison, Dr. Archibald Henderson said:

"For the degree of doctor of laws, Cameron Morrison, governor of North Carolina, promoter of prosperity, successful advocate of the building of great highways of travel and traffic, impassioned champion of education, both elementary and higher, and willing to pay for it; believer in all the larger aspects and higher forms of living today; advance agent of a North Carolina greater and richer in material well being, in intellectual and spiritual culture, and in social benevolence."

Railroad Labor Board Announces Another Wage Slash.

Chicago, June 16.—(By Associated Press).—Frustrating nearly \$27,000,000 from the annual payroll of 325,000 railway employes by cutting clerks, signalmen and stationary firemen from two to six cents an hour, the United States railroad labor board today announced another wage slash, bringing total reductions under the board's orders up to \$135,000,000 beginning July 1.

Clerks were cut 3 and 4 cents an hour, according to classification; signalmen, 5 cents, and firemen, 2 cents.

Approximately 1,200,000 railway employes will share the total reduction, which has brought vigorous protest from every union organization involved and is expected to result in a strike vote of ten railway labor bodies. The voting already is under-line up waf in seven unions.

A. F. L. Endorses Coal Strike and Proposed Rail Strike.

Cincinnati, June 15.—(By the Associated Press).—By the vote of every delegate, the American Federation of Labor convention here today endorsed the nation-wide coal strike that since April 1, has kept half a million miners from work, and also indicated, by a demonstration, its approval of the threatened walkout of more than 1,000,000 railroad workers.

Jno. L. MacLaren Named Postmaster at Shannon.

Mr. John L. MacLaren has been appointed postmaster at Shannon, this county, succeeding Mr. Geo. L. Klapp, resigned.

Joe Griffin of Nashville, N. C., was killed instantly one day last week when an emery wheel at which he was working burst.

Two Negroes Escape From Chain Gang

One of Them Jas. Wells, Who Had Served Year of 10-Year Sentence for Shooting Lumberton Policemen.

James Wells, negro, convicted of shooting Policemen J. B. Boyle and Vance McGill some two years ago, has escaped from the county chain gang. Wells was sentenced to serve ten years on the gang and had served only a little over one year. Another negro serving a 5-year sentence escaped at the same time. The negroes sawed their way out of a cage when they were left there because they claimed to have been ill, it is said. They were in the gang stationed near Marietta.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

Wilmington Offers Site for Assembly Purposes—Whole-Time Field Worker to be Employed.

The annual assembly of the North Carolina conference of Epworth leagues, in session at Morehead City last week, appointed a committee to take under consideration the advisability of the organization securing a piece of property to be developed for assembly purposes. The chamber of commerce of Wilmington then offered the assembly a splendid site on Harbor island on the place of the Tidewater Power Co.

Rev. F. S. Love of Wilson was elected president for the ensuing year.

The assembly voted to put a whole-time worker in the field as soon as the delegates return to their homes and local chapters and complete details for financing this step.

For the support of missions the young people pledged more than \$3,000.

The loving cup was presented to the New Bern district, the work of other districts, especially the Washington, Wilmington and Raleigh, being highly commended.

Miss Edna Wilkins of Wilmington was elected junior and intermediate superintendent.

—Mr. R. A. Hedgpeth, Jr., has accepted a position in the North State drug store.

—Little Miss Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, underwent an adenoid operation at the Baker sanatorium Friday, the operation being performed by Dr. R. S. Beam. She was able to return home Saturday afternoon.

—Mr. C. B. Oliver of Marietta passed through town this morning en route to Charlotte. Mr. Oliver stated to a Robesonian reporter that several farmers down his way were "burning" tobacco today.

—Mrs. Florence Britt of R. 1, Lumberton, left today for Hamlet, where she entered the Hamlet hospital for treatment. She was accompanied to Hamlet by Mrs. N. A. Thompson of Lumberton.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller left this morning for Hendersonville, where he will spend a month. He is making the trip cross-country in his car.

—Mr. D. H. Britt, who lives near Back Swamp church, said when in town Saturday that they had been literally drowned out his way and that he was going to replant corn this week.

—An important baseball meeting will be held in the American Legion hall this evening at 8:30. All who are interested in the local baseball club are urged to be present.

—Dr. A. C. Tebeau arrived here recently from Alexandria, Va., to join his family, who have been guests for several weeks at the home of Mrs. Tebeau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, Elm street. Dr. Tebeau and family expect to leave some time this week for Hendersonville, where they will spend the summer. Dr. Tebeau is studying for the ministry, having been a student at the Virginia Episcopal Theological seminary, Alexandria, for the past two terms.

