

The Only Road to Economic Freedom

Dr. J. Y. Joyner Makes Strong Plea for Cooperative Marketing in Address Here—New System of Marketing Must be Substituted for the Old—New System Will Mean Salvation of Rural Civilization.

MOST VITAL QUESTION THAT EVER CONFRONTED FARMERS.

Co-operative marketing was described as the only road to economic freedom for the tillers of the earth by Dr. J. Y. Joyner in an address at the court house here Saturday afternoon. Quite a number of farmers and business men heard the eloquent and forceful address, and while Dr. Joyner spoke for more than an hour and a half, he was given rapt attention. Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, presided, and the speaker was introduced by Mr. T. L. Johnson of the local bar. Aside from his fitting remarks of introduction, Mr. Johnson spoke words of endorsement for the cooperative system of marketing farm products.

Shattered Dreams

Dr. Joyner, who was for 17 years State superintendent of public instruction, said in beginning his masterful address that when he resigned that position he realized that the State had gone about as far in educational emancipation as possible for it to go until the economic emancipation of the citizens improves. When he left Raleigh he went back to his farm in Lenoir county, there to realize the dream of his life—to spend his latter days amid the old scenes and quietness. In the year 1919 he sold his 100-acre tobacco crop at an average of 60 cents the pound, and then it was that he had dreams of becoming a millionaire farmer, though he had never heard of one. The following year he sold his crop for an average of 19 cents the pound. It was then that he realized that he was a dirt farmer, just like other farmers.

Producer Gets 8 Cents

The speaker pointed out the fact that the producer gets only 8 cents out of every dollar the consumer pays for tobacco, the speculators and others receiving 92 cents and making millions out of the product. Co-operative marketing was described as the remedy for this evil and a means for the farmers making themselves masters of the farming industry.

Farmers Must Get More

Unless the farmers can get enough for their produce to pay the taxes to finance the progress being made in the State, a revolution that will stop all progress may be expected, the speaker continued. Conditions will not improve, he said, until a new system of marketing is substituted for the old and senseless system. Under the old system the price of farm produce is fixed by organized buyers and the producer has no voice whatever in fixing the price of his products. The system and not the men was denounced by the speaker. The price of gasoline is fixed by John D. Rockefeller and his associates, who are organized and have the power to do so through commodity control. The farmer pays a price for what he has to buy fixed by organized sellers and sells what he has to sell for prices fixed by organized buyers. Farmers through cooperative selling can have a voice in fixing the price of their produce.

Where the Cards Are Stacked

Dr. Joyner painted a vivid picture of the warehouse pet who often gets as much as 20 cents the pound more for the same grades of tobacco than his neighbor gets. Under the co-operative system each man, it matters not how rich or poor, will receive the same price for the same grades of tobacco. The importance of grading and standardizing the grades before selling was stressed by the speaker. This will give the producers the benefit of the millions heretofore captured by the speculators. Dr. Joyner did not hold the warehouse men responsible for the unfairness of the auction system, but declared that they had no more voice in fixing the price than the farmers. He told of one instance last year where the same pile of tobacco was sold 11 times on the same day, on the same floor, each sale under a different name. It brought a different price each time it was sold and there was a 16-cent range in the price. The auction system was pictured by the speaker as a gambling game from start to finish, the cards being stacked in the hands of organized buyers, against unorganized growers. "If you don't take advantage of the new system, then don't ever curse the old system again," added the speaker. Farmers have done too much cursing and not enough fixing in the past. We should meet organization with organization; price control with commodity control.

Salvation of Rural Civilization

The short selling season, which results in glutted markets and distressed sales, under the old auction system was denounced by the speaker. He predicted that the new co-operative system will do away with the credit business and put farmers on a cash basis. It will mean the salvation of rural civilization, he con-

Stole the Goods While Officers Waited for Him

Slick Thief Gave Phone Order for Groceries and Got Away With Them While Officers Waited to Catch Him in the Act—Impersonated Mr. Sandy McLeod Over Phone and Gave Alarm by Second Order, But Still He Put It Over.

