

Carolina Ginners Headquarters Now Located In Dunn

Myres Tilghman President Of Cotton Ginners

In the early thirties, gin service in North Carolina had reached such a low state of business practices and services that many leading ginners and other cotton interests seriously considered the advisability of subjecting gins to regulation under the Utilities Commission.

The North Carolina State Department of Agriculture, after several months of study, took the position that the needed reforms and improvements in gin service could best be accomplished through the voluntary cooperation of individual ginners through a properly functioning trade organization and the State agency. In line with this policy, the Department undertook to assist leaders in the industry in organizing a ginners' association, the objectives of which were to bring about better understanding within the industry, improved ginner-customer relationships and the adaptation of cotton gin service to the mutual interest of other segments of the raw cotton industry.

On June 1, 1939, the North Carolina Ginners Association was incorporated. The organizational meeting was held July 21, 1939, in Raleigh. The late C. A. Johnson of Tarboro was elected President, the late P. D. Herndon, Kings Mountain, vice-president, and Fred P. Johnson, State Department of Agriculture, Executive Secretary.

Up until October, 1943, when Fred Johnson was granted a leave of absence from the State Department of Agriculture, the Association dues were \$1.00 per gin stand and expenses were limited to postage and costs incidental to the annual convention. Office space, stenographic and secretarial services were provided by the Department.

George T. Ashford of Red Springs was elected and R. B. Reeves of Raleigh, secretary in 1944. Membership dues were raised to one cent per bale and the Association became entirely independent and self-supporting.

In 1946, leading ginners in South Carolina reorganized the Association in that State and adopted similar constitution and by-laws and elected J. F. McLaurin of Bennettsville, S. C., as its President.



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CLIFTON HARDY

In February of 1947, the two associations met in joint annual convention in Charlotte, N. C. While in joint session each State Association, voting independently, elected to merge with the other. Following this action, the North Carolina Ginners Association amended its charter and became the Carolinas Ginners Association, Incorporated, and was domesticated in South Carolina. George Ashford served as President until 1948 when J. F. McLaurin, Bennettsville, S. C., was elected to succeed him.

Other past presidents of the Association are Edwin Pate, Laurinburg; A. D. Cashion, Cornelius; and J. Henry Vaughan, Elm City.

The Association officers remained in Bennettsville, S. C., until July, 1952. At that time the office opened in Dunn, N. C. Myres W. Tilghman of Dunn was elected to the presidency to succeed J. Franklin McLaurin.

Still Operator Goes To Prison

Two still operators from nearby Sampson County were sentenced in U. S. Court in Fayetteville by Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro. Both had pleaded guilty.

Fred Weldon, Plainview Township, drew 18 months in prison for the operation of a still.

In the same case, which was investigated by federal ATU and Cumberland County ABC officers, Alton David Lee, also of Plainview township, was fined \$300.

Market Having Its Best Week

The Dunn Tobacco Market is enjoying its best week since the opening of the season here, with a great deal of good quality leaf selling for the top dollar.

Yesterday a total of 199,910 pounds of tobacco was sold here for \$97,824.37, at an average of \$48.93 for the market.

At the Growers Warehouse operated by Dick Owen a total of 41,668 pounds of leaf was sold for \$20,867.94, an average of \$50.08.

At the Big Four Warehouse, operated by Buck Curran, yesterday's sales amounted to 158,242 pounds, sold for \$76,957, an average of \$48.63.

Boy Scout Drive Opens October 8

The annual Boy Scout drive for funds in this area will begin on October 8, it was announced by Waite Howard, Harnett District Chairman.

At the same time he made the unusual announcement that there would be no quota set up for the county, but that this year a greater effort would be made to have more people participate in the drive.

The advance gifts program will start sometime in the latter part of this month, Mr. Howard said.

Draft Worries Causes Murder And Suicide

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — (AP) — A 19-year-old New York clothing heir killed his sweetheart and then himself because of anxiety over a draft notice, a coroner's jury has ruled.

Only two witnesses testified at a brief inquest yesterday in which the jury ruled the death of Adrain Lionel Grodnick, and Betty Baron, 25, were murder-suicide. Sheriff's Investigator Lloyd Bell said Grodnick's fingernails were bitten to the quick and the boy apparently suffered from an anxiety complex because of the pending Army call that would separate him from his bride-to-be.

Mechanical Pickers Proving Successful

With the scarcity of good cotton pickers in this section and the high price demanded for picking this year's crop, the eight big cotton picking machines have been kept busy from dawn 'till dusk since the season started.

The demand for their services is so great that the owners of the machines have decided to turn the profits on the harvesting of this year's crop back into more machines for next year.

Although the progress of one of these machines over a cotton field appears slow, this appearance is deceptive. One of these lumbering monsters is capable of picking six to eight bales of cotton a day, as much as 20 pickers might average.

Myres Tilghman, owner of General Utility Co. here, has been handling some of the machine-picked cotton. He reports that the mechanical picker does a remarkably good job and that the cotton picked by machine loses only about a cent a pound over hand-picked lint.

The machines in use in this section are of three different manufacturers: International, Allis Chalmers and John Deere and are expensive, the cost running from about \$5,000 to about \$11,000.

However, Rusk Brothers, one manufacturer, has been experimenting in South Carolina with a new model which will cost only about \$2,500, and will be designed for operation behind any farm tractor.

The experiments on this model

have been highly successful, and in the spring, Rusk Brothers is planning to put the model into full production.

Using this model, when it goes into production, owners of large acreage, or a combination of small holders, may find it profitable to invest in one of these machines to harvest this crop, so vital to the economy of this section.

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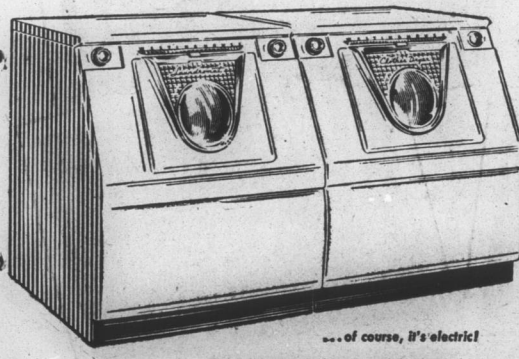
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