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MONSTER MASS MEETING AT DANBURY MONDAY

More than Five Thousand Indignant But Quiet and Determined Farmers Meet To Protest Against the Low Price of Tobacco—Resolutions Passed Calling On Congress For Relief and Pledging a Fifty Per Cent. Cut in Acreage For 1928—Adjourning To Meet Again At Winston-Salem Next Saturday, When the Governors of North Carolina and Virginia, District Attorney Linney, Hon. Max Gardner, and the Presidents of Five Big Tobacco Corporations Are Invited To Attend.

Last Monday at 10 o'clock A. M. more than 5,000 farmers of Stokes county, with a good sprinkling of Forsyth, Surry and Rockingham tobacco growers present, met here in mass meeting to protest against the present low price for tobacco being paid on the market which is declared to be serious, not only to farmers, but to business in all of its ramifications throughout Piedmont North Carolina.

The crowd came in response to a circular issued Friday, and distributed throughout the county, which was signed by a number of farmers and business men of the county, stating that "8,000,000 had been lost to the farmers in the first three opening days of the market" by the absurdly low prices being paid for tobacco, the market averaging only 10 or 12 cents. It was soon found that the court house would be entirely inadequate to hold the crowd, so adjournment was made to the court house lawn, where the meeting was held. The speakers used a table for a rostrum, and the court house porch was the stage.

The audience stood up and listened with rapt attention for more than 2 hours, while speaker after speaker addressed them. Some of them in impassioned tones.

Among those who spoke were Attorneys W. R. Badgett and O. E. Snow, of Pilot Mt.; Attorneys W. R. Johnson, T. W. Kallam and L. B. Wall, of Winston-Salem; M. O. Jones, of Danbury; Len Wilkins, of Sandy Ridge; P. B. Neal, of Madison; J. L. Christian, of Pinnacle; I. M. Gordon, of Pilot Mt.

The following fuller account of the meeting is taken from morning papers of Tuesday:

Danbury, Oct. 10.—About 4,000 serious-minded tobacco one who would rise from out hill country of this northwest section today to protest against the unusually poor prices being paid for their tobacco.

Gathering on the lawn of the Stokes county courthouse the aggravated crowd listened attentively for two hours to an array of well-prepared speeches mixed now and then with a spontaneous outburst from one who would rise from the of the group itself.

And during all this time there came forth from the speakers' improvised stand between the white columns of the old red brick house of justice volley after volley of condemnation for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company in particular and the other major companies in general.

Before the close of the session resolutions had been drawn up and heartily adopted, which bespoke the desperate condition of the farming people of this section.

The crowd, with hands pointing up to the cedar trees that cast a protection from the In-

dian summer sun, took oath that they would deliver no more tobacco to the market until after a great meeting they are planning at Winston-Salem Saturday, and further swore that they would cut their tobacco acreage in half during the coming season.

The meeting today, impressive as it seemed, is the mere forerunner of the great gathering that is planned for Saturday, when from every hill and valley of Stokes, Surry, Rockingham, Forsyth, Yadkin, Davie, and Davidson counties a crowd of farmers, intent on their rights, will swell to gather in Winston-Salem to continue the work here begun.

It is there that the leaders of the movement are planning to bring together tobacco producer and tobacco manufacturer, and seek some remedy for the deplorable conditions that were so heartily described today.

Should their hopes not run awry there will be more than one distinguished personage at this conference Saturday, for an invitation was wired today urging Gov. Angus McLean to prolong his visit to Winston-Salem Friday in order to be present, while another was dispatched with equal haste asking O. Max Gardner to be present.

In the open meeting the latter was casually and advisedly spoken of as "our next governor," while further desire for his presence at the Saturday meeting was based upon the statement that he owned a large block of stock in the much bedamned R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company.

Representatives of the latter, as well as the other principal tobacco manufacturing companies, the American, the British-American, and the Imperial being especially named, will also be asked to be present and explain to the farmers why their product has been bringing such comparatively low averages on the warehouse floors.

Such was the crust of the work done today—work that came as the result of a petition circulated throughout this and adjoining counties a week ago together with several strenuous days of labor by a hard-working committee.

Early this morning the autos began their descent upon the little town, while before ten o'clock every street and winding by-way was lined on both sides with cars and trucks; every corner was the chatting place of some group of planters; every store was overrun with visitors; and in and out of the court house was milling the impatient crowd that soon afterwards gathered on the lawn.