While officers watched who had been warned and went there for the express purpose of catching him, a slick thief Saturday night stole from Mr. Sandy McLeod's kitchen steps some groceries which the thief himself, or an accomplice, impersonating Mr. McLeod over the phone, had ordered from Mr. L. H. Caldwell's grocery department, and presumably hid himself home to enjoy his stolen goods while Chief of Police Marvin Barker and Policeman Ed Glover, nonplussed and chagrined, came back down town. Who put it over thus on the grocery store and the police do not appear at this writing. It happened on this wise:

Between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday night Mr. Alex. Sessoms received over the phone a message to send a ham and a sack of flour to Mr. Sandy McLeod's residence, the one giving the order stating that Mr. McLeod, who had been in the mountains with Mrs. McLeod, had just gotten home. Not suspecting anything, the order was filled. When he reached the house the delivery-man was told by Mrs. Edwards, Mr. McLeod's housekeeper, to take it back, that Mr. McLeod had not gotten home. About 9 o'clock Mr. Sessoms received another phone message. This time the man at the other end said that he was Mr. Sandy McLeod, that Mrs. Edwards, not knowing he had returned, ordered the groceries sent back, that he wanted the former order filled, to add to it ten pounds of sugar and to deliver the whole on the kitchen steps, as Mrs. Edwards had gone to bed.

This time Mr. Sessoms "smelt a rat," but took the order is though everything were all right. He then notified Chief of Police Barker, who, with Policeman Glover, went at once to the McLeod home and saw the groceries duly deposited on the kitchen steps. Then they hid themselves and waited. By and by they heard the rattling of a paper bag and slipped silently around to where they thought they would catch the thief, but lo, the thief had faded out of the landscape, taking with him all and sundry of the edibles that had been left on the steps.

It was a slick game and it succeeded to a t-yty.

A negro was arrested later the same night on "suspicion," but as no evidence was found against him he was released. The thief was bold as well as slick. Between the two phone calls someone called at the McLeod home and asked if the groceries had been delivered, and he was not to be outdone when he found that Mrs. Edwards had sent them back. He put in the second call; which was where he came mighty nigh dropping his candy. Mighty nigh, but not quite; for while the officers watched, feeding dead sure of their prey, at such a minute as they thought not the thief came and got away with the goods. What makes it all the more strange is that the thief passed close by where the officers were waiting, went to a car on the outside of the garage, got a sack, and went back another way to the steps.

Chief Barker says that is the slickest thing that was ever put over on him. Which verdict is no doubt about correct.

New Bridge Will be Ready in About 3 Weeks.

It is expected that the new steel and concrete bridge across Lumber river 3 1/2 miles from Lumberton on the Wildcat highway, just above McNeill's bridge, will be completed and ready for traffic in about 3 weeks. Overhead riveting and the floor, which will be of concrete with asphalt surface, are all that remains to be done. Work has been delayed considerably since the beginning by high water.

Interests of Fertilizer Manufacturers Protected.

We don't know whether or not the interests of the taxpayers have been protected by the rejection of the Ford offer; but the interests of the fertilizer manufacturers most certainly have.—Greensboro News.

Most Vital Question

In his appeal to farmers to join the association, the speaker declared that it is the most vital question that has ever confronted the farmers of this section. "Why wait?", he asked. The system has been tried out in Denmark for many years and also in California. The success of the organization rests only upon the loyalty of the members and the management. The best and most experienced men have been secured to look after the various branches of the organization, he continued, and named several of them.

After the address a number of farmers joined the association, though the major portion of those present had already joined.

St. Pauls Township Man Beaten By 8 Masked Men

Mr. C. R. McLeod Was Taken from His Home Last Night and Given Severe Whipping—T. N. Sibbett and John Pittman Are in Jail Charged With Having Hand in the Outrage.

MRS. McLEOD IN VERY NERVOUS CONDITION RESULT OF AFFAIR

Mr. C. R. McLeod, who lives in St. Pauls township, was taken from his home last night by 8 masked men and given a severe whipping. Two men, T. N. Sibbett and John Pittman, who live at the St. Pauls cotton mill village, have been arrested and are in jail here charged with having a hand in the affair. The indictment charges that the men forcibly kidnapped Mr. McLeod, beating and assaulting him, doing him bodily harm.

According to information reaching Lumberton, the masked men went to the McLeod home about 10 o'clock last night and called him out. He was then overpowered, blindfolded, and carried away in an auto. He was kept out until midnight and during the time a leather strap was used freely upon his back. He was badly bruised up, according to Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt, who, with Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman, went to St. Pauls about 4:30 this morning, when they were advised of the affair.

Officers are investigating the affair and it is likely that other arrests will be made. Mr. McLeod says he recognized Sibbett and Pittman.

Mrs. McLeod is said to be in a very nervous condition as a result of the affair.

It has not been learned here what the reason was for whipping Mr. McLeod. It is said that some colored people living in that section have met like punishment at the hands of masked mobs during the last few months.

Governor Will Open Farm Convention

Some Noted Agricultural Leaders Also on Program for First Day—Profitable and Economical Vacation.

