

GOVERNOR MLEAN WOULD PUT DOWN CRY OF PESSIMISM AND KEEP UP MARCH OF PROGRESS

Chief Executive Characterizes Good Farmer as One Who Sells More Than He Buys—Dr. Brooks Opens Farm Convention With Address on "The Better Side of Farming"—Gardner Speech Read.

(By Brock Barkley.) Raleigh, July 28.—"Down with pessimism and on with progress" was the call of Governor Angus Wilson McLean in addressing tonight the twenty-third annual convention of North Carolina farmers and farm women.

"I'm an optimist," he told the 1,500 or more people who crowded Pullen hall at State college. "We mustn't have pessimists in North Carolina these days. We are making progress in every way."

Agriculture, the governor said, is the most serious problem facing the state, but that problem is being worked out to a satisfactory solution and the farmer has every reason to anticipate the early return of agricultural prosperity.

Forests Greater Future. North Carolina continues to go forward, he declared, and, practicing thrift and prudence, it is being primed for greater accomplishments than ever before.

He recommended thrift as a needed virtue on the farm. He took the thrifty farmer to be the one who sells more than he buys. There, he pointed out, lies the secret of agricultural prosperity. The governor complimented the convention and the agricultural forces with which it cooperates in the great campaign of agricultural education going on in the state.

The twenty-third annual meeting which convened this morning with an address on "The Better Side of Farming" by President E. C. Brooks of State College, has brought together the greatest crowd of farmers and farm women of any of its predecessors. Two-thirds of the counties of the state are represented. A still larger attendance is expected before adjournment on Thursday.

Gardner Not Present. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, president of the convention, was unable to get here being detained at home by cases in court. R. W. Christman, of Manchester, vice-president, presided in his absence.

Mr. Gardner sent his annual address, however, and it was read tonight by Dr. Brooks. The convention was impressed that the president's address, Dr. Brooks' address and the governor's speech lay upon

the keynote of optimism toward the future. Individual conversations betrayed it, too, and they evidenced a feeling of confidence in the future of farming in North Carolina, finding that the state is making progress on the farm as well as in the city.

Electrifying the Farm. The Gardner address pointed to the need for progress in the way of farm home conveniences. It dealt especially with the possibilities of electrification for farm homes, and told how Cleveland county, through cooperative effort by the farmer and the power company, had electrified 45 farm homes, providing current to do the churning, the washing, the lighting and even the milking.

Dr. Brooks' address dealt with a visit to Rowan, Iredell and Stanley counties with observations of the widespread evidences of progress he had found there.

Between the opening general session this morning and tonight's general session the farmers and farm women spent the afternoon in group meetings giving consideration to special farm problems the women discussing affairs of the home and the men business of farming and marketing.

Co-op Marketing. Co-operative marketing was brought to their attention at tonight's meeting by former Congressman Halter S. Ward, of Washington, N. C., who declared that the farmer had learned how to produce, but he was yet to learn how to market. Production is no longer a problem, but he presented as a serious problem a situation which makes the crop of today possess no greater purchasing power than the crop of nine years ago.

A feature of the convention is community singing and instrumental music by the Snow Camp Community band of Alamance, and the Farmers' Brass Band of Rutherford county. The bands kept at work during the greater part of the day.

Convention affairs are in the hands of J. M. Gray, of the State college extension service. Women's activities are under the direction of Mrs. E. Y. Lovelace, of Tarboro, president of the farm women's organization. She responded to the welcome, which was contained in Dr. Brooks' address.

The perplexing problem is to get the tolerant to tolerate the intolerant.—Toledo Blade.

SUIT REGARDED AS ANNUAL FIGHT

"Old Stuff" For Co-Ops Timed As Usual Before Tobacco Season Begins In S. C. Belt.

Raleigh, July 27.—The suit filed against employees of the Tobacco Association by J. A. Wade, a farmer of Halifax county, Virginia, has created only mild interest among the members of the association, according to all accounts.

What has become an annual barrage of hostile and sensational publicity against the organized tobacco growers is timed as usual to precede the opening of the association's markets in South Carolina. Members sarcastically recall the bungling attempt of three young men from South Boston to start an instruction and collect "subscriptions" to "show up the association" which occurred at just this time last year.

According to the news from Danville, where the present suit is filed "There is a shrewd suspicion that the action has been fostered largely in South Boston by the same element which sought to destroy the association last summer."

The saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the association and its members by the men who come to its aid and reduce its tobacco for from 25 cents to 50 cents cheaper per hundred pounds than the price which other growers would have forced the association to pay, was "good business, good morals and good economy for the association" according to Oliver J. Sands of Richmond, Public Director for the association in Virginia.

Public officials from three states who were invited to investigate the affairs of the association stated many weeks ago in their report that they had gone very thoroughly into its re-drying policies. In the words of the Directors of Extension, the Commissioners of Agriculture, the Chiefs of the Bureaus of Markets and editors of farm papers from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

"The committee believes that the association saved its members at least 25 cents per hundred pounds in re-drying costs on the 1923 crop and perhaps 50 cents per hundred in re-drying costs on a part of the 1924 crop. The association got a large part of its tobacco redried at \$1.75 per hundred in 1923 due to this basic price. During 1924 the Edmondson Tobacco Company further reduced its charges for re-drying to \$1.50 per hundred pounds."

Director Sands when told of the suit last week declared "It is ludicrous to allege that a net profit of \$500,000 has been made by the very parties who effected a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the association." The public director for Virginia characterized the suit as a last ditch fight to discredit the association and impede its further progress.

According to the statement of Robert Wade, the young attorney who is most active in the suit, representatives of Henry Ford's legal staff will come shortly into the tobacco section, for the purpose, he says, of securing data to contest Sapiro's damage suit filed against Ford.