The meeting opened with prayer. With heads bared the tillers of the soil listened to a fervent plea by J. L. Christian, Pinnacle farmer, for divine aid

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DR. COOK COMING TO WALNUT COVE

To Discuss Extension Work Offered Teachers By N. C. C. W.—At High School Saturday, 10 O'clock.

Dr. John H. Cook, of the North Carolina College for Women, will be at the Walnut Cove high school building on Saturday morning, Oct. 15th, at 10 o'clock, to discuss the extension work which that College can give in Stokes county for the teachers this winter.

A course of this kind will give a teacher two hours credit on her certificate, either for renewal or to raise it.

At this meeting Dr. Cook and the teachers will decide on the work to be given, also the time for the meeting.

All teachers interested in work of this kind are urged to be present at the meeting.

TOBACCO PRICES SOME BETTER

Last Week's Sales Averaged Only About 13 Cents While This Week the Price Has Been Around 15 Cents.

Tobacco prices have been some better on the Winston-Salem market this week, the average so far being over 15 cents per pound. Last week's sales totaled over 3,000,000 pounds and the average price around 13 cents.

Superior Court Opens Monday

The criminal term of Stokes Superior court opens here Monday morning with Judge W. F. Harding presiding. About the usual number of cases appear on the docket. Probably the most important case to be heard is the one in which Younger Owens is charged with homicide in connection with the death of Miss Sue Brown in an automobile wreck near King.

Game Law Pays.

(Greensboro Record.)
Judged from the financial results, at least, the new State game law has already vindicated its enactment. The hunting season is just opening, and thus far there has been little complaint of the operation of the law in imposing a hardship on those who desire to shoot game in season, but must first secure a hunting license. The great purpose of more stringent regulation of killing game even in season is the preservation of the stock of game birds and animals. Unless there were restrictions upon the killing of partridges, pheasants, woodcock, turkeys, squirrels, deer and even hares there is grave danger that all these may be exterminated. The license requirement is designed as a restriction which will impose no great hardships on any one, yet will diminish the number of gunners, limit the kill by these and with a brief season open for huntsmen will thus materially diminish the slaughter of game birds and animals and abate commercial hunting.

Lewellyn Neal has just opened a garage and filling station on the concrete road at Meadows.

FRANK E. PETREE PASSES AWAY

Was Brother of Attorney N. O. Petree, of Danbury—Deceased Was 78 Years of Age and Leaves Large Family.

Frank E. Petree, well known citizen of Stokes and brother of Attorney N. O. Petree, of Danbury, passed away late yesterday (Wednesday) at his home near Germanton. The deceased had been ill for some months and had been confined to his bed for eight weeks.

Mr. Petree would have been 79 years of age had he lived until January. He had long been a faithful member of Cornith Christian church, near his home, and was always interested in any progressive move for the up-building of his community and county. He will be greatly missed in the county.

The deceased is survived by his widow; by five sons, W. R. and R. G. Petree, of Germanton; John W. Petree, of Ogburn Station; J. H. Petree, of Chicago; and Joe Petree, of Ohio; by three daughters, Mrs. John W. Kurfess, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. H. McCoe, of Germanton; and Mrs. George E. Dennis, of Parkersburg, W. V.; by six brothers, J. H. Petree, of Compton, Ark.; W. A. Petree, of King Route 1; R. J. Petree, of Germanton; N. O. Petree, of Danbury; and D. H. Petree, of Oklawaha, Fla.; and by a sister, Miss Flora A. Petree, of LaGrange.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed at this time.

PREPARING TO ISSUE BONDS

\$120,000 Is Required To Pay Off Indebtedness of County—Money Used For Schools, Roads and General Expenses.

The county commissioners met here yesterday and started the necessary proceedings for the issuing of \$120,000 in bonds to take care of the amounts due by the county for schools, roads and general expenses.

The amounts due are as follows: Schools, \$54,000; roads, \$14,000 and general expenses, \$52,000.

The board is meeting again on Nov. 7th for the purpose of hearing any protests against issuing the bonds.

If issued the bonds will be used to pay off indebtedness of the county incurred before March 7, 1927.

THE FORECAST IS GIVEN OUT

North Carolina Produces As Much Tobacco As Kentucky, Virginia and South Carolina All Together.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The following forecast for the production of tobacco in the principal weed producing states has been issued by the Department of Agriculture:

Maryland 27,802,000 pounds; Virginia 124,662,000; North Carolina, 417,648,000; South Carolina, 74,200,000; Georgia 59,096,000; Florida, 6,068,000; Kentucky 226,366,000; Tennessee, 63,704,000, and Louisiana, 400,000.