Raleigh, July 22.—Governor Cameron Morrison will open the farmers' and farm women's convention with an address at noon on Tuesday, August 1, according to the completed program which is now in press. On the program for the first day in addition to Governor Morrison are some of the most noted leaders in agriculture, including G. K. McClure of the Farmers' federation which has been so successful in handling the marketing of farm products in Buncombe county and John R. Hutcheson, Director of the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service.

The American Farm Bureau federation is sending one of its best speakers in L. R. Pollock, who will give Tar Heel farmers information about the Farm Bureau federation is solving marketing and legislative problems in other states.

At the close of the first day's program comes the big community sing after which there will be a social hour with music and free punch on the State college grounds.

Railroads have announced special reduced rates for the three-day convention and since the State college is to furnish free lodgings and meals at fifty cents in the college dining hall it is expected that the attendance this year will break all records. W. W. Shay, secretary of the convention, says that it offers a profitable and economical vacation for farmers and their families since there will be something on the program of interest to all.

\$25 and Cost for Too Much Whiskey and an Idle Still.

Lester Prevatt and Junie Lewis, both of Raft Swamp township, were taxed \$25 and costs each by Recorder Williams of Maxton last Monday, the former on the charge of having too much whiskey—1 gallon—the latter on the charge of having a still on his place, though it was not in operation. It will be recalled that some time ago, at the same time these men were arrested and released for later trial, Mr. W. C. Prevatt, also of Raft Swamp, was arrested because a still was found in the loft at his home. Mr. Prevatt proved that he did not know the still was there and the case against him was dismissed. The still is said to have been hidden at Mr. Prevatt's home by his son Luther, to be sold to another man, but the officers found it first.

—Horris Biggs, young white man who lives in West Lumberton, was somewhat hurt Thursday night when a Ford car which he was driving on the hard-surfaced Wildcat highway, near the National cotton mill, left the road and struck a stump. Besides losing two of his teeth, which were knocked out, Mr. Biggs suffered other bruises and cuts. He was in the car alone and was driving at fast speed, it is said. The car was badly damaged.

Fairmont News

Bridges Washed Away in Ashpole Swamp and Traffic Tied Up—Social and Personal Items.

Fairmont, July 24.—A house party given by those attending begins today at Lake Waccamaw. It was started sometime ago that this house party was being given by Miss Katharine Galloway, but the correspondent is informed that each of attendants is sharing in the affair, which will last the entire week ending July 29th. Those leaving here this morning for the lake were: Misses Elizabeth and Annie May Robbins of Gastonia, Jean Abell of Smithfield, Lillie Kyle, Annie Lee McDaniel, Katharine Galloway, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Price, C. G. Crevenstein of Greensboro, Victor Hayes, Vernon Lassiter, Averett G. Floyd, Jackson Marvel and James P. Floyd, Dr. A. H. Hayes.

Another house party will be given next week by Miss Rose Jones, at Lake Waccamaw. The majority of those attending will be out-of-town guests.

Dams Flooded, Bridges Gone

Traffic on the main highway leading south from here was completely tied up Saturday night and Sunday on account of the high water in Ashpole swamp. The three dams south of here were flooded and bridges gone. The damage could not be estimated today but it is thought it will run very high.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor and little daughter Cameron, Mrs. Annie Baker and daughter Miss Elizabeth, and Miss Katie Belle Morrison motored to Jackson Springs Sunday, where Mrs. Taylor and daughter and Mrs. Baker and daughter will spend the week.

Birthday Party

Miss Elsie Mae Pugh entertained Thursday, July 13th, from 8:30 to 11 p. m., at her home near North Main street, in honor of her 16th birthday. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers of the season. Miss Dorothy Ricks presided at the punch bowl, where delicious punch was served to the guests upon entering. Music was furnished by the Victrola for dancing. The hostess was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by Misses Selma Ward and Mary Ethel Lewis. There is no doubt left in the minds of those who attended, or those who did not, but that the entire number of guests enjoyed the hospitality of the pretty young hostess, who is so very popular among the younger social set. Of course it is impossible to repeat a birthday party while the same age, but the set have expressed themselves as wanting the occasion repeated on her seventeenth. Among those present at this social function were: Misses Selma Ward, Mary Ethel Lewis, Dorothy Ricks, Reatha Jenkins, Grace Fisher, Emily Cole, Rose Jones, Grey Pittman of Oklawaha, Lillie Kyle, Katharine Galloway, Catharine Floyd, Magenta Lassiter, Annie Lee McDaniel, and Christine McDaniel; Messrs. Wayland Floyd, Paul Thompson, Frank Mitchell, Clifford Stubbs, Babe Lewis, Victor Hayes, Vardell Grantham, Bert Ingram, Jackson Marvel, Vernon Lassiter, Heber Olney Tucker, Wright Jones, Albert H. Hayes, Willis Fisher and George Floyd. A large number of beautiful and useful gifts was received by Miss Pugh.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson and Mrs. Hall of Maxton spent part of this week here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. A. L. Jones is spending some time in Lumberton with friends and relatives.