—The grocery store of Ellis Brothers on West Fourth street was broken into Saturday night or yesterday. Entrance was made by breaking out the glass in a door in the rear of the building. Around \$12 worth of canned goods, candy and cigarettes were missed. No arrest has been made in connection with the robbery.

—The condition of Mrs. A. Weinstein, who Thursday underwent an operation for cancer of the intestines at the Thompson hospital, is reported as slightly improved today, though her condition is still regarded as serious. Dr. H. A. Royster of Raleigh came to Lumberton yesterday to see Mrs. Weinstein, returning last evening.

—Mr. Stephen McIntyre, Jr. entered the Thompson hospital today for an operation, which will be performed tomorrow.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLeod and two children, A. H. Jr., and James Burt, will leave tomorrow morning for Waynesville, where Mrs. McLeod and children will spend the summer. Mr. McLeod will divide his time during the summer between Lumberton and Waynesville. They will make the trip in Mr. McLeod's auto.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 1-2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCALS NEWS

—Mrs. J. A. Carlyle is seriously ill at the Baker sanatorium, where she has been a patient for several days.

—Mr. Robt. W. Proctor arrived home Thursday night from Chapel Hill. He was a member of the 1922 graduating class of the State university.

—Miss Lillian Nance left today for Bonlee, Chatham county, where she will teach in a summer school. This is Miss Nance's third summer as teacher in this school.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Virginia Rogers and J. G. Canady; Miss Elsie Cornelia Thames and F. R. Dorsett; Miss Marie Swum and Wm. V. Branch.

—Miss Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, returned Thursday night from Raleigh, where she spent two weeks attending a State conference of home demonstration agents.

—A large rattlesnake which carried 9 rattles was killed on the Lumberton-Elizabethtown road, just beyond the Big swamp in Bladen county, Thursday by Mr. Jas. W. Branch of Lumberton. Mr. Branch brought the rattles to town.

—Mr. M. J. Merritt arrived home Friday evening from a two-weeks' visit to Asheville, Tracy City, Tenn., Roanoke, Va., and other points. Mrs. Merritt, who accompanied him on the trip, will spend several days at Roanoke before returning home.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Best left Saturday evening for Washington, D. C., where they will spend several days. They will also visit Richmond and Raleigh before returning home. Mr. Best will purchase stock for his furniture store while in Richmond.

—Mr. K. M. Biggs is trying out a boll weevil trap on his farms. The trap is provided with kerosene containers into which the weevils are knocked as the trap is moved over the cotton plant. The trap can only be used successfully while the cotton weed is small.

—Mr. M. B. Robbins opened Saturday a general merchandise business in the Carlyle building, West Fourth street, formerly occupied by L. E. Squires & Co. Mr. Robbins purchased the bankrupt stock of the Squires company and will add other stock to the new business.

—A Ford touring car belonging to Mr. I. M. Barker was stolen from the car house at the home of Mr. Barker in the eastern part of town Friday night. The car house was not locked. Mr. Barker thinks the car was taken after midnight. All efforts to locate the car have proved futile.

—Mr. T. W. Bullock, teacher in the First Baptist Sunday school, took the members of his class on a picnic to White lake, Bladen county, Friday. This class is composed of boys 13 and 14 years old. Nineteen members of the class went on the trip. The day was spent in bathing and boat riding and the boys reported a great trip.

—Mr. Tom Bird of Asheville, State commander of the American Legion, spent a few hours in Lumberton Saturday. Commander Bird is working in connection with the campaign to increase the membership of the Legion in North Carolina to 15,000. The local post of the Legion has trebled its membership during the last few months.

—Messrs. H. B. Jennings and A. T. McLean returned Saturday from a two-weeks' trip to Tennessee and Kentucky. They visited Tate Springs, Tenn., Lexington, Ky., and several other points of interest while away. Mr. McLean says he talked with a few tobacco growers and several business men in Kentucky and that every one of them expressed themselves as being favorably impressed with the co-operative plan of selling tobacco.

—Messrs. W. Y. Floyd of Orrum and W. F. Hester of St. Pauls left Saturday for Gastonia, where tomorrow they will open an office for the practice of law, having formed partnership. Both these Robeson young men graduated from Wake Forest college this year and passed the State board in January. Mr. Floyd worked two weeks in the office of Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy here before leaving for Gastonia.

—Dr. W. W. Parker returned Thursday from Wilmington, where Wednesday he attended a meeting of the stockholders of the Fisheries Products Co. The meeting was held at the company's St. Phillips plant on the Cape Fear river and was attended by more than 500 stockholders from all parts of North and South Carolina and Virginia. The affairs of the company were found to be in excellent condition, according to Dr. Parker, and many improvements are soon to be made in the plants and another large plant is to be erected. A large number of Robeson county citizens own stock in this corporation.