CAR WITH LIQUOR HITS J. S. GARNER

Occupants Flee and Sheriff Gets Automobile and Booze—News of King and Community.

King, Oct. 10.—The Ladies Aid Society of the King Methodist church held their regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. White in Woodland Heights. The president, Mrs. S. W. Pulliam, presided over the meeting, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. C. S. Newsom, the offering amounted to \$9.78. Plans were made to have a Thanksgiving service at the church on Thanksgiving night. The November meeting will be held at the home of Miss Lillie Goff. During the social hour the hostess served tempting refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Edwards and Miss Virginia Edwards, of Danville, Va., Mr. and Mrs. L. Holland, of Greensboro, and David H. Wilcox and Miss Charlotte Jones, of Winston-Salem, were guests at the home of Mr. S. H. Brown Sunday.

Mrs. E. F. Walker, of this place, who underwent a major operation for cancer in the Bernis hospital at High Point, last week, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ham and children spent Thursday with relatives in Greensboro.

Mr. Adolphus Burton, of King, and Miss Bertie Joyce, of Westfield, were quietly married last Thursday. Only a few of the near relatives and friends were present at the ceremony. After the honeymoon they will be at home at King.

Norman Hendrix, of High Point, was among the visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Hattie Wall, of Bryant Station, Tenn., who has been very sick with pneumonia at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Henry Hauser, on Depot street, is convalescing. Miss Wall was a visitor at the home of her cousin here when she was taken with pneumonia.

J. S. Garner, a planter who resides just east of here, was walking to town Sunday night when a Ford car ran into him. It seems that the automobile just picked Mr. Garner up and sat him up on the car. He held on, about this time the car left the highway and ran out into a field. It seems that the three occupants of the car became scared and fled, leaving Mr. Garner on the car. After the three men had fled Mr. Garner discovered that there was liquor on the car, so he remained with the car and sent for an officer. In a few minutes sheriff Hall answered the call and took the car in charge. Later Dock Fulk, of Perch, came and claimed the car, but said he was not in the car at the time of accident. He claimed his automobile had been stolen on the street at King, where he had left it a short time before. Sheriff Hall turned the car over to Fulk. It is still mystery as the who saw the three men in the car were.

T. H. Barrett, of Ocean View, Va., gave a demonstration of the Atkins Saw Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., at the Piedmont Hardware Company's store here Saturday. Two saws were

TO ENTERTAIN LIONS CLUB

Ladies Aid Society Will Give Supper—Big Meeting of Lions in Winston-Salem On November 9th.

The next business in order before the last Lions Club meeting at Walnut Cove on Monday, Oct. 10th, was the report of the special committee on its appearance before the Board of County Commissioners in an effort to secure a county agricultural agent. No action at this time was passed on by the commissioners, and the Lions were urged to continue their efforts.

New business was the acceptance of the invitation of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church of Walnut Cove to a supper on the evening of Oct. 24th, the next regular meeting night of the Lions Club.

Attention was called to the District meeting in Winston-Salem on Nov. 9th, which will be attended by Albemarle, Greensboro and Kernersville, Mecklenburg, Stoneville and Stokes county Clubs. All members are urged to attend this meeting which has the prospect of being the largest gathering of Lions in the State.

Reynolds School Opened Monday

The Reynolds Memorial high school opened Monday morning, October 2nd, with an enrollment of three hundred and fifty pupils.

The opening exercises were conducted by Dr. E. C. Perisho, of Guilford College, and his talk was enjoyed by a large number of patrons and students.

Prof. M. T. Chilton is principal with C. A. Williams and Miss Blanche Ineson, assistant high school teachers. Misses Waine Ball, Etta Bradley, Alberta Redwine, Catharine Ragland and Catharine Allen are the grade teachers.

J. R. Voss Taken Suddenly Ill

James R. Voss, county auditor, was taken suddenly ill at his home in Walnut Cove yesterday. Mr. Voss fell and was unconscious for an hour. He was immediately carried to a hospital for treatment. Physicians had not determined the nature of his illness yesterday, but it is learned that he is resting very well at this time.

Highway Board Sold Mules Only

In last issue it was stated that the Stokes highway commission sold 13 mules and wheelers at auction recently. The board did not sell the wheelers, the sale including only 13 mules and harness.

Mr. Barritt, who has recently returned from a tour of England, furnished amusement for the large crowd by playing tunes on a hand-saw with a violin bow. He has contracted with the British Broadcasting Co. to broadcast music from the Atkins hand-saw. The lucky ones receiving the free saws were: W. T. Boles, of Tobaccoville R. 2, and R. G. Merritt, of King.