Mrs. D. W. Galloway left this week for Baker's sanatorium, Lumberton, where she will spend some time taking treatment.

Mrs. B. E. Thompson, who has been ill at her home for the past several days, entered a Lumberton hospital Thursday for treatment. Her condition is reported as slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mobley and little son Wilson, of Goulds Fla., arrived here Thursday and are guests of Mrs. Mobley's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Andrews, on Cottage street. The trip was made in Mr. Mobley's car.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Phillips landed in the states several days ago after spending several weeks in France and Italy. Mrs. Phillips remained at her home in Suffolk, while Mr. Phillips returned here, where he is general manager of the Beaufort County Lumber company.

Misses Elizabeth Stedman and Ange Applewhite of Halifax are guests of Miss Katharine Cole on North Main street.

Six cases of typhoid fever were reported to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, last week. Of this number, one was from Parkton, one from Lumberton, R. 3, one from Elrod and three from the same family in Rowland.

Messrs. P. W., C. W. and Albert Evans and Miss Lottie Hayes, all of the Oakdale section, near Marietta, were Lumberton visitors Saturday. They reported an unusual heavy rain down that way Friday afternoon and evening. As a result the swamps are overflowing with water and bridges are in danger, it is said.

Strike Reaches State of Seige

Each Side Accepts Situation and Settles Down to Await Results—Public Will Begin to Feel Pressure.

The following is taken from a summary given in this morning's Raleigh News and Observer: Quiet that prevailed in every sector of the railroad strike over the week end, from the great Southern shops at Spencer to the dolling-stock hospitals of the Atlantic Coast Line in Wilmington gave no hint of the possibility of crisis that may be reached in all of them before the fourth week of the strike drags its length through.

Four weeks have laid a heavy tribute on the condition of the rolling stock of every railroad in the State, and although some of the shops have been partially manned and repairs are being kept up after a fashion, it appears to be only a question of time before transportation breaks down, and the railroads come to a standstill.

Morale among the thousands of striking shopmen throughout the State, on the surface at least, continues to be excellent. They keep going in spirits that are more than the match to the rolling stock that is beginning to limp heavily. Seemingly it has settled down into a state of seige, the railroads waiting until the morale of the strikers breaks down under pressure of non-earning, and the strikers awaiting the time of utter paralysis in the railroads.

Scarcely five per cent of the workmen have been replaced. The Southern has taken the situation stoically and shut up shop. The A. C. L. has made a desperate effort to man its shops and succeeded but little. The Norfolk Southern is idle. The Seaboard is making a heroic effort to keep its engines moving until the peach and melon crops are moved, and after that is done, it will probably let down.

Industry Slows Down

New York, July 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Signs were not wanting in the country's markets during the past week that the coal and railroad strikes have begun to impose an appreciable check on the rates of industrial activity. Oddly enough it is the shopmen's strike, which has been considered relatively unimportant factor, that has caused a further important loss in coal production.

Judge Connor Frees Strikers.

Wilson, July 21.—Federal Judge Connor discharged three of five strikers who appeared before him here today to show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of court for violation of the injunction issued by him in protection of property and employees of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at Rocky Mount.

The other two defendants were ordered to appear at Wilmington July 24, where he is to hear arguments as to making the injunction permanent. The men pleaded ignorance of the law.

60 Days on Roads for Stealing Pair of Shoes.

John Brown, colored, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads Friday by Recorder David H. Fuller on the charge of the larceny of a pair of shoes from a convict in the county chain gang. Brown recently completed a sentence on the roads and apparently was anxious to get back on the job.

Ralph Thompson, colored, was taxed with the cost on the charge of assaulting Sandy Thompson, also colored, with a deadly weapon.

Much Produce Offered on Curb Market.

Much produce was offered for sale on the local curb market Saturday. The market, which was opened on Saturday, July 8, continues to grow in popularity, more produce being offered at each sale. The market opens every Saturday at 9 a. m. and closes at 11 a. m.