The recent warning of Dr. J. Y. Joyner to the farmers which was made by the veteran worker and organizer of the association when he announced that he would retire from a salaried position with the association to serve it without pay, seems especially timely in view of the efforts now being expanded in the annual attack against the farmers of Virginia and the Carolinas who are organizing their own business. "In this fight for economic freedom and economic justice for our farmers, we are now standing at the Marne," said Dr. Joyner, in bidding his associates farewell, and declared that "arrayed against us are powerful forces, strongly entrenched, perfectly organized, powerfully financed, determined in their own interest to destroy us this year if they can."

Music Hath Charms

"Are you fond of music?" "Not very, but I prefer it to popular songs."—Boston Transcript.

Better than Before

G. D. Seymour. Hit by Auto, Is Improved.—Headline in New Haven (Conn.) Register.

There isn't much wrong in a country where 83 per cent. of the general complaint concerns women's styles. Sacramento Bee.

Women learn to swim sooner than men because the men have to teach themselves.—New York American.

Where Do the Old Motors Go?

(From The Wall Street Journal.)

There is much speculation as to what becomes of the old automobiles other than those that eventually land in the junk pile. While many second-hand jobs go to the suburbs and farms, there are many other uses to which dilapidated "gas buggies" are put. For instance, lovers of boating who cannot afford the more expensive sort of motor craft are today rigging up rather speedy water boats by installing motors taken from old automobiles. Near-by waters are dotted with many craft propelled by Ford motors, and many six-cylinder engines from popular makes are being used in and about New York. Henry Ford has always said that his "boat" would do most anything, but it is doubted he ever dreamed of seeing his four-cylinder pugger carry passengers on the water.

Jelly Making Hints

An excess of sugar or undercooking will produce soft jelly which has a tendency to flow.

2. Too small an amount of sugar or overcooking will produce a tough jelly.

3. Crystals in jelly result from an excess of sugar. In pouring jelly into glasses, the crystals from the syrup which spatters the side of the vessel in which the jelly was cooked, are washed with the jelly into the glasses. The sugar in solution tends to form crystals about these. If the juice is boiled until too concentrated, before the sugar is added, sufficient inversion of the sugar fails to take place and crystals form.

4. Careful filtration of the juice is necessary to secure a clear jelly.

5. Undercooked jelly has a tendency to sour.

6. The tops of jelly glasses should be sterilized just before they are placed on the glasses. They often catch mold spores.

7. Rapid cooking produces the light shades in jelly; long cooking darkens the product.—The Progressive Farmer.

One way to cure the reckless driver might be to sentence him to walk for a while.—Canton News.

Prohibition Force To Remain As At Present

Washington, July 24.—The present prohibition enforcement system will be continued indefinitely. Officials have decided that a reorganization cannot be inaugurated as planned on August 1.

Assistant Secretary Andrews and the others directly concerned have encountered many difficulties in hammering up the details of the reorganization and the selection of personnel.

Mr. Andrews said today he intended to allow the present program to continue until every phase of the organization and election of new officers had been worked out. His decision was announced after a meeting with his "board of strategy," which includes Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and other officials of the prohibition unit. The assistant secretary said he wanted to talk over the matter also with Acting Secretary Winston, before any further announcement was made.

Under the proposed reorganization the twenty-two administrators were each to have had jurisdiction over one specified district, but strong influences have been brought to bear in regard to the selection of the administrators and in favor of a modification of district boundaries as originally laid out.

Various other features of the plan including a proposal for far reaching changes in the assignments of prohibition agents also have been under attack from some quarters.

Indications that the department of justice was taking a hand in the situation developed during the day when Attorney General Sargent called Mr. Andrews to his office for a conference, which neither would discuss.

For every dollar invested in poultry in North Carolina there is a return of \$2.25, says V. W. Lewis, livestock marketing specialist.

Soil fertility is still the biggest problem to be solved by Tarboro farmers, says one investigator who claims that if our acre yields were as good as the average of the country, we would have added \$50,000,000 to our income in 1921.

The New Map of the State Highways

There is a considerable of a spread of the black lines indicating hard-surface roads in the new map of the State highways, just issued from Raleigh. No. 70, No. 15 and 24 carry the black top and concrete across the State from the Virginia line near Danville, out to the South Carolina line on the Rock Hill road, and to near the South Carolina line over No. 29, on the Spartanburg road, beginning at Wrightsville Beach, No. 26 comes through Wilmington to Charlotte and to Shelby on hard surface, with exception of a stretch from Lumberton, and from the Pee Dee bridge to Wadesboro. Then from Wilmington there is a black line all the way to Bayboro, easterly, and to Goldsboro, northerly, all unbroken with but eight miles of sand clay in Jones county. From Goldsboro east, there is all hard-surface across Wayne and Lenoir and Craven counties, almost to Morehead City. One may go from Nashville to Kinston and the lower edge of Lenoir County on all hard surface. Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan are spanned by black lines. It is solid going from Raleigh to Roxboro, and from Asheboro to High Point and Winston-Salem and to near Yadkinville, and all the way to Mocksville.

But the largest contract and the one nearest completion is No. 10, from Beaufort on the coast to Murphy and the North Carolina line on the Atlanta road. This highway runs more than 500 miles. It is solid concrete or asphalt from Smithfield to Statesville, where the break to Newton begins; from Newton it is solid to the Burke line west of Hickory. It is solid from Morganton to Marion, and from Old Fort to Asheville it is completed in what is regarded the finest link of mountain highway construction in America, "laying over" anything in California.

North Carolina's dream of a great highway system is being progressively advanced to completion. Another two years and the state will wake to realization that it has a system of highways to talk about.—Charlotte Observer.

To find an open door is only a one-way street.—Detroit News.

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