A mule belonging to a man named Revels was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. W. E. Bell of Lumberton and killed about 3 miles from town on the Fayetteville road Thursday night. A boy was leading the mule along the road with a long line and the mule jumped in front of the car. The auto was badly damaged.

—Mr. A. B. Stubbs of R. 3, Lumberton, has taken charge of the wood-working plant formerly operated by Mr. Joe Britt, Chippewa street. A planing mill is operated in connection with the plant and Mr. Stubbs expects to do auto painting as soon as a building can be provided.

—Four cases of scarlet fever were reported to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, last week. Two of the cases reported are on South Chippewa street, one on East Eighth street, Lumberton, and one in Britt's township. A number of cases of whooping cough have been reported in Lumberton during the last few days.

COTTON MARKET

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

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCALS NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Sallie Garrell and Jno. K. Grooms.

—Mr. W. C. Boone of R. 2, Lumberton, had a "mess" of 1922 home-grown sweet potatoes on July 17.

—Special communication of St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night, July 25th, 8 o'clock. Work in third degree.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd has been ill at his home, Tenth street, since Wednesday of last week. His condition is thought to be slightly improved today.

—Mr. H. W. Bullard, teacher of vocational training at the Orrum school, left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh to attend a State convention of agricultural teachers.

—The Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school will go on a picnic to White Lake, Bladen county, Thursday of this week. It is planned to leave the Baptist church at 9 a. m.

—Mr. and Mrs. Troy M'White, who were married here on July 9, returned Saturday night from Asheville, where they spent their honeymoon. They are boarding for the present at the Thompson hotel.

—Mr. N. S. McLean of Memphis, Tenn., who left Robeson county 30 years ago, is visiting his father, Mr. N. T. McLean, at Rowland. Mr. McLean is one of the oldest railway conductors in the country. He was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

—Messrs. McNeill & Hackett, local law firm, have been appointed attorneys for the Virginia & Carolina Joint Land Bank of Elizabeth City. They will look after the interests of the bank in Robeson and Columbus counties. The purpose of the bank is to make long-term loans on real estate.

—Mr. J. L. McNeill of Philadelphia, who was quoted in a recent issue of The Robesonian as saying that the boll weevils seemed to be less active than they were earlier in the season, said when in town Friday that the weevil cusses were very much back on the job. The wet weather has been pie for them.

—Mr. Grover Green, who lives on R. 7 from Lumberton, brought to The Robesonian office Saturday the base of a cotton boll in which nestled a worm. Mr. Green brought this from Alma, where he has been working in more damage in that section than the boll weevil. Mr. Green says this will mellow fields, and he says it is doing the big week for shipment of watermelons up Alma way.

—Miss Evelyn Boyd and brother, Mr. Will Boyd, of High Point, are guests at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd, North Elm street. They arrived Saturday, driving through, and will be here only a few days. Miss Boyd will be a member of the music faculty of the graded and high school during the next term and she came to see Supt. Crumpton in connection with her work.

—Mr. A. E. White recently purchased from Mr. W. J. Britt a grand and saw mill, together with the land upon which the mills are located, at Matthews (White's) bluff, some eight miles south of Lumberton. Mr. White also recently purchased from Mr. Joe Britt 16 acres of farming lands, near the site of the mills. Mr. White already owned a 40-acre farm in that section and has a fine crop on the farm. He is also raising some dandy hogs on this farm.

—Mr. C. W. Britt of Raynham, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, said that he thought they had twice as much rain out his way Thursday and Friday as had fallen in and near Lumberton. He noticed near town men putting in tobacco, while out Raynham way he said the fields were too wet to enter. Mr. Britt said that the protracted meeting at Raynham will begin at 8 p. m. on August 6th, the hour not having been given in previous mention of the date in The Robesonian.

—A memorial service for the late R. D. Caldwell was held in connection with Sunday school at the First Baptist church yesterday morning. Tribute was paid the late Mr. Caldwell by Messrs. L. R. Varser, J. D. Proctor, C. B. Skipper and E. J. Britt, the last named being superintendent of the school. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the church, also made some remarks relative to the life of Mr. Caldwell, who was a leading figure in the life of this church and Sunday school for many years. Mr. Caldwell died 2 years ago.

—Mrs. C. W. Britt and son, Mr. Burnett Britt, of Raynham, had a narrow escape from serious injury on their way to Lumberton Saturday morning. About 3 1/2 miles from Lumberton the steering-rod of their Ford dropped and the car landed front first in a ditch. Slow speed and the fact that Mr. Britt shut off his power and applied the brakes quickly saved him and his mother from serious injury, but it did not save from being broken 4 dozen eggs they were bringing to market. The front axle of the car was